

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District held via MS Teams on 6th January 2023 at 10.30a.m.

I Lathair: Cllr James Kennedy presided.
Cllr Liam Madden, Cllr Gerard Murphy, Cllr Tony O'Shea,
Cllr John Paul O'Shea, Cllr Ian Doyle, Cllr Gearoid Murphy, Cllr Pat Hayes.

Leathscéal: Cllr Bernard Moynihan.

Ag Freastal: Mr Sean O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer,
Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer,
Mr Donal O'Carroll, Executive Engineer,
Mr Billy Dennehy, Executive Engineer,
Mr John O'Dell, Executive Engineer,
Ms Anita Leader, Clerical Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd December 2022.

- a) The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December 2022, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr Gerard Murphy and seconded by Cllr Gearoid Murphy.

2. Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose.

3. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

3.1 Municipal District Officers Report.

Ms. Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer circulated the Municipal District Officers Report January 2023 to the Members.

The MDO sought an in-committee meeting with the members on the 20th January 2023 to discuss the Derelict Sites Register. This was agreed by members.

Following the MDO Report, the members made the following comments.

Cllr. James Kennedy queried if a star could be added to the lights on the Navigation roundabout and community group application process, requested update on the Town Hall.

Response: The MDO stated each Community Group submits their own application. All applications are made online, processed and a detailed report is prepared and presented to

members. The MDO will seek an update on the redevelopment of Mallow Town Hall and revert. The MDO stated that is important that community groups are aware of all funding streams open to them. Through engagement with the community groups the MDO fears there are missed opportunities whereby an application is made solely to Cork County Council for funding CEP grants are 100% funded.

Cllr. Liam Madden queried the amount Mallow received through the Local Festival Fund last year. Sought an update on the capital projects for the Castle, town park to include budget figures. Update on the refreshment vendors for Mallow Castle. Update on the canopies. Cllr Madden requested a survey of the residents in Westbrook in relation to parking.

Response: The MDO said she will check out the amount received by Mallow in relation to the Local Festival Fund and revert. The location of the canopies one is to be installed out the Navigation road. Progress has stopped due to adverse weather conditions works to commence when weather improves. Details of a suggested location for the second canopy forwarded to the town engineer, she is awaiting confirmation if this is a viable location she will follow up. The MDO said she will follow up on Update on the refreshment vendors for Mallow Castle. In relation to Westbrook this is a housing issue and needs to be raised accordingly. The MDO suggested that perhaps the Northern Committee would be a more appropriate forum to discuss as the Director of Service for housing will be in attendance.

The SEO said he will have a look at the situation in Westbrook. There is illegal parking issues which is a matter for An Garda Síochána it is not solely a matter for Cork County Council. The SEO will revert.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy pointed out that one criterion for eligibility for festival funding is 250 bed nights which is difficult to achieve in Western Duhallow. Asked when amenity grants are being allocated that this would be considered. Stated according to current legislation members have the option of attending meetings both online and in person.

Response: The MDO stated that once the technology is in place in the board room blended meetings will take place, there will not be an obligation to attend in person.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy queried if parking will be on the agenda at the in-committee meeting scheduled for the 20th January, Proposed one-hour free parking will continue indefinitely

along with all day free parking in Navigation Road and Beecher Street. Sought clarification if the Christmas free parking ends at midnight tonight. Stated proposes to make Upper Shortcastle Street free all-day parking.

Response: The MDO previously agreed one-hour free parking will continue for the foreseeable future including the Navigation Road and Beecher Street. 3 Complaints were received in relation to the lack of residents parking on Beecher Street and queried if the members still wanted to revert to all day free parking.

Mr. Sean O'Callaghan SEO said an in-committee meeting will be arranged to discuss parking in Mallow.

Cllr. Pat Hayes asked in relation to the festival funding if a professional organiser could be hired and a festival for Mallow organized. Cllr Hayes asked if something could be done in relation to constructions workers for the Academy parking on Fair Street.

Response: The MDO will see what can be done and revert in relation to a festival for Mallow. She will check what parking restrictions if any apply in Fair Street. If necessary, ask the traffic warden to patrol the area.

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea agrees with Cllr. Murphy's comments in relation to festival funding for the small towns and villages. Complimented the MDO on meeting with the community groups. Queried if possible to complete the Liscarroll project - gateways and approaches into village which were included on the part 8 were not completed due to lack of funding. Requested Wellness initiative river walk expanded to include smaller towns and villages across the MD.

Response: The MDO said she will contact the local engineer in relation to Liscarroll and revert. Agreed signs could be moved around and re-utilised in the smaller towns across the MD.

Cllr. Ian Doyle offered his sincere sympathy to MS. Clare Barr Municipal District Officer on the death of her father and Mr Joe Fox on the death of his mother. In agreement with Cllr Murphy and Cllr O'Shea he asked if the smaller towns could be looked at favorably when allocating amenity grants. Queried a parking permit for the Main Street traders in Charleville. Sought an

update on the following Market House in Charleville, Bus Stop in Charleville, appointing a new School Warden and between farm gate and Holy Cross a public roadway in need of cleaning.

Response: The MDO stated that under the bye laws there is no pay parking in Charleville. Accordingly, a residents parking permit cannot be issued. The MDO will seek an update on the bus Shelters and revert. Closing date for the post of school warden closes today and will revert with update on position. Will speak to the engineer in relation to the road cleaning from Farm Gate to Holy cross and revert.

Mr. Sean O'Callaghan stated that a meeting is taking place next Wednesday with Mr. Niall Healy Director of Service to discuss the lease on the Market house in Charleville. He will revert to Cllr Doyle.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea Sought an update on the skate park on Park Road. Agreed with Cllr. Gearoid Murphy that parking should remain the same as it was prior to Christmas and any changes should be discussed in detail at an in-committee meeting.

Response: The MDO will follow up and provide an update.

3.2 Senior Executive Engineer's Report presented by Dennis O'Regan SEE as follows.

Monthly Works December

Routine works completed across the MD include:

- Pothole Repairs using the Rosco/Velocity patcher and associated TTM
- Street Cleaning in Towns
- Road Sweeping in Towns and Villages
- Gully cleaning and pipe jetting works in Towns and Villages
- Bin Collection and Litter Picking in Towns
- Erection of new speed limit signage
- Signage upgrades and installation
- Engaging with Tidy Towns on collection of litter
- Playground Repairs
- Maintenance of Cemeteries

Mallow Flood Relief Scheme:

- Cleaning of trash Screens
- Opening Culverts

Planned Drainage Works and associated TTM:

- L5314-0 Gortnagross/Fireville
- L5350 Skarragh, Glantane
- L5340 Brittas
- L5165 Newmarket area
- L5166 Newmarket area
- L1003 Newmarket area
- R576 Newmarket area
- R578 Charleville area
- L5531 Charleville area
- L5533 Charleville area
- L5515-24 Churchtown

Footpath Repair Works

- Footpath repair works in Cullen
- Coolnagour Estate, Milford

Winter Maintenance

- Delivery of salt across the MD
- Salting of footpaths across the MD
- Salting of P3's across the MD

Notification

- Approval sought to proceed with recommendation of Section 38 report for Kilcorney Village – sent to the members for review before the meeting. Billy Dennehy area

engineer stated that works to the value of €13,000 will be carried out and NTA funding will be sought to complete the raised table and pedestrian crossing.

Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. James Kennedy.

Following the SEE report the members raised the following queries made the following comments.

Cllr. Liam Madden Raised concerns in relation to the pedestrian lights at the bridge in Mallow and asked if the lights could be looked at. Cllr. Madden welcomed the now operational pedestrian crossing lights by the golf club in Mallow and asked if a similar system could be put in place in Spa Glen. Expressed concerns in relation to the new service station out by the racecourse and asked if the speed could be reduced on approach. Requested an upgrade on the pedestrian crossing at Spa Glen.

Response: Mr. John O'Dell Executive Engineer said a review took place on the lights and there isn't an issue with the timings on the pedestrian crossing light. The issue is with the traffic coming over the bridge breaking the lights. The Gardai have been notified and will monitor the area. In relation to the speeding at the new service station he will contact the area engineer Andreeana Sheehan and will revert. The EE will look at the pedestrian crossing at Spa Glen.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy sought an update on the repair to the sign at The Funshion, River Valley, Mallow, the lack of signage at the pedestrian crossing in Spa Glen together with the absence of flashing beacons. Cllr. Murphy remarked that these factors contribute to the project looking incomplete. Ongoing issues with traffic lights at Mallow Bridge issues with timing and synchronization can this be treated as a matter of urgency.

Response: Me. John O'Dell EE said that Spa Glen is an uncontrolled crossing. It was never designed to be a pedestrian crossing. Loops for the traffic lights were recut on the 7th December and were connected. He will clarify, see if they are fully functional and revert. The Funshion sign will be repaired in the next week.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea Cllr. O'Shea raised the issue of HGV's using the main street contributing to congestion. Cllr. O'Shea said he received an undertaking from the roads directorate that

contact would be made with companies using HGV's asking them to use an alternative route and avoid the town he queried if this was done.

Response: The EE will follow up and revert.

Cllr. Pat Hayes: requested that ramps at Twopothouse are reinstated, the removal of speed ramps following noise complaints has resulted in speeding offences again in the area. Traffic calming measures are required on health and safety grounds. Requested a reduction in the speed limit on the approach to the service station by the racecourse. Cllr. Hayes reported a large pothole at P51XDT7. Sought an update on the loose manhole before the Spa Bar.

Response: Mr. John O'Dell EE said the manhole is an EIR manhole he will follow up.

Cllr. James Kennedy queried if bolt down ramps would be a cost effective alternative and if there is Council policy in relation to the use of them. The listed buildings along the right hand side at Annabella the back entrances are very hard to access due to the proximity to the roundabout. When a contractor is appointed on completion of works is there a snag list done or do they have to be paid.

Response: Mr. John O'Dell EE said he isn't aware of a policy in relation to bolt down ramps. He confirmed they were used in the past. It is several years since they were last used. The EE said there isn't a lot that can be done due to the proximity to the roundabout he will contact the safety officer in the road design office and see if there are any measures that can be put in place. The EE said that all contracts differ and referred Cllr. Kennedy to the response given previously in relation to the loops.

4. Notices of Motion.

- a) Liam Madden 23/12/2022 "The need for a proper filter lane from Park Road onto West End. This lane needs to be widened which would involve moving the footpath in and acquiring an extra piece of ground from Car Park at the corner.

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. James Kennedy.

Response: The Mallow office will assess this proposal on site and revert to Cllr. Liam Madden with the feasibility of delivering same.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Cllr. James Kennedy clarified the in-committee meeting to discuss Derelict Sites will take place on the 30th January at 9.30a.m.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 3rd February 2023 at 10.30 a.m.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.