

Metropolitan District Meeting – 20th September 2021

ROADS

Cllr. F. Quinlan –

Traffic Calming at Newgate Street needs to be changed to mini roundabout

Response: No changes will be considered until the Metro Area Transport Strategy. This will be published in the coming months and both members and the public will be able to make submissions.

Disabled Bays need to be repainted.

Response: Notify roads section of locations and will be included in the lining schedule.

Signs need to be erected stopping cycling and scooters using the footpaths at the outdoor dining area of O'Connell Street

Response: E-Scooters are not regulated by any national regulatory authority at present. Cycling and scooters on the footpath is currently a matter for the An Garda Síochána to enforce. Unfortunately, signs have a limited impact and are usually ignored by the general public and by erecting new signs we will be cluttering our already narrow footpaths and potentially putting at risk vulnerable pedestrians/ wheelchair users.

Cllr. J. Griffin

Traffic calming is needed on the Glen Road due to the volume and speed of the traffic.

Response: A Speed survey has been carried out here. This is a regional road, it is narrow and the speed limit is already at 50kph so traffic calming not fitting here. Biggest complaint from locals is sight lines getting on to the road. These can be improved if householders cut

CORPORATE

Cllr. Hearne

All estates need to be on the Register of Electors

Response: Advertisement campaign to be rolled out to encourage people to register, it is the responsibility of individuals to register.

HOUSING/PLANNING

Cllr J. Bailey

Looking for map to identify all the land banks in the City

Response: Appropriate maps to be developed and circulated.

ENVIRONMENT

Cllr. F. Quinlan

Update on Communication Boards in our Playgrounds

Response: There is a variety in styles of communication boards that can be used, I will liaise with Waterford Sports Partnership and playground equipment suppliers to establish if there's a common standard and consider installation in 2022.

Outdoor equipment in the People's Park needs upgrading.

Response: We are in discussion with Waterford Sports Partnership regarding the replacement of the gym equipment, but it will be a project for 2022 as our budget for this year is fully committed.

Cllr. Hearne

The need for vigilance with bonfires with the approach of Halloween

Response: This year, as in previous years we will liaise with An Garda Siochana and the Fire Service to remove materials being gathered in public open spaces for bonfires.

Cllr J. Bailey

Need for working groups for all parks in the city.

Response: Having considered Cllr. Frank Quinlan's motion from the December Metro meeting the Environment SPC recommended the establishment of a working group to examine the function of Council parks in the Metro area. This was included in the Environment report to the September meeting. Should be considered as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Direction signage needed for Wyse Park.

Response: The matter will be examined, and appropriate signage put in place.

ECONOMIC

Cllr. J. Griffin

Update on the completion time for the Public Realm Works in Tramore.

Response:

- 1) Surface paving in Main St approximately 60% complete. Weather permitting – due to be finished mid-November.
- 2) Work to junction at Gallweys Hill and link to Quishes car park by end of January

Cllr. J. Conway

Concern re dereliction of Tramore Railway Station

Response: The station may have a derelict appearance at moment since windows are being replaced. The idea is to bring the shell into good condition to catalyse future use. The history and sequence of works is:

- 1) An initial investigation, full structural survey and clearing out of debris
- 2) 130K spent under Town & Village Scheme – roof replaced, verges and chimneys repaired to highest conservation standard
- 3) Modern internal walls removed under CE scheme
- 4) 80K being spent at moment under HTI Scheme (Heritage Council) – Windows repaired and being replaced at moment to highest conservation standard. In production at moment and due to be complete last weekend October
- 5) Cleaning up after under C/E scheme
- 6) Under COVID initiative – resurfacing of curtilage/rear with self-binding gravel and some ESB connections to cater for outdoor market