

Minutes of January Meeting of West Clare Municipal District, held on 23rd January, 2017 at 4 p.m. at Kilrush MD Offices, Kilrush, Co. Clare

Cathaoirleach sa Cathair:

Cllr. B. Slattery,

I Láthair:

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

As Láthair:

Mr. Leonard Cleary, Area Co-Ordinator & A/Director of Service

Officials present:

Ms. S. McNulty, Senior Executive Engineer ,West Clare Municipal District
Mr. J. Corry, Administrative Officer & Meetings Administrator.

Cllr. Slattery expressed his sympathy to Cllr. Kelly on the death of his nephew over the weekend. He proposed that the meeting would be adjourned for 10 minutes as a mark of respect & this was seconded by Cllr. Nagle. The other members & executive also expressed their sympathies to Cllr. Kelly.

J. Corry gave apologies for L. Cleary who could not be present as he was attending the launch of the National Action Plan for Rural Ireland. Cllr. Slattery referenced the correspondence which had been circulated to all members seeking a nomination from each Municipal District to sit on the Rural Development Forum. Cllr. Slattery proposed that Cllr. Keating would be the nominee from the West Clare MD & this was seconded by Cllr. Nagle. There were no other nominations received.

J. Corry gave an update on Fahys road, Kilrush and indicated that he had spoken with the Road Design office on the matter & that they were going to arrange to follow up with Lucy Curtis in the TII regarding same in advance of a Road Safety Audit being done & a Section 38 being prepared.

1. Minutes of Meeting of West Clare Municipal District held on 17th November 2016

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr. Nagle & seconded by Cllr. Hillery

2. Taking in Charge – Declaration of Roads in Dolemen Village, Ballyvaughan to be Public Roads in accordance with S11 of the Roads Act 1993

A resolution to declare the road to be a public road was proposed by Cllr. Hillery & seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Cllr. Kelly and Cllr. Keating sought an update on a no of other resolutions which had been adopted previously by the West Clare MD regarding taking in charge private roads. S. McNulty & J. Corry provided updates re same.

3. Draft Doolin Harbour Bye Laws 2017

The Draft Bye Laws were proposed by Cllr. Nagle & seconded by Cllr. Slattery

J. Corry went through the main changes proposed from the existing Bye Laws & emphasized that he had sought legal advice on them regarding dealing with non compliance of the Bye Laws by the ferry operators etc. Cllr. Slattery suggested that there had been reported incidents in the past year where tourists had been verbally abused. Cllr. Kelly suggested that further legal advice be sought on section 4 to see if a further section needed to be included to state what would happen if conditions in that section were not complied with. J. Corry confirmed that he would follow up re same.

4. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Chambers

“That Clare County Council would upgrade sections of the R483 from Kilrush to Cree as a matter of urgency and have it included in the 2017 Roads Work Scheme.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin .

Reply

Aside from the intended inclusion of the R483 through Creagh village in the 2017 Roadworks programme (subject to securing required funding), the R483 is not included in the 3 year road restoration improvement programme. Due to the fact that a lot of this road is bog rampart and will require additional strengthening it cannot be considered for the 2017 restoration maintenance programme. There are a number of projects which need to be delivered in 2017 therefore aside from routine maintenance we are not in a position to undertake additional works on the R483 due to resource constraints.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Chambers indicated that he would like to see something done about this issue in 2017.

S. McNulty indicated that she was very hopeful of getting some work done in Cree in 2017 subject to it being approved in the SMDW but she advised that this may impact on

other areas which she might not be able to get to in 2017 owing to the resources available.

5. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Chambers

"That Clare County Council would ease the bend from Blain Hill going towards Gortglass lake, Kildysart."

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Kelly

Reply

The bend is before the junction of the L-2126, the L-6238 and L-6239 heading away from Kildysart. There are deep drains on both sides of the road and a bridge parapet on the bend. It is likely that traffic volumes utilizing these local roads is low therefore it would be difficult to justify the significant funding which would be required to undertake the works proposed. That said we will however investigate the possibility of some engineering measure i.e. a priority yield system at this location which may be a more cost effective solution.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

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

6. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch

"That Clare County Council would erect a fitting memorial in Kilkee in memory of the late Catriona Lucas and to mark the heroic efforts made by all on that tragic day in September"

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle

Reply

Consideration can be given to the provision of such a memorial in accordance with Clare County Council's Memorial Policy, which was adopted at the January meeting of Clare County Council. In accordance with this policy all requests or proposals for memorials should be submitted to Clare County Council's Memorial Committee. The role of this committee will be to consider all requests or proposals for memorials and to make a recommendation to the Full Council of Clare County Council.

Response Ends

John Corry, Meetings Administrator & AO Transportation

Cllr. Lynch indicated that he would like to see something done to recognize the bravery of Catriona Lucas R.I.P. who was a role model to everyone in the county. He suggested that consideration might be given to the provision of a memorial as part of the proposed works at the Carrigaholt road roundabout.

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch

"That Clare County Council would carry out landscaping works consisting of road protection, footpath, beach seating and water edge protection along the waters edge to the east of Cappa slipway and erect a welcome to Cappa village sign at this location"

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin .

Reply

The works approved under the Storm remediation project for Cappa have been completed and while it is agreed that the works as outlined above would enhance the area presently Clare County Council do not have funding available for a project of this nature. We will however consider this for inclusion in the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine's Fishery, Harbours & Coastal Infrastructure Development programme when applications are invited, usually in March each year. Please note that Clare County Council is obliged under this scheme to provide 25% of the cost of the project.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Lynch suggested that he was satisfied for same to be included when applications were being submitted to the DAFM.

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch

"That the West Clare Municipal District request that the Turret Lane and Factory Lane are taken in charge by Clare County Council"

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating .

Reply

Both of these laneways are in poor structural condition and do not conform to the required standard of Clare County Council's Policy for Taking in Charge of Private Roads which was adopted by Clare County Council in September 2015. Clare County Council does not have resources available to bring these laneways to a condition such that they could be recommended for taking in charge in line with said Policy.

That said Clare County Council will instigate the process of taking in charge these laneways in line with the Policy.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Lynch indicated that the Turret lane was a key route to the rear of the Vandeleur Walled Garden which linked it to the town and he felt that it would be important that same would be taken in charge.

It was agreed to take items 9 and 18 together

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery

“That a progress report be presented to the West Clare Municipal Meeting on the Rockmount Water Treatment Plant, Milltown Malbay including the installation of new water mains from Mullagh to Milltown Malbay “

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin.

Reply

Most of Milltown and neighbouring areas are currently supplied from the Old Doolough treatment plant in Cloonlaheen, Mullagh. The north outskirts of the town and several townlands, both on the public network and on group schemes, are supplied from the Rockmount treatment plant. Extensive works have been done to enable the Rockmount plant to be decommissioned and the entire area to be served from Doolough, but one outstanding item, comprising installation of a pump, still has to be done before the Rockmount plant can be taken out of use. Irish Water estimate the installation of this pump within the next 4 to 6 weeks

In addition to installing the Rockmount pump, several stretches of water main between Mullagh and Milltown have to be renewed as they have a significant history of bursts. One such burst occurred in the vicinity of the Crosses of Annagh late on Christmas Day, and was repaired on St Stephen’s Day. Irish Water has approved €2 million for the replacement of 12.6km of old watermains, consisting of 6.6 km from Mullagh to Milltown Malbay and 6.0 km from Old Doolough to Mullagh. This work is necessary due to the poor state of the watermains infrastructure, which were laid around 1970. The priority section is the replacement of 4.3km from Mullagh to Annagh Bridge. Tender Documents will be complete in Q1 2017, when the works will be issued to market. It is anticipated that a contractor will be appointed and works will commence in Q3 2017. Irish Water are committed to providing a secure and reliable water supply to customers in this area.

Response Ends

Sean Ward ,Senior Engineer, Water Services

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin

“That in light of the recurring water outage again on Christmas Day in the Milltown Malbay area, Irish Water outline the cause and the schedule with timeframe of remedial works to ensure a consistent water supply to this part of West Clare for 2017 and onwards”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Hillery.

Reply

Several stretches of water main between Mullagh and Milltown have to be renewed as they have a significant history of bursts. One such burst occurred in the vicinity of the Crosses of Annagh late on Christmas Day, and was repaired on St Stephen’s Day. Irish Water has approved €2 million for the replacement of 12.6km of old watermains,

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Response Ends

Sean Ward ,Senior Engineer, Water Services

Cllr. Hillery indicated that there had been numerous instances at this stage where the people between Milltown & Mullagh had been without water owing to bursts including Willie Clancy week & during Christmas. He complimented the work done by Clare Co Co in repairing these leaks but he emphasized the importance of Irish Water replacing the watermains infrastructure at this location as soon as possible. Cllr. Curtin agreed & he indicated that he hoped that the proposed works could be carried out in the third quarter of 2017.

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery

“What recommendations are proposed by the consultants in relation to the project from the White Strand (Milltown Malbay), Spanish Point to Quilty in the context of coastal defence strengthening requirements?”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin.

Reply

Clare County Council engaged Byrne Looby and Partners to carry out a coastal erosion and flood risk management study for the Mal Bay area with particular reference to Whitestrand Milltown Malbay, Spanish Point and Quilty. The study has now been completed and a draft report has been submitted to Clare County Council. We have examined the report and are generally satisfied with its conclusions and recommendations. However, there are a number of minor issues that Clare County Council would like to address. Our observations have been sent to Byrne Looby. The final draft is now being prepared and it is expected to submit the report to the Office of Public Works in February. The recommendations in the Final Report will not differ significantly to the Preliminary Options discussed with West Clare Councillors in October 2016.

Response Ends

Steve Lahiffe, A/SEE Transportation

Cllr. Hillery indicated that he would like to see these works carried out as soon as possible & he suggested that a copy of the report would be made available to him as soon as it was ready and that it would be sent to the OPW to seek funding & he hoped that funding would be made available in 2017.

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery

"What solutions are proposed by the consultants who carried out the hydrological study of Miltown Malbay following the significant rainfall on 11th September 2015."

This Motion was seconded by Cllr.Curtin.

Reply

The solution involves the upsizing and extension of the existing culvert system which crosses Church Street from the low lying lands to the East and continues to the North of The Crescent Housing Scheme until it outfalls into an open channel to the West of the entrance road to the Church car park from the Ennistimon Road. From there the open channel is to be upgraded and extended to facilitate outfall to the Cleedagh River.

Response Ends

Tom Tiernan, A/DoS, Physical Environment

Cllr. Hillery indicated that he was satisfied with the response. Cllr. Curtin indicated that there was local knowledge available on this matter also and that this should also be considered.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery

"While I understand that this is a very sensitive issue for the families affected and I do not wish to cause grief or pain to anybody. I am however asking Clare Co Council to adopt a practical solution to rectify a serious problem that exists at the new cemetery at Ennistymon. To dig a line of 8 to 10 double graves at a time as already laid out, take out the very large rocks or boulders that are underneath, back fill with top soil. This will allow the families of the deceased and their Undertakers to bury their loved ones without further undue stress, instead of having to bring in a large digging machine on the day as the ground in its present format is not fit for purpose."

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle .

Reply

The pre-digging of lines of graves is not recommended as it would give rise to uneven settlement of the reinstated ground, leading to subsidence, cracking and ultimately to the failure of the footpaths and the foundation plinths.

A meeting took place with the funeral directors operating in the Ennistymon area on Wednesday 18th January, 2017 where they outlined the concerns they are experiencing in relation to the opening of burial plots at the new cemetery at Ennistymon. I have taken their concerns on board and agreed that further investigations will take place on the burial ground as a whole to establish the exact nature of the ground. I expect these investigations will be completed by the end of January, 2017 and I will keep the members informed of the outcome.

The surplus inert material from the grave digging located at the entrance to the cemetery will be removed in the coming weeks. A new location has been identified at the western end of the site, adjacent to the GAA grounds car park, where this type of material will be temporarily stored in the future. Clare County Council will ensure the material is removed on a regular basis. The funeral directors were made aware of this at Wednesday's meeting.

Response Ends

Betty Devanny, AO Tourism & Community Development

Cllr. Slattery indicated that this was a very sensitive matter that he was raising. He added that the type of material that gravediggers were encountering were making it very difficult for graves to be opened. He added that Bye Laws had been introduced in 2015 but that the situation had got a lot worse since then. He added that the Bye Laws suggested that heavy machinery would not be allowed in to dig graves however he argued that the ground conditions made it impossible for graves to be dug without bringing in heavy machinery. Cllr. Nagle added that as it was a local authority cemetery & that the onus was on them to ensure that it was fit for purpose. He added that what was happening at the moment was not fair on bereaved families. He suggested that the proposed investigations should have been carried out much earlier as this matter was raised 2 years before.

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery

“To provide flashing speed limit warning signs on the N67 on the approach road from Ennistymon to the village of Lahinch and also on Liscannor road within the 50 kilometres zone.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle .

Reply

The route along which the driver feedback sign is requested is a national route and accordingly it is a matter for Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to decide if funding for same should be made available.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Slattery indicated that he had read a recent report in last weeks Clare Champion which had indicated that in a recent speed survey carried out by the Clare Traffic Corps at this location that no one was under the required speed limit. He indicated that the amount of traffic approaching Lahinch was very high and he suggested that extra signage was required on the Liscannor road approaching Lahinch as the signage here was inadequate.

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery

“That road no L1034 from the junction on the N67 Lisdoonvarna road to Garrihys cross Doolin be included in the 2017 road works programme for strengthening and resurface and that it be maintained in the meantime.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle .

Reply

Clare County Council is in the process of finalizing the 2017 Roadworks Programme ,as part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works, and in that regard we will consider the inclusion of a section of this roadway in same subject to it meeting the criteria. The inclusion of roads in the Roadworks Programme will be based on a priority need basis and in accordance with the Pavement Condition Rating system detailed in the Flexible Roads Manual.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

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

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle

“I am again requesting that the R478 from the filling station in Liscannor to Burke’s cross be strengthened & surface dressed.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr.Slattery .

Reply

Clare County Council is in the process of finalizing the 2017 Roadworks Programme, as part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works, and in that regard we will consider the inclusion of a section of this roadway in same subject to it meeting the criteria. The inclusion of roads in the Roadworks Programme will be based on a priority need basis and in accordance with the Pavement Condition Rating system detailed in the Flexible Roads Manual.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Nagle indicated that there were very high traffic volumes using this road and suggested that the work might be done in phases.

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle

“I am requesting a date for the start of the street re-surfacing & footpath replacement for Kilfenora.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr.Slattery .

Reply

This road is included in the 3 year road restoration improvement programme for 2017,The Roadworks Programme generally commences in late April/May and in that regard it will commence subject to the grant funding for 2017 being maintained.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Nagle indicated that he was satisfied that works would commence in 2017. He added that as Kilfenora was very busy during the tourist season that he hoped that the works could be completed before the tourist season commenced. S. McNulty indicated that she hoped to commence the works as soon as the Roadworks Programme for 2017 was adopted and funding was made available for this project. Cllr. Keating suggested that Failte Ireland should make funding available for roads in tourist locations.

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle

“I am requesting that work continue on the provision of footpaths & public lighting in Doolin in 2017”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr.Slattery .

Reply

The footpath construction in Doolin was funded by the Discretionary Grant as agreed in the 2016 Schedule of Municipal District Works. Clare County Council is in the process of finalizing the 2017 Roadworks Programme, as part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works, and it is our intention to continue this project. The length of footpath delivered is directly related to the available funding for the project.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Nagle indicated that he was satisfied with the response & he added that he hoped that public footpaths would be provided between Fisher St & Roadford as soon as possible.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin

“That the Senior Executive Engineer update the Council on the road restoration works on the R474 in the aftermath of the relaying of the ducting for the Mount Callan windfarm and the provision for improvement to the sections serving Connolly & Kilmaley villages and adjoining diversion local roads”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr.Kelly .

Reply

Clare County Council is working closely with the Developers of the Slieve Callan windfarm with regard to the road restoration following the cable laying on the R474. The final two sections of cable are in the process of being laid, Sections 11 (Ennis MD) and Section 13 (West Clare MD), the detail for road restoration was conditioned on the Road Opening Licence and the Contractor is delivering the agreed finish.

The Developer has paid a contribution towards the long term impact the construction of the cable route has had on the adjacent road networks between Slieve Callan and the Tulla Road in Ennis and on completion of the works Clare County Council will agree how this financial contribution is to be spent, again based on a priority need basis and in accordance with the Pavement Condition Rating system detailed in the Flexible Roads Manual.

The R474 in Connolly village is included in the Schedule of Municipal District works for 2017 therefore it is planned to resurface this section of the R474 as part of the 2017 Roadwork's Programme.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Curtin indicated that only half of the road carriageway was being restored between Connolly & Inch. He also raised a concern regarding the damage being caused to some local roads which were being used as diversions during the course of the works. S. McNulty indicated that Clare Co Council had issued conditions for reinstatement to the developer as per the required criteria (purple book). She added that the perception was there that the overlay works between Inch & Beechpark had been carried out by the developer however she clarified that these works had been carried out by Clare Co Council.

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin

“That, arising from the persistent efforts of the engineer in charge to advance the proposed coastal works at Farrihy, Loughdonnell and on the Shannon estuary banks ,a report be provided on the current status of the contracts for same .”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Hillery .

Reply

Clare County Council engaged Fergal Coughlin, Consultant Engineer to design and prepare contract documents for the coastal repair works along the Atlantic Coastline. These were in three locations Farrihy, Doonmore, Doonbeg and Lough Donnell. Contractors are about to be appointed for the works at Farrihy and Doonmore following a tender process. The successful contractors have received a Letter of Intent and will be formally appointed on the submission of contract and health and safety documentation. The works at Lough Donnell are more complicated as this is an annex 1 habitat and a Special Area of Conservation. It may not be possible to address this issue without a significant impact on the integrity of an environmentally sensitive and protected site. The next phase of the works is to carry out a site investigation to see if any element of the original sluice is still intact.

RPS Consulting Engineers were employed to design and prepare contract documents for the repair works on the Shannon Estuary. In total there were 98 sites to visit. Some of the sites have been repaired already by the landowners. We are current ready to go to tender for packages of work at Ballynacally, Burrane Lower, Carrownacalla and

Kildysert. This work involves the repair of sluices, repair and reconstruction of retaining walls and the repair of banks. It is intended to be on site in March. Design work is continuing on a number of the other sites.

Response Ends

Steve Lahiffe, A/SEE, Transportation

Cllr. Curtin thanked S. Lahiffe, A/SEE for his response and indicated that he was keeping the members updated. Cllr Hillery indicated regarding Lough Donnell that the Council could have a problem, unless they could find the original sluice to see if it was still intact and propose repairing it, because the area was an SAC.

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly

“That the 80km/h element of speed limit in Lissycasey be reduced to 60km/h”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin .

Reply

It is proposed to include this request in the Speed Limit review which is presently ongoing.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Kelly indicated that the 80km/h speed limit was between two 60km/h speed limits and needed to be changed. Cllr. Kelly added that the reduced speed limit of 60km/h had done a lot for the development of the area.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly

“That the road adjacent to the Community school in Kildysert be taken over by the Council.”(it serves four new houses and two farms)

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin .

Reply

Clare County Council will instigate the process for taking in charge a private roadway in line with Clare County Council’s Policy for Taking in Charge of Private Roads which was adopted by Clare County Council in September 2015.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, 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 the C.E.O. draws up a scheme which will ensure an equitable distribution of Planning Contributions in the West Clare MD area which covers 47.4% of the landmass of Clare.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr.Curtin .

Reply

Section 48 of the Planning Act sets out the statutory provision for the preparation of a Development Contribution Scheme and the collection, spending and distribution of funds arising from it. The Planning Acts indicate that the monies collected are to provide for “public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the Planning Authority”. Albeit I note and appreciate the sentiment of the Notice of Motion, essentially the Act indicates that there is no facility to restrict or ring-fence the distribution of the monies to a specific geographic area or Municipal District.

Development contribution monies collected in a given year are allocated early the following year. Development contributions can only be allocated to those projects listed in the scheme as the contributions set out in the scheme are derived from the pre-determined capital costs. Moreover the allocation of funds deriving from the scheme to a project will depend on what stage a particular project is at along with the cost of the project.

Currently a Draft “Clare County Development Contribution Scheme 2017-2023” is on public consultation. In relation to the West Clare MD, out of the approximately 40 projects listed across the County, 18 specific projects eligible for receipt of planning contributions are located within the West Clare MD.

Response Ends

Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner, Planning & Enterprise Development

Cllr. Kelly indicated that the members had power under S139 of the Local Government Act 2001 to direct the Chief Executive by resolution that works not proceed. Cllr. Curtin indicated that the West Clare MD was faring very poorly with very little jobs being created & he added that he would be looking for change in this regard.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating

“That Clare County Council carry out surface dressing on the R485-36 from Morrissey’s Shop to Neylon’s Shop”.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr.Kelly .

Reply

Clare County Council is in the process of finalizing the 2017 Roadworks Programme, as part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works, and in that regard we will consider the inclusion of a section of this roadway in same subject to it meeting the criteria. The inclusion of roads in the Roadworks Programme will be based on a priority need basis

and in accordance with the Pavement Condition Rating system detailed in the Flexible Roads Manual.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr.Keating indicated that he had received correspondence from 9 different local community groups regarding this stretch of road which needed to be repaired. He added that from Shaughnessy's cross to Neylons was quiet good but from here down was in very bad repair. Cllr. Lynch indicated that this was signposted as a route to the Killimer car ferry & accordingly that the road needed to be improved.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating

“That Clare County Council carry out surface dressing on the R484-71 Kilmihil to Cree Road at Leitrim and the R484-98 Crossroads Pub to Kilmihil at Lacken and Lack West Bridge on L2078-0 near Dalton's House.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

Clare County Council is in the process of finalizing the 2017 Roadworks Programme, as part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works, and in that regard we will consider the inclusion of a section of this roadway in same subject to it meeting the criteria. The inclusion of roads in the Roadworks Programme will be based on a priority need basis and in accordance with the Pavement Condition Rating system detailed in the Flexible Roads Manual.

Clare County Council have erected a temporary 50km/hr speed limit on the R484 at Leitrim due to the structural condition of the road within the speed limit zone. It is intended to strengthen and surface this stretch of road once the 2017 road works programme commences.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Keating indicated that this was a very busy regional road. He said that parts of the road at Leitrim & Lacken in particular were in very bad repair and needed to be repaired.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating

“That Clare County Council carry out repairs to L2002-44 from Haugh's Forge to Cloghaunbeg Kilclogher by way of paving and surface dressing.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin .

Reply

Clare County Council is in the process of finalizing the 2017 Roadworks Programme, as part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works, and in that regard we will consider the

inclusion of a section of this roadway in same subject to it meeting the criteria. The inclusion of roads in the Roadworks Programme will be based on a priority need basis and in accordance with the Pavement Condition Rating system detailed in the Flexible Roads Manual.

Response Ends

Siobhan McNulty, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Keating suggested that he was satisfied with the response.

Cllr. Curtin referred to a recent article in the Clare Champion on the Haugh family regarding the forge.

27. Correspondence

J. Corry referred to the correspondence received from Tom Prendeville. He indicated that before Kiltrush Town Council was abolished that they had agreed that €20k would be set aside for the future extension of Shanakyle graveyard. He added that these monies had been ringfenced by Clare Co Council for this purpose & he was bringing this to the attention of the West Clare MD. It was proposed by Cllr. Hillery & agreed that the funds would be used for this purpose.

Cllr. Lynch cautiously welcomed the response from the HSE re National Ambulance Service Rapid Response Vehicle in Co Clare.

28. A.O.B

It was agreed going forward that all meetings of the West Clare MD would take place at 3pm unless otherwise agreed. The next meeting of the MD was set for 7th March at 3pm to be held in the Ennistymon MD offices.

This then concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed :

Cllr. B. Slattery

Cathaoirleach

Signed :

J. Corry

Meetings Administrator

Dated this the 7th day of March 2017.