

**Minutes of July Meeting of West Clare Municipal
District held on 14th July, 2015 at 11.00 a.m.
Marina Building, Kilrush, Co. Clare**

Cathaoirleach sa Cathair:

Cllr. C. Curtin,

I Láthair:

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

Apologies:

Cllr. B. Slattery

Officials present:

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

1. Minutes of Meeting of West Clare Municipal District held on 5th May 2015

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

2. Minutes of Special Meeting of West Clare Municipal District with Chief Superintendent Kerin held on 5th May 2015

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

3. Minutes of Annual Meeting of West Clare Municipal District held on 22nd June 2015.

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr. Keating & seconded by Cllr. Lynch. Cllr. Curtin thanked Cllr. Kelly for arranging the tours in Lisseycasey & thanked the various tour organizers on the day as well as those who provided refreshments..

4. Draft Roads Taking in Charge Policy

J. Corry outlined that this policy had been adopted by the SPC for Environment & Transportation. He indicated that he was circulating the report for the information of the Municipal District & that it would be going before the full Council of Clare Co Council at their September meeting for adoption. He went through the draft policy with the Municipal District & explained the process that would be involved to take in charge a road. He answered questions that the Members had on same. It was clarified that any Motions which had been agreed by the Municipal District re taking in charge of roads

would be considered in accordance with this policy if it was adopted by Clare Co. Council. He outlined that it was a reserved function of the Municipal District to take in charge a road in accordance with S 11 of the Roads Act 1993. It was agreed that funding needed to be provided for same.

5. Taking in Charge – Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads

In accordance with S11 of the Roads Act 1993 it was:

- Proposed by Cllr. Nagle & seconded by Cllr. Hillery that the roads in Moher Development Estate-Dunard Close, Lahinch be declared public roads
- Proposed by Cllr. Hillery & seconded by Cllr. Nagle that the roads in Inchmore, Inch estate be declared public roads
- Proposed by Cllr. Hillery & seconded by Cllr. Nagle that the roads in Cois Gleanna estate, Miltown Malbay be declared public roads

6. Local Economic & Community Plan – Co. Clare

Cllr. Curtin referred to the Local Economic & Community Plan & he indicated that there had been a great turnout at a recent meeting in Ennistymon re same. He said that it was very important to create an atmosphere for jobs & he referred to a no of proposals in the West Clare area included in the CEDRA report where there was potential for job creation e.g. Scattery Island, Rural Enterprise Centre in Kilmihil, Doonmore Pier, Lisdoonvarna Spa Wells etc. He added that it was very important to set realistic targets. It was agreed that the MD members would feed their concerns to the LCDC within the next month & the LCDC could then report back to the Municipal District. It was also agreed that a Special Meeting could take place on the matter if necessary.

7. Progress Report on Co. Development Plan Workshop 26th May 2015

Cllr. Curtin referred to the recent workshop & he indicated that following discussion with each of the MD members that he had forwarded a submission for the County Development Pan 2017-2023 to the Chief Executive on behalf of the West Clare MD members. He circulated a copy of this submission to each of the MD members which included 14 items.. The members thanked him for his efforts regarding same.

8. Footpaths at Fisherstreet Doolin

C. Feeney indicated that following a Motion raised by Cllr. Nagle re the requirement of footpaths at Fisher St. Doolin that he had the area between Fitz Cross & Fisher Street surveyed & had prepared a preliminary design which he showed to the members. He indicated that you were looking at a distance of 500m & that there would be a requirement for 350m of a stone wall. He continued that to provide a 1.8m public footpath with public lighting at the northern side of this road would cost approximately €250k. He added that this cost didn't include cost of land acquisition. He proposed speaking with local landowners to examine possibility of securing the necessary land and he could then revert back to the MD with a more detailed funding proposal.

It was proposed by Cllr. Keating & seconded by Cllr. Nagle that C. Feeney would approach the local landowners. Cllr. Nagle suggested that the road would be included in the roadworks programme & a temporary footpath put inside the wall. He added that it was a very dangerous stretch of roadway with so many tourists waling here. C. Feeney was commended for his work to date & Cllr. Curtin concluded by saying that it would be up to the MD to provide the funding.

It was agreed to take Items 9 & 12 together as they referred to the same road

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Chambers

“Due to the large volume of traffic and particularly with the busy tourist season upon us and the success of the Wild Atlantic Way, I call upon this council to seek funding from the National Roads Authority to install traffic calming measures/traffic island at Shaughnessy's Cross on the N68”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

Reply

I have discussed the matter with the National Roads Authority who are the funding authority for works to the National Secondary road network. They have no immediate plans to carry out any traffic calming or remediation measures at the junction of the N68,R-485 and L-2044 (Shaughnessys Cross).

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

Cllr. Chambers indicated that he hoped that the NRA would provide the necessary funding.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch

“That the NRA install filter lanes as a matter of urgency at the intersection of the N68 with R485 and L2044”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Chambers

Reply

I have discussed the matter with the National Roads Authority who are the funding authority for works to the National Secondary road network. They have no immediate plans to carry out any traffic calming or remediation measures at the junction of the N68,R-485 and L-2044 (Shaughnessys Cross).

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Chambers

“That the road leading to Clare Spring Water, Lissycasey would be included in the Roads Works Programme for resurfacing in 2016”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Kelly

Reply

We will look to include the road in the 2016 programme subject to resources being available at that time.

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

Cllr. Kelly indicated that it was important to point out that Clare Spring Water are paying almost €20k a year in commercial rates to Clare Co Council .

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Chambers

“That Clare County Council would extend the current two hour free parking in Kilrush beyond September 2015 indefinitely”.

Reply

The members supported the introduction of the trial parking incentive scheme introduced in Kilrush which commenced effective from June 1st. & will continue until 30th September 2015. The Council has committed to monitor the impact of the trial incentive scheme from the point of view of income & parking enforcement etc & will report back to the members. Members will need to have regard to this report when considering any extension of the incentive on a permanent basis in accordance with S69 of the Local Government Act 2001. It is considered too early yet to assess the full impact of this trial incentive & it is proposed that a report on same will be put before the Members at the September meeting of the Municipal District.

Response Ends

John Corry, AO Transportation

Cllr. Chambers proposed to defer the Motion until September when more information would be available to the Executive to report on.

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch

“That this Council engage with the owners of the former council yard on Vandeleur St with the view to take a long term lease to develop a direct connection with the car park and the town centre”.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

Because Clare Co Council do not have the financial resources any such proposal would need to be considered in the context of preparing the Council Budget for 2016. As part of the proposed rejuvenation of Place de Plouzane, in the Kilrush

Town & Environs Development Plan 2014-2020, this link between the car park & the town centre has been included as a possible future pedestrian access.

Response Ends

John Corry, AO Transportation

Cllr. Lynch suggested that it was very important to have an access link between Place de Plouzane & Henry St/Vandeleur St & he suggested that negotiations should take place with the owner regarding same to see how much same could cost etc. & to prepare a plan. C. Feeney indicated that consultation could take place with the landowner. Cllr. Lynch indicated that with the Gaelscoil possibly moving to a property in the car park that this link could be very important.

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch

“That this Council will pursue with the NRA and Clare County Council an immediate installation of the proposed pedestrian crossing at Fahys road and a road safety scheme for Stewarts Street”.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating

Reply

We carried out the traffic and pedestrian count surveys for Fahys road and forwarded this data to the National Roads Authority Regional Design office. Their initial analysis indicates that the traffic/pedestrian count would not meet the threshold which would warrant the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location.

I have also discussed if there is any requirement for a road safety scheme at Stewarts Street and they have indicated that they do not believe there is any requirement for such a scheme at this time.

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

Cllr. Lynch indicated that he was disappointed with the response as he indicated that the funding existed from resources set aside by Kilrush Town Council. He added that a large no of vulnerable people use these footpaths at Fahys rd. He suggested that the Go safe van would be brought closer to the town centre at the Stewart St side of the town & that the Gardai would be contacted re same. C. Feeney indicated that there was a School Warden in operation at the National Schools & that if you were to extend the double yellows at Stewart St that there would be a need to provide alternative parking for the vehicles that park there. It was suggested that there was an urgency in meeting with the NRA. J. Corry indicated that he had tried to arrange a meeting with the NRA & that they had replied to indicate that they could meet with representatives of the MD to discuss key issues.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin

“That the Council arrange for the restoration of the road lining from the Sulphur Bridge to the Square in Lisdoonvarna & the installation of the new replacement barrier at the adjoining car park in the town”.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

Reply

We will reinstate the lining as part of the 2015 Schedule of Municipal District works. I will arrange to have the barrier inspected and will review then whether a new barrier is required.

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

Cllr. Curtin indicated that he has been advised that a barrier had been acquired in 2014.

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin

“That the Council carry out a review of safety measures at the Cross in Inagh & at the entrance to the Church car park & the repair of the wall parapet fronting car-parking area at the Cross-roads”.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating

Reply

I have reviewed the safety measures ,which consist mainly of a reduced speed limit, road signs and markings, at the junction of the R460 and the N85 (Cross in Inagh). I have no immediate concerns regarding their adequacy.

The church car park is private property and therefore does not come under my responsibility to review.

The capping to the parapet wall at the cross will be completed when resources become available later in the year.

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

Cllr. Curtin indicated that it was important that the wall capping would be repaired as soon as possible.

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin

“That the Senior Engineer update the Council on remedial works on the Church Road & footpath sections at Ennis Rd in Miltown Malbay as previously identified”.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Hillery

Reply

The footpaths on the Ennis road and remedial works at Church Road are not in the current Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2015. We will continue to maintain the existing footpaths and road with the resources available

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

Cllr. Hillery indicated that a pipe was installed through most of this footpath & that the footpath had sunk here.

Cllr. Curtin indicated that these footpaths were frequently used by pedestrians.

C. Feeney indicated that funding has been allocated for footpaths at various locations in Miltown Malbay.

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery

“In view of the size of the West Clare Municipal District which comprises 47% of the landmass of County Clare I am requesting the CEO to assign a second Senior Executive Engineer together with the appropriate supporting staff to be located in the Ennistymon area office. I make this request in light of the enormous unworkable workload being undertaken by our present SEE who is based in Kilrush but trying to deal with every issue from Ballyvaughan to Kilrush.”

Item Deferred to September as advised by Cllr. Slattery who was unavoidably absent

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery

“I am requesting the Senior Executive Engineer to carry out necessary dredging at the old pier in Doolin to facilitate the speedy access for the Doolin Coastguard unit to launch their boat in the event of emergencies. I understand that the cost involved in carrying out this work is approximately €110k”

Item Deferred to September as advised by Cllr. Slattery who was unavoidably absent

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery

“To ask the Senior Executive Engineer to liaise with Bus Eireann with a view to providing a much needed bus shelter at the bus stop at the junction of Liscannor road in Lahinch”

Item Deferred to September as advised by Cllr. Slattery who was unavoidably absent

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly

“That vegetation which obstructs the access view from L6048-0 to N67 at Dough, Kilkee be removed in the interest of public safety.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating

Reply

The vegetation has been cut back in the private property at the junction of the L-6048 and the N67.

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly

“That a stop sign be put at the junction of L2034-12 & L2032-19 at Moanmore”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

Reply

I have reviewed the junction and we will install stop signs and additional road markings.

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly

“That Telecom Eireann be requested to remove recently erected poles at the junction L6346-0 & the N68 at Crown, Lissycasey as they are obstructing view of those accessing the N68.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr.Chambers

Reply

We have written to Telecom Eireann requesting clarification on the works they have carried out recently on the N68 and have included this junction in our correspondence.

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

Cllr. Kelly said this was a matter of public safety

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle

“I am requesting that Clare Co Council review staffing levels at the Ennistymon MD offices.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Hillery

Reply

The structures and arrangements outlined by the Chief Executive in April 2014 have been put in place and are operational since the establishment of the municipal district last June. There have been no reports of adverse customer response since these revised arrangements commenced.

Since the revised arrangements commenced the Council has monitored activity levels in each of the municipal districts offices including the Ennistymon Service Centre. This information is currently being reviewed by the Council and it is expected that this process will have concluded in the coming weeks

Response Ends

Siobhan O’ Keeffe, A/SEO, Human Resources

Cllr. Nagle indicated that staff in the Ennistymon MD offices were working under intolerable pressure. He added that these offices were opened to bring services closer to the people. He added that the West Clare MD had 47% of the land mass & that there was insufficient engineering staff to cover this area. He added that we had been very lucky

with the weather conditions in the last few years & he indicated that if a severe weather event happens that there won't be sufficient staff to deal with the matter. He asked that the MD would have the results of the review for the September meeting.

Cllr. Curtin indicated that the West Clare MD area has half the rd structure, half the land mass & one third of the population & that the existing staffing levels were insufficient.

Anne Haugh indicated that staffing levels & capacity at Area level are not being ignored. She added that with the recruitment embargo in place for the last no of years that it placed Local Authorities under great pressure from a staffing perspective. She added that with a recent relaxation of same that Clare Co Council had acted immediately by securing approval to take on 18 General Operatives , 10 of which have been engaged already. She also added that they are looking at the no of Clerical Officers across the organisation. She added that Clare Co Council would come back to the members once the review of administrative staffing at MD level was complete. At engineering level she added that the West Clare MD was a very large area & that it was very challenging on a practical level for one SEE & she added that this was not being ignored either and that a recruitment exercise needed to take place at national level for SEEs & that would regularise acting positions.

Cllr. Curtin indicated that they looked forward to the review and that they could call a Special meeting on the matter if necessary.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Nagle

"I am requesting that Clare Co Council immediately complete the existing footpath from Slattery's Cross to the end of the Pitch & Putt between Lahinch & Liscannor."

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Hillery

Reply

The completion of the footpath ,which primarily involves surfacing ,will not commence until the wall which is part of this development is completed. Due to limited financial resources the completion of the wall is not in the current Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2015. However the main element of this overall project was the widening and resurfacing of the R-478 at this location and this significant element has been completed.

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

Cllr. Nagle wanted to acknowledge the work done at this location . He added that the wall was going to take considerable time and resources to complete & he couldn't understand as to why the footpath couldn't be tarmacked before the wall is completed.

C. Feeney indicated that if you were to resurface the footpath before the wall was finished that it would be damaged during the course of construction of the wall. Cllr. Nagle suggested that the footpath be tar and chipped pending completion of the wall. He

sought details as to cost of the wall & the cost of applying tar and chip finish to the footpath. C. Feeney indicated that he would cost same.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle

"I am requesting that the Cloonanaha Rd, L1092, would be strengthened & surface dressed for approximately 1 mile from the junction with the Miltown Road, R460 ."

This Motion was seconded by Cllr.Hillery

Reply

The road is not in the current Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2015. We will continue to maintain the road with the resources available.

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

Cllr. Nagle suggested that this stretch of road would be included in the roadworks programme for 2016.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery

"That the footpath along the Ennis Road, Miltown Malbay commencing at the Bank be resurfaced in the interest of safety "

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

The footpaths are not in the current Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2015. We will continue to maintain the existing footpaths with the resources available.

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

28. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery

"That the Council would present a progress report on the coastal protection works at the following locations , White Strand ,Miltown Malbay, Spanish Point and Quilty"

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

The restoration work following the damage by the storms of January and February 2015 is practically complete in the three locations referred to above. At Whitestrand the slipway and seawall have been reconstructed at the Eastern side. The new Life Saving Training Centre has been completed by Clare Water Safety in association with Clare County Council and this incorporated a new lifeguard station and public toilets. The Public Car Park and associated drainage has been repaired and altered to service the new Training Centre. A major upgrade of the Culvert is practically complete.

At Spanish Point the Viewing platform, decking and sea defences have been completely replaced. Work is ongoing on the repair of the public toilets, shelter and old lifeguard station. The pedestrian bridge and railings have also been replaced.

At Quilty the existing stone retaining wall that defends the N67 and the village has been underpinned to secure the foundations. The section of wall damaged during the storm has been repaired.

However the existing sea defences at all three areas are inadequate to withstand a similar storm to that of January 2014 again. To that end Funding is approved for by the Office of Public Works for a single coastal erosion and flood risk management study for the section of coast from Quilty to Milltown Malbay with particular focus on each of the three locations; Quilty, Spanish Point & Whitestrand, on the basis that funding is approved at this point for coastal erosion and flood risk management studies to assess the viability of the full range of options. The scope of the consultant's study must accord with OPW's guidance for such studies. Standard public procurement procedures must be used by CCC to commission the consultants. No commitment is being given by OPW to provide funding for any works that the study may recommend.

Clare County Council are currently in the tender process to appoint Consultants for the project. It is expected that a Consultant will be appointed in August and a feasibility study completed by December 2015 or January 2016.

Response Ends

Steve Lahiffe, A/SEE, Transportation

Cllr. Hillery welcomed the works which were being carried out & he hoped that funding would be made available following completion of the relevant feasibility studies.

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery

“That the Council would provide a progress report on the taking in charge of the following estates; Pairc na Lair Fintra Beg, Gairdini Cluain Buinne and West Park Spanish Point”.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

Pairc na Lair, Fintra Beg - The Council has secured agreement with the developer to the use of the cash deposit in place to deal with outstanding works. The cash deposit of €23k is less than the value of the works required to the development and the access roadway which are overall estimated to cost in excess of €40k. The council has received technical reports on the development and are in the process of preparing the necessary maps, etc. in order to commence the statutory process for taking in charge in the coming months.

Gáirdíní Cluain Buinne - The Planning Authority is in ongoing negotiations with the bondholder in relation to this development and has recently received a proposed Site Resolution Plan from them which is subject to review by the Planning Department and consultation with Irish Water.

Westpark, Spanish Point – Water Services have temporarily taken responsibility for the Waste Water Treatment Plant serving this development since August 2013. The Planning Authority has included this development in our programme of works for a site inspection to be carried out to identify the extent of the works required which will enable the development to be considered for Taking in Charge of Roads, Footpaths and Public Lighting. This inspection will be completed in due course.

The development is also subject to court proceedings at Circuit Court level and a Judicial Review application at High Court level regarding taking in charge matters.

Response Ends

Bernadette Haugh, AO, Planning & Enterprise Development

30. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating
“That Clare County Council make provision in the Budget for funding towards the development of Scattery Island as a Visitor and Tourism Centre.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

Reply

The Council recognises that Scattery Island is an asset to the area and has engaged with local interests regarding the potential of the island. We have also been in communication with the Office of Public Works as the body responsible for managing the island.

Any proposed project would need to be assessed in terms of its feasibility and also have regard to various requirements including planning, management, conservation and environmental matters. If a capital project materialises, then it would require separate funding sources such as grant assistance from Failte Ireland under any Tourism Product Development Scheme that might be available.

It is suggested that further work needs to be undertaken on developing a proposal. As a suitable project emerges, funding sources can then be identified and pursued.

The Council's budget for 2016 will deal with revenue expenditure.

Response Ends

Monica Meehan, SEO Tourism & Community Development

Cllr. Curtin indicated that a CEDRA meeting took place yesterday & a meeting took place this morning with Scattery Group. He recognized the efforts of Cllr. Keating & Cllr. Lynch re Scattery Island.

Cllr. Keating suggested that a further meeting of all the relevant parties, including Monica Meehan, should take place in Scattery Island in September. He indicated that having discussed the matter with Flan Quilligan from Failte Ireland that he was interested in having the island as a Destination Point on the Wild Atlantic Way. He suggested that Clare Co Council should provide funding for a feasibility study. He indicated that the initial requirements were for adequate signage & for gabions for the bridge. Cllr. Lynch indicated that Scattery Island had great potential & that it could take on other attractions such as Bunratty Folk Park.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hillery & seconded by Cllr. Nagle & agreed that Cllrs Keating & Lynch would represent the West Clare MD on the Scattery Island Working Group. A. Haugh indicated that G. Dollard & herself were arranging a meeting with Frank Shalvey

of the OPW in September & it was suggested that Cllrs Keating & Lynch would also attend this meeting. This was proposed by Cllr. Curtin & seconded by Cllr. Hillery.

31. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating
“That Clare County Council reappraise the possibility of providing a Camper Van Site in Kilkee in the interest of tourism in West Clare.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr.Nagle

Reply

The Council is aware of the growth in the use of Camper Vans by holidaymakers.

The zoning in the West Clare Local Area Plan recognises the need for a campervan/motorhome facility and in that regard, the Council would be supportive of such a proposal subject to the assessment of site suitability, location etc.

There may also be funding opportunities available under the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) for such an enterprise.

Response Ends

Monica Meehan, SEO Tourism & Community Development

Cllr. Keating indicated that he was aware of the owner at the Diamond Rocks in Kilkee who was interested in providing these facilities. Cllr. Nagle indicated that this was going to be an issue right along the West Clare coastline. He specifically mentioned the need for such facilities in Lisdoonvarna for the festival. Cllr. Lynch suggested that it should be included as a strategy in the Co. Development Plan listing suitable locations.

32. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating
“That Clare County Council construct an additional step to facilitate pedestrian access to the Beach at Glasheen Bay, Doonaha”.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

Reply

We will install an additional step at Glasheen Cove to better facilitate pedestrian access.

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal Districts

33. Correspondence

Cllr. Curtin referred to the email received from the NRA regarding a meeting with the NRA. It was proposed by Cllr. Hillery & seconded by Cllr. Nagle & agreed that J. Corry would reply & indicate that all the West Clare MD members wanted to attend such a meeting.

Cllr. Curtin referred to various correspondence received re erecting memorials. It was suggested that a policy on erecting such memorials needed to be prepared. C. Feeney

indicated that he was aware that a policy was being looked at by Ennis MD. J. Corry indicated that he had sought an opinion from Planning on the matter & that they had advised a co-ordinated approach would be taken regarding same. Cllr. Curtin indicated that a timeframe needed to be set for this policy. It was agreed that a decision be deferred on the timeframe for such a policy until further detail could be obtained as to what Ennis MD were doing etc.

34. Any other Business

Cllr. Curtin indicated that the West Clare MD members were invited to a Pride of Place presentation in Doonbeg on 21st July at 2.30pm

Cllr. Nagle proposed that the next MD meeting would take place in Inagh on 15th September at 11am.

Cllr. Nagle referred to the maps circulated to Cllrs re the Winter Salting routes & the proposed A & B routes. He suggested that all the B routes were along the West Clare coast & were regarded as of secondary importance from a salting point of view in the event of severe weather. He stated that this policy would need to be carefully considered before being adopted by Clare Co Council.

Cllr. Lynch thanked the Marina for the use of the facilities at the Marina & he thanked the Cathaoirleach for paying for the food.

The meeting then concluded

Signed :

**Cllr. C. Curtin
Cathaoirleach**

Signed :

**J. Corry
Meetings Administrator**

Dated this the 15th day of September 2015.