

CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of Proceedings of Ordinary Meeting of Ballincollig/Carrigaline Municipal District held in Council Chambers, Floor 2, County Hall, on Tuesday, 20th March, 2018, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mary Rose Desmond (Cathaoirleach) presided. Councillors: Derry Canty, Michael Murphy, Marcia D’Alton, Eoghan Jeffers, Joe Harris, Seamus McGrath, Deirdre Forde, Daithi O’Donnabhain.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kevin O’Regan, Municipal District Officer, Jim Molloy, Senior Executive Officer, Madeleine Healy, Senior Executive Engineer, Sarah O’Sullivan, Assistant Staff Officer.

ABSENT: Cllr. John A. Collins

1: MINUTES

On the proposal of Cllr. Canty and seconded by Cllr. McGrath, the minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19th February, 2018, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

2: DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

(i) To consider the disposal of land at rear of 12 Dan Desmond Villas, Passage West, Co. Cork to Rosita Wolfe, 12 Dan Desmond Villas, Passage West, Co. Cork for the consideration of €1.00.

Members noted that the proposed disposal had been advertised, that this was a property that the Council deemed should be disposed of and agreed that the matter should be forwarded to Full Council for approval.

(ii) To consider the disposal of land at Estuary Mews, Norwood Court, Rochestown, Co. Cork to Gas Networks Ireland DAC for the consideration of €500.00.

Members noted that the proposed disposal had been advertised, that this was a property that the Council deemed should be disposed of and agreed that the matter should be forwarded to Full Council for approval.

3: General Municipal Allocation 2018/Town Development Fund 2018

Cllr. Desmond advised that following on from this morning’s meeting, a report on the 2018 General Municipal Allocation proposals had been circulated to Members at the start of the meeting and noted since the establishment of the Municipal District structure, our Municipal District (2015 – 2018 incl.) has allocated over €830,000 to assist local groups.

On the proposal of Cllr. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Canty, Members agreed the following allocations from the 2018 General Municipal Allocation:

Community Contract:

1	Ballincollig Tidy Towns	€17,000.00
2	Ballinora/Waterfall Tidy Towns	€6,000.00
3	Carrigaline Tidy Towns	€17,000.00
4	Douglas Tidy Towns	€16,000.00
5	Passage West Tidy Towns	€10,000.00
6	Togher Community Association Tidy Towns Committee	€15,000.00

Capital Fund:

1	Ballinora GAA Club	€10,000.00
2	Carrigaline Community Association Ltd	€10,000.00
3	Carrigaline United AFC	€15,000.00
4	College Corinthians AFC	€12,000.00
5	Irish Guide Dogs	€15,000.00
6	Monkstown Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club	€10,000.00
7	Togher Community Association CLG	€10,000.00
8	Westgate Foundation	€10,000.00

Amenity Fund:

1	109th Cork Ballinora Scout Group	€1,000.00
2	41st Cork, Passage West Scout Troop	€2,000.00
3	Ashford Court Residents Committee	€600.00
4	Ballincollig Basketball Club	€500.00
5	Ballincollig Parents And Kids Together Programme, YMCA Ireland	€100.00
6	Ballincollig RFC	€2,000.00
7	Ballincollig Scout Group	€1,200.00
8	Ballincollig Tidy Towns.	€400.00
9	Ballinora and District Community Association	€400.00
10	Ballinora and District Community Association Ltd	€500.00
11	Ballinora/Waterfall Cardiac First Response	€800.00
12	Carrigaline Community First Responders	€1,500.00
13	Carrigaline Tidy Towns	€800.00
14	Carrigaline Underage Basketball Club	€1,000.00
15	Cork Rebels Netball Club	€400.00
16	Douglas Community Association CLG	€2,500.00
17	Douglas Gymnastics Club	€1,000.00
18	Douglas Hurling & Football Club	€7,000.00
19	Douglas/Frankfield Mens Shed	€2,000.00
20	Down Syndrome Cork,Field of Dreams	€2,500.00
21	Eagle Valley Association of Residents & Home Owners	€600.00
22	Forest Ridge Residents Association	€400.00
23	Foxwood, Foxwood Drive & The Ferns Residents Association.	€1,000.00
24	Legacy Boxing Club	€3,000.00
25	Mariner's View Residents Association	€600.00
26	Palmbury Orchard Residents Association 1-65	€2,500.00
27	Park Gate Residents Association	€1,000.00
28	Passage West Gaa Club	€5,000.00
39	Passage West Rowing Club	€950.00
30	Ringaskiddy Community Centre	€900.00
31	Rowan Hill Residents Association	€500.00
32	Shamrock Hurling and Football Club	€2,000.00
33	THORNBURY VIEW RESIDENTS ASSOCATION	€1,500.00
34	Togher Athletic Club	€4,000.00

4: NOTICES OF MOTION

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

1. "Re: Laneway from Togher to Sarsfield Road - that the Engineer responds to requests from residents to clean the stream, erect lighting and cameras and request the appropriate people to clean public areas as necessary, to help deal with problems currently being experienced."

Members noted a report from Kevin O'Regan, which outlines as follows:

The area in question has been cleaned on a number of occasions, both through the Area Office and the Environment Department's litter crew. The Area Office last cleaned the Area in January 2018. The Environment Department has identified it as an area that requires occasional attention.

Consideration is being given, by the Environment Department, to installing CCTV in the area for a limited period in an attempt to identify habitual offenders. However there are a number of issues that need to be addressed before this could be implemented. As those familiar with the location will be aware on one side of the laneway are the back of private houses and any surveillance could not capture images from those. On the other side there are mature trees, which make it difficult to carry out effective CCTV. It may be possible to monitor the entrance to the laneway from the Sarsfield Road side, which could potentially identify offenders. The Environment Department are, in conjunction with the area Office and myself are examining how this can be best addressed.

Extra Lighting can be considered as part of the public lighting programme but due to proximity of houses and the trees this may not be suitable. The costs would be considerable and there are other areas that may be of higher priority.

Madeleine Healy advised that the area has been cleaned on a number of occasions since receiving Cllr. Forde's Notice of Motion.

2. "That the appropriate official gives a written report in relation to the amount of bond currently and previously held in relation to Maryborough Mews and Maryborough Downs and explain if, despite ongoing difficulties within these estates, that the bond was reduced and what actions are being carried out to address their difficulties."

Members noted a report from Kevin O'Regan, which outlines as follows:

Report from Director of Service, Planning:

Maryborough Downs, Mews and Green was developed on foot of two planning nos.:-

*97/0927 12 houses (Downs) and 12 apartments (Mews)
01/1391 8 duplexes and 6 apartments (Green)*

A cash security of €2,000 was put in place in 2004 by the developer, Fingerpost Builders Ltd. This replaced two bank bonds totalling €5,000.

It should be noted that a Management Company is responsible for the apartment complex in Maryborough Mews and that areas under their responsibility will not be Taken in Charge (TIC). Until clarity is received regarding the areas under the control of the Management Company as well as the areas proposed to be TIC, TIC cannot progress. The Planning Authority has sought this information for some years but, to date, the developer has not supplied same.

We have established that the developer – Stephen Hyde is currently abroad and is due to return to Ireland in mid-March. He has agreed to engage with our technical staff upon his return.

Cllr. Forde advised that staff in the Planning Department have been trying to engage with the developer and noted that there is confusion regarding public/private ownership. The residents require lighting and a pro-active approach should be taken. Cllr. Forde asked for detail on the calculation of the bond and noted that €2,000 is not a sufficient amount.

Kevin O'Regan advised that the bond calculation was not included as the information was not requested and agreed to forward the supplementary question to the Planning Department.

Cllr. Forde advised that a planning notice has been put up in the area while no application has been received. Cllr. Forde asked if there is a formal rule regarding planning notices being put up without a planning number and noted the matter is causing concern for the residents.

Kevin O'Regan advised that there is a legal requirement that a site notice is put in place prior to submission of a planning application and noted that changing this would require a change of legislation. Kevin O'Regan advised that planning applications are published online and can be viewed by the public.

Cllr. Forde advised that she will bring the matter to the Planning SPC for consideration.

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Joe Harris:

1. "That trees on Shamrock Road would be made safe."

Cllr. Harris advised that a large tree fell in the area a number of years ago and noted that residents are concerned regarding additional trees falling. Cllr. Harris asked that the matter be looked at and outlined the exact location.

Madeleine Healy agreed to put the trees in the location on the list for re-examination and noted that the trees would have been checked at the time when the large tree fell. Madeleine Healy advised that the Council does not cut trees unless there is a specific hazard and noted that it will take time to re-examine the trees.

2. "That speed ramps would be put in place on Shamrock Road."

Cllr. Harris advised that the road is a rat run with speeding in the area and asked if there are any measures that can be put in place to slow down traffic.

Madeleine Healy advised that the speed limit in the estate was reduced to 30 kph two years ago and noted that ramps cannot be put into each estate where there is a request. Madeleine Healy agreed to look at the matter and carry out a speed survey in the area. Madeleine Healy advised that it will be put on the list based on the results and noted that it will not be done this year.

3. "That an update on the site for the Educate Together School in Rochestown would be provided."

Cllr. Harris advised that the matter has been raised by a number of people and noted that there are families in the area having to send their children to more than one school in the area. Cllr. Harris asked if the Members have any information or feedback on the matter.

Members supported Cllr. Harris in his motion and a discussion on the matter followed. Members had various elements of information none of which was fully informative as to the current position. It was agreed that Kevin O'Regan would send a letter to the Department of Education and Skills advising of Members support for the school and their endorsement that a permanent site is obtained. In addition, Members wish to enquire if any information on progress on obtaining a permanent site is available.

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

1. "This Committee requests that Church Hill, Passage West, be added to the priority 2 list of roads for treatment during adverse weather."

Members noted a report from Kevin O'Regan, which outlines as follows:

The Council, Roads Directorate, will carry out the annual review of the Winter Service Plan ahead of winter 2018/19. This review will also include an assessment of existing resources and what additional resources are required to extend treatment to additional areas.

I am advised that consideration will be given to including Church Hill, Passage West as a Priority 2 route for treatment. This will be dependent on resource availability being increased to cater for this and other identified areas.

Cllr. McGrath advised that the recent severe weather put pressure on local offices and noted that treatment of Church Hill, Passage West is the responsibility of the local office. Cllr. McGrath advised that the area should be included as a Priority 2 route for treatment as there are schools and estates in the area and noted that residents were stranded for a number of days during the recent severe weather. Cllr. McGrath advised that the location is similar to other hills that are Priority 2 and noted that the machinery is in the area when treating other areas.

Kevin O'Regan advised that the matter is under consideration and noted the area will be included once resources are available.

Cllr. McGrath was supported by the Members in his motion and Members raised the issue of salt depots/ bins in the area.

Madeleine Healy advised that there is no salt depot in the Donnybrook/Grange area as urban areas have very little suitable locations. Madeleine Healy suggested the church car park as a possible location but noted that they may not wish to have a large portion of the car park taken over. Madeleine Healy advised that there has been very little uptake of salt bins in estates.

Cllr. Forde advised that a lot of residents are fearful of liability if they spread salt on footpaths and noted that the Chief Executive could not give clarity on the matter when previously raised.

2. "To seek an update on plans to redesign the parking arrangements at Daly's Corner, Douglas."

Members noted a report from Kevin O'Regan, which outlines as follows:

The Council was in Court in relation to this issue on 9th March 2018. The Court has put the case back for hearing to July 2018. This was on the basis that the Court was advised that the matter may require up to 2 days.

As Members are aware the traffic calming measures to be implemented were approved by the Council in accordance with Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994. The Council is confident that it will be in a position to implement these measures once the Court case has been dealt with.

Cllr. McGrath noted the response and advised that he was unaware of the court case. Cllr. McGrath advised that the improvements are badly needed and noted his understanding that there are legal issues.

3. "That the Committee requests Cork County Council to actively seek the required funding to progress the development of the Carrigaline Inner Relief Road to the Construction Phase."

Members noted a report from Kevin O'Regan, which outlines as follows:

Report from Senior Executive Engineer, Regional and Local Roads Design Office:

Carrigaline Western Relief Road (CWRR) – Progress Note – March 2018

The Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport (DTTas) requested that Cork County Council submit a Project Appraisal to the Department setting out the CWRR road project details and associated project costs.

*The **CWRR Project Appraisal Report** (Feb 2018) was submitted to DTTas in Dublin in mid-February 2018 by Cork County Council.*

The Council is now waiting for the feedback/response from DTTas.

Cllr. McGrath noted the response and advised that it is a key project in the area that is ready to go once funding becomes available. The Director of Roads has advised that there is no national funding stream available and understands that ad-hoc funding requests are looked at. Cllr. McGrath requested the support of the Municipal District and asked that the matter is forwarded to full Council.

Cllr. McGrath was supported by the Members in his motion.

Kevin O'Regan advised that it is his understanding that full Council will not accept the motion as it has been discussed at Municipal District level and noted that previous motions put forward from the MD were returned.

Cllr. McGrath advised that it has been clarified at CPG that motions put forward in the name of the Municipal District can be put on the agenda of full Council.

Following a request from Members, Kevin O'Regan agreed to forward the motion for consideration of full Council in the name of Ballincollig/Carrigaline MD and revert to Members.

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

1. "That Cork County Council would provide traffic calming along the R610 through Monkstown village, possibly by gate treatment or similar which would enhance the settlement of the village."

Cllr. D'Alton advised that a traffic calming scheme for Monkstown was drawn up in 2009/2010 and noted that the need was lessened due to the placement of the speed van by the Cut N Cover. People now know where the van is located which has reduced its effectiveness. People are speeding through the village and the traffic calming scheme needs to be revisited. The greenway will result in an increased pedestrian and cyclist presence and the area should be considered for a possible Village Enhancement Scheme in the future.

Cllr. D'Alton was supported by the Members in her motion.

Madeleine Healy advised that she supports looking at the matter and noted that the issue is funding. Madeleine Healy agreed to speak to the Design Office regarding a traffic calming scheme for the location.

2. "That Cork County Council would outline current policy with regard to storage of domestic and commercial litterbins and whether there are any restrictions associated with on-street storage."

Members noted a report from Kevin O'Regan, which outlines as follows:

Report from A/ Senior Executive Engineer Environment:

At the Council meeting held on May 12th 2014, the Members of Cork County Council approved Byelaws for the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household and Commercial Waste.

These Byelaws which may be cited as the "Cork County Council (Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household and Commercial Waste) Byelaws 2014, were made pursuant to Section 35(1) of the

Waste Management Act, 1996 (as amended) and in accordance with Part 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Section 6 of these Byelaws deal specifically with the presentation of waste for collection and Section 6 (a) states that:

“A holder shall not present waste for collection before 6:00pm on the day prior to the designated collection day, and shall remove any waste container or receptacle from the prescribed place not later than 12 midnight on the designated collection day, unless otherwise approved in writing by an appointed person. “

Section 4 (f) states that:

“A holder shall ensure that waste containers are not stored on a roadway, footway, footpath, or any other public place other than on the collection date unless otherwise expressly authorised in writing by an appointed person.”

Section 8 (d) also states that:

“A holder shall remove from a public place any waste container and any uncollected waste no later than 10:00am on the day following the designated collection day, unless otherwise approved in writing by an appointed person.”

Cllr. D’Alton advised that bins are being left on the street in Passage West town centre and being used by passersby. Cllr. D’Alton thanked Kevin O’Regan for his report on the matter and advised that she was unaware of the existence of the Bye-Laws. Cllr. D’Alton advised that the Bye-Laws are not being enforced and asked what can be done on the matter.

Kevin O’Regan agreed to contact the Environment Dept requesting information on enforcement of the Bye-Laws.

A discussion on the matter followed and the issue of fast-food litter was raised.

Madeleine Healy advised that staff worked on Sunday to carry out clean ups follow the St. Patrick’s Day Parades.

Cllr. Harris suggested an education campaign regarding litter bins and advised that litter wardens could put stickers on litter bins including information on storage requirements.

3. “That Cork County Council would commit a portion of the General Municipal Allocation to cleaning/edging of the greenway between Passage West and Hop Island.”

Cllr. D’Alton advised of an edging issue and growth of moss and noted that the matter is reducing the width of the path. Cllr. D’Alton advised that she had gotten a quote of €900 to carry out the works and asked that the Municipal District resource the cost through the GMA or TDF.

Madeleine Healy advised that there is a budget for the maintenance of greenways including cutting and litter picks and agreed to look at edging in areas where there is encroachment onto paths once the cutting season is in place. Madeleine Healy advised that the walkways are maintained.

Cllr. McGrath suggested that we advise that the budget is insufficient to maintain the areas to the standard required and that we ask for additional funding.

Cllr. Jeffers advised that a section of the walkway on the Straight Road is in bad condition.

Kevin O’Regan confirmed that the area is under the responsibility of Cork City Council agreed to contact them on the matter.

To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Micheal Murphy:

1. “That this Municipal District would write to Cork County Council going forward that the likes of Church Hill in Passage West and surrounding Estates be given priority when it comes to gritting.”

Cllr. Murphy noted that the matter had been dealt with earlier in the meeting and noted that an area of Council owned land by the soccer pitch on Church Hill or by the school may be a possible location for a salt bin.

Madeleine Healy advised that she was unaware that the land was in the ownership of the Council and noted that residents are encouraged to take salt bins. It is hoped that Church Hill will be included as Priority 2 but the Council will never be in a position to salt each estate.

To consider the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond:

1. "The newly extended Ballybrack walk is excellent and a most welcome addition to the amenity. As part of this extension to ask the Engineer what signage, or measures are planned to be taken or can be taken to ensure pedestrian safety for walk linkage in the Ballybrack Walk between Calderwood and where it recommences at Melbourne Close."

Members noted a report from Kevin O'Regan, which outlines as follows:

Report from Traffic and Transport:

Due to the steep gradients in the valley it was not possible to continue the path off road for this section.

In the Manager's Report of the Part 8 this section of Calderwood Road was considered by the Council to be suitable for cyclists and pedestrians. There are cycle symbols to be painted on the road to identify it as a shared surface for vehicles and cyclists.

There is a public footpath and public lighting along its length for pedestrians.

An independent Road Safety Audit is currently being done on the scheme which will highlight any safety concerns and identify solutions.

Cllr. Desmond thanked Madeleine Healy for the walkway works and noted that it is a fantastic amenity. The issue was raised by the residents of Melbourne Close and signage is required. People are staying on the road between Calderwood and where the walk recommences at Melbourne Close and there have been a few near misses. Cllr. Desmond advised that she would like to see the solutions following the Road Safety Audit.

Kevin O'Regan agreed to ask the Traffic and Transportation Section to revert to the MD on the matter following completion of the audit.

2. "To ask the Engineer if the reinstatement of roads, and particularly footpaths by utility providers (electricity, telecoms, water etc) is monitored by Cork Council and if the standard of the reinstatement is set by the Council or the utility companies."

Cllr. Desmond advised that the standard of reinstatement is poor on occasion, especially those carried out by the telecom utility provider; and asked what the arrangement is regarding poor reinstatement.

Madeleine Healy advised that the companies must apply for a road opening licence, where the criteria for reinstatement are laid down, and there is a national standard in the format of a bond. Temporary re-instatement is carried out when the service is laid; full re-instatement is carried out at a later stage. If Cork County Council are happy with the works carried out the bond is returned. There are issues with settlement chamber re-instatement and there are a lot of legacy issues prior to the introduction of this scheme. Cork County Council aims to ensure re-instatement is carried out to the standard required.

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

1. "That extra lighting/awareness would be provided for the Douglas turn off on the N28."

Cllr. Jeffers advised that the turn off is poorly lit and noted that the last piece of signage is almost on the slip road. Cllr. Jeffers advised that it may be additionally hazardous for those unfamiliar with the area. Cllr. Jeffers advised that there is no safety bollard and suggested a possible light, green symbol or cats eyes are put in place.

Cllr. Jeffers was supported by the Members in his motion.
Madeleine Healy advised that it is a national route and a matter for TII.
Kevin O'Regan agreed to forward the request to TII.

2. "That measures be taken on the Grange Road by the entrances to Grange Erin and Grange Park to try and reduce the speed of traffic and highlight the large number of people crossing the road at that point."

Cllr. Jeffers advised that the location is the pedestrian crossing by the old O'Donovan's off licence and noted that he had been contacted by residents regarding speeding in the area. Cllr. Jeffers advised that the Gardai are carrying out speed checks but asked that the area is highlighted or road markings are put in place.

Cllr. Jeffers was supported by Cllr. Harris in his motion.

Madeleine Healy agreed to look at the matter. Madeleine Healy advised that it is a controlled junction with lights; the issue of speed is a separate matter. The best answer in the area is to look at an overall scheme for the Grange Road. Madeleine Healy advised that she will look at road markings to highlight the crossing point.

Cllr. Forde advised that a previous design for Grange Road is being looked at and asked for an update on the matter.

Madeleine Healy advised that she is unaware of this design and noted that the Traffic and Transportation Section is looking at the area regarding pedestrian enhancement.

3. "That this Municipal District would identify areas and engage in the process of providing public facilities i.e. playgrounds/parks for Grange/Frankfield and Donnybrook."

Cllr. Jeffers advised these are two large urban areas that are let down regarding public facilities. The Ballybrack walkway is a fantastic amenity and there is scope for the route to connect to these two areas. Cllr. Jeffers asked if there is a suitable area that could be designated for play equipment at land acquired at Donkeys Field and suggested that wasteland at the eastern side of Dolman's Wood could link to the mangala and service Donnybrook and Grange. Cllr. Jeffers noted that there is no report on the matter and asked that the community be given a plan for progression.

Following a request from Cllr. Jeffers, Kevin O'Regan agreed to write to Richard Keating on the matter.

Cllr. Jeffers was supported by the Members in his motion and a request was made to write to the Planning Policy Unit highlighting the need for a playground, with any suitable planning kept in mind. Kevin O'Regan advised that any new planning would not be in the area, it would involve retrofitting facilities.

5: VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Cllr. Murphy congratulated Lauren Egbbuloni on being picked for the Republic of Ireland Women's Under-17 football team.

6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Madeleine Healy

Madeleine Healy advised that the 2018 work programmes had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Madeleine Healy advised that the programmes include the Road Maintenance (surface dressing) programme; Road Improvement programme and Drainage programme and noted that she will forward a map of drainage works in Carrigaline to Members. Madeleine Healy advised that there is an additional county-wide allocation of €3million to be spent on regional roads. Each MD had to put forward submissions and the proposed works for this Municipal District will be the R610, Lower Harbour Scheme area. It is hoped to come to an arrangement with Irish Water regarding full re-

instatement as the current scheme only includes lane re-instatement. If an arrangement cannot be reached the funding will be spent on another regional road.

Members thanked Madeleine Healy for her report and a discussion on the matter followed. Madeleine Healy answered various questions raised by Members regarding the 2018 programme of works. Madeleine Healy advised that works will be carried out at the laneway to Douglas GAA if the area is in public ownership.

Cllr. Harris

Cllr. Harris advised of an auctioneer sign on a wall on Donnybrook Hill and asked that it be removed. Madeleine Healy advised that she will contact the auctioneer to take down the signage.

A discussion on the matter followed and Kevin O'Regan agreed to forward details to the litter unit and enquire with the Environment Section if our Wardens actively look for offences of this nature and how the Wardens are assigned geographically.

Cllr. D'Alton advised that a draft Signage Policy has gone to SPC and the matter will go to full Council in the next month.

Cllr. Jeffers

(i) Cllr. Jeffers advised that he had a motion on the February meeting agenda requesting traffic calming measures at Scart Cross and asked that the matter be looked at.

(ii) Cllr. Jeffers requested an update on the application for a Low Cost Safety Scheme for a footpath from Newton Court to Bellvue estate.

Madeleine Healy advised that there are no current negotiations initiated and there is no funding at present. Madeleine Healy advised that she will talk to Peter O'Donoghue regarding funding from the NTA for 2019 and noted that the NTA fund connectivity schemes but not land purchase.

(iii) Cllr. Jeffers requested signage indicating Marian Terrace and Grange Cottages on the Grange Road.

Kevin O'Regan agreed to look at the matter.

(iv) Cllr. Jeffers asked for an update regarding re-alignment at Farmers Cross.

Madeleine Healy advised that re-alignment will be carried out this year.

Cllr. Forde

(i) Cllr. Forde advised that she had sent correspondence to Madeleine Healy regarding a manhole cover on Grange Road and asked for an update on the matter.

Madeleine Healy advised that she will follow up on the matter.

(ii) Cllr. Forde advised that the R610 main drainage signage is still in place and asked that it be removed.

Madeleine Healy advised that she had spoken to the County Engineer and Cork City Council were written to on the matter. Madeleine Healy advised that she has requested a price to remove the signage.

(iii) Cllr. Forde advised of the issue of ponding by traffic lights outside Maryborough Estate.

Madeleine Healy agreed to follow up on the matter.

(iv) Cllr. Forde advised that she received correspondence from a resident regarding various issues at Ravensdale Estate and listed the issues. Cllr. Forde agreed to forward the correspondence to Madeleine Healy, who will look at the matters raised.

Cllr. D'Alton

(i) Cllr. D'Alton advised that she has repeatedly reported a number of issues to Airtricity regarding street lights, including one report made on 9th January last, and has not received a response to date. Madeline Healy advised Cllr. D'Alton to forward the list of repeated requests to the Public Lighting Section in order that they follow up on the matter.

(ii) Cllr. D'Alton thanked the Public Lighting Section for arranging the repair of lights in Marmullane Park.

(iii) Cllr. D'Alton advised of a number of potholes in Passage West and asked that they be prioritised as a matter of urgency.

(iv) Cllr. D'Alton advised of concerns regarding the closure of roads in Passage West town centre due to Irish Water works and noted that despite significant contact with Liaison Officer that the closures would happen after Easter, they have now closed. There is no parking available outside the Church and there has been no response to concerns raised regarding the Confirmation being held tomorrow. Cllr. D'Alton asked Madeleine Healy if she would have any additional contact person. Madeleine Healy advised that the contact person for the Area Office is also the Liaison Officer.

(v) Cllr. D'Alton requested that the public toilet closed in Monkstown due to Irish Water works be made available in Monkstown or relocated to Passage West. Madeleine Healy advised that the toilet was closed for safety reasons and cannot be relocated in the short term as there would be considerable costs involved.

Cllr. Murphy

Cllr. Murphy advised that traffic calming is required on the back road from Passage West to Maulbaun.

Cllr. McGrath

Cllr. McGrath advised of a potential safety issue regarding lack of barrier at the top of Church Hill, Passage West and asked that the matter is followed up. Madeleine Healy agreed to follow up on the matter.

Cllr. Desmond

Cllr. Desmond advised that there is an issue across all Directorates of Members not receiving responses in a timely manner and noted that the matter is being raised at this meeting as Members are unsure what the correct forum is to raise this matter. A discussion followed and Members raised the following comments on the matter:

- A number of Members spoke on the matter prior to the meeting and advised of their frustration regarding delayed responses.
- A system should be put in place for a timely reply; there is currently no methodology to get a timely answer.
- Members do not want to be funnelled into a system where they receive meaningless acknowledgements.
- The matter has been raised with Mary Ryan and a response is awaited.
- Members are public representatives and should be the first to be responded to.
- There is an issue with receiving phone calls from private phone numbers from staff.

Madeleine Healy advised that the matter has been raised previously and the request was forwarded to the Roads Directorate. Madeleine Healy advised Members to log issues on firmstep, which is the Area Office's primary source for dealing with issues, and noted that Members had been advised previously to raise issues in this manner.

Kevin O'Regan advised that there is a tick box for Members to allow differentiation.
Jim Molloy advised that he will discuss the matter with Mary Ryan and SEO's and revert to Members.

Following a request, it was agreed to put the matter on the agenda of the April meeting.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed: _____
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Date: _____