

**Minutes of West Clare Municipal District Meeting**  
**3pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023 at HUB, Ennistymon & Online via MS Teams**

**Cathaoirleach**

Cllr. Shane Talty

**I Lathair**

Cllr. Ian Lynch

Cllr. Cillian Murphy

Cllr. Joe Killeen

Cllr. Liam Grant

Cllr. Joe Garrihy

Cllr. PJ Kelly (online)

Cllr. Gabriel Keating (online)

**Apologies**

Cllr. Bill Chambers

**Officials Present**

Mr. Leonard Cleary, Director of Service

Mr. Enda MacNamara, Senior Executive Engineer WCMD (Ennistymon)

Mr. John Mulconroy, A/Executive Engineer, WCMD

Ms. Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development

Ms. Niamh Madden, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing

Mr. Steve Lahiffe, Senior Staff Officer, WCMD

Ms. Carmel Carey, Staff Officer, WCMD

**Apologies**

Mr. John O'Malley, Senior Executive Officer, WCMD

Mr. Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer, WCMD (Kilrush)

The meeting was convened by Cathaoirleach Cllr. Shane Talty.

1. Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Meeting of the West Clare MD  
The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Joe Garrihy and seconded by Cllr. Ian Lynch.
2. Minutes of Special Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 of West Clare MD  
The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Liam Grant and seconded by Cllr. Joe Garrihy.
3. Section 183 – Disposal of a piece of land at An Cladach, Quilty  
Proposed by Cllr. Cillian Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Ian Lynch.
4. Section 11 Roads Acts, 1993 – Declaration of Public Roads at Fort Lawn, Kilrush.  
Proposed by Cllr. Gabriel Keating and seconded by Cllr. Ian Lynch.
5. Section 38 - Proposed controlled pedestrian crossing, widening of existing concrete footpath on the R-482 in the Townland of Leagard South, Miltown Malbay, Co. Clare  
Proposed by Cllr. Joe Killeen and seconded by Cllr. Joe Garrihy.

**6. Approval of the following draft bye-laws before commencing public consultation:**

- Clare County Council (Prohibition of Overnight Camping on Roads and in Public Places in Lisdoonvarna) Bye-Laws 2023
- Clare County Council (Prohibition of Overnight Camping in Loop Head Lighthouse Car Park) Bye-Laws 2023
- Clare County Council Doughmore Beach Car Park Bye-Laws 2023

Proposed by Cllr. Joe Garrihy and seconded by Cllr. Cillian Murphy

**Rural Development, Planning & Economic Development, Social**

**7. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Joe Garrihy**

I call on the West Clare MD to engage with the community managed graveyards of the MD with a view to coordinating and initiating a monthly visit and collection of litter and waste which accumulates there.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Ian Lynch.

**Reply from John O'Malley, Senior Executive Officer, WCMD**

The West Clare MD are working with our colleagues in the Rural Development Section in relation to the issues raised by Councillor Garrihy. Engagement with the Community groups involved in these graveyards needs to be extended to develop an agreed plan around collection of litter at each location into a suitable area that can then be removed on a regular basis to prevent the development of issues related to littering. Resources need to be planned around this to ensure greatest success.

Cllr Garrihy was supported by a number of fellow Councillors with this motion. A discussion took place around the amount of work expected of small community groups to maintain our county graveyards. It was suggested if a coordinated response supported by the MDs could be explored as a starting point in the upkeep of these local historical monuments.

**8. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Joe Garrihy**

I call on the West Clare MD to outline the progress on and urgently progress the implementation of the Doolin Master Plan and Pier area regeneration in consultation and collaboration with local stakeholders and the community co-op.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Ian Lynch.

**Reply from Enda McNamara, Senior Executive Engineer WCMD**

The extension of the footpath from Fisher Street to the pier and the continuation of footpaths to Roadford were included in the submission for Active Travel funding for 2023. Unfortunately, Clare County Council did not secure funding in the early 2023 allocation. However, the area office is progressing with preliminary designs for these sections of footpaths. These projects will be designed and ready to out to tender if funding is secured in future Active Travel allocations.

A large section of the regional road in Fisher Street has recently been resurfaced along with new linemarking. Additional double lines have been installed to help improve traffic congestion in the area.

The Project Management Office is working with the design team for the Doolin Visitors Services Building to develop a workable plan for the scheme with a view to a submission to An Bord Pléanala for planning approval at the earliest possible juncture.

Cllr. Garrihy welcomed the response and acknowledged the recent good work done by the MD in Doolin. However, he expressed disappointment with the lack of focus with the Doolin Master Plan.

#### **9. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Joe Garrihy**

I call on the West Clare MD to prioritise the development and roll out of the North Clare Mobility plan.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Shane Talty.

#### **Reply from Deirdre O'Shea, Senior Executive Officer, Tourism**

The challenges raised in this motion have been highlighted as a Strategic Priority of the Clare Tourism Strategy 2030 and the Fáilte Ireland Burren and Cliffs of Moher Destination Experience Development Plan. It has also been emphasised as part of the development of the draft Cliffs of Moher Strategy 2040. A team have been working across departments and liaising with the National Transport Authority and have sought legal advice on the challenges identified, particularly as County Clare is within many designations of Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas. Working on the North Clare mobility plan continues to be a working priority, having had the need for this also emphasised at a public consultation meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. There are a number of programmes of work to progress this priority and one of these is to establish the impact of Traffic Analysis over the Peak season, akin to what was completed in 2014 so that Clare County Council can establish the facts from a fresh baseline and work on solutions from here. As a separate but linked programme of work, the Ennistymon Municipal District office have presented to West Clare Municipal District on the proposed solutions as part of the Fáilte Ireland led 'Route Review', in terms of proposed mitigations to traffic concerns. In addition, there has also been resources applied to the provision of parking in Doolin along with Beach Ambassador resources to alleviate traffic concerns in highly trafficked coastal locations.

Overall and to address this full project cohesively, it is a significant piece of work requiring staff capacity and external specialist expertise, research and funding for same.

It will be programmed into the work programme of the various Directorates and state agencies and in particular, budgets will need to be identified.

Cllr. Garrihy stressed the importance of having a real mobility plan for North Clare to encourage economic footfall into our towns and villages to support local business.

#### **10. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Cillian Murphy**

That a crane be installed at the outside pier in Carrigaholt to enable the local fishermen to safely load and offload their boats.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Ian Lynch.

#### **Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer WCMD**

Clare County Council has installed cranes at Seafield Pier and at Liscannor Pier recently, to assist the local fishermen with the loading and offloading of their vessels. The West Clare MD will apply for funding from the Department of the Marine when the next round of Piers & Harbours funding is announced.

Cllr. Murphy appreciated the reply. He stated that the fishing industry critically needs to be supported by technology to ensure the sustainability of the industry for the next generation.

#### **11. Notice of Motion from Cillian Murphy**

That village name and welcome signs be installed at the entry points to Quilty village to bring them in line with almost all other towns and villages along the Wild Atlantic Way.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Ian Lynch.

#### **Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer WCMD**

Clare County Council has erected a number of decorative tourism &/or heritage signs at towns and villages in Clare. The West Clare MD would suggest that three of the entry points to Quilty village would be suitable for such decorative signs. I will contact our Tourism Department and see if a design template exists for such signs. We may have to consult with local community groups to get a feel for the information that they would like to see communicated by the signs. Finally, a funding source will have to be identified to design, purchase & erect the signs.

Cllr. Lynch appreciated the reply.

#### **12. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Ian Lynch**

Having identified a suitable property within Kilrush for an NCT centre and In light of the ongoing issues around the NCT test backlog, I am requesting the Minister for Transport to immediately put the wheels in motion to establish an NCT centre in Kilrush.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Cillian Murphy.

#### **Reply from John O'Malley, Senior Executive Officer WCMD**

The West Clare MD will write to the Minister for Transport on behalf of the West Clare MD Elected Members in relation to the locating of an NCT centre in Kilrush once there is agreement among the members.

Cllr. Lynch said he believed the creation of a new site in Kilrush could significantly reduce the countywide test backlog and the members were unanimous in their backing of this motion.

#### **13. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Ian Lynch**

That the West Clare MD would put in place marker buoys marking the channel to access Kildysart harbour and establish a number of visitor mooring buoys along the northern side of the estuary including at Labasheeda to encourage more visiting boats and help develop the Shannon Estuary as a nautical blue way.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Cillian Murphy

#### **Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer WCMD**

Clare County Council has secured BALAMI funding to upgrade AtoN's & mooring / visitor buoys at harbours along the Shannon Estuary. I will contact the councillor shortly about buoys required at Killadysert, Labasheeda and other piers and harbours along the Estuary shoreline.

Cllr. Lynch welcomed anything that could be done to enhance the estuary to attract sailing and visitors alike to the area.

#### **14. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Ian Lynch**

The latest NOAC Local Authority Performance Indicator Report identifies Clare as achieving the 4th lowest performance score in Section 8 Youth/Community. Following on from the recent engagement as part of the Kilrush Town Centre Health check I am requesting the WCMD run a pilot youth engagement programme aimed at giving children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services. Once the terms of reference have been established the programme should be rolled out across the WCMA and commitment sought from each MD to establish a similar programme to strengthen the county wide input in to Comhairle na nÓg.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Cillian Murphy.

#### **Reply from John O'Malley, Senior Executive Office WCMD**

The recent Kilrush Town Centre Health Check carried out by Queens University was a very worthwhile exercise and showed the value of engagement throughout the community. The data collected from the younger section of the community was very revealing and informative and will greatly assist as we progress with projects in the area. The West Clare MD will work with Councillor Lynch and the Kilrush Town Team in developing the Terms of Reference for this proposed pilot youth engagement programme in Kilrush. This will involve engaging with the local schools and also extend on my current engagements with the Kilrush Youth Diversion Programme and the Kilrush Multi Agency group so that we are fully informed and develop a programme that will lead to projects that are fully considered in relation to youth involvement. As suggested this can then be extended to other areas in the County.

Cllr. Lynch said he was disappointed with the results of this survey. He suggested that consideration be given to engaging with transition students and allow them input into their town would be a worthwhile exercise that could be rolled out to other areas.

#### **15. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Joe Killeen**

We call on Clare County Council to promote the placing of lollipops, with timetables included, to signify bus stops in the Municipal area.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Ian Lynch

The Members were in agreement that the lack of information signage at bus stops was a real difficulty for the public. They suggested Bus Eireann and Local link transport work together to provide new timetable lollipops including route directories at all bus stops would be very welcomed.

#### **Reply from John O'Malley, Senior Executive Officer WCMD**

The MD is currently working with bus operators in the area in relation to the services overall in the County and the subject of the placing of timetables is something that has been highlighted. Local Link services have been placing timetables at a number of bus stops and continue to work on improving this. The MD will contact NTA and Bus Eireann in relation to Councillor Killeen's request with a view to improving the information provided at bus stops throughout the MD.

#### **16. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Joe Killeen**

We call on Clare County Council and our Oireachtas Members to actively promote and support the identification and ratification of a suitable site by the Department Planning Section, for the new Secondary School in Lisdoonvarna. We also seek an outline of interaction to date between Clare County Council Planning Section and the Department of Education re the selection of a suitable site.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Joe Garrihy

#### **Reply from Helen Quinn Senior Executive Planner Economic Development**

The new Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 supports the existing and further expansion of Lisdoonvarna's service base including the essential educational role that the town affords to the wider North Clare Area. Clare County Council is fully committed to working with the Department to deliver an improved facility within the town in the coming years.

To this end one online meeting has taken place between the Department of Education and the Planning and Property Sections of the Economic Directorate. This was a high-level introductory meeting where the status of the County Development Plan making process was discussed. The Department was directed to the definitions of the various zoning objectives contained in the development plan and the Economic Directorate extended an invitation to the Department Officials to visit Lisdoonvarna together and offered the Council's resources to the Department in moving forward with the delivery of a new school for the town. To confirm there were no discussions around the Department having a preferred site identified at that meeting. We await further engagement with the Department Officials, but rest assured we are fully committed to providing all necessary assistance to advance the delivery of a new school facility in the town.

A discussion took place regarding the importance a new school is for the future of Lisdoonvarna and all agreed that every effort should be made to identify a suitable site for development with the Department of Education.

#### **17. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Joe Killeen**

We call on Clare County Council to undertake well publicised information sessions in venues throughout the MD to inform, facilitate and encourage owners and prospective buyers of vacant/ unused buildings to upgrade under the various support schemes including the Croi Conaithe Scheme. We also seek grant aid for Community Groups to identify and catalogue unused buildings which could potentially be brought back into the housing market.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Joe Garrihy.

#### **Reply from Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development**

In February, the team held ten information sessions across the County, featured social media advertising for them and did a twenty minute interview on Clare FM interview. Four of the information sessions were held in the West Clare MD, in Corofin, Ennistymon, Miltown Malbay and Kilrush. The format was by means of walk-in-clinics where property owners met one to one with a staff member for advice in relation to their individual eligibility and the specific details of the property. The walk-in-clinics were very well attended as they were held outside of core working hours and many of the people we met have proceeded to submit applications for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant. We have

seen considerable increase in the number of applications made and enquiries received in the period since.

At the current time, we are expecting to receive details in early May about the changes to eligibility for both applicants and property from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Depending on the nature of the changes that are made to the scheme, a further public information campaign will be designed and may include more walk-in-clinics around the County.

With regard to the proposal to seek grant aid for Community Groups to identify and catalogue unused buildings which could potentially be brought back into the housing market, the Council intends to commence map-based surveys of vacant and derelict buildings in the latter part of Summer 2023. This is in line with the request from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Cllr. Killeen welcomed the response and was supported by the Members in his requested for additional public workshops to be organised. He referred to the number of vacant/derelict properties in the County and felt that public information sessions are needed so the public are fully aware of all the grant schemes available for renovation and bring life back to our towns/villages.

#### **18. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Liam Grant**

Call on the West Clare MD to reinstate Doolin as a designated swimming area and bring back the lifeguard station. I would also ask the MD to engage with local community groups about what developments are taking place at the pier and that the MD ensure that recreational activities can continue to take place in the area alongside commercial activities.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Joe Garrihy

#### **Reply from Brendan Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer Physical Development (Environment) and Enda MacNamara Senior Executive Engineer WCMD**

The designation of Bathing area is covered under the Bathing Water Regulations 2008 and specifically Section 4 (1) (Extract below)

#### ***Identification of bathing waters***

*4. (1) A local authority shall, in accordance with this Regulation, on or before 24 March in each year identify all bathing waters in relation to the bathing season in that year and shall notify the EPA, in such form and in such manner as may be specified by the EPA, of the bathing waters so identified including the reason for any change compared to the previous year.*

Applications for designation of bathing waters by Local Authorities are required to be submitted to the EPA, providing details of any identified bathing waters they propose to monitor in that year by 24<sup>th</sup> March each year. This information is subsequently conveyed to the European Commission.

The Council did request submissions of proposed bathing areas, and this was advertised on our web page and through social media. No requests have been received for the coming season.

As Doolin is not a Designated Bathing Area it is not our intention to provide Lifeguard cover at this time.

The area office has carried out some minor improvement works to Doolin pier in recent months including new signage, new access gates to the new pier and new linemarking. These improvements are as a result of a security assessment carried out by the Marine Survey Office of the Department of Transport in accordance with EU Regulation 725 of 2004, (Enhancing Ship and Port facility Security) Article 3.3. The security assessment made a number of recommendations that Clare County Council is obliged to implement. None of these recommendations have a direct impact on the old pier at Doolin.

The Project Management Office is also working with the design team for the Doolin Visitor Services Building to develop a workable plan for the scheme with a view to a submission to An Bord Pleánala for planning approval at the earliest possible juncture.

It was agreed that a Workshop with the members of WCMD and the various departments within the Council who have an interest in the development of Doolin be organized .

#### **19. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Shane Talty**

Request an update on the status of resources for our beaches and amenities across the MD for 2023

The motion was seconded by Joe Garrihy.

#### **Reply from Enda MacNamara, Senior Executive Engineer and Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer WCMD**

##### **Ennistymon LEA**

A total of 10 no. of beach operatives will be employed over the coming months to help with the upkeep of facilities and welcoming visitors to Spanish Point, White Strand (Miltown Malbay), Lahinch, Doolin and Fanore. The beach operatives will work in conjunction with existing Clare County Council Staff to ensure our facilities are maintained to a high standard.

##### **Kilrush LEA**

Clare County Council appointed three temporary or seasonal Beach Operatives for the Summer Season in 2022. All three were assigned to Kilkee, where they complemented our existing Town crew. Their duties included the cleaning & emptying of litter bins, the opening / closing & cleaning of the public toilets and keeping the beach & promenade clean & presentable for our many visitors.

Clare County Council hope to employ 4 temporary or seasonal Beach Operatives for the 2023 summer season (*an increase of 1 operative*). 2 Beach Operatives have already started work (*a month earlier than in 2022*), and we hope to have another 2 commence before the June Bank Holiday weekend. At present it is envisaged that they will be assigned primarily to Kilkee, but they will also be assigned to our other beaches - Cappagh (*Blue Flag*), White Strand, Doonbeg (*Blue Flag*), Carrigaholt (*Green Coast*) & Seafield (*Green Coast*). Our town crew in Kilrush open & maintain the public toilets in Cappagh and ensure that the area is kept free of litter. Operatives from our roads crews are assigned to beach duties occasionally, as the need arises.

For the 2023 Summer season our 2 Kilkee Town operatives and 4 temporary or seasonal Beach Operatives will be assigned on a full-time basis to beaches and amenities. These will be complemented by the 2 operatives on our Kilrush Town crew who will be assigned to Cappagh blue flag beach in addition to their duties in Kilrush. We will continue to work with our colleagues in Environment who



assign lifeguards to our beaches and a seasonal operative to the beach in Doonbeg, White Strand. In addition, a Community Warden & Traffic / Litter warden are also assigned to our beaches for the Summer.

Cllr. Talty welcomed the reply and acknowledged the big improvements made in the management of amenities in recent years and hoped for a successful season ahead.

### **Physical Development**

#### **20. Joint Notice of Motion from Cllrs Cillian Murphy and Ian Lynch**

That CCC and the Kilrush area office engage with TII with regards to a) extending the location of the 100kmh/60kmh speed limit zone change on the N67 at Leadmore, Kilrush b) the poor general condition of the N68 between the Crossroads Bar and Kilrush town c) constructing a number of pull in lay-by's on the N68 between Shaughnessys Cross and Lisseycasey and d) installing turning slip lanes at Knockerra Cross and Shaughnessys Cross.

#### **Reply from Conor McDonagh, A/Senior Executive Engineer Transportation**

- a) The Road Design Office will commit to liaising with the West Clare Municipal District (WC MD) office to review this proposal.
- b) Road Operations are in consultation with the WC MD office with a view to liaising with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in this matter.
- c) The Road Design Office can review this proposal with the WC MD but it would most likely require road realignment works (due to the vertical profile of this roadway) to comply with TII Standards as the funding and standards authority for national roads.
- d) The provision of turning slip lanes are not advised as they can impede driver visibility exiting from the minor road.

A discussion took place around possible solutions to alleviate the build up of traffic on this stretch of road which has a number of dangerous junctions and make it safer for all road users.

#### **21. Joint Notice of Motion from Cllrs. Shane Talty and Liam Grant**

Call on the West Clare MD to put together a safety plan for school road Lahinch with regards traffic calming. The plan should include speed bumps and there should be a public consultation included in the process.

#### **Reply from Enda McNamara, Senior Executive Engineer WCMD**

The area office will be carrying out a survey of School Road in order to prepare a design for traffic calming measures. Once the design is finalised and cost estimates prepared, the area office will look to secure funding to carry out any proposed measures. Any traffic calming measures proposed will be subject to public consultation.

#### **22. Notice of Motion from Cllr. PJ Kelly**

That the L2134-0 at Cloonkerry, Labasheeda would be brought to an acceptable level of repair.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Ian Lynch

### **Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer WCMD**

The Schedule of Municipal District Works (*Roadworks programme*) for 2023 was recently finalised, following consultation with, and adoption by, the elected members of the West Clare Municipal District.

The L-2134 is not included in the 2023 Schedule. In the meantime, I have spoken with the Area Engineer and the local roads senior General Services Supervisor and asked them to ensure that any potholes are filled & the road is maintained in a passable condition. If more extensive remediation – including drainage and resurfacing of the entire road – is required, the West Clare MD does not currently have funding for works on this scale.

### **23. Notice of Motion from Cllr. PJ Kelly**

That repairs would be carried out to the L6340, one mile from the N68 at Lissycasey.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Ian Lynch

### **Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer WCMD**

The Schedule of Municipal District Works (*Roadworks programme*) for 2023 was recently finalised, following consultation with, and adoption by, the elected members of the West Clare Municipal District.

The L-6340 is not included in the 2023 Schedule. In the meantime, I have spoken with the Area Engineer and the local roads senior General Services Supervisor and asked them to ensure that any potholes are filled & the road is maintained in a passable condition. If more extensive remediation – including drainage and resurfacing of the entire road – is required, the West Clare MD does not currently have funding for works on this scale.

Cllr. Kelly suggested that a change in policy may be required with greater emphasis on road maintenance so that roads are kept in a reasonable state for all road users. He stated that greater contribution from government is required to address this issue.

### **24. Notice of Motion from Cllr. PJ Kelly**

That the speed limit a ¼ of a mile east and west of Caherea National School on the N68 would be reduced.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Cillian Murphy

### **Reply from Conor McDonagh, A/Senior Executive Engineer Transportation**

The Road Design Office, in consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), are in the process of assessing and implementing a Special Speed Limit for the National School in Caherea. This will be a Periodic Speed Limit in operation at school pick-up and drop-off times.

Cllr Kelly said this was a busy area and a high accident spot. He said he was disappointed at the attitude of TII and felt that Cahera had the same rights and protection as other areas.

## **25. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Gabriel Keating**

To request Clare County Council to carry out surface dressing on the roundabout at Kilkee and out the Carrigaholt Road to Community Centre.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Cillian Murphy.

### **Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer WCMD**

Clare County Council recently resurfaced the roundabout in Kilkee. Resurfacing was carried out using a "Ralumac ®" Microsurfacing thin overlay.

Neither thin overlay resurfacing nor surface dressing are the appropriate method of resurfacing the R-487 Carrigaholt Road in Kilkee. Resurfacing of the R-487 would consist of –

1. Planing and excavation to remove the existing ungraded road surface,
2. This might involve the excavation of soft spots and the lowering of any services encountered,
3. This may also involve realignment of footpath kerbs (*for line &/or level*),
4. Resurfacing with (*most likely*) a full overlay Stone Mastic Asphalt.

The West Clare MD does not currently have funding for works on this scale.

## **26. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Gabriel Keating**

Requesting Clare County Council to carry out immediate work on the L20243 to Tubridys Tullaheer Doonbeg.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Ian Lynch.

### **Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer WCMD**

The Schedule of Municipal District Works (*Roadworks programme*) for 2023 was recently finalised, following consultation with, and adoption by, the elected members of the West Clare Municipal District.

The L-20243 is not included in the 2023 Schedule. In the meantime, I have spoken with the Area Engineer and the local roads senior General Services Supervisor and asked them to ensure that any potholes are filled & the road is maintained in a passable condition. If more extensive remediation – including drainage and resurfacing of the entire road – is required, the West Clare MD does not currently have funding for works on this scale.

## **27. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Gabriel Keating**

To carry out urgent maintenance work at the L6012 at Trusclieve Cross.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Cillian Murphy.

### **Reply from Alan Kennelly Senior Executive Engineer WCMD**

The Schedule of Municipal District Works (*Roadworks programme*) for 2023 was recently finalised, following consultation with, and adoption by, the elected members of the West Clare Municipal District.

The L-6012 is not included in the 2023 Schedule. In the meantime, I have spoken with the Area Engineer and the local roads senior General Services Supervisor and asked them to ensure that any potholes are filled & the road is maintained in a passable condition. If more extensive remediation – including drainage and resurfacing of the entire road – is required, the West Clare MD does not currently have funding for works on this scale.

#### **28. Notice of Motion from Cllr. Shane Talty**

Ask for a report on the quantum of claims made by motorists regarding loss & damage from incidents on public roads in the MD over the last 3 years. Please include preliminary details for the first 4 months of 2023. In particular car damages from the expanding network of potholes & substandard road surfaces.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. PJ Kelly.

#### **Reply from Liam O'Connor, Administrative Officer Transportation**

Set out below is a summary of public liability claims relating to potholes for the period 2020 – 2022 as advised by the Council's Insurers, IPB;

	<b>Claims Notified</b>	<b>Claims Settled</b>	<b>Total Value of Claims</b>
2020	18	14	€3,071
2021	14	8	€1,085
2022	15	15	€3,059

The figures for quarter one of 2023 are not available as of yet.

Cllr. Talty appreciated the reply.

#### **29. Notice of motion from Cllr. Bill Chambers**

Call on the West Clare MD to increase the number of speed limits signs on the R473 Kilrush to Kilmurray McMahan Road.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Joe Killeen.

#### **Reply from Alan Kennelly, Senior Executive Engineer WCMD:**

The maximum speed limit (*80 km/h*) applies on the R473 between Kilrush & Kilmurry-McMahon. The West Clare MD is not aware that the speed limit signage is deficient but will rectify any areas where it is. The Area Engineer is available to discuss this request with the elected member.

#### **30. Any Other Business**

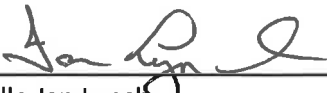
Cllr. Talty and the Members expressed congratulations to -

- Spanish Point Secondary School who won an All-Ireland football final.

- Louis Griffin, Ennistymon and Kilfenora Boxing Club on Louis becoming an All-Ireland U16 boxing champion.

**The meeting then concluded.**

**Signed:**

  
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Cllr. Ian Lynch  
Cathaoirleach

  
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John O'Malley  
Meetings Administrator

**Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2023**

