

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District held via MS Teams on 5th May 2023 at 10.30a.m.

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

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Ag Freastal: Mr Sean O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer,
Mr Dennis O'Regan, Senior Executive Engineer,
Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer,
Ms Andreana Sheehan, Executive Engineer,
Mr Denis Beecher, 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 3rd April 2023.

- a) The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd April 2023, were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Cllr Gearoid Murphy and seconded by Cllr Liam Madden.

2. Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose.

3. Votes of Sympathy

- a) Elaine Savage, Housing Directorate, Annabella, Mallow on the death of her mother Elizabeth Lyons.
- b) Edel Bodie, Finance Directorate, Annabella, Mallow on the death of her mother Eileen Howard.
- c) The family of the late Pat Galvin, Clonlea, Newtown.

3. STATUTORY BUSINESS/GNÓ REACHTÚIL

- a) Section 183 To consider the disposal of site No. 2 Kingwilliamstown, Ballydesmond, Co. Cork 0.089 hectares/0.22 acres to Greg Duggan for the consideration of €20,000.

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

4. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

4.1 Municipal District Officers Report.

Ms. Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer circulated the Municipal District Officers Report May 2023 to the Members. The MDO sought members approval for the following:

Request Extension of Time for the following Amenity Grants 2022 –

CFS400517618-Buttevant GAA Amenity Fund 2022 Project-Installation of fire escape doors, front door & windows Grant Amount - €3,000 Extension of time to 31st May 2023

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

CFS400008430-Glantane Community Council Amenity Fund 2022 Project-Set up a book exchange in the village Grant Amount - €1,500 Extension of time to 30th June, 2023

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

Extension of closing date for the painting scheme from the 30th October to the 19th May.

Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. Tony O’Shea.

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

Cllr. Ian Doyle queried the number of painting scheme applications received to date from the Charleville area. Sought an update on the land purchase in Dromina. Cllr Doyle sought an update on the grass cutting contract.

Response: The MDO stated three applications were received from the Charleville area. The MDO said the land purchase in Dromina is going through the process. Mr. Dennis O’Regan SEE stated that the contractor was appointed this week for grass cutting for 2023 grass cutting is due to start this week.

Cllr. Pat Hayes queried the start date for works at Mallow Skate Park.

Response: The MDO stated contractor is appointed and works envisaged to commence in Quarter 3 2023.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan welcomed the progress on the Pocket Garden in Ballydesmond, he stated that a site is for sale next to the Pocket Park and suggested Cork County Council purchase the site and develop it as a car park to further enhance this space, improve wheelchair access and clean up the area.

Response: Mr. Sean O'Callaghan SEO stated he is aware of the site and sees the logic of Cllr. Moynihan's suggestion. The funding received by Ballydesmond through the RRDF has been fully committed. There is no funding available to purchase or develop the site.

Cllr. Liam Madden queried the location of the 2 other painting scheme applications received. Cllr. Madden queried the parking revenue for Mallow Town. Asked if the signage for the Civic Amenity site in Mallow could be enhanced. Cllr. Madden queried when the works will recommence installing the canopy at the picnic area out the Killarney Road. Queried if a suitable location has been found for the second canopy. Update on the refreshment vendors for Mallow Castle. Sought an update on the HSE building on O'Brien Street. Shoulders Lane what are the plans are there any to pedestrianize that street. Cllr. Madden would like to extend congratulations to Cork County Council on winning the ICE awards 2023.

Response: The MDO stated that the location of the remaining two applications for the painting scheme are for Mallow and Buttevant. The SEO issue re the signage for the Civic Amenity Site would be referred to the Director of Services for Environment. The MDO said progress had stopped on canopy 1 due to adverse weather conditions. Another MD is looking to secure another canopy and will pay the full amount KMMMD paid for it. This will be discussed further, and any suggested possible locations will be brought to the attention of the MDO within the next 2 weeks. Two applications received for the tender for the tea / coffee facilities. The closing date was Friday the 28th April. The MDO will discuss the HSE building with Cllr. Madden after the meeting. Mr. Sean O' Callaghan stated that parking income is Council income and not Municipal District income. Municipal Districts that have towns with pay parking receive a pay parking dividend. This is calculated by the Finance Department. Due to Covid and no parking charges over the past few years. Kanturk Mallow MD has yet to be informed of any parking dividend for 2022. The MDO stated there are no plans at the moment to pedestrianize shoulders lane.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy sought clarity on the location of the paths in the MDO report in relation to “contractor appointed for New Reinforced Grass paths – to commence in June / July. Queried if there is a resale value for the canopies. Cllr. Murphy stated that if the storage costs aren’t prohibitive, he suggested keeping them for future use if we cannot get close to what CCC paid for the canopies first day.

Response: The MDO said she will issue an updated plan for the grass paths.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy requested a meeting with the MDO, Area Engineer, Community Employment Officer and the partnership in Newmarket. Cllr. Murphy stated this has proved successful in previous years all stake holders working in collaboration for the good of the town. Cllr. Murphy stated that he fully supports Cllr. Moynihan’s suggestion of obtaining the land for sale in Ballydesmond which he said may be suitable for housing.

Response: The MDO stated she has discussed this with Billy Dennehy and he will organize a meeting for all stake holders in the near future.

Cllr. John Paul O’Shea supported the purchase of land in Ballydesmond. Suggested a feasibility study should be carried out to see what kind of development would be suitable.

Cllr. Tony O’Shea queried if the MALA signs due to be erected at St. James Avenue and Spa House are similar to the signs at the Westend. Cllr. O’Shea asked about the future plans for the Granary Buildings, the tidy up and planting of the Navigation Road roundabout and the removal of the Christmas tree.

Response: The MDO said the signs are the similar. The plans for the Granary buildings is to fix and secure the guttering to make them safe. She will revert with the plans for the building. Mr. Dennis O’Regan stated that the plan is to work with the in-house gardener with a low maintenance design using wildflowers. Members approval is sought to start again **and to** remove what is there. It was agreed that the removal and installation will happen at the same time. The cost isn’t available as there isn’t a proposed design. The red Mallow sign will be removed.

Cllr. James Kennedy Congratulated Cork County Council and the Hibernian Hotel on the success of the Ocana Fest.

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

1. Routine Works Completed across the MD include:

Monthly Works April 2023

- Pothole Repairs using the Rosco/Velocity patcher and associated TTM
- Street Cleaning in Mallow, Charleville, Newmarket and Kanturk
- Road Sweeping in Mallow Town
- Bin Collection and Litter picking in Towns and Villages
- Engaging with Tidy Towns on collection and disposal of litter
- Playground Repairs across the MD
- Maintenance of Cemeteries across the MD
- Maintenance of Mallow Castle grounds
- Maintenance of open spaces across the MD
- Repairs to signage across the MD
- Repairs to street furniture in Charleville Town

Mallow Flood Relief Scheme:

- Cleaning of trash Screens
- Opening Culverts

Planned Drainage Works and associated TTM:

Kanturk Newmarket

- L-1000 Mileen, Rockchapel
- L-1100 – Doon Road, Kiskeam
- L- 1032- Rock Road, Kiskeam
- L-5006 – Glencarney, Rockchapel

- L-1019 Rosline, Lismire
- Cummerconnell, Meelin
- R578 Coolagh Bridge to Blueford, Newmarket

Charleville

- L5457 Milford
- L5478 Two Mile Cross, Limerick County Bounds
- L1308 Newtown Village
- R578 Newtown
- L1320 Knockardbane
- L55152 Churchtown
- L1322 Churchtown
- L1320 Churchtown

Wetmix Overlay & Surface Dressing – RI Works

- LS – 5303 Lisleagh Ballyclough
- LS -1121 Clonmeen Banteer
- L5101 Ballybane Cross to Hogans Cross
- L5505 Lackaroe Cross to Knockbarry

Footpath Works

- Footpath repairs in Rathcoole
- Footpath Repairs in Dromina
- Footpath works in Milford
- Build outs in Kilcorney as part of the traffic calming scheme

Low Cost Safety

- Completion of Keale Bridge project – stonework, signage & drainage works

Litter Pick N20

- Litter pick on National Roads – N20 & N72 – Lagan commenced litter picking on the N72 in recent weeks.

NTA Projects

- Ongoing works to Dairygold/Town Park walk, Mallow – completion of an off road link from Mallow Train Station to the Town via the Town Park.
- Construction of new footpath in Grenagh Village

Cemetery Works

- Construction of new beams in Castlemagner cemetery

Notification of New Schemes

Mr. O' Regan referred to the email which was issued to all elected members containing the Section 38 report for proposed traffic calming works on the R582 in Knocknagree, Co. Cork. Following the public awareness process and having regard to the site constraints, we are satisfied that the final design is the optimum solution available. We intend on progressing these works subject to funding being provided. I am now requesting your approval to proceed with the project.

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

Also, it is our intention to proceed with a Section 38 process for traffic calming works on the R576 at Curragh Cross, Kanturk, Co. Cork. I understand that this will be advertised I understand that this will be advertised on the Corkman newspaper on the 11th of May 2023. Details are available for review at this meeting and an email will also be issued to members after this meeting.

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

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy requested a written report from the SEE going forward. Queried if anything can be done in relation to the speed on the approach roads to Lisscarroll Village. Speed control measures were to be put in place as part of the Section 38. Cllr. Murphy acknowledges the work done in terms of footpaths, but the issue of speed has not been addressed.

Response: The SEE stated that the Section 38 was approved however works were changed on the ground due to locals. The funding provided for the scheme was maximized. The SEE said he will carry out speed surveys. Quarterly meetings are ongoing with the gardai and any issues will be highlighted to the gardai. Active travel funding available for Traffic calming measures. He will review the village again.

Cllr. Liam Madden sought an update on the installation of the permanent fence out the Spa road in Mallow. Queried if it is possible to get someone to do the additional works i.e. levelling off graves in our cemetery's. Cllr. Madden queried the repair of sections of the N20. Sought an update on the Bus Shelters. What is the status of the 2nd bus shelter in Buttevant.

Response: The SEE said the current fencing is temporary, CCC is working with TII no further update. Additional works in the graveyard are dependent on the works involved and the resources available. He will speak with Cllr. Madden further in relation to this. Relay the issues on the N20 with the area engineer and apply to the TII for funding to resurface these patches. Bus Shelters are the responsibility of the Traffic and Transportation Department. He will seek clarity on the procedure for the installation of Bus Shelters and revert.

Cllr. Ian Doyle raised concern about the pedestrian crossing at the Park Road in Charleville, Pedestrian crossing at ALDI junction at the N20. Flashing light coming in from Smyth's Road in Charleville. The speed indicator light isn't working. Cllr. Doyle stated this is unacceptable and very dangerous. Update on the entrance to Cedar Court and is previous suggestion of a yellow box and a sign.

Response: The SEE stated that there is significant works required on the lights in Charleville but the area engineer is working on it. No timeline available. He will follow up with the area engineer in relation to Cedar Court.

Cllr. Pat Hayes raised the issue of two potholes outside the Polish shop in the Spa on Mallow and the loose manhole outside the Spa Bar.

Response: The potholes will be fixed today. He will speak to the area engineer in relation to the loose manholes and try to resolve in the near future.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy sought an update on the traffic calming measures at Clonfert Bridge and Priory Park in Newmarket.

Response SEE said he will discuss again with the area engineer.

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea fully supports Cllr. Ian Doyle on the issues with the traffic lights in Charleville. Tabletops are required the flashing beacons are ineffective. Cllr. O'Shea suggested a Public awareness campaign in relation to pedestrian crossings. Cllr. O'Shea asked if this committee would write to Caroline Casey road and water safety officer to work with the RSA to create a public information campaign on how to access pedestrian crossings safely.

Response: It was agreed a letter will be sent to Caroline Casey requesting same.

5. Notices of Motion.

- a) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea 17/04/2023 "That Cork County Council update members on plans to improve Active Travel on Smith's Road, Charleville".

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

Response SEE A meeting was held with our design team where feasible active travel interventions were identified on site. A topographical survey is in progress and a design will be prepared as part of the next stage. The intention is to apply for NTA funding for this project.

- b) Cllr. Liam Madden 26/04/2023 "Update on Mallow Town Hall and the need to secure permanent home for Mallow Pipe Band which are part of so many events in Mallow and its hinterland."

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

Response The MDO stated as reported to The Municipal Districts meeting in March the response remains the same - Part 8 planning for the proposed development of Mallow Town Hall Theatre was secured in late 2021. In 2022, a consultant design team was established to progress the project to the next stage, i.e. detailed design phase. This phase is currently nearing completion with a number of necessary legal and compliance matters currently being finalised. Efforts are ongoing with respect to securing the necessary funding for this significant project. This is proving challenging, but progress is being made. It is expected that the Council will be in a position to go to tender for construction once the necessary funds have been secured.

In relation to Thomas Davis Pipe band we are currently exploring options to secure a home for the pipeband and are currently in contact with them and will revert with further info

- c) Cllr. Liam Madden 26/04/2023 "Lidl old car park the loss of same for parking especially for visitors to Library the need to find out what are plans for same going forward."

Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. James Kennedy.

Response MDO Lidl car park was a privately-owned car park and therefore was not available to patrons of Mallow Library with a clamping regime in place operated by Lidl to ensure only patrons of Lidl used the car park. For visitors to the Library the car park next door Park Road Car Park remains available along with town centre car parking in Muddy Hill, Spa Walk, Carmichael Car Park, Bridewell Lane and Davis Street.

- d) Cllr. Liam Madden 26/04/2023 "The ongoing issue of safety for pedestrians at River Valley and Spa Glen need to address same urgently."

Proposed Cllr. Liam Madden, Seconded Cllr. Gearoid Murphy.

Response SEE A meeting was held on site recently with our design team where it was agreed that sightlines shall be improved on the downward approach to the entrance to River Valley estate prior to installing any vertical deflection measures.

Our design team are currently working on this and a funding source for this project is also being identified.

- e) Cllr. Ian Doyle 27/04/2023 "That Cork County Council would put dog poo bins in place at Town Park, Railway Road and Turrettes Charleville".

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

Response MDO We would have no problem purchasing and erecting the bins, however we do not have the resources to empty the bins. Should a local tidy towns group or similar be willing to empty we can install. It was agreed to provide 3 bins and see how they work out.

- f) Cllr. Ian Doyle 27/04/2023 "That Cork County Council would look at traffic calming measures at Ballincolly Road Charleville."

Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. J.P. O'Shea.

Response SEE Unfortunately, we do not have a funding source for traffic calming measures. Our Charleville office will organise a speed survey for Ballincolly Road Charleville and violations will be relayed to the Gardai, the enforcers of the Road Traffic Act, at our regular meetings.

Our Charleville team will also inspect the location and investigate if any interventions are feasible with the budget available for the given location.

- g) Cllr. Ian Doyle 27/04/2023 "That Cork County Council would complete footpaths at Holy Cross Charleville. "

Proposed Cllr. Ian Doyle, Seconded Cllr. J.P. O'Shea.

Response SEE The 2023 footpath programme for the Kanturk Mallow Municipal District was presented and approved at last months meeting and Holy Cross, Charleville is not included. An inspection will be carried out by our Charleville office and repairs will be added to future programmes.

- h) Cllr. Tony O'Shea 28/04/2023 "That Cork Co Council would look at traffic calming option's in the village of Cecilstown"

Response SEE A speed survey was completed in Cecilstown village on the 28/01/23. The survey was in progress until the 7/02/23. The location of the survey was 78m north of the LP1203 and LS5301 junction. The average speed detected was 36km/hr. No traffic calming measures were proposed. Andreana Sheehan has met with the Non National Roads Design team to identify interventions that will also provide calming of through traffic and a design is currently being prepared. Measures such as carriageway narrowing and tightening of junctions will be included.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on Friday, 2nd June 2023 at 10.30 a.m. – Blended Meeting.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.