



## **CARRIGALINE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**Meeting: 20/01/2025**

Minutes proceeding of Ordinary meeting of the Carrigaline Municipal District held via Microsoft Teams and in the Council Chamber on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 14:00.

**Present:** Cllr. Ben Dalton O’Sullivan (Cathaoirleach), Cllr. Audrey Buckley, Cllr Patrick Donovan, Cllr. Eoghan Fahy, Cllr. Jack White, Cllr Una McCarthy,

**In Attendance:** Sharon Corcoran, Director of Services, Maurice Murphy, Senior Executive Officer; Denise Kidney, Municipal District Officer; Alan Cogan, A/ Senior Executive Engineer; Sarah Graham, Assistant Staff Officer, Kate Magner, Staff Officer

### **1. Deimhniú Miontuairiscí / Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were proposed by Cllr McCarthy, and seconded by Cllr Fahy.

### **2. Matters Arising**

- (i) Election of Cathaoirleach.

The nomination of Cllr Ben Dalton O’Sullivan was proposed by Cllr Fahy and seconded by Cllr White. Cllr Dalton O’Sullivan was elected as Cathaoirleach. Cllr Dalton O’Sullivan wished to congratulate former member Seamus McGrath on his election to Dáil Eireann. All Councillors welcomed new Cllr Patrick Donovan.

- (ii) **Correspondence**

Ms. Kidney informed members that no correspondence was received. Cllr Buckley asked if correspondence was received regarding the asbestos issue in Crosshaven. Ms Kidney stated she received an email confirming that the case was closed, she issued further correspondence requesting more information on the matter.

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

None

### **4. Municipal District Officers Report**

Ms. Kidney delivered the Municipal District Officers Report and invited questions from the Members. Cllr Buckley asked what would happen to the unspent 2024 TDF funds. Ms Kidney confirmed that any money remaining would be rolled over to 2025. Cllr White noted Point 4 in the MDO report and requested a briefing with the project team regarding URDF.



Mr Murphy explained to members that there was an ongoing restructure in CorkCoCo, this restructure will establish stronger links between projects overlapping in geographical locations and over the coming months the engagement process will become clearer. Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan noted point 3, the Community Fund Scheme, and encouraged members to make community groups aware of the schemes.

## **5. Roads Update**

Mr. Cogan provided a verbal update on the status of road projects. The surface dressing program is currently being finalised and is dependent on funding. RI works are awaiting budget, but areas have been identified and a footpath programme has been prepared, currently awaiting funding.

Cllr. Buckley asked if the footpath list could be provided to members and if more areas could be added.

Cllr Fahy requested that works be committed up to Bloomingdale and that the Rochestown Rd be resurfaced and requested it be looked at by summer 2026. Regarding the resurfacing of the Rochestown Rd, Cllr Fahy asked if this would be a combined effort between Cork County and Cork City as the road is cross boundary.

Cllr White asked if the 2024 footpath programme funds would be rolled over or would new funding be received.

Cllr McCarthy requested to see what footpaths were added to the programme list.

Cllr Dalton asked that Ballinreeshig in Ballygarvan and Killanully be examined this year.

All Cllrs thanked the area office and Cork County for their response to the recent adverse weather event.

Mr. Cogan explained that a draft footpath programme was recently submitted. Once the list was formalised members would be notified, he further clarified that all works were funding dependent, the same applies to the roads programme. Mr Cogan said they can liaise with Cork City Council re the Rochestown Rd, any works are funding dependant.

## **6. Chun na Ruin so leanas ón gComhairleoir a mheas:/To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of:**

### **Cllr Audrey Buckley**

1. To seek when the road lining van/contractors will be in the area, and if we can between the MD create a list. Areas that need to be relined and look at new places to be lined. I am looking for a disabled parking space on the upper road above the pier garden, Crosshaven.

### **Mr Cogan, A/Senior Executive Engineer written response to motion.**

*A tender was recently advertised for line marking services. Appointment of a Contractor will occur in the next few weeks and mobilisation will happen as soon as weather conditions permit. A review of the Upper Road will be undertaken to determine the suitability of provision of a disabled space at this location.*

Cllr Buckley noted the response and asked, how would requests be processed. Mr Cogan informed members to submit areas that they deem a concern to the area office and requests would be



reviewed. Cllr Buckley asked if estates are marked, Mr Cogan explained that estate are not marked. Cllr White seconded the motion.

2. looking for funding to upgrade the toilets in Fountainstown. The people park toilet facilities in Ringaskiddy are what we should be looking to input across areas in the MD.

**Ms Kidney, MD Officer written response to motion.**

*This will be examined in detail with a view to drafting a business case to upgrade toilet facilities in Fountainstown.*

Cllr Buckley noted the toilet facilities located at Ringaskiddy park as an example of the standard needed. Mr Murphy explained that the public toilets located in Ringaskiddy were included as part of a wider scale project and is not a viable option for Fountainstown. He further noted that a business case would be drafted to upgrade the toilet facilities in Fountainstown. Cllr White seconded the motion.

3. Lough Beach Ringaskiddy, we need to address the parking at this fabulous local amenity/ public beach. Can we look at speaking to all stakeholders and implementing a parking area that facilitates the 2 pharmaceutical companies and the public?

**Ms Kidney, MD Officer written response to motion.**

*The land around the access to Lough Beach, Ringaskiddy is owned and managed by the IDA. Any developments in this area would need to be managed and funded by the IDA.*

Cllr Buckley noted the response, she stated that she was unaware that the land in question was owned by the IDA and would therefore correspond with the IDA regarding her request. Cllr White seconded the motion.

**Cllr Patrick Donovan**

1. Requesting that the section of the R612 from the Lidl roundabout in Carrigaline to the entrance of the Kilnagleary Industrial Park be included in the 2025 roads resurfacing programme.

**Mr Cogan, A/Senior Executive Engineer written response to motion.**

*Works, as part of the rollout of TPrep, would conflict with this proposal. As such, it is intended to continue undertaking improvement works heading West from O' Leary's Cross along the R612. The Scale of works to be undertaken will be dependent on funding allocations. Members will be updated on a Works Program once allocations have been received.*

Cllr Donovan noted the response and asked for clarification on what area would be prioritised. Mr Cogan explained that due to the TPrep works that are currently underway, it would be premature for the area office to commit to adding that section of R612 to the 2025 roads resurfacing as it would



lead to a conflict of works. Cllr White seconded this motion and raised the concern of the timeline of TPrep works, that if delayed the road would deteriorate further, he requested interim works. Mr Cogan stated that the area would continue to be monitored but premature works were not advised as work was already committed under the TPrep proposal.

2. That the MD would review the exercise equipment in the Carrigaline Community Park and look at replacing certain pieces of exercise equipment that have rusted and become damaged over time.

**Ms Kidney, MD Officer written response to motion.**

*The Municipal District is examining increasing public amenities space in Carrigaline Town. This will be considered as part of plans for the area.*

Cllr Donovan noted that at least two pieces of exercise equipment needed to be replaced. Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan seconded the motion and suggested that the MD create a list of Cllr requests and look at national funding to secure replacements. Mr Murphy stated that a wider option for recreational and amenity space in Carrigaline was being examined and would be considered as part of the plans for the Carrigaline area.

3. To request that directly behind properties 3-10 in Ard Carrig, Carrigaline be assessed with a view to providing additional public lighting.

**Mr Cogan, A/Senior Executive Engineer written response to motion.**

*This will be referred to the Public Lighting Section for appraisal and comment.*

Cllr Donovan noted the response. Mr Cogan confirmed that the request would be referred to the public lighting section to assess the situation. Cllr Buckley supported the motion.

**Cllr Ben Dalton O'Sullivan**

1. Requesting the Killanully Road, Ballygarvan be added to the next resurfacing program.

**Mr Cogan, A/Senior Executive Engineer written response to motion.**

*The proposed surfacing programs are currently being decided and this will be included for consideration. Once routes have been identified and agreed they be disseminated to members*

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan noted the response. Cllr White second the motion.

2. Requesting that repairs are carried out to the recent fallen wall at Killingley cemetery. (\*With thanks to the area office for arranging the laying of new paths in the cemetery recently).



**Ms Kidney, MD Officer written response to motion.**

*This will be examined in detail with a view to drafting a business case to address the issue*

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan thanked the area office for the repair of the footpaths at Killingley cemetery and noted the response. Cllr White seconded the motion.

3. Requesting an update on the provision of a pedestrian crossing between the Marian Hall carpark, Ballinhassig and the Fairy Green, Ballinhassig.

**Mr Cogan, A/Senior Executive Engineer written response to motion.**

*This has been referred to the Regional and Local Roads Office as they are assessing options at this location. A reply will issue to members once received.*

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan noted that the village association are pushing for the installation of a pedestrian crossing. Mr Cogan informed members that he had spoken to the RLRDO and they have completed initial design works and will be undertaking additional surveying. Cllr Buckley second the motion

**Cllr Jack White**

1. That this MD calls for a review of the Crosshaven Framework Plan, via a meeting with Senior Management as soon as possible.

**Ms Kidney, MD Officer written response to motion.**

*All Municipal Districts are currently developing Town Enhancement Plans for the key towns and villages in the Municipal District as identified in the County Development Plan. These plans will take input from all the previous plans both operational and strategic. Elected Members will be consulted during this process to determine priorities.*

Cllr White requested that a strategic high-level review be undertaken of the Crosshaven Framework Plan, which included road infrastructure, wastewater infrastructure, school capacity and housing development. Mr Murphy stated that the strategic element would fall under the Planning Directorate, and with the new restructure the MD Manager would now allow a direct link to the strategic management team. Cllr Donovan second the motion

2. That this MD would write to the Director of Services for Roads, asking that the Carrigaline-Ballyfeard road would be updated from Priority 3 to Priority 2, specifically for the purposes of winter gritting / salting treatment. It is one of the two main arteries connecting Minane Bridge, Ringabella, Roberts Cove, and Tracton as a whole, to Priority 1 routes.

**Mr Cogan, A/Senior Executive Engineer written response to motion.**

*The Winter Services plan outlines how Routes are Prioritised and are categorised based on road classification, the traffic volume carried, public transport usage, and the importance of the route on a national, regional or local level. The 2024-2025 Winter Services Plan is now being utilised but*



*consideration can be given to this request when the next Annual Winter Services Plan is being formulated.*

Cllr White noted the response and requested that a letter be issued to the Roads Directorate to highlight members concerns. Cllr McCarthy second the motion and stated that the road was subject to ice during bad weather which can become extremely dangerous. Mr Cogan stated that the route could be examined when the next Annual Winter Service Plans were being formulated but that there were no reports of incident here to the Area Office.

### **Cllr Una McCarthy**

1. That the council investigate the feasibility of designating an enclosed section of Carrigaline Community Park as a dog park, allowing dogs to be off-leash in the designated area.

### **Ms Kidney, MD Officer written response to motion.**

*The Municipal District is examining increasing public amenities space in Carrigaline Town. This will be considered as part of plans for the area.*

Cllr. McCarthy stated that she had received numerous requests from constituents for a dog park and that residents within the Carrigaline MD were traveling to Ballincollig to avail of the dog park located there. She further noted that a suitable site had been identified, located behind the duck pond. Cllr Buckley, Cllr White and Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan supported this motion. Mr Murphy confirmed that this would be examined under the increasing public amenities space in Carrigaline Town. Regarding Cllr McCarthy point relating to the location Mr. Murphy stated this would need to be reviewed before a commitment was made, they will also look to engage with Cork City Council regarding the Ballincollig dog park operations. Cllr McCarthy informed all that she had spoken to Cllrs in Cork City Council who confirmed they are happy to engage with Cork County Council. Ms Corcoran noted the importance of this motion.

2. That a raised pedestrian crossing be constructed outside the Fr. Collins Centre in Passage West to enhance safety and accommodate the high volume of pedestrians crossing the road to access the centre for various clubs and activities.

### **Mr Cogan, A/Senior Executive Engineer written response to motion.**

*At present there is an uncontrolled crossing at this location. This will be kept under review and included for consideration if funding becomes available.*

Cllr McCarthy noted the response and stated that if funding becomes available that this request be examined. Cllr Fahy second the motion, he explained that former Cllr McGrath had a previous motion regarding this, with an application submitted under the 2024 low-cost safety improvements funding but was not successful. Cllr Fahy requested a resubmission for this year. Mr Cogan informed members that raised crossing are not always the suitable solution, however it will be kept under review pending funding.



3. To request that a digital speed sign be installed on the L2474 road, between the junction to Diamond Road and the Junction to Laurel Hill Monkstown, to improve road safety on this busy stretch of road.

**Mr Cogan, A/Senior Executive Engineer written response to motion.**

*A rotation of speed signs within the area will be undertaken in the coming months and one of these signs can be located here for a period of time.*

Cllr McCarthy noted that the speed of cars on this road has become an issue and residents have requested council intervention to install digital speed signs. Cllr McCarthy noted Mr Cogan written response. Mr Cogan explained to members that signs are rotated to ensure they do not lose their effectiveness. Cllr. Fahy asked how often speed signs are rotated. Mr Cogan stated that signs were rotated approximately every 6 months.

**Cllr Eoghan Fahy**

1. To request Bloomingdale, be included in the resurfacing programme for 2025 mainly the main section of the road through the estate. 110M in length.

**Mr Cogan, A/Senior Executive Engineer written response to motion.**

*This area will be included for consideration and a determination will be made once Funding Allocations are known.*

Cllr Fahy noted Mr Cogan written response and asked if a particular area of the estate would be examined or the wider area. Mr Cogan explained that Bloomingdale will be examined however there is more urgent sections that may be prioritised before this section is addressed. Cllr McCarthy seconded this motion.

2. Flashing speed signs to be installed along the R610 either from Aldi to Pembroke roundabout or between the roundabout and Marmullane Park.

**Mr Cogan, A/Senior Executive Engineer written response to motion.**

*A flashing speed sign was previously installed adjacent to Aldi on the R610 and data showed no issues relating to speeding in this area. When the speed signs are being rotated in the Area this location can be revisited.*

Cllr Fahy noted the written response and ask that the Marmullane park side be prioritised. Mr Cogan informed members that speed limit enforcement was not in the council remit, but they can encourage driver safety by the installation of flashing speed signs on a rotational basis. Cllr McCarthy seconded this motion.



3. This Municipal District would write to the Garda Superintendent from Togher requesting clarity on the scheduled hours of Carrigaline Garda station and a commitment for the station to be open and operational daily. Also, for an update on the proposed plans for opening hours in Passage West and Crosshaven as advised last March. Cllr McCarthy seconded this motion.

**Ms Kidney, MD Officer written response to motion.**

*The Municipal District has written to the Garda Superintendent with this request. An update will be provided when a response is received.*

Cllr Fahy noted the response and acknowledged that since the motion was entered clarity had been issued by the Gardaí, however the clarity given was not a satisfactory response. He expressed his disappointment that members were not notified of restricted open hours before it was publicly declared. He further stated that Cllrs will be meeting the superintendent to discuss ongoing problems and will raise concerns here. Cllr White second the motion and noted the lack of Gardaí presence within the MD was an ongoing concern, he encouraged members of the public to attend the community policing forum in Carrigaline in February. Cllr Donovan supported motion and expressed that local garda were extremely hard working within the area but going forward communication networks need to be improved. Cllr Buckley supported the motion and requested a letter be sent. Ms. Kidney informed Cllrs that she will engage with them to draft a letter, outlining Cllrs concerns.

**7. Votes of Congratulations**

Cllr White wished to issue a vote of congratulations to Carrigaline IFA on celebrating 70yrs and to Tracton GAA Club on winning Junior A County Final at the end of November.

Cllr McCarthy wished to issue a vote of congratulations to St Peters Community School Senior boys' soccer team for retaining their Munster soccer title and wished to issue a vote of congratulations to all the schools in the MD who participate in the young scientist competition particular Coláiste Muire in Crosshaven.

Cllr Buckley, Cllr Fahy and Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan wished to congratulate newly elected TD Seamus McGrath.

Cllr Fahy wished to be associated with the vote of congratulations to St Peters Boys school and wished them luck in there all Ireland semi-final.

**9. Any Other Business**

Cllr Fahy requested an update on the following.

- Heritage Plan for passage west
- Launce date for Paint Scheme.



- Update on a previous issue raised regarding a sinking manhole outside Graham Roches mechanics in Passage West

Cllr Buckley requested an update on the following.

- ESB metal box on Middle Rd
- Two ESB poles obstructing the footpath in the lower road Crosshaven.
- When will draft by-laws be completed and shown to members.

Cllr. White asked the following;

- Suggested the installation of bike racks to be inserted at bus shelters.
- Resurface of the back of the Owenabue carpark.
- Consider erecting speed signage and feedback signs on the Carrigaline to Crosshaven road to help address speeding.
- That interim works would be introduced at Ballinrea cross, while they await the implantation of proposed works by the Roads Directorate as discuss at Southern Committee.

Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan requested the following.

- Road markings at Waterfall village

Regarding the ESB poles Mr Cogan stated he will try to rectify the situation and he will examine Middle rd.

Regarding Cllr Fahy motion re the manhole, Mr Cogan confirmed that the issue was forwarded onto the wastewater engineer, he stated he would follow up and see what the status was.

Regarding Cllr White motion re the installation of bike racks, Ms Kidney informed Cllrs that previously they were successful in obtaining funding through STU to instal a bike rack at the Carrigaline Library. Cllr White asked Ms Kidney to issue correspondence to STU regarding this request.

Mr Cogan stated that temporary measure could be examined for the Owenabue carpark. He also stated that they would look at rotating speed signs on the Carrigaline to Crosshaven Rd.

In relation to Ballinrea cross, Mr Cogan updated the members on the interim works for this area.

Mr Cogan informed Cllr Dalton O'Sullivan that line markings can be reviewed but they would not be deemed a priority.

Mr Murphy informed members that a timeframe cannot be issued on the Heritage Plan, he further stated that there was currently numerous projects underway within Passage West that fall under different sections of the council. The town enhancement plan is looking to bring all these plans together to form a cohesive plan.

Ms Kidney explained that the TRO would be launching the Paint Scheme, she has emailed the team for an update and once a response was received Ms Kidney would update members.

Regarding the By-laws Mr Murphy stated that he was hopeful a draft would be submitted to members in the coming weeks, he informed members that the causal trading by-laws will deal specifically with the sale of goods and will also examine a license type mechanism.