



CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Meeting: 19/3/2024

Minutes proceeding of Ordinary Meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via teams and in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 19th of March 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; Maurice Murphy, Senior Executive Officer; Aisling O'Sullivan, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator, Anthony Holmes Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator; Sarah Graham, Assistant Staff Officer; Dylan O'Connell, Clerical Officer.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on February 19th, 2024, were proposed by Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Jack White.

2. Matters arising

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan requested an update on the purchases of land adjacent to Kilmoney Cemetery. Denise Kidney confirmed they are actively reviewing the land and a Part 8 is being examined. Maurice Murphy stated that funding needs to be secured for works. Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan noted that several residents would like to pre-purchase plots and requested this be made available. Maurice Murphy stated that this is an expensive undertaking, and all options would be examined.

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton asked for an update from Madeleine Healy on the following:

- Crash Barrier at Haulbowline Island
- An updated response from the non-national roads design office regarding the inner lane at Janeville and the N28 R6 Junction

Madeleine Healy said she received a response regarding Janeville and she will forward it on to the members. Madeleine Healy noted that she did not receive a response re - the N28/R610 Junction but stated that the engineer at the national roads design office had requested accident statistics for the junction from the RSA and that will be incorporated into their response.

Madeleine Healy contacted the maintenance manager for Department of Defence facilities at Haulbowline – and re-iterated members concerns regarding crash barriers.

Cllr. White wished to acknowledge the meeting arranged by Denise Kidney between councillors and Bus Eireann, and said it was a productive discussion. He then noted that any infrastructure or timetable



issues are within the remit of the NTA and Bus Eireann advised that, going forward, they would advocate on members behalf to the NTA.

Cllr. McGrath requested an update on securing funds for the re-surfacing of the Owenabue Carpark. Denise Kidney replied saying they are currently working on a resolution with the public realm team.

Cllr. McGrath asked Madeleine Healy for an update on the open licence at the Chamber by Carrigaline Court Hotel and when are the works scheduled. Madeleine Healy said she has no further information as the licence has no date attached. Madeleine Healy said she will notify the councillors on updates received.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley asked if there was an update from the ESB regarding the Chamber on Middle Road. Madeleine Healy explained that if any information is received it will be passed on to members.

3. Correspondence

Denise Kidney said she received an acknowledgement letter from Irish Water regarding the odour at Shanbally and will follow up. Denise Kidney also said that Irish Water issued a new contact information email for elected members and TD's, and she made contact with them.

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

(i) Healthy Age Friendly Homes Program (Presentation)

Aisling O'Sullivan and Anthony Holmes gave a presentation on the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Program and invited questions from the members.

The councillors were thankful for the presentation. Cllr. Buckley asked would information be available in brail. Aisling O'Sullivan said she will investigate this and share any information with Denise Kidney and Sarah Graham. Aisling O'Sullivan informed members that she will issue brochures, referral forms and point of contact details to all members.

(ii) Fort Camden Meagher – Verbal Update

Maurice Murphy gave a verbal presentation on Fort Camden; the following was discussed:

- Negotiations are ongoing with a potential café operator.
- Upgraded staff and volunteer welfare facilities.
- New ticket office and gift shop in place at entrance.
- Installation of health and safety fencing. Some areas will be closed off due to safety reason, and they hope to secure funding to further develop the site over time.
- Development of new way-finding signage.
- A deep clean of the site was carried out in February and additional cleaning will be undertaken before re-opening.
- Extensive painting will be done by ground staff and volunteers and special paint is required to satisfy heritage requirements.
- The opening date will be announced next week through social media.
- Meeting will be held with the volunteers next week, to brief on how operations will be managed.
- Health safety training day was carried out with volunteers.



Maurice Murphy gave an update on future funding; the following was discussed.

- An application was made to the Town and Village Renewal scheme for €250,000 to re-surface the parade ground and pathways and recruit an archivist to further develop the site.
- An application was made for the Outdoor Recreational Information Scheme for €500,000 for re-surfacing and expansion of the existing carpark, installation of a universal access pathway, reinforcement, and expansion of the existing balcony outside the café areas, creation of a natural sensory area, and improvement to toilet facilities and installation of signage.

Maurice Murphy gave an update on the following initiatives being developed by the manager:

- Currently working with the Carrigaline Men's Shed Collaiste to help the creation of kid's trail at the fort.
- Exploring options to develop usage of the site for the promotion of Arts, Culture, Health, and Education.
- In conjunction with the volunteers, to undertake a full review of the current exhibition and displays.

*****This concluded Maurice Murphy verbal report*****

All Cllrs thanked Maurice for his update.

Cllr. Buckley asked if season passes will be made available and how much the entry fee will be. She also asked if members would receive an invitation to the official opening.

Cllr. White asked if Maurice Murphy could narrow down when opening day will be, what stage they are at with the recruitment of the tour guide and managerial staff, and how many applications were received.

Cllr. McGrath wanted to acknowledge the volunteers and noted the importance of them going forward, Cllr. McGrath asked if there is a marketing promotion plan in place to attract tourist. Cllr White reiterates Cllr. McGrath point on the time frame for re-opening.

Cllr. D'Alton said that applying for the Town and Village Scheme is a competitive process and asked how other projects which might need similar funding can obtain it.

Cllr. McCarthy asked if the café will be accessible to outside patrons.

Cllr. Buckley asked for an update on the RV/Motor home carpark outside the fort and if the residents within the area will be consulted in traffic related issues.

Maurice Murphy said that family passes will be available, and the price will be announced soon. Standard protocols will be followed for the re-opening of Camden Fort and elected members will be invited. Maurice confirmed the opening is scheduled for April 2024.

In relation to staff Maurice explain that the original recruitment campaign wasn't as successful as hoped, and a new campaign was being fast tracked. Maurice Murphy also said that Sarah McSweeney



the Camden Manager has been working with the communications department, and they have been reaching out to local media.

In relation to Cllr. D'Alton funding question Maurice explained that as an executive they must be as fair and balanced as possible in what is applied for. He stated that the Carrigaline MD will do their best to secure funding regarding all aspects of the MD operations.

In relation to Cllr. McCarthy question Maurice explained that it is being examined to make the café accessible, they are discussing options with the operator. Maurice further explained that this is also dependant on the number of staff available.

Maurice confirmed that interviews are scheduled next week for the managerial role. 6 applications were received.

Cllr. McGrath asked if Cork County Council are looking into international visitors or groups. Maurice Murphy replied saying they have been in contact with Failte Ireland.

Cllr. Buckley asked about a traffic management plan. Maurice Murphy said that he is aware of how busy the area can be being adjacent to the GAA and Soccer clubs. The area is quite restricted but any possible measures that can be taken will be put in place. He also reiterated that a funding application has been made for improvements to the car park.

(iii) Roads Programme Update

Madeleine Healy presented the Roads Programme Update for March 2024. She informed members that a footpath programme was not included in the update, and an update on that will be given at a later date.

Cllr. White welcomed the restoration improvement programme. Cllr. White asked if the drainage works in Castle Heights was in relation to a previous issue he brought up. Madeleine Healy confirmed it was.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan welcomed the restoration improvement works on Forest Road, Ballygarvan East Bound, and Halfway Village. He asked what type of traffic calming measures will be carried out at halfway village and was the Ballinphelic in Ballinghassig or Upton being restored. Madeleine Healy stated that the Regional and Local Road design office were preparing a plan for traffic calming measures at Halfway village, and that it is the Ballinphelic in Waterfall direction.

Cllr. McGrath noted a previous motion regarding Glen Road which did not make the list and the Main Street in Carrigaline, and he asked if this will be examined in another process. He also asked Madeleine Healy to provide figures for the funding for the community improvement scheme in Passage West. Madeleine Healy confirmed they are aware of the damage at Glen Road and Main Street but noted there is limited funding available. Madeleine Healy said she will provide figures for the CIS.

Cllr. D'Alton and asked if the bridge at Monkstown Park would be included in the Storm Babet Funding and asked for a low-cost safety scheme at Raffeen. Madeleine Healy said the Storm Babet Funding only looks at roads. Denise Kidney stated that the Bridge was added to a list of areas outside of roads that need funding. Denise Kidney agreed to follow up on this. Madeleine Healy said they don't have any



additional projects funded on the Low-Cost Safety scheme, but Raffeen is on a list for future consideration.

Cllr. McCarthy asked Madeleine Healy to clarify which 1km stretch of road was examined at the Raffeen Civic Amenity. Madeleine Healy explained that the site is located above the civic amenity site.

Cllr. Buckley welcomed the works at Gash's corner, Nohoval and Roberts Cove. Cllr. Buckley mentioned the undermining of the Back Strand Road at Fountainstown. Madeleine Healy said she will speak to Cllr Buckley about this.

5. Municipal District Officers Report

Denise Kidney presented the MDO Report to members and invited questions.

Cllr. Buckley asked if the in-committee meeting would be held before the next MD meeting. Denise confirmed that it will take place before the April MD Meeting.

Cllr. D'Alton asked about the finalisation of the TDF fund for the following year. Denise Kidney confirmed that an in-committee will be organised to update members.

6. 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 Glen Road, Ballygarvan, be included on the Resurfacing Programme for 2024."

This motion was discussed early on in meeting. Cllr. Buckley seconded the motion.

2. " To request additional traffic calming measures for Carrigmahon Hill, Monkstown."

Cllr. McGrath noted Madeleine Healy's response and said speeding continues to be an issue and additional road markings would be welcomed. Cllr. McGrath added that the location of the current sign is not ideal. Cllr. Buckley seconds motion.

3. "That the Council examine options for the provision of a multi purpose Sports Complex for Carrigaline."

Cllr. McGrath acknowledges that this is not a small ask and mentioned funding sources such as the Urban Regeneration Development fund. Cllr McGrath welcomed Denise Kidney's response and asked for the support of the Municipal District. Cllr. Buckley seconds this motion. Cllr. White, Cllr. McCarthy support this motion. Maurice Murphy noted members comments and it will be relayed to Senior Management.

Cllr. Audrey Buckley

1. "As we as an MD agreed on a Beach Wheelchair over a year and a half ago, for Fountainstown Beach. Disability users would like to have this in place for the summer months. With Beach Lifeguards located at the beach front in Fountainstown, this will work really well with the possibility of it being accessed from the lifeguard hut and being stored at night inside the lifeguard hut."



Cllr. White seconded this motion. Denise Kidney explained that an Audit was undertaken in 2021 which concluded that Founstaintown was not suitable for a Beach Wheelchair due to the terrain of the site. Cllr. Buckley requested an update Audit. Denise Kidney/ Maurice Muphy confirmed that an Audit will be sought.

2. "Following up from my previous motions, can we have an update on the raised table on the R612 at Barnes lane."

Cllr. Buckley thanked Madeleine Healy for her response and asked about the time period for the STU consultations. Madeleine Healy says that she believes a S38 would take place sometime during the summer.

Cllr. McGrath supports and seconds this motion and asked if a crossing would be included and if so what type of crossing would be implemented. Madeleine Healy explained that it is too early to say but all options will be looked at. Cllr. White supports this motion and notes the importance of a raised table. Cllr. D'Alton stated that if a controlled pedestrian crossing is not installed then she encourages the consideration of signage. Madeleine Healy explained that advance signage will accompany any crossing. Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan welcomes the progress. Cllr. McGrath said that an uncontrolled crossing would not be the suitable, and a zebra or press button crossing would be needed. Cllr. D'Alton and Cllr. McCarthy agrees with Cllr. McGrath point. Madeleine Healy anticipates this will not be an uncontrolled crossing.

3. "Crosshaven Pier - The public toilets need to be repainted and can we please get a sign directing the public to the toilets up on the footpath."

Cllr. Buckley thanked Denise for her response. Cllr. White supports this motion.

Cllr. Marcia D'Alton

1. "That Cork County Council would explain the future implications/arrangements for management of the public spaces recently acquired by Irish Water for access and control of infrastructure associated with the Lower Harbour Main Drainage project."

Cllr. D'Alton asked if the road needs resurfacing who should be contacted to carry out the works. She also said that in the takeover no maps were provide. Maurice Murphy explained that the re-surfacing of the carpark would be in the remit of the Council however if Irish Water access the infrastructure underneath the carpark, then they would be responsible for returning the surface to its original state. Cllr D'Alton suggests that a Map be provided to ensure that this is the case. Denise Kidney confirmed that she will contact Irish Water.

2. "That Cork County Council would assist with filling of the potholes in the road surface at Warrenscourt, Ringaskiddy."

Cllr. D'Alton thanked Madeleine Healy for her response. She then said that a developer was to take-in-charge the road and they would re-surface it, however the 5-year planning has now expired. Cllr. D'Alton explained that the road was previously dug by Irish Water, they reinstated the road, but damage was done. Madeleine Healy said she would speak to Irish Water and suggested that the residents make an application for the road to be taken in charge.



3. "That when advertising a temporary road closure, Cork County Council would aim to achieve more than the absolute minimum prescribed public consultation period of three days."

Cllr. McGrath seconded this motion and said more than 3 days' notice is needed and asked that this be relayed back to the Roads Directorate. Madeleine Healy explained that she contacted the Roads Administrative Unit who are preparing a response. Madeleine Healy explained the process of road closure procedures and highlighted the complexity of it.

Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan

1. "To write to the ESB to ask them to connect the new street lights on the Five Mile to Ballinabearna footpath."

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan thanked Madeleine Healy for her response and said we need to keep the pressure on the ESB.

2. "That Carrigaline Municipal District would write to Failte Ireland to request a briefing on the new Cork Harbour Tourism Plan recently announced."

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan said members of the Carrigaline MD should have a say in the tourism plan. Cllr. White seconds this motion. Cllr. Buckley supports this motion and notes that collaboration is needed. Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan re-iterates Cllr. Buckley comments. Maurice assured members that they will be engaged with, and that a consultant has been recruited and will be engaging with members and stakeholders.

3. "That the small piece of road between the Shop and Kirbys Korner in Ballinhassig be added to a future "Patches contract", there is a small section here which has recurring pot holes."

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan thanked Madeleine Healy for her response.

Cllr. Jack White

1. "That this MD ask Cork County Council to pursue the development of a public swimming pool in Carrigaline. To serve the needs of the town and adjoining communities."

Cllr. White welcomes the response and notes that amenities are needed as many residents who use public pools are traveling out of the MD. Cllr McGrath supports and seconds this motion and notes the high need for this in the area. Cllr McCarthy supports this motion and notes the need for affordable recreational facilities for everyone in the Municipal Districts. Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan and Cllr Buckley supports this motion.

2. "That this MD seek an update on Casual Trading Bye-Laws and understand how members of the public can have their say."

Cllr. White welcomes the responses from Denise Kidney, and he acknowledges the importance of the public consultation process. He would also like clarification on the timeframe of the public consultation. Maurice noted the complexity of this, he explained that they are committed to getting the updated Bye-laws as soon as possible and notes it is a very important issue for the community. He



then explained that the timeline will be dictated by the public consultation process, and they cannot give a timeframe.

Cllr. Buckley asked that a no parking sign be placed on the planters. Maurice Murphy said works will be conducted here and as part of these works everything in the area will be evaluated.

Cllr. McGrath thanked Maurice Murphy for his update and asked when will the public consultation stage be ready and when will a draft proposal be developed.

Maurice Murphy informed members that an in-committee meeting will be arranged to re-visit maps. Madeleine Healy said adding double yellow lines would not be practical as work will be commencing in the area. She then explained to members that if a car is parked in an area affecting traffic flow, An Garda Síochána are the relevant body who address the issue.

Cllr. White acknowledged the spread of misinformation on the implementation of the new casual byelaws and noted the lack of respect for disability and age friendly spaces in the area.

3. "That this MD seek traffic calming measures on Camden Road, Crosshaven."

Cllr. Buckley seconded the motion. Cllr. White thanked Madeleine Healy for her response.

Cllr. Una McCarthy

1. "Seeking permanent bollards to be erected on the footpath on Kilmoney Road Lower/R611, specifically beyond the traffic lights on the left-hand side heading west bound. Cars frequently park on this footpath, and this causes an obstruction to traffic."

Cllr. McCarthy said she is aware that it is not the job of the council to police breaches of parking laws but asked if measures be put in place to prevent breaches such as the installation of bollards. Cllr. White seconds motion. Madeleine Healy reiterated her response.

2. "Requesting a traffic survey to be carried out on the L2230 Waterfall Road at Ballyleigh, with a view to implementing traffic calming measures. The frequency and speed of traffic on this road is of concern to residents."

Cllr. McCarthy thanked Madeleine Healy for her response and asked if this road is being reduced to 60. She also requested the addition of road markings or digital speed signage. Madeleine Healy stated that road markings can be looked at and signage can be put in place to notify cars of walkers. Madeleine Healy also said that the speed change cannot be done until 2027.

3. "That this MD would write to the NTA asking for the bus stop pole to be re-installed on the Forest Park stop on Upper Kilmoney Road. The pole has been missing for several weeks and bus drivers who are unfamiliar with the route are not stopping at this designated stop."

Cllr. McCarthy reported this issue to Bus Eireann and they said it is the NTA's responsibility. Cllr. McCarthy appreciates that Denise Kidney will write to the NTA.



7. Votes of Congratulations

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan wished to congratulate the "Carry on Regardless" committee in Ballinhassig who had their 30th annual show and to script writer Sile Coleman, Mariann Power, and Kay Birmingham.

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan wished to commend the work done by the Counting staff who conducted the count in Nemo during the referendum on the weekend of March 8th.

Cllr. White and Cllr. McGrath wished to congratulate the organisation committee of the St Patricks Day parade in Carrigaline and Crosshaven.

Cllr. McGrath and Cllr. Buckley wished to congratulate the grand marshal of the Carrigaline St Patricks day Parade.

Cllr. White also congratulated Crosshaven Rugby Club J1 team on their promotion to Division 1 of the Munster J1 League. Cllr. Buckley would like to be associated with this motion.

8. Any other Business

Cllr. Dalton O'Sullivan raised the following issues:

1. The potholes at Bowens Cross.
2. Proposed €150 be allocated from the Members discretionary fund to the 55 Scouts Carrigaline Club. Cllr Buckley seconds this.

Cllr. D'Alton mentioned the following issues:

1. If members who will not be running for election again can spend their Discretionary Fund Monies. Denise and Maurice confirmed they will review this.
2. Could Madeleine Healy look at the road outside the Ringaskiddy Community Centre. Madeleine Healy confirmed it is on a list to be examined.
3. Can a sign be added to the town-end direction of Lucia Place which asks motorists to give way to buses. Maurice Murphy expressed caution over an abundance of signage.

Cllr. McCarthy mentioned the following issues:

1. She asked for an update on the pedestrian crossing at Ballinhassig village.
2. Can an incorrect speed sign be removed on Church Hill approaching Mawbawn.
3. Could an abandoned car on R610 be removed.
4. Could she get an update on the repairs to a footpath at St Joseph Terrace.

Madeleine Healy said the issue at Ballinhassig village is with the design team, she will get the incorrect sign issue looked at, and the repair works at St. Joseph's Terrace are on a list for consideration.

Cllr. Buckley mentioned the following issues:

1. Asked for a meeting with the NTA.
2. If funding is available to address the wall in Crosshaven.
2. Could a raised table be put in at Drake's Point.



Denise Kidney said she will arrange a meeting. Madeleine Healy said there is no funding currently available for the wall issue. Madeleine Healy also said that she will be preparing a S38 process for the provision of ramps as traffic calming measures at a number of locations throughout the MD and will include Drakes Point in the process.

Cllr. McGrath mentioned the following issues:

1. If a flood relief plan will be put in place at the Glen Road in Monkstown.
2. Will there be contact with industry groups in Ringaskiddy.

Madeleine Healy said there are no plans for a flood scheme. A letter will be written to contact the Ringaskiddy industries.