

**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, 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2019.**

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

**In attendance** Ms Sinead Carr, District Manager  
Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Senior Engineer  
Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator  
Ms Marie O'Donnell, Staff Officer, Clonmel Borough District

**Also in attendance:** Ms Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Environment  
Ms Cora Morrissey, Administrative Officer, Environment

**Item 1.1 – Minutes**

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 were proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan and agreed.

**Item 2.1 – Attendance of Representatives from Environment Directorate**

Ms Marion O'Neill and Ms Cora Morrissey circulated a district briefing note to Members detailing key issues relating to the Environment Directorate under the following headings:-

- Infrastructure & Maintenance – Burial Grounds
- Civic Amenity – Carrigeen
- Community Services
- Control of Dogs
- Control of Horses
- Derelict Sites
- Litter Enforcement
- Public Awareness
- Waste Management
- Tidy Towns
- Environment Protection
- Climate & Energy
- Complaints

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

- The Quaker Cemetery wall restoration is estimated at €90,000. Can Council staff have a look at this matter in the short-term and see what can be done and has there been a discussion between the District Manager and Director of Environment on this matter?

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- The derelict sites in Queen Street. Is there any update? Regarding the Elm Park derelicts sites; can the Council pursue the bank or private owners for costs associated with addressing issues on these derelict sites?
- Council need to name and shame people who are found guilty of illegal dumping and make an example of them.
- How many septic tanks have been inspected by Council staff?
- There is an on-going horse problem particularly in Clonmel. Who is responsible as part of an inter-agency approach to this issue?
- Can Council do a 12-month trial on the Big Belly Bins throughout the district?
- Can steps be taken towards reducing single use plastics within the Council itself?
- Members commended the staff at the amenity sites and the high standards that are kept. The site takes almost everything except mattresses and these are one of the items that are dumped regularly and cause a problem for the Environment Section.
- Can Council examine having a plastic free day in all supermarkets on Saturdays and roll it out in Clonmel – plastic would be removed from all packaging before leaving store to emphasise the huge waste involved with single use plastics.
- What measures do the Council carry out in order to tackle the issues of no dog licence and can further investigations be carried out on a door-to-door basis?

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

- Rory Boland, Executive Engineer, is working on the structural plans and funding stream for the Quaker Cemetery wall restoration.
- The derelict property in Queen Street has had the sale completed with the Housing Section. The two derelict properties in Elm Park are currently subject to a schedule of works in order to render non-derelict. There is a facility to charge owners for costs associated with work.
- Environment Section is trying to progress prosecutions of litter polluters but with lack of evidence being left in bags it make the prosecutions very difficult.
- There have been 41 inspections on septic tanks to date carried out across the County and grants are still available.
- The agencies involved with the control of horses are the Department of Agriculture, Gardai and the local authority. Recently the Council held a course in Cashel promoting welfare of horses; however attendances varied during the duration of the programme.
- There is a roll out of anti-dog fouling initiatives; the council aim to make it very repetitive in order to get the message across to the owners of dogs.
- The Big Belly Bins Company is currently in discussion with the District and many factors are to be considered first before the roll out can begin. A cost benefit analysis, expressions of interest, taking out old bins and replacing with the new bins, licensing and operation fees going forward all need to be taking into consideration.
- There will be a promotion on the elimination of single use plastics in the Council in the near future.
- The cost of the machine for recycling mattresses is approximately half a million euro. The Council have to be guaranteed a certain volume of mattresses to warrant such an investment and currently this is not feasible.
- The Council have been involved in a pop up trailer promoting cleaning up after dog fouling and the use of pooper-scoopers and they were also handed out free as part of the initiative.
- There has been an 8% increase in the licensing of dogs since the handover to the An Post.
- The Council are getting the message out to the children in the local communities through education in schools regarding the use of single use plastics, etc.

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**Item 3.1 – Attendance of Representatives from Clonmel Junction Festival**

Mr J.J. Killian, Chairman of the Board, made a presentation to Members detailing key issues relating to the Festival including new branding and a new title 'Clonmel Arts Festival'.

The presentation outlined how Clonmel Arts Festival will stage an annual multi-disciplinary festival which will showcase local, national and international artists, involving the local community in a diversity of artistic events. The festival will reflect the local environment and will include local organisations in collaborative programmes. Other points highlighted were:

- Strong, cohesive Board of Directors, with significant range of expertise and experience.
- Newly appointed Artistic Director in place – the position will now be a full-time role.
- Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021 created. Accepted by the Arts Council.
- Comprehensive Operations Plan in place, and working, for 2019 Festival.
- New branding and new title for Festival – “Clonmel Arts Festival”. New offices at Place 4 U, Clonmel.
- New Constitution and Articles of Association in place.
- Robust governance mechanisms created to comply with all current legislation.
- Recognised by the Arts Council as one of the eight “strategic arts festivals” in the country.

Mr. Killian also referred to the benefits to the local area and economy from the festival, the 2019 programme plans and funding requirements.

The members thanked Mr. Killian on his excellent presentation.

**Items 4.1 – Consideration of Chief Executive’s Report for Part 8 Development – Proposed Davis Road Car Park, Clonmel.**

It was agreed by Members that this item would be deferred until the Special Meeting of Clonmel Borough District Members scheduled for 3.30pm on Wednesday 30th January, 2019.

Members were also requested to email the District Administrator directly with any questions they want answered concerning the Part 8 development in advance of the meeting.

**Item 4.2 – Reports of Officers**

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

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- Has Council staff received an update from the OPW with regards to the Butler Coat of Arms plaque that was removed from the Main Guard building in Clonmel?
- Is there any progress on the Heywood Road junction to date as the area is an accident prone hotspot and is still of concern?
- Is there any update on the Marlfield Flood Alleviation Scheme?
- Can something be done with pedestrian crossing in Old Bridge, Clonmel as it is of concern to the locals and pedestrians who use the crossing regularly?
- Has any section of the footpaths in the cemetery been upgraded recently?

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- Can the issue of the disabled car parking in the St Patrick's Cemetery be looked into regarding vehicular access to the spaces that are inside the main gate?
- What is the update on the Ardfinnan Bridge and will works commence this year?
- Is there a problem with the scaffolding erected around the Crescent building on Dillon Street, Clonmel?
- What are the arrangements for the deputation from this Council to go to the Department regarding Clonmel Library and the funding for this project?

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

- The Council will look at alternative traffic calming measures in the Old Bridge area near the existing pedestrian crossing. This will be discussed with the local residents in January.
- The Council have applied to TII for funding for the Heywood Road Junction and traffic surveys were carried out in the area. The Road Design Section of the County Council is dealing with this project and further queries can be referred there.
- The older footpaths in St Patrick's Cemetery will be inspected and upgrade works will commence as soon as weather permits, probably in summertime.
- The Ardfinnan Bridge is planned to go out to tender in February 2019. There is a window for when in-stream works can be carried out, between June & September and this will be done in consultation with Inland Fisheries.
- The OPW have confirmed that the original Butler Coat of Arms which were removed from the Main Guard will not be reinstated as they are too precious and of great historical importance. As the original structure is damaged it is impossible to get a good casting and the long term solution would be to have a carving of the original done by a craftsman. Currently the OPW don't have resources for this work but will include as part of their long term plans. In the interim the OPW propose to erect a pictorial replica.
- The situation regarding vehicular access to the disabled car spaces will be examined but there is a likelihood of people taking advantage of the gate being open, resulting in other problems.
- A licence has been issued to the scaffolding company involved with works at the Crescent Store, Dillon Street, Clonmel.
- Deputation to the Department concerning Clonmel Library will be organised as soon as feasible by the District Administrator and the Library Service.

**Item 5.1 – Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders**

The Chief Executive Orders for the period up to the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were noted.

**Item 6.1 – Consideration of the following Notices of Motion**

**Motion 1554 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English.**

That Clonmel Borough District provide a disabled parking bay outside Clerihan National School.

**Reply:** This was inspected by the Area Engineer in 2018 and a meeting was held with the School Principal then, the parking bay will be considered as part of the overall traffic calming design that is proposed for the village. This work was included in the Low Cost Safety application in 2018 and funding allocations are still awaited.

**The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose.**

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

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**Motion 1556 was proposed by Cllr. Andy Moloney.**

That this council carry out a survey on the Main Bridge in Cahir Town with regards to its safety as a number of the cut stones from the protectors are missing and that the river be cleared of the islands developing from silt building up.

**Reply:** A visual inspection will be conducted by the Area Engineer. Silt removal will require an AA screening and approval from the Inland Fisheries Ireland.

***The motion was seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan.***

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

**Motion 1557 was proposed by Cllr. Andy Moloney.**

That the Council look to the Low Cost Accident scheme to develop a roundabout at the junction of Lower Abbey Street at Super Valu and that a temporary roundabout would be created to see if such a roundabout was workable prior to construction.

**Reply:** This will be examined as part of the public realm improvement works in Cahir Town.

***The motion was seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan.***

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

**Motion 1565 was proposed by Cllr. Marie Murphy.**

That Clonmel Borough District would install a roundabout adjacent to Super Valu, Cahir

**Reply:** This will be examined as part of the public realm improvement works in Cahir Town

***The motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Anglim.***

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

**Item 7.1 – Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

There were no votes of sympathy or congratulations noted.

**Item 8.1 – Any other business**

It was confirmed by the Mayor that the following receptions will be held:-

Mayoral Receptions to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 for the Belle Voci Choir and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 for Citizens Information.

A Civic Reception on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 for Clonmel Rotary Club.

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

Date/ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed/ \_\_\_\_\_  
**District Administrator**

Date/ \_\_\_\_\_