

**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, 17th APRIL, 2019.**

Present: Councillor Richie Molloy, Mayor
Councillor Martin Lonergan
Councillor Siobhán Ambrose
Councillor Marie Murphy
Councillor Pat English
Councillor Andy Moloney
Councillor Micháel Anglim
Councillor Michael Murphy

Apologies: Councillor Catherine Carey

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

Also in attendance: Mr. Karl Cashin, Director of Services, Culture &
Library Services
Ms Margo Hayes, RAPID Co-ordinator, Community
& Economic Development Directorate

Item 1.1 – Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 20th March, 2019 were proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed.

Item 2.1 – Attendance of Representatives from Community/Economic Development (C&E) Directorate

Ms Margo Hayes, RAPID Coordinator, referred to a district briefing note circulated with the agenda to Members detailing key issues relating to the Community & Economic Development Directorate under the following headings:-

- LECP – Community
- Local Development Strategy/LEADER
- SICAP
- LCDC Team led funding schemes
- National Community Weekend - May Bank Holiday
- Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2019
- Healthy Ireland
- TCC Scheme of Capital Grants for Community Facilities & Amenities
- Outdoor Recreation infrastructure Scheme 2018
- CLAR Scheme 2019
- Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2019
- Tipperary PPN
- Tipperary Joint Policing Committee
- Age Friendly Tipperary

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- Suicide Prevention – Jigsaw Service
- Comhairle na nOg
- Tipperary Spots Partnership
- FAI – Schools, Social Inclusion, Coach Education, Club Activities
- Strategic Projects Unit & EU part-funded projects
- LECP – Local Economic and Community Plan
- Tourism
- Local Enterprise Office
- Economic Initiatives & Commercial Investment
- Digital Strategy, National Broadband Plan.

The following queries and points were raised by Members:

- The members welcomed the introduction of the Jigsaw project which works with young people in relation to mental health problems. Members hoped that services would continue to remain local in order for access to be more readily available.
- Would it be possible for the Tipperary Sports Partnership to provide grants for insurance costs for clubs as these costs have become a huge burden for clubs to carry and is there any funding that could be made available?
- The official launch of the Suir Blueway on the 17th and 18th May 2019 was welcomed. The huge effort and work that was involved in getting it to this stage was noted by all members.
- The issue of rates revaluation was raised by members and in particular industries such as hospitality, childcare and filling stations which seem to be adversely affected. Members asked if there was anything that could be done about these revaluations?
- The issue of Brexit was a concern for a lot of local businesses – is there any support there for them to have their questions answered?
- The members of the council are appealing to the general public to support local shops in the district as online shopping was destroying local towns.

Members' queries were responded to as follows:

- The Jigsaw service is an all county service and all citizens should have access regardless of location. It was noted that to date the service being provided has been a success.
- It was confirmed that businesses in the town need to engage with the Valuation Office as they are responsible for revaluations solely and not the local authority. There is also an appeals process for ratepayers that are not satisfied with their new valuation.
- The issue of support around the topic of Brexit is something that would be brought back to the LEO team to discuss plans and initiatives in this area.
- The issue of high insurance costs for clubs would be brought back to the Tipperary Sports Partnership to see if any funding is available and to investigate the matter.

The Mayor Councillor Richie Molloy thanked Ms Margo Hayes from the Community & Economic Development Directorate for her attendance and report.

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Item 2.2 – Attendance of Representatives from Culture/Library Services

Mr. Karl Cashen referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members detailing key issues relating to the Culture and Library Services Directorate under the following headings:-

- **Library Report**
 - Art Exhibition
 - Climate talk
 - Music Workshop for toddlers
 - Grow It Yourself meeting at home/school/community
 - Art Exhibition by Ronnie Fitzgerald

- **Museum Report**
 - Clonmel Flights of Discovery: Phase 1 Museum
 - Clonmel Borough Minute Book
 - Education Programme
 - Temporary Exhibition
 - Conservation

- **Heritage Report**
 - Tipperary Commemorations Grant
 - Maurice Caplice – Biodiversity focus for Suir Blueway
 - All Ireland Pollinator Plan

- **Arts Office Report**
 - Arts in Education Programme
 - Arts Act Grant Scheme
 - Artist Support Scheme
 - The Tipperary Bealtaine Festival
 - Guidance on Child Protection Legislation
 - Creative Supports

The following queries and issues were raised by Members:

- Has there been any response from the Minister in relation to the recent letter issued by the District Administrator on behalf of all the members relating to Clonmel Library and that a delegation from the Council would meet with the Minister to discuss matters?
- The purchase by the Council of the historic Clonmel Borough minute book at a recent auction was welcomed by Members.

Members' queries and issues were responded to as follows:

- The District Administrator confirmed that he had made contact with the Minister's secretary and that his secretary confirmed that the Minister would be reverting at a later date regarding the matter.

The Mayor Councillor Richie Molloy thanked Mr. Karl Cashen from the Culture & Library Services Directorate for his attendance and report.

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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 Marfield Lake project?
- What is the situation currently regarding the Gordon Street Car Park? Is the Council in a position to start works soon in this area?
- Glenconnor Junction is still a problem and considering the amount of proposed development for that area it will only get more congested. Have engineers been out to the junction to assess the location further?
- In a follow on to previous discussions on the pedestrian crossing at Old Bridge is there any update on how district staff are going to address the current situation at this crossing?
- There is still concern at the high levels of water outages in the town that continued to occur last month.
- Is there any timeline on the rollout of Ballyporeen/Clogheen initiatives?
- Progress on the appointment of design team for Kickham Barracks was welcomed by members.
- Members were concerned that Musgrave Group have not met face to face with the District officials and found it deeply disappointing that this was still the case. Can the Council continue to engage with Musgrave Group and encourage renting or selling of the property as it is a prime site in Clonmel.
- All members welcomed the proposal for a Clonmel BID initiative
- St Patrick’s Cemetery has been opened to blue badge holders at the front entrance and this is working successfully at present and has been a welcomed introduction.
- ALDI Supermarkets are looking for a second site in the town. Has an approach been made to them regarding the former Supervalu site?
- Has there been any response made to the recent letter issued to South Tipperary General Hospital regarding clergy visiting parishioners in hospital and GDPR issues?
- Members welcomed the progress in the Clonmel Arms planning application and the work involved in getting it to this stage.

Members’ queries were responded to as follows:

- The current update on Marfield Lake is that the District Engineer met with the OPW regarding funding for a cost benefit analysis.
- In relation to Glenconnor the Town Engineer has looked at different options for lights, etc and met with HSE about developments in the area. Land transaction can only be carried out when HSE development goes ahead in order to secure necessary sightlines.
- The Town Engineer met with residents in the Old Bridge area and has agreed to examine the relocation of the refuge island and determine the impact on parking. A new pedestrian crossing will not be installed as it would have significant impact on the residential parking.

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- Future traffic calming measures on the Western Road are to be carried out when funding will be provided.
- There is a Ministerial order required for Gordon Street Car Park; site checks by various experts have been carried out and more are needed before Council can progress the consent process.
- The District Administrator stated that the Clogheen/Ballyporeen timelines are to finalise plans in the coming months and a grant scheme to be initiated in the 3rd quarter inviting applications from property owners.
- The position on the Musgrave property is as per the Administrator's report and the Council will continue to engage with the company.
- No further update from ALDI but they have been made aware of the Musgrave site in Market Place.
- St Patrick's Cemetery vehicular arrangements are working well and council staff will continue to monitor the situation.
- District Office is currently awaiting a response from the South Tipperary General Hospital in connection with the recent letter issued on GDPR.

A presentation was given by Ms Sinead Carr, District Manager, in respect of Clonmel Borough District's 5-year objectives under the following headings:-

- Kickham Barracks
- Delivery of a cultural building (multi-purpose use)
- West Gate development
- Work to grow and sustain Clonmel Town Centre
- Enable & promote development of Clonmel Arms
- Open up shops on Clonmel Quay
- Redevelop Cahir toilets
- Develop an appropriate tourism structure for CBD
- Support & develop the Munster Vale concept
- Glengar Hostel Development
- Sustain existing festivals and seek to ensure Clonmel provides a strong regional offering
- Implement Car Parking Strategy
- Complete renewal plan for Ballyclerihan
- Develop improvement plan for New Inn
- Develop traffic improvement plan for Ballyporeen
- Shanrahan Graveyard
- Ghost estates and unfinished estates
- Complete Denis Bourke Park
- Develop Towpath
- Develop playground on northern side of town
- Enhancement Awards
- Extend Clonmel Library
- Suir Island – develop a use and a plan
- Hospital – continue to actively lobby on same
- Address anti social behaviour issues
- Support the refurbishment of the STAC building
- Support Cahir Development Association
- Cahir Historical Society & Support for WW1 commemorations
- CCTV in Elm Park, Cooleen's Close and Heywood Road

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Item 3.2 – Taking in Charge of Estates – Barnora, Cahir, Co Tipperary

The Taking in Charge of Barnora, Cahir was proposed by Councillor Andy Moloney, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed by all.

Item 3.3 – Burial Ground Grants 2019

Details of the recommended 2019 burial ground grant allocations were circulated to members by the District Administrator. The grants as recommended were proposed by Cllr. Martin Lonergan and seconded by Cllr. Marie Murphy.

Item 3.4 Tidy Town Grants 2019

Details of the recommended 2019 Tidy Towns grant allocations were circulated to members by the District Administrator. The grants as recommended were proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose and seconded by Cllr. Micheal Anglim.

Item 4.1 – Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders

The Chief Executive Orders for the period up to the 12th April, 2019 were noted.

Item 5.1 – Consideration of the following Notices of Motion

Motion 1645 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose and Cllr. Richie Molloy.

That Clonmel Borough District Council asks the Council's Road Design Section to engage with Transport Infrastructure Ireland with a view to investigating the possibility of inserting a fifth exit off the Cashel Road Roundabout at Ard Gaoithe Drive while at the same time closing the existing slip road off the roundabout into this estate.

Reply: Clonmel Borough District has referred to the Council's Road Design Section for further investigation.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1647 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English.

That Clonmel Borough District reinstates footpaths and tarmac areas in both the Wilderness Square and Carrigeen circular area, Clonmel.

Reply: The Town Engineer has identified certain areas in these estates for footpath rehabilitation works in 2019, based on condition surveys.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Andy Moloney

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1651 was proposed by Cllr Siobhan Ambrose.

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That Clonmel Borough District Council reviews the access from Silversprings Road onto the small roundabout on the Waterford Road, Clonmel.

Reply: The Town Engineer will inspect the location to determine the issue.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr. Micheal Anglim.
The reply to the motion was noted.***

Motion 1652 was proposed by Cllr Siobhan Ambrose.

That Clonmel Borough District Council explores the option of some type of pedestrian crossing or an island type structure on the Cahir Road around the entrance to the Clonmel Park/ Poppyfield Retail Park. There is also a bus stop beside this entrance and some type of pedestrian crossing would make it easier for users to cross at this section of the road.

Reply: The Town Engineer will inspect the location and determine what type of work is required.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr Micheal Anglim
The reply to the motion was noted.***

Item 6.1 – Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

There was a vote of sympathy for the family of the late Mr. Martin Behan who was Chairman of the Clonmel Tidy Towns Committee.

There was also a vote of sympathy for the family of the late Mr. Jake Anderson who was the grandson of Noreen Anderson who was a former employee of Tipperary County Council.

There was a vote of congratulation for Mr. David Pyke from Clonmel who won the under 16 World Championship in Irish Dancing.

Item 7.1 – Any other business

It was agreed by Members that the next meeting of the Clonmel Borough District would be held at 9.30am instead of the scheduled time of 4.30pm on the 15th May 2019 due to the upcoming elections.

Signed: _____
Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Date: _____

Signed: _____
District Administrator

Date: _____