



## **CARRIGALINE MUNICIPIAL DISTRICT**

**Meeting: 19/2/2024**

Minutes proceeding of Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via teams and in the Council Chamber on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 at 2:00pm.

**Present:** Cllr. Audrey Buckley (Cathaoirleach), Cllr. Jack White (Leas Cathaoirleach). Cllr. Marcia D'Alton, Cllr Seamus McGrath, Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan, Cllr. Una McCarthy.

**In Attendance:** Denise Kidney, Municipal District Officer; Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer; Flor O'Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer; Maurice Murphy, Senior Executive Officer; Cormac Ó Súilleabháin, Senior Engineer, Sarah Graham, Assistant Staff Officer; Dylan O'Connell, Clerical Officer.

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes**

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton asked that her name to be corrected on page 7 in the January 2024 minutes. The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were proposed by Cllr. Audrey Buckley and seconded by Cllr. McGrath.

### **2. Matters arising**

Cllr. White asked if a response to correspondence was received from Bus Éireann. Denise Kidney confirmed no response was received. Members agreed that the matter may need to be escalated to the NTA.

Cllr. White asked if there was a response from the Roads Directorate about the addition of cameras to traffic lights in the district. Madeleine Healy said she had not received a response and would follow up.

Cllr. McGrath asked if a response had been received from EIR over a defective chamber in the footpath by the Carrigaline Court Hotel. He also noted the lack of progress when dealing with the telecommunications company, Madeleine Healy replied she did not know if Cork County Council got a response from Eir. She informed the meeting that a road opening licence has been requested and granted which shows an intention to fix the issue by Eir.

Cllr. McGrath asked about data collection on Ringaskiddy School Road. Madeline Healy replied to the councillor saying that the data has been gathered and is being analysed.

Cllr. D'Alton asked for an update on derelict sites in the Carrigaline MD. Denise Kidney noted that the Town Regeneration Group are compiling the list, and it will be on the Agenda for the March meeting. Cllr. Buckley asked if the derelict sites register is only for the Carrigaline MD or all areas. Denise Kidney confirmed the derelict sites register will cover all areas within Cork County Council.



Cllr. D'Alton also requested an update on plans for the inner lane at Janeville. Madeline Healy has discussed the matter with the RLRDO and is awaiting a report on same. Cllr. D'Alton finished up by saying how grateful she was for litter picking works carried out by the area office in the Monkstown/Raffeen area.

### **3. Correspondence**

Denise Kidney confirmed she has been in contact with Bus Éireann, and she is still waiting for contact with the HSA. Denise Kidney said that Cllr. Buckley mentioned a site in Crosshaven where asbestos had been discovered which has seen no activity for some time and wondered if anything could be done. Cllr Dalton raised the Irish Water Shanbally plant and complaints received. Denise Kidney confirmed that no response was received to correspondence issued.

### **4. Breithniúcháin ar Tuairiscí agus Moltaí / Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.**

#### **(i) Monkstown Active Travel Link and Public Realm Enhancement**

Flor O'Sullivan and Cormac Ó Súilleabháin gave an update, which outlined the modifications following public consultation about the Monkstown Active Travel Link and Public Realm Enhancement.

Cllr. McGrath said he is happy with the modifications and asked for a copy of them to be circulated. Cormac Ó Súilleabháin said they will finalise the report and share with the members. Cllr. D'Alton said she is very happy and Cllr. McCarthy echoed these sentiments.

#### **(ii) Carrigaline Transportation and Public Realm Enhancement Plan (TPREP) Phase 1B**

Cormac Ó Súilleabháin gave an update on the Carrigaline Transportation and Public Realm Enhancement Plan Phases 1B.

Cormac Ó Súilleabháin said only one modification will have to be made. Cormac Ó Súilleabháin then explained that they will terminate the scheme at Woodview. Cllr. White said he is happy to support this, and he noted that the introduction of speed ramps is welcomed but there are still issues, like the lack of decent footpaths on the Lower Kilmoney Road. Cllr. McGrath said that the footpaths need to be widened on Kilmoney Road and that will improve the safety of the locals. He also mentioned parking around St Mary's Church of Ireland and asked what scope we have to do something about it. Cllr. McCarthy explained the importance of the footpath being widened. Cllr. White supported Cllr. McGrath's point about St Mary's Church of Ireland. Cormac Ó Súilleabháin closed off this discussion by saying that those are good schemes, and he will look at the matter relating to St Mary's Church of Ireland.

#### **(iii) Newport News Update**

Cllr Buckley said a delegation of students from Newport News will be coming over from 19<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. Jim Kelly from the Carrigaline Twinning Association is looking after this. Will Reidy is organising the trip for the students, and a plan needs to be put together for what the students will be doing.



Maurice Murphy and Denise Kidney said they will talk to Mr. Reidy about activities for the students. Maurice Murphy also mentioned having the group of students on site at Fort Camden.

(iv) Fort Camden Meagher – Verbal Update

Maurice Murphy gave a verbal update on Fort Camden Meagher. He said that the contractors are due to finish in mid-March and a training day for volunteers was held. He also said that Cork County Council are engaging with two potential operators of the café site. Maurice Murphy also said they are on target to open in March or the first week of April. Cllr. Buckley asked about the opening hours and Maurice Murphy said they are hoping to open from Tuesday to Sunday. Cllr. Buckley said people need to be mindful of parking over the proximity of the site to Crosshaven GAA and Crosshaven AFC. Cllr. White talked about the operation of the café and said it should be opened all year round. Maurice Murphy said access to the site is challenging as this is a heritage site. Cllr. McGrath supported Cllr. White and said access is very important. He also welcomed the recruitment of 21 volunteers. Cllr. White asked about the closing date for people applying to become manager at Fort Camden Meagher. Maurice Murphy said it was the 19<sup>th</sup> of February.

## 5. DIÚSCAIRT TALÚN

### Disposal of Property

#### Fógra Alt 183 / Section 183 Notice

(A) Disposal of Carrigaline Area Office

Denise Kidney gave an update on the S.183 Notice the Disposal of the Carrigaline area office. She notified the councillors that this will go before full council on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February and invited questions.

Cllr. White asked for this to be deferred so the councillors can review the process and the sale. Maurice Murphy went through the process behind Section 183 and said it will either be agreed or not at full council.

Cllr. White asked how the process was initiated, how it was developed, and how the result came about. Maurice Murphy said that he reviewed the process and is satisfied that the process was conducted appropriately in a fair and equitable manner.

Cllr. White then asked for a document outlining the process for the disposal and Maurice Murphy said that could be provided to the members.

Cllr. White enquired about the adjudicating process for an application and asked was it a points-based system or opinion based.

Maurice Murphy explained that a points-based system was used to differentiate between the organisations on their role and work in the community. He confirmed that the purpose of this was to distinguish between bidders should two bids be equal .

Cllr. McCarthy asked if it was made clear that the highest bidder would be selected as the preferred bidder. Maurice Murphy said that an independent auctioneer was used by Cork County Council to



facilitate this process and all parties were aware that the community element was going to be considered in a situation where bids matched.

Cllr. McGrath noted that the councillors within the Carrigaline Municipal District were notified of the successful bidder at the commencement of the meeting and asked when the name of the successful bidder would be made public. Maurice Murphy confirmed that it would become public when the agenda for the full council is published. He also asked if the other bidders would be notified this week of the result. Maurice confirmed they would be notified once the disposal was approved by full Council.

Cllr. White suggested a vote on not bringing the motion to full council. Maurice Murphy advised that the County Solicitors office advised that it is notice only that it is required and only if the members pass a resolution not to proceed will the transaction not go ahead.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan then asked what would happen if Carrigaline members passed a resolution not to proceed. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan asked if the financial aspect took primacy over the community aspect of the disposal. Maurice Murphy replied yes as outlined in his previous response to Cllr. White

Cllr. Buckley asked was there anything they could do as a council to stop the disposal going to full council. Maurice Murphy noted that he had been advised that full council decide on disposals and that legislation did not require it to be notified at MD level. He advised that listing at MD meetings was a courtesy introduced by the former Chief Executive.

Councillors agreed to take a five-minute recess to allow them time to consider the matter.

When the Carrigaline MD reconvened, Councillors did not seek a resolution and agreed for the disposal to go to full council. Cllr. White stated that he would like a condition to be added that Carrigaline MD members be consulted before it is listed for full council. Maurice Murphy stated that that would be a matter for Corporate Services who administer full council meetings.

## **6. Municipal District Officers Report**

Denise Kidney went through the report.

Cllr. Buckley inquired about the raised table at Fountainstown and she asked if an engineer was consulted. Madeleine Healy informed Cllr. Buckley that she will speak with the engineer regarding this matter. Cllr. McGrath supports this. Cllr. White said it is helpful to engage on this.

## **7. Chun na Ruin so leanas ón gComhairleoid a mhead:/ To consider the following Notices if**

**Motion in the name of:**

### **Cllr. Seamus McGrath**

1. "To request that additional safety barriers be erected along the riverside of the Ballea Road."

Cllr. McGrath wanted to acknowledge the work already done in the area and he noted that more needs to be done. He then referred to a recent incident which saw a car go into the water. He welcomes Madeline Healy's response. This motion was supported by Cllr. Buckley and Cllr. Dalton



O'Sullivan. Madeleine Healy stated that there are very few areas remaining where a barrier is a suitable option. The team is currently assessing the remaining area.

2. "To seek a written update from the Sustainable Travel Unit on plans to provide an Active Travel link between Carrigaline and Douglas/Rochestown in the context of the M28 Project."

Cllr. McGrath welcomed the response and said he hopes the M28 project will mean greater connectivity between Douglas and Carrigaline from an active travel point of view. Cllr. McGrath said it is critically important that an active travel link is proved. Cllr. D'Alton supports this motion.

3. " To request additional public lighting at Station Road, Carrigaline."

Cllr. McGrath noted that he raised this issue previously and that there is a black spot at the end of Station Road and one light will make a huge difference. Madeline Healy said that the public lighting team looked at this previously on foot of request submitted. Madeleine Healy will revert to the Public Lighting Section with the specific location of Cllr. McGrath's request. Cllr. McGrath thanked Madeleine Healy for her response.

#### **Cllr. Audrey Buckley**

1. "That we get an update on public toilets and bins for the summer season, at local beaches, and Crosshaven Village."

Cllr. Buckley said that this should be part of the annual budget and may raise this issue at full council. Denise Kidney said they should know about funding in March as she will look for information in a budget meeting. Cllr. D'Alton and Cllr. McGrath support this motion. Maurice Murphy said he will take a look.

2. "Will our area office be working on cutting back areas where line of site, hedges out on our public roads need to be cut back. Due to the many walkers using our roads for walking I would ask that we look at reminding landowners of their responsibility to trim back areas where it is dangerous for walkers and cars. As stipulated, that it is an offence to cut back after March 1st until 31st August. "

Cllr. Buckley thanked Madeleine Healy for her response and asked if the council will do any media coverage on the responsibility of landowners to trim back areas where it is dangerous for walkers and cars. Madeleine Healy confirmed that landowners responsibilities regarding roadside vegetation was advertised annually both on social media and in the national papers. She states that if there is a specific area that the members deem hazardous and if they can identify the landowner the Local Area Officer will write to them individually.

3. "with an added 100 homes on churchbay road, potentially 200 added cars on this road. I would like a report done on how to safeguard the many walkers using the road. When will the footpath be install on the bad bend on churchbay road, Helms Point temporary access to Churchbay road should it now be closed as they are now connected to the wastewater and water on churchbay road."

Cllr. Buckley wants a time frame when the footpath is going in as more people will be out walking with the summer months coming in. Cllr. White seconded the motion, . Cllr. McGrath also supports this motion. Madeleine Healy stated that private entities are currently involved in this, and it is not within the remit of Cork County Council to decide when works are carried out on private property. Once that is resolved they will be in a better position to assess what is best to do at the bend. Cllr. Buckley asked



about the temporary road accessing the Helms Point development. Madeline Healy said that is part of the planning process. Cllr. White asked about the entrance to Brightwater and his previous request for a raised table at that location. Madeline Healy said that she had applied for funding for this location under the Low-Cost Safety initiative but had no account yet as to whether funding had been allocated.

#### **Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan**

1. "Noting that Killingley cemetery is at full capacity, Cork County Council would outline plans for the extension of Killingley cemetery in Ballygarvan to the lands under its ownership and previously acquired for this purpose at the bottom of the "new cemetery". Currently the land is not in use and fenced off."

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan said there is room for 110 graves, and this is a big revenue generator. He also said there has been incidents where locals could not be buried in the cemetery, they wished to be buried in. Denise Kidney said that Cork County Council is looking into this, and she will be back to the councillor with a response. Cllr McGrath supports this motion and acknowledges the maintenance work carried out by the area office within Killingley graveyard. Cllr. D'Alton supports this motion and asked about an update on the Columbarium walls.

2. "Asking the RLRDO to consider a traffic calming scheme for Halfway Village."

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan welcomed the response.

3. "Requesting that the Meadstown section of the Forest Road be included in the 2024 Resurfacing program."

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan welcomed the response.

#### **Cllr. Una McCarthy**

1. "To obtain a written update regarding the planned travel link between R611, Cork Road and the Carrigaline Education Campus, as well as an approximate start date for the construction."

Cllr. McCarthy thanked Senior Engineer Liam Ahearn for his response. She said it is important that this will be completed as it will be a huge benefit to parents and children. Cllr. McGrath supports and seconds this motion. He notes it is very urgently needed in this area.

2. "To discuss potential preventive measures against unsocial behaviour at the playground in Carrigaline."

Cllr. McCarthy thanked Denise Kidney for her response and asked about safeguarding and prevention measures. Cllr. White supports this motion. Cllr. White asked for a review as to why the playground isn't locked in the evenings. Cllr. McGrath supports this motion and says maybe talking to An Garda Síochána is a solution. Denise Kidney said that closing the parks in Cork County Council could cost €1m a year and there are GDPR issues regarding CCTV cameras. Maurice Murphy said we will engage with An Garda Síochána. Cllr. White asked about getting a quote for just locking the park in Carrigaline. Maurice Murphy replied saying Cork County Council will look at all options. Cllr. D'Alton said that Douglas Park had a lock and there is scope for a community led scheme to be used. Cllr. McGrath



agreed with this and said we need to look at the bye laws and see if those can be updated. Maurice Murphy finished this discussion by saying enforcement is a big issue.

3. "To request that a traffic survey be carried out, recording speed and traffic volume, on the Fernhill Road Carrigaline, specifically the area where the Fernhill road meets the N28 Ringaskiddy road."

Cllr. McCarthy thanked Madeline Healy for her response said the number of trucks passing on the road is deepening the potholes, and she would like more done to combat this as the sweeper is not having the desired effect. She asked for this to be investigated as the N28 won't be finished until 2030. Cllr. White supports this motion and so does Cllr. McGrath, who said residents feel trapped over the volume of cars that drive on this road. Madeline Healy said she hopes that a digital speed sign will be in place by the end of the month. She also said there might be information re-traffic volumes available from M28 project team and she has made a request for same. The M28 have a site on the Fernhill Road where material is being deposited and stored. This has led to dust and mud being deposited on the road, but the project team have implemented measures to ensure that trucks are cleaned before leaving site and there is a road sweeper on site constantly to tackle and remaining debris from the vehicles entering and leaving the site. This should address a lot of the issues that had arisen re-state of the road.

#### **Cllr. Jack White**

1. "That this MD seek extra traffic calming measures on the main thoroughfare in Waterpark, Carrigaline. An extra ramp on the well-lit, flat section at or near the traffic lights by the old shop would be hugely beneficial."

Cllr. White drew attention to the volume of traffic at Waterpark and said there is a gap by Cedar Wood. Cllr. McCarthy supports this motion and says an extra ramp is needed. Madeline Healy said we will assess what options are available.

#### **Cllr. Marcia D'Alton**

1. "That to provide clarity to users, the signage at the entrances to the greenway at Roberts Bridge and Toureen, Passage West would be updated with the rules that are currently relevant."

Cllr. D'Alton thanked Denise Kidney for her response, and she stated the reasoning behind her motion was that this issue was previously brought up in 2021 and again in June 2023. Cllr. D'Alton said she was told that signage had been ordered and would be erected, and this has not happened. Denise Kidney said she is going to go and take pictures. She also said that she will investigate and get back to Cllr. D'Alton with more information.

2. "That the Carrigaline Municipal District would work with the IDA and any other relevant body to enable the provision of a shower or tap to facilitate swimmers at Luck Beach, Ringaskiddy."

Cllr. D'Alton thanked Denise for her response, Cllr. D'Alton said she previously asked for a shower facility for swimmers at this location. She noted that the IDA involvement would be small as there is a wastewater treatment plant located near the beach and the water supply would come from here.



IDA would only need to sign off on works. Denise Kidney said she found a letter from 2021 requesting a tap/shower and she has re-issued another letter.

3. “That with the backing of Cork County Council, this Municipal District would leave no stone unturned in the aim of providing a decent car park to serve Passage West town centre. A car park would enable the Passage West Framework Plan and would allow both the residential and commercial functions of the town centre to grow and flourish.”

Cllr. D’Alton said there is no car park in the centre of Passage and the town cannot properly function without one. Cllr. McGrath supports this motion. Maurice Murphy alliterated Denise Kidney’s response. Cllr. McCarthy supports this motion.

### **8. Votes of Congratulations**

Cllr. McCarthy would like to congratulate St Peter’s Community School Passage for winning the FAI Schools Senior B Boys National Cup Final. Cllr. White would like to congratulate St Mary’s Church of Ireland on 200 years, and Cllr. McGrath supports this. Cllr. White also congratulated the organisers of the Haulbowline Island Junior Park Run.

### **9. Any other Business**

Cllr. D’Alton commended the area office work done in clearing a road in Monkstown and made the following points:

1. Cleaning a slipway in Monkstown.
2. The collapse of earth by Aldi and could this be investigated.
3. A loose basket in the playground.
4. A mast that went up in Pembroke.
5. Issues with the traffic lights at the Barnahealy Junction on N28.
6. Potholes by the community centre in Passage West.

Cllr. McGrath mentioned the following points:

1. Advanced signage on the crossing at Church Road.
2. Issues with Owenabue Car Park and could something be done about them.

Cllr. Buckley mentioned the following points:

1. She would like an update on the byelaws.
2. She mentioned a previous motion about studies in Crosshaven on parking.
3. Issues with a water tap at Robert’s Cove.

Denise Kidney will look into the need for the study on car parking in Crosshaven.

Jack White mentioned the following items:

1. Queried the erection of fencing at Pottery Road blocking off access to riverside walk.
2. Will the Municipal District be writing to candidates about where posters will go.





Cllr. Buckley said that Crosshaven will be a poster free zone and candidates will be told 30 days before the election where they can put their posters. Maurice Murphy said he will speak to corporate services about this. Cllr. D'Alton endorses Cllr. White's query re fencing at Pottery Road.

Maurice Murphy said he will reach out to members about the byelaws, and he explained that a location for the posters will be made public once Cork County Council gets legal advice. Cllr. Buckley said that Alan Cogan has the maps and that is in relation to the byelaws.

Madeline Healy will follow up with Cllr. D'Alton about her issue with Haulbowline and she will arrange for the bank by Aldi to be looked at. She will also arrange for someone to come in and look at potholes by the community centre. She said there is a planning process in place re erection of masts, and this involves interaction with the area office. The issue raised re traffic lights at Barnahealy is being assessed Denise Kidney said she will talk to finance about the car park.

She will also investigate Cllr Whites query re fencing at Pottery road and will investigate options re advance signage at the pedestrian crossing on Church road for Cllr McGrath.

Denise Kidney confirmed with the elected members of the Carrigaline Municipal District that the next meeting will be on the Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> of March.