



MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEST CORK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
held at Clonakilty Council Chamber and MS Teams at 11.00am
on 2nd October 2023

Members Present:	Cllrs Paul Hayes, Deirdre Kelly, Joe Carroll, Caroline Cronin, Declan Hurley, Danny Collins
Member on MS Teams:	Cllrs Ross O'Connell, Patrick Gerard Murphy
Member Apologies:	Cllr Karen Coakley
In attendance:	MacDara O'Hici, M.D.O. W.C.M.D. Jacqueline Mansfield, M.D.O. W.C.M.D. John Ahern S.E.E. Skibbereen Ruth O'Brien, S.E.E. Bantry Martina O' Driscoll, Meeting Administrator W.C.M.D.

Cllr. J. Carroll presided.

Statutory Meeting

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- (a) **Minutes of Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 4th September 2023**

Proposed by Cllr. Declan Hurley

Secoded by Cllr. Paul Hayes

Resolved:

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

- (b) **Minutes (as circulated) of Special 'In Committee' meeting of 25th September 2023**

Proposed by Cllr. Danny Collins

Secoded by Cllr. Caroline Cronin

Resolved:

That the minutes of "In Committee" Municipal District meeting (as circulated) of 25th September 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach."

MATTERS ARISING

In relation to Section 73 Extinguishment of Right of Way, proposed and seconded from the previous meeting Cllr. D. Collins queried whether the road would still be owned by Cork County Council. R. O'Brien S.E.E. clarified that the road would still be under Cork County Council ownership but that it would not be a public road.

An update was sought on the recent one-way system in Clonakilty which was extended to the end of September. John Ahern S.E.E. advised that the Directors Order was prepared and signed last week to implement the one-way system on a permanent basis following further consultation with An Garda Siochana and that general feedback on the trial system was that it was working very well. He informed the members that the one-way street signs were in place but that the road markings would follow in the coming weeks.

In reply to a members request for an update on the seaweed flushing required at Union Hall pier, John Ahern S.E.E. noted that the flat valves at Union Hall lagoon were in place to prevent flooding at high tide and that investigations were underway to lift the lower flat valve to try and flush the seaweed out between the tides.

An update on providing parking at Castle Street, Dunmanway was requested and in response the M.D.O. noted that a design would be needed to progress any parking solutions at Castle Street and that a Part 8 would also be required for planning permission. The members discussed the need for a temporary solution in the interim to assist the local residents who have to park on Castle Street and the MDO noted that planning permission would be required for any solution being put in place and true costing would only be apparent once a design is carried out.

In reply to an update on the new Ballineen Public Toilets the M.D.O. advised the members that a design was due from the consultants and then a Part 8 and costings needed to be looked at, as well as examining other sources of funding for the project. The members requested that a report on the costs required for this project be forwarded to the members so that it can be taken into account coming into budget time.

A member requested an update on Chateaulin Orchard in Clonakilty which needed maintenance works to deal with the stone wall which had fallen down and was allocated funding from the Community Regeneration Fund. The M.D.O. noted that they were in the middle of costings to reinstate the wall and also they were getting a tree report on the health of the trees to ensure that any that needed replacing were dealt with before any further landscaping works could take place.

2. STATUTORY BUSINESS

Section 183 –Notices

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

Reenroar East, Bantry, Co. Cork

<u>Situation:</u>	Grant of wayleave at Reenroar East, Bantry, Co. Cork
<u>Area:</u>	c.171m x 6m -10m varying widths as per map Folio no. CK57686
<u>Acquired From:</u>	In Cork County Council ownership since 1972
<u>Dispose To:</u>	Liam Harnedy Construction Ltd
<u>Consideration:</u>	€1.00

On the proposal of Cllr. Danny Collins, seconded by Cllr. Caroline Cronin, members approved the above wayleave and recommended it to full plenary Council for consideration.

3. REPORTS & CORRESPONDANCE.

MDO Report.

The MDO briefed members on the MDO report and answered the members queries.

The members expressed their thanks to the lifeguard teams for providing an excellent and vital service throughout the summer months.

The outside façade of the swimming pool in Dunmanway was highlighted as needing attention as it was becoming shabby and a member queried if there were any plans to provide a facelift for this building. In response the S.E.O. noted that the focus was to deal with running the pool and expanding their services and it would be 2024 before any plans to deal with the façade could be reviewed.

The Dursey cable car and its ongoing out of service issues recently were discussed by the members. The S.E.O. acknowledged that there was further issues with the cable car recently but these had been resolved. He reminded the members that the equipment was over 50 years old and there was plans to update the motor next year or so. He advised the members that Cork County Council will always err on the side of safety when dealing with the cable car issues and that daily inspections take place before it can operate.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Deirdre Kelly joined the meeting.

The issue of extremely poor road surfacing on Main Street, Castletownbere was discussed by the members and it was described that the road surface had been completely eroded away outside of Supervalu which made it very difficult for people to access the supermarket. The lack of parking at this location was also highlighted. Ruth O'Brien S.E.E. advised the members that the area of ground across from Supervalu was owned by the Department and only the road was owned by the Council. She noted that she will review the issue with the local area engineer to carry out some routine maintenance works there.

The new arrangement for public toilets access to be facilitated by the Fish Basket at Long Strand was welcomed by the members. The S.E.O. clarified that the arrangement would mean that access by the public to the toilets in the Fish Basket.

In response to a request for an update on the pedestrian crossing requested for the Whales Tail junction in Clonakilty, John Ahern S.E.E. noted that at a recent meeting with the Roads Design Office they had decided to look at the whole issue of the N71 as there was multiple issues on the N71 through Clonakilty town and an analysis on the traffic and pedestrian issues was needed before any solutions could be reached. A recent accident at the hospital junction in Clonakilty was highlighted and a request for this junction to be included in the review of the N71 was noted.

In reply to a query on the recent appointment of a staff member to maintain public toilets the S.E.O. advised that the maintenance of public toilets was going very well and was receiving good feedback and advertising for a further person to come on board was underway.

It was reported that water meters and drains were covered over by the recent resurfacing of the road at Coorycullane Dunmanway and that residents would be unable to access their stopcocks to turn off their water.

The overgrowth of the hedgerows on the R599 by the bends at the Clubhouse and Keohane Readymix in Dunmanway causing safety issues for road users and a request for the landowners to be contacted to cut back their hedgerows was noted.

It was reported that the flashing safety lights at Kilmeen School was not working this morning and they needed to be repaired.

An update on the footbridge in Enniskeneane was requested by the members and in response John Ahern S.E.E. noted that he will get an update from the Regional and local Roads Design Office for the next meeting.

A request for road markings to be reinstated at Toormore, Goleen which was recently resurfaced was noted.

The Chair Cllr. Joe Carroll on behalf of the members welcomed the news that the money for the new weighbridge in Baltimore had been approved which was announced by the Minister last week and that works were ready to commence with the installation of the weighbridge shortly.

John Ahern S.E.E. updated the members that works at the Fax Bridge in Clonakilty had received funding from the TII and should commence in the coming weeks. He also updated the members that Cork Road, Skibbereen was still awaiting funding from the TII.

The members agreed to hold the November WCMD meeting at Dunmanway Municipal Pool on the 6th November 2023.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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