

**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, 18TH JUNE 2018.**

Present: Councillor Richie Molloy - Mayor
Councillor Martin Lonergan – Deputy Mayor
Councillor Siobhan Ambrose
Councillor Marie Murphy
Councillor Pat English
Councillor Micheál Anglim
Councillor Andy Moloney
Councillor Catherine Carey
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
Ms Brid O'Dwyer, Assistant Staff Officer

Also in attendance: Mr Karl Cashen, Director of Services, Culture & Library
Ms Emer O'Brien, Library Services
Mr Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, Housing
Mr Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer, Housing
Ms Fiona Crotty, Senior Staff Officer, Community

Item 1.1 – Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 20th June, 2018 were proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy and agreed.

Item 2.1 – Attendance of Housing Directorate

Mr. Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer and Mr. Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer, circulated a District Briefing note to Members detailing key issues relating to the Housing Directorate under the following headings-

- Housing Construction
- Housing Allocations 2018
- House Purchases 2018
- RAS, LEASING & HAP 2018
- Housing Applicants and Vacant Houses
- Breakdown of 49 Vacant houses

The following queries were raised by Members:

- Housing adaptation grants – seek additional funding for emergency and priority cases
- Why is pay per use (Gas) not allowed
- Turnaround of houses timeframe to be sent to Councillors
- 12 houses were purchased by the tenants - where is this money going and can it go back into existing stock

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- Tenders due back on 23 houses at Glenconnor
- Why were people struggling to pay rents being referred forced to go to MABS
- Housing Adaptation Scheme, is funding being released to our own tenants
- Why is the carers allowance taking into account when calculating housing rents – can it be looked into at local level
- Can HAP limits be changed and requested Council write to Minister Eoghan Murphy

Members' queries were responded to as follows:

- Housing section have been in touch with Department with regards to adaptation grants for emergency and priority cases
- Pay per use for gas not allowed as it costs €450 to decommission, direct debit facility available and instalments through the post office – gas meters more expensive for customers
- Will circulate report for turnaround of houses
- Tenders received and submitted to Department
- Tenant houses purchased – money will be ring fenced for tenant houses, 43 offers accepted will generate €1million.
- Social housing investment (Ireland 2040) using every tool available
- HAP scheme – major elements of Government policy
- Tipperary transferred the most to HAP in the country outside of Fingal County Council
- Spoke to Minister/Department regarding rents cap in county, extra 20% available to people struggling under HAP facility
- Working group established are improving turnaround rates of houses
- Dedicated new staff member looking at HAP
- Anybody struggling was treated with sympathy – referred to MABS which is a great service provided to anybody who wishes to avail of the service

The Mayor Councillor Richie Molloy thanked Mr. Jim Dillon and Mr. Sean Lonergan from the Housing Directorate for their attendance and report.

Item 2.2 – Attendance of Community/Economic Directorate

Ms Fiona Crotty, Senior Staff Officer, circulated a District Briefing note to Members detailing key issues relating to the Community/Economic Directorate under the following headings-

- LECP – Community, a review of 2018 plan
- Local Development Strategy/LEADER
- LCDC team led funding schemes
- TCC Scheme of Capital Grants for Community Facility & Amenities
- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2018
- Dept of Children and Youth Affairs Capital Grant Funding Scheme for Play and Recreation 2018
- DCYA Nation Play Day and National Recreation Week
- Community Enhancement Programme 2018
- Tipperary PNN established an all County Disability Linkage Group

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- Comhairle na nOg regarding diversity
- Suicide Prevention – promotion of the green ribbon day
- RAPID Clonmel – strategies relating to public spaces, waste management and sports and community
- Disability Awareness
- Tipperary Sports Partnership
- Social Inclusion Programme
- FAI (Football Association of Ireland)
- EU Part funded Projects
- LECP Economic Strategies and Projects
- Tourism – Walking projects/Tipperary Tourism/Butler Trail App/ Blueway
- Local Enterprise Office

The following queries were raised by Members:

- Welcomed funding in the report, especially RAPID areas, lots of voluntary work
- Sports Partnership are doing a great job promoting health and fitness
- Giving the timeframe for submissions for the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (Project 2040) an expert group should be established
- Concern regarding National Broadband role out for businesses outside of Clonmel
- Can the water feature at the new Sensory Garden be fixed as it was working last year.
- Canoe access near Newcastle was queried

Members' queries were responded to as follows:

- Workshop are being held helping community groups to avail of funding opportunities
- Regeneration Fund – a study of Clonmel and how it functions and where areas of improvements are needed will be carried out
- Clonmel is the regional lead in the area
- Kickham Barracks – Public area and new amenity area part of the plans
- More activities will be promoted on the River Suir
- A funding application has been submitted by CBD under the Outdoor Recreational Scheme for the provision of access steps at Newcastle

The Mayor Councillor Richie Molloy thanked Ms Fiona Crotty from the Community/Economic Directorate for her attendance and report.

Item 2.3 – Attendance of Culture/Library Services Directorate

Mr. Karl Cashen, Director of Services and Ms Emer O'Brien, Library Services, circulated a District Briefing note to Members detailing key issues relating to the Library Directorate under the following headings-

Library Report:

- The play, "The Six Mary's performed by Jean Farrell and Catheline Gallagher was hosted by Clonmel Library
- Clonmel Library in partnership with CALMAST, WIT, hosted a workshop entitled Under Your Skin. Pupils from Presentation National School were shown some of the science behind the workings of the human body

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- Clonme Library hosted Oliver Corbett Magic Shot to launch Summer Reading Programme 2018
- Olive Collins, author of The tide between us held a book reading and Q & A session in Clonmel Library

Museum Report:

- Capital Projects – Flights of Discovery Project
- Conservation – Secured 3000GMA to display Civic Regalia display mounts
- Main Activities:
- Museum Standards Programme of Ireland MSPI
- Currently researching the possibility of conserving Robert Ballagh’s Screen Prints
- Temporary Exhibitions – Gaelcholaiste Cheitinn Exhibition, Community exhibition Post Office People, STAG 50 was launched.
- Education Programming - National Museum Day, Clonmel Show School Pedigree Farm Day

The following queries were raised by Members:

- Members stated that a delegation needs to be sent from this Council for response to Capital Grants for Libraries as key project for funding
- Staff don’t have enough storage for books and building is always packed by customers to capacity the importance of the library couldn’t be understated
- Clonmel has the biggest library in the county and a push on the proposed development of the library needs to happen
- What level of service is being used by the public at the libraries
- 5 year Digital Strategy – how much is used in local libraries

Members’ queries were responded to and agreed as follows:

- Not aware currently how much money is available nationally for libraries
- €1million needed for library for major extension and refurbishment of the building
- Following the stage one application that has been made to the Department the next step would be securing approval to proceed to the appointment of a design team.
- Library launched their own digital programme e-languages, e-books etc.
- Tipperary Library have a very good reputation with the department so application and confident that moneys needed will be secured

The Mayor Councillor Richie Molloy thanked Mr. Karl Cashen and Ms Emer O’Brien from the Culture/Library Services Directorate for their attendance and report.

Item3.1 – Reports of Officers

District Engineer and District Administrator reports were circulated to Members.

The following queries were raised by Members –

- Mr Anthony Coleman was thanked for the installation of the cameras in Elm Park, Cooleens Close and Heywood Road.

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- The reduced ages from 25 to 21 for CES participants was welcomed however a query was raised – would eligible participants know about this change
- Where are SIRO at the moment with respect to infrastructure etc, works started?
- Can we put pressure on Bulmers with regards to the Flights of Discovery for Clonmel
- Can a Clonmel Town Centre Forum be established
- Has funding being approved for the Kickham Barracks Project
- When will the start date be for the Kickham Barracks Project
- Can speed signs at Redmondstown be reverted back to 60 and not 100mph and location of signs be changed.
- LIS/CIS scheme – when will applicants get letter and payment be required
- Abbey Meadows road surface exceptionally bad in the estate
- Update on Master Plan – Suir Island
- Update on footpath replacement works funded by IPB

Members' queries were responded to and agreed as follows:

- The issue of the age reduction from 25 to 21 for CES participant eligibility will be raised with the Department of Social Protection
- Report will be given to member regarding SIRO and what is complete – work is currently underway
- Ms Sinead Carr to revert to Members regarding the start date from OPW and is hoping the Garda Station takes off first which will kick start the project, clarification regarding funding will be given shortly
- LIT/ETB commence as soon as funding comes available
- Redmondstown speed signs – the issue was already raised with the TII, they confirmed that they were implemented based on speed limit guidelines set
- LIS – works finished
- CIS approved substitution list – 2 weeks to progress for final costs – September works to begin
- Suir Island – Draft Plan nearing completion
- Footpath replacement works - IPB want Council to address location where claims occurring most frequently to do upgrades and reduce claims

Item 4.1 – Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders

The Chief Executive Orders for the period to the 13th July 2018 were noted.

Item 5.1 – Consideration of the following notices of Motion

Motion 1410 was proposed by Councillor Andy Moloney

That this Council explore a suitable site in the Cahir Area as a retirement village for independent living.

Reply

The Council would be happy to explore any options for the provision of housing, including sites as a retirement village where it is undertaken in partnership with an approved housing body.

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*The motion was seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy
The reply to the motion was noted.*

Motion 1411 was proposed by Councillor Andy Moloney

That road re-surfacing works from Glenegat to Ballinattin in Clonmel North are completed, as the surface has deteriorated in recent years.

Reply

The condition of the road will be surveyed in August and considered for inclusion in the next 3 Year Roadworks Programme based on the survey results.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1412 was proposed by Councillor Andy Moloney

That this Council carry out work on improving kerbs and footpaths in the village of New Inn, and re-surfacing of the approach roads from the Cahir direction.

Reply

Footpath works in New Inn are currently being considered. A project plan in line with DSCES proposals has been completed and funding is being sought for works, this will need to be delivered under a phased approach as delivery is dependent of funding availability.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1413 was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose

That Clonmel Borough District applies for funding from the Department to carry out the necessary road improvement works at Darcys Cross in Clerihan. There have been numerous accidents at this location

Reply

Funding will be applied for under the Low Cost Safety Scheme for additional warning measures.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Pat English

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1414 was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose

What is the current status of Tipperary County Council's Dog Pound in Kilsheelan and could future plans incorporate other animals like cats and horses?

Reply

A decision was taken to close the Dog Pound in Kilsheelan following a health & safety audit and on-going animal welfare issues. The Environment Section is using kennelling facilities in Clerihan as an alternative.

With regard to horses, Tipperary County Council will be using the services of the new national framework agreement for the collection and rehoming of stray and abandoned horses going forward. There is no facility at present for rehoming of stray cats and no legal legislation in place or funding for such a service.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Pat English

The reply to the motion was noted

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Motion 1415 was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose

That Clonmel Borough District considers re-surfacing the stretch of road at Rathkeevin National School/Busy Bees which is in a very bad condition.

Rathkeevin National School is celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year and as a result there will be lots of events taking place in and around the school.

Reply

Mapping of the extent of the public road is in the process of being finalised. The condition of the section of road will be surveyed in August and based on same it will be considered in future roadwork programmes once the mapping is complete.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Micheal Anglim.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1416 was proposed by Councillor Micheal Anglim

I call on the council to erect dog fouling boxes in Ardfinnan Village.

Reply

Similar requests have been received recently for other parts of the District. It is important that the matter is examined and that any action/policy is applied consistently across the District and County. The District will discuss this in detail with the Environment Section. These facilities would need to be maintained by local Council operatives and this has associated costs. Care also needs to be taken so that we don't have a proliferation of such street furniture in our towns and villages, so the location of same is also important. Some villages are looking at removing all litter receptacles and this links in with some of the criteria judged under the Tidy Towns competition.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1417 was proposed by Councillor Micheal Anglim

That the Council erect two "Children at play" signs on the road approaching Ballylooby GAA field.

Reply

Pedestrian safety works are planned here this year under the special planning contribution scheme and signage will be installed.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1418 was proposed by Councillor Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District give consideration to creating a number of public car parking places at first Baron Park, within the green area adjacent to house numbers 15 to 26.

Reply

The Town Engineer has examined the parking here and has recommended that works are required to improve the parking. This will be dependent on agreements with residents and funding provision. Depending on the final design and costing these works may require Part 8 planning consent.

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The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1420 was proposed by Councillor Richie Molloy

That Clonmel Borough District write again to TII requesting a roundabout at the end of Heywood Road/Frank Drohan by Pass as there was another serious car crash on the 24th May and residents in the area are very concerned with the amount of traffic accidents in recent months in this very built up residential area.

Reply

Oliver Tierney - Senior Executive Engineer in the Road Design Section provided the following response:

TCC have procured a consultant to examine the traffic implications for the N24 and adjacent road network, considering a number of options for junction improvement at Heywood Rd, including a roundabout. The assessment will be completed in the coming months.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1421 was proposed by Councillor Richie Molloy

That Clonmel Borough District installs more litter bins on the Greenway from Convent Bridge to the Old Bridge as the litter in this area has increased due to the increasing number of people availing of the walkway.

Reply

The Environment Supervisor will examine the reported littering in this area and propose the best solution. Litter picking may be a better solution as bins often encourage illegal dumping and waste disposal. It is not planned to install litter receptacles along the length of the new Blueway, which would be consistent with other such rural recreational facilities, where users are encouraged to bring their waste home. Consideration will be given to bins at the main access points.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1422 was proposed by Councillor Richie Molloy

That Clonmel Borough District write to Minister Denis Naughten to sign into Law as quickly as possible the Waste Reduction Bill, which includes a section making it mandatory to have a deposit and return scheme for the drinks industry which will encourage more recycling and less littering of the county.

Reply

Subject to the approval of the Members, a letter will issue to Minister for Communications Climate Action and Environment, Mr. Denis Naughten, T.D.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Micheal Anglim.

The reply to the motion was noted.

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Motion 1423 was proposed by Councillor Michael Murphy

That Clonmel Borough District would instal a number of speed ramps in the Dromard Crescent Estate, Clonmel, due to on-going issues with speeding motorists. Residents are extremely concerned around the safety of young children living in the estate.

Reply

The Town Engineer will examine the location and conduct surveys. A report on the problem and need for a proposed solution will then be considered and funding sought if physical works are required.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Pat English

The reply to the motion was noted

Motion 1424 was proposed by Councillor Marie Murphy

That Clonmel Borough District would erect driver feedback signs in Burncourt village.

Reply

Road Markings were provided here under of the CLÁR Scheme (i.e. Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures) in recent years Consideration will be given to making a future application to the Department of Rural and Community Development for D/F signs.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Micheal Anglim

The reply to the motion was noted

Motion 1425 was proposed by Councillor Marie Murphy

That Clonmel Borough District would instal traffic calming measures at Chapel Lane, Mountain View and Fr Sheehy Terrace, Clogheen.

Reply

Each of these locations will need to be inspected by the Area Engineer to determine the cause and nature of the problem. The locations will also need to be surveyed to determine the scale of the problem. Appropriate Traffic Calming measures will then need to be designed to ensure that the correct solution to the problem is delivered. This final design will be costed for future delivery and grant funding or other funding mechanism sought.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1426 was proposed by Councillor Marie Murphy

That this council would replace the extremely damaged footpath from what's known locally as the Forge to the old boys school on the Ballyporeen Road out of Clogheen.

Reply

The condition of this footpath will be examined by the Area Engineer and an appropriate repair approach will be determined and costed for a future replacement programme or other applicable grant.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1427 was proposed by Councillor Catherine Carey

As we are spending so much money annually on horse welfare (€155,881), I propose that we look at having a horse warden for our county.

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Any person not found upholding the current horse laws, ie. all horses must be chipped and passported with an acre of land per horse, should be heavily fined as we cannot sustain this expenditure.

Reply

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has overall responsibility for horse welfare matters; they are also the responsible agency for ensuring that horses are chipped and have a valid passport. The appointment of a horse warden to oversee horse welfare needs would be a matter for the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Pat English.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Item 6.1 – Correspondence from Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection

Correspondence received from Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Regina Doherty T.D. in respect of Community Employment Schemes was noted.

Item 6.2 – Correspondence from Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection

Correspondence received from Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection, Enniscorthy, in respect of Community Employment Programme was noted.

Item 7.1 – Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

A vote of congratulations was submitted for Cian Murphy resident in the District. Cian signed his first professional football contract with Cork City FC recently.

Item 8.1 – Any other business

Members of the Borough District asked that reports from Directorates be sent to them in advance of meeting in order for them to read in preparation. This issue will be raised with Corporate Affairs.

Signed/_____

Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Date/_____

Signed/_____

District Administrator

Date/_____