

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Ordinary Meeting of Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chamber, Floor 2, County Hall, on Monday, 21st November, 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Derry Canty (Cathaoirleach) presided. Councillors: Deirdre Forde, Marcia D'Alton, Seamus McGrath, Mary Rose Desmond, John Collins, Eoghan Jeffers.

APOLOGIES: Councillors: Daithi O'Donnabhain, Michael Murphy, Joe Harris.

IN ATTENDANCE: Anne Collins, Senior Executive Officer, Kevin O'Regan, Municipal District Officer, Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer, Peter O'Donoghue, Senior Engineer, Mark Collins, Senior Architect, Sarah O'Sullivan, Clerical Officer.

1: MINUTES

- (a) On the proposal of Cllr. D'Alton and seconded by Cllr. McGrath, the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th October 2016, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
- (b) On the proposal of Cllr. Desmond and seconded by Cllr. D'Alton, the minutes of the proceedings of the Special Meeting held on 24th October 2016, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
- (c) On the proposal of Cllr. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Jeffers, the minutes of the proceedings of the Draft Budgetary Meeting held on 19th September 2016, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
- (d) On the proposal of Cllr. Forde and seconded by Cllr. Desmond, the minutes of the proceedings of the Special Meeting held on 25th October 2016, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2: MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting 17th October 2016

Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on the report due from the Non National Road Design Office in relation to the Notice of Motion for Maryborough Ridge put forward at the October meeting. Madeleine Healy advised that she will arrange a response from the Non National Road Design Office and circulate to Members.

Kevin O'Regan noted that a question was raised at the last meeting in relation to the cost of removing abandoned vehicles and advised that the cost of lifting a vehicle is €80.00. Kevin O'Regan advised that he had recently been contacted by a company with the appropriate licence who are willing to remove vehicles for free.

3: REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(A) PART VIII PROPOSAL FOR KILNAGLEARY, CARRIGALINE

Mark Collins attended the meeting for this item and circulated maps to the Members. Mark Collins outlined the proposal to Members and advised that it is based on the need identified in the area. There is a housing mix layout and the Area Engineer has been engaged with regard to the proposal. The hope is that there will be good interface with local infrastructures and the intention is that the part VIII process will commence between now and Christmas, with the Tender process to follow in the New Year. Members thanked Mark Collins for his report on the matter.

In response to a number of queries raised Mark Collins advised as follows:

- There will be two access points to the Educate Together campus for health and safety reasons.

- This is the first of four phases and is based on the current housing need as determined by the Housing Directorate. Single storey dwellings were considered but not included in this phase. Single storey dwellings may be included in further phases.
- The proposed GAA pitch is on Council owned land.
- The houses are in terraced format and they will have storage facilities for bins.
- There will be a vehicle entrance point by the tennis court and there will be upgrading to the public road.

Kevin O'Regan advised Members that the proposal is located in the Bandon/Kinsale Municipal District and today's briefing is for Members information only. The Part VIII proposal will be going to the Bandon/Kinsale Municipal District for consideration.

(B) SECTION 85 AGREEMENT

"It is an objective of Douglas LUTS that the existing roundabout at the junction of the South Douglas Road and the N40 off ramp at West Douglas be upgraded to a signalised junction. The agreement of the Members of the Municipal District is sought to the entering into a Section 85 agreement with Cork City Council for the purposes of Planning and Construction of the junction upgrade".

Peter O'Donoghue attended the meeting for this item and advised that this is a DLUTS recommendation and is what can be best delivered in the short term. The proposal is to remove the existing roundabout at the junction in question and replace it with a signalised junction. This will allow for a better distribution of time which would result in improved junction operation. He noted that there is a lot of school going traffic in the area and that signalisation will give better facilities to pedestrians and bus detection can be put in place. The intention is to ultimately link the signals for the five junctions in Douglas Village so that they can be managed adequately. The proposed works have been modelled and this identified that it will not have an adverse effect on the N40. It is anticipated that there could be up to an 8% increase in traffic volumes which could cause significant delays on all approaches unless the existing junctions are upgraded. Peter O'Donoghue advised that the location of the proposal is within the city, and the proposed works requires a Section 85 with the City Council to proceed. Peter O'Donoghue noted that the NTA are supportive of the DLUTS and is confident that funding for the proposed works will be provided by the NTA as part of their 5 year investment programme. Members thanked Peter O'Donoghue for his report on the matter and raised a number of questions.

In response to queries from Members, Peter O' Donoghue advised as follows:

- The five junctions in Douglas have been examined and this junction has been chosen. It will ultimately be linked to the Scoot traffic management system in the city and give an optimal response to traffic. The aim is to make junctions operate as efficiently as possible. If they weren't linked up there would be conflict and traffic is acute at this location. Signalising and linking the junctions is the only option for managing traffic congestion in the area. Signalisation is also required for a pedestrian crossing.
- The lanes from the N40 slipway will split from one lane into two, which will give extra capacity.
- A yellow box is a good option to access the side road at Willow Park and noted that in the current situation the traffic is free-flowing from the off ramp.
- This is a preliminary design and the issues that Members raised will need to be considered as part of the Part VIII detailed planning process
- What is requested today is the Member's agreement of the principle to the proposal to allow it to progress
- In relation to a left turn light in place at the following junction, he advised that the area is restricted as there isn't space for an extra lane and agreed to look at the matter. All possible options will be looked at before the final decision.
- The area is limited by space as the N40 and down ramps are coming into old streets.
- There is no funding allocated yet from the NTA towards the project.

Peter O'Donoghue advised that the aim is to get the Section 85 Agreement put in place, to be followed by the Part VIII three month process. The desired time to carry out the works is during the summer holidays. School related traffic is the biggest cause of congestion in the area. The provision of pedestrian and cycle paths is aimed to get more people to walk and cycle with the need to put an emphasis on reducing traffic congestion.

Members raised concerns on the importance of the traffic light sets working in sequence and potential congestion in the event of any failure. Peter O'Donoghue advised that the signalisation equipment will be new and modern.

Members also queried the location of the crossing in West Douglas, Peter O'Donoghue advised that the crossing is on the 'desire line' and crossings are most effective at that location. The potential issue of conflict between signals and the press button at the crossing has been flagged.

The matter must go before full Council for formal approval. If approved, the City Council will be contacted for agreement and it is hoped to be back before the Members in January/February 2017. What is required today is agreement to commence the Section 85 process with Cork City Council. Members agreed to this.

(C) CHRISTMAS PARKING – DOUGLAS 2016

Kevin O'Regan advised that the proposal circulated at the meeting is generally in line with previous years but slightly extended. Members welcomed the proposal and asked how the information will be communicated to the public. Kevin O'Regan advised that the information can be published in a local paper and advised the Members to make the information available on their social media.

(D) DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, HERITAGE, REGIONAL, RURAL AND GAELTACHT AFFAIRS FUNDING FOR RECREATIONAL PROJECTS

Kevin O'Regan noted that a report on the matter had been circulated to Members at the meeting and advised that this is a new funding stream. The Council applied for funding over 12 months ago and were not successful but were recently contacted and asked if they wanted to progress the projects, to which the Council agreed. Cork County Council will have to provide 10% match funding. It is expected that this funding will have to come from Municipal District funding and clarification is being sought on this at present. Projects in the Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District total €255,000. One of the projects is located within the Bandon/Kinsale Municipal District and they will be asked to contribute the 10% funding required. Members welcomed the funding and raised a number of questions on the matter. Madeleine Healy advised that modern fitness zone equipment is being put in place and the old equipment in Passage West will be looked at separately with regard to repair or replacement. Madeleine Healy advised that rock armour is used for the protection of walkways from the sea and will be put in place as part of the project.

Members raised concerns that the installation of benches/street furniture in the 'Mangala' in Douglas may result in anti-social behaviour and suggested moving the location to Douglas Village. Kevin O'Regan advised that this funding is for recreational infrastructure and cannot be moved to Douglas Village as the location does not qualify under the terms of the funding. Kevin O'Regan noted Members concerns and advised that he can revert to the Department regarding spending a proportion of the funding in Douglas Park. Kevin O'Regan advised that he is not aware of any additional funding stream available currently for improving the public realm in Douglas Village and noted that he would be slow to put something in place at present as it may have to be removed or relocated as DLUTS progresses.

4: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, TOURISM AND SPORT, DATED 26TH OCTOBER 2016 TO QUERIES RAISED BY MEMBERS REGARDING THE REGULATION OF CLAMPING OF VEHICLES BY PRIVATE OPERATORS.

This correspondence was read by the Members.

5: DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

Members noted that the proposed disposal had been advertised, that this land at Church Road was for use by the Men's Shed. It was agreed to forward the proposed disposal of the land to the Trustees of

Carrigaline Men's Shed, Barry Cogan, Roger Morrissey and Aidan Winters for the consideration of €200.00 per annum for the term of 30 years by way of lease agreement to Full Council for approval.

6: GENERAL MUNICIPAL ALLOCATION 2016/TOWN DEVELOPMENT FUND 2016 UPDATE

Update

Kevin O'Regan noted that a report on the matter had been circulated to Members at the meeting. Kevin O'Regan advised that due to an oversight a funding request of €1,500.00 from Togher Community Association towards Festival/Christmas Lights was not included in the October meeting for Members consideration. Members agreed to the funding allocation.

2017 Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Kevin O'Regan noted that he had previously sent an email to Members on the matter and outlined a report that was circulated to Members at the meeting. Kevin O'Regan advised that Cork County Council were contacted in August regarding making an application in September. The Council was allowed to submit one application per Municipal District and Passage West has been approved a grant of €47,500 under the Scheme. Members welcomed the funding allocation for Passage West.

Following questions from Members on the submission, Kevin O'Regan advised that the terms of the scheme were very limited and it was a challenge to identify a village within the terms. He also advised that the Council has to provide a minimum of 15% matching funding towards the project in order to avail of the grant of €47,500. He advised that it is proposed the amount of €7,125.00 will be allocated from the 2017 Town Development Fund. Members agreed to this. Anne Collins advised that a copy of the terms of the scheme would be forwarded to Members. Kevin O'Regan agreed to update Members regarding the progress of the project.

7: NOTICES OF MOTION

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamus McGrath:

1. "That the Council would pursue the need for maintenance work on trees on the Monastery Road as they are impacting on buses and also blocking the public lighting."

Cllr. McGrath advised that he had raised the matter previously and asked that the Council be more proactive with landowners. Cllr. McGrath noted that public lighting is impacted by trees and the area needs attention.

Madeleine Healy advised that there is a section in the Roads Act that outlines the landowners' duty and noted that they cannot cause a hazard. The issue is chasing down landowners and informing them of their duties. Prosecution is the only option open to the Council for dealing with landowners who do not carry out their duties. Madeleine Healy noted that a notice is put in the paper each year informing landowners of their duties and noted that she will be writing to landowners in this area as nesting season is over. It is a very difficult matter. Public money has been used previously to carry out works where buses are concerned. Bus Eireann have been in contact, they are now using double-decker buses in the area and the trees are a dangerous hazard.

Cllr. McGrath was supported by the Members that the matter be raised with the Roads and Transport SPC in order to discuss policy to increase enforcement.

2. "This Committee recommends a relaxation of the parking bye laws in Douglas for the Christmas period."

Cllr. McGrath noted that this matter had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

3. "To request that Dog Fouling signs be erected in the public park in Passage West."

Cllr. McGrath clarified that the location for additional signage is Marmullane and not the public park. Madeleine Healy agreed to follow up on the matter.

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Daithi O'Donnabhain:

1. "That this Municipal District be furnished with a Report on the Council's policy of issuing litter fines to businesses, the number of such fines to businesses issued since June 2014, and the geographic areas where the fines arose from."

2. "That this Municipal District seeks the painting of a disabled parking space outside the post office in Ballincollig."

As Cllr. O'Donnabhain was not in attendance his motions were deferred to the December meeting.

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Deirdre Forde:

1. "That the engineer in charge of lighting install additional light on walkway off Shamrock close plus trees need to be cut back."

Cllr. Forde advised that the area is highly dangerous and the path is slippery. Cllr. Forde noted that a third light is required.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will look at the area and put it forward for consideration as part of the 2017 public lighting allocation.

2. "Roundabout by Douglas Court to be improved."

Cllr. Forde noted that the roundabout is in bad condition and asked that a public realm improvement be put in place. Kevin O'Regan advised that he can look at the matter but the only funding stream available is the GMA/TDF. Cllr. Forde advised that part of the planning permission for Douglas Court involved the installation of lights.

Kevin O'Regan agreed to look at the matter.

3. "Boreen on Hayes Lane be repaired."

Madeleine Healy advised that the road surface was washed away last year and the decision was taken to close the road. Madeleine Healy noted that replacement cost for the road would be in the region of €50,000 and the work would not be justified given the current resources. Cllr. D'Alton requested that the area be kept open as a pedestrian/cycle route.

Madeleine Healy advised that this would not be an issue but the area would need maintenance in the long term.

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Eoghan Jeffers:

1. "To ask the engineer to revisit the issue of building a direct footpath from Newton Court to Bellevue."

Cllr. Jeffers noted that the issue had been raised previously but there were issues with cost and footfall. The school has since expanded and now has a large footfall. There may also be future developments in the area, which is a serious issue for concern.

Madeleine Healy advised that she has put the matter forward for Low Cost Improvement Scheme funding.

2. "To ask the engineer at the possibility of installing a pedestrian crossing on the Grange Road, somewhere located in the area of Super Valu."

Madeleine Healy advised that she has previously been contacted on this matter and there is an uncontrolled crossing in place at present. Madeleine Healy advised that there may development contributions available for this work and noted that it is her desire to upgrade the crossing to a controlled crossing.

3. "To seek that the Municipal District would engage with the students of Scoil Nioclais to take part in a competition in creating a crest for the Grange/Frankfield parish."

Cllr. Jeffers noted that it is a worthwhile undertaking as it is a matter of identity and would be of little cost. Members approved Cllr. Jeffers' request and Cllr. Jeffers agreed to liaise with the school on the matter and to update Kevin O'Regan.

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Marcia D'Alton:

1. "That public lighting would be installed on the footpath along the L2545 (Ringaskiddy to Gobby Beach) to light the remaining unlit section."

Cllr. D'Alton requested that the matter be put forward for funding in 2017 in order that lighting be put in place in the remaining unlit section.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will look at the area and put it forward for consideration as part of the 2017 public lighting allocation.

2. "That the road surface of the hill descending from the primary and secondary schools at Barr an Bhaile, Passage West would be addressed as soon as possible."

Cllr. D'Alton requested that the matter be put forward for funding in 2017 as the area coming down from the school gets significant traffic and resurfacing works are badly needed.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will look at the area for consideration as part of the 2017 works programme.

3. "That in light of the recent Cork County Council budget, this Municipal District would outline the slip maintenance budget available to Ballincollig-Carrigaline in 2017 and the proposed slip maintenance schedule."

Cllr. D'Alton noted that she had been advised at the full Council Budget meeting that funds may be accessed through the €50,000 allocated in the Ballincollig/Carrigaline MD budget. Cllr. D'Alton requested that the works be carried out before cleaning is needed and noted that there are a large number of slipways in the Municipal District.

Madeleine Healy advised that she can put a programme together but the scope of works carried out will depend on the allocation.

7: VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Cllr. Forde congratulated Douglas Under 21 GAA Hurling Team on their county win.

Cllr. Jeffers congratulated Douglas Hall Senior Team on winning the Keane Cup.

8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. McGrath

Cllr. McGrath advised that he has received a complaint regarding the condition of Douglas Cemetery.

Madeleine Healy advised that she has also received a complaint, which has been followed up and dealt with.

Cllr. D'Alton

Cllr. D'Alton noted that light bulbs in Father O'Flynn Park need replacing and asked that we ensure that they are replaced with lantern bulbs as Airtricity have stated that they will be replaced with standard lights. Madeleine Healy advised that she has not been contacted by the Public Lighting Section on the matter and agreed to speak to Kevin O'Regan if additional funding is required.

Cllr. D'Alton advised that the table tennis net in Marmullane Park is broken and she has been in contact with the company that sells the nets. Cllr. D'Alton requested that the ground by the tables be re-inforced. Kevin O'Regan advised that it had been decided to give it time to replace the nets as they had been broken quickly following repair on two occasions. Kevin O'Regan agreed to follow up the matter with the supply company.

Cllr. D'Alton requested that the road by the school in Passage West be salted in times of bad weather. Madeleine Healy advised that it is not a priority route but noted that a number of local routes with schools will be salted on occasion when bad conditions are envisaged.

Cllr. Forde

Cllr. Forde advised that she has been contacted by a resident in Douglas regarding using the old phone box as the location for an AED. Cllr. Forde requested that the phone box be re-instated and advised that the community will raise funds for the AED. Kevin O'Regan noted that funding has previously been provided to groups for defibrillators and AEDs under the Municipal District Funding Schemes and advised that the residents can apply for funding under the Community Scheme if they have a first responders group. The AED can be located on the side of shops and walls, the phone box is not necessary. Cllr. Desmond advised that Douglas Lions Club are looking into the matter but have an issue with vandalism.

Kevin O'Regan advised that a group in Carrigaline have recently upgraded a number of boxes and put them in areas of shops with CCTV to allow active monitoring. The shops allowed them to wire in the devices as there was an issue of batteries draining in cold weather.

Cllr. Forde enquired about the potential of live streaming of cremations in the Municipal District. Kevin O'Regan advised that cremations are carried out in a private facility and this is not seen as something the local authority will want to get involved in.

Kevin O'Regan

Kevin O'Regan noted that, due to an error, a number of maps for the draft Casual Trading Bye Laws did not go up for public consultation. The matter has been discussed with MacDara O'hici and Madeleine Healy is in the process of putting maps together. The maps may have to be put forward as a submission for the Municipal District, the legality is currently being checked and, if there is an issue, the process will have to commence again. Members expressed concern that a significant block of maps are missing and members of the public will not see them. Kevin O'Regan advised that a submission from the Municipal District would be no different to any other submission and we are governed by legislation regarding the public consultation process. Kevin O'Regan noted that the matter will go back to each Municipal District initially and then go to full Council.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed: _____

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Date: _____

19/12/16