

## 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  
14<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Response:**

Your request will be added to the list and carried out as soon as resources allow.

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Senior Executive Engineer  
14<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**3. "That this Municipal District write to Minister Simon Covney requesting assurance that the resources and funding required by the Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage project team to allow for them proceed with the alternative site for the ESB substation as part of the project in Monkstown."**

**Report:**

The Council's Project Liaison Engineer has provided the following for information purposes in relation to this issue.

Irish Water obtained Planning permission in October 2015 for an ESB substation opposite the Monkstown Sailing Club. There is a request from residents in Monkstown to move it towards the 'Cut and Cover Tunnel.'

There are a number of issues and processes that would be required to facilitate such a move.

- Cork County Council would have to agree to transfer the land where it is proposed that the substation be relocated to.
- Irish Water will have to apply for Planning permission for this new site
- The ESB will have to agree to the relocation of the substation to the proposed new site.

Irish Water has also advised that as the works that form the Contract provide for this substation at the 'Sailing Club' site then there would be a significant cost to Irish Water in relocating the substation.

**Kevin O' Regan**  
**Municipal District Officer**  
**19th December 2016**

**Councillor Seamus McGrath**

**2. "To seek a report from the Engineer in relation to the proposed plan for salting / treating roads over the Christmas period."**

**Response:**

Salting of priority 1 and 2 routes will continue to be addressed as required over the Christmas period. There is no plan at this stage to salt any other roads locally over the Christmas period. Should weather conditions deteriorate significantly over the holidays this can be reviewed at that time.

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**2. "That the engineer would consult with the residents of Palmbury Orchard, Togher to provide extra residential parking within the estate."**

**Response:**

I am available for consultation in the New Year but cannot give any guarantees.

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Senior Executive Engineer  
14<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**3. "That the engineer would look at the possibility of improving visibility at the junction of Cooney's Lane and Elm Hill."**

**Response:**

Improvements at this junction are dependent on co-operation from adjoining landowners. I will examine in the New Year.

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14<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**Councillor Mary Rose Desmond**

**1. "That this Municipal District would request that as part of the agreed works with the developer prior to taking in charge or out of the bond received by Council that at least one if not two pedestrian crossings would be provided in Mount Oval village to allow safe access to the square in Mount Oval. And that the Municipal District receives an update on the current status with taking in charge of this estate."**

**Response:**

As the provision of pedestrian crossings does not form part of the planning permission for Mount Oval, it will not be possible to either force the developer to provide them or to utilise bond monies for their provision. The provision of same can be raised with the local Engineer's office after the estate is taken in charge.

With respect to Taking In Charge, the current position is that the main spine road has not been formally declared to be a public road. The Taking In Charge of the individual phases within the estate can only progress after this occurs.

Estates Section  
Planning Department  
16th December 2016

**2. "That children at play and reduce speed signs be placed in Kiltegan Park."**

**3. "That the footpath from Coolmore Gardens & Coolmore Close in Shanbally to the Village be upgraded as soon as possible."**

**Response:**

The area is on a programme for consideration once all Irish Water planned works as part of the Lower Harbour Drainage scheme in the area have been completed. No footpath works will be carried out before then.

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