

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 11.00 a.m. BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH MAY, 2021

- 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. Jim Dillon, District Administrator
Ms. Marie O'Donnell, Staff Officer
Ms. Georgina O'Loughlin, Assist. Staff Officer
- Also in attendance:** Ms. Nuala O'Connell, Senior Planner
Ms. Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Kieran Ladden, A/Senior Exec.Engineer
Mr. Pat Holland, Administrative Officer
Mr. John Fogarty, Executive Engineer

At the outset the Mayor Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose thanked everybody for their support and kind wishes and in particular the guard of honour held for her father Mr. Tom Ambrose who passed away recently. She acknowledged the special meeting that was held before her father's funeral and thanked all for their attendance. All members offered their condolences to Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose and all of her family. A minute's silence was held in honour of Mr. Tom Ambrose, former Mayor of Clonmel.

Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose spoke of the good news in relation to Kickham Barracks, Contractors will confirm date shortly for when work will commence on the civic plaza. In relation to the sports hub, the contractors will start shortly on those works also. The Questum building has welcomed news of a feasibility study starting in relation to the commencement of the second faze of the development. This is positive news for Clonmel.

Item 1.1 Remote Meeting Protocol

Noted by all Members. The Mayor confirmed with each Member that they could see and hear all other Members.

Item 2.1 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest

Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

Item 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 16th March, 2021

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 21st April, 2021, as presented, were proposed by Cllr. Pat English, seconded by Cllr. Niall Dennehy, and agreed by all.

Matters arising:

- Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose stated that after a meeting with the Chief Executive yesterday it was confirmed that money was available for work to be carried out in the Town Hall and asked the District Administrator if he had a time frame of when the works would commence?

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- In terms of the €4,000 grant being made available to traders for outdoor dining and accessories have we much uptake to date?
- When will the Columbarium in St. Patrick's Cemetery be activated?
- Cllr. Ambrose stated that she was at a Joint Policing Committee meeting in relation to CCTV for Clonmel, the Superintendent said an engineer from Garda Headquarters was in Clonmel and it looks positive for the CCTV scheme to progress, the Engineer will take his findings back to Dublin.
- Cllr. Pat English asked if the Council had engaged with the Department in relation to the URDF application that was unsuccessful and what was the feedback?
- Cllr Pat English asked if there were any further discussions with Minister Eamon Ryan in relation to the rail service in Clonmel?
- Cllr. Pat English asked if there was any update in relation to the correspondence to Minister Peter Bourke relating to the current structure of the local authority and the loss of the Borough Status?
- Cllr. Michael Murphy welcomed the excellent work currently happening in the District in relation to reimagining our town in relation to out door dining, he called for any traders who have plans for outdoor dining to contact the District.

Response made by Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator as follows;

- In relation the outdoor dining the uptake has been relatively slow. This may be down to the fact that outdoor dining isn't available until the 7th June it is hoped that the uptake would pick up after that date.
- A meeting has been organised with the 3 Funeral Directors on Tuesday 25th May, 2021 at 3pm in relation to the Columbarium, the remaining works are due by the end of this month and then we will be in a position to facilitate interments at the Columbarium.
- The main issue in relation to the CCTV is who is the data controller, national Garda CCTV advisory committee have stated that they are satisfied Gardai are the data controller. They currently need GPS co-ordinates of all the cameras and a service level agreement will need to be signed between the Gardai and the local authority.
- In relation to the URDF application we are seeking a meeting with the Department who have yet to come back with a date.
- No response from Minister Eamon Ryan in relation to the rail service in Clonmel
- No response from Minister Peter Bourke in relation to the structure of local government and the Borough Status.
- In relation to out door dining we will be trying to facilitate the hospitality industry and indeed the members of the general public in any manner we possibly can. The big emphases are to increase footfall in the town.
- In relation to the Town Hall the next step is to appoint a conservation architect to look at the building and a proposal from them should be back within a fortnight and depending on that proposal we would intend on going to tender immediately.

Item 4.1 Clonmel Borough District Casual Trading Act 1995, Bye-Laws 2021

Members were presented with a draft of the Clonmel Borough District Casual Trading Act 1995, Bye-Laws 2021. Ms. Sinead Carr, Town Manager referred to the

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workshop that was held at 9.00am on the 18th May, 2021 this was deferred from the original workshop date set due to recent bereavement of Mr. Tom Ambrose, father of Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, Mayor of Clonmel. She stated that there was a number of changes proposed in the document that now need to be address and further time to consider same. She asked if all members were happy to defer this item until the June District Meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat English and seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald and agreed by all.

Item 5.1 Attendance of Representatives from Directorate Planning

Ms. Nuala O'Connell, Senior Planner, Ms. Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner and Mr. Kieran Ladden, A/Senior Executive Engineer referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Planning Directorate.

Key issues in the briefing note included:

- New County Development Plan
- URDF – Clonmel: Transformational Regeneration
- RRDF – Rural Regeneration and Development Fund
- Conservation Grant Schemes 2021
- Historic Structure Fund 2021
- Taking in Charge update
- DPI Developments
- Planning Applications received in 2021
- Enforcement Proceedings in 2021

The following queries were raised by members:

- Members asked in relation to the County Development Plan, the question of one-off houses and special restrictions for planning applications is that being changed?
- Is there any update in relation to the taking in charge of Crann Ard, Longfield and other estates, how many other estates are waiting to be taking in charge?
- In relation to the N24 and the extension of the Corridor running through the County can the TII be contacted to find out if planning applications which are currently not allowed to go ahead be looked at on an individual basis by them to ascertain if they will interfere with plans on the N24?
- Members look forward to a workshop in relation to one off rural housing, can members have an update on the steps for this forward planning.
- When would planning expect to see a return to pre-planning meetings on a one to one basis in person?
- Members welcomed under the flights of discovery that a design team has been approved for the Suir Island house and gardens which is a really positive step.

Members' queries were addressed as follows:

- The draft of the County Development will be circulated to all members shortly, there are a number of workshops schedules and one workshop specifically targeting one off housing.
- In terms of the environs of the rural housing policy that will apply in Clonmel, there is a multi-annual work programme to commence at the end of the year.

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- We are currently operating under current Covid19 restrictions and pre-planning meetings are currently under review with regards to when appointments can happen in person.
- In relation to the N24, the corridor section which affects Clonmel, in the Cahir to Waterford section, is running a little bit behind schedule, it is intended the existing study area will be replaced by the preferred route corridors by the end of this year. If somebody is having a pre-planning meeting we can advise them of the most up to date information that we have at that point.
- Mr. Kieran Ladden addressed the estates that were currently in the process of being taking in charge and the estates that had recently been taking in charge.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Nuala O'Connell, Senior Planner, Ms. Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner and Mr. Kieran Ladden, A/Senior Executive Engineer for their attendance and report.

Item 5.2 Attendance of Representatives from Directorate Water Services

Mr. Pat Holland, Administrative Officer and Mr. John Fogarty, Executive Engineer referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Water Services Directorate.

Key issues in the briefing note included:

- Irish Water Investment Plan 2020-2024
- Irish Water Infrastructure Projects for County Tipperary
- Networks Portfolio Delivery (Wastewater)
- Irish Water National Water Resources Plan
- Irish Water Small Town and Villages Programme
- Non-Domestic Water Charges
- Council Workshop with Irish Water

The following queries were raised to the Briefing Note by members:

- Members said following on from the meeting with Irish Water recently that it was very disappointing and didn't get anything out of the meeting.
- Is the capital project for Clonmel going to happen?
- Lack of water coming in to the town, there are new business proposals for the town both business and housing and the fear is that there won't be an adequate supply in town.
- Welcomed the works that were done in town in relation to Davis Road and Mountain Road which were historical problems with low pressure.
- Members referred in particular to the recovery phase following Covid 19, with the hospitality sector re-opening our supply is on a knife edge, what assurance can be given to businesses?

Members' queries were addressed as follows:

- Mr. Pat Holland stated that the points raised were noted but that there was no more to add to what was expressed by Irish Water at the recent meeting.
- Mr. John Fogarty reassured members that the capital scheme was not completely off the agenda but it is currently delayed.

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- Mr. John Fogarty also stated that there is currently adequate water supply but unfortunately during adverse weather conditions it does affect the water plants. Doesn't envisage any problem during the Summer.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Pat Holland, Administrative Officer and Mr. John Fogarty, Executive Engineer for their attendance and report.

Item 6.1 Report of District Administrator

The District Administrators' report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

Queries raised by the Members on the report of the District Administrator.

- Any further update from the Government in relation to the re-opening of the Clonmel Swimming Pool?
- In relation to the Suir Island amenity park, when will the planning stage be completed and when will it be presented to all members?
- Has there been any engagement with the owners of Market Place recently?
- Is there any update on the Clonmel Arms site?

Members' queries were addressed as follows:

- The pool will re-open on the 7th June but for individual training only. We will have to await a national directive on the lifting of restrictions.
- The Capital programme in relation to Suir Island, we are reducing the options down to 3 to bring before Members, and depending on outcomes, the selected option will be put up for public consultation before we go to Part 8 process.
- Received an email from the owners of Market Place, they hope to have preliminary plans submitted by the end of this week and hope to set up a meeting with planning section.
- No further engagement with the owners of the Clonmel Arms.

Item 6.2 Report of District Engineer – Roads Programme

The District Engineer's report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

Queries raised by the Members which Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer responded to were as follows:

- In relation to roadworks being carried out at Rathronan Crossroads, is there further works to be carried out at that location?
- Any update on works being carried out on the Coleville Road?
- Any update on the condition of the road from Fethard road roundabout to Rathronan?
- The section of road near the Glenconnor fly-over it was understood that it couldn't be included in the roadworks programme for 2021 however you confirmed at the last meeting that you would investigate if some repairs would be required in the meantime.

Queries raised by the Members which Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer responded to were as follows:

- In relation to the roadworks at Rathronan Crossroads, more works are due to be carried out.

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- In relation to the Colville road it has been fully surveyed, option is to design it ourselves or go with a Consultant that is doing other works for us and give them this additional brief.
- The Fethard road has been looked at but is not damaged enough to put in the 3 year programme but will be looked at in terms of patching.
- The Glenconnor fly-over can be looked at in terms of patching for the moment.

Item 6.3 Report of District Engineer – Housing Voids Programme

The District Engineer's report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

- No issues were raised.

Item 6.4 – Consideration of Schedule of Proposed District Works 2021

The District Engineer's proposed district works 2021 report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose stated that Members had last month deferred approving the Report of District Engineer – Road Programme 2021 until they have had meeting with the Chief Executive Joe MacGrath. The expressed their frustration to Mr. Joe MacGrath and all members had an opportunity to raise their concerns. Further concerns were raised in relation to the adoption of the schedule of proposed district works 2021 as follows ;-

- Cllr. Michael Murphy queried from a procedural point of view should the schedule be adopted knowing that it is going to come back to the Plenary. There are no guarantees about what will be proposed by the Chief Executive and Roads Director. We do not want to hold up any works that the District Engineer has planned, he would appreciate guidance from the District Engineer in this matter.
- Cllr. Pat English queried if the €250,000 was being taking this year and next year and the year after will it continue to be permanently taking? He raised the concern that there is no guarantee that the money put in to the fund for red roads would come back to the Clonmel Borough District, looking at the figures it looks like we will get a very small portion.
- Cllr. John Fitzgerald voiced his concern that Clonmel Borough District is being labelled as a town only, there are five parishes around Clonmel which are included in the Clonmel Borough District and they should also have a fair allocation.
- Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose reiterated that the money being taken from the budget is for the town and not the overall budget and that is why members are expressing their frustration.

Ms. Sinead Carr acknowledged that members had a very long and forthright meeting with the Chief Executive and all members made their views known. The Chief Executive did indicate that he was listening and heard their concerns. He stated that he would go away and give the concerns raised some serious consideration. There is to be another meeting with the full Council in relation to the roads area in June. He will try and come up with a solution that both addresses the red roads issue and issue of funding. The District Engineer in the meantime needs to be able to drive on with the works in the schedule and progress.

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If members approve the schedule today it will mean that the DE can drive on and the other matter will be dealt with in due course you will either find yourself in a more positive position or at the very least in the same position.

This was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy and seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald.

Item 7.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 14th May, 2021

This was noted by all Members.

Items 8.1 to 8.7 – Notices of Motions

Motion 2134 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

Have had reps and met parents of children attending Kilcash National School. Most parents park in the parking area across from the school on the other side of the road. Parents of young children find it extremely dangerous crossing the road at school times. Can I ask that the Council consider measures that might improve such crossings including improved signage and road markings?

Reply:

The District Engineer is currently investigating this proposal and will report on same at the next Council Meeting. District Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2141 was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy.

That Clonmel Borough District request the OPW to remove the graffiti from under the arches of the Main Guard Building as a matter of Urgency.

Reply:

The Clonmel Borough District contacted the OPW and requested the graffiti under the arches of the Main Guard Building to be removed. The graffiti has now been removed

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2144 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

That the Council would cut back on prune the trees within and around the Glenview Close Estate.

Reply:

The District Engineer has asked the Town Gardener to inspect this estate to determine what level of pruning, if any, is required to be carried out, and if necessary to include same for consideration under the Tree Pruning Programme for 2021. District Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2146 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

That the District would provide a detailed update on the Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme 2016-2020. The scheme was adopted by the members in order to offer businesses an opportunity to promote their business through the sponsorship of landscaping and maintaining a roundabout, while also enhancing

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the appearance of roundabouts throughout the District, contracts to be of a 5-year duration.

Reply:

There are 9 roundabouts available and 8 of them have been identified. The remaining roundabout, Cashel Road Roundabout will shortly go to tender. The design of the sponsorship took some time to formalise. We would hope to have sponsorship signage from various sponsors erected shortly.

Cllr Murphy indicated that he was not happy with the reply and asked that a more comprehensive reply would be provided at the June meeting.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2158 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose.

In the interest of safety that Clonmel Borough District Council investigates the possibility of improving the entry and exit for residents living in Ballybeg in Clerihan. This turnoff is on the bend as you leave Clerihan Village heading towards Cashel. (Ref my previous motion on this issue).

Reply:

This NOM refers to the junction of the L-3272-0 with the Cashel regional Road, R688, in the townland of Ballyclerihan, heading towards Lisronagh. I will have to carry out an investigation of this junction to determine what works, exactly, would be required to be carried out in order to make it safer. The District Engineer is very familiar with this junction and is of the opinion that the cost of works involved to comply with this NOM may be prohibitive. However, he will report back on same at the next Council meeting.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2159 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose.

That Clonmel Borough District Council looks at re-surfacing the final section of the Cherrymount Estate. The other sections of the estate have been re-surfaced under previous road programmes. (Ref my previous motions on this issue).

Reply:

This will be considered under the Development Improvement Works Programme for 2022. District Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2160 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose.

That Clonmel Borough District Council investigates the possibility of sourcing funding to both improve the parking facilities and also to re-surface the road up to the Holy Year Cross in Killusty.

Reply:

The District Engineer will carry out the necessary investigation and will report on same at the next Council meeting. District Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Item 10.1 – Correspondence

There was no correspondence this month and this was noted by members.

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Item 11.1 – Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

- A vote of sympathy was issued to the family of Mr. Tom Ambrose, former Mayor of Clonmel and father of Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, Mayor of Clonmel.
- A vote of congratulations was issued to Mr. Darragh Lynch, on his recent participation in the men’s single scull event at the World Rowing Olympics Qualification final.

Item 12.1 – Any other business

The date for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was set for 11am on Tuesday 29th June, 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose and seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald.

Signed: _____

Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Date: _____

Signed: _____

District Administrator

Date: _____