

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING,  
HELD AT 11.00 a.m. IN TOWN HALL, PARNELL STREET ON WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2023**

**Present:** Councillor Pat English, Mayor  
Councillor Siobhán Ambrose  
Councillor Niall P. Dennehy  
Councillor Michael Murphy  
Councillor Richie Molloy by Zoom  
Councillor John FitzGerald

**In Attendance:** Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services  
Mr. James Murray, Senior Engineer  
Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator  
Mr. Roger Noonan, District Engineer  
Ms. Mary Irwin, A/Staff Officer  
Ms. Georgina O'Loughlin, Assistant Staff Officer

**Also in Attendance:** Mr. Michael Moroney, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Therese Gregory, Clerical Officer, CBD.

**Item 1.1 Zoom Protocol**

The Mayor confirmed with the media joining the meeting by Zoom that they could see and hear all other Members.

**Item 2.1 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest**

Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

The Mayor opened the Meeting by expressing a Vote of Sympathy to the family and many friends of the late Carrie Acheson who passed away on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. The Mayor informed the Meeting that there would be a Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall at 10.00 am. on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 to pay tribute to the late Ms. Acheson. The Councillors will then attend the Requiem Mass and provide a Guard of Honour.

The Mayor also expressed a Vote of Sympathy to Councillor Niall Dennehy on the passing of his Aunt, Teresa Lonergan.

A minute silence was observed.

**Item 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022.**

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022, as presented, were proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy and agreed by all.

**Arising from Minutes**

The District Administrator informed the meeting that Councillor Pat English was not recorded on the Minutes as a Secunder to Notice of Motion No. 2532, which was submitted by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose at the last meeting. The minutes will be amended to account for this and all were in agreement to this.



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Councillor Dennehy raised a query regarding the redeployment of the Project Regeneration Officer to another section of the Council enquiring whether Central Government Funding had failed to materialise even though rates had been increased year on year to secure this funding. The Manager stated that the rates increase which had been implemented last year was the first increase since the Merger of North and South Tipperary County Council. The Manager confirmed that this increase in rates has been ringfenced to contribute to a loan which will be taken out by the Council for match funding for the URDF Projects. In relation to the Project Officer, the Manager confirmed that Michael Moroney has taken up the role as Senior Executive Officer in the Environment Section and will return to undertake more work when the application for the next call of URDF Funding needs to be submitted.

**Item 4.1 Attendance of Representative from Environment and Climate Directorate**

Mr. Michael Moroney, Senior Executive Officer referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Environment and Climate Action Directorate.

**Key issues in the briefing note included:**

- Derelict Sites
- Litter enforcement
- Public Awareness
- Waste Management
- Civic Amenity Sites
- Environment Protection.

**Queries raised by the Members were as follows:**

- Cllr. Michael Murphy congratulated Michael on the excellent work of the Environment and Climate Action Section.
- Cllr. Murphy expressed his concern over the lack of rollout of E.V. charging points in the County and queried how many charging points were in the Clonmel Borough District Area.
- Cllr. Murphy appealed to the Environment Section to continue to drive the roll out of this critical structure stating that the lack of sufficient charging points was deterring people from driving electric vehicles.
- Cllr. Murphy stated that charging points should be installed in the car park in County Hall to encourage staff to use electric vehicles.
- Cllr. Ambrose concurred with Cllr. Murphy and welcomed the 2 fast charging points in Delahunty Square and the infrastructure in place in Davis Road car park.
- Cllr. Ambrose acknowledged the work of Michael Tierney, Roads Section who is taking a lead role on this.
- Cllr. Ambrose acknowledged the increase in prosecutions in relation to litter fines and thanked the staff in the Environment Section for their work on this
- Cllr. Ambrose acknowledged the work being carried out in relation to derelict sites and queried how many sites have been removed from the Derelict Sites Register
- Cllr. English agreed with his fellow Councillors in encouraging the Council to provide more E.V. charging points in car park areas.
- Cllr. English complimented the Environment Section on the success of the Hazardous Waste collection days



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- Cllr. English stated that the use of CCTV Cameras would deter people from littering.
- Cllr. English raised a query regarding the Household Waste Surveys, in particular, regarding the households who were non-compliant and what steps they need to take to become compliant.

**Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows;**

- Michael Moroney stated that for households to be compliant, proof of Waste Collection Service needs to be provided.
- In relation to prosecutions for litter, Mr Moroney stated that action can only be taken where evidence is provided and the use of CCTV would be considered in problem areas.
- Regarding the charging points for electric vehicles, Mr Moroney stated that the roll out of same is not solely the responsibility of the Environment Section and that the Roads Section would also have an input. He also stated that the Council has to be guided by national policy in relation to local rollout.
- Michael stated that the Council have been mandated to commence preparation of a Climate Action Plan and that E.V. charging points will be part of same.

**Item 6.1 Report of District Administrator**

The District Administrators Report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

**Questions raised by the Members were as follows:**

- Cllr. Dennehy requested an update in relation to the Town Bus Service
- Cllr. Dennehy asked for clarification on the number of Taxi's operating within the town.
- Cllr. English asked if a reply had been received from Minister Eamonn Ryan in relation to Iarnród Eireann.
- Cllr. English asked for an update in relation to the installation of CCTV
- Cllr. English enquired if the meeting had taken place between Market Place property owners and the Planning Section.
- Cllr. English asked for an update in relation to Irish Water.
- Cllr. English queried whether the Tree Strategy had been reviewed.
- Cllr. English asked for an update on the Bus Service and whether it will be operational from March.
- Cllr. English asked for an update on the internal repairs works on the Town Hall Building.
- Cllr. English welcomed the €450,000 for extension of the Blueway.
- Cllr. Murphy raised a query regarding the naming of the new Housing Developments at Prior Park and Glenconnor stating that at the moment there is a lot of confusion as a number of estates in the area have similar names. He requested that suggestions from the residents in relation to the renaming of both of these estates be sought and discussed at the February Meeting.
- Cllr. Ambrose concurred with Cllr. Murphy and suggested that when a Planning Application is submitted by the Developer that there should be more discussion in relation to the naming of the Development.
- Cllr. Ambrose thanked the District Administrator and the District Engineer in relation to the upgrading of lighting at Hopkins Lane which is due to commence in February.
- Cllr. Ambrose stated that she was glad to see that the playground equipment being installed in Mulcahy Park and the L.I.T. playground which would include equipment



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for use by children with disabilities and requested a timeframe on the completion of the works.

- Cllr. Ambrose welcomed the improvement of the Bus Service and stated that the routes should be expanded to ensure that everybody can benefit from the use of this service.
- Cllr. Ambrose stated that the situation with Iarnród Eireann needs to be addressed as it is sad to see so many Clonmel people having to use the train station in Thurles.
- Cllr. Ambrose welcomed the works which will commence on the Town Hall in 2023 stating that it is such a special building for everybody in Clonmel.

**Queries raised by the members were responded to as follows:**

- The District Administrator confirmed that the Bus Service is being progressed by the National Transport Authority. Following trial runs by the NTA in December, further works have to be carried out which will cause a delay of 4 – 6 weeks. It is envisaged that the bus service will be running by beginning of March. Cllr. Dennehy requested that it be communicated to the public that this service will not be up and running in January as previously stated. The District Administrator agreed to do this.
- The District Administrator stated that she is awaiting a response from Iarnród Eireann and the Department of Transport and will follow up on same.
- In relation to the Hackney Service, the District Administrator is going to follow up on the number of Hackney Licences in operation in the Town. As far as she is aware there are currently no Taxis in operation in Clonmel.
- In relation to CCTV, the District Administrator confirmed that submissions in relation to the Public Consultation Process have now been received and will be reviewed with a report to be prepared for a meeting in Dublin on the 27<sup>th</sup> February.
- The District Administrator confirmed that, to date, no contact had been made by property owners of Market Place with the Planning Section despite numerous attempts to arrange meetings with them. She stated that because there is no engagement with them, the next step will be for the Council to look into Vacant Property or Derelict Sites prosecutions.
- The District Administrator stated that she had not received a response from Irish Water regarding previous letter sent in October and subsequent email sent in December and will follow up on same.
- In relation to the Tree Strategy, the District Administrator stated that the Review of proposals has been done and the Council is in the process of appointing Consultants to carry out the work.
- In relation to the naming of the Housing Estates referred to in Prior Park and Glenconnor, the District Administrator stated that the re naming of these estates will be reviewed in conjunction with the residents of these estates when they are all in residence.

**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 were as follows:**

- Cllr. Dennehy queried whether a Traffic Plan was in place for Queen Street on completion of the new Lidl Store.
- Cllr. Dennehy requested an update on his query regarding the protocols involved for the laying of double yellow lines and the placing of bollards on the top of Slievenamon Road/Ard-na-Gréine.





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- Cllr. Fitzgerald expressed his concerns around road safety at Castleblake, Rosegreen stating that there has been a number of accidents on this stretch of road recently and he requested that safety measures be undertaken as a matter of urgency.
- Cllr. Murphy concurred with Cllr. Fitzgerald requesting that works be undertaken on this stretch of road.
- Cllr. Ambrose welcomed the signage at Ballybeg junction and requested an update on the skid surface.
- Cllr. Ambrose requested an update in relation to the entrance to St. Patrick's Cemetery and queried whether there are any plans to extend the Cemetery.
- Cllr. Ambrose expressed concern over the batteries being removed from the Driver Feedback Signs and queried whether there is a solution to this problem.
- Cllr. Ambrose requested an update on the proposal for Pedestrian Crossings at the Gaelscoil and Loretto School.
- Cllr. English welcomed the flashing signs at Ballybeg and requested that the panels be looked at.
- Cllr. English requested an update on the Pedestrian Crossing at the Gaelscoil.
- Cllr. English asked if there was any update on the Lane at Sheehy Terrace/Comeragh Drive.
- Cllr. English queried if there was any update on the works to be carried out at Rathronan Cross.
- Cllr. English asked if there was any further update on the Marlfield Flood Relief Scheme.
- Cllr. English asked if the Suir Island Project was still on target for Quarter 2 of 2023.
- Cllr. English asked for an update on the Kilsheelan Cluster Houses.

**Queries raised by the Members which Mr. Roger Noonan, District Engineer responded to were as follows:**

- In relation to the Cluster Houses at Kilsheelan, the District Engineer stated that he will contact Brian Beck, Planning Section to get an update on this development for the next meeting.
- The District Engineer confirmed that the Suir Island Development is still currently on target for Quarter 2 in 2023.
- In relation to the Marlfield Flood Alleviation Plan, James Murray, Senior Engineer confirmed that a Draft Report has been prepared and a meeting with the Consultants is being arranged. It is hoped to go to public consultation in February.
- The District Engineer confirmed that the proposed works at Rathronan Crossroads are scheduled for Quarter 1 2023.
- In relation to the laneway at Sheehy Terrace/Comeragh Drive, the District Engineer confirmed that he is liaising with the Contractor in relation to the works that need to be done on the automated gates.
- The District Engineer confirmed that he will follow up with Gillian Flynn on the pedestrian crossing at the Gaelscoil and have an update for the meeting in February.
- In relation to the flashing lights at O Connell Tce, the District Engineer confirmed that they have been checked and repaired.
- The District Engineer confirmed that he will follow up to see if there is a long-term solution regarding the driver feedback signs that are being damaged.
- The District Engineer stated that he is going to visit St. Patrick's Cemetery to check on the works that need to be done and will have an update for the February Meeting.



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- The District Engineer confirmed that the skid resistant survey had been done at Ballybeg and he is going to follow up.
- In relation to the bend at Castleblake, the District Engineer confirmed that funding had been applied for under the Safety Improvement Schemes but will look at undertaking temporary measures to make the road safe in the interim.
- The District Engineer confirmed that a contractor will be on site within the next 2 weeks to assess the lights at the Gordon Street car park.
- In relation to the works at Slievenamon Road/Ard-na-Gréine, the District Engineer agreed to meet with Cllr. Dennehy on site.
- In relation to the Traffic Management Plan at Queen Street, the Manager confirmed that this would have been assessed at the time of application for the new store, and if any issues arise, the situation will be examined.

**Item 6.3 Report of District Engineer – Housing Voids Programme**

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

- No issues were raised.

**Item 8.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**

None.

**Items 9.1 to 9.6 – Notice of Motion**

**Motion 2534 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy**

That the District would look at measures to slow down traffic between the Glenoaks Roundabout and Clonmel Garden Centre, such measures to include speed cushions. Any decision should take into account the real and genuine concern of local residents as well as the significant residential development ongoing at this location

**Reply:**

The district will investigate any and all previous speed surveys carried out on this road and if necessary will conduct a new speed survey to determine current driver practises. Following these surveys and investigations the District Engineer will be in a better position to determine what, if any, remedial measures need to be implemented to control the speed on this road

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Niall Dennehy**

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

**Motion 2536 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy**

That the Council would carry out immediate repairs to a section of the paving along the footpath to the rear of the "Allen, Larkin and O'Brien" monument on the Quays as it represents a serious trip hazard for walkers

**Reply:**

This area will be inspected by the District Engineer and repairs carried out as deemed necessary.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

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

**Motion 2537 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

"Following another accident over the Christmas period at the bend in Rathronan between the crossroads and the Halfway House, can I have an update please on the works that have been



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carried out to date at this location since our last site visit with the landowner and also the proposed timeframe for the agreed future safety works at this location. Given the increased frequency of accidents at this location I believe that in the interest of safety that these works now need to be expedited” (ref my previous motion on this issue)

**Reply:**

Funding has been applied for under the safety improvement scheme for 2023 to erect a barrier and vehicle activated advanced warning signs at this location. We are waiting to hear back from the department on this funding and until then we will not be able to give any timeline on works.

Works carried out to date; re lined the road, added some additional “slow” road markings; all damaged cats eyes were replaced, and changed out the old chevron boards to the correct standard.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English**

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

**Motion 2538 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

That given the very poor condition of sections of the Racecourse road in Rosegreen (down by the water tower) I am asking that this road be included for re-surfacing under future Council road programmes.

**Reply:**

This road will be assessed by the District Engineer and subject to 2023 funding, the condition of the road will be considered for inclusion in the 2023 road works programme.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerlad**

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

**Motion 2539 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

What is latest update regarding the rollout of traffic calming measures in Marlfield Village? When these works are being rolled out can in the interest of safety additional ramps be inserted on either side of the house on the bend as you leave the Marlfield village and also on Moore’s Road?

**Reply:**

While Active Travel works (footpath widening from Marlfield village to the Pond Rd) were planned for Marlfield village in 2022 these works were subsequently not carried out as the works would have impeded traffic flow.

With regard to the request for additional ramps, these locations can be assessed by the District Engineer and a decision made following the assessment.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English**

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

**Item 10.1 Correspondence**

No correspondence was noted.

**Item 11.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

There were no additional Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations noted.

**Item 12.1 Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed.



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Signed: Patrick Ely  
**Mayor of Clonmel Borough District**

Dated: 16/03/2023

Signed: Carol Creighton  
**District Administrator**

Dated: 16/03/2023

