

## CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the October Kanturk / Mallow Municipal District meeting held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 10.30a.m. Via MS Teams.

### **PRESENT:**

In the chair: Cllr. Pat Hayes. Vice Chair.

Councillors: James Kennedy, Liam Madden, Gerard Murphy, Tony O'Shea, Ian Doyle. Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.

### **ABSENT:**

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan, Gearoid Murphy.

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Clare Barr MDO, Municipal District Operations & Rural Development, Marie O'Leary MDO Macroom, Dennis O'Regan, Senior Executive Engineer, Andreana Sheehan EE, John O'Dell EE, Billy Dennehy AE, John Nolan, Padraig Moore, Muiris Quinn Eddie Murphy, Tom Cannon, Sean O'Leary, Brendan O'Keeffe, Eva Hamilton, Karen Keaveney, and Anita Leader, Clerical Officer.

### **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- a) Confirmation and signing of Minutes of September monthly meeting of Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District held on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 on the proposal of Cllr. Ian Doyle seconded by Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.

*Cllr. Liam Madden requested the suspension of standing orders to discuss parking at Westbrook West End Mallow. The members agreed to suspend standing orders at 1p.m. to discuss.*

### **2. SECTION 183 - DISPOSAL NOTICE**

- a) To consider the Disposal of land at Beenamweel, Bweeng, Mallow, Co Cork, 0.0049 hectares/0.0121 acres from Patrick Mulcahy to Thomas Mulcahy & Shirley Mullins For the consideration of €1.00.

**Proposed Cllr. I. Doyle, Seconded Cllr. John Paul O'Shea.**

- b) To consider the Transfer of Nos. 1 & 2 Daniel O'Brien Terrace, Buttevant, Co. Cork to Tuath Housing for the consideration of €1.00.

**Proposed Cllr. L. Madden, Seconded Cllr. Gerard Murphy.**

### **3. UPDATE ON THE N72 / N73 MALLOW RELIEF ROAD.**

Full update given to members.

**Following the update members had the following observations / queries.**

**Cllr. Pat Hayes** Welcomed the relief road he queried if road users will drive as far as the hospital to use it. Will the temptation be for road users to go through Mallow town. Cllr. Hayes queried if a more economical approach is to run it alongside the old railway line. Cllr. Hayes sought a timeline for the relief road.

**Response:** Tom Cannon very early cost estimates based on the National Development Plan cost categories category A is 20 to 50 Million. The Relief road is at the upper end of category A. The re routing of traffic towards the hospital. Other measures to deter cars from using the town centre will be used i.e. HGV ban except for deliveries. Reduced speed Limit. If these measures are implemented it would be a better option for motorists to avoid the town. The link cannot be built onto the roundabout on Beecher Street. A lot of impact to properties the existing roundabout would have 7 arms which would be considered very unsafe. Assuming planning will be granted and subject to funding it could be 2027 at the earliest before the project is completed.

**Cllr. John Paul O'Shea** Delighted to see the progression of Mallow Relief Road. Asked that any design would be mindful of increasing pedestrian safety and access. The Bus Transport corridor the existing Bus Stop now is very dangerous. This is an ideal time to address any safety issues at the Mallow Hospital Junction and the surrounding area. Cllr. O'Shea Queried the width of the pedestrian walkway along the carriageway. Is this in addition to Active Travel in the area. Sought further clarity on the route around Oliver's Cross due to large residential area. Oliver's Cross pedestrian access.

**Response:** Tom Cannon exact width of the pedestrian walkway is not confirmed it will be a minimum of 3 metres. On the town side running along the relief road at Ballyvinter a link will be provided to the offline route which will follow the old railway line where possible. A bridge continuing active travel measures crossing at Beecher Street Junction is being investigated this will if developed provide a direct link into the car park of Mallow Train Station. Appropriate Bus lay byes and shelters will be provided in the scheme. At Oliver's Cross a Cul De Sac is being considered. Local access for residents there will be a tightening of the junction which will feed into a roundabout linking back to the relief road. Between Mallow GAA a footway is proposed to be included improving pedestrian access.

**Cllr. Liam Madden** stated there was a proposal for one road for access to the hospital is this still the proposal. Cllr. Madden welcomed the development of the Bus Stops and Lay byes to improve safety at Mallow Hospital. Queried the cycle scheme.

**Response:** Tom Cannon stated that they are working with the hospital to provide direct access into the hospital coming off the L1200. These however have not received planning permission. The existing road will provide access to the two houses but mainly pedestrian access.

**Cllr. Tony O'Shea** Expressed his disappointment at the timeline for the new relief road. Queried who the leaflets were being sent to. Queried the access from Ballyvinter to the Relief Road.

**Response:** Tom said the leaflet drop is for the town around 6,000 leaflets will be distributed. There will be no direct access the existing road will be bridged. There will be pedestrian access no road access.

## 4. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS

### b) Senior Executive Engineer Roads Report.

#### 1. **Routine Works Completed include:**

- Street Cleaning in Town's and Villages
- Gulley cleaning and jetting works in Towns and Villages
- Litter picking
- Bin Collection
- Road Sweeping
- Grass Cutting in open spaces and cemeteries
- Verge Cutting and cutting of junctions on Regional Roads
- Verge cutting and cutting at Junctions on National Roads
- Upgrading of signage and poles on public roads – Newmarket area
- Engaging with Tidy Towns on collection of litter
- Replace signage at Gooseberry Hill, Lismire and Charleville Area.
- Playground Repairs
- Power Washing – Mallow Town by contract
- Maintenance of Cemeteries.

#### 2. **Mallow Flood Relief Scheme:**

- Cleaning of trash Screens
- Opening Culverts

#### 3. **Planned Drainage Works and associated TTM:**

- N20
- L1327 Sorrell / Ballyhea
- L1313 – 28 Ballyhubba
- R515
- L4570 Teeveeny
- Fiddane LIS
- L-5162 Newmarket / Kanturk Area
- Greenway Mourneabbey
- Installing Closed drainage on the LP-1212 Glantane / Dromahane Road under Climate Action.
- Installation of new Gully gratings on the 2022 RI & RM works in Newmarket Engineering area.

#### 4. **Surface Dressing Works and associated TTM:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> sealing of 2022 RI projects in Kanturk Newmarket engineering areas
- 2<sup>nd</sup> sealing of 2022 Road Recycling works in Newmarket engineering area
- L13051 – Ballyballagh

- L1319 – Liscarroll / Lisgriffin
- Farthingville Local improvement scheme
- Ardaprior Community involvement Scheme

### **Overlay Works and Associated TTM**

- Greenway, Mourneabbey
- LS – 5214 Banteer
- L-55185 Meentyflugh
- L- 11005 Doonasleen
- L-1106 Derrygallon

### **Footpath Repairs and associated TTM include:**

- Repairs in Lyre Village and Cecilstown

### **Burnford Cemetary**

- Installation of new beams

### **Depot Safety Improvements**

- Installation of ESB ducting for depot upgrade in Charleville
- Pedestrian Crossing Liscarroll
- Main Street Newtownshandrum

### **Low Cost Safety Works**

- In progress at Hallihans Cross, Liscarroll

### **Smiths Road Closure**

- Implementation of TTM for closure and diversion.

### **Notification of the following**

Section 38 Report for traffic calming measures at Grenagh, Co. Cork circulated to members by email on the 11/10/2022. The SEE sought members approval to proceed with these works in Grenagh.

**The members did not agree to any works being carried out.**

*Following the update members had the following observations / queries.*

**Cllr. Ian Doyle** Road Closure in Charleville Cllr. Doyle had a notice of motion in relation to this issue which was addressed in the SEE's report. He welcomed the ongoing work at Smith's

road. He complimented everyone involved on the speedy response the executive, and all council staff, and the landowner. Cllr. Doyle queried if a plan is in place in conjunction with the owner following demolition to fence the site off.

**Response:** The SEE said he wasn't liaising with the landowner directly but referred the query to the MD. The MDO didn't have the information to hand she will check it out and revert. The SEE stated the road will not be reopened until it is safe to do so.

**Cllr. Liam Madden** Greenway in Mourneabbey is an example of what can be done. Safe walkway. LIS and CIS will the schemes that don't go ahead be replaced. Installation of the Bus Shelter in Buttevant one sided shelter isn't adequate. Bus marker on the street is required. Cars are parking on the spaces as it isn't obvious. Further Clarity is sought on the Section 38 in Grenagh. Pedestrian crossing by the golf club lights aren't working.

**Response:** The SEE said that replacement LIS and CIS is not feasible as it is not advised to surface dress roads this late in the season. However, the funding will roll on to 2023. This will ensure work is carried out at the correct time of the year. The Bus Shelters project has been managed by the traffic and transportation department in conjunction with the MD's. Concerns are noted he will raise it with the traffic and Transportation department. The SEE said he will discuss the Bus Markings also. He will look into the lights not working. John O'Dell EE said this is a new crossing some minor issues with the council's energy supplier which has been clarified. The EE stated they are waiting for connection. Cllr. Madden will not support the Section 38 in agreement with Cllr. Tony O'Shea.

**Cllr. John Paul O'Shea** Sought the SEE's opinion on the Section 38 for Kilcorney the entire village should be included Cllr. O'Shea's opinion is that the entire section 38 should be withdrawn. Cllr. O'Shea stated in relation to the Section 38 there must be joined up thinking and all stake holders work together to spend money well where everyone is happy with the outcome.

**Response:** The SEE said he will look at the submissions received and make a recommendation to be brought before members at the next meeting.

**Cllr. Tony O'Shea** Stated that he is not in favour of the Section 38 for Grenagh. He is disappointed that speed ramps are not being installed and asked what is being installed as an effective alternative. He will not support this project as it stands.

**Response:** The SEE said he is proposing to proceed with footpath works and the uncontrolled pedestrian crossing only. The SEE also suggested that NTA interventions using horizontal deflection are a better alternative to speed ramps. The SEE suggested that vertical deflection should include raised junctions to prioritise pedestrian movements at junctions rather than speed ramps. More modern Active Travel measures are more fitting in a rural setting. Raising the junction will slow vehicles down having a similar effect as a ramp. Corporate Policy must be adhered to and TII standards. Ramps cause noise pollution. The SEE committed to carrying out a speed survey and once the speed survey is complete he will re visit it immediately and bring forward to members. A new section 38 will be required if there are any changes to the section 38. The SEE reiterated that he is not in a position to commit to installing speed ramps.

**Cllr. Pat Hayes** acknowledged that there is a place for speed ramps. He agrees that the raised junctions look better and are effective. Cllr. Hayes sought an update on the manholes at the Spa. Update on the ramps at Twopothouse.

**Response:** John O'Dell said that 2 of the 3 covers at Apache Pizza have been fixed. One outside the Spa house Bar is Eir the contact person has retired his replacement is to investigate the issue. This week. Twopothouse section 38 is currently being reviewed the SEE will bring forward when a recommendation is made.

**a) Municipal District Officer's Report**

Full Report circulated and given to members by Clare Barr MDO.

*The MDO sought members approval for the following.*

**Mallow Allocation:**

<u>Mallow Christmas Lights</u>	€17,934
	€8,556.00 (KMMD Pay Parking Dividend)

**Proposed Cllr. Pat Hayes, Seconded Cllr. Liam Madden**

Paint Scheme 2022

**Repurpose of Paint Scheme funding of €2837.50 from Buttevant to Charleville.**

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

*Following the MDO Report members had the following observations / queries.*

**Cllr. James Kennedy** welcomed the planning for the town park. He requested a timeline for the works in the townpark. The location of the little man in the fountain will this be inside the tourist office. He would and feels the people of Mallow would prefer to have it accessible and outdoors.

**Response:** The MDO stated she will revert with details on the timetable. She will also follow up on Cllr. Kennedys query in relation to the permanent location of the little man in the fountain and revert.

**Cllr. Ian Doyle** pointed out in relation to derelict sites there are 12 in Charleville and 10 in Kanturk of the 13 notified 2 have commenced works. Cllr. Doyle would urge CCC to make sure this is followed up on. Issue for 4 or 5 residents for parking Cllr. Doyle queried if a permit scheme could be set up.

**Response:** The MDO stated she will revert to the members when she has familiarised herself with the situation. In relation to parking for residents on the main street in Charleville. The MDO stated she wants to keep in line with council procedure she will have a discussion with MD's in other areas to see how they deal with residents parking.

**Cllr. John Paul O'Shea** €5,000 reserve in the Town Development Fund. Update on the outdoor seating area and the widening of the footpath in Newmarket. The SEE and the Area Engineer and the MDO have received details of this morning.

**Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Tony O'Shea.**

**Cllr. O'Shea** Requested an in-committee meeting to discuss and go through in detail each one of the derelict sites. Would like more involvement on the Ballydesmond pop up park.

**Response:** The MDO stated she will revert when she has familiarised herself with the register and organise an in-committee meeting to discuss in detail.

**Cllr. Liam Madden** Sought an update on Mallow Town Hall. Queried if a register has been appointed for the Grenagh area. Newtwopothouse decision on funding for the footpath. In relation to disability parking there isn't enough spaces there should be flexibility allowing motorists that display a valid disability permit to park in non-designated spaces.

**Response:** The MDO said a decision had been approved at the in committee meeting in relation to the footpath. She will check with other MD's in relation to the disability parking and see how they deal with the situation.

**Cllr. Tony O'Shea** Sought an Update on the Skate park. Requested an official opening of the new playground at Mallow Castle.

**Response:** The MDO stated she will revert to members on both queries from Cllr. O'Shea.

## 5. NOTICE OF MOTION

a) Cllr. Liam Madden 27/09/2022 "Re footpath repairs what are plans going forward especially as Sewerage Works almost complete Main Street Mallow urgency to do same are cables on Street to be grounded."

**Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. Pat Hayes.**

**Response:** Clare Barr MDO stated provisional grant awarded through RDF. As soon as confirmation is received the part 8 process can commence.

**Response:** Dennis O'Regan SEE replied by saying. Footpaths across the Kanturk Mallow Municipal District are visually surveyed, and defects recorded on an ongoing basis. Upgrades and repairs are prioritized on the level of footfall with the extent being determined by the amount of funding available. Visual surveys are also ongoing across the Kanturk Mallow Municipal District regarding active travel interventions such as new foot path connections foot pat widening pedestrian crossings and raised junctions' briefs are prepared and submitted to the NTA on an ongoing basis for projects that meet the criteria for eligibility.

b) Cllr. Liam Madden 27/09/2022 "River Valley Estate update on what safety measures are proposed here on exit from same."

**Response:** SEE stated Following a site meeting with residents and councilor Gearoid Murphy on the 9th of September 2022 regarding this concern our office is currently working with the NNRDO to prepare a design for a safe crossing point at this given location. This will include for junction raising and the L1246 downhill approach to ensure vehicular speed is reduced allowing for more time for crossing. On completion this design will be added to the countrywide list for low-cost safety funding.

c) Cllr Liam Madden 27/09/2022 "Remaining Country schools re Calming measures is their plans for fantastic work has been completed on many"

**Response:** The SEE stated the office continues to complete surveys on public roads bouncing schools to ensure road markings and signage are visible and driver feedback signage flashing is in good working order. The working budget restricts the provision of delivery of new designs. Where improvements require new design, Our office refers these projects to the NTA

office. The Safe routes to schools is managed by the NTA office where significant improvements have been completed across the county using this funding source.

d) Cllr. Ian Doyle 27/09/2022 “That Cork County Council would give an update and reason for closure of Smiths Lane in Charleville and timeline for remedial works.”

**Response:** Previously responded to under SEE report.

e) Cllr. Ian Doyle 27/09/2022 “That Cork County Council would give update and timeline for completion of pedestrian crossing and new entrance in Charleville Town Park”

**Response:** SEE For safety reasons and to ensure undisturbed traffic flow along the diversion route, works on Park Road or deferred until Smith's road is reopened (Next Monday). It is envisaged that works will commence immediately after the reopening of Smith's Road and civils will be completed within two weeks from that date. An ESB connection has been applied for by our Charleville office and it is hoped that this connection date will coincide with the civil works completion date.

f) Cllr. Ian Doyle 27/09/2022 “That Cork Council would write to Irish Water re leak on Main Street Charleville which has been well reported. Being on the N20 this needs to be done in out of business hours. I have already stated to Irish Water now urgent.”

**Response:** SEE stated it is his understanding the leak was repaired on the 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Suspension of Standing Orders.**

Cllr. Liam Madden Housing stock has changed from primary elderly to now a mix of family sizes with car parking needs. During works some of the Green was converted to parking Cllr. Madden does not want the green restored, he requested a survey of people, cars and any additional parking requirements catered for. i.e. home help, visitors, emergency vehicles.

**Response:** Clare Barr MDO stated it is a multi-departmental query and discussions need to be had with all stake holders. The use of the Green was a temporary measure while works were ongoing in the area. Proper Health and Safety measures and planning must be adhered to. A report will be prepared, and she will revert to the members on completion.

**Cllr. Madden** responded saying it was the council that changed the dynamics of the estate. The people took the housing they were given and now are at a disadvantage with the lack of parking.

**Response:** The MDO said the temporary car parking facilities in the area was not designed for long term use. Health and Safety guidelines would have to be followed. She will discuss with Housing and Roads and see what is possible. The MDO stated funding is also a factor to be considered. Marie O’Leary MDO reiterated what Clare had stated. She added that it is a housing estate which received planning. There are requirements for greenspaces within housing estates. Any resident would have been aware of the parking situation on accepting the house. Any changes to a greenspace would have to be considered long and hard. Access points and funding are also factors.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Cllr. John Paul O’Shea** sought an update on the Christmas Lights for Charleville.



**Response:** The MDO will follow up and revert to members.

**Cllr. Tony O’Shea** requested an update on the synchronisation of the lights in Mallow Town. Cllr. O’Shea also stated that Businesses in Quarter town Industrial estate have made contact to request street cleaning, Gully cleaning.

**Response:** The SEE stated that the junction is operating on sensor. The lights are not fully synchronised. Hopefully works will be fully complete in the next week or two. Once work is fully complete amendments and further improvements can be achieved. The SEE said he will inform members when work is fully complete.

In relation to Quartertown the SEE said he will add it to the operational plan.

**Cllr. Ian Doyle** New lights installed and not connected in Ard Na Gaoithe, Charleville.

**Response:** The SEE said he will follow up with the area engineer.

**Cllr. Pat Hayes** requested the laying of stone on the turning point coming out of the of Quartertown Industrial Estate to enable lorries to turn.

**Response:** The SEE said he will visit the site and make improvements where possible.

a) Maynooth University Study on the Impacts of pre- and post-COVID commuting patterns on the spatial relationships between people and place.

Brendan O’Keeffe and Karen Keaveney gave a full presentation to members. Presentation circulated to members.

**Following the presentation, the members made the following comments**

**Cllr. Pat Hayes** How long will the study take

**Response** Brendan O’Keeffe confirmed it will be complete by May 2023.

**Cllr. Gerard Murphy** Stated that concentrating on a sparsely populated town in Duhallow might give a misleading impression.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 4th November at 10.30 a.m. 2022 – Via MS Teams.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRPERSON

Date: \_\_\_\_\_