

Minutes of January Meeting of West Clare Municipal District, held on 30th January, 2018 at 11a.m. in West Clare Municipal District Offices, Kilrush, Co. Clare

Cathaoirleach sa Cathair:

Cllr. M. Hillery,

I Láthair:

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

Officials present:

Mr. Leonard Cleary, Area Co-Ordinator & A/Director of Service
Mr. J. O'Malley, A/Senior Executive Engineer ,West Clare Municipal District
Mr. M. Lahiffe, A/Senior Executive Engineer ,West Clare Municipal District
Mr. J. Corry, Administrative Officer & Meetings Administrator.

Cllr. Hillery convened the meeting & welcomed those in attendance to the newly refurbished West Clare MD offices & Business Hub in Kilrush, He congratulated Leonard Cleary & those responsible for the work. This was echoed by the other members.

Cllr. Keating wished to pass a vote of sympathy to the family of Michael King , R.I.P. on his recent tragic death. This was seconded by Cllr. Chambers & agreed by all the members.

1. Minutes of Meeting of West Clare Municipal District held on 5th December 2017

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr. Curtin & seconded by Cllr. Slattery & agreed.

Under matters arising Cllr Slattery queried if there was any update on the sewage issue in Ballyvaughan. M. Lahiffe indicated that a lot of time had been spent investigating this matter & that he was presently pricing separating the storm water from the sewage & that he hoped that same should be done in the next month. He indicated that this should resolve the issues associated with the road & that he couldn't comment on the issues associated with the sewage.

Cllr. Nagle raised the matter of the urgent need for Irish Water to replace the watermain at Burke's Cross as it was resulting in untold hardship for the locals as well as impacting on the blacktopping of this stretch of road.

Cllr. Lynch raised the matter of the requirement for a bus shelter for Kilrush & Cllr. Keating seconded this and agreed & added that there was also a requirement for a bus shelter for Kilkee. J. O' Malley added that work was being done in relation to the relocation of the bus shelter in Kilkee.

2. Minutes of Special Meeting of West Clare Municipal District held on 11th December 2017 to consider LCDC recommendation re RAPID funding for West Clare MD

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr. Nagle & seconded by Cllr. Slattery & agreed.

3. Doolin Harbour Bye Laws- Revision of Harbour Charges

J. Corry outlined the proposal to amend the Harbour charges for Doolin Pier owing to the fact that in 2018 that two of the Ferry Operators would be operating vessels capable of carrying up to 200 passengers & that this situation was not envisaged when the existing Harbour charges were agreed. He added that it was a function of the Full Council of Clare County Council to adopt these charges however he was letting the West Clare MD know as a matter of courtesy. The members agreed with the proposed charges & recommended that they go forward to the Full Council for consideration. Cllr. Slattery emphasized that it would be very important that alleged touting which was still taking place at Doolin would be properly enforced. Cllr. Nagle emphasized the importance of the consultants delivering on the proposed facilities for the pier as the facilities which were there at the moment were embarrassing. He added that he was disappointed that at the last meeting with the consultants that there was no discussion on the proposed facilities at the pier. L. Cleary indicated that he would follow up with B. McCarthy re same. Cllr. Nagle also emphasized the importance of having the toilets open as soon as the tourist season commenced. Cllr. Slattery agreed. J. Corry confirmed that he was waiting for the Ferry Operators to confirm when they hoped to commence operations & that he would then make the necessary arrangements to have the Harbour Masters employed & the toilets opened.

It was agreed to take items 4 & 5 together.

4. Proposal to declare road at Turrett Lane, Kilrush to be a public road

5. Proposal to declare road at Factory Lane, Kilrush to be a public road

Cllr. Lynch suggested that the reports done for these roads were done on the basis that they would be facilitating traffic however he suggested that they would be mainly facilitating pedestrians. He also suggested that he felt that they were being used as public roads. Cllr. Keating agreed. J. O' Malley agreed that the condition of the roads was not acceptable & that he could re visit as to what could be done as a minimum. J Corry confirmed that if a public right of way exists on the road & that it has been maintained by Clare Co Council that it is effectively a public road.

6. Proposal to declare road at Carnanes, Kilrush to be a public road

Cllr. Keating thanked J. O' Malley for his report & suggested that there may be an alternative option to carrying out the roadworks to taking the road in charge & he suggested deferring this proposal for the moment.

7. Taking in Charge – Declaration of Roads in Inchiquin Park, Baunkyle, Corofin to be a Public Road in accordance with S11 of the Roads Act 1993

The proposal was proposed by Cllr. Slattery & seconded by Cllr. Nagle & agreed.

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Chambers

“That Clare Co Council carry out drainage work on the roads that are affected by the continuous heavy rain.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

The West Clare Municipal District Roads crews are carrying out ongoing drainage works to roads in the district that appear most in need of attention. The intention is to continue these works throughout the year and deal with issues as they arise. However, these works will reduce as the road building season begins, which it is hoped will coincide with an improvement in weather conditions. Drainage works will again receive priority towards the end of Autumn 2018.

Response Ends

John O' Malley, A/SEE, & Morgan Lahiffe, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

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

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Chambers

“That Clare Co Council will carry out immediate repairs to the road from Cree to Cahermurphy (L 2048) as it is in extremely bad condition.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

Works in relation to Kiltumper Windfarm are ongoing. The contractors are being made aware of their responsibility to maintain the public roads during the course of the works. Post Works, Clare County Council will be remediating substantial sections of this road.

Response Ends

John O' Malley, A/SEE, & Morgan Lahiffe, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

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

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Chambers

“That Clare Co Council will carry out repairs to the footpath from Cree Village to Cree Community Centre.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating

Reply

Clare County Council are currently preparing a list of works to footpaths throughout the County. This section of footpath is being considered as part of this process and is dependant on resorces being available.

Response Ends

John O' Malley, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

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

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch

“That the Director of Services provide a progress report in relation to possible routes for the West Clare Green Way from Kilrush to Kilkee and also inform the West Clare MD of funding applications made to date for the project and the status of same.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating

Reply

The Road Design Office is currently working on investigation/feasibility of the 48 km section from Ennis to Spanish Point, the initial phases of which have already been constructed and which has the support of the Department of Transport – all available resources are, by necessity, absorbed in this project. We will commence work on the southern section when resources allow. It would be meaningless to make an application for funding in relation to a project which doesn't have the benefit of an appropriate level of feasibility and assessment and so, such an application hasn't been made to date

Response Ends

Ann Cronin, SEE, Road Design

Cllr Lynch indicated that he was not satisfied with the response. He added that he had a serious concern with Road Design in the sense that projects could not be progressed here owing to a lack of resources. He advised that he had been assured by the previous Director of Service for the West Clare MD area that €50k had been set aside for this project. He suggested that if Clare Co Council were serious about progressing tourism that the issues of Planning & Road Design needed to be addressed. L. Cleary suggested that he was looking at putting in place a project team to manage projects such as the West Clare Greenway. He added that the project team would be a multi disciplinary team with input from Road Design etc. He suggested that the initial step that this multi disciplinary team would take would be to engage with landowners etc. This proposal was welcomed by the members.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery

“That Clare Co. Council would contact the TII to have the Main Street, Miltown Malbay resurfaced and that a roundabout be installed at the square in the interest of safety.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

Clare County Council highlight to the TII on an ongoing basis sections of the National Secondary route that require remediation. The main street in Miltown Malbay will be highlighted to the TII in this regard.

Response Ends

Morgan Lahiffe, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

The Road Design Office had been in discussion with the TII about a roundabout at this location ie N67/R474/ L2092 junction in Miltown and a drawing was prepared and issued. Funding was not available at the time and therefore the scheme did not progress. The Road Design Office will contact the Regional Road Safety Engineer to discuss the possibilities for funding.

Response Ends

Ann Cronin, SEE, Road Design

Cllr. Hillery indicated that he accepted that this was a bigger job than just re-surfacing . He added that he hoped that this project could be pushed on by Clare Co Council & that funding would be made available for same.

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery

“What works are planned in 2018 for the Lifeguard Station and Toilets at Spanish Point beach and when will the project commence”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

The works planned in 2018 for the Lifeguard Station and Toilets at Spanish Point beach include the following, as applied for under P16-8010.

- (a) Refurbishment of existing public toilet block*
- (b) New wheelchair accessible public toilet*
- (c) Facility maintenance room*
- (d) New general storage room*
- (e) Refurbishment of existing lifeguard building*
- (f) New waste water treatment system and percolation area*
- (g) Erection of site signage*
- (h) Connection to existing services*
- (i) All site works associated with the above works*

It is anticipated that the project will commence in February/March 2018.

Response Ends

William Freney, SEE, Environment

Cllr. Hillery thanked Environment for the response & he indicated that the local Community Group in Spanish Point (in particular) were very effective.

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery

“That the Cloontysmara road, L1084-40, be strengthened and surface dressed in the 2018 Roadworks Programme”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

The L-1084-40 is not listed for works in the SMDW 2018. We will endeavour to maintain the road with the resources at our disposal.

Response Ends

Morgan Lahiffe, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Hillery asked that this road be considered for works next year as it carried a lot of traffic.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly

“That in the interest of public safety, two public lights be put up close to Ballycorick church on the Ennis side & church side.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating

Reply

Improvements were carried out to the existing lights at this location in 2017. The addition of extra lights in this location is not considered advisable and could put pedestrians at risk from traffic along the R473 as there is no parking in the suggested areas. Consideration will be given to the current parking arrangements outside the church to see if improvements can be made in this area.

Response Ends

John O’ Malley, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Kelly indicated that there was traffic chaos at this location for funerals etc. J O’Malley indicated that lighting had already been upgraded to LEDs.

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly

“That an update be provided on progress to make Kildysert Cemetery free from flooding.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Chambers

Reply

I am aware that a member of the public recently contacted our office regarding a flooding concern due to the recent storms in the old part of the cemetery. In that regard, the Burial Grounds unit will investigate this matter in association with the Area Office and an update will be provided to the next meeting.

Response Ends

Momica Meehan, SEO, Rural Development

Cllr. Kelly suggested that the item was very emotive & needed to be addressed.

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly

“That essential repairs be carried out on the link road between Coolmeen (west of church) & Gaa field in Labasheeda”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Chambers

Reply

Clare County Council will continue to maintain this road within the resources currently available.

Response Ends

John O' Malley, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery

“Due to excessive speeding and dangerous overtaking on the 50km/h speed limit on the N67 from Woods Cross Lisdoonvarna to the Town Square that Clare Co Co would request:

- 1) That the Garda Siochana police this stretch of road in an appropriate manner.***
- 2) That additional signage be erected including the printing of the speed limit on the surface of the road.***
- 3) That consideration be given to providing a footpath where none currently exists.***
- 4) Other traffic calming measures should also be considered.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle

Reply

Clare County Council will carry out a Speed survey at a point midway between Woods Cross and the Town Centre. Consequent to the results of that survey, we may install repeater speed limits signs at specific locations and/or a thermoplastic 50km/hr marking on the road surface itself. A driver feedback sign for this section could also be considered subject to it being funded.

Due to narrow verges along this route, an extension of the footpaths is currently not being considered. A considerable portion of private land would need to be purchased to enable us to construct footpaths at this location to the required specification.

In relation to policing, the results of our speed survey can be made available to An Garda Siochana. Should they wish to act/not act on this information is a matter for An Garda Siochana.

Response Ends

Morgan Lahiffe, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Slattery thanked M. Lahiffe for his response. He added that he included this Motion as a result of a petition that he received which he read out. M. Lahiffe suggested carrying out a speed survey to see what the extent of the problem was & to determine the best way forward.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery

“As there is no footpath on the N85 from the Ard Donna housing estate in Ennistymon I am asking Clare Co Co to take in charge and resurface the lane way leading from the back of the estate on to Circular Road opposite the Veterinary Office in the interest of road safety for school children and pedestrians.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle.

Reply

This laneway does not meet the criteria for a Taking in Charge application. This lane is not in reasonable condition and is not fit for purpose as a Public Road. Clare County Council does not have the resources available to bring this lane up to the required standard.

Response Ends

Morgan Lahiffe, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Slattery indicated that he didn't know how Planning was provided for these houses without having a footpath. He added that this back lane was the only access available to children going to school from this location. Cllr. Nagle suggested that the works might be done under an LIS scheme. J. Corry confirmed that works could be done under an LIS scheme, subject to funding being available & subject to the road serving more than 1 agricultural landholding. It was agreed that an application would be made under the LIS scheme for these works.

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery

“Under the strengthening and remediation projects from the storm damage 2014, I am asking Clare Co Co to give an update progress report for the 2nd phase on the Southern part of the promenade Lahinch to the Miltown Malbay Road and clarify if the monies that were ringfenced for its completion are still secured.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle.

Reply

Under the Storm Remediation Project Clare County Council intend to repair and strengthen the existing sea defences from the Promenade in a southerly direction to the Miltown Malbay Road. The detailed design, environmental assessment and coastal process modelling have been completed for the project. The proposed works were submitted to the Planning Dept and Part 8 Planning Approval was granted in June 2017. Clare County Council has also applied to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government for Foreshore Approval to carry out coastal protection works, comprising repairs to the existing wall structure, the construction of a new rock revetment and other ancillary works at Lahinch. This application is being processed at present.

Total funding of € 16.6m was allocated from various government departments for the restoration works following the storms of 2014 – all of this has been drawn down with the exception of €1.6 million which remains due to the Council from the Department of the Environment. This shortfall is needed to form part of the funding required to repair Phase 2 of Lahinch. Clare County Council are engaged with the Dept of Environment with a view to securing reinstatement of the allocation of €1.6m prior to a decision on the foreshore approval application.

Response Ends

Steve Lahiffe, A/SEE, Transportation

J. Corry outlined that Clare Co Council were continuing to follow up on an outstanding claim of €1.6m from the DoEHLG .

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating

“That Clare County Council carry out a feasibility study to explore the potential for the development of a Greenway on the Loop Head Peninsula”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr.Lynch

Reply

Greenways are usually associated with walking and cycling routes along old railway lines or canal tow paths. Given that the Loop Head peninsula doesn't have such features it may be possible to provide a EuroVelo route along the quieter Local roads. This is the European cycle route network consisting of fifteen long distance routes. This type of route has proven to be very successful in other countries. County Clare is on EuroVelo Route 1 - the Atlantic Coast Route - which runs from Norway, through the UK, Ireland, France, Spain and Portugal. It is intended that this EuroVelo Route 1 route will go through the Loop Head peninsula.

Clare Co Co Road Design Office has had some initial liaison with Staff from the Sport Ireland Trails office on this project and we will resume our efforts in this regard when resources allow.

Response Ends

Ann Cronin, SEE, Transportation

Cllr. Keating indicated that the Loop Head Peninsula stretched from the Ferry to Loop Head Lighthouse & back up to the Bellbridge. He suggested that there needed to be proper consultation with landowners & community groups & he suggested that the proposal put forward by L. Cleary earlier of having a Project Team was the way forward.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating

“That Clare County Council provide an update of the progress on bridge repairs in West Clare, works completed and numbers planned with a time frame for same.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

Reply

This is the current position with rehabilitation works on bridges in the West Clare MD:

2016

Goleen Bridge(Complete)

Creamery Bridge (Complete)

Clonderlaw Bridge (Complete)

Caherogan Bridge (Complete)

Glendine South Bridge (Complete)

Cloonanaha Bridge (Complete)

Smiths Bridge (Complete)

Mauricesmills Bridge (Complete)

Moyglass Bridge (Complete)

Annageeragh Bridge (Complete)

Aghataggart Bridge (Complete)

Clondagad Bridge (Complete)
Creevagh Bridge (Complete)
Monvanna Road Bridge (Complete)

2017

O'Brien's Bridge Liscannor (Completion Feb 2018)
Cloghaun Lough Bridge (Completion Feb)
Ballycurraun Bridge (Complete)
Meelick Bridge Inagh (Complete)
Parknamoney Bridge (Complete)
Craggycorradaun Bridge (Complete)
Doolin Bridge (Complete)

2018

Funding has been applied for a further 12 bridges in West Clare MD, but the DTTAS 2018 Grant has not been announced yet.

Response Ends

Ann Cronin, SEE, Transportation

Cllr. Keating suggested that the OPW needed to be contacted to dredge the rivers.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating

“To renew request for footpath at Leadmore East Kilrush and complete construction of footpath on the L2034-40.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

Reply

(a) There is an existing footpath provided from Kilrush to St Theresa's Nursing Home. The provision of an additional footpath on the opposite side of the road to the nursing home at Leadmore East is being considered currently. There would be a requirement for a pedestrian crossing on the N67 in this area if a footpath was to be built. Transport Infrastructure Ireland are being consulted in this regard.

(b) The section of footpath on the L2034-40 where the request is in place for an additional section is in private ownership. There is an existing footpath on the opposite side of the road which is available. There are no plans in place currently to carry out works in this area but the situation in relation to this site will continue to be monitored with a view to carrying out works in the future.

Response Ends

John O' Malley, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Keating welcomed the response.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin

“That an update be provided on the Timeframe for the following much awaited Infrastructural Projects for Miltown Malbay and Surrounding Area

**1)Relaying of Mains Pipeline from Doolough Lake and
2)The Flood Relief Scheme for Town (3 YEARS) as an immediate start up in 2018 will reassure
the local Population and provide the incentive for ongoing development initiatives in the area.”**

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Hillery

Reply

The Members will be aware that the section of main referred to is included in the Rockmount Water Supply Scheme Proposal and was been tendered by Irish Water late last year. The assessment of tender responses has been completed and letters of award and regret have issued to the relevant Contractors in the last week. Final discussion is currently ongoing with the preferred Tenderer in regard to programme, method statements, etc. It is anticipated that this will be completed within the coming week or so.

On commencement, the works will be progressed in two phases. Phase 1 will consist of site investigation to determine the condition and engineering properties of the ground and the location, type and size of the existing services. It will also include for detailed topographical survey, final pipeline route design review, designing of connection details and pipe fitting locations and the preparation of draft and final Design Proposals. Phase 2 will involve the provision, installation, testing and disinfection of the new water main and customer service pipe connections including all other necessary ancillary works to complete the contract including reinstatement. The Contract Programme is 36 weeks in total – 11 weeks for the completion of Phase 1 elements and 25 weeks for Phase 2 works.

I will update the Members of the West Clare Municipal District of the commencement date for the works as soon as the information is to hand.

Response Ends

Sean Lenihan, SE, Water Services

Clare County Council are currently preparing a part 8 planning application for permission to carry out a flood relief scheme in Miltown Malbay. There was been a complication in the detailed design that necessitated a change of route for the culvert. The route has now been altered and a application will be submitted shortly. The Part 8 process will take three months provided there are no delays encountered in the process. . Pending funding approval, the tender process should get underway by mid-Summer to be followed by a 6 month construction period.

Response Ends

Steve Lahiffe, A/SEE, Transportation

Cllr. Curtin indicated that we needed to get a date from Irish Water as to when works would take place as same had previously been recommended for Q3 in 2017. Regarding the Flood Relief Works proposed for Miltown Malbay he added that this had been ongoing for three years & that people in Miltown Malbay were genuinely concerned.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin

“That the Senior Engineer provide a breakdown of the road and allied expenditure in Connolly, Kilmaley & Inch from the Mount Callan Wind Farm financial contribution as aggregated with the special roads contribution, road reinstatement Work and Bond and overall impact fee and give an outline of outstanding works to be completed in the area.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

Reply

Please see hereunder a table which best represents the information requested regarding overall income received, expenditure incurred & works proposed to be carried out in the West Clare MD area as a result of WCRE works.

LTI WCRE		
	Funding €	Cost €
Total Long Term Impact (LTI) Funding Recd	820,240	
Less Expenditure to date on R474 roadworks	586,734	
	233,506	
Projected exp on roads used as diversions in West Clare MD area to be funded by LTI		
L1092		42,101
L8354		86,700
L4164		37400
L8258 & L4165		55230
L4188		12075
		233,506

Special Development Contribution WCRE		
	Funding €	Cost €
Special Development Contribution	601,000	
Projected exp on roads used as haul routes in West Clare MD area to be funded by Dev Contribution		
R474(Connolly East)		102,600
R474(Connolly West)		125,685
R474 (Section 13)		97,500
R460		88,589
		414,374

Special Development Contribution Letteragh		
	Funding €	Cost €
Special Development Contribution	150,000	
Projected exp on roads used as haul routes in West Clare MD area to be funded by Dev Contribution		
L4188		150,000

Response Ends

John Corry, AO, Transportation & West Clare Meetings Administrator

Cllr. Curtin queried if there was sufficient funds available to carry out the necessary works. M. Lahiffe indicated that he was confident that there would be sufficient monies available to carry out the works proposed.

As the meeting was going to go over two hours it was proposed to suspend Standing Orders by Cllr. Curtin & this was seconded by Cllr. Lynch.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin

“That, arising from the consistent heavy rainfall etc over recent months & the consequent adverse impact with deteriorating road surfaces on the local road network & strategic regional roads e.g R484 & R485 for example among others in the West Clare Municipal District, an increased allocation be made available to carry out an immediate accelerated programme of surface dressing and remedial works and that a special case be made to central government and its agents for same.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating

Reply

The members will be aware that Clare Co Council were notified of their grant allocation from the DTTAS on 29th January 2018. There are significant increases across a number of grant areas here – between 17 and 19% in respect of the Improvement, Restoration Maintenance and Bridge Rehabilitation grants. In addition, a grant of almost €450,000 is included for road drainage works – this is a new grant which hasn't been included previously and which recognises the importance of having a drainage strategy to facilitate protection of the road pavement against the impact of persistent water logging over the Winter months.

As part of the preparation of the Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) 2018-Roadworks Programme input was sought from the members regarding roads issues that they wished to be included . Due consideration will be given to same as part of the preparation of the SMDW.

Response Ends

John Corry, AO, Transportation & West Clare Meetings Administrator

Cllr. Curtin indicated that the impact of 10 years reduced grant funding had impacted significantly on the road infrastructure. He added that the R484 & R485 were a case in point. Cllr. Nagle welcomed the drainage grant received & indicated that it was imperative that such works commenced initially. Cllr. Slattery emphasized the importance of having the requisite no of GO's taken from the panel. L. Cleary indicated that if there was a positive indication of road grant increases then a business case could be made for increased staff numbers. He added that at present that all vacant posts had been filled. Cllr. Keating mentioned that himself & Cllr. Slattery had recently met with the Taoiseach.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle

“ That the junction leading to Dysert Castle be included in the 2018 Low Cost Safety Scheme, to improve visibility at the junction & that the road leading to the castle be strengthened & surface dressed”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr.Hillery

Reply

The junction of the L-4154-10 and the R476 (junction leading to Dysert Castle), has been identified as a project for the Low Cost Safety Scheme. We await confirmation from the Department of Transport with regard to funding for this project. Resurfacing works on the L-4154-10 will not form part of the 2018 SMDW. We will continue to maintain the road with the resources at our disposal.

Response Ends

Morgan Lahiffe, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

The junction of the R476 L4154/L82221 Ballycullinan Cross roads south of Corrofin was included in the application for 2018 Low Cost Safety funding. This application was submitted to the DTTAS in October 2017. The grants have not been confirmed as yet.

Response Ends

Ann Cronin, SEE, Road Design

Cllr. Nagle indicated that he appreciated the work done & wondered if any indication could be given as to when this work could be carried out. J. Corry indicated that no specific allocation had been provided for this work under the 2018 Low Cost Safety allocations but it was agreed that maybe these works could be carried out under a Discretionary allocation.

28. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle

“I am again requesting that the road (L-1092) from the junction of the Inagh Milltown road leading to Crowes Bridge, be strengthened & surface dressed as a matter of urgency ”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Hillery

Reply

Works to the L-1092 will be carried out during the 2018 road building season.

Response Ends

Morgan Lahiffe, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Nagle welcomed this response & asked that the works would be carried out as early as possible in 2018.

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle

“That the Maghera road, Lahinch be surface dressed & strengthened from the junction of the Moughna road to Attycristora.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Slattery

Reply

1500m of the road in question, the L-5188 is included in the 2018 SMDW.

Response Ends

Morgan Lahiffe, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr. Nagle welcomed this response

30. A.O.B

It was agreed that the next MD meeting would take place at 3pm in Ennistymon on 13th March.

This then concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed :

Cllr. M Hillery

Cathaoirleach

Signed :

J. Corry

Meetings Administrator

Dated this the 20th day of March 2018.