



# Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

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## Cork County Council

Minutes of Proceedings at Meeting of Cork County Council held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork and by Microsoft Teams on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### I LATHAIR

#### Comhairleoir Sean Ó hÉalaithe, Leas Mhéara

**Comhairleoiri:** Uí Chochláin G, Ó Colmáin, Ó Murchú C, Ó Suilleabháin Sean, Uí Shuilleabháin M, Ó Donnabháin, Ó Coileáin D, Ó Murchú PG, Ní Chróinín, Heinhold, Mac Craith, Uí Daltún, Uí Ní Charthaigh U, Bhuachalla, De Faoite, Daltún-Ó Suilleabháin, Ní Cheallacháin, Barra, Sheppard, Rasmussen, Ó Conbhubhair Sean, Ó Conchubair Alan, MacCarthaigh N, Ó Flionn, Uí Bhriain, Dawson, Ó Laoghaire, De Róiste, Ó Muineacháin B, Ó Dubhghaill, Ó Sé Sean Pól, Críod, Uí Muineacháin G, Ó Luanaigh, Ó Cochláin M, Uí Loinsigh, Ó Luasa, Ó Haodha Padriagh, Ó Murchú Gearóid, Ó Cionaithe, Ó Madaoin, Ó Sé Tony, Léineacháin Uí Foghlú, Ó Héigheartaigh, Ní Heachthigheirn, Uí Thuama, MacCarthaigh Susan, Mac Uaid, Ní Cheallaigh, Ó Cearbhaill, Ó Muirthile, Uí Chaochlaioich, Ó Haodha Pól.

### PRESENT

#### Councillor John Healy, Deputy Mayor, presided.

**Councillor:** Coughlan G, Coleman, Murphy K, O'Sullivan J, O'Sullivan M, O'Donovan, Collins D, Murphy PG, Cronin, Heinhold, McGrath, D'Alton, McCarthy U, Buckley A, White, Dalton O'Sullivan, O'Callaghan, Barry, Sheppard, Rasmussen, O'Connor S, O'Connor A, McCarthy N, O'Flynn, O'Brien, O'Leary, Dawson, Roche, Moynihan B, Doyle, O'Shea JP, Creed, Moynihan G, Looney, Coughlan M, Lynch, Lucey, Hayes Pat, Murphy Gearóid, Kenny, Madden, O'Shea Tony, Linehan-Foley, Hegarty M, Ahern, Twomey, McCarthy S, Quaide, Kelly, Carroll, Hurley, Coakley, Hayes Paul

Chief Executive, Director of Services Roads & Transportation, Senior Executive Officer Corporate Services.

#### [a] CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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*Proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath*

*Seconded by Cllr. Michael Hegarty*

### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March be confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

## SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

*Proposed by Cllr. Liam Quaide*

*Seconded by Cllr. John Healy*

To discuss the suspension of the pay scheme for healthcare workers with severe Long Covid.

## [b] VOTES OF SYMPATHY

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**TO:** George O'Malley on the passing of his mother Kathleen O'Malley.

## [e] REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES TUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ Ó CHOISTÍ

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### CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Approval of attendance by Members at Conferences/Training on the Conference list for April 2024.

*Proposed by Councillor John Paul O'Shea*

*Seconded by Councillor Karen Coakley*

## [f] REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS TUAIRISCÍ AGUS MOLTAÍ Ó OIFIGH

4/4-1

### ROADS CAPITAL ALLOCATION GRANT 2024:

Niall Healy, Director of Services, Roads and Transportation presented to Members on the 2024 Transport Infrastructure Ireland Grant Allocations to Local Authorities for National Roads, Active Travel & Greenways.

### TII ALLOCATION 2024:

Major Projects	€28,550,000
Active Travel	€3,075,000
Minor Scheme	€ 10,750,000
Pavements	€ 6,350,000
HD15, 17 & minor works	€ 1,655,000
Greenways	€ 5,850,000
Maintenance	€ 1,233,848
<b>TOTAL (incl NRO Support of €3.05m and PLEEP €1.323m)</b>	<b>€61,836,848</b>

## Major Scheme Allocations - €28,550,000

### National Primary

- M28 Ringaskiddy/Cork €17,600,000
- N22 Baile Bhuirne to Macroom €10,000,000
- N40/M8/N25 Dunkettle Interchange € 200,000
- N25 Midleton to Youghal € 450,000

### National Secondary

- N72/73 Mallow Relief Road € 300,000

In addition to the above there was an allocation of €4,040,000 to Limerick City & County Council for the NM20 – Cork Limerick Project.

### M28 Cork to Ringaskiddy:

A number of project elements are being progressed. These include the following:

- Site clearance & fencing substantially progressed
- Liaison with all Utility Providers ongoing with ESB, IW, Enet. Extensive utility diversions are ongoing across the site, including diversions of the Harbour & City watermain, ESB lines and EIR and Enet services.
- The main Archaeology contract was awarded in 2021 and is progressing well.
- Ongoing Stakeholder engagement with affected landowners and land acquisition ongoing.
- Active Travel Plan options are being progressed.
- Tender competition to appoint Technical Advisors for detailed design and construction supervision completed in 2023.
- Tender process for main construction contract(s) to be progressed in 2024.
- Public Spending Code Approvals required before contractor appointment
- Scheme included in NDP 2026 – 2030
- 2024 funding allocation falls short of the level of funding required to maintain momentum on this project.

### N22 The Baile Bhuirne to Macroom Scheme

The main Design and Build Contract was awarded to a joint venture of Jons Civil Engineering Ltd and John Cradock Ltd., on the 17th of October 2019.

- Cork County Council opened a section of the scheme on the 9th December 2022. This sectional opening, described as the Macroom Interim Bypass extends from the new roundabout at Coolcour to Carrigaphooca.
- A further sectional opening between Carrigaphooca and Toonlane was achieved on the 11th August 2023.
- The balance of the scheme was officially opened to traffic on 6th November 2023.

### N8/N25 Dunkettle Interchange:

- In terms of link openings, a number of the new links opened simultaneously, to their permanent alignment in early July 2023.
- Link D: Northbound (N40 to M8) was opened to traffic in September 2023.
- The balance of the links were completed in advance of the official opening of the scheme.
- The project reached substantial completion and was officially opened on 12th February 2024.

## NATIONAL ROADS:

### N72/N73 Mallow Relief Road:

- Options Selection Report completed and approved in 2022.
- Site investigations along the route corridor were progressed during the summer months of 2022.
- Activity on this project during 2023 was largely suspended.
- 2024 funding allocation falls short of the level of funding required to re-establish and maintain momentum on this project.

### **Active Travel Allocations - €3,075,000**

#### National Primary

- N28 Ringaskiddy - €800,000 – Ringaskiddy Public Realm and AT scheme to be progressed as part of M28 Cork to Ringaskiddy scheme in 2024
- N22 Baile Bhuirne Macroom - €250,000 – funding sufficient to progress options assessment in 2024
- N8 Tivoli to Little Island - €200,000 options to to be progressed in 2024

#### National Secondary

- N71 Glasslinn Road/Clare O’Leary Walk - €1,000,000 – funding sufficient to progress construction of Clare O’Leary walk during 2024.
- N71 Gallanes - €800,000 adequate to progress construction during 2024 (1.5km GW)
- N71 Glengarriff to National Park - €25,000 – conclude options appraisal in 2024

### **Minor Scheme Allocations - €10,750,000**

#### National Primary

- N20 Charleville Relief route - €50,000

#### National Secondary

- N71 Bandon bypass Extension - €150,000 – funding sufficient to progress route options and appraisal in 2024
- N71 Newmills to Owenahincha - €100,000– funding sufficient to progress route options and appraisal in 2024
- N73 Annakisha South - €9,400,000 – currently under construction. Funding sufficient to fund this scheme to completion, currently Q4, 2024 or Q1 2025.
- N73 Clogher Cross – Waterdyke €1,000,000 - funding sufficient to complete close out works for this project in 2024

N72 Firville to Newberry junction - €50,000

### **Pavement Scheme Allocations - €6,350,000**

#### National Secondary

- N71 Ballylickey to Dromkeal - €1,600,000
- N72 Fermoy Town Phase 1 - €450,000
- N72 Lyradown Phase 1 - €2,300,000
- N72 Meenskeha - €2,000,000

Funding for further pavement improvement schemes on National Road Network in Cork required.

### **HD15 & HD17 Minor Works- €1,655,000**

#### National Primary

- N20 Charleville Safety Scheme - €250,000
- N22 Castlemore RSIS - €30,000

- N22 Baile Bhuirne Ped X - €200,000
- N25 Carrigtohill to Middleton Junction Safety Improvement - €200,000

### National Secondary

- N72 Ballymaquirke Junction - €145,000
- N72 Fermoy Christchurch - €800,000
- N72 Grange Fermoy - €30,000

### N72 Ballymaquirke Junction upgrade:

- The existing Ballymaquirke Junction is situated at the intersection of the N72 National Secondary Road and the R579 Regional Road.
- CPO published 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.
- ABP approval received on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- TII approval to proceed to tender received in 2022.
- Tender notice construction contract issued September Tender return date - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022.
- TII approval to award the contract received in late 2022.
- Construction start date 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
- Scheme officially opened to traffic on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Greenways - €5,850,000.

- Mallow to Dungarvan - €300,000. Peer review of emerging preferred route under way
- Muskerry Greenway (Lee to Sea) – €50,000.
- South Cork Greenway (Cork to Kinsale) - €450,000. Technical Advisors progressing assessment of study area.
- West Cork Greenway (Cork to Schull) - €800,000. Technical Advisors progressing assessment of study area.
- Office Greenway Support - €250,000

Middleton to Youghal - €4,000,000 – funding sufficient to continue construction in 2024

### DoT Regional & Local Road Grants 2024:

#### Main grant types

Type	Description
Restoration improvement	Pavement strengthening & overlays (annual programme approved by Members)
Restoration Maintenance	Surfacing dressing
Discretionary Grant	Maintenance (e.g. pothole repair)
Bridge Rehabilitation	Repair/replacement of road supporting structures (introduced in 2014; works programme based on rolling programme of inspection)

Specific Improvement Grant	Improvement works between €200k & €5M (typically realignments, junction improvements)
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Type	Description
Strategic R&L Roads	Improvement works greater than €5M (typically relief roads, bypasses)
Safety Improvement Works	Safety improvements at locations with an accident history
Drainage Works	Drainage works
Community Involvement Scheme	Community contribution (10-20%) in the upkeep of lightly trafficked public roads
Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience	Measures to make road network more resilient to the effects of climate change (introduced in 2021; typically mitigating against flooding, undermining of roads, etc)

#### DoT Regional & Local Road Grants 2024

Cork County Council	
Restoration Improvement	€37,384,000
Restoration Maintenance	€5,112,500
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€4,473,000
Discretionary Grant	€9,906,500
Bridge Rehabilitation	€1,887,840
Specific Imp. Grant	€3,075,000
Strategic Regional & Local Roads	€150,000
Safety Improvement Works	€955,000
PSCI: Survey Support	€95,000
Training Grant	€266,000
Drainage Works	€2,261,000
Former National Roads	€750,000
Cycle Signs	€14,520
Speed Limits (Housing Area Signage)	€25,600
Speed Limits (Rural Speed Limit Signage)	€29,000
Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works	€2,119,000
Community Involvement Scheme	€1,695,600
Severe Weather	€13,000,000
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>€83,199,560</b>

Comparison with 2023 excluding Severe Weather:

Grant Type	2023	2024	% Change
Restoration Improvement	€36,767,500	€37,384,000	1.60%
Restoration Maintenance	€9,585,500	€9,585,500	0.00%
Discretionary Grant	€9,874,000	€9,906,500	0.00%
Bridge Rehabilitation	€1,867,122	€1,887,840	1.1%
<b>Specific Improvement Grants</b>	<b>€4,635,000</b>	<b>€3,075,000</b>	<b>-33.6%</b>
<b>Strategic R&amp;L Roads</b>	<b>€175,000</b>	<b>€150,000</b>	<b>-14.20%</b>
Safety Improvement Works	€901,000	€955,000	6.00%
Speed Limits	€50,700	€54,600	7.69%
Training Grant	€266,000	€266,000	0.00%
<b>Drainage Works</b>	<b>€2,512,500</b>	<b>€2,261,000</b>	<b>-10.00%</b>
Community Involvement Scheme	€1,695,600	€1,695,600	0.00%
PSCI Survey Support	€95,000	€95,000	0.00%
<b>Cycle Signs</b>	<b>€23,320</b>	<b>€14,520</b>	<b>-37.73%</b>
<b>Climate Change Adaptation &amp; Resilience</b>	<b>€2,191,800</b>	<b>€2,119,000</b>	<b>-3.32%</b>
Former National Roads	€700,000	€750,000	7.14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>€71,340,042</b>	<b>€70,199,560</b>	<b>-1.60%</b>

#### Historical Comparison:

Year	DOT Grant
2008	€64,994,744*
2009	€43,880,723
2010	€42,384,713
2011	€42,900,800
2012	€45,330,750
2013	€39,724,206
2014	€36,978,939
2015	€32,213,276
2016	€29,651,945
2017	€36,049,508
2018	€44,092,735
2019	€50,465,240
2020	€57,884,935
2021	€64,008,032
2022	€65,817,488
2023	€71,340,042
2024	<b>€70,199,560</b>

## Specific Improvement Works

Scheme	Allocation	Status
L6522 Graball Bay	€400,000	Scheme in conjunction with County Engineer Dept.
R595 Old Court, Baltimore	€1,000,000	Construction Q3 to Q4'24
R600 Bowen's Cross	€15,000	Complete contract documents
R586 Ilen Bridge	€1,500,000	Advance works '24
R572 Adrigole	€50,000	Finalisation of prelim design '24
R600 Archdeacon Duggan Bridge	€50,000	Complete contract documents
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,075,000</b>	

## Strategic Regional & Local Roads:

### R624 Great Island:

- Project Outline Document (POD) submitted to DOT Q1'24
- €150,000 allocation to Great Island Connectivity Scheme in 2024
- 2024 allocation will allow CCC to move the project to the preliminary business case stage, subject to DOT approval of the POD

## DoT Regional & Local Road Grants 2024

2024 Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works			
Project Code	Road Number	Scheme Title	LA Allocation
CC/CCAR/24/001	L55161-0	Aghaburren Churchtown	€200,000
CC/CCAR/24/003	L-3630-22	L3630 Ballymaloe Culvert Improvement Works	€40,000
CC/CCAR/24/004	L4017-13	Fax Bridge	€150,000
CC/CCAR/24/005	L1407-0	Clonkilla, Mitcheltown Flood Relief works	€15,000
CC/CCAR/24/006	L3216	Repairs to Oysterhaven Seawall	€70,000
CC/CCAR/24/007	L-3004	Kilcoolishal Flooding, Glounthaune	€70,000
CC/CCAR/24/008	R-582	Killarney Road, Millstreet	€75,000
CC/CCAR/24/009	R611	Drainage works R611 Castleheights	€30,000
CC/CCAR/24/010	L1028	Percival Street, Kanturk	€50,000
CC/CCAR/24/011	CCC road, but no road number	Lisheens, Kealkill	€25,000
CC/CCAR/24/012	L4412	Dunbeacon road drainage	€21,500
CC/CCAR/24/013	L-3609-0	Ballincurrig Village L3609 Road Drainage Improvements	€160,000
CC/CCAR/24/014	L4013-0	Inchydoney Rd, Clonakilty	€50,000
CC/CCAR/24/015	L-5786	School road, Rathcormac	€25,000
CC/CCAR/24/016	L-1503-40	Ballyhooley Road, Rathcormac	€68,000
CC/CCAR/24/017	L1518-0	Castlelyons Main St	€20,000
CC/CCAR/24/018	L-1518-0	Castlelyons Main Street (school road towards BrideBridge)	€10,000
CC/CCAR/24/019	L3216-25	The seawall along Oysterhaven beach needs some repairs as the road is supported by this wall and this is the only means of access in and out of this area	€40,000
CC/CCAR/24/021	L-6228-0	River Bride undermining at Ovens	€100,000
CC/CCAR/24/023	R611	Carrigaline Main Street	€50,000
CC/CCAR/24/024	LP-1217/ LT-92001	Burnfort	€140,000
CC/CCAR/24/026	L-3609-0	L3609 Corbally Road Drainage Improvements	€60,000



CC/CCAR/24/028	R-628-166	Curraglass -county bounds	€16,500
CC/CCAR/24/029	R-628-147	Curraglass School	€18,000
CC/CCAR/24/030	L-97304	Ballynoe, Kildollery	€15,000
CC/CCAR/24/031	R600	Coastal protection required for the R600 Wild Atlantic Way due to undermining by the sea at Lisheenaleen south of Kilbrittain	€125,000
CC/CCAR/24/032	L-1445-0	Knocknapul past cross roads	€16,500
CC/CCAR/24/033	L-1417-0	Mill Rd, Kilworth	€18,000
CC/CCAR/24/034		Curraheen, Conna	€26,500
CC/CCAR/24/035	L-2960-0	Whitechurch - Carrignavar Rd	€25,000
CC/CCAR/24/036	L-2764	Shournagh Line	€40,000
CC/CCAR/24/037	N28	Ringaskiddy Village drainage	€50,000
CC/CCAR/24/038	L-1533-0	Clondulane Village	€16,500
CC/CCAR/24/040	R576	O'Brien Street, Kanturk	€80,000
CC/CCAR/24/041	L-2209-0	Ovens Bar Flooding	€20,000
CC/CCAR/24/042	L6489	Captains Boreen Drainage works	€10,000
CC/CCAR/24/043	L8095	Protection of access road from collapse to Simons Cove beach	€80,000
CC/CCAR/24/044	L-6769	St. Olan's Well	€20,000
CC/CCAR/24/045	L-5863-0	Bettyville, Clondulane	€15,000
CC/CCAR/24/047	L-5602-9	Ballyshonack road, Tankardstown	€17,500
CC/CCAR/24/048	R-587	R-587 Drainage Improvements near O'Mearas	€40,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>€2,119,000</b>

2024 Specific Improvement Grants	
Scheme Name	LA Allocation
L 6522 Graball Bay	€400,000
R595 Old Court, Skibbereen to Baltimore	€1,000,000
R600 Bowen's Cross Upgrade	€75,000
R586 Ilen Bridge	€1,500,000
R572 Realignment at Adrigole	€50,000
R600 Archdeacon Duggan Bridge	€50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€3,075,000</b>

2024 Strategic Regional and Local	
Scheme Name	LA Allocation
Great Island Connectivity Scheme (R624 Cobh Road)	€150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€150,000</b>

2024 Bridge Rehabilitation Works on Regional and Local Roads			
Project Code	Road Number	Location	LA Allocation
CC/BR/24/001	L4612	Farnanes Bridge	€198,000
CC/BR/24/002	R595	Bunlick East Bridge	€191,000
CC/BR/24/003	R576	Greenane Bridge	€116,000
CC/BR/24/004	R907	Cork Road Bridge	€81,000
CC/BR/24/005	L1423	Baker's Bridge	€71,000
CC/BR/24/006	L47242	Derryduff Bridge	€128,000
CC/BR/24/007	L60391	Killbarry Bridge	€54,840
CC/BR/24/008	L2014	Cappaknockane Bridge	€45,000

CC/BR/24/009	Various	Various [Cork North & East Regions]	€190,000
CC/BR/24/010	L5519	Road Retaining Wall Ballyvorisheen	€48,000
CC/BR/24/011	L7251	Road Retaining Wall Compass Hill	€61,000
CC/BR/24/012	R586	Palaceanne Bridge	€40,000
CC/BR/24/013	R591	Goleen Bridge 2	€48,000
CC/BR/24/014	R606	Tisaxon More Bridge	€46,000
CC/BR/24/015	R579	Kilknockane Bridge	€85,000
CC/BR/24/016	R595	Licknavar Bridge	€65,000
CC/BR/24/017	R605	Knocksmall Bridge	€20,000
CC/BR/24/018	R626	Ward's Bridge	€75,000
CC/BR/24/019	R589	Disused Railway Bridge Killeady	€55,000
CC/BR/24/020	L3804	Dangan Bridge	€65,000
CC/BR/24/021	L4608	Inchideraillie Bridge	€65,000
CC/BR/24/022	R579	Brew's Bridge	€40,000
CC/BR/24/024	R628	Ballydaw Bridge	€100,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>€1,887,840</b>

2024 Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads			
Project Code	Road Number	Location	LA Allocation
CC/BS/24/001	R613	Pedestrian Crossing Ballygarvan including provision of safe pedestrian refuge at either side.	€46,000
CC/BS/24/002	L 5382/L6819	Ballyhillige Junction Improvement	€100,000
CC/BS/24/003	R-585	Beal na Blath -opposite old school	€20,000
CC/BS/24/004	L-1516 / L1518 / L1519	Kenny's Cross, Ballyoran, Castlelyons	€40,000
CC/BS/24/005	R600	Fivemilebridge to Kinsale at Coolcarron	€7,000
CC/BS/24/006	R616/L7020	Buck Leary's Cross roads, Ballinglanna	€40,000
CC/BS/24/007	R585	Dromdeegy	€60,000
CC/BS/24/008	L-9517-0	Ashe Street, Youghal (Phase 1)	€60,000
CC/BS/24/009	L-4712-0, L-4711-0, L-4734-0	Oghdan Park, Ardnageehy Beg	€180,000
CC/BS/24/010	L2230	Warners Cross Junction improvement works	€15,000
CC/BS/24/011	R515	Smiths Road, Charleville	€60,000
CC/BS/24/012	R582-337	Mount Cross	€30,000
CC/BS/24/013	R639/L5798	Rathcormac Main Street - Quarter Lane / Dispensary Lane /R639	€45,000
CC/BS/24/014	L4631	Kilmeen junction	€20,000
CC/BS/24/015	R600	Eastern Road, Kinsale	€5,000
CC/BS/24/016	R600	Fivemilebridge to Kinsale at Riverstick	€7,000
CC/BS/24/017	R589	Bandon to Brinny Road at Littlesilver	€40,000
CC/BS/24/018	R634	Youghal Tallow Regional Road	€40,000
CC/BS/24/019	R-582	Millstreet Road Pedestrian Crossing	€50,000
CC/BS/24/020	R586	Palaceanne	€15,000
CC/BS/24/021	R667	Kilworth Main Street	€40,000
CC/BS/24/022	R586	Dunmanway Road, Mawbeg, near quarry	€5,000
CC/BS/24/023	R586	Dunmanway Road, Mawbeg	€30,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>€955,000</b>

  

2024 Former National Road Rehabilitation Works			
Project Code	Road Number	Former National Road Number	LA Allocation
CC/FN/24/002	R639-391	N8	€450,000
CC/FN/24/003	R639-166	N8	€300,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>€750,000</b>

## 2024 Challenges:

### Cost inflation

- Annual rate of price growth still very high at 5.3% , or almost 3 times the ECB target rate of 2%.
- Increased wage costs in both the public and private sector.

**Labour shortages**

- The shortage of skilled labour for key trades continues.
- Number of undergraduates studying for key professions such as engineering, architecture, & QS, still recovering after last recession.
- Shortage of suitable candidates for general operative roles.

**Severe Weather**

- The impacts of severe weather events across the county in 2023 most notably Storm Babet will be felt for some time .

**Conclusions for R&L Roads:**

- Despite the challenges of 2023, CCC spent all the 2023 allocation
- CCC received an allocation excluding severe weather allocation of €70,199,560 in 2024, a minor decrease of 1.6% on the 2023 allocation
- The delivery of a programme of repair of the storm damaged roads and structures will be a significant challenge in 2024 .
- Stubbornly high inflation, particularly in energy costs, will have a significant impact on the quantum of work that will be delivered in 2024.
- The 2024 allocation remaining in line with the 2023 allocation as well as the significant allocation for severe weather damage confirms Government confidence in Cork County Council to deliver essential road maintenance and improvement works across an extensive 11,740km R&L roads network. However, more funding is needed to maintain and improve the network.

**Active Travel Investment Grants Allocation 2024 – Sustainable Travel Unit**

- Programme aims to improve transport options for those choosing alternatives to the private car.
- Delivering significant infrastructural change, including: bridges, bus infrastructure improvements, cycle corridors, significant junction improvements, pedestrian and cyclist friendly roundabouts, etc.
- Expenditure 2023\* €24.60m
- Expenditure 2022 \* €18.89m
- Expenditure 2021 \* €12.05m
- Expenditure 2020 \* €2.45m
- Expenditure 2019 \* €1.3m
- Expenditure 2018 \* €1.3m
- Multi-disciplinary project team being funded by NTA
- Expenditure on sustainable transport intervention by STU regardless of funding source.

**NTA Active Travel Investment Grant: 2024**

Description	Totals
Allocation*	€21,390,000
Metro Cork Strategic Network	€15,470,000

Active Travel Towns & Villages	€2,960,000
Safe Route to Schools	€950,000
Staffing Costs	€1,140,000
Other	€870,000

- Excludes bus stop accessibility programme (€700,000)

**Active Travel Investment Grant: 2024 Allocation**

<u>Cork County Council</u>			
CCO/20/0004	Dunkettle - Carrigtwohill (old N25) - Phase 2 - Dunkettle to Glanmire	€	110,000
CCO/21/0001	Cobh Ferry to Train Station Cycle Route	€	70,000
CCO/22/0002	Dunkettle - Carrigtwohill (old N25) - Phase 3 - Dunkettle to Fitzpatricks (Active Travel Pathfinder)	€	450,000
CCO/22/0004	Ballinacurra - Midleton Pedestrian and Cycle Route (Phase 1 Ballyanne woods Car Park to Broderick St)	€	600,000
CCO/22/0005	Carrigaline - Ringaskiddy and Passage (Phase 1 Rafeen to Passage)	€	2,010,000
CCO/22/0006	Little Island - Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge	€	30,000
CCO/22/0009	Cork County Council Active Travel Office - Staff Costs	€	1,140,000
CCO/22/0010	Cycle Parking	€	10,000
CCO/22/0011	Bóthar Guidel Bridge	€	1,130,000
CCO/22/0012	Dunkettle - Carrigtwohill (old N25) - Phase 4 - Railway Crossing to Carrigtwohill Station	€	2,270,000
CCO/22/0014	Bandon TPREP	€	200,000
CCO/23/0007	SRTS - Gaelscoil Dhroichead na Banndan - R1	€	70,000
CCO/23/0008	Youghal - Summerfield Cross to Pobalscoil Na Trinoide - Active Travel Scheme	€	150,000
CCO/23/0009	Carrigtwohill to Midleton - Phase 2 (Active Travel Pathfinder)	€	150,000
CCO/23/0011	Carrigtwohill to Midleton - Phase 1 (Active Travel Pathfinder)	€	2,390,000
CCO/23/0012	Soccer Club Road / CWRR / Pottery Road - Active Travel Interventions	€	10,000
CCO/23/0014	Carrigaline - Ringaskiddy and Passage (Phase 2 Raffeen to Carrigaline)	€	150,000
CCO/23/0015	Carrigaline - Active Travel Scheme (Main St)	€	150,000
CCO/23/0016	Carrigaline - Active Travel Scheme (Bridgemount Link)	€	1,290,000
CCO/23/0017	SRTS - St Patrick's BNS - R2	€	10,000
CCO/23/0018	SRTS - St. Joseph's Primary School - R2	€	10,000
CCO/23/0019	SRTS - St Joseph's GNS - R2	€	60,000
CCO/23/0020	SRTS - St Colman's College - R2	€	10,000
CCO/23/0021	SRTS - Loreto Secondary School - R2	€	10,000
CCO/23/0022	SRTS - Coachford NS - R2	€	70,000
CCO/23/0023	SRTS - Baltydaniel NS - R2	€	60,000
CCO/23/0024	SRTS - St. Mary's National School - R1	€	80,000

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CCO/23/0025	SRTS - Scoil Mhuire na nGrást - R1	€	40,000
CCO/23/0026	SRTS - Scoil Iosaef Naofa - R1	€	80,000
CCO/23/0027	SRTS - Scoil Bhríde Crosshaven - R1	€	340,000
CCO/23/0028	SRTS - Midleton CBS Primary School - R1	€	30,000
CCO/23/0029	SRTS - Colaiste Muire Cobh - R1	€	80,000
CCO/23/0032	Ballinacurra to Midleton (Phase 2-5)	€	2,780,000
CCO/24/XXXX	Active Travel Towns and Villages	€	2,960,000
<b>Total:</b>		€	<b>19,000,000</b>
<b>Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams</b>			
CCO/20/0010	Little Island - Multi-modal infrastructure	€	1,890,000
CCO/24/xxxx	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€	500,000
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>€2,390,000</b>
<b>Total:</b>			<b>€21,390,000</b>

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| <b>Allocation</b> | 2024 | €21,390,000 |
|                   | 2023 | €22,175,000 |
|                   | 2022 | €20,460,000 |
|                   | 2021 | €15,780,000 |
|                   | 2020 | €2,040,000  |
|                   | 2019 | €1,400,000  |
|                   | 2018 | €1,085,000  |

### Storm Babet Impact

Estimated damage caused by Storm Babet to the Regional and Local Road Network is in the order of €50m to €55m and €16m to National Roads. Funding submissions including works programme submitted to the DOT and TII respectively. The initial 12-month programme of works is as follows:

Tranche No	Estimate	For Completion
1	€ 6,000,000	Q1 2024
2	€ 8,000,000	Q2/Q3 2024
3	€ 6,000,000	Q3/Q4 2024
4	€ 6,000,000	Q1 2025
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 26,000,000</b>	

DOT have allocated €13,000,000 for 2024 under Severe Weather (50% of the funding required for the initial 12 month programme of works)

### Storm Babet Impact

A dedicated implementation technical team (SBIU) was established to progress Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 of the above programme.

Progress to date is as follows:

- SBIU mobilised in January 2024,
- Initial storm damage surveys completed, detailed surveys ongoing,
- Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 of the programme of works submitted to DOT,
- Tendering and procurement processes ongoing,
- Detailed design ongoing including site assessments
- Works are currently being completed in all 9 Municipal Districts,
- There are currently 7 Contractors progressing work packages throughout the county in addition to works being completed in-house by Road Ops.

### Storm Babet Impact

The following table provide an overview of progress to date:

Value of works Procured, Awarded, under Construction/programmed for Construction	€ 8,336,296.27
Value of works Currently being Procured/out to Tender	€ 3,466,971.00
Value of works Completed to date	€ 4,198,668.00
Number of Projects Awarded/under Construction/ready for Construction	66
Number of Projects Completed/Substantially Completed	35

### During this discussion, the Members made the following points:

- Said they are disappointed with the allocated funding for N25 and that it has been shelved by the Minister
- Said there is not enough funding for the works that need to be completed
- Welcomed the funding allocated for the works in Charleville and asked if there is a timeline for these works to be completed
- Said it is disappointing that drainage works are down by 30% from last year
- Asked what funding is available for works on the old N22
- Asked if it is possible for the TII to bring forward works to be completed on the town centre in Fermoy
- Said it is disheartening that options for the Bandon Bypass are still being considered and further progression on the project has not been made
- Members said some of the funding proposed for greenways should be postponed and put towards the road network
- Said local and regional roads are essentially the nuts and bolts of how this County operates
- Said the local and regional road network keep the County ticking over
- Said this issue has been going on for 63 years since the West Cork railway closed
- Said there is no point in having greenways in place until the road network improves
- Said it should not be seen as one or the other between greenways and active travel
- Said this county cannot deal with the paltry amount of funding that has been allocated
- Asked if all the extra money for Storm Babet / greenways comes from the roads allocations?
- Members said there is now a shortfall of €273 million in funding in comparison to what Cork County Council were allocated in 2008

- Shows that economic cycles have a detrimental effect on funding allocations for the road network
- Said the roads have been neglected since 2008 when the grant allocations decreased
- Asked what is the difference in cost between improving a kilometre of road in 2008 versus the current cost
- Said there are some roads in West Cork that are not fit for travel
- Said it is worrying that Cork County Council submitted a funding request of €55 million for Storm Babet repair works and the amount allocated is €26 million
- Members asked what will Cork County Council be able to do with the assigned funding for Mallow Relief Road?
- Said the amount allocated will only be able to be complete works for the first half of the year
- Asked if Cork County Council have liaised with the NTA for more funding?
- Asked how much funding Cork County Council applied for in relation to the Mallow Relief Road?
- Asked how much is needed to bring the Mallow Relief Road to the planning stage?
- Members said priority needs to be given to carrying out drainage works
- Said Cork County Council should look at putting extra drainage crews on the roads to deal with the extra surface water
- Said Kerry are getting €10,000 per km while Cork are getting €6,000 per km
- Said parity is needed between the Cork and Kerry road network
- Members said public opinion is tested because of the condition of some of the roads
- Said they are concerned about the capacity of the road in Cobh to take extra residential work
- Said safety measures need to be put in place on the N27 at Castlemartyr National School and in Mogeely to deal with the increased traffic since the greenway opened
- Asked how the allocation for Cork County compares to other counties in Ireland
- Asked when the climate action and resilience works for Main Street in Carrigaline is due to get funding
- Said active travel is not frivolous and must not be sidelined
- Said it is positive to see progress on active travel routes
- Members asked about the delivery of new carparks around Cork County
- Members said the lack of funding allocated to Cork County will have to be made clear during the upcoming delegation with Minister Jack Chambers

*Members agreed to write to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to request that LIS / CIS schemes include drainage works.*

**Niall Healy, Director of Services, responded to the Members as follows:**

- There is a large amount of work currently on going in Cork County
- Said the Executive are as frustrated as the Elected Members as anyone else with the funding
- There is a legacy of underinvestment with Cork roads
- The national roads are often the first impression that visitors get of the road network
- Said Cork County Council will spend every cent that is allocated and there is evidence of that with the Storm Babet funding
- Said Cork County Council cannot deliver on the objectives set out in the National Policy Guidelines
- The funding for greenways and active travel investment is welcomed
- The relief road for Charleville is at a very early stage
- There is a lot of work to be done on the Eastern Relief Road in terms of business cases & statutory documents
- There is funding available for the former N22 as funding is made available every year for former national routes



- Said the target for Fermoy town is for construction to begin in Q3 and to finish before Christmas
- Said progress can only be made on the Bandon Bypass project as much as funding allows
- The allocated funding for Storm Babet works is €13 million, not €26 million
- Said there is funding for the N25 from Midelton to Youghal and consultants will be appointed over the next few weeks
- Cork County Council originally asked for €1.2 million funding for the Mallow Relief Road
- Said €700,000 is needed to get the Mallow Relief Road to planning; €300,000 has been allocated
- It is disappointing to see that the funding for drainage is down
- Said the planning for Cobh Road is at a very early stage
- Said carparks fall under the remit of Municipal Districts and need to be funded by our own resources
- It will be very difficult to progress the Glengariff project
- Said there is no timeline on the climate action and resilience works for Main Street in Carrigaline
- Said it is disappointing that the Bantry Relief Road cannot progress further this year
- Said the maintenance of active travel projects is a concern for the sector and substantial funding is required longterm to progress these

**EXTENSION OF TIME:**

As the time was now 1.15pm, an extension of time was agreed.

*Proposed by Councillor Kevin Murphy*

*Seconded by Councillor Deirdre Kelly*

[g] **CORRESPONDENCE FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS  
COMHFHREAGRAS Ó RANNA RIALTAS**

**MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT**

**5/4-1**

Correspondence received 25/03/2024 from Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in response to the Council's letter dated 09/02/2024 in relation to Storm Babet.

*Members noted the correspondence from the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.*

**MINISTER FOR RURAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**6/4-1**

Correspondence received 28/03/2024 from Minister for Rural and Community Development in response to the Council's letter dated 23/02/2024 in relation to Leader funding.

*Members noted the correspondence from the Minister for Rural and Community Development.*

**EXTENSION OF HELP TO BUY SCHEME**

7/4-1

*Cllr. Bernard Moynihan proposed, seconded by Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan*

“That the Help to Buy Scheme be extended to people who are bringing derelict properties back into use through the Croi Conaithe Scheme.”

Members noted the response from Patricia Liddy, Director of Services, Municipal District Operations & Rural Development as follows:

**RESPONSE:**

Cork County Council administers the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. To date, Cork County Council is handling 670 applications for this scheme.

The terms and conditions of the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme are determined by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and in summary allow for grant aid, subject to eligibility criteria being met, for the refurbishment of vacant properties that were built before 2008.

Separately, the Help to Buy Scheme is administered by Revenue on behalf of the Department of Finance and applies to newly built properties.

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Said the fastest way to bring properties back into use is to turn derelict properties into housing
- Said the purpose of this motion is for applicants who are developing houses for themselves to live in
- Members said Cork County Council is the most successful county for the scheme
- A lot of extra resources are needed for regenerating properties in towns, e.g. health and safety measures to take pedestrians into account
- Said the scheme is a quick way of getting money to applicants
- Members said most of the services are already available with derelict properties and can fast track housing
- It would be useful for the Croí Conaithe scheme to be incorporated into the Help to Buy scheme
- The cheapest and greenest house to build is a house that is already built
- Said this is about parity for first time buyers for those who are renovating properties
- Said every town in the county is under the blight of dereliction

*Members agreed to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and the Minister for Finance to ask that the Help to Buy Scheme be extended to include applicants who are bringing derelict properties back into use through the Croi Conaithe Scheme.*

*Cllr. Declan Hurley proposed, seconded by Cllr. Karen Coakley*

“I call on Cork County Council to lift the current ban on new planning permissions and new wastewater connections to allow development in rural county towns and villages where existing treatment plants have available treatment capacity.”

Members noted the response from Pdraig Barrett, Director of Services, Planning & Development as follows:

**RESPONSE:**

The preparation of the Cork County Development Plan 2022-2028 included a detailed analysis of the water services infrastructure of the towns and villages across the County in terms of capacity but also having regard to Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Directive Assessment requirements under the Planning Acts. The Plan also has to comply with a range of other EU and National Legislation (Water Framework Directive, River Basin Management Plans Policy Objective WM11-1) in relation to protecting and improving water quality and reversing biodiversity loss. The preparation of the Plan also had to take account of particular water sensitive catchments such as Cork Harbour, Blackwater River Catchment, Bandon River, and Glenbeg Lough/Glanmore Bog SAC.

These considerations within the existing legislative framework required careful teasing out in order to set the parameters for the policies and objectives set out in the CDP in particular within Volume One, Chapter 11 Water Management but also the settlement specific objectives set out in Volumes Three Noth Cork, Volume Four South Cork and Volume Five West Cork of the Plan. Table 11.3: of the Plan entitled, “Capacity of Current Water Services Infrastructure to accommodate planned Population Growth 2020-2028,” identifies the settlements where there is a strategic infrastructure deficit.

		Typology	Town	Drinking Water	Waste Water		
Planned Development May Proceed	Infrastructure in Place	Main Towns	Buttevant				
			Carrigaline				
			Fermoy				
			Millstreet				
			Passage West/ Glenbrook/ Monkstown				
			Schull				
		Strategic Employment Locations	Little Island				
			Ringaskiddy				
		Key Villages >1,500	Glounthaune				
			Watergrasshill-				
			Further Infrastructure Upgrades Required	Main Towns	Bandon		
					Bantry		
Carrigtwohill							
Charleville							
Cobh							
Kanturk							
Key Villages >1,500	Mallow						
	Newmarket-						
	Skibbereen-						
	Castlemartyr-						
	Crosshaven and Bays						
	Killumney/ Ovens						
Strategic Infrastructure Deficit	Main Towns	Rathcormack-					
		Castletownbere					
		Clonakilty					
		Dunmanway-					
		Kinsale-					
		Macroom-					
	Key Villages >1,500	Midleton					
		Mitchelstown-					
		Monard					
		Youghal					
		Cloyne-					
		Whitegate/ Aghada					
<b>March 2021</b>							
	Current major infrastructure sufficient to achieve planned population target. Any development which would have an adverse impact will be put on hold until resolution of issues relating to impact on water quality in sensitive water catchments.						
	Future capacity subject to implementation of projects on the Irish Water Investment Plan (Revenue Control Period 3) or aligned programmes. Any development which would have an adverse impact will be put on hold until resolution of issues relating to impact on water quality in sensitive water catchments.						
	Some development may proceed but significant works/EPA licence required to accommodate planned population target. Capacity can be achieved in some instances through process optimisation or implementation of non-capital projects. Any development which would have an adverse impact will be put on hold until resolution of issues relating to impact on water quality in sensitive water catchments.						
	Strategic Infrastructure Deficit. Planned Development may require further infrastructure investment not provided for on any existing programme and/or EPA license compliance issues to be						
- The Wastewater Treatment Plant is currently not compliant with Wastewater Discharge License Emission Limit Values set by the EPA.							

This position is constantly being updated as new infrastructure is delivered and deficits addressed. Where a strategic infrastructure deficit was identified an objective restricting development until the deficit was addressed was included. If such objectives were not included, then the County Development Plan in its entirety would have been subject to full Appropriate Assessment which would have had significant implications for the Plan delivery across the County. More importantly it could have had implications for the manner in which infrastructure is delivered in terms of specifying how an upgrade had to be undertaken. This is no longer a function of the local authority and could have adversely impacted on the scheduling, cost, and timing of delivery of such infrastructure.

All applications for planning permission are assessed in accordance with the policies and objectives of the CDP, relevant Departmental Section 28 Guidelines and the proper planning and sustainable development of the Area.

The Council continue to work with the various stakeholders in particular Úisce Eireann (ÚE) both by advocating for additional resources through ÚE Investment Plans and through raising settlement specific issues around the County.

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Said this matter was discussed previously with the formation of the County Development Plan
- There will be an upcoming review of the County Development Plan
- Members said they are frustrated with communication from Uisce Éireann
- Development in West Cork is stagnant and at a standstill from this issue
- Said the Freshwater Pearl is stopping development in the Beara Peninsula
- Said it must be acknowledged that the Freshwater Pearl is part of our natural heritage
- Said Dunmanway is also sterilized for development
- Members said they raised the issue previously at an Uisce Éireann conference and no progress has been made since then
- Said Uisce Éireann need to be provided with funds to allow treatment plants to be in place

The Chief Executive stated it is factually incorrect to say there is a ban on planning permissions. Ms. O’Sullivan said it is accepted that the presence / absence of wastewater treatment could be an obstacle to planning permissions. She said the matters raised under this notice of motion are matters for Uisce Éireann to address.

*Members agreed to write to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to make a special fund available to deal with these issues. Members also agreed to write to Uisce Éireann to ask that assessments be carried out before projects are done.*

#### **EXTRA EXAMINATION TIME FOR STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA**

**9/4-1**

***Cllr. Liam Quaide proposed, seconded by Cllr. Úna McCarthy***

“That Cork Co. Council would write to the Minister for Education to request that she bring Ireland into line with countries such as France, Italy and the UK in allowing extra examination time to second level students with dyslexia, and thereby afford them more opportunity to attain to their potential.”

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Dyslexia affects 10% of the population, mainly impacting on writing and reading skills
- Said people with dyslexia show strengths in other areas but typically achieve lower in education
- Said Ireland should be brought in line with International best practice
- Members said 1 in 10 students have dyslexia and these students need more time for their examinations
- It takes more time for students to transcribe their answer rather than write an answer
- Said it is very difficult to get a reader for students and it is often left to the discretion of the school
- Members said students should automatically get access to a reader once diagnosed with dyslexia
- Said it is also very difficult to access a scribe for pupils with dyslexia
- Said there needs to be more emphasis on audio visual learning

*Members agreed to write to the Minister for Education to ask that Ireland be brought into line with other countries such as France, Italy and the UK in allowing extra examination time to second level students with dyslexia.*

#### **HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION SUBSIDY SCHEME**

**10/4-1**

***Cllr. Deirdre O’Brien proposed, seconded by Cllr. Eoghan Kenny***

“That this Council would consider implementing a Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme (Bin Waiver) for persons living alone and in receipt of State Pension.”

Members noted the response from Louis Duffy, Director of Services, Environment, Emergency Services, Climate Change and Rural Broadband, as follows:

**RESPONSE:**

Cork County Council has an obligation under the Waste Management Acts “to collect, or arrange for the collection of, household waste within its functional area”.

Household Waste collection services are provided by the private sector in Cork. While not all premises are served at the adjoining kerbside, Cork County Council is satisfied that the estimated costs of the collection of waste in any unserved areas by the local authority would be unreasonably high. Cork County Council has therefor satisfied its statutory duty in regard to the collection of household waste.

The collection of waste is being carried out by private waste collectors in the county in competition with each other and, thus the price for the services is determined by that competition.

The Waste Management Act 1996 as amended, provides that “*In accordance with the polluter-pays principle, the costs of waste management, including for the necessary infrastructure and its operation, shall be borne by the original waste producer or by the current or previous waste holders.*”

Having regard to the foregoing, the Council has no obligation or authority to subsidise the collection of waste from any person. Such action by the Council would contravene the Waste Management Act.

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- Said this motion was put forward to assist a vulnerable cohort of people who live alone and are in receipt of the state pension
- These people face a bill of €300 plus annually and do not have anyone living with them to share the cost
- Said it is not good value for money considering a person living alone generates a minimal volume of waste
- Members said low income households can avail of a waiver on waste charges made by private operators in some local authority areas
- Said a one size solution does not fit all here
- Incentives that are used for schools and public areas should be considered for this vulnerable group
- Said it would reduce the issue of fly tipping in public bins and in the countryside

**REPORT FROM THE ROADS DIRECTORATE**

11/4-1

***Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan proposed, seconded by Deputy Mayor John Healy***

“Looking for a report from the Roads Directorate detailing,

- (1) - The amount of funding received for 2024 for Local Improvement Schemes,
- (2) - The amount of funding applied for,
- (3) - The number of schemes which can be progressed with the 2024 allocation received.”

Members noted the response from Niall Healy, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation as follows:

**RESPONSE:**

- (1) Cork County Council have yet to receive details of any LIS funding from DRCD for 2024.
- (2) Cork County Council have advised DRCD that LIS schemes to the value of €5,100,000 could be completed in 2024 should funding be made available.
- (3) Cork County Council have advised DRCD that 79 schemes could be completed in 2024 should this level of funding be secured.

**During this discussion, the Members made the following points:**

- 79 schemes have been progressed this year
- Said they look forward to the announcement from government

**NAMING OF NEW WING OF MALLOW HOSPITAL**

**12/4-1**

*Cllr. Eoghan Kenny proposed, seconded by Deputy Mayor John Healy*

“That Cork County Council will write to Bernard Gloster, CEO of the Health Service Executive (HSE) and Dr Andy Philips, Regional Executive Officer, HSE South West, asking that the newly built 48 single bed wing of Mallow General Hospital (MGH) be named ‘The Sherlock Wing.’ Former Cork County Councillor and TD for Cork East, Joe Sherlock RIP, spearheaded the retention and upgrading of MGH and his son Seán, current Cork East TD and former Cork County Councillor has advocated strongly over the past two decades for MGH, culminating in the building of this wing, securing the future of MGH.”

*Members agreed to refer this matter to the Social Inclusion, Community and Rural Development SPC for further discussion.*

**[k] VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS**

**13/4-1**

**TO:** The Carry on Regardless Committee on their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**TO:** Ballinacarriga National School on winning the “Manufacturing a Healthy Future 2023 Printing Design Challenge using 3D Printers”.

**TO:** Jimmy Mangan on Spillane’s Tower winning the Gold Cup at Fairyhouse.

**TO:** Tadhg O’Shea on winning the Dubai World Cup on Laurel Ridge.

**[i] ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**MAYOR'S CHARITY GALA**

**14/4-1**

The Deputy Mayor reminded Members that the annual Mayor's Charity Gala will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CORK COUNTY COUNCIL**

**15/4-1**

The Deputy Mayor advised Members that a special meeting of Council will take place on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to mark the establishment of Cork County Council. Following the meeting, an event will be hosted in the Foyer of County Hall from 12.30 pm.

**INSHORE FISHERMEN**

**16/4-1**

Members said the Government need to intervene in the current situation that is impacting inshore fishermen. Smaller boats are affected more by the weather than the larger boats. Members said these fishermen have had no income for 5 months and need urgent help.

Members agreed to write to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to ask that financial aid is urgently given to inshore fishermen.

**FARMING COMMUNITY**

**17/4-1**

Members said current adverse weather conditions are causing economic strain on the farming community. Members agreed to write to the Minister for Agriculture and the Cork TD's on this matter.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**18/4-1**

**TERMINATION OF PAY SCHEME FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS WITH LONG COVID**

Members agreed to write to Bernard Gloster, HSE CEO and the Minister for Health in light of the recent government decision to terminate the pay scheme for Healthcare Workers suffering from Long Covid symptoms. Members ask that the pay scheme is reinstated until an occupation scheme is set up for these workers.

**~ THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING ~**