

Notices of Motion

Meeting of the Ballincollig Carrigaline Municipal District – 19th December 2016

Councillor Marcia D'Alton

1. "That mindful of the proximity of the former IFI plant at Marino Point to Passage West, the eyesore that currently is the derelict former IFI plant from the town of Passage West and the conditions attached to the grant of planning for the fertiliser factory in 1974 that Cork County Council would outline:

- whether the former IFI factory is on the derelict sites list and if not, why not
- whether the bond agreed between NET and Cork County Council in February 1976 will be used to remove all redundant or obsolete structures and infrastructure on the former IFI site and, if not
- whether Cork County Council will require the liquidator responsible for the site to remove all redundant or obsolete structures and infrastructure on the former IFI site and, if not
- whether Cork County Council would require any future purchaser of the former IFI site to remove all redundant or obsolete structures and infrastructure on the site before any future development takes place."

Report:

The site is not currently on the derelict sites Register. The Cobh Municipal District advised that the recent removal of trees on site has exposed buildings that previously concealed the site to a degree. They also note that the property is currently for sale and are monitoring developments in that regard as the placing of a site on the derelict sites register may impact on the ability to have it sold. However they are monitoring the situation and, in the event that there is no progress in relation to its disposal, the Municipal District will consider the appropriate action to be taken.

The Planning Department has advised that their Bonds Section have no knowledge of the Bond referred to.

The Environment Department also advised that they have no information in relation to it.

We are awaiting a response from the Planning Department on the final two items on this motion.

Kevin O' Regan
Municipal District Officer
19th December 2016

2. "That Cork County Council would investigate the feasibility of making a continuous footpath on Church Hill connecting the existing footpath beyond Bloomingdale to the footpath at the bottom of Avondale. This would allow children living west of the Maulbaun junction to walk to school in safety."

Response:

There is approximately 300m of roadway without footpath between Avondale Estate and the entrance to the GAA grounds. The road width here is narrow and to provide a footpath would involve land purchase from adjoining residents. Accommodation works would also be required. The last 100m between the GAA junction and Bloomingdale has a footpath on the northern side of the road. A detailed survey would be necessary before any estimate of the costs involved could be established. If the members are in favour of this I can request the assistance of the NNRDO. This scheme would be similar to the Ferney road scheme in Carrigaline in the design/land acquisition issues/Part 8 planning and overall costs.

I am not certain that the same benefit would be achieved considering the number of residents/estates in this area would be much lower for similar expenditure of financial and physical resources.

Madeleine Healy
Senior Executive Engineer
14th December 2016

3. "Haulbowline Island has had a long and intimate relationship with Ringaskiddy. It is accessible by land only from the Ballincollig-Carrigaline Municipal District. The former primary school on Haulbowline Island amalgamated with the primary school in Ringaskiddy to form the Ringaskiddy Lower Harbour National School. The navy based on Haulbowline Island has an intimate relationship with the National Maritime College at Ringaskiddy. The proposed new amenity area to replace previous public access to port lands at Ringaskiddy is at Paddy's Point, merely 200 metres from Rocky Island. In the light of this historical and current relationship, that the Planning Policy Unit of Cork County Council would explain why Haulbowline and Rocky Islands are considered to be part of the Cobh Municipal District rather than part of the Ballincollig-Carrigaline Municipal District."

Response:

There is an historic relationship between Cobh and the naval service, and while the bridge serving Haulbowline was constructed in the 1960's, the strong Cobh-Naval Base relationship endures today.

As a result Haulbowline has been included in the Cobh Plan since 2005, when an LAP was first prepared for the area concerned.

Furthermore Members will be aware the current Municipal District structure was established under Part 3A of the Local Government Reform Act 2014. This followed on from the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee Report 2013 which determined the new Municipal Areas that would apply for the 2015 and subsequent Local Elections. The boundary as determined in the Ringaskiddy area runs along the coastline and does not include Rocky Island and Haulbowline, which are in the Cobh Municipal District.

Having regard to the historic relationship with Cobh and the newly configured Municipal District structures, the Planning Policy Unit included Rocky Island and Haulbowline in the Cobh Municipal District LAP. However, the Planning Policy Unit will make arrangements to ensure that Rocky Island and Haulbowline's strong relationship with Ringaskiddy is acknowledged in the Municipal District Local Area Plans, when finalised in July 2017 and to be adopted by Full Council.

Kevin O' Regan
Municipal District Officer
19th December 2016

Councillor Eoghan Jeffers

1. "That Hollyville, Grange would be included for footpath repairs in the next program."

Response:

The area will be examined for inclusion but no guarantee can be given until complete assessment is done and areas prioritised based on condition, footfall and resources available.