

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT
MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 11.00 a.m. IN THE TOWN HALL, PARNELL
STREET, CLONMEL, CO. TIPPERARY ON WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 2020.**

Present: Councillor Siobhán Ambrose, Mayor
Councillor Pat English
Councillor Niall P. Dennehy
Councillor Richie Molloy
Councillor Michael Murphy
Councillor John Fitzgerald

In attendance: Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services
Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer
Mr. Michael Moroney, District Administrator
Ms. Gillian Flynn, Executive Engineer
Ms. Carol Creighton, Senior Staff Officer
Ms. Marie O'Donnell, Staff Officer
Also in attendance: Ms. Fiona Crotty, A/Administrative Officer

At the outset the Mayor, Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, paid tribute to the Tipperary senior football team on their recent success on a very historic occasion of their first Munster title in 85 years on the 100th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday and also to the recent success of the U20 and minor Tipperary hurling teams on reaching Munster finals.

Item 1.1 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

Item 2.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 18th November, 2020

Cllr. Pat English asked that item 3.1 in the minutes be amended to reflect that he did not propose the matter. This was noted.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 18th November, 2020, as presented and subject to the amendment to item 3.1, were proposed by Cllr. John Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy, and agreed by all.

Matters arising:

Cllr. Pat English referred to his question in relation to Irish Water and noted the current issue of water outages in the town of Clonmel over the last few days which have had a damaging effect on businesses in the town. He stated that Irish Water need to find a sustainable short-term solution to these on-going problems. The short-term solution has to be prioritised. He asked that the Town Manager raise this issue with the appropriate bodies as a priority in relation to the Poulavanogue water supply. All members agreed.

Item 3.1 Adopt revised Standing Orders of Clonmel Borough District

- Standing Orders No. 1 (Meetings of the Clonmel Borough District) & No. 6 (Place of meeting)
- Standing Order No 2 (Annual Meeting)

On the proposal of Cllr. Pat English, seconded by Cllr. Richie Molloy, it was agreed by all to adopt the revised Standing Orders as presented.

Cllr. Michael Murphy enquired if it was possible to increase the number of motions that each member can bring forward from 3 to 4 for District meetings.

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Ms. Sinéad Carr, District Manager confirmed that she would consult with the SEO, Corporate Affairs as the request may have county-wide implications and would revert on same in due course.

Item 3.2 Clonmel Urban Design Project – Consider Chief Executive’s Report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001

Ms. Gillian Flynn, Executive Engineer made a detailed presentation to the members on the public consultation phase, the submissions received and the recommendations in the report.

Mr. Michael Moroney, District Administrator clarified for the members that a resolution would be required as there was one variation to the Chief Executives’ Report in relation to the removal of the proposed build-out at a junction in Irishtown.

It was proposed by Cllr. Niall Dennehy, seconded by Cllr. Pat English, and agreed by all, to adopt the Chief Executive’s Report subject to the following:

- The Requirements and Conditions outlined in Section 11 of the Chief Executive’s Report, and
- The removal of the proposed build-out at the junction of St. Marys Place and Irishtown (outside the Londis Shop).

Item 3.3 Draft Clonmel Borough District Casual Trading Act 1995, Bye-Laws 2021 – Approval to proceed to public consultation phase

On the proposal of Cllr. Michael Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Pat English, it was agreed by all to proceed to the public consultation phase for the draft Clonmel Borough District Casual Trading Act 1995, Bye-laws 2021.

Item 3.4 Approve reallocation of the 2020 GMA additional funding from the LPT increase

The members, on the proposal of Cllr. Pat English, seconded by Cllr. Richie Molloy, and agreed by all, approved the proposal to reallocate the additional provision of €90,000 from the LPT increase in the 2020 GMA from the infill lighting on the N24 walkway/cycleway project to the Dowd’s Lane Bulmers Vat House project, as it was no longer required to complete the N24 project.

Item 4.1 Attendance of Representatives from Community & Economic Development

Ms. Fiona Crotty, A/Administrative Officer referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Community & Economic Development, including:

Key issues in the briefing note included:

- LECP – Community
- Community Response
- Community Response Line
- Mapping Services and Community Response Hub
- In this together
- Local Development Strategy/LEADER
- SICAP

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- LCDC Team led funding schemes
- Tipperary PPN
- Joint Policing Committee
- Children's and Young Person's Services Committee
- Jigsaw/Suicide Prevention
- Age Friendly Tipperary
- Comhairle na nO'g
- Sign of the Times
- What's on in Tipperary
- Tipperary Sports Partnership
- Tourism
- Local Enterprise Office.

The following queries were raised by members:

Cllr. Michael Murphy referred to the EU 2021-2027 Regional Operations Programmes and stated that there is a substantial amount of money under the cohesion and ERDF elements. He referenced Cork County Council which has a dedicated EU Unit and is very successful at accessing EU funds. He said Tipperary needs to do likewise and appealed to the District Manager to bring his suggestion back to the Council's Management Team

The Mayor thanked Ms. Fiona Crotty, A/Administrative Officer from the Community & Economic Directorate for her attendance and report.

Item 5.1 Report of District Administrator

The District Administrator report was circulated to Members with the agenda and the following queries were raised by Members:

- Has the Conservation Architect involved in the Town Hall building reverted since the last District meeting?
- The CCTV issue has been going on too long, is there any way that we can deal with it locally?
- A special thanks to Carol Creighton and her team for their involvement with the Christmas lights in Clonmel and the funding provided. It was acknowledged by all that the town is looking very attractive during the festive period which is having a positive effect on local businesses.
- Members asked the District Administrator to continue to monitor the Council's engagement with the developers of the Clonmel Arms Hotel.
- Members agreed that the new Davis road car park was a huge success and great addition to the town.
- Members noted that the free car parking every Saturday in December has been a very positive initiative in the town.

Members' queries were responded to as follows:

- A report has been received by the Conservation Architect and it is being examined by the District Engineer to get an estimate of the cost for the proposed, and then we will need to source funding.
- The District Engineer, Mr. Eoin Powell stated that he has been keeping an eye on the new Davis road car park over the last number of days and noticed that it was having a positive effect on the roundabout at the Showgrounds.

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Item 5.2 Report of District Engineer – Roads Programme

The District Engineer's report was circulated to Members with the agenda. The following queries were raised by Members:

- Can we transfer any outstanding roads programme funding over to next year?
- Excellent job is being carried out on the new lighting on the N24 Frank Drohan road walkway/cycleway, well done to all involved.
- Coleville Road speeding issue mentioned at the last meeting; will the problem be increased further by the new planning application for 108 houses?
- Any update on the Marlfield Road/Toberaheena Well area speed survey?
- "No HGV" sign not yet erected on Cashel Street as discussed at last District Meeting.

Members' queries were responded to as follows:

- There will be no outstanding roads programmes funding available; it will be fully used in 2020.
- Results were received for the Marlfield speed survey. It was as expected; there are a lot of speed violations in that area; we now know exactly what is going on so we now have to put measures in place next year.
- Erection of "No HGV" sign will be looked into.

Item 5.3 – Report of District Engineer – Housing Voids Programme

The District Engineer report had been circulated to Members with the agenda and was noted.

Item 6.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 11th December, 2020

The report on Chief Executive/Delegation Officers' Orders circulated to Members with the agenda was noted.

Items 7.1 to 7.12 - Notices of Motions

Motion 1988 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

As a follow up to our on-site meeting, that the District Engineer would examine possible measures to improve pedestrian safety at the entrance to Honeyview Estate and include any proposals in this regard in the 2021 Area Roadworks Programme

Reply: I have inspected the Haywood Road and have noted the potential problems at this junction. I propose to include this proposal for consideration for inclusion in the 2021 Development Improvement Works programme, (DIW), or the Active Travel Measures, as a pedestrian crossing may be required as part of the solution. District Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2005 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

While acknowledging the excellent works completed this year on some sections within the estate, that the remaining sections of the Springfields are included in the 2021 Area Roadworks Programme having regard to their very poor condition.

Reply:

I propose to include the resurfacing of some or all of the remaining sections of

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roads in this estate, depending on their condition rating, as part of the 2021 DIW programme. District Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Niall Dennehy.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2006 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

That the Council provides an update on two projects that have received significant URDF funding, firstly redevelopment of the Kickham Barrack site including the new Civic Plaza and secondly the development of the new Sports Hub at the LIT grounds on the Frank Drohan by pass.

Reply:

The total URDF provisional grant allocation currently approved by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage towards 2 projects in Clonmel is €9,333,124 - phase 1 of Kickham Barracks which includes the civic plaza and public realm area of the site as well as the Davis Road car park (€4,012,966); and the Sports Hub (€5,320,158). The respective implementation teams set up by the Council continue to oversee the progression to delivery of these projects in partnership with the agencies and organisations involved.

Construction of the Davis Road car park element of Kickham Barracks Phase 1 is complete. Tenders received for construction of the civic plaza and public realm areas have been assessed and the Tender Report has been submitted to the Department.

Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) has the project management role for the Clonmel Regional Sports Hub development as the site is in their ownership. Tenders received for full project construction have been assessed and the Tender Report has been submitted to the Department.

The Department is presently considering these Tender Reports and further information sent to it by the Council. District Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2007 was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy.

That Clonmel Borough Council install a ramp outside 11 Honeyview Estate to slow motorists down who are entering and leaving the estate as it has become a dangerous issue for residents in the last number of months in the Estate.

Reply:

On our recent joint inspection of this location/junction I agreed with you on the ground that there are speeding issues at the junction into this part of the estate, and agreed that a speed ramp or speed cushions will be installed in the vicinity of this junction. This will be included for consideration as part of our 2021 DIW programme. District Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2012 was proposed by Cllr Richie Molloy.

That Clonmel Borough District look at the possibility of removing parking spaces outside Clonmel High School in Thomas Street as residents of the street have

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had their vehicles damaged on numerous occasions due to the volume of traffic on the street and are of the opinion that the street is too narrow for parking on both sides of the road.

Reply:

This came in previously as a CRM from Cllr. Murphy, and my response to him at that time was; That the footpath on the west side of the road directly outside the shop and school is about 2.8m, and it is the Council's intention in 2021 to narrow this path by 600mm over a 94m long section of this path, starting at the shop and heading towards Fethard. District Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2013 was proposed by Cllr Richie Molloy.

That Clonmel Borough Council re-paint the Yellow Box Junction at the entrance to the Ardgaioithe Estate on the Cashel Road (Just off the Cashel Road Roundabout).

Reply:

This is on our list of road markings to be completed over the next 3 to 4 weeks, weather depending. District Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2027 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English.

That Clonmel Borough District write to the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee, and the Chief Superintendent of An Garda Síochána, Drew Harris, to request additional Community Gardai for the Clonmel District. To provide increased community support and community engagement across the Clonmel District to support the most vulnerable in our society.

Reply:

Subject to approval by the Borough District members, this Motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee, and the Chief Superintendent of An Garda Síochána, Drew Harris, for a response. District Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2028 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English.

That Clonmel Borough District in conjunction with Irish Water look at connecting the unconnected foul and surface water drainage on Suir Island, Old Bridge, to the main trunk sewers in town.

Reply:

I contacted John Fogarty in the Water Services Section in connection with this request and am awaiting a reply from him regarding this matter. It should be noted however that approximately 2 years ago the Borough Council, through the Water Services Section, inquired from Irish Water if they would carry out these connections and their response at the time was that they had no intentions of carrying out these connections. However, as I have said, we are awaiting their response at this time. District Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

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Motion 2029 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English.

That Clonmel Borough District install rubbish bins at the entrances and car parks along the Blueway due to the increase in the volume of litter on the Blueway as there is an increase in the amount of people using the Blueway.

Reply:

There are no plans to place refuse bins on the Suir Blueway. Users are encouraged to take litter home with them (similar to the Waterford Greenway). Litter bins are already at the primary access points to the Blueway in Clonmel and Kilsheelan. It is planned on incorporating additional litter picking hours into the maintenance plan for 2021. An employee will cycle the route and pick litter on a routine basis. This should help to reduce litter along the route.

District Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

Members asked if a review of the situation could be done in 6 months.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2030 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose.

That Clonmel Borough District Council looks at the provision of additional car parking spaces in Fairfield's around the green area beginning at house number 4 in the estate.

Reply:

I have inspected this site and have seen the problems associated with the car parking at this location. It is intended to construct a number of additional car parking spaces and this will be considered for inclusion of our DIW programme for 2021. District Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2031 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose.

Given the success of Phase 1 of the Questum Acceleration Centre which was specifically built for high end businesses what is the latest update regarding the provision of an expansion of this development by means of a Phase 2 development.

Reply:

Provision has been made in the Capital Works Programme for the design, specification and Part 8 planning of Phase 2 Questum to commence in 2021. District Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English.

A request was made by members that a 5 year review would be undertaken in 2021 in relation to the operation of Questum. The District Manager agreed to bring this request back to the Director of Services for Economic Development.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2032 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose.

What is the latest update regarding the upgrading of the new entrance to St. Patrick's Cemetery including the provision of C.C.T.V. cameras at the 3 entry points into the cemetery and the re-surfacing of the footpaths within the cemetery?

Reply:

Environment Directorate have submitted the upgrading of the Entrance to the Car Park/Burial Ground for inclusion in the 2021 Capital Works Programme. Environment Directorate, with Clonmel Borough District, will examine and

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consider the need for CCTV at these locations. Regarding the re-surfacing of the internal pathways within the Cemetery, it should be noted that a number of them were resurfaced about two or three weeks ago, and it is the Council's intention to complete the remainder of them over the next 2 to 3 years.
District Engineer.

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

Item 8.1 – Correspondence

All correspondence circulated with the agenda was noted.

Item 9.1 – Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

- Vote of sympathy to the Family of the late Mr. John "Sean" English, 43 Bianconi Drive, Clonmel.
- Vote of sympathy for the Family of the late Mr. Peter Paul O'Dwyer, 20 Ballingarrane, Clonmel.
- Vote of sympathy to the Family of the late Mr. Michael "Fly" Flynn, Graigaman, Coalbrook.
- Vote of congratulations to the Museum in representing the County in the 100th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday commemorations bringing the Tipperary jersey which is normally on display at the Museum to The Late Late Show recently.

Item 9.1 – Any other business

There was no other business.

Signed: 
Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Date: 20/1/2021

Signed: 
District Administrator

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