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, 19th DECEMBER, 2018.

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 Margo Hayes, RAPID, C&E
Roisin O’Grady, Heritage Officer, C&E
Emer O’Brien, Library Services

Item 1.1 – Minutes
The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 21st November, 2018 were proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Catherine Carey and agreed.

Item 2.1 – Attendance of Representative from C&E Directorate
Ms Margo Hayes circulated a district briefing note to members detailing key issues relating to the C&E Directorate under the following headings:-

Community & Economic Development

- LECP – Community
- Local Development Strategy/LEADER
- SICAP
- LCDC Team led funding scheme
- Tipperary PPN
- Suicide Prevention
- Comhairle na nOg
- Age Friendly
- Tipperary Sports Partnership
- TSP Social Inclusion Programme
- FAI
- Strategic Projects Unit EU part-funded Projects
- LECP – Economic
- Economic Strategies & Policies
- Tourism
The following queries and issues were raised by Members:

- How many attend the PPN meetings is it successful when held?
- The variety and amount of courses run by the C&E Directorate was commended by the members
- Members noted that we need to have a strong presence at all these events and provide adequate funding and Tipperary county Council are doing a great job
- The council need to support, monitor and encourage online trading vouchers and encourage local businesses to contact LEO that provide a very valuable and professional service
- Regional Assembly meeting, it was noted that this Council are outperforming a lot of other local authorities
- Mick Delahunty Square would be an excellent venue for free wifi vouchers
- RAPID – inter agency – amount of work carried out on RAPID estates are very good
- Five new businesses opened in Clonmel are they familiar with LEO and the services that they provide?
- The mental health day that was organised recently was noted by all members as being very well organised

Members’ queries and issues were responded to as follows:

- A recent PPN meeting held in Rosegreen was well attended with approx 200 people present. The C&E group went through all details and funding routes and circulated a handbook to all who were present
- There is a poor attendance at Joint Policing Committees with only 2 on committee attending due to the time of day that they are held.
- Five new businesses opened in Clonmel and have been given LEO contact details as they may be eligible for the commercial incentive scheme and could apply for same

Item 2.1 – Attendance of Representative from Culture/Library Services

Ms Roisin O’Grady & Emer O’Brien circulated a district briefing note to members detailing key issues relating to the Culture/Library Services Directorate under the following headings:-

- Library Report
- Museum Report
- Heritage Report
- Arts Office Report,
  - Tipperary Culture Night, Tipperary Artists in Primary School Scheme

The following queries and issues were raised by Members:
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- It was agreed that a delegation from the Clonmel Borough District should to the Minister in relation to the upgrading of Clonmel Library facilities.
- It was noted at the meeting that the work in Clonmel in conjunction with Clonmel Tidy Towns winning the National Pollinator Award was a great achievement.
- The commitment and dedication of Frank O’Donoghue who recently passed away and was so heavily involved with Clonmel Tidy Towns was acknowledged by all Members.
- Members acknowledged Ms Marie Bolands retirement and service in Clonmel Library.

Members’ queries and issues were responded to as follows:
- The District Administrator will follow up with the Director regarding a Delegation from the Clonmel Borough District in relation to the Clonmel Library Funding.
- It was confirmed that there was no update on the Clonmel Library only that a few other local authorities had received funding and Clonmel was not one.
- There will be a meeting with South Tipperary Bee Keepers and Ballingarrane in the new year for a positive action.

Item 3.1 – Reports of Officers
District Engineer and District Administrator reports were circulated to Members with the meeting agenda.

The following queries were raised by Members –
- Members acknowledged the work carried out by the Clonmel Borough District staff over the year.
- Is there any news or update on the derelict sites in Elm park?
- Have we received a response back from the OPW with regards to the Butler Coat of Arms plaque that was removed from the Main Guard?
- Is there any progress on the Heywood Road junction to date the issue regarding it being a high accident prone hotspot is still of concern?
- Is there any update on the Marlfield Alleviation scheme?
- The one-way system sign in New Inn has been removed – is it possible to get it back?
- The members looked for an up-date on the Quaker Cemetery wall and asked what can be done if no funding available?
- What is the position currently with the Master Plan of Suir Island?
- Can something be done with pedestrian crossing in Old Bridge as it is leaving pedestrians vulnerable in the area and is of concern to the locals who use the crossing regularly?
- Can members have more clarity on the CIS/LIS scheme?
- When will the Blueway Officially open?
What are the main projects that will be carried out under the URDF funding (€2.8million), the members acknowledge that private match funding was huge in pushing the application forward and acknowledged the huge work undertaken by the staff involved.

The members acknowledged Clonmel being Runners up in the National Enterprise Towns Awards in the Munster Region. They thanked everybody involved for their hard work and commitment.

A lot of work has gone into promoting the Market Place area as a place to do business. Can we now sit down with owners of Superquinn site and collaborate with them about the site and what the plan going forward? All members agreed that an anchor tenant was key for this retail zone.

What is the current situation on the CES scheme in Clonmel has there been any progress and what is the reason why nobody is applying in the Clonmel area? Can we write to the Department regarding our situation in Clonmel?

Members’ queries were responded to and agreed as follows:

Currently there is no progress on the Quaker Cemetery wall and this is being looked in to by the Environment section. The Quaker Cemetery wall will cost €90,000 approximately if we are to replace like with like and the type of wall and area that it is to be rebuilt. Currently this funding is not available.

The derelict sites in Elm Park are privately owned and the Environment Section are dealing with this currently.

Electric Points will be installed in Suir Island and this is now gone to tender. The rapid points are three times more expensive than standard points. We will install standard points with the infrastructure to change if required later.

The Council will look at traffic calming measures in the Old Bridge near the pedestrian crossing as a means to alleviating the vulnerability of the pedestrians, this will be looked in to in 2019.

The Council have applied to the TII for funding for the Heywood Road Junction and the Road Design section of Council have carried out surveys in the area.

The council will clarify the CIS/LIS scheme criteria and the waiting period scenario this will be clarified with the Director of Roads.

The Blueway is to officially open next year one signage is fully erected and health and safety audits carried out.

The Suir Island Master plan has now been referred to the planning section and drawings will be circulated in January with more detailed drawings.

The OPW have confirmed that the Coat of Arms that were removed from the Main Guard will not be going back up again as they are too precious and of great historical importance. As the Original has damage 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 same but would be the long term plan. In the short term a pictorial replica will go up.

The two main projects that will be carried out under the URDF funding will be the Kickham Barracks phase one and also the Sports Hub. There will be another submission in January for Kickham Barracks and River Development.
The Council have made contact with Musgraves who are the owners of the old Superquinn site in Market Place. We are pushing them on moving towards selling the site or making it available for use by other type of business. This will be followed up again.

One person applied for Clonmel position on CES scheme. Position will be advertised again in the new year. A number of people who were identified as eligible were not followed up by the social welfare. We can write to the Department and explain situation we are facing. Where a scheme cannot be filled we will ask if we can extend existing schemes.

**Item 3.2 – Taking in Charge of Estates – Beechwood Close, St. Patrick’s Road, Silversprings, Clonmel**
The taking in charge of Beechwood Close, St. Patrick’s Road, Silversprings, Clonmel was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Micheal Anglim.

**Item 3.3 Public Right-of-way, Brewery Lane, Clogheen**
The taking in charge of Brewery Lane, Clogheen was proposed by Cllr. Marie Murphy and seconded by Micheal Anglim.

**Item 4.1 Burial Grounds – Grants**
The details of the grant payment were circulated to all members. The grants were proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose.

**Item 4.2 Festivals and Events – Grants**
The details of the grant payment were circulated to all members. The grants were proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose.

**Item 4.3 Amenity – Grants**
The details of the grant payment were circulated to all members. The grants were proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose.

**Item 5.1 – Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders**
The Chief Executive Orders for the period up to the 14th December, 2018 were noted.

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

**Motion 1520 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy**
Following the recent changes in terms of vehicle access to St. Patrick’s Cemetery, for those that continue to use the car park adjacent to Mulcahy Park, that the Council would provide a pedestrian crossing. Many elderly individuals who are visiting the western part of the cemetery and now using this car park and crossing the road is a particularly dangerous challenge for many of them.
Reply: This section of the Davis Road is located within the 50kph speed limit and this section is also within an engineered traffic calming area, with large advance warning signage and a Driver Feedback Sign. There are 2 Traffic Islands in the centre of the Davis Road between the carpark in Mulcahy Park and the access to St. Patrick’s Cemetery, these islands are designed to provide refuge to pedestrians that need to cross the road whilst also reducing vehicular speeds. The distance from Mulcahy Park carpark to the south western part of the graveyard is only 30m longer than the distance from the new carpark. The distances to all other western parts of the graveyard are actually shorter from the new carpark than from Mulcahy Park. It is recommended that visitors to the graveyard especially individuals whose mobility is restricted should use the purpose built new car park rather than cross a Regional Road. Based on the above, it is not intended to install a pedestrian crossing on the Davis Road in the immediate future.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose
The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1535 was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy
That Clonmel Borough District consider facilitating an Autism Friendly parking space in the Delahunty Square area of Clonmel as it would be of great assistance to parents of autistic children using the various facilities such as the swimming pool, library, post office and council offices.

Reply: Clonmel Borough District will examine the feasibility of providing an autism friendly parking space in the Delahunty Square area.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Andy Moloney
The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1536 was proposed by Cllr Richie Molloy
That Clonmel Borough District would consider erecting a statue to the late Michael O’ Suilleabháin in recognition of the fact he was an internationally known composer as well being both a native and Freeman of the town.

Reply: Tipperary County Council has prepared a draft civic memorial policy that will address the erection of public commemoration plaques, memorials and monuments to honour, celebrate, or remember a person, group of persons or events of significance. This draft policy which will shortly be put on display for public consultation sets out the process by which Tipperary County Council will consider the commemoration of events or individuals.

It is recommended that all decisions in relation to the erection of such memorials would be deferred until the adoption of a policy. Any proposals put forward in the interim should be consistent with the draft policy for the erections of plaques or monuments.

Therefore the costs involved in the erection of a monument or statue, including installation will be borne by the proposers. Proposers will have to demonstrate that the required funding is available for the proposal and financial support for memorials will not normally be made available by Tipperary County Council, except through existing appropriate council grant schemes.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Pat English
The reply to the motion was noted.
Motion 1537 was proposed by Cllr Pat English and Cllr Richie Molloy
That Clonmel Borough District erect a plaque in Albert Street, Clonmel to commemorate Frank Rothwell, Clonmel Olympian. Frank won eight All Ireland Weightlifting Championships and represented Ireland at the 1972 Olympic Games held in Munich.

Reply: Tipperary County Council has prepared a draft civic memorial policy that will address the erection of public commemoration plaques, memorials and monuments to honour, celebrate, or remember a person, group of persons or events of significance. This draft policy which will shortly be put on display for public consultation sets out the process by which Tipperary County Council will consider the commemoration of events or individuals. It is recommended that all decisions in relation to the erection of such memorials would be deferred until the adoption of a policy. Any proposals put forward in the interim should be consistent with the draft policy for the erections of plaques or monuments. Therefore the costs involved in the erection of a monument or plaque, including installation will be borne by the proposers. Proposers will have to demonstrate that the required funding is available for the proposal and financial support for memorials will not normally be made available by Tipperary County Council, except through existing appropriate council grant schemes.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1538 was proposed by Cllr. Catherine Carey (withdrawn)
In an effort to encourage business and shopping activity in Clonmel during the Christmas period, I’m requesting that this council allow free parking in and around the town of Clonmel for each Friday and Saturday during the festive month of December.

Reply: The regulation of parking in the town centres is critical to ensure adequate turnover of customers who are shopping in the town.

The absence of this regulation would result in all day parking through the town centre, thereby greatly reducing the availability of parking spaces for customers.

In addition the council is providing free car parking in all the council car parks in Clonmel on each Saturday in December. Furthermore free parking is provided on a daily basis in Suirside Car Park and Mary Street Car Park in the town centre where up to 60% of vehicles using this car park avail of the half-hour free parking option.

Motion 1539 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English
That Clonmel Borough District look at making the town a bike friendly town with separate cycle routes built into the road and street networks

Reply: The design of the Public Realm works for Clonmel Town will include the examination of cycle routes and associated facilities.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose
Motion 1540 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy
In relation to Gladstone Street & O Connell Street, Clonmel Urban Design Strategy and having regard the request for public submissions in 2017, that the District Manager would provide the members with an update on the Council’s proposals on the public realm of our town centre

Reply: Tenders for a Multi-disciplinary Design Team are being assessed with the view to award a contract in Q1 2019. Traffic surveys have been completed and topographical surveys commenced in December 2018. Funding has been applied for under the URDF.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose
The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1541 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose
In light of the number of accidents on the section of the road between Darcys Cross and the Ballybeg/ Clerihan Junction, I am calling on the Roads Section of Clonmel Borough District Council to investigate the possibility of carrying out similar safety works including a special surface dressing or overlay on this section of the road, as was applied on the N76 at Seskin in Kilsheelan.

Reply: Road Retexturing works will be considered in 2019 by the Area Engineer.

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

Motion 1542 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose
In the interest of safety that consideration is given for additional traffic calming measures on the Fr. Mathew Terrace/O’ Rahilly Avenue Road, in order to reduce the speed of the traffic on this road.

Reply: This road is narrow and parking is available on both sides which makes the available width for vehicles even narrower, therefore from initial observations the location would appear to be self-regulating in terms of speed generation. However, the Town Engineer has arranged for traffic surveys to be carried out in 2019.

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

Motion 1543 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose
That Clonmel Borough District Council investigates the options available including contacting the providers of Sat Nav in order to prevent heavy vehicles from traveling over Tivoli Bridge and down the Powerstown Road as they are getting caught as they try to exit out of Davis Terrace onto the Waterford Road due to the narrowness of this road and in turn are depending on residents to remove their cars in order for to exit onto the Waterford Road. The existing no heavy vehicles sign on Tivoli Bridge is being totally ignored.

**Reply:** The Council will investigate this location and matter.

*The motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy*

*The reply to the motion was noted.*

**Motion1544 was proposed by Cllr. Marie Murphy**

That the housing section confirms the amount of land it owns in the Clonmel Borough District, the location of the land, and if any plans exist to develop the land for housing or other uses.

**Reply:** The Housing Section has 16.28Ha of land potentially suitable for housing in Clonmel Borough District which was discussed with the members in September 2018.

The lands are broken into 3 categories

a) Lands suitable for housing development in the short term

b) Lands suitable for housing development in the next 2-3 years (subject to minor constraints being rectified)

c) Lands suitable for housing in the longer term 3+ years (possible zoning, Irish Water issues etc)

The Council also has regard to the housing need at each location which is one factor in determining the scale of any development

A significant portion of the lands is at Garryshane, Glenconnor and the Council is examining its options for the development of these lands.

There are other significant land banks at Clerihan and Mountain Road, Cahir. A stage 1 submission is being finalised for Clerihan and a detailed assessment of the lands at Cahir is being carried out at present.

The Council is also actively seeking lands in each of the districts to enable its programme of housing delivery to continue post 2021”

*The motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy*

*The reply to the motion was noted.*
Motion 1545 was proposed by Cllr. Marie Murphy
That Clonmel Borough District would install lights on the Weir in Cahir

Reply: The Area Engineer will examine this matter and identify the consents that will be required (i.e. planning and ecological). A budget source will need to be identified also

The motion was seconded by Councillor Andy Moloney
The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1546 was proposed by Cllr. Marie Murphy
That Clonmel Borough District would install suitable traffic calming measures on the Mitchelstown Road in Cahir in order to slow down vehicles in a residential area

Reply: The Area Engineer has arranged for traffic surveys to be carried out and design options will be examined in 2019. A budget source will need to be identified.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Andy Moloney
The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1547 was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy
That Clonmel Borough District provide wheelie bins inside the gates at the new entrance to St Patrick’s Cemetery and also provide trolleys to enable visitors to the cemetery bring plants and flowers to the graves of their loved ones

Reply: Trolleys are now available for visitors to St Patrick’s Cemetery to assist with transporting plants and heavy items from the car park to graves.

The council will be erecting new signs in the cemetery to remind visitors of their responsibilities including the requirement to remove any unwanted items or rubbish from the cemetery grounds as it is the owner (or owner’s immediate family) that is responsible for the maintenance of a grave plot. The provision of wheelie bins would lead to extra rubbish being discarded in the cemetery

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

Motion 1548 was proposed by Cllr. Martin Lonergan
That Clonmel Borough District would consider a new traffic management plan and safety works at the junction with the Clogheen - Cahir road (R668) and Mitchelstown Road in Cahir Town in the interest of vehicular safety.
Motion 1549 was proposed by Cllr. Martin Lonergan
As a follow up from a previous Notice of Motion, that the Borough District would apply under the Low Cost Accident Scheme for safety works at the junction of the L3506-1 road at Monroe East, Ardfinnan and the L35051-0 Ardfinnan to Goatenbridge Road

Reply: The location will be considered for inclusion on the list for future submissions but ownership/land-take issues need to be resolved.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Andy Moloney
The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 1555 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English
That Clonmel Borough District give an update and timeframe on our proposal for a children's playground for the north side of Clonmel Town

Reply: The proposal for a children's playground for the north side of the town is part of the Clonmel Sports Hub development which also includes a number of other facilities such as an athletics track, BMX track, cycling track, fencing and associated site works.

Funding has been allocated under the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund for the first phase of the Sports Hub. Discussions are on-going between Tipperary County Council, LIT (owner of the site), Clonmel Athletics Club and other sporting organisations on the development and delivery of Clonmel Sports Hub facilities. It is planned to prepare detailed designs and tender documentation for this project next year and the delivery of each of the various elements will be budget dependent. The Council and other project partners will also be seeking additional sources of funding to assist in the delivery of the Sports Hub facilities including the playground

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

Item 7.1 – Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

A vote of sympathy was submitted for Frank O’Donogue, Ard na Greine, Clonmel who was heavily committed and involved in the Clonmel Tidy Towns.
A vote of sympathy was submitted for Patrick (Sassy) Hawkins, Bolton Street, Clonmel

Item 8.1 – Any other business
The time and date of the Community Safety meeting was set for 3.30pm Monday 7th January, 2018.

Signed/________________________________ Date/_______________________
Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Signed/________________________________ Date/_______________________
District Administrator