

**Minutes of September Meeting of West Clare  
Municipal District, held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2016  
at 11 a.m. at Ennistymon MD Offices,  
Ennistymon, Co. Clare**

**Cathaoirleach sa Cathair:**

Cllr. B. Slattery,

**I Láthair:**

Cllr. P.J.Kelly, Cllr. R. Nagle, Cllr. I. Lynch, Cllr. B. Chambers, Cllr. G. Keating, Cllr. M. Hillery, Cllr. C. Curtin,

**Officials present:**

Ms. Anne Haugh, Area Co-Ordinator & Director of Service  
Mr. C. Feeney, A/Senior Executive Engineer ,West Clare Municipal District  
Ms. S. McNulty, A/Senior Executive Engineer ,West Clare Municipal District  
Mr. T. Tiernan, Senior Engineer, Transportation  
Mr. J. Corry, Administrative Officer & Meetings Administrator.

At the outset Cllr. Slattery welcomed everyone. He mentioned N. Corless who had moved on from the Clare Champion to the Head of Communications in UL & he wished her well in her future role. He added that she had always reported very professionally on the Ennistymon Area Meetings & later on the West Clare MD meetings. .

**1. Minutes of Meeting of West Clare Municipal District held on 12<sup>th</sup>  
July 2016**

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr. Chambers & seconded by Cllr. Keating

Cllr. Curtin queried as to the status of the hydrologists report for Miltown Malbay & Ballyvaughan. T. Tiernan added that hydrologists reports were being carried out at three locations in the aftermath of the flooding last year, at Murtyclough, Ballyvaughan & Miltown Malbay. He added that Murtyclough had been delivered but that they were still awaiting reports for Ballyvaughan & Miltown Malbay but that he hoped that same would be finalised in the near future.

Cllr. Slattery looked for an update on communication with the TII re Blakes Corner. J. Corry indicated that it was agreed with the TII that reps from Clare Co Council (Cathaoirleach of the County & the Chair of the 4 SPCs) would meet with the TII to discuss various issues which could include Blakes Corner but that no date for such a meeting had yet been agreed. T. Tiernan advised that a request was sent to An Bord Pleanala last March to see what planning process should be followed regarding proposed works at Blakes Corner. He advised that An Bord Pleanala had deferred making a decision on this on a couple of occasions & a decision was now due from them on 21<sup>st</sup>

September. It was suggested that the meeting with the TII needed to happen as soon as possible. It was indicated by Cllr. Nagle that the traffic issues surrounding Blakes Corner were having a detrimental affect on Ennistymon.

Cllr. Lynch referred to the loan that was proposed by Cllr. Kelly at a meeting of Clare Co Council to facilitate the carrying out of LIS works & he asked if there was any update on this. J. Corry indicated that an application for this loan was made to the DoECLG.

Cllr. Chambers indicated that a meeting had recently taken place between the CPG & the Oireachtas members where it was indicated that more funding was required.

Cllr. Keating referred to the meeting which had taken place with the consultants re the masterplan for Doolin & he added that it was agreed that a further meeting was to take place with the West Clare MD members in September. T. Tiernan indicated that a meeting of the Steering Group was scheduled for the next week & that he would raise this matter with them. It was indicated by the members that an undertaking was given to them that they would be given an update from the consultants in September.

## **2. Speed Limit Review**

T. Tiernan referred to the report that had been circulated to the members & indicated that this was one stage in a lengthy process. He referred to the fact that the members had been invited to make submissions to the draft speed limit review a no of months ago. He added that eventhough submissions had not been sought from the public at this stage that 112 submissions were received & all of these were considered at this stage of the process. He added that in particular that a lot of submissions were received in respect of the N67 near Ballyvaughan. He added that following receipt of the submissions that same were all reviewed by the Council in consultation with the Gardai to prepare the draft Speed Limit document that it was proposed would shortly go on public display in accordance with the relevant legislation. He made reference to the table which showed the proposed amendments to the speed limits from the existing speed limits. He welcomed any observations from the members. Cllr. Nagle mentioned that it was imperative that the speed limit on the Ennistymon to Lahinch road would be extended to facilitate the building of a new Community School for which a planning application was ready to be submitted to Clare Co. Council. He added that construction of this project was expected to commence in 2017. T. Tiernan added that he would liaise with planning directly on this matter. Cllr. Curtin referred to the fact that the proposed changes didn't deal adequately with the submissions from North Clare. T. Tiernan added that the proposal presently was to reduce the speed limit from 100km to 80km and that further submissions were likely to be made re same. T. Tiernan referred to the fact that ongoing discussion would continue to take place with the TII re this stretch of road. T. Tiernan added that speed limits on the entrances to towns on the national routes should be seen to reflect the environment & not to be seen as tools to facilitate future planning. He added that the TII were looking to reduce the speed limit on the N67 from 100km to 80km but that on the outskirts to a no of towns that they were proposing to push in the 50km speed limits closer to the towns. He further made reference to the rural speed limit zones where drivers should take due care where it was proposed that there would be a couple of such zones in Barrtra & Loop Head. A discussion then took place on the temporary speed limit in place near Caherea where there was an issue with road subsidence. Cllr. Keating

referred to a 50km speed limit in Kilmihil at the Ennis side of Kilmihil which needed to be brought in closer to the village. Cllr. Hillery referred to Mountrivers bridge & the concern regarding the speed limit here presently. T. Tiernan indicated that consultants were presently working on the design of bridge rehabilitation of this bridge for the TII & he mentioned that he would ask the consultants to look at same. Cllr Hillery also raised the bridge at Annageragh which has been repeatedly hit. Cllr. Nagle referred to bends on the N67 near Ballyvaughan where he previously alerted the Council to the fact that lands would be made available to facilitate the removal of these bends & he wondered where this was at presently. T. Tiernan added that this was referred to the TII but that it would be competing with other similar projects throughout the country. Cllr. Nagle suggested that a lot of people walk along the road here & that for a modest sum that the road could be aligned better here. J. Corry updated the members with the timetable before the formal adoption of the speed limit bye laws in March 2017.

It was agreed that Cllr. Lynch would move Item 18 at this time.

### **18. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch**

***“That this Municipal District will seek to have the current speed limits of 80kph along the coast road from Moyne court to Cappa and the Monvanna road reduced to 50kph in the interest of public safety.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin.

#### *Reply*

*Clare Co Council is presently undertaking a Speed Limit review. As part of a pre draft consultation with a no of bodies including elected members submissions were received in respect of recommended changes to speed limits. Clare Co Council have detailed the proposed amendments to the Speed Limits following receipt of these submissions & liaison with the Gardai & the TII. These proposed amendments are presently being considered by the Municipal Districts before the draft Bye Laws are prepared to go on public display by the end of September. No submissions were received in respect of these roads however submissions can be made once the draft bye laws go on public display. It should be noted that both roads are in a good state of repair & capable of vehicles travelling at 80km/h.*

#### *Response Ends*

John Corry, AO Transportation & Meetings Administrator

Cllr. Lynch indicated that pedestrians needed to be protected also. T. Tiernan suggested that if a submission was being made to ensure that the reason for the submission would be well articulated.

### **3. Parking in Kilrush**

J. Corry referred to the report which had been circulated to the Cllrs. He referred to the fact that two hour free parking had been introduced on a trial basis in June 2015 & that this had been extended up to now. He added that following the appointment of a temporary traffic/litter warden in July 16 that he was tasked with preparing a report on

parking trends in Kilrush. He added that over 5k cars were logged in a 5 week period and over 95% of these cars would have moved on within the two hour free parking window. Any vehicles parked in excess of the two hours did have a valid parking disc. Long stay parkers availed of free parking. He added that the annual cost of parking was €43k and only €6k had been realized in parking receipts. He suggested that the scenario should be looked at where you could have two hour free parking up to say 12pm and that after this that charges in accordance with the bye laws would be effective. Cllr. Lynch indicated that the cost of parking operations in Kilkee were being included in the report also. He suggested that the cost was minimal in the context of the overall budget for the county and he felt that the two hour free parking should continue in Kilrush in its existing guise. Cllr. Lynch proposed that the two hour free parking would remain the same in that it would be available throughout the day & this was seconded by Cllr. Chambers & agreed. A. Haugh indicated that she respected the decision of the members & added that they were only trying to trial the two hour free parking up to a set time each day. The question was raised in the absence of parking income was the position of a temporary traffic warden required. J. Corry added that it had been suggested by the members that this position was to be reviewed after 6 months which would bring you up to the end of the year.

## **Urban & Village Renewal Scheme**

A Haugh referred to the document which had been only circulated to the members. She added that decisions would be made at the Full Council meeting on Monday next as to what submissions would be considered to go forward for funding. She added that it was a government initiative for the regeneration of small towns and villages. She added that there were two category types, Category 1 for towns with a population of less than 5k & Category 2 for towns with a population of greater than 5k but less than 10k. She appreciated that the timeline was extremely tight. She added that the overall allocation to each Local Authority was the same ie €380k. She added that health checks needed to be carried out on the towns as a qualifying criteria. She added that the projects needed to be shovel ready so that they could be completed by the end of the year & that there was a plan in place to support them. She suggested that towns like Kilrush & Kilkee might be considered as they had the necessary plans in place. Cllr. Lynch suggested that in Kilrush that 3 of the 5 necessary steps had been completed. There was a discussion by the Cllrs that it was unacceptable that a scheme was notified in September which had to be completed by the end of the year. It was suggested that there was a bias against the rural areas. C. Feeney mentioned that projects were identified in "Towards a Better Kilkee" town plan which would meet with the qualifying criteria. Cllr. Nagle suggested that one proposal would be submitted from Kilrush & one from Kilkee & that going forward that other towns throughout the county would be considered. This was seconded by Cllr. Keating. Cllr. Curtin suggested that there was a bias against rural areas. The question was asked was there any indication that this was a multiannual scheme. A. Haugh indicated that there wasn't.

A. Haugh indicated that she needed to leave the meeting to be back in Ennis for another meeting by 1pm so it was agreed that the members would deal with certain business on the Agenda which they wanted dealt with in the presence of the Meetings Co-Ordinator.

It was agreed to deal with items 17 & 20 together.

**17. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch**

***“That the members of this Municipal District are given a detailed update on the issues and proposals for replacing of the Kilkee diving boards and prior to future consultant appointments for works within the WCMD that the members are informed well in advance in order to have an input to the scope of the works required.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating.

*Reply*

*Consultants have been appointed to examine design options for the diving boards at Newfoundout, Kilkee. Detailed surveys for the site have also been completed, information from which will allow the Consultants to make their final recommendations. All design and construction works will comply with current environmental, planning, H&S and construction legislation. There is still an opportunity for members to make observations/comments based on their local knowledge and consideration will be given to any such contributions made in arriving at the optimum solution.*

*Response Ends*

David Leahy, Executive Engineer, Environment

**20. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating**

***“That an update be provided regarding the installation of the Diving Boards in Kilkee.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch.

*Reply*

*Consultants have been appointed to examine design options for the diving boards at Newfoundout, Kilkee. Detailed surveys for the site have also been completed, information from which will allow the Consultants to make their final recommendations. All design and construction works will comply with current environmental, planning, H&S and construction legislation. There is still an opportunity for members to make observations/comments based on their local knowledge and consideration will be given to any such contributions made in arriving at the optimum solution.*

*Response Ends*

David Leahy, Executive Engineer, Environment

Cllr. Keating indicated the importance of having the diving boards for the next tourist season. A. Haugh advised that the consultants appointed would arrange for surveys which would inform the design and the target was to have them in place for the 2017 tourist season. Cllr Lynch emphasized the importance of members being informed on the appointment of consultants.

**13. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery**

***“To ask Clare County Council to liaise with Irish Water to take in charge the Fanore Group Water Scheme as one of their pilot schemes for the county.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle.

*Reply*

*Takeover of group water schemes by Irish Water was one of the subjects discussed at a meeting on 8th August 2016 between members of Fanore group water scheme (FGWS), Cllr Slattery, Deputy Joe Carey, and members of Clare Co Council’s Rural Water team. In a letter dated 15th August 2016 to FGWS I undertook that Clare Co Council would review, and further discuss with FGWS as necessary, the state of preparedness of FGWS for takeover under Irish Water’s criteria for takeover of group water schemes.*

*This undertaking is conditional on receiving a number of undertakings from FGWS relating to the operation of the scheme. In this regard I am awaiting a reply to my letter of 15th August 2016.*

*Response Ends*

Sean Ward, Senior Engineer, Water Services

Cllr. Slattery outlined the history of how the arrears of €1k had built up. Cllr. Nagle complemented the Director for intervening on the matter and for meeting with the group in Fanore. A. Haugh advised that the local group had been reconstituted and were putting in place a system to address the arrears & she added that this was essential if Irish Water were to consider taking over the scheme.

Anne Haugh then left the meeting.

#### **4. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Chambers**

***“That Clare County Council would erect a radar sign on either side of the approach to the village of Bealaha, Doonbeg.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin.

*Reply*

*Funding for all works to the national secondary road network is the responsibility of Transport Infrastructure Ireland. We have requested the provision of radar speed signs for Bealaha village and are awaiting a reply.*

*Response Ends*

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Chambers indicated that he was happy with the response.

#### **5. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Chambers**

***“That the road no L20741-0 be included in the Roads Works Programme for 2017 as it needs to be Surface Dressed.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle.

*Reply*

*I have inspected the road in question and found it to be in a general good state of repair. Based on its current condition I would not at this time be including it in the 2017 schedule of municipal district works. We will continue to monitor and maintain the road with the resources available.*

*Response Ends*

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Chambers indicated that he was satisfied with the response.

**6. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Chambers**

***“That Clare County Council would erect a Slow Sign at either side of the Junction of the R483 and the L6112-0 at Alva Cross.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle.

*Reply*

*We have recently carried out resurfacing works at this location on the R483 and we will erect additional warning signs on the approaches (R483) to Alva Cross.*

*Response Ends*

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Chambers indicated that he was happy with the response as he outlined that this was a very dangerous junction.

**7. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin**

***“That the Senior Engineer outline the Timescale for the Replacement of the Watermain to be undertaken by Irish Water and the Consequent Road Overlay on the section of the N.67 at Bealaha, Doonbeg (notice of motion April) and the Consideration of the Erection of Radar Speed Signs on the Approach to the Village as part of the Works.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Chambers.

*Reply*

*Approximately 1500m of watermain at Bealaha, Doonbeg has been approved for upgrade by Irish Water. Transport Infrastructure Ireland are liaising with Irish Water to agree a structure for completing the watermain upgrade and the road surface improvements. We are awaiting an update on this from the TII. With regard to the Radar speed signs we have requested the TII to consider funding these with the road surface improvement works.*

*Response Ends*

Tony Neville A/SEE, Water Services & Pat Baker, EE, Transportation

Cllr. Curtin indicated that he was happy with the response

**8. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin**

***“That the Acting Senior Executive Engineer up-date the Council on the Repairs and the Installation of a Protective Barrier at the following two local Site Locations in Connolly: Bealcragga Bridge and the Kilcolumb Road”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating.

*Reply*

*In relation to Bealcragga Bridge we are awaiting the design of the retaining wall from the Consultant which is anticipated by the 9th September. This project will then be tendered and it is hoped to have a Contractor on site in late October 2016.*

*In relation to the Kilcolumb Road there are no plans to install a protective barrier at this location as this road is a private road which is in not in the charge of the Local Authority.*

*Response Ends*

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Curtin indicated that he was happy with the response

**9. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin**

***“That the Acting Senior Executive Engineer update the Council on the Programme of Remedial works on the Defective Sections of the Road and Footpath Infrastructure in Miltown Malbay as previously identified and the response of the TII to support this Particular Restoration Programme.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Hillery.

*Reply*

*Clare County Council were successful in securing funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for the replacement of a section of footpath (circa 78m) on the Ennistymon Road (N67). Tenders are due back for this work on the 7th September at 4pm, it is hoped to have the contractor on site before the end of September 2016.*

*Clare County Council are due to commence works on the replacement of section of the footpaths on the Ennis Road and we provided additional footpaths on the Mullagh Road during 2016.*

*In relation to the roads the main street of Miltown Malbay is a national route and as such it is a matter for TII to decide how they allocate their funding for national secondary routes. The L-2112, Church Street is not in the current Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2016 nor is it in the 3 year roads programme however we will look at the feasibility of local repairs/remediation within available resources.*

*Response Ends*

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

**10. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery**

***“That the water mains from Mullagh Cross to the Crosses of Annagh be upgraded.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin.

*Reply*

*The replacement of the watermain between Mullagh Cross and Crosses of Annagh has been approved by Irish Water. It is currently at design stage as part of the Rockmount Water Treatment Plant Decommissioning Project. It is envisaged that a contractor will be appointed by Q1 2017 following the design and tender stages.*

*Response Ends*

Tony Neville, A/SEE, Water Services

Cllr. Hillery welcomed the response & he hoped that Irish Water would carry out the necessary works as soon as possible as he advised that there were water outages during the Willie Clancy week this year & a couple of times since then & it affects business & tourism etc.

**11. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery**

***“That safety measures such as a pedestrian crossing, speed ramps and signage be put in place at Annagh National School to safeguard the students attending the school.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin.

*Reply*

*Annagh school is located on a local road the L-2114, the 2016 roads programme allows for 1500m of the roadway be surfaced dressed. There are existing flashing warning signs indicating the school is ahead on both approaches. It is not appropriate to introduce a pedestrian crossing as there is no safe place to cross to nor is it appropriate to install a ramp on a local road where an 80km/hr speed limit applies.*

*Response Ends*

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Hillery welcomed the works being carried out to the road however he suggested that some further form of traffic calming should be introduced here.

**12. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery**

***“That the L211210 Fintramore road which connects the N67 to the Milford road L21125 which was used as a relief road during the repair of Clonbony Bridge, be surface dressed.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin.

*Reply*

*The works are ongoing at the time of writing this reply with an anticipated completion date for the works of the 25th August 2016, this repair was funded from tranche 1 of the Severe Weather Allocation 2016.*

*Response Ends*

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Hillery welcomed the works & thanked Siobhan & Cyril for the work that they had carried out. Cllr. Curtin suggested that the Ahasagart bridge needed to be looked at.

#### **14. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery**

***“Once again I am asking as a matter of urgency Clare County Council to liaise with Bus Eireann to provide a badly needed bus shelter at the bus stop on the Liscannor road Lahinch.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle.

*Reply*

*I have submitted the request to the relevant Bus Eireann service manager who will process this in line with their procedures. It should be noted that the National Transport Authority (NTA) are the funding authority for bus shelters and subject to meeting Bus Eireanns criteria for a bus shelter at this location the application is then submitted for funding to the NTA.*

*Response Ends*

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Slattery indicated that it was essential that one of the main seaside resorts would have a bus shelter. Cllr. Keating referred to previous motions he had raised requesting a bus shelter for Kilkee. He added that he hoped that both SEE's would continue to follow up with Bus Eireann. C. Feeney confirmed that he would follow up with Bus Eireann re Kilkee.

#### **15. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery**

***“I am requesting Clare County Council with the assistance of Senior Executive Engineer to provide public lighting, re-surface and re-line the Clare County Council car park on the Miltown Malbay road Lahinch.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle.

*Reply*

*Upgrade works to the carpark on the Miltown Malbay road in Lahinch is not in the current Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2016 that said and subject to resources being available I will undertake to have the area surveyed with a view to preparing a design for works should funding be made available in the future.*

*Response Ends*

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Slattery indicated that 11 cars had been vandalized here on the August Bank holiday weekend. He added that public lighting was most important to be installed here & that re-surfacing could follow on after. S. McNulty advised that there was presently no budget available for the provision of public lighting here.

### **16. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch**

***“That Clare Co Council would establish a residence group within John Paul Estate and set aside funds during the Budget for 2017 to facilitate the development of a play ground and other recreational facilities to further enhance the area”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin.

*Reply*

*In 2015 Clare County Council (Housing Dept) reopened the Community Centre in John Paul Estate with the intention of developing a strong community and promoting a sense of community ownership. It was also the intention that this facility would become a central point from which a number of community based services could operate. Following this a number of meetings were held with the residents of the Estate to discuss community needs. Invitations were issued to each household to attend these meetings which also included a number of very successful coffee mornings with a view to fostering integration into the local community. The feedback from the residents indicated a strong desire to support and build a community in which they could take pride. Thereafter a number of activities, classes, etc were organized, some of which were facilitated by Limerick & Clare Educational Training Board. Also other agencies/stakeholders indicated that they would support activities/initiatives should their assistance be required. The feedback from the meetings with the residents indicated that there was a concern in relation to the lack of recreation/play/sport facilities for children. There are well in excess of 100 houses in the general John Paul Estate, Crawford Street, St. Senans Terrace area, the majority of these houses are family type accommodation. The nearest playground facility is in Cappa. Having regard to the high population of young people in this area and as there is an identified need for play facilities for children consideration should be given to putting such facility in John Paul Estate should existing budgets allow.*

*Clare Co. Council has previously supported the development of ‘Community-led’ Playgrounds around the County. This has involved the Community setting up a Limited Company to take responsibility for the development of the Playground in their community.*

*The development of a playground to facilitate children of 6 to 16 would require a budget of between €120,000 and €160,000*

*Response Ends*

Mairin Hill, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Michael Neylon ,AO Tourism & Community Development

Cllr. Lynch indicated that the response didn't address the matter of setting up a committee. He suggested that a plan be drawn up now to have it ready.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kelly & seconded by Cllr. Hillery & agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the business of the meeting to be concluded.

**19. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating**

***“That repairs be carried out at seafront at Rinevella Junction following the storm damage of 2014/2015”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin.

*Reply*

*The coastal protection structures at Rinevella Bay consist of a reinforced concrete seawall in combination with a rock revetment. At the particular location in question there is a sea wall but there is no revetment for a length of 70m approximately. The proposal is to construct a new section of rock revetment and join up the two existing revetments. As this is a new project and not a repair it is not covered by the funding provided for the repair of coastal infrastructure following the storms of 2014.*

*The site is also located within the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation Code 002165. As a result any proposed works will have to be carefully examined to determine the impact if any on the Special Area of Conservation. It is possible that it will require an Appropriate Assessment or Part viii planning approval.*

*However the proposal could be funded under the Office of Public Works Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Coastal Protection Scheme. The scheme funds proposals that meet certain cost benefit criteria. Clare County Council will examine the proposal and consider it for inclusion in the applications to the OPW subject to planning and environmental considerations.*

*Response Ends*

Steve Lahiffe, A/SEE, Transportation

Cllr. Keating indicated that he couldn't understand why the works couldn't be done. C. Feeney agreed that the area could do with more rock revetment however he advised that as this would be deemed to be improvement works that no budget existed for same. Cllr. Keating suggested that this would be considered in the preparation of a Budget for 2017.

**21. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating**

***“That a progress report be made available on developments at Scatterry Island i.e viz a viz a Ferry Service and the restoration of the village”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch.

*Reply*

*The Council has been engaging with the Office of Public Works and local interests regarding the potential future development of Scatterry Island. In this regard, a number of visits have taken place to the Island in recent months.*

*A meeting was held with the Office of Public Works and local representatives on 29th July 2016 at which all matters were discussed:*

*In brief, the following appears to be the position:*

- *The Office of Public Works have tendered for a ferry service to the Island and expect to finalise full arrangements for the operation of the service for the 2017 season.*
- *The Office of Public Works is about to tender for a Conservation and Management Plan for the Island and a draft brief has been prepared in this regard. It is intended that when Consultants are appointed for this work, a further meeting of the wider group will take place. Consultation will also take place with the Elected Members for the West Clare Municipal District.*
- *The Office of Public Works has gone ahead with the upgrading of the exhibition and some signage on the Island.*
- *Clare County Council, in conjunction with the OPW, is also examining proposals for the provision of promotional signage for Scatterry Island particularly at the Killimer Ferry. It is considered that any such proposals should be put in place when full ferry services are operational to the Island under the OPW tender arrangement.*

*There was a wider discussion regarding the historic evolution of the Scatterry Island project; the likely future uses of the Island; the likely capacity constraints that might arise in relation to access to the Island and other matters. It was agreed that these matters would be further discussed in the context of the preparation of the Conservation and Management Plan.*

*Response Ends*

Gerard Dollard, Chief Executive (Interim)

Cllr. Keating thanked the CEO for his response & added that this would be the first point off the mainland on the Wild Atlantic Way. Cllr. Lynch added that it was a great example of a community working together.

**22. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly**

***"That the road from Coolmeen to its junction with the R473 beside the G.A.A. field be brought up to an acceptable level of repair"***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Hillery.

*Reply*

*The road in question is the L-2130. The road is not in the current Schedule of Municipal District works. We will continue to maintain the road with the resources available.*

*Response Ends*

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Kelly indicated that he was satisfied with the response

**23. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly**

***"That T.I.I. be requested (again) to render junction of Frure Road with N68 safe by trimming hedges beside N68"***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin.

*Reply*

*We have currently tendered and are in the process of appointing a contractor for hedge cutting for the entire national secondary road network in county Clare. It is anticipated that this contract will commence in mid to late September and will address the Frure junction. In addition we have also a contract at tender stage which will deal with invasive species (Japanese knotweed) on the national secondary network. This contract will run for 3-4 years and involve the identifying and repeated spraying of invasive species.*

*Response Ends*

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Kelly indicated that a no of accidents had occurred at this location. He added that any fence on a bend shouldn't be higher than 1 metre. He welcomed the fact that the Council were addressing the issue of Japanese Knotweed. C. Feeney indicated that it was not the hedge that was causing accidents here but rather the fact that right turning traffic was causing a backlog.

**24. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly**

***"That T.I.I. be requested to do essential repair works on N68 at Caherea"***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch.

*Reply*

*We have logged the subsidence issue on the N68 at Caherea with Transport Infrastructure Ireland who are the funding authority for all works to the national secondary road network. We are still awaiting confirmation of funding to carry out the*

*necessary repair. In the meantime we have temporarily reduced the speed limit in this area as a precautionary measure.*

*Response Ends*

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Kelly indicated it was important that these works would be carried out as soon as possible as the temporary speed limit was causing confusion. A number of the members agreed.

**25. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle**

***“That Clare County Council would extend the footpath from the village of Inagh to the junction of the N85 and R460 (road to Corofin)”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Hillery.

*Reply*

*The route along which the provision of a footpath is requested is a national route and accordingly it is a matter for Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to decide if funding should be made available. It is unlikely that there is sufficient pedestrian volume utilizing this route to warrant a request for funding due to the rural dispersal of dwelling houses proximate to the R460/N85 junction. It is not considered good practice to provide a footpath to an unlit regional road which itself has no footpath due to the additional risks it introduces.*

*Response Ends*

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Nagle suggested that this was another matter to be raised with the TII. S. McNulty advised that the matter had been logged with them.

**26. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle**

***“That Clare County Council would strengthen and surfacedress the remaining section of the Cloonanaha Road from the entrance to Jim Greene’s house to the junction of the main Inagh Miltown Road, the R460”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Hillery.

*Reply*

*This road is included in the 3 year road programme, 1700m of this road, L-1074, was resurfaced in 2016, 1km is planned to be addressed as part of the 2017 roads programme with the final 1km completed as part of the 2018 roads programme.*

*Response Ends*

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Nagle indicated that he was happy with the response.

**27. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle**

***“That Clare County Council would strengthen and surfacedress the Garryvohill Road, Inagh from Tina Mulrooney’s house to Noel Brennan’s”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Kelly.

*Reply*

*This road is a private road for which CCC have no responsibility. It was upgraded under a Local Improvement Scheme in the past however as currently there is no Local Improvement Scheme there is no mechanism to fund this request .*

*Response Ends*

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Nagle enquired if it was possible for the road to be taken in charge.

**28. A.O.B**

It was agreed that the November MD meeting would take place in the Kilrush MD offices on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm.

Cllr. Nagle suggested that for future meetings in Kilrush that the North Clare motions would be dealt with first & for meetings in Ennistymon that Motions re West Clare (south) would be dealt with first to facilitate the members attending. This was agreed.

This then concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed :**

**Cllr. B. Slattery**

**Cathaoirleach**

**Signed :**

**J. Corry**

**Meetings Administrator**

**Dated this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.**