



MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

held at Goleen Community Hall and MS Teams at 11.00am on 5th May 2023

Members Present:	Cllrs Paul Hayes, Deirdre Kelly, Joe Carroll, Caroline Cronin, Danny Collins, Ross O'Connell
Member on MS Teams:	Patrick Gerard Murphy
Apologies:	Cllrs. Declan Hurley, Karen Coakley
In attendance:	Mac Dara Ó Hicé, S.E.O. W.C.M.D Jacqueline Mansfield, M.D.O. W.C.M.D Mark O' Sullivan, A/SE, Roads John Ahern S.E.E. Skibbereen Ruth O'Brien, S.E.E. Bantry Martina O'Driscoll, Meeting Administrator W.C.M.D. Mary O'Donovan, Meeting Administrator W.C.M.D.

Cllr. J. Carroll presided.

Statutory Meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(a) Minutes of West Cork Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 3rd April 2023.

Proposed Cllr Paul Hayes

Seconded Cllr Caroline Cronin

Resolved:

"That the minutes of the 'In Committee' Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 3rd April 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

(b) Minutes of West Cork Municipal District 'In Committee' meeting dated 3rd April 2023.

Proposed Cllr Danny Collins

Seconded Cllr Deirdre Kelly

Resolved:

"That the minutes of the Municipal District 'In Committee' (as circulated) of 3rd April 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. Ross O’Connell on behalf of the members expressed thanks to the Goleen Community Hall for all their assistance in hosting the West Cork Municipal District meeting. The facility was used by the local GAA and soccer clubs and other activities included table tennis, basketball, indoor soccer, community markets, dinners, social events. He also noted that the future potential for the facility was very promising as the Community Council and County Council continue to work together to develop its full potential.

In response to a request for an update on the N71 roundabouts at Clonakilty and Skibbereen John Ahern S.E.E. noted the following updates for the members:

- N71 Roundabouts in Clonakilty- Application for funding for resurfacing of same made to TII awaiting decision.
- N71 Skibbereen By Pass between both Cork Rd and Schull Roundabouts. - TII schedule resurfacing for week commencing May 22nd Day and Night work involved.
- R595 Market St Skibbereen.- Funding secured to resurface a section of Market St by the Pedestrian crossing so that it can be re-lined. Scheduled for next two weeks.
- N71 Cork Rd Skibbereen - Culvert Works tendered and awaiting these works to complete before resurfacing can commence. Cllr Carroll reported a possible delay to the Culvert works. If substantial delay transpires, then we will look to TII to resurface the bad section in the interim.

2. STATUTORY BUSINESS

Section 183 –Notices

In accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, the disposal of the property as shown hereunder shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the notice issued to members dated 27th April 2023.

(a) Woodlands, Clonakilty, Co. Cork

Situation:	Disposal of land at Woodlands, Clonakilty
Area:	0.013 hectares/0.032 acres
Acquired From:	Fleming Developments Ltd
Dispose To:	Elizabeth Garrod
Consideration:	€1

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Hayes, seconded by Cllr. D. Kelly, members approved the above disposal and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

(b) Bridewell Block, New Street, Bantry, Co. Cork

Situation:	Disposal of remaining 27 years of 199 year Lease of portion of Old Bridewell Block, New Street, Bantry, Co. Cork.
Area:	Area measuring 0.013 hectares (0.032 acres)
Acquired From:	Ellen Mc Carthy in 1915.
Dispose To:	Gerard O’Sullivan.
Consideration:	€1,000.00.

On the proposal of Cllr. P.G. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. D. Collins, members approved the above disposal and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

3. NOTICES OF MOTION

Cllr. Ross O'Connell

"That this council would put in place traffic calming road markings for Goleen National School."

Report from Ruth O'Brien S.E.E.

The Schull area office has been monitoring traffic speed and volume near Goleen National School. Information gathered indicates that line marking on the road surface would be an appropriate measure to highlight the presence of the school and potentially reduce vehicle speeds. Once a suitable contractor has been assessed and appointed, Cork County Council will provide line marking in the area.

Cllr. Caroline Cronin

"I also call on Cork County Council to include to include the former Convent of Mercy, Meenvane, Schull, Co Cork P81 E627 and Ballydehob Quay, its buildings and curtilage at Store Road, Ballydehob, Co Cork on the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) so that these structures of historic, cultural, architectural, socio-economic and maritime heritage significance qualify for protected status. I call for these additions to the Record of Protected Structures to be considered immediately under Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended rather than waiting for the next review of the County Development Plan".

Report from MacDara O'Hici S.E.O.

The Cork County Development Plan 2022-2028 does reference the importance of and protection of historic structures and features not listed in the Record of Protected Structures. See paragraph 16.3.9 below (Chapter 16 Built and Cultural Heritage Volume One of the County Development Plan 2022). 16.3.9 It is important to recognise the contribution that all historic structures, features and landscapes including those which are not listed in the Record of Protected Structures, make to the county's heritage. The Council will seek the enhancement of these elements in recognition of their quality, character and local distinctiveness.

To date Cork County Council has made all additions and deletions to the Record of Protected Structures as part of the statutory process of making and reviewing of the County Development Plan i.e. Section 12(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Outside of this statutory process of reviewing the County Development Plan Cork County Council has not to date made additions and deletions to the Record of Protected Structures under Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2011 (see link below) outlines what is involved for a Planning Authority in making additions and deletions to the Record of Protected Structures.

<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Architectural-Heritage-Protection-Guidelines-for-Planning-Authorities-2011.pdf>".

Cllr. Danny Collins

(a) *"I am calling on the council to erect a safety barrier or come up with some solution along the side of the road leading to Gallows Hill Whiddy Island where coastal erosion is severely making the side of the road dangerous for pedestrians and people driving any vehicles".*

Report from Ruth O'Brien S.E.E.

The issue will be investigated and the S.E.E. will review with a report.

Cllr. Danny Collins

(b) *"I am calling on the council to cut back the newly instated footpath just outside Glengarriff village on the R572 to Castletownbere as in its present construction if two heavy vehicles meet one either has to stop and pull back to leave the other pass or otherwise mount the footpath which is a major danger to pedestrians".*

Report from Ruth O'Brien S.E.E.

The Area Office has already discussed this with the contractor. The footpath west of the last entrance shall be removed and "pushed" further away from the road edge. The road width is 6.5m, which is ample for a road within the 50km/hr zone, but it shall be widened for the bend east of the Coomerkane junction. Once all works are complete the existing centre line shall be removed and a new one installed along the new road centre.

Cllr. Danny Collins

(c) *"That Cork County Council install a no parking sign and yellow box stating no parking at the access road to station strand Schull (next to the Garda station)".*

Report from Ruth O'Brien S.E.E.

The area in question is currently a hard shoulder and should not be parked upon but additional line marking can be put in place to try to deter unauthorised parking here.

4. REPORTS & CORRESPONDANCE.

MDO report.

The MDO briefed members on 2023 schemes and will circulate after the meeting.

The MDO provided detail to the members of the 2023 Island Grants Scheme, and will circulate after the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Danny Collins

Seconded Cllr Paul Hayes

In response to a query on the Eyeries gymnasium funding application the MDO advised that planning was required for the gym and once a planning decision was available then the funding application could be finalized.

The members discussed Christmas lighting funding for Clonakilty town and queried whether the allocations agreed at the 'in committee' meeting should be reviewed again by the members. The S.E.O. noted that €5,700 in funding had been earmarked for the Christmas lights when the allocations were discussed as the group had not submitted an application for funding, but any funding that would become available from groups not claiming down funding within the time limits, would have to be reviewed with all other applications who received a shortfall in funding in their applications. He explained that the council always considered applications from groups to extend the time for delivery on projects. The members expressed their frustration at the overall amount of GMA funding and noted that it should be raised during the budget negotiations. The S.E.O. advised the members that the introduction of pay parking would give the areas covered, an additional source of income. The members requested a review of the allocations after the previous year's funding time limit had expired.

The members queried the €100k budget for the Future Usage Report of the Old Steam Mill project in Skibbereen as outlined in the MDO report. The S.E.O. noted that national funding streams were coming out every year which may assist with progressing this project.

The MDO advised the Members that Barleycove Pontoon is envisaged to be in place for the start of the bathing season, along with a new beachguard facility.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a request for an update on the marketing strategy for the Dunmanway Municipal Pool the S.E.O. advised that meetings with the HSE have been held to advance utilising the pool facilities, signage was being commissioned.

A query on the upgrade works for the Astro turf pitch in Dunmanway was discussed and the S.E.O. advised that the current best practice was not to put in artificial turf which had a substantial maintenance requirement and he proposed that the surface would be tarmacked and painted, similar to the tennis courts, the members agreed to this proposal and noted that a price had been received and approval was being sought from the Department.

In response to a request to have the water dispensers in Clonakilty turned back on the S.E.O. noted the matter for follow up with Uisce Eireann.

In reply for an update on the Community Recognition fund allocation date the S.E.O. noted that a date was due to be advised by the Department.

An update on the Clonakilty Fire Station was sought and the S.E.O. noted the matter for follow up at the next MD meeting.

The widening of the Ring road at Faxbridge in Clonakilty was discussed and John Ahern S.E.E. noted that the project was in the process of design and then a Part 8 would follow on so no physical works would be progressing on the road this summer.

The beach wheelchair service at Inchadoney beach was discussed. The SEO reminded the members of the challenges identified at Inchydohney in the recent report on access to beaches and., Cllr Hayes said the group involved had put the necessary arrangements in place and all that was required from the council was the storage of the equipment overnight. The SEO informed the meeting that if the ask was only to provide overnight storage that this should be accommodated and he would discuss it with the senior beach guard to see if it could be facilitated

A member described the Clonakilty Youth Centre as a great success and advised that discussions were underway to progress a Phase 2 of the project. It was reported that funding being sourced from LEADER and the Youth Centre were looking to secure more ground from Cork County Council. The S.E.O. requested a letter from the Youth Centre outlining the details of the proposed Phase 2 of the project and the matter could be considered

Ruth O'Brien S.E.E. advised the members that there had been a substitution to the Restoration Improvement Scheme following the water main replacement between Ardgroom and Eyeries, to allow for further settlement. The substitutions were both on the R-572, 700m at Gour and 1450m at Adrigole.

John Ahern S.E.E. advised the members that 2 CIS schemes could not go ahead in Dunmanway due to the participants withdrawing and 3 substitute schemes included Behagh and Tullagh, Dunmanway and Cashel in Leap.

The members requested an update on the Ballineen Toilets and the S.E.O. noted that a designer was progressing the layout and then a Part 8 would follow on. He also advised the members that a cheaper and quicker solution for consideration included a prefabricated toilet similar to what had been recently installed in Kinsale town but the members decided not to pursue this option.

An update on the Baltimore scales was requested and the S.E.O. advised that there was a tender published for the supply and operation of a weighbridge, once a price was available the council could apply to the Minister for Fisheries based on the ascertainment from the members that the Minister had committed to fund the installation, following the tender process that the prices received had been sent to the Department for funding approval. He also noted that the Harbour Master had been asked to engage with local fisherman regarding their voluntary agreement to pay landing charges

The members agreed to hold the next meeting at the Whiddy Island Community Centre on Friday 2nd June 2023.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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