

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District held via MS Teams on 4th November 2022 at 2.00p.m.

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

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Ag Freastal: Mr Sean O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer
Mr Dennis O'Regan, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms Clare Barr, Municipal District Officer
Ms Andreana Sheehan, Executive Engineer,
Ms Anita Leader, Clerical Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 2022.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th October 2022, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Pat Hayes and seconded by Cllr Gerard Murphy.

2. Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose.

3. STATUTORY BUSINESS/GNÓ REACHTÚIL

- a) To consider the Disposal of land at Site No 1, Kingwilliamstown, Ballydesmond, Co.Cork. Site measuring 0.092 hectares/0.23 acres to Seyamak Ghambari for the consideration of €20,000.

Proposed Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Gerard Murphy.

- b) To consider the Disposal of land at Site No. 5 Pairc An Claonan, Freemount, Co Cork. Site measuring 0.053 hectares (0.132 acres) as outlined on Map (part of Folio CK91798F) to Cara Walsh for the consideration of €25,000.

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

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea advised the updating of maps had resulted in delays in closing of sales and gave the example maps for An Claonan In Freemount, which can result in delays to

planning permission and construction. He stated with inflation on the rise he requested this would not occur with the Ballydesmond disposals.

Mr. Sean O'Callaghan SEO stated he would bring this to the attention to the Property Section.

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

4.1 Municipal District Officers Report.

Ms. Clare Barr, Municipal District Officer circulated the Municipal District Officers Report November 2022 to the Members.

The MDO sought members approval for the following:

- Repurposing – Amenity Grant 2022 CFS399675108 - Grant allocation: €5,000 – Kanturk Tidy town - Original approval for improvement to litter situation, add colour, remember heritage.

Request to change proposal to Fence off a stream in Kanturk town park. This is necessary on health and safety grounds as there are deep pools in the stream in which a child could easily be drowned. Landscaping for work to be done close to the Junction of Upper Bluepool and the new link road.

Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. Gerard Murphy.

Ms Clare Barr gave updates on the following previously raised queries:

- Timeline for the works in the town park.
To date Angling Stands and the new pedestrian bridge have been completed along with significant tree planting and pathway developments. It is anticipated that works in the development of a stake park and further improvement in the pedestrian, entrance improvements and cycleway linkages can be achieved in 2023/2024, along with further biodiversity and planting works, all subject to available funding being secured.

- Update on the Town Hall.

The project is currently at the detailed design stage. The MDO stated she will revert with further information when available.

- Permanent location for the little man in the fountain.

At Present he is securely located within the building, and he could be easily vandalised (he was located within the fountain and somewhat secure previously) but obviously if he erected externally he could be vandalised. We will investigate and outdoor spot in Summer 2023 when the gardeners are doing new planting schemes.

- Councillor and Community engagement with Ballydesmond pop up park.

CCC will engage with Councillors and the Community when the design element is further developed.

- Residents parking permits for Charleville.

The MDO investigated the position across the rest of the county towns in relation to permits. Currently no County wide policy. Given the limits on parking residents permits aren't possible for Charleville.

- Request for an official opening for castle playground.

Looking possible dates late November / December will revert.

- Query re Disability parking and the severe lack of spaces in Mallow Town.

All street parking spaces or local authority car parks provide parking free of charge to the permit holder. However, there may be time restrictions in place in certain locations which will be stated on the signs.

- Query if a registrar has been appointed for Grenagh Cemetary.

The registrar was appointed a number of months ago.

- Query if ESB cables are to be grounded.

Yes they will be grounded should the funding be granted to carry out the works to the footpaths.

- Report re Westbrook additional parking liase with housing.

Currently liaising with Housing and Roads a meeting is due to take place next week to discuss.

- Update on the Charleville Christmas lights plan.

The Christmas Lights will make use of the trees on Main Street. Town Plaza and Court House, trees and garden of remembrance will be lit. Existing lights are of good quality as upgrading has been ongoing as required. The project is funded by the Town Development Funding of € 7,000, along with contributions from the business community, Lyons Club and Tidy Towns.

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

Cllr. Ian Doyle complimented staff, owner and demolition people on the speedy completion of works in Smyth's Road.

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea thanked the MDO for her report and queried In particular her response to his query on the Christmas lights for Charleville. He said the intention was that Cork County Council would work with the community groups to make a plan for the Christmas Lights for Charleville.

Response: The MDO said she contacted the Community Groups following the Cllr's query at the October meeting and the response she received was the report given above under update. Cllr. O'Shea said he had raised the issue with the executive previously and it was agreed that a plan would be put in place with regard to updating lights in Charleville to bring it more in line with Mallow, working with the Chamber, the business association and town committees to improve the situation going forward. The MDO said she will go to Charleville to see what lights are there and work with the groups for 2023.

Cllr. Ian Doyle stated that funding wasn't available at the time. The lights are being done on a voluntary basis. Acknowledges there is room for improvement, but Charleville is very appreciative of the funding they are getting from CCC.

Cllr. Pat Hays Requested an update on when the side lights will be fitted in the Spa in Mallow. Cllr. Hayes stated he can facilitate any communication with the business owners / residents in the area. Cllr. Hayes sought an update on the planting of the Bulbs at the castle and the hut for the Christmas tree collection at St. Mary's Church gate.

Response: Already engaged with the chamber. Looking at the last Saturday in November for the switch on. The lights are going down the Spa this year. These lights will be put up at the same time as main street. Will revert when she has a response to the Bulb planting and the collection Hut.

Cllr. Liam Madden Sought an update on the possibility of an online system for graveyards. Update on the location of the canopies. Update on the refreshment vendors for Mallow Castle. Sought an update on the capital projects for the Castle, town park to include budget figures. What is the switch on date for the Christmas lights for Mallow.

Response: The MDO said she will follow up and revert in relation to an online system, the canopies, tea coffee facilities and capital projects at the castle.

Cllr. James Kennedy Queried if the times of the lights will be reducing this year due to the power shortage.

Response: Kanturk Mallow MD In conjunction with the Chamber are very conscious of the draw Christmas lights has on energy. It is proposed the lights should be switched on for a reduced period this year all the while composite of shoppers and people socialising in the town.

All lights are upgraded to LED making them more energy efficient. The proposed times are between 4p.m. and 10p.m.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea queried start date for the skate park at the park road. Is there a register appointed for Glantane graveyard? Cllr. O'Shea requested the erection of a sign with the registers name and contact details.

Response: Works due to commence in 2023, subject to drawdown of funding. The MDO said when she is informed of any dates she will pass this information onto the Councillors. She will make enquires in relation to the register and revert.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy point 5 works commenced on pedestrian crossing at St. James Avenue. Queried the exact location and further detail. Current parking regime is due for review. Cllr Murphy is happy with the current regime. When will this be reviewed? In relation to Streetlights in Mallow town it is of the utmost importance that the Chamber are consulted.

Response: Dennis O'Regan SEE stated an application has been made to the NTA for footpath widening and a pedestrian crossing at St. James Avenue which was approved. Town Staff are progressing the scheme. Footpath widening is progressing first. As part of these works a raised crossing point is planned at the top of the hill.

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

1. Routine Works Completed include:

- Pothole Repairs using the Rosco/Velocity patcher and associated TTM
- Street Cleaning in Town's and Villages
- Gully cleaning and jetting works in Towns and Villages
- Repair of defected bollards in Charleville
- 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 and Charleville area
- Upgrade of signage on RI and RM projects in Newmarket engineering area
- Installation of new gulleys on RI and RM projects in Newamrket engineering area
- Engaging with Tidy Towns on collection of litter
- Playground Repairs
- Maintenance of Cemeteries
- Sign Cleaning in Ballyhea

2. Mallow Flood Relief Scheme:

- Cleaning of trash Screens
- Opening Culverts

3. Planned Drainage Works and associated TTM:

- L1217 Burnfort to Toureen

- Commons Newmarket
- Knocknanagh Kiskeam
- Reallen Kiskeam
- Island Wood Newmarket
- R576 Newmarket Eng Area
- L1030 Newmarket Eng Area
- L5043 Newmarket Eng Area
- L5044 Newmarket Eng Area
- R515 Charleville Eng Area
- R522 Charleville Eng Area
- R578 Charleville Eng Area
- L1303 Milford
- L5458 Deliga
- L5475 Teeveeny, Dromina
- L5452 Freemount

4. Surface Dressing Works and associated TTM:

- 2nd seal on RI Works in the Newmarket Engineering Area
- R578 Newtownshandrum School House Cross to Boolard

Overlay Works and Associated TTM

- LIS Fiddane
- LIS Corbally, Kilbrin
- L5162 Knockacarracoosh
- CIS Commons Newmarket
- CIS Knocknanagh Kiskeam
- LIS Reallen Kiskeam
- Island Wood Newamrket
- Road strengthening in localised areas in Liscarroll
- N20 Patch Repairs by contract – in Velvetstown

Footpath Repair Works

- De Valera Place Charleville
- Replacement of Paving at the Plaza Charleville

Low Cost Safety Works

- In progress at Hallihans Cross, Lisarroll
- In progress at Keale Bridge Millstreet

Climate Action Works

- New Storm Network in Dromahane/Bweeng road

Smiths Road Closure

- Removal of TTM for Closure and detour

Following the SEE's report, the SEE notified members that schemes have been put forward to the NTA for funding. Footpaths at end of life were put forward recently funding is approved. The SEE stated that he will circulate an email to members detailing what schemes will be progressed. CCC is currently assessing the capacity of staff and contractors to complete the projects which must be delivered in 2022.

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

Cllr. Gerard Murphy thanked staff for progressing works in the Newmarket area in particular the Island Woods, which is a fabulous amenity to the wider Duhallow region.

Sought an update on traffic calming measures at Priory Park,, Newmarket. Cllr. Murphy sought an update on his suggestion of traffic lights at Clonfert Bridge. The design office do not feel traffic lights are a solution to the problem however Cllr. Murphy feels lights should not be ruled out as a solution.

Response: A speed survey will be conducted at Priory Park. If Speeding is an issue at this location it will be brought to the attention of the Gardai. Speeding is an offence under the road traffic act. Which falls under the remit of the Gardai to enforce. There isn't a specific funding stream for traffic calming what we do have is a funding stream for NTA interventions.

Therefore, what the SEE can commit to is assessing the entire area and looking at interventions such as new wider footpaths, Tightening of carriageways, segregation with grass and trees raising junctions and crossing points all of these works are eligible works under the NTA funding stream. Update in relation to Clonfert Bridge, Newmarket the SEE said he will liase with the NNRD office again to see if they can propose works to improve safety. As a roads office what can be offered is improved signage and road markings to warn of the constraints on approach.

Cllr. James Kennedy Queried if rubber bolted down ramps would be a cheaper option for traffic calming.

Response: Not installing ramps isn't down to funding its about assessing an area and putting the correct traffic calming measures in place.

Cllr. Ian Doyle Can an age friendly parking space and signage be facilitated at the back of the Library and outside the Credit Union in Charleville. Sought an update on traffic calming measures from Milford into Newtown Village. Cllr. Doyle Raised concern in relation to ESB poles in Rathnacally two maybe three new lights were installed but not connected. Sought an update on Active travel funding was set aside for a survey on the Railway road in Charleville. It was suggested a better use of the funds would be to look at upgrading the footpath. Update on the timeline for completion of works of the pedestrian crossing at the town park in Charleville. A bridge in Ballyhea was knocked down in an accident. This was replaced by Iron Barriers. Cllr Doyle asked if any progress has been made ,on the replacement of the bridge.

Response: The SEE said in relation to the Age friendly parking spaces in Charleville. He will inspect the requested locations and if feasible they will be put forward. IN relation to traffic calming in Milford a consultant was engaged a survey has been completed. A section 38 will be brought before the members when ready. Michael Cotter public lighting department will follow up to get the lights connected. The AE is looking at a new design for railway road. Hoping town park pedestrian crossing will be finalised in two weeks. Iiase with Brian Lawlor of the Bridge department of the NNRD office and seek an update and revert to members.

Cllr. Pat Hayes Requested traffic calming measures by the new service station due to increased accidents at this location since the new shop opened. Update on the speed survey from the school at Newtowpothouse and Springfort Hall. From Copstown cross to Liscarroll the hedges need to be trimmed.

Response: The SEE conducted an indent inspection of the new petrol station following three accidents. All accidents were rare end collisions. An element of confusion in one entrance in and one out. Having viewed the road safety audit which was completed as part of the planning application. Various items not correctly closed out. Currently working on the closing out of the road safety audit. Liaising with TII examining traffic calming, signage and road markings. The trees across the roads are being examined with a view to opening up sight lines. From the point of view of CCC the forward visibility is present. The SEE has met with the Gardai. The CCC and the applicants and TII are working together to close concerns. Section 38 is complete for Newtowpothouse. Currently being reviewed by the AE and NNRD office. Noise pollution complaints have been received in relation to speed ramps in the area. A request to remove the existing ramps has been made. Careful consideration of any traffic calming measures in this area will be required. CCC engage with landowners to cut

hedge cutting. If the landowner does not comply in certain circumstances CCC may intervene forwarding the cost to the landowner.

Cllr. Liam Madden N20 still a lot of junctions without Islands these issues need to be addressed. Maybe short-term solutions could be put in place to improve safety.

Flooding at the roundabout coming into Mallow and at the Spa. Cllr. Madden was disappointed to see areas which had recently had work done flooded. Update on Grenagh. Lights by the Golf Club are not connected. Update on the River Valley Safety measures. Bus Shelter installed 5 or 6 weeks ago signage is non-existent motorists are not aware it is a bus stop and park there leaving the bus nowhere to pull in. Electric Charger in Buttevant how can this be progressed infrastructure was put in previously.

Response: The SEE said he will work with the TII and see if safety can be improved at these junctions. Flooding on the N20. He will look into see if there is adequate drainage in place. The SEE said he will review drainage at the kurb lines and propose drainage measures with the TII at these locations. Update on Grenagh based on last months amendments a speed survey was conducted in the village. This is in progress. Two surveys required one complete and one in progress. Based on the results the SEE will come back to members with the results and proposed measures. The SEE will liase with John O'Dell in relation to lights at the golf club. Funding available to look into design to widen footpaths at Rivervalley. This is ongoing Bus Shelters in conjunction with the traffic and transporatation department will review. The SEE is not familiar with what works have been complete he will liase with the AE and see how the charger can be progressed.

Cllr. James Kennedy queried if drainage works were done at the new footpath out the Cork Road. Cllr. Kennedy queried if all the traffic lights in Mallow are sensored. Leaves on St. Josephs Road are very slippery can these be cleared.

Response: Drainage answered. Yes, all lights are sensored. The SEE will follow up on the leaves see if he can engage a road sweeper. He will add this location to the list.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan has received numerous representations in relation to traffic calming measures for Boherbue Village. Coming from the Mallow Road into Boherbue the traffic is huge. Ramps are effective in Banteer and Dromina Cllr. Moynihan stated he has received nothing but positive feedback from the ramps installed in these two villages. Cllr. Moynihan also wanted to support Cllr Murphy on his proposal for lights at Clonfert Bridge.

Response: The SEE said he will conduct a speed survey and review the area with regard to interventions using NTA funding. Cllr. Moynihan sought clarity on is an analysis being carried out or is there funding available to carry out work.

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea Houses cut off in Churchtown on a floodplain so there is an issue historically and will be going forward. Home help is unable to access the house of an elderly lady something must be done in these circumstances drain mitigation works are required. Some works were done up stream but not completed. A long-term solution is required but in the interim in terms of access would be welcomed. Update on the existing bus stop in Charleville the agreement was that the existing bus stop will remain, and an engineering solution will be found. Has this been found?

Response: The SEE is aware of the flooding issue in Churchtown. The time is gone for any dredging works to be conducted this year. Working closely with the costal management to form a plan to ensure this does not reoccur.

Cllr. Tony O'Shea sought an update on a proposal he had brought forward previously Seeking a Low-Cost Safety Scheme from Naggin Quarry road onto the Bweeng Cork Road. Sought an update on what works are progressing in Nadd Village. Queried if the lights are fully synchronised in Mallow Town.

Response: The AE met with Michael Cotter and the NNRD office in relation to the Low Cost safety scheme. A design is being progressed. This will be placed on the county wide list for low cost safety schemes once the design is complete. Nadd Village has been added he will see if this project can be prioritised across the county wide list. The traffic lights in Mallow the VA is in place. One of two issues have arisen the right turn is missing a sign when pedestrians are crossing. The absence of the right turn signal is congesting traffic turning over the bridge. Fine tuning to achieve a balance must not be achieved.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy queried if the pedestrian crossing at St. James Avenue Is this by Main Street where the current pedestrian crossing is located he queried the design is there lights ? Welcomed national funding for footpaths. He requested if Grenagh and Rathduff could be considered for national funding for footpaths. Drains need to be unblocked going up the Ballyvinitter Hill. Requested if a raised table outside Rivervalley on exiting the estate could be considered. Sought an update on a previous suggestion he made in relation to a mini roundabout at Lacknalooha.

Response: The SEE said footpath widening is part of the works and a raised table. Footpath schemes need to be shovel ready the two schemes listed by Cllr. Murphy do not fall under this category. Both schemes will be noted and put forward for NTA funding that can be delivered over a two-year period. Unblocking the drains on the hill to Ballyvinter will be added to the operational plan. The SEE has sought an update from the NNRD office and the Traffic and Transportation office he will followup again with them and revert when he receives a reply.

5. Notices of Motion.

- a) Cllr. Liam Madden 25/10/2022 "Lime Kilm Estate Mallow (Bathview) the failure of Builder to address problems structural, footpaths dangerous trees etc their and the impact this is having on residents. The fact that a bond does not exist taking in charge doesn't seem to be option. How are Cork County Council going to address this problem going forward.

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

Response Planning Department Cork County Council: The taking in charge (TiC) application for this ex-Town Council estate was made by the residents. The residents did not submit the necessary surveys/audits of the services (foul and storm sewers, watermain, public lighting), which are typically required to progress a TiC application. These surveys/audits enable the Council to establish the works required to bring the estate to a TiC standard. Under a Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol in place nationally, all Local Authorities are obliged to seek Irish Water's agreement as part of the TiC process. Permission was granted in 2001 for this development and no bond was provided to the Town Council. There is currently no funding available to carry out the requisite surveys, and any resulting works that may need to be carried out to bring the estate to a TiC standard. The developer Ruden Homes is still operating and continues to remain legally responsible for roads and services in the estate and should remain the first point of contact for the residents. The issues raised in this Notice of Motion have been brought to the attention of the developer on behalf of the residents. The best way forward would be for the developer to carry out any outstanding snags and submit a taking in charge application with all the prerequisite surveys and audits.

b) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 28/10/2022 "That the Kanturk/Mallow MD would progress a Low Cost Safety Scheme to improve viewing at Bridge N-72-007 at Clonbanin, Mallow"

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

Response: SEE : This locus will be inspected by our office in conjunction with the road management and development unit. If the required sightlines/forward visibility for the given location are obstructed, a scheme will be proposed and our Non National Road Design Office will progress the detailed design required for construction. The proposed scheme will then be added to the Cork County Low Cost Safety list.

c) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 28/10/2022 "That the Kanturk/Mallow MD update members on the progress of a Traffic Calming Scheme for Rathcoole Village"

Proposed Cllr. John Pak O'Shea, Seconded Cllr. Ian Doyle.

Response SEE: A speed survey will be carried out for the given location and any speeds identified will be discussed with the gardai who enforce the Road Traffic Act. I intend on meeting with the gardai regularly regarding these matters. the area office does not have a funding source specifically for traffic calming measures. The only funding source available is NTA funding to deliver active travel interventions. I can confirm that our office will assess Rathcoole village to identify active travel measures that could be delivered. Horizontal deflection such as carriageway tightening and vertical deflection in the form of raised junctions and crossing points will lead to the speed reduction of through traffic in the village.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy queried if December's meeting will be blended.

Response: Clare Barr MDO stated that we are waiting on contractors to carry out the work.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy Queried if members are ok with an afternoon budget meeting instead of the morning. The members and executive agreed this was acceptable.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 2nd December at 10.30 a.m. 2022 – Via MS Teams

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.