

**Minutes of the West Clare Municipal District Meeting
held 4pm Tuesday 1st March 2022 in Council Chamber and online**

Cathaoirleach sa Cathair:

Cllr Cillian Murphy

I Lathair:

Cllr Gabriel Keating, Cllr Joe Killeen, Cllr Joe Garrihy, Cllr Liam Grant (online),
Cllr Ian Lynch, Cllr PJ Kelly, Cllr Bill Chambers (online), Cllr Shane Talty (online)

Officials present:

Mr. Leonard Cleary, Area Co-Coordinator & Director of Service
Mr. John O'Malley, A/Senior Executive Officer & Meetings Administrator, WCMD
Mr. Alan Kennelly, SEE, WCMD (online)
Mr. Enda MacNamara, SEE, WCMD
Mr. John Leahy, Senior Engineer, Transportation
Mr. John Gannon, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation
Mr. Steve Lahiffe, Senior Staff Officer, WCMD

Cllr Murphy convened the Meeting.

1. Minutes of the January Meeting held on 18th January 2022.
The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Keating and seconded by Cllr. Garrihy.
2. Minutes of the adjourned January Meeting held on 27th January 2022.
The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Lynch and seconded by Cllr. Killeen.
3. Support Scheme for Town / Village Paint works Cooraclare, Cross & Cranny, was proposed by Cllr. Keating and seconded by Cllr. Lynch and agreed.
4. Section 183 Proposed Disposal of lands at Ballard Road, Miltown Malbay, Co Clare
Proposed by Cllr. Garrihy and seconded by Cllr. Killeen.
5. Schedule of Municipal District Works – John Leahy, Senior Engineer.
Proposed by Cllr. Keating and seconded by Cllr. Garrihy.

John Leahy went through the schedule and advised that in line with recent years there was an increase in funding. John Gannon then went through the Active Travel allocation.

Discussion was then had with the elected members.

Rural Development, Planning & Economic Development, Social

6. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Liam Grant:

Call on the West Clare MD to examine the daily discharge of wastewater treatment facilities for the last two years in Lahinch, Ennistymon and Kilkee with the intention of comparing this data with closures of nearby blue flag beaches to see if there's any correlation between the two.

Many of the blue flag beaches in our county have been closed due to poor water quality over the summer months. I believe this has a lot to do with wastewater treatment facilities not being fit for purpose. I would ask the West Clare MD to investigate this and present the data at the MD meeting

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Garrihy.

Reply from Cyril Feeney, Senior Engineer, Environment & Water:

Irish Water are the Water Services Authority and are responsible for the operation of the wastewater treatment plants in the county.

Any records pertaining to discharges from the treatment plants will have to be obtained from Irish Water not Clare County Council.

However, the EPA website contains publicly available information regarding Irish Water treatment plants (see following link relating to Lahinch Wastewater treatment plant.)

https://www.water.ie/_uuid/fc4ab6b9-a930-4bb2-9b4a-2d2f1295ee93/D0080-01_2018_AER.pdf

In addition, bathing water quality data for all our bathing areas is also available on the following website www.beaches.ie

The table below details when Clare County Council put in place advisory and prohibition notices on bathing. The beaches were never closed but the public were on occasion advised not to bathe because of elevated bacterial pollution levels. There can be a number of sources of such pollution as described in Notes 1-3.

Advisory and Prohibitions to not swim at bathing area 2019-2021.

	2021	2020	2019
Lahinch	none	25 July to 12 August Note 2	none
Kilkee	22 to 28 May Note 1.	25 July to 4 August Note 2	10 to 14 August Note 1
Whitestrans, Miltown.	13 to 15 August Note 3	25 July to 8 August Note 2	none
Spanish Point	none	25 July to 4 August Note 2	none
Whitestrans, Doonbeg.	none	25 July to 30 July Note 2	none

Note 1. Directly attributed to malfunction at sewage pumping station caused by a burst in the rising main.

Note 2. All attributed to overland, diffuse runoff after heavy rain. The level of prohibition varied over the duration due to fluctuating bacterial levels as a result of rainfall.

Note 3. Overland runoff after rainfall.

7. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Cillian Murphy & Cllr. Joe Garrihy:

In light of the recent launch by the Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage of “Town Centre First; A Policy Approach for Irish Towns”, the central role Town Teams play in that policy, and the capacity to strengthen existing organisations and networks, that the West Clare MD support the development of new Town Teams throughout the MD according to the settlement hierarchy of the county development plan.

Reply from Leonard Cleary, Director of Services, Rural Development:

Clare County Council welcomes the launch of the Government’s Town Centre First Policy. Further details are awaited on the scheme in order for a decision to be made on the application process and which Council Department is best suited to lead on the scheme. This will need to align closely to the County Development Plan. Once this detail is available, the proposal for new Town Teams can be considered having regard to staff capacity across a number of directorates. There are different types and models of Town Teams across the country, which require research.

The Town Centre First Policy indicates that in the coming months a dedicated staff resource will be funded to assist with this staff capacity issue. Together with existing staff, the Town Teams proposal can be scoped out and planned as it is a significant undertaking. Clare County Council is committed to supporting the existing three Town Teams (Kilrush, Ennistymon and Scariff) and looks forward to capacity building with volunteers beyond these initial three groups.

Cllr. Murphy highlighted the policy directs support to Towns & Villages, not just town centres. There was an opportunity to start now in getting our community groups together before appointment of officer. Other members agreed that it will have to be cross directorate, it is too important to be left to one directorate.

Leonard Cleary was certain that the policy will be a game changer, but the structures and appropriate staffing needs to be put in place.

8. Notice of Motion from Cllr Joe Garrihy:

That the West Clare MD invite Failte Ireland Wild Atlantic Way Lead, the Clare County Council tourism team, and the management of the Cliffs of Moher to a workshop with a view to discussing the impact “Town Centre First; A Policy Approach for Irish Towns” will have on existing and future tourism related strategic plans and policies, to include ‘County Clare Tourism Strategy 2030’, ‘Cliffs of Moher 2040’, ‘Burren & Cliffs of Moher VEDP’ and the ‘Cliff Coast VEDP’.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch.

Reply from Leonard Cleary, Director of Service, Rural Development:

The ‘Town Centre First; A Policy Approach for Irish Towns’ has been announced by Government in recent days. Clare County Council welcomes the launch of the Policy. Further details are awaited on the scheme in order for a decision to be made on the application process and which Council Department is best suited to lead on the scheme. This will need to align closely to the County Development Plan and the Economic Development function in the Council. Tourism is also an important consideration. Once this detail is available, the proposal for research on the impact of the Policy on future tourism related strategic plans and policies can be progressed. The methodology for this research needs to have regard to existing structures and avoid duplication.

- The structure considering the ‘County Clare Tourism Strategy 2030’ is the Clare Tourism Advisory Forum.
- The structure considering the ‘Cliffs of Moher Strategy 2040’ is the Cliffs of Moher Centre DAC and the Steering Committee for the Cliffs of Moher Strategy 2040.
- The structure considering the ‘Burren & Cliffs of Moher VEDP’ is the Steering Committee for the VEDP (Visitor Experience Development Plan).
- The structure considering the ‘Cliff Coast’

There is Elected Member representation on these structures including West Clare Municipal District. Also, as appropriate there is community, tourism industry and Fáilte Ireland representation. Clare County Council supports each of these structures and does not have the capacity to support another duplicate structure for the same task under West Clare Municipal District. It is important that the County Tourism Strategy 2030 is the strategic policy document guiding tourism in the County and that the convening of research on this is undertaken under its auspices and existing structures. The Council’s Tourism Department has this executive function not the West Clare Municipal District. The staff capacity involved in developing these strategies at present is significant and administrative prioritisation is required. Having outlined the logistical feasibility of the proposed workshop in the Motion, the West Clare Elected Members will have ample opportunity to input in a meaningful way through the above structures. The West Clare Municipal District office will support the Elected Members in inputting and being briefed fully.

9. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Joe Garrihy:

I call on the west Clare MD to set an objective and plan to link the North Clare Towns of Corofin, Carron, Kilfenora, Lisdoonvarna, Doolin, Liscannor and Lahinch with Walking and Cycle Route to ensure these settlements and communities have appropriate attractive and safe linkage to the overall West Clare Greenway in progress and the Green Road to the Burren, Fanore and Ballyvaughan. Further to explore cycle and walking connectivity from Our North Clare Towns and Villages to neighbouring county of Galway through Bellharbour, New Quay to Kinvara and Boston / Tubber area to Gort.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Murphy.

Reply from John O’Malley, A/SEO, West Clare MD:

The West Clare MD is progressing various works related to walking and cycling routes under the Active Travel Fund. The initial phase of this work focused on upgrading existing and new infrastructure within our towns and villages. The focus is progressing in 2022 to linking up towns and villages including a number of the towns listed in the Motion. The Project Management Office also included for links from the proposed future Greenway in additional works under Active Travel. Further consideration will be given to linking the Green Road with a view to including in future phases of this Fund and other funding sources. The MD will also investigate with Councillor Garrihy the potential for connectivity with County Galway and work with our neighbouring Local Authority on this. Progress on this is dependent on available resources within the MD, Councils Physical Directorate and Contractors to complete the works.

10. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Cillian Murphy:

That the West Clare MD work with the Ennis MD and roads engineers to put in place a request bus stop at the new HSE Outpatients Department in Ennis to service those patients

coming in from West Clare.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating.

Reply from John O'Malley, A/SEO, West Clare MD:

I have communicated with Ennis MD in relation to this and the Senior Executive Engineer will work with Councillor Murphy on this request.

11. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Shane Talty:

Can we get an update on the status of all the projects in the Municipal District allocated funding under the 2021 Active Travel funding, in particular a time frame for those projects yet to commence.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch.

Reply from John O'Malley, A/SEO, West Clare MD:

The Active Travel Funding Programme is a 5-year programme of funding which commenced in 2021. The works submitted to the National Roads Authority for the West Clare MD in 2021 involve works of varying complexities with some of the more straightforward works such as footpath upgrades significantly progressed and other works that require landowner consents, environmental assessments, etc. progressing through the appropriate stages. The following is a summary of the projects for West Clare MD:

CE/21/001 – Pedestrian bridges Cree, Doonbeg, Cooraclare, Inagh – currently at design & feasibility stage. Expected construction 2023/2024.

CE/21/004 – footpaths Doonbeg - Completed, Kilmihil - 66% completed, Cross – works commenced, Labasheeda - completed, Connolly - near completion, Quilty - near completion, Carrigaholt – works commenced, Kilrush - 60% completed, Kilbaha – works commenced, Kildysert - completed, Kilmaley - planning and statutory approval phase, expected start construction Q2 2022, Kilkee - 60% completed

CE/21/005 – footpaths Miltown Malbay - 80% completed

CE/21/006 – Ennistymon to Lahinch footpath and lighting - 100% of footpath works complete. Request made to TII for approval to install lighting on Miltown Road. Awaiting approval.

CE/21/007 – Doolin footpaths & pedestrian crossing - Pedestrian Crossing at Fitz's Cross to be completed in Q2 2022. Section of footpath between Fitz's Cross and Roadford to be completed in Q3 2022 subject to obtaining landowner agreements.

CE/21/008 – Spanish Point – Phase 1 of 3 footpaths to commence in April 2022. Phase 2 to commence in May/June 2022. All works to be complete by end of 2022

CE/21/012 – Lisdoonvarna – pedestrian crossings and linking footpaths - 5 No. pedestrian crossings to commence in Q2 2022

CE/21/015 – Kilrush – Cappa pier to Marina/Greenway – awaiting progress on Greenway to confirm key link points and further designs required on route. Target construction 2023/2024

CE/21/016 – Lahinch – Cycleway from Cregg Beach - awaiting progress on Greenway to confirm key link points and further designs required on route.

CE/21/018 – Kilkee – mobility plan Strand Line/bandstand area – scope and feasibility ongoing currently

CE/21/020 – Kilrush – walkability audit works – 75% completed

CE/21/022 – Lissycasey – footpaths – 15% completed, detailed design and tender ongoing.

CE/21/025 – Boston/Ruan – pedestrian crossings – Boston complete. Ruan to commence March 2022.

12. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Shane Talty:

Are there extra staffing resources available in our more popular resorts for summer 2022? We had unprecedented visitor numbers in 2021 and all indications are that 2022 will see even greater numbers of visitors.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch.

Reply from John O'Malley, A/SEO, West Clare MD:

The West Clare MD continues to work with our Human Resources and Finance Sections in planning for expected increase in visitors in 2022. Additional resources were provided in 2021 across all our main visitor locations including Beach Ambassadors, Temporary General Operatives and contract cleaners where needed. Clare County Council advertised for Beach Operatives positions last week with the closing date for applications 10th March 2022. Plans are in place for additional resources to be provided along all our main beach locations from Fanore to Kilkee. An additional Traffic Warden is to be provided for Doolin pier and village and key North Clare locations for the main 2022 season.

Cllr. Lynch highlighted that a discussion needed to be had about staffing.

13. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Shane Talty:

Can we get a timeline for an update of the parking byelaws? There are numerous changes needed in many towns. For example, reduce long-term on street parking, increased age friendly & disabled parking and regulation of campervans.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Murphy.

Reply from Liam O'Connor, Administrative Officer, Transportation:

A staff resource is to be allocated to the traffic section to carry out a county wide parking review. It is anticipated that the staff resource will commence in the traffic section prior to the end of March.

The parking review will incorporate a number of elements, including a review of existing parking bye laws and identifying areas where new parking bye laws may be required. The primary objective of the parking review is to maximise the availability of public parking spaces.

At present there are parking bye laws in place for Ennis, Kilrush, Kilkee, Lahinch and Doolin Pier. Where existing bye laws need to be amended, new bye laws will be drafted in consultation

with the relevant Municipal District and An Garda Síochána. The draft bye laws will then go through a statutory public consultation phase before being considered for adoption by the Council.

If existing bye laws need to be amended, it is anticipated that it will be the second half of this year before draft bye laws are finalised.

The members expressed their disappointment and frustration in the long delay in getting the byelaws implemented. It was highlighted that functional byelaws allow for a public place to be managed more efficiently.

14. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Joe Killeen:

We call on Clare County Council to liaise with the relevant agencies in preparation for the summer vacation period of 2022.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Murphy.

Reply from John O'Malley, A/SEO, West Clare MD:

The West Clare MD have been working since the end of the 2021 Season in preparation for the 2022 Summer season. Additional resources are planned for the main beach and pier locations. Communications continue to take place with local groups, landowners, and operators/businesses throughout the MD with improvements continuing at key locations.

15. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Ian Lynch:

That Clare County Council would consider Moore Street, Kilrush for inclusion in a suitable scheme to address town centre dereliction. Could the engineer also investigate what is required to underground the overhead on Moore Street, investigating works that were previously completed as part of the road resurfacing.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating.

Reply from Mairead Corbett, Administrative Officer, Housing (first element):

The Vacant Homes Office is currently undertaking a study of Moore Street, Kilrush with a view to identifying vacant properties with potential for redevelopment. Assessment is ongoing on a number of properties to determine their potential and decide on future action.

Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer WCMD (second element):

I will contact the ESB in relation to their requirements relating to the possible undergrounding of the overhead electricity cables on Moore Street.

I have been in touch with a number of those involved with the Moore Street / Stewart Street resurfacing project (2011) but, to date, I have been unable to establish definitively if ducting to accommodate the undergrounded cables was laid as part of the project.

A funding source will be required if the overhead electricity cables on Moore Street are to be undergrounded.

As it had reached 6pm it was proposed by Cllr. Keating, seconded by Cllr. Garrihy and agreed by all to suspend standing orders until 6.30pm.

16. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Ian Lynch:

Clare County Council would work with/commission the required agencies to dredge the creek / harbour and reinstate access at Kildysart harbour. The chief fire officer and Shannon airport would investigate the implications of restricted access/ navigation changes at Kildysart on the Shannon Airport Emergency plan. Irish Water to investigate the implications of water flow changes to the current Kiladysart waste-water treatment facility.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Garrihy.

Reply from John O'Malley, A/SEO, West Clare MD:

The West Clare MD will make contact with the relevant agencies as requested and report on what options are available in relation to this matter.

Cllr. Lynch asked that he get the replies.

Physical Development

17. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Bill Chambers:

That Clare County Council would include Cooraclare Village in the Surface Dressing Programme for 2022.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch.

Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer, WCMD:

Clare County Council does not use surface dressing in a village setting.

The road resurfacing required in Cooraclare is –

1. Site Investigation before works begin;
2. Planning and excavation to remove the existing ungraded surface;
3. This could involve the excavation of soft spots and the lowering of services encountered;
4. This may also involve realignment of footpath kerbs (*for line &/or level*);
5. Installation of service pipes and ducts at crossings and along footpaths to “future proof” the works – to ensure that the surface will not have to be re-excavated;
6. Resurfacing with (*most likely*) a Stone Mastic Asphalt.

All of the above are very expensive works, and funding is not available in the 2022 Schedule of Municipal District Works. However, the West Clare MD is aware that resurfacing is required in Cooraclare and is trying to source funding.

18. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Bill Chambers:

That Clare County Council would carry out hedge cutting in the Clonreddan and Shyan roads.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Killeen.

Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer, WCMD:

The hedge cutting requested has been carried out.

On Tuesday 1st March (*today*) bird nesting season begins and hedge-cutting is now prohibited until August 31st (*Wildlife Act 2000*).

Clare County Council does operate a Community hedge-cutting grant scheme, under which the landowner can apply to for a grant to hedges themselves.

19. Notice of Motion from Cllr. PJ Kelly:

That the middle section of the road known locally as The Loop from Kelly's Cross via Clohaninchy to Clancy's Cross be brought up to an acceptable standard.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch.

Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer, WCMD:

I think that the roads in question are the L-2088-0 & L-2088-22. This local primary route forms a crescent to the west of the N67 – deviating from the N67 in the townland of Lissyneillan before re-joining the N67 again in the village of Quilty.

The surface of the L-2088-22 is of at a high standard, according to our PSCI surveys. The surface of the L-2088-0 has a poorer rating, but is by no means at an unacceptable standard. 2,000m of the L-2088-0 –is included in the 2022 Schedule of Municipal District Works.

20. Notice of Motion from Cllr. PJ Kelly:

A report be made available on the coastal protection proposal at Clohaninchy, Quilty.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Murphy.

Reply from Gráinne Reddan, A/Senior Executive Engineer, PMO:

To progress the Cloughaninchy Flood Relief Scheme, Clare County Council have been negotiating with landowners over the last number of years, which has proved very time-consuming. Landowner agreements were issued in February 2022 and Clare County Council await the return of signed agreements from all parties.

Provided that Clare County Council receive signed agreements, Clare County Council will then be able to engage with the OPW regarding the necessary funding for the Detailed Design and Appointment of a Contractor.

Clare County Council continue to work and engage with the Cloughaninchy Action Group and we provide project updates regularly.

The Members previous and ongoing assistance in this matter is appreciated and I will keep you informed of developments.

21. Notice of Motion from Cllr. PJ Kelly:

Can an indication be given for the start date for the footpaths at Kilmaley.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch.

Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer, WCMD:

The footpaths in Kilmaley will be constructed following a Tender process. This process has just commenced, and it is hoped that construction will commence by end of Q2 2022.

22. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Cillian Murphy:

To look at the sightlines at Clancy's Cross on the R473.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating.

Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer, WCMD:

I have arranged for the green and white Junction Delineation Post to be relocated at the junction of the R-487 & L-2012-0. I hope that this will help improve visibility in the direction of the slight dip in the vertical alignment of the R-487. We can review the sightlines again after the post has been moved.

23. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Liam Grant:

Call on the West Clare MD to put in traffic calming measures on the L1068 in the Clahane area. A number of residents in the area have voiced their concerns about the speed of traffic on the road. There are several clusters of houses on the road edge with lots of young families and kids playing. It is also a popular stretch of road for people to walk. Some sort of traffic calming measures to encourage people to slow down is needed, perhaps a slow or kids at play sign.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Talty.

Reply from Enda MacNamara, Senior Executive Engineer, WCMD:

The West Clare MD will carry out a review of the L-1068 and install traffic calming measures if deemed suitable.

24. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Joe Killeen:

We call on Clare County Council to support the upgrade of the community/ tourist parking area adjacent to Dysart Church

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Garrihy.

Reply from Enda MacNamara, Senior Executive Engineer, WCMD:

The West Clare MD will work with Cllr. Killeen to support this project.

25. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Joe Killeen:

We call on Clare County Council to carry out an assessment of the Kilnaboy to Mullaghmore road and carry out repairs on the sections needing urgent upgrade particularly on the section damaged by the water scheme some years ago, in advance of the tourist season.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Garrihy.

Reply from Enda MacNamara, Senior Executive Engineer, WCMD:

The West Clare MD will carry out an inspection of this section of road and carry out any necessary repairs.

26. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Gabriel Keating:

To request Clare County council to have the bus parking area highlighted in red on Francis Street Kilrush, to allow the TFI larger buses to park in this designated area and to request Clare County Council to provide a bus shelter adjacent to the bus parking area.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Murphy.

Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer, WCMD:

I have been in contact with TFI Local Link Limerick Clare. There are two designated bus stops on Frances Street, and it does seem as if cars and other commercial vehicles are using these as parking spots. This seems bizarre as there is ample parking on Frances Street.

I propose to have the traffic warden in Kilrush monitor these bus stops more closely and see if we can improve the situation that way. There are three bus stops in Kilrush (*Bus Éireann stops on The Square*) & none of the three are ideal. I hope that the Kilrush Master Plan – in consultation with the NTA – will identify a suitable location that all busses can use safely – and one that is clearly identifiable as a bus stop.

27. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Gabriel Keating:

In view on the ongoing storms & floods, that Clare County Council carry out road maintenance on the emergency road from the Peninsula from the L21421-0 at Moneen Kilbaha to the junction of the R487-132. This is the one and only exit when roads are closed off after storm damage.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Murphy.

Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer, WCMD:

The L-21421-0 (*or emergency road*) is a local tertiary road with no residents along the road. As such it has not been included in this year's Schedule of Municipal District Works. The L-21422-0 (*which joins the L-21421-0 to the R-487*) serves a number of residents and is included in Year 2 of the 3-year Roadworks Programme.

The L-21421-0 is unlikely to be included in future roadworks programmes. If an alternate source of funding is found, then we will carry out works.

I take on board the councillors point about the increased frequency of storms, and I believe that both main roads into Kilbaha were submerged in a storm event in 2014. Should a similar flood happen again Clare County Council will ensure that the L-21421-0 is passable and that the people of Kilbaha remain connected by road to the rest of Clare.

28. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Gabriel Keating:

To carry out restoration and surface dressing on the l2002-44 from Kelly's Cross, Kilclogher to Haugh's forge in the interest of health & safety following recent traffic accidents.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch.

Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer, WCMD:

The L-2002-44 has not been included in this year's Schedule of Municipal District Works. I was not aware of any recent accidents. The last time I drove this road it was in very good condition.

While there is no funding available to resurface this road in 2022, the road will be maintained within available resources.

I think it worth pointing out that a number of adjacent roads have received substantial funding in recent years.

In 2020 & 2021 approx. 1,500m of the L-2002-64 (*Grave of the yellow men to Kilbaha*) was resurfaced and a lot of drainage works and of coastal protection works were carried out.

In 2021 approx. 3,000m of the L-6004-0 (*coast road*) was resurfaced.

29. Any other business.

- Cllr. Lynch suggested that in future a separate meeting in regards the contents of the Schedule of Works should be held outside of the WCMD meeting.
- Cllr. Lynch asked that the plaque in honour of Stephen O’Gorman RIP, commissioned by Kilrush Town Council would be erected.
- Cllr. Talty raised the issue of driver feedback signs not working. John O’Malley that a solution to the problem was being worked on.
- Cllr. Keating wished Gerry O’Malley a speedy recovery from his recent operation.
- Cllr. Murphy highlighted that the ESB in Moneypoint were shipping in coal from Russia. Cllr. Murphy urged that ESB management would be written by the MD asking that the using of Russian coal would cease.

The meeting then concluded.

**Signed: Cllr. Cillian Murphy,
Cathaoirleach**

**Signed: John O’Malley,
Meetings Administrator**

Dated this 3rd May 2022