

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Kanturk Mallow Municipal District – Blended Meeting held on Friday 06th December 2024 @ at 10.30 a.m.

I Lathair: Cllr Pat Hayes presided.
Cllr Ian Doyle, Cllr Liam Madden, Cllr Gearoid Murphy, Cllr Trish Murphy, Cllr Tony O’ Shea

Ag Freastal: Mr Billy O’ Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer,
Mr Aidan Creagh, Senior Executive Officer Municipal District & Rural Operations,
Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer,
Mr Denis Beecher, Executive Engineer,
Ms Andreana Sheehan, Executive Engineer,
Mr Billy Dennehy, Executive Engineer
Ms Niamh Mullins, Meeting Administrator.

At the outset of the meeting the Chair Cllr P Hayes congratulated members of this committee; namely Cllr JP O’ Shea and Cllr Eoghan Kenny who had been successful in winning seats in the recent General Election and he wished them well in their new roles.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on Friday 08th November 2024

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Friday 08th November 2024 were unanimously adopted on the **proposal of Cllr I Doyle and seconded by Cllr L Madden.**

Matter Arising from Minutes.

No matters arose.

2. Statutory Business

- (a) Section 183 - Disposal of site no. 8, Ballysallagh Industrial Estate, Charleville, Co. Cork. To Whom It Is Proposed to Dispose: BCD Engineering Ltd.
Proposed by Cllr I Doyle and Seconded by Cllr P Hayes
- (b) Section 183 - Disposal of land at Dromineen, Kanturk, Co. Cork. To whom it is proposed to Dispose: Martin Hannon
Proposed by Cllr I Doyle and Seconded by Cllr P Hayes

3. Presentation

- (a) **Overview of LEADER2327 in Ballyhoura Development North Cork area.**

Ms Amanda Slattery, Development Manager Ballyhoura Development gave members a presentation on the Leader Implementation structure for the Leader Programme 2327

Cllr’s Doyle, O’ Shea, Madden and Hayes all welcomed the presentation and said they look forward to the new Leader Programme. Cllr Hayes asked if there will be

funding allocated towards projects focused towards Climate Change and if any benefits here are evident.

4. **Notices of Motion.**

- (a) "That Cork Co Council would look at some kind of traffic Calming Measures on the approach roads to Liscarroll Village, especially the Dromcolliher road and the Buttevant road." Cllr T O' Shea (15/11/2024)
Proposed by Cllr T O' Shea and Seconded by Cllr L Madden

Cllr T O' Shea proposed this motion and said that this is a very serious issue for residents in Liscarroll

Cllr L Madden seconded the motion and said that excessive speed is a very common issue in many of our villages.

The motion was supported by Cllr G Murphy and Cllr P Hayes who made reference to a very similar issue in Churchtown Village.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

The Council will arrange to carry out a speed survey on the approach roads to Liscarroll Village to assess traffic volumes and any speeding violations before any traffic calming measures are considered.

Dependent of the outcome of the survey, the requirement for traffic calming measures can then be assessed and then advanced at certain locations within the village if deemed necessary.

Cllr O' Shea acknowledged the response and said that he looks forward to the result of the speed survey.

As motions b & d were dealing with the same issue, it was decided to deal with these together.

- (b) "That Cork Co Council would install lighting on the foot bridge/ Flyover leading up to the railway station and also make sure this is treated for icy patches during the winter season." Cllr T O' Shea (15/11/2024)
Proposed by Cllr T O' Shea and Seconded by Cllr P Hayes
- (d) "Lighting urgently needed on flyover on N20 for Railway station for pedestrians safety it should have been a part of project from day one." Cllr L Madden (25/11/2024)
Proposed by Cllr T O' Shea and Seconded by Cllr P Hayes

Cllr T O' Shea proposed motion b and said that this had been highlighted during recent cold weather, he said that this route is used by a large number of pedestrians accessing Mallow Train Station.

Cllr L Madden proposed motion d and agreed with comments made by Cllr O' Shea and added that this route is the main connection for Kennell Hill and the northside of Mallow where there is a large number of houses. Cllr P Hayes seconded both of these motions.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

There is existing public lighting located on both the eastern and western side of the N20 which are sited to provide lighting to the footbridge. There was a recent fault with the public lighting at this location which impacted on the lighting at the western end of the footbridge but it was resolved earlier

this week. Consideration can be given to the provision of an additional light on the western side of the footbridge due to tree cover.

The provision of additional lighting on the footbridge itself as requested can be investigated with the Council's Public Lighting Section. This will be dependent on identifying a lighting solution that can be retrofitted to the existing structure. A funding stream will need to be identified for any potential installation.

In accordance with Cork County Council's Winter Service Plan, certain footpaths, cycleways and local roads will be treated in towns and villages as local resources permit when a prolonged period of snow or icy conditions occur. The ramp and footbridge will be treated as per the Winter Service Plan to reflect the high pedestrian traffic in this area.

Cllr T O' Shea and Cllr L Madden acknowledged the response and said that it is very important for funding to be put in place here.

- (c) "That Cork Co Council would erect a sign saying residents parking only for the houses at Spa terrace." Cllr T O' Shea (15/11/2024)

Proposed by Cllr T O' Shea and Seconded by Cllr P Hayes

Response by Ms Claire Barr, Municipal District Officer

In order to amend parking at Spa Terrace, Mallow Councillors would be required to carry out a full review of parking bye-laws.

Cllr T O' Shea proposed this motion and acknowledged the response which was provided to members before the meeting. He said that residents of Spa Terrace are having issues finding a parking space, he said that this proposal may also alleviate the number of cars parked in this area.

Cllr P Hayes seconded the motion and said there is a huge issue with traffic in the Spa Terrace and Spa Walk area. He suggested that a survey of residents in the area should be carried out.

The Municipal District Officer responded to say that for any changes to take place that this area would need to be removed from the parking schedule and this would first require public consultation

Cllr O' Shea asked if a sign could be put in place if this area was removed from the schedule.

Cllr Hayes added that there is a constant issue with HGV's trying to pass the cars parked on the street.

Cllr O' Shea acknowledged that a full review would be a very lengthy process but said that it should be considered. He also referred to previous proposals to make Muddy Hill one-way as he said there is a very dangerous pedestrian issue here also.

The Municipal District Officer said that she will revert to members to discuss this issue In-Committee and will include the Muddy Hill proposal here also.

- (e) "Pedestrian Safety on certain crossings in Mallow due to markings nearly gone also entrance and exit to Dunnes accident waiting to happen with certain aspects of crossing markings and visibility." Cllr L Madden (25/11/2024)

Proposed by Cllr L Madden and Seconded by Cllr P Hayes

Cllr L Madden proposed this motion and said that there is confusion among pedestrians in Mallow as some crossings are controlled and others are un-controlled.

This motion was seconded by Cllr P Hayes who asked if it would be possible to get a list of all crossings within Mallow Town and what type they are.

Cllr T O' Shea supported the motion also and agreed that that it is very confusing for pedestrians.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

Lining works have been programmed for a number of locations in Mallow Town including the school crossings to Mallow Convent at Fair Street and to St. Patricks Boys National School at New Road/William O'Brien Street.

In addition, the Area Office has been in contact with the Property Manager at Market Square and it has been agreed that white lining at the pedestrian walkway will be replaced in conjunction with the proposed works at the St. Patricks Boys National School on the New Road/William O'Brien Street Zebra Crossing. The Property Manager has confirmed that the internal STOP Line and text within the Market Square boundary on the car park ramp will also be re-lined.

- (f) "Update on Bus Shelter Programme - Review of second Shelter for Buttevant has it been completed. - Update on Newtwopothouse." Cllr L Madden (25/11/2024)

Proposed by Cllr L Madden and Seconded by Cllr T O' Shea

Cllr L Madden proposed this motion and said that as far as he was aware that the safe route to schools project is linked to the provision of a bus shelter at Twopothouse. He also referred to the fact that the shelter in Buttevant is a one sided shelter and he again called for all shelters to be two sided.

Cllr T O' Shea seconded the motion and said that the bus shelter issue in Buttevant has been going on too long and needs a resolution. He said that every bus stop should have a shelter provided. He also raised the issue of a new bus shelter to be provided at Park Road, Mallow and has not been delivered to date.

This motion was supported by Cllr P Hayes also.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

The Sustainable Travel Unit has provided the following update:

Works are nearing completion in relation to the two bus shelters being installed at Rathduff under Phase 3 of the bus stop upgrade programme. It is envisaged that works at remaining locations will be completed in Q1 2025. Regarding the individual locations referenced:

Buttevant: *This matter has been discussed and clarified previously. The potential to install a shelter at this location is currently being investigated. If the outcome of this process is positive Cork County Council will seek funding to install a shelter at this location.*

Newtwopothouse: *As previously clarified, the bus stops at this location will not be upgraded until the crossing of the N20 has been addressed.*

Cllr L Madden acknowledged the response provided but expressed his annoyance and said that it is disgraceful that this is not being addressed. He said that the public are being encouraged to use public transport but said that Cork County Council and the National Transport Authority are not delivering. He said that he has kept this issue alive and wants a resolution.

He also raised the issue of inadequate signage at bus stops and the location of the bus stop at Mallow General Hospital where people are practically standing out on the main N20.

- (g) "That Cork County Council would look at resurfacing Rathnacally Ballyhea." Cllr I Doyle (28/11/2024)

Proposed by Cllr I Doyle and Seconded by Cllr P Hayes

Cllr I Doyle said that this is an old council estate and has never been re-surfaced

Cllr P Hayes seconded the motion.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

This will be reviewed by the Area Engineer. It should be noted that sections of the L-1307 have been included on the SR Programme for 2025.

- (h) "That Cork County Council would look at traffic calming measures on Old Cork Road Charleville." Cllr I Doyle (28/11/2024)

Proposed by Cllr I Doyle and seconded by Cllr P Hayes

Cllr I Doyle proposed this motion and said that speed is a very serious issue here and that this road is being used as an unofficial relief road.

Cllr P Hayes seconded the motion.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

It is proposed to advance a design for an NTA Project incorporating traffic calming on the Old Cork Road from Park Road Junction to Mannix College subject to resources.

- (i) "That Cork County Council would put in place ramp for speed on Western side of Newtown Village." Cllr I Doyle (28/11/2024)

Proposed by Cllr L Madden and seconded by Cllr P Hayes

Cllr I Doyle proposed this motion and referred to a Section 38 that had been agreed here previously. He asked if there is any intent to proceed with Section 38 plans.

Cllr P Hayes seconded the motion.

Response by Mr Billy O' Sullivan, Senior Executive Engineer

The Section 38 Process has been completed for traffic calming works for Newtownshandrum and includes for the provision of a raised table gateway and a raised Pedestrian Crossing on the western approach to the village. This scheme will be nominated for NTA funding in 2025. Given the extent of works proposed, the project will have to be phased over time but consideration can be given to prioritising traffic calming measures on the western approach.

5. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations.

(a) Municipal District Officers Report

Members were presented with the Municipal District Officers Report prior to the meeting. Members were requested to approve the following:

Community Grants Requests to Repurpose :

Name & CFS No: Boherbue & District Community Development Association CFS585596534 – Community Contract Grant 2024.

Grant Allocation: €1,500

Purpose: Construction of a decorative & sensory garden at the Gneevs Garden

Extension: Extension of time until Spring 2025

Proposed by: Cllr I Doyle, Seconded by: Cllr T O' Shea

Name & CFS No: Boherbue & District Community Development Association CFS586268556 – Amenity Grant 2024.

Grant Allocation: €2,000

Purpose: Construction of a path & kerbing at the Biodiversity Garden

Repurpose: Construction of a decorative & sensory garden at the Gneevs Garden to community grant.

Proposed by: Cllr I Doyle, Seconded by: Cllr T O' Shea

Mallow Rugby Club-CFS487040556-Capital 2023

Grant Allocation- €10,000

Original purpose-To provide dressing rooms for the ladies teams

New Purpose:

- **Provision of male/female referee dressing rooms**
- **Upgrade of existing dressing rooms**
- **Upgrade of showers**
- **Drainage upgrades**

Proposed by: Cllr P Hayes, Seconded by: Cllr L Madden

Town Development Fund – The following expenditure required approval by members:

Charleville – One off grant of €4,000 to assist School Yard Theatre to renovate dressing rooms

Proposed by Cllr I Doyle and Seconded by Cllr P Hayes

Pay Parking Dividend – The following expenditure required approval by members:

Banteer - Community Christmas Lights €2,000

Proposed by Cllr T O 'Shea and Seconded by Cllr I Doyle

Freemount - Mural by Freemount Community Group €1,000

Proposed by Cllr T O' Shea and Seconded by Cllr I Doyle

Boherbue – Community Christmas Lights €2,000

Proposed by Cllr T O' Shea and Seconded by Cllr I Doyle

Members welcomed the report and raised the following issues:

Cllr I Doyle paid particular compliment to the extension of the new Christmas lights in Charleville. He said the key message to the public this Christmas should be "Shop Local".

Cllr T O' Shea also complimented the Christmas lights in Mallow and thanked the Municipal District for all the work carried out in 2024.

Cllr L Madden said that the Municipal District Officer has kept Mallow alive with the many activities carried out during 2024 and the promotion of amenities such as Mallow Castle. He also complimented the grants in place to help community groups.

Cllr P Hayes also thanked the Municipal District for completed and on going works and thanked the staff for their dedication.

At this point of the meeting Cllr P Hayes had to leave the meeting, with Cllr I Doyle taking over as Chair.

**(b) Senior Executive Engineer's Report presented by Billy O' Sullivan
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Members were presented with the Senior Executive Engineers Report prior to the meeting. Members raised the following issues:

Cllr T O' Shea welcomed works carried out at Castlemagner and Bweeng and made particular attention to the high quality of these works. He asked if there is any updates available on speed survey's carried out in the following areas; Gortroe, Killavullen Road and Bellvue, Mallow. He raised the issue of Longfields Bridge being closed during periods of flooding and he asked if signage could be put in place at the Lombardstown junction to advise when this closure is in place, he said that traffic may be able to divert here depending on their destination and he said it would also alleviate traffic at Annabella Roundabout. Also, in relation to flooding he said there is an area prone to flooding at Dromore, Nazareth Hill where the flood is in danger of entering homes when vehicles drive through it and in particular HGV's; he asked if barriers could be erected here to stop vehicles driving through. He also asked if there is any update on a pedestrian crossing at Centra, Buttevant. He complimented the works carried out to date in 2024.

Cllr L Madden also referred to huge progress made in 2024. He raised the road from the N20 to Burnfort Village and drainage works carried out here which he said are not satisfactory without resurfacing works taking place also. He supported calls by Cllr O' Shea to put measures in place during flood incidents at Dromore, Mallow. He also asked that cleaning of the stream be carried out at Clyda Court. Referring to Hazelbrook Estate, Mallow he asked if it is a condition of planning permission for ramps to be installed in the estate. He said that the river walk in Mallow was very slippery and dangerous after the recent flood and he asked if this could be monitored. He asked for extra lighting be provided at Lisgriffin Church.

Cllr I Doyle complimented the traffic calming works carried out at St Mary's and St Anne's school, the pedestrian crossing at the Turrets and the buildouts installed at Love Lane, Charleville. He asked for gully cleaning to be carried out at Meadowvale, Charleville for flood prevention. He raised the issue of the road from Mannix College to Ardnageeha.

The Senior Executive Engineer responded as follows:

He confirmed that there are currently no results available from speed survey's but will revert to members when these are available.

He will revert to members on extra signage during closure of Longfields Bridge.

He acknowledged that there is an issue with flooding at Dromore however he confirmed that it is not possible to close the road.

He will seek an update from TII with regard to pedestrian crossing on N20 at Centra, Buttevant.

He confirmed that Climate Action works were carried out at Burnfort.

With regard to cleaning the stream at Clyda Court, he will follow up with the private landowner.

With regard to traffic calming in estates he said that conditions in each estate would be individual. He will follow up with the Estates Engineer with regard to Hazelbrook.

He confirmed that Lisgriffin is not on the current Public Lighting programme.

Referring to Cllr I Doyle he said that works at Smiths Road, Charleville are near complete, awaiting an ESB connection.

Works at the Turrets; footpaths and ramps are completed with work to begin at Love Lane at the start of 2025.

There has been a works application made to the OPW for works to be carried out at Meadowvale.

Mannix College to Ardnageeha Road is include in the works program for 2025.

Cllr T O' Shea re-iterated that issue at Dromore is an emergency with houses in danger during periods of heavy rain and a solution must be identified as soon as possible.

6. Any Other Business

5. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Kanturk/Mallow Municipal District will take place on 10th January 2025 @ 10.30a.m.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting.

Signed: _____

CHAIRPERSON

Date: _____

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Signed: _____

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

Date: _____

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