

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the March Kanturk / Mallow Municipal District meeting held on Friday 6th May 2022 at 10.30a.m. Via MS Teams.

PRESENT:

In the chair: Cllr. Gearóid Murphy.

Councillors: Pat Hayes, Liam Madden, Gerard Murphy, Tony O'Shea, Ian Doyle, John Paul O'Shea, Bernard Moynihan, James Kennedy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary P. Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Municipal District Operations & Rural Development, Matthew Farrell, Municipal District Officer, Dennis O'Regan, Senior Executive Engineer, Andreana Sheehan, Executive Engineer, John O'Dell Executive Engineer, Elaine Kiely, Meetings Administrator.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES / DEIMHNIÚ IONTUAIRISCÍL

- a) Confirmation and signing of Minutes of the April Monthly meeting of Kanturk/ Mallow Municipal District held on Friday 1st April 2022 at 10.30 a.m. Via MS Teams.
Proposed Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Seconded Cllr. James Kennedy.

2. STATUTORY BUSINESS/GNÓ REACHTÚIL

- a) To Consider the Disposal of Site measuring 0.097 hectares (0.242 acres) Site 15 Pairc an Claonan, Freemount, Co. Cork to Zoe Kennedy for the consideration of €30,000.
Proposed: Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Gerard Murphy
- b) To Consider the Disposal of Site measuring 0.070 hectares (0.174 acres) Site 16 at Pairc an Claona, Freemount, Co. Cork to Rafal Komonski for the consideration of €25,000.
Proposed: Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Gerard Murphy
- c) To consider the Disposal of 0.106 hectares (0.262 acres) Site 18 at Pairc An Claonan, Freemount, Co. Cork to Claire O'Callaghan and Mark Ballantyne for the consideration of €30,000.
Proposed: Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea
- d) To consider the Disposal of 0.055 hectares (0.136 acres) Site 21 at Pairc An Claonan, Freemount, Co. Cork to Mr. Cathal Walsh for the consideration of €25,000.
Proposed: Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Gerard Murphy
- e) To Consider the Disposal of Land at Annabella, Mallow, Co Cork Land measuring 0.5941 hectares (1.4681 acres) to Sayvale 18 Ltd c/o Vistra Ireland for the consideration of €210,000.

Cllr. Liam Madden queried the location of the site, if the purpose was to gain access or for building and if this is the final piece of land or if they may be more.

Cllr. Gearóid Murphy queried if the remainder of the site is held by the company already, if the disposal is time sensitive and if more detail could be provided.

Matthew Farrell, M.D.O. stated that the disposal is part of the overall development in the area and can only be developed in conjunction with planning already in train for development. M.D.O. will seek further detail.

Cllr. James Kennedy agreed with Cllr. Liam Madden and Cllr. Gearóid Murphy's comments and stated that the decision should be postponed until the next meeting.

Cllrs. Liam Madden and Gearóid Murphy agreed with postponement.

- f) To Consider the Lease of building and Right of way to the Public Road – Kilshannig Church, Newberry, Mallow, Co. Cork to Noel Finnegan & Lisa Lucey (Kilshannig Community Hub) for a period of 2 years for the consideration of €1.00.

Proposed: Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes

- g) To consider the Grant of Right of Way at Greenane, Kanturk, Co Cork. 0.0005 hectares/0.0013 acres to Kanturk Community Astroturf Limited for the consideration of €1.00.

Proposed: Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Ian Doyle

3. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS

- a) **Matthew Farrell MDO Municipal District Officers Report.**
Full Report circulated.

Mary Hayes, S.E.O. stated that the Charleville RRDF application was submitted on 29th April. It includes plans for a remote working hub, Charleville Courthouse, public realm works, public toilets and funding for accommodation for displaced tenants. The application is for funding in excess of €6 million.

Cllr. Gearóid Murphy asked about the progress at Tipp O'Neill Park, Mallow.

S.E.O. stated that Brady Shipman Martin were engaged to develop plans for Mallow Castle, Mallow Town Park and Tipp O' Neill Park. There were a number of funding streams for these developments. Presentation by Mary Hayes on works at Tipp O'Neill Park followed. Mary Hayes stated that it is anticipated that the park would open from Monday 9th May 2022.

The M.D.O. sought approval for the extension of current pay parking measures in Mallow town to be extended to Friday 3rd May 2022, the date of the next KMMD meeting.

Proposed Cllr. Pat Hayes, Seconded Cllr. Tony O'Shea

Following the MDO report the members made the following observations / raised the following queries.

Cllr. Gearóid Murphy welcomed extension of pay parking arrangements and opening of Tipp O'Neill Park. He asked if there would be CCTV in the park. He noted the lack of wheelchair accessibility and asked if this could be considered in the future.

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea thanked M.D.O. for report. He welcomed the opening of Tipp O'Neill Park and commended S.E.O. and team on the RRDF application for Charleville.

Cllr. J.P. O'Shea queried the figures in grey on the M.D.O.'s report.

Cllr. J.P. O'Shea asked how many applications there were under the Charleville Streetscape Enhancement Scheme and if any PR was planned for same.

Cllr. J.P. O'Shea queried if Rockchapel Cemetery is being worked on and what is the timeframe for same.

Cllr. J.P. O'Shea asked about the RRDF in Ballydesmond and noted that the Minister is anxious that funding is being spent. He requested an in-committee meeting to explore options for plans for Ballydesmond.

Response: M.D.O. stated the figures in grey are the totals approved by councillors from the TDF for 2022 to date.

There were more than 19 applications for the Charleville Streetscape Enhancement Scheme. Some of the applicants withdrew and some were unable to complete the work. M.D.O. noted point on PR for the scheme. The buildings targeted were of great benefit to the streetscape. Rockchapel has not been submitted to An Bórd Pleanála at this point but it is close to completion.

S.E.O. stated that there is work on footpaths in Ballydesmond. CCC is in the process of acquiring land in the village centre for a park. A consultant architect is to be appointed. CCC will be engaging with councillors and the community. Will be looking for the highest standard within budget. M.D. is engaging with Arts Officer regarding a sculptural feature in the village or the park with the possibility of extending Sliabh Luachra to other villages with sculptures and heritage elements. Will arrange in-committee meeting.

Cllr. Ian Doyle thanked the M.D.O. for his report.

Cllr. Doyle concurred with Cllr. J.P. O'Shea's comments on the Charleville Streetscape Enhancement Scheme and commended staff on its success.

Cllr. Doyle commended the S.E.O. and team on the Charleville RRDF application and wished the application well.

Cllr. Doyle enquired about the status of grass cutting in housing estates.

Response: M.D.O. noted Cllr. Doyle's comments on the Charleville Streetscape Enhancement Scheme.

The issue of grass cutting was brought to Housing. The negotiation and appointment of contractor are before the relevant persons in Housing. A decision has not as yet been made. M.D.O. will communicate members comments to Housing.

Cllr. Gearóid Murphy noted that he had a motion on the agenda regarding grass cutting.

Proposed Cllr. Gearóid Murphy Seconded Cllr. Ian Doyle

Cllr. J.P. O'Shea stated that it is important that there be a written response to motions. Requested a written response by Monday morning or it would be brought to full Council. Cllrs. J.P.

O'Shea, Ian Doyle, Tony O'Shea, Liam Madden and James Kennedy expressed their support for the motion.

Response: S.E.O. is aware of grass cutting issues and asked the members for forbearance. Will come back to members promptly on this issue. M.D.O. will bring concerns raised by members to Housing.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy thanked S.E.O. and M.D.O. for their reports noting that lots of work was happening in towns and villages.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy commended the organisation of Minister Heather Humphreys' visit and the Minister's commitment to developing projects in rural communities.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy sought an update on grass cutting in Kanturk.

Response: M.D.O. noted Cllr. Murphy's comments on the Minister's visit. There were many people involved in the success of the day and it is important that the work of communities is recognised. M.D.O. addressed grass cutting in his response to Cllr. Doyle.

Cllr. Pat Hayes thanked S.E.O. and M.D.O. for reports and welcomed the report on Tipp O'Neill Park. He noted that this, the painting scheme, pay parking and the new playground will play a big part in tourism for the town. Cllr. Hayes requested an update on the Painting Scheme. Cllr. Hayes stated that it was great to see the Minister's visit and that Mary Hayes was a key figure in sourcing and applying for funding.

Response: M.D.O. stated the painting scheme applications are as follows:

Mallow – 9 applications

Charleville – 4 applications

Buttevant – 1 application

Kanturk and Newmarket to follow.

M.D.O. noted that the terms and conditions of the scheme are best practice. Insurance requirements must be incorporated into the works as it is vital from a health and safety perspective. KMMD will work with applicants regarding any issues.

Cllr. James Kennedy congratulated S.E.O. and M.D.O. and staff on their work. He noted that KMMD is catching up with the likes of West Cork and people are noticing.

Cllr. Kennedy asked if the cameras are working in the playground and on the bridge and noted that they are also important to Tipp O'Neill Park. He asked how the cameras are monitored.

Cllr. Kennedy requested an update on the grass cutting also. With regard to pay parking Cllr. Kennedy stated that across the county the vast majority of pay parking has returned since before Christmas and Mallow has been the best in County Cork for same. He noted that an outstanding job is being done in the town of Mallow.

Response: M.D.O. referred the question of cameras to S.E.O. for response. M.D.O. addressed grass cutting in his response to Cllr. Doyle. S.E.O. stated that cameras at Mallow Castle are monitored remotely from an office in Cork. The company can make contact with CCC or Gardaí regarding the facility. There are also speakers fitted to allow them to tell occupants to desist from activity. It is not CCTV so there are no GDPR implications. There are n cameras planned for Tipp O'Neill Park. It is hoped that a combination of increased footfall at the park, engagement with Gardaí about foot patrols and citizen patrolling will act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour. If it is necessary cameras may be considered. Cameras on Mallow Bridge are for the project team to respond and S.E.O. will take question to them.

With regard to accessibility at Tipp O'Neill Park S.E.O. stated that a solution to the steep incline would have been costly and CCC had to work within the funding they had for the project.

Cllr. Liam Madden thanked S.E.O. and M.D.O. for their reports. Regarding the recent Minister's visit Cllr. Madden stated that it showed off rural communities.

Cllr. Madden stated that it was good to see an extension of parking arrangements to June while noting his concern about difficulty in getting parking because people are staying too long and a solution needs to be found.

Cllr. Madden stated the work at Tipp O'Neill Park is fantastic. He noted the accessibility issues in the park. With regard to the pedestrian crossing at Muddy Hill he stated the importance of the location as it is a dangerous area.

Cllr. Madden expressed concern from residents in Liscarroll regarding parking.

Cllr. Madden stated that a facility for dining outside at Mallow Caste needs to be sorted.

Cllr. Madden stated a solution must be found for the purchased canopies which have worked in other towns.

Regarding the Painting Scheme 2022 Cllr. Madden suggested that contractors could work over the weekends so as not to close streets.

Response: M.D.O. noted Cllr. Madden's comments on parking. Will be looking for a solution with councillors. S.E.O. stated that Spa House Grounds could be considered in the long term but it's not for now with other works that will be taking place. S.E.O. is happy to hear solutions from councillors.

Works are about to begin in Liscarroll. Engineers have met with contractors twice.

S.E.O. stated that catering at Mallow Castle was addressed at previous meetings. The M.D. will be working with the 2 highest ranked tenderers for the summer.

M.D.O. noted the points on the canopies from Cllr. Madden and Cllr. Kennedy. The M.D. is trying to progress as best possible. The primary locations cannot progress and other locations have been considered. S.E.O.

S.E.O. has spoken with John O'Dell and the Roads Department for a solution for the pedestrian crossing at Muddy Hill. The M.D. is trying to improve the pedestrian experience in towns and create solutions in the context of budgets.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea thanked S.E.O., M.D.O. and staff for their work. He welcomed the opening of Tipp O'Neill Park and asked about plans to avoid anti-social behaviour at the park as there had been complaints previously.

Cllr. T. O'Shea also welcomed the extension of pay parking arrangements and concurred with Cllr. Madden's comments.

Cllr. T. O'Shea asked if there are to be official openings for Mallow Castle Playground, the Boardwalk and Tipp O'Neill Park.

Cllr. T. O'Shea suggested Mallow Town Park as a location for the canopies.

Cllr. T.O'Shea requested a figure for the number of Expressions of Interest received from Carhookeal.

Response: M.D.O. addressed grass cutting in his response to Cllr. Doyle. S.E.O. to respond on official openings. S.E.O. stated that there has been engagement with the Department regarding official opening of Mallow Castle Playground. For the Boardwalk there will be involvement from the Southern Assembly and the project team on an official opening date. S.E.O. noted the M.D.'s involvement in securing initial funding for the project.

S.E.O. stated that Mallow Town Park is prone to flooding but the possibility of putting up the canopies during summer months could be considered. M.D. is looking for town centre location. Could revisit Market Place and work to address concerns there.

2 EOIs were received for Carhookeal

Cllr. Kennedy added that he concurred with Cllr. Madden's comments re: canopies and suggested the Plaza as a location.

Response: S.E.O. stated that the Plaza was explored last year and needs further consideration. Will revert to members.

Cllr. Moynihan requested an update on Ballydesmond and how the money will be spent.

Cllr. Moynihan requested an update on Rockchapel, Kilbrin and Dromina Burial Grounds.

He congratulated all on the well organised Minister's visit and welcomed the footpath in Kanturk to improve safety.

Response: M.D.O. addressed Rockchapel Burial Ground in response to Cllr. J.P. O'Shea. Negotiations are ongoing for Kilbrin and Dromina Burial Grounds. S.E.O. to respond on Ballydesmond.

Cllr. Gearóid Murphy stated he was glad to hear of anti-social behaviour plan and that cameras can be considered as a back up plan. He asked that thought be put in to accessibility issues for Tipp O'Neill for future funding.

b) Senior Executive Engineer Roads Report.

Cllr. Gearóid Murphy welcomed Dennis O'Regan, S.E.E.

Andreana Sheehan, E.E. gave her report to members. The main points of the report were.

Road resurfacing projects.

Charleville Area surface dressing programme is completed.

Mallow Area will commence next week.

Grading from 16th May in Keelnaulla

There will be drainage works in all areas ahead of surface dressing.

Climate Change

Installation of Gullies and Concrete Channels near Pedestrian Crossing on Strand Street, Kanturk

Collection of rubbish across the M.D. from litter picks by communities.

N.T.A. has approved funding of over €700,000. Works will be progressing over the coming months.

Following the report the members made the following observations / raised the following queries.

Cllr. J.P. O'Shea welcomed Dennis O'Regan. He thanked A.S. for report and for the National Spring Clean commenting that staff were very accommodating. Cllr. J.P. O'Shea welcomed the N.T.A. approved schemes and asked if it was just for traffic calming or if surface dressing was included.

With regard to Knocknagree Cllr. O'Shea noted that councillors were listened to.

Response: N.T.A. works are all for Traffic Calming footpaths and not for surface dressing.

Cllr. T.O'Shea thanked A.S. for report and welcomed Dennis O'Regan. He also welcomed N.T.A. funding noting he had engaged with A.S. regarding traffic calming in Grenagh, Bweeng, Glantane and Twopothouse and was glad they were put forward. Cllr. T.O'Shea thanked A.S. for facilitating litter picks.

Cllr. Liam Madden thanked A.S. for report and welcomed Dennis O'Regan. He commented that it was great to see communities getting involved in collecting rubbish. Cllr. Madden welcomed the N.T.A. funding for areas he had campaigned for previously and queried if other areas will be looked at in the future.

Cllr. Madden requested an update on more bus shelters being added.

Cllr. Madden noted the timber railing has disappeared at locations between Ballylough Cross and the Spa. Recently someone leaned against a section and it fell. Cllr. Madden asked for this to be addressed.

Cllr. Gearóid Murphy added his support to Cllr. Madden's comments as he had also received representations about same.

Response: A.S. will get update on bus shelters at Buttevant and Charleville. S.E.O. noted that an in-committee meeting re: bus shelters is scheduled for next Monday.

Cllr. Ian Doyle thanked A.S. and welcomed Dennis O'Regan. He welcomed the NTA funding and traffic calming in Newtown. Cllr. Doyle commented on the condition of the N20 on the southern end of the pedestrian crossing. It is being constantly replaced and requested a permanent solution be put in place.

Response: A.S. noted Cllr. Doyle's comments on pedestrian crossing. Will refer to E.E. for Charleville.

Cllr. James Kennedy thanked A.S. and welcomed Dennis O'Regan. He requested an update on footpaths and resurfacing at Sandfield Terrace and Blackrock Park.

Response: Upgrading and repair of footpaths at Sandfield Terrace and Blackrock Park are on the programme for this year.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea supported Cllr. Madden's comments on the railings. He has also received representations about it. Sections of the footpath are gone, there are holes and a drop in by the ditch. Is there a start date for works from picnic area in to town? Cllr. T. O'Shea asked about ramps coming down from Ballyvinitter and an extra speed ramp at Water's Place.

Response: JO'D stated there are further housing developments at Ballyvinitter and he will be speaking with developers about ramps at that location. There are some ramps at Water's Place already. An additional ramp may not help. Will speak with Gardaí and see what could be done.

Cllr. Pat Hayes welcomed the report. He also welcomed pedestrian crossing at College Wood. He requested consideration for a ramp by Linehan's Lane as cars come down the road towards the bridge at speed.

Response: J.O'D. will look at measures and speak with Gardaí. Could also look at cameras in this area.

Cllr. Gearóid Murphy asked when resurfacing of N72 Spa Road would commence. He noted the upcoming Mallow Home and Garden Festival and requested sweeping at Bowling Green and on the footpaths to Mallow approach roads and that Main Street be sprayed for weeds.

Response: A.S. will look into resurfacing and revert. Will get approach roads up to scratch.

Cllr. Liam Madden requested that Rathduff and Newtwopothouse also be included for bus shelters.

4. NOTICE OF MOTION

- a) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 01/04/2022 "To seek an update on the site at Bathview and whether the Municipal District has plans for its development."

Proposed Cllr. Gearóid Murphy, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes

Response: S.E.O. stated it has been looked at in recent times. Funding is a concern and also if it would be used. There has to be a rationale for the car park. Noted capacity issues with Bowling Green. There is no certainty that schools would use the car park. The survey will indicate this.

- b) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 21/04/2022 "That Cork Co Council would look at completely removing HGV's from going down through the town of Mallow."

Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden

Response: J.O'D. stated that Roads are looking at prioritising HGVs using Park Road. It has been discussed with the N.R.A. about reducing but not eliminating HGVs. Measures are being considered to alleviate. Dairygold have requested priority at N72 junction. S.E.O. stated that this needs the cooperation of Mallow Chamber of Commerce, businesses, transport companies and CCC. Will work with Roads to explore bringing this forward on a test basis. Will feed back after engagement.

- c) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 21/04/2022 "That Cork Co Council would look no at repainting the markings on the ramps in and around the town."

Cllr. Liam Madden noted that he has a similar motion for Buttevant.

Proposed Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden

Response: J.O'D stated that repainting has started at Churchview and if there are others in particular need please contact J.O'D. Andreana Sheehan noted that Buttevant will be included as per request from Cllr. Liam Madden.

- d) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 21/04/2022 "That Cork Co Council would discuss with an Garda Síochána on traffic entering into the yellow boxes at the bottom of town and at Mallow bridge."

Proposed: Cllr. Tony O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden

Response: J. O'D stated that Roads meets with An Garda Síochána annually to discuss such issues and this meeting will be arranged shortly.

- e) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 21/04/2022 "To seek an update on the Heritage Map of Mallow, its design and plans for distribution of this map."

Response: S.E.O. stated that lots of work had gone in to the map. There is a plan to bring it to in-committee and the hope is to launch soon.

- f) Cllr. Gearoid Murphy 22/04/2022 "To seek an update on the status of Cork County Council's grass cutting contract for the housing estates in Mallow".

Matter dealt with previously.

- g) Cllr. Liam Madden 27/04/2022 "To get support of Council and Businesses in Area re Rail Option on N/M20 re opening of stations like Buttevant Mourneabbey Rathduff this will have a huge effect on our carbon footprint."

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. Gearóid Murphy

Response: S.E.O. stated that opening of a railway station is a matter for the NTA and Irish Rail. It would be most appropriate to issue a letter to them. The NTA could also be asked to attend the transport SPC.

It was agreed by members to write to the NTA and forward to Cllr. Madden's motion to full Council.

- h) Cllr. Liam Madden 27/04/2022 "The need to renew road markings in Buttevant Town not visible to Public driving at ramps and Pedestrian Crossing this is major safety issue."

Matter dealt with in conjunction with Motion c) above.

- i) Cllr. Liam Madden 28/04/2022 "That St Joseph's Rd as far as Olivers Cross would have same speed limit throughout and also that extra safety measures be installed this is due to safety reasons and level of activity on same."

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. Tony O'Shea

Response: Andreana Sheehan stated this would be noted for the next speed limit review.

j) Cllr. James Kennedy 29/04/2022 "That Cork County Council will complete a review/investigation into the synchronisation of the traffic lights at the bottom of Thomas Davis Street and up to both sets of lights at either side of the bridge, to allow for the easing of traffic congestion on Bridge Street."

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k) Cllr. James Kennedy 29/04/2022 "That Cork County Council would review the traffic flows at the bottom of the Main St (Thomas Davis St) and review if one lane of traffic at the bottom of the street is working efficiently enough."

Proposed Cllr. James Kennedy, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden

Response: Andreana Sheehan stated that new lights will be fitted within the next few weeks and traffic flows will be reviewed after this.

l) Cllr. James Kennedy 29/04/2022 "That Cork County Council will consider placing a number of self service water fountains in the amenity areas around Mallow town. "

Proposed: Cllr James Kennedy, Seconded Cllr. Gearóid Murphy

Response: S.E.O. stated there is a water fountain at Mallow Castle. Can look at one for Spa House Grounds and as part of the public realm works.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Cllrs. Liam Madden and James Kennedy requested an update on the caravan parked at Spa Road. Residents have warned about trees and the caravan surrounded by gas bottles.

Response: M.D.O. stated the caravan parked here is an ongoing body of work and it is being dealt with through the Law Department and is conscious to not prejudice proceedings. M.D.O. has been in contact with residents.

b) Cllr. Tony O'Shea asked about a remote working hub for Mallow.

Response: S.E.O. stated that remote working hubs are the remit of Economic Development. M.D.O. to follow up.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 3rd June 2022 at 10.30 a.m via Microsoft Teams.

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Date: _____

