

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT  
MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE TOWN HALL, PARNELL  
STREET, CLONMEL, CO. TIPPERARY ON WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2019.**

**Present:** Councillor Richie Molloy, Mayor  
Councillor Martin Lonergan  
Councillor Siobhán Ambrose  
Councillor Marie Murphy  
Councillor Pat English  
Councillor Andy Moloney  
Councillor Micheál Anglim  
Councillor Michael Murphy  
Councillor Catherine Carey

**In attendance:** Ms Sinead Carr, District Manager  
Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Senior Engineer  
Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator  
Ms. Bríd O' Dwyer, Assistant Staff Officer

**Also in attendance:** Ms. Cora Morrissey, Environment Directorate  
Mr. Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Environment Directorate

**Item 1.1 – Minutes**

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 were proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed.

**Item 2.1 – Attendance of Cora Morrissey, Representative from Environment Directorate and Ruairi Boland, SEE, Environment and Climate Control**

The Mayor welcomed Ms. Cora Morrissey, Administrative Officer, and Mr. Ruairi Boland, S.E.E. to the meeting. Ms. Morrissey referred to a district briefing note circulated at the Meeting, detailing key issues relating to the Environment Directorate under the following headings:-

- Infrastructure and Maintenance
- Civic Amenity
- Community Services
- Control of Dogs
- Control of Horses
- Derelict Sites
- Litter Enforcement
- Public Awareness
- Waste Management
- Environment Protection
- Climate & Energy
- Complaints Description
- Complaints Open
- Complaints Closed

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*The following queries and points were raised by Members:*

- It was stated that the **Quaker Graveyard** was taking a long time to be repaired. With it being located in the historic part of town and was creating a lot of employment, the members were hoping that work would commence shortly. Councillor Murphy expressed his disappointment that there was no funding available for the wall restoration. Cllr Murphy suggested as a temporary measure, that if the stone could be taken off existing graves.
- The issue of **rubbish dumping** was also outlined, Councillor Murphy stated that when canvassing, a suggestion was made that people would remove the rubbish, but that Carrigeen refused to take it in free of charge. The issue of illegal dumping was one of the biggest challenges. It was also suggested by Councillor Andy Moloney that the only way to solve the litter problem was to knock door to door and request receipt for payment of their bins, and that if residents were sharing a bin that there should be no problem with this. Councillor Moloney had concerns about enforcement of illegal dumping, he suggested to blitz the problem areas which was successful in some of the areas.
- Councillor Ambrose suggested that if flyers could be issued door to door as to what type of items for re-cycling and what type of items are free to re-cycle?
- In relation to the **control of horses**, the Members queried as to what type of summons was being issued. It was also stated that there were constraints under the existing Act, and queried as to whether there was any update to change the Act at National level.
- Was there any progress on 12-13 Queen Street? as it was 10 years at this stage as a **Derelict Site**, and also queried how much was the derelict sites levy? Councillor Ambrose had queries from people interested in buying the houses, and the people had difficulties in finding out who owned the houses. Councillor Moloney queried as to what determines a Derelict Site, and if there was a Scheme in place, that the public could act on it. It would sort out the Housing problem as well as the Environment problem.
- Councillor Ambrose queried as to whether there was any update on mattress re-cycling.
- Whilst the CCTV cameras were welcome with regard to the illegal rubbish dumping, how successful were they?
- Councillor Marie Murphy welcomed the Wildflower boxes and Trees initiative.
- Councillor Ambrose queried as to what was the drones policy and in particular the situation re licences for private individuals
- The official launch of the Suir Blueway on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 was welcomed. The huge effort and work that was involved in getting it to this stage was noted by all members.

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Councillor Marie Murphy wished to express her appreciation to the Environment Section for the litter picks and wished to acknowledge the great work that was done over the last few weeks.

***Members' queries were responded to as follows:***

- The wall at the Quaker Graveyard will be prepared for re-building.
- Ms. Cora Morrissey said she would talk to Sean Keating, Director of Services, regarding the tidy up of illegal dumping.
- Control of Horses - Ms. Morrissey stated that there were 11 horses lifted around town for the first four months of the year. Sean Keating is on the committee of the 'County and City Managers Association' and this committee is trying to get the Act updated. The Environment Section are also liaising with the Department of Agriculture.
- In relation to the drones query, the process is taking place as regards issuing a licence, it is currently not covered by Environment Section.
- The Civic Amenity site will take mattresses.
- The Derelict Site levy is calculated by 3% of the market value.
- Waste Management Bye Laws – Ms. Morrissey stated that under the Waste Management Bye Laws, the bins can only be put out at certain times of the day/evening. Household inspections would be carried out to determine compliance for bin service and re-cycling services under the new Waste Management Bye Laws.
- With regard to 13-14 Queen Street, this property has been acquired by the Tipperary County Council for social housing.
- With regard to the CCTV cameras application submitted to the Department for approval, details have only just been received back.
- Ms. Morrissey stated that with regard to the illegal dumping, the black bags can be brought to Carrigeen and there will be litter pickers and bags provided from Environment Section. She stated that this is a good way of bringing the communities together. A one day litter pick blitz took place in the county in March.

The Mayor Councillor Richie Molloy thanked Ms. Cora Morrissey and Mr. Ruairi Boland from the Environment Directorate for their attendance and report.

***Item 3.1 – Reports of Officers***

The District Engineer and District Administrator reports were circulated to Members with the agenda and the following queries were raised by Members:-

- Is there any Update on Ardfinnan Bridge?
- Whats the update on Public Realm Works contract signing, the town centre keeps coming up and is a challenge.
- Update on Kickham Barracks.
- Roadworks Programme.

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- CIS Scheme and LIS Schemes, no communication with the Members as to the outcome of applications. In previous years, the Members received notice as to who was successful. The Members should be given a list of successful applicants.
- Mitchel Street concerns, what works have taken place?
- Is there any progress on the Marlfield Flood Alleviation Scheme?
- Glenconnor Junction and Old Bridge Pedestrian Crossing Update.
- Market Place – concerns that the units were still not occupied and that Musgrave Group have still not yet met with District officials.

The District Administrator also referred to the re-launch of the Tidy Towns taking place and with two long term members who recently passed away, there was an opportunity for residents groups to come on board. The re-launch would take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, at 7.00pm. If the residents groups come under the Tipperary County Council umbrella, the Council would facilitate the rubbish when collected.

In response, The Mayor, Councillor Molloy welcomed the re-launch, and stated that if the groups would re-engage and join the Committee, the litter could go to Carrigeen.

Councillor English in reply stated that he agreed with the work already been done, and the work would need to continue to progress.

**Members' queries were responded to as follows:**

- The District Engineer confirmed that a tender had been selected for Ardfinnan Bridge and work was hoped to commence in July, 2019.
- A Design Team has been appointed in respect of the Public Realm Works.
- The official signing for Kickham Barracks took place on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.
- The Roadworks Programme is well advanced and is ahead of schedule.
- There have been 3 offers made in relation to the CIS Scheme, it was agreed that there should be communication with the Members as regards successful applicants.
- There have been 7 offers made in relation to the LIS Scheme, it was agreed that there should be communication with the Members as regards successful applicants.
- In relation to Mitchel Street works, there was a plan to close the traffic which was discussed with the traders with regard to the impact and there was no impact. No funding is available for this year, but the town engineer will do a costing on it, and if there is additional funding sought, whether big or small, it may progress. The plan is to raise the road level and that's not possible, will have to discuss again with the traders. In the short term, will carry out some sand works which will move quickly and if this doesn't work, will revert to the traders again.
- A cost benefit analysis has been completed in respect of Marlfield Lake and will look at the risk etc. If the cost is low and the benefit is great, will contact the OPW regarding funding, as it is a private lake.

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- There is no progress at the moment in relation to the Glenconnor/Old Bridge Pedestrian Crossing as no funding has been set aside.
- Market Place - The Council will continue to try to engage with the company.

**Ms Sinead Carr, District Manager, outlined the following initiatives for Clonmel Town:-**

- Town Centre and Bulmers – A new Company will be set up, and Ms. Carr acknowledged the commitment of Bulmers for Dowds Lane. There is huge work to be progressed on.
- Sports Hub Frank Drohan Road – the contract is signed and progressing, significant steps have been taken already.
- The Kickham Barracks Plaza - the design will be in place by December 2020, all going well.
- West Gate development – a lot of work has been done, will hopefully be able to access funds for the Westgate, once the joint venture company is set up.
- Museum Project.
- There are significant plans for the O' Connell Street, Gladstone Street area, Ms. Carr stressed that the onus is on the businesses to make an effort, and for the businesses to buy into the vision. The Local Enterprise Office is available for support for businesses and business owners should get involved. She acknowledged the work of the Chamber of Commerce and traders on the whole BIDs process. Ms. Carr stated that Clonmel is a marquee applicant, as there are a significant number of businesses in the town and they all have to work together.
- The Blueway - The official launch of the Suir Blueway which was taking place on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 was welcomed and there was huge effort and work involved in getting it to this stage.
- Clonmel Arms Development.
- Suir Island Master Plan.

***The Members responded as follows:-***

Councillor Michael Murphy welcomed the Bulmers development and said that he had discussions with Alan Roche and Pat Morrissey, Operations Director who were committed to Dowd's Lane Project and have agreed with Tipperary County Council to establish the new venture. It is such an important contribution for the Town Centre, Bulmers will transfer the site to the new joint venture company, and there will be a significant financial contribution involved.

Councillor Murphy also made reference to the Clonmel Arms Development and hoped the planning permission stage would be completed between now and end of the year.

Councillor Molloy stated that in relation to Suir Island, the availability of car parking should be promoted as much as possible, he suggested that a sign be erected near the Westgate to say how many spaces are left, which would be of great help to drivers when approaching the town.

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Councillor Ambrose welcomed the Multi-Million Projects coming on stream and acknowledged development in the centre of town, the street upgrades were a huge bonus. It was also important to promote the new arts initiative and seek artists. The development of Kickham Barracks was welcomed and was a positive initiative for the town together with the Bulmers Project and was delighted to see the Project up and running.

**Item 4.1 – Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders**

The Chief Executive Orders for the period up to the 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 were noted.

**Item 5.1 – Consideration of the following Notices of Motion**

***Motion 1661 was proposed by Cllr. Andy Moloney***

That this council seek funding to widen the road carriage between The Legaun and Kilmolash Lower/Derrygrath, as there is no room for driver error. This has been evident with trucks running into front lawns at kilmolash in recent times.

**Reply:** As this relates to the N24 route, this information will be forwarded to the T.I.I. Safety Inspector for comment.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr Pat English  
The reply to the motion was noted.***

***Motion 1671 was proposed by Cllr. Andy Moloney***

That this Council ensures that the Cahir Tourist Office remains open following the expiry on its lease in the current building after this season, as visitor numbers increase year on year.

**Reply:** The current 3-year lease with Fáilte Ireland for the Cahir Tourist Office building is due to expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. Tipperary County Council will continue to engage with Fáilte Ireland in order to facilitate the continuing provision of services from Cahir Tourist Office.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr Michael Murphy  
The reply to the motion was noted.***

***Motion 1672 was proposed by Cllr Richie Molloy.***

That Clonmel Borough District consider making Clonmel a Fairtrade Town, taking into consideration a large petition from Loreto School pupils who presented a petition to the council on the day of their recent sustainability Expo.

**Reply:** Clonmel Borough District will explore the feasibility of seeking Fairtrade Town status for Clonmel.

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The Members in response thanked the Loreto for the petition and welcomed their idea and stated that most shops now have fair trade products.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English.***

***The reply to the motion was noted and supported.***

**Motion 1673 was proposed by Cllr Andy Moloney.**

That the Cahir LEA have its own district Museum to celebrate the huge wealth of history associated with the region.

**Reply:** There are no plans to provide a Museum for the Cahir LEA. However, Tipperary County Museum has a county-wide remit and holds many artifacts from throughout County Tipperary. The Museum recently received funding in the sum of EUR 200,000 from Failte Ireland to re-imagine the Museum's collection and to showcase many more artifacts which are currently in storage. As part of this project, the Museum will showcase local attractions throughout Tipperary using high quality wayfinding guides and signage to encourage visitors and footfall throughout the County.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr Marie Murphy***

***The reply to the motion was noted.***

**Motion 1681 was proposed by Cllr Siobhán Ambrose.**

In the interest of safety that Clonmel Borough District Council re-examines the junction where the Laganore Road intersects the Redmondstown Road in Powerstown.

**Reply:** The Town Engineer will examine the junction to determine if there are safety issues and any required improvements.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr Michael Murphy***

***The reply to the motion was noted.***

**Motion 1682 was proposed by Cllr Siobhán Ambrose.**

That under Clonmel Borough District Councils future roadworks programmes that consideration is given for the re-surfacing of sections of the Springfields Estate.

**Reply:**

The Town Engineer will examine the condition of the road surface and determine if it needs to be included in a future programme.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr Michael Murphy***

***The reply to the motion was noted.***

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**Motion 1683 was proposed by Cllr Siobhán Ambrose**

What is latest update regarding the rollout of broadband in the Clonmel District? How many houses have now been supplied with broadband and how many are still with waiting? What are the latest timeframes for the remaining houses that are still without this broadband service?

**Reply:** SIRO is rolling out broadband through fibre-to-the-building (FTTB) networks in Clonmel. The company and its main contractor, TLI Group, have completed network connections to 1,101 homes and another 743 are due to be connected this week mainly on the northern side of town (clusters 1 & 2) and they are also progressing to the southern side of the town. A further 2,169 properties are planned for fibre connections before the end of 2019, leaving approximately 237 properties to be connected in Q1 of 2020.

SIRO is a wholesale open access network provider and the take up of fibre broadband services will be dependent on the decisions of individual households and businesses to avail of the broadband packages from various broadband service providers.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr Michael Murphy  
The reply to the motion was noted.***

**Item 6.1 – Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

**Item 7.1 – Any other business**

Councillor Marie Murphy informed the meeting of the 2019 Rhododendron Walking Festival which would take place over the June Bank Holiday Weekend. There were various walks taking place over the course of the weekend.

Councillor Murphy stated that because it was the last Meeting of Clonmel Borough District, before the new local electorate area would be formed, she wished to thank Sinead Carr, District Manager, Eamon Lonergan, District Engineer, Anthony Coleman, District Administrator and all the staff of Clonmel Borough District over the last five years. It was poignant as it was their last meeting in the Chamber.

Councillor Martin Lonergan acknowledged that it was their last time in the Council Chamber with Clonmel and Cahir Area Members. He stated that he was lucky to have served as Mayor in his first year elected, in 2014/2015. He reiterated his gratitude to all staff in Clonmel Borough District and thanked the Mayor for his support.

Councillor Moloney stated that it was a dramatic time in local politics and thanked the outdoor staff and officials for their help over the last five years.



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Councillor Michael Murphy wished everyone the best of luck and thanked The Mayor, Sinead Carr, Eamon Lonergan, Anthony Coleman and Bríd O' Dwyer for all their help in Clonmel Borough District.

The Mayor, Councillor Richie Molloy welcomed Michael Moroney to the meeting and wished him well in his new role as District Administrator.

The other Members present also expressed their gratitude to the staff of Clonmel Borough District.

Ms. Sinead Carr in response stated that Eamon Lonergan would now have a broader geographical area, and that Clonmel Borough District had a strong team and a great work ethic. The Staff were extremely efficient and she wished Eoin Powell the best of luck in his new role as District Engineer.

She wished to express her sincere thanks to Anthony Coleman for the last two years and his ability with all the projects and wished Michael Moroney the best of luck in fulfilling his new role as District Administrator.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor of Clonmel Borough District**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**District Administrator**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_