

MINUTES OF THE JULY 2023 MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CARRICK ON SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE DISTRICT CHAMBER, NEW STREET, CARRICK ON SUIR AT 14:00 ON THE 27 JULY 2023

In the Chair:	Cllr. K. Bourke
Members Present:	Cllr. D. Dunne, Cllr. M. Fitzgerald, Cllr. I. Goldsboro, Cllr. K. O'Meara.
Apologies:	Mr. B Beck, A/Director of Services;
<u>Attending from Carrick on Suir MD:</u>	Mr. A. Coleman, Director of Services; Ms. M O'Gorman, Meetings Administrator; Mr. D. Power. A/District Engineer; Ms. H. Cahill, Staff Officer;
Environment & Climate Action Directorate:	Mr. Michael Moroney, Senior Executive Officer
L.A.W.P.R.O.:	Mr. Anthony Coleman, Director of Service; Dr. Fran Igoe, Regional Co-Ordinator.
Town Regeneration Office:	Ms. Áine McCarthy, Town Regeneration Officer.

1.0. Welcome and Introduction

<u>Item 1.1.</u> Summons and Prayer:	The summons was taken as read
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2.0. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Council

<u>Item 2.1.</u> Conflict of Interest Declaration	None to record
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3.0. Consideration of Minutes

<u>Item 3.1.</u> Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 22 June 2023:	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 22 June 2023 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
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<u>Item 3.2.</u> Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 22 June 2023:	The minutes of the annual meeting held on the 22 June 2023 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
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<u>Item 3.3.</u> Minutes of Special Meeting held on 22 April 2023 on death of Mr. Pierce O'Loughlin:	The minutes of the special meeting held on the 22 April 2023 convened on the death of former town councillor, Mr. Pierce O'Loughlin, were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. O. O'Meara and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
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4.0. *Consideration of Reports and Recommendations*

Item 4.1.
Attendance of
Environment and
Climate Action
Directorate:

With Mr. Michael Moroney SEO, in attendance, the report of the Environment and Climate Action Directorate as circulated was taken as read. Mr. Moroney clarified issues raised by the councillors as follows;

Cllr. D. Dunne;

Concerned at the growing problem of ash die-back and the risk of injury associated with same for pedestrians/drivers, he requested that landowners be instructed to deal with same. He was particularly concerned that leased lands with infected trees should be included in any action.

- Welcomed the Climate Action workshop held the previous day and queried whether there would be any initiative undertaken to provide extra funding for smart bins; these were vital to address litter black spots.

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Conveyed his appreciation of the arrangement to collect plastic bottles accumulated by Tidy Towns group in Mullinahone and suggested that similar arrangements should be made in other towns/villages.
- Queried timeframe for works proposed at Fethard Burial Ground noting the report contained information that works would commence in Q.3 of 2023.

Cllr. K. Bourke

- Queried whether there were powers available to the local authority to investigate whether households had a refuse collection service.

Responding to above queries, Mr. Moroney confirmed

- That he would link in with Roads Section in relation to 'ash die-back' as this was a function particular to that department.
- That there were no initiatives currently in place to fund provision of smart bins; however, he undertook to keep an eye to any such initiatives in future, particularly with regard to DZ zones, which should open up funding streams by virtue of their designation.
- That in addition to national Spring Clean, his department was planning to provide supports for further clean-ups throughout the county.
- That works planned for Q.3 at Fethard Burial Ground related to securing the boundary only by the end of the year.
- That his section had powers to investigate households in relation to waste disposal. He suggested that if there were any cases suspected, they should be brought to the attention of the Environment section who would engage with the person(s) to obtain evidence of service - *be it kerbside*

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Attendance of
Environment and
Climate Action
Directorate:**

collection or receipts from landfill facilities - or give the opportunity to register with a service provider. He further noted that lack of co-operation would result in enforcement and/or prosecution.

Owing to unavoidable delay of Regional Co-Ordinator of the Local Authorities Waters Programme, the Cathaoirleach invited Ms. Áine McCarthy, Town Regeneration Officer to make her presentation in relation to the Town Centre First initiative as it related to Carrick on Suir.

**Item 4.3.
Presentation on Town
Centre First –
Attendance of Áine
McCarthy, Town
Regeneration Officer:**

Ms. Áine McCarthy, Town Regeneration Officer gave a detailed presentation to the members outlining the background and policies underpinning

- the creation of the **Carrick on Suir Town Centre First Team** embarking on the **Carrick on Suir Town Centre First Plan**;
- the **National Town Centre First Office**, with 26 **Town Regeneration Officers** connected via a network (TRO Network).

She defined the rationale for their establishment under *Town Centre First – A Policy Approach for Irish Towns*, sitting within the *Programme for Government*, anchored in the National Planning Framework, with objectives incorporated within the County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, and within the Carrick on Suir Town Development Plan 2013, the latter due for review in 2024 which would ultimately achieve an alignment of the statutory Local Area Plan with the Town Centre First Plan.

Town Centre First Plan:

The **Town Centre First Plan** would be informed by national and regional policy, local policy, best practice guidelines, case studies and pathfinders; it would include analysis and appraisal, objectives, strategy and actions to be prepared and implemented collaboratively among the Town Centre Team [TCF], the Town Regeneration Officer [TRO], the local authority multi-disciplinary team, the local community and business groups.

Effectively, in Carrick on Suir's case, it would build on **Carrick on Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee's Vision 2030**, bringing in any outstanding objectives from that document and progressing those objectives along with additional elements for a 2050 vision. The plan would be achieved through input from stakeholders – TCF/CoSBA/CoSDA, CoSTEDC, input from the public through consultation and workshops, input from the elected members, through collaboration and governance - and it would provide the framework for supporting the Regeneration Plan, ensuring that we capitalise on the investment that will take place.

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Town Centre First Team:

Guidance from the National Town Centre First Office on the composition of the **TCF Team** suggested representation from community, youth, older persons, business owners, traders' representatives, large-scale industry (*where one was located within or in close proximity to the town*), the Public Participation Network (PPN), sports sector, disability representatives, residents' associations and development company.

Within the structure of the TCF Team was the 'Town Champion' whose function was

- to lead and support the ongoing work of the TCF Team ensuring development and delivery on the TCF PLAN alongside the Town Regeneration Officer [TRO] and Carrick on Suir Municipal District
- ensure appropriate communication and engagement between the local authority and all stakeholders

With CoSTEDC already well established and operating under the stewardship of Mr. Tony Musiol, Chairman, and its Vision 2030 document having formed the basis for the successful RRDF project, there was a strong base already in place to form the TCF. With additional participants invited to represent the requisite sectors, the team had its inaugural meeting on the 17th April 2023. Membership comprised the following;

- Tony Musiol – Chair/Town Champion (Chair of CoSTEDC)
- Maurice Power – (Carrick on Suir Business Association/CoSBA)
- Liz Martin – Manager, Stable Lane Digital Hub/CoSBA
- Eamon Byrne – Secretary TCF Team.
- Patsy Fitzgerald – representing residents associations.
- Niall Walsh – Carrick on Suir Development Association.
- Victor Shee, Shee & Hawe Estate Agents
- Anna Tobin, CoSTEDC
- Linda Fahy – representing theatre and arts sector
- Richie Friend – representing sporting organisations
- Brian White – Lions Club/Social services organisations
- Sheila Power – Older persons and youth organisations
- Paddy O'Dwyer – representing disabled persons
- Marie O'Gorman – representing the local authority.

Following her presentation, Ms. McCarthy conducted a Q&A session with the elected members, responding to the following;

Cllr. K. Bourke

- Suggested that 'low carbon' objectives would be very difficult if not impossible to achieve within Carrick on Suir in the context of the very heavy through traffic travelling via the N24 and crossing from County Waterford on a daily basis through the town centre. In that context it was vital that that a 3rd bridge and a bypass of the town should be stated objectives within the plan.

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Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Suggested that the TCF policy/plan was an upgrade of the (former) RAPID programme, and represented a great improvement on that process with 'teeth' and money behind it.
- Considered the initiative to be a great project and commended the 2030 Vision document.
- Stated that he would like to play an active role on the team.
- Felt that the town needed to lose its 'upstairs/downstairs' mentality and he would be happy to challenge 'naysayer's and hopefully bring them on the journey. He suggested that there was a strong element within the town that was resistant to change, and it was a struggle to get engagement from residents' committees unlike many of the villages within the district that had 'buy-in' from their communities. He would like to see that 'buy-in' replicated in Carrick on Suir. Without the Community Employment Scheme participants carrying out maintenance of amenities within the town, he felt that Carrick on Suir would be a lost cause.
- Suggested that it was vital to have more input from young people.
- Stated that he would like to see support for 'nightlife' and the possibility of a 'Purple Flag' protocol for running pubs so to achieve an appropriate balance.

Cllr. K. O'Meara

- Welcomed the project for Carrick on Suir, expressing the hope that the benefits would filter to the rest of the district in the manner of '*rising tides raising all boats*'; in particular he was encouraged by the objective of tackling dereliction and felt that property owners' hands were somewhat tied with planning requirements and protections. He suggested that changes in these areas were long overdue and needed to happen quickly.
- Expressed the need to have the initiative widened to capture Fethard, Killenaule and other towns/villages.

Responding to issues raised, TRO clarified that

- the TCF would link in with the Climate Action Co-Ordinator as part of the process in seeking to meet climate action objectives within its plan and furthermore in ensuring that applications through various funding streams - *Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme [ORIS], Town and Village Renewal [T&VR], Rural Regeneration Development Fund [RRDF] etc.* - would contain appropriate 'low carbon measures.
- Councillors would have the opportunity to engage throughout the process by participating in various workshops arranged in the near future.

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- Young people were a particular focus group within the process and she noted that the TCF team was actively seeking participation in those quarters.
- The Purple Flag initiative was a very useful protocol developed originally in Westport and would be a useful model for Carrick on Suir.
- While her remit was to focus on larger towns (*currently Roscrea and Carrick on Suir*), she informed that settlements with a population exceeding 400 would be eligible for supports under the Town Centre First initiative to develop their own TCF plan.

The next steps in the process would be the appointment of consultants for which a tender brief was currently being finalised to carry out a Town Centre Health Check with the necessary research and public consultation conducted over the course of a 6-month period.

Concluding her presentation, the TRO stated that there would be significant supports from in-house disciplines, such as vacant homes officer, planning officer, climate action co-ordinator, and the Assistant Chief Fire Officer providing advice regarding 'over the shop' housing.

The District Administrator confirmed that the TCF team was planning to engage with Comhairle na nÓg via the PPN in order to seek participation of young persons whose input would be vital.

She also informed that the team was embarking on a major public consultation in week commencing 21 August, with community and businesses in the town and hinterland to inform the Vision 2050/TCF Plan for the future.

She noted that the team planned to circulate flyers to 6,200 households through An Post with links to the online survey on www.yourcarrickonsuir.ie & www.tipperarycoco.ie/consultations.

She further noted that the questionnaires incorporated a section inviting suggestions for the future development of the Goldcrop site, and for persons unfamiliar or uncomfortable with technology, she stated that hard copy questionnaires would be available at the District Office and at the Sean Healy Memorial Library.

**Item 4.4.
District Engineer's
Report:**

The Schedule of Municipal District Works July 2023 along with the list of housing voids was circulated and considered, with Mr. Denis Power, A/District Engineer updating on progress of each programme.

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In relation to voids maintenance, he informed that contractors were appointed to carry out major refurbishment works and that repairs would be completed shortly on 6. houses requiring minor repairs.

Mr. Power noted that surface dressing would commence in the current week and continue for 2-3 weeks and would include some of the projects in the Restoration Improvement [RI] category. Referring to safety improvement works, he confirmed that signage associated with same, was ordered. With rehabilitation works completed at Ballylanigan and Gullet bridges, he informed that a contractor was appointed and would be on site at Gortnaglogh Bridge within the next fortnight. He also informed that public lighting was ordered for Ballynonty and Killenaule and that a tender was referred to the NTA for approval for Cláirín Bridge and that works would commence shortly on the Carrickbeg Active Travel Project. Works associated with Carrickbeg Active Travel project would also commence shortly and a contractor was scheduled to commence works at Bog Field Carrickbeg in the following week.

The District Engineer informed that works listed under climate action grant category, would commence at end of August, once the roads programme was completed. He further noted that crews associated with the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project [PLEEP] were shortly to commence surveying in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District area over the next month or two which would inform a lighting design/upgrade in due course. Mr. Power responded to issues raised by the councillors as follows;

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Queried which property had contractor appointed to carry out major refurb.
- Welcomed the reopening to two-way traffic at O'Mahoney Avenue and the removal of the N24 diversion; he considered that the contractors were excellent in conducting traffic management plan and he also commended the District Engineer and the Roads Engineers, Ollie Tierney and Stephen Ryan for the manner in which they accommodated and resolved issues as they arose.
- Referring to the IPB budget, he stated that he was unclear in relation to the current year's allocation and sought clarification, noting that the full allocation was expended.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro:

- Expressed her concern that the IPB allocation for the current year was expended in full without works having commenced to which commitments were made in 2022. She stated that the IPB budget was effectively a means to address members' 'wish list' and she considered it unacceptable if the budget were curtailed in any way.

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- Sought clarification in relation to the €60,000 development levies budget for Ballingarry footpaths and drainage, being under the impression that there was €80,000 assigned for this programme.
- Queried timeframe for completion of works at Gortnaglogh.
- Sought update on provision of flashing speed lights at Killenaule.
- Queried timeframe for commencement of Active Travel project at Killenaule school.
- Referring to previous requests for measure to curtail speeding at Glengoole, Fethard, Ballingarry etc., queried why ramps were permitted in other districts but disallowed in Carrick on Suir MD

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Supporting the position of his colleagues in relation to the IPB funding, sought clarification in relation to current year's allocation and a breakdown of works progressed over the past four years under this heading.
- Referring to notice of motion of July 2022, he requested clarification as to the plan to address the speeding issue at Mullinahone
- Suggested that there was a small window within which to carry out survey of river tunnel/culvert at Mullinahone and requested attention to same.
- Noted that jobs identified in 2022 for funding under rates budget were not done and requested update.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Echoed the serious concerns expressed by his colleagues in relation to IPB funding.
- Complimented staff on progress achieved in relation to housing voids.
- Queried whether there was a list of properties identified for windows and doors replacements.
- Acknowledged the delays attributed to N24 works but complimented the progress made by the contractor and the manner of delivery; stated that criticism levelled was somewhat 'over the top'.
- Requested assurances in relation to rehabilitation of diversion route employed during the course of the works, given the condition of roads that were not designed to take volumes/weight of traffic.
- Suggested that the sweeper would be more effectively used if accompanying staff were to employ a blower rather than sweeping brush and asked that consideration be given to same.
- Suggested that weed killer be used on verges in housing estates in order to minimise regrowth which was unsightly.
- Queried whether design for Killenaule School would solve the prevailing difficulties

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- Sought update in relation to electrical works to be carried out to the Carrick on Suir marina
- Sought update in relation to resolution of flooding at Grangemockler
- Commended the reaction of the Traffic Warden during a recent accident at Seán Kelly Square, resulting in injury to a lady – expressed concern that there were allegedly no Gardaí on duty in the area at the time.
- Referring to recent torrential rain, questioned whether the staff were keeping on top of drain clearance.
- Raised issue of emergency flood plan, expressing the need for emergency contacts to be in place.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald;

- Expressed concern that IPB budget may have been curtailed and sought clarification.
- Commended the progress achieved on roads programme.
- Referring to recent accident at Kickham's Tree with the loss of a pet dog, requested speed survey to be carried out at this location.

Responding to the above queries, the A/District Engineer confirmed that the 2023 budget allocated for IPB works was €147,500. However, certain jobs commissioned in 2022 were postponed due to weather events in late 2022 and when those jobs were re-scheduled for completion in the new year, the associated invoices were charged to the current year's budget. He undertook to follow up the query in relation to unspent 2022 IPB budget.

He confirmed that the Ballingarry development levies budget was €60,000 and that no change had occurred.

Referring to the Active Travel scheme for Killenaule school Mr. Power clarified that the €20,000 budget was approved for procurement of report and design, not the actual works. The report was forwarded to NTA for comment and it was anticipated that they would revert in due course in order to approve and provide budget for the work.

He also clarified the intention to put forward expression of interest [EOI] for Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) for the remaining portion of the Blueway between Arrigan's Boreen and MSD, Ballydine under the Measure 2 category for which the closing date was 8 September; and informed that Measure 1 applications were put forward for consideration for Killenaule and Mullinahone to deliver on elements of the enhancement plans adopted for those settlements. He noted that there was no announcement as yet in relation to CLÁR funding and with regard to the ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME, he advised that further to conduct of speed survey at Killenaule, he intended to put forward

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an application for a safety scheme that would incorporate suitable traffic calming measures.

In relation to the Rates budget, he noted that unspent monies were not carried forward at year end and urged members to nominate projects for assignment of this budget.

Mr. Power advised that a PSCI survey was undertaken to document and record the condition of the diversion route post-commencement and after the conclusion of N24 works; the information gathered would inform and provide back-up for an application for additional funding to reinstate the route.

In addition, he confirmed that he would examine the issue of weed spraying and referring to issues raised in relation to flooding at Grangemockler, he clarified that the recent flooding event at this location was attributed to fallen trees on private lands. He was in contact with landowners in relation to this matter, and in operational meetings with General Services Supervisors, he noted that cleaning of drains, inlets were items of priority. Similarly, in the case of Carrick on Suir town, there was a structure in place for emergency call outs and this was under review by the in-house team, with the flood emergency plan under review in order to ensure that all involved were aware of their roles and responsibilities.

The District Engineer responded to queries in relation to a recent accident at Sean Kelly Square which resulted in a person sustaining injury, noting that the Traffic Warden intervened at the scene.

He concluded by agreeing to carry out a speed survey at Kickham's Tree as requested.

Item 4.2.
Attendance of LAWPRO
Directorate:

Mr. Anthony Coleman, Director of Services, accompanied by Dr. Fran Igoe, Regional Co-Ordinator of LAWPRO, attended the meeting.

Mr. Coleman in his preamble outlined the nature of the national local government shared service jointly managed by Tipperary and Kilkenny County Councils. He stated that LAWPRO was established under the European Union (Water Policy) Regulations 2014, which gave effect to a three-tier governance framework and placed new obligations on local authorities in coordinating the catchment management and public participation elements of the EU's Water Framework Directive. LAWPRO was effectively working on behalf of 31 local authorities and had assigned responsibility for regional co-ordination, public participation and support to the EPA and Minister in the development and

implementations of River Basin Management Plans [RBMPs] and Programmes of Measures. It fostered linkages with industry and agricultural sectors nationally, engaging with Coillte, NPWS, OPW; it mobilised and supported engagement with voluntary and community groups, tidy towns groups, angling groups etc

The Director outlined that over the previous 12 years of monitoring 3000 sites, there was a significant relapse in water quality within the county with only 33% deemed 'satisfactory'. This represented a 46% deterioration and was a huge concern.

The Regional Co-Ordinator, Dr. Fran Igoe, gave a detailed presentation of his group's activities which gave rise to in-depth discussion of the following points

Cllr. K. Bourke

- Stated that he was hugely disappointed that LAWPRO was not responsible for drinking water; expressed grave disappointment at the statistics presented, in the context of developments over the past 20 years that should have had a positive impact - commissioning of water treatment plants, the absence of raw sewage that prevailed when the Tannery was in full production decades earlier, the recent closure of Miloko as cases in point.
- Referring to recent issues with the Lingaun water course, he pointed out that there was never a boil water notice needed in respect of Crotty's Lake intake. He stated that Councillors had been crying out for a water treatment plant for Grangemockler over the past 15 months in which time there had been at least 4 boil water notices issued for Lingaun supply.

Cllr. D. Dunne

- Recalled a time when large fish prevailed in the river at Carrick-on-Suir, sadly no longer the case.
- Deplored the practice of draining wetlands and the removal of trees and hedgerows to create tracts more palatable for land management
- Referring to proliferation of windfarms, solar farms and electric vehicles, he suggested that these measures would not solve the environmental crisis, but that it was vital to allow nature to repair itself.

Cllr. K. O'Meara

- Referred to the stark picture outlined in the presentation and the degradation statistics pointed out at the recent Climate Action Workshop which were most concerning. He suggested that farming would adapt as necessary with education
- Queried how closely LAWPRO worked with Uisce Éireann in working backwards to trace the source when contamination occurred

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald

- Sought details in relation to the €50million grant scheme.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro

- Concurred that there was a need for heightened awareness among all sectors, including Tidy Towns Groups, going into schools to engage with students etc., and the need for a positive approach.
- Sought information in relation to the operation of drainage committees (e.g. Clashawley River Drainage Committee)
- Queried whether a programme was in place to carry out inspections of septic tanks.

Responding to queries, Mr. Coleman noted that every sector was playing its part. He stated that LAWPRO was engaging closely with Uisce Éireann, the latter involved in a major programme of upgrading treatment plants, concentrating initially on major urban centres and working down to smaller settlements over time. He assured that UE was not the sole contributor to the deterioration in water quality and that the present situation was a cumulative impact from all sectors, and it was now vital to turn the tide.

He indicated that the ASSAP programmes (Agricultural Sustainability Support and Advisory Programme) would support water management initiatives, with a budget of €50million directly to farmers and €10million allocated to administration and staffing.

New developments were required to engage with planning authorities demonstrating that their projects incorporated nature-based solutions within their developments to filter and extract pollutants.

**SUSPENSION OF
STANDING ORDERS**

It was proposed by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara and agreed to suspend standing orders at 16:00 in order to complete the current item and conclude consideration of remaining items on the agenda.

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Dr. Fran Igoe elaborated on the types of nature-based solutions employed by means of 'Water-Sensitive Urban Design' and spoke at length about the benefits of same. He noted that many of those elements were incorporated on the N76 Improvement contract, recently completed at Grangemockler and within the ongoing N24 contract at Carrick on Suir. He demonstrated an example of best practice, with rain gardens incorporated in its streetscape by Carlow County Council.

LAWPRO cont'd

In concluding the presentation Mr. Coleman informed that a new Water Officer, Ms. Catherine Seale was now in place to engage with all sectors and communities in this area.

Item 4.5.

District Administrator's Report:

A report was circulated containing updates on the following matters and considered by the councillors;

Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan – R.R.D.F. update

- Tenders for phase 1 received by closing date on 30 June last, currently being examined by evaluation team with a view to awarding contract in the following weeks.
- GLAS Civil Engineering to commence investigative slit trenches within the town centre on 14 August. That would involve 2 no road closures of 1-day's duration for Bridge Street and Chapel Street respectively. Notices to be published and shared on social media channels and traffic management would be in place to minimise disruption to traffic and business. It was noted that most of the works would be carried out on footpaths, rendering minimal impact on traffic movements.
- Phase 2 – Design team [MWP] progressing with detailed design. Consultation carried with Parish Council in relation to Chapel Street/William Street proposals.
- Phase 3 - JCA Architects commenced detailed design for Old Post Office Enterprise and Digital Hub.

Draft Litter Management Plan 2024-2026

The statutory 3-year Litter Management Plan required under Litter Pollution act 1997 (as amended) was due to expire and the public consultation process for the Draft Litter Management Plan 2024 – 2026 had commenced on 24 July and would remain live until 16:30 on Monday 28 August. The Draft Plan would be available (hard copy) at all civic/district offices in the county for that period and was available to view/download on the Council's website with link- <https://consult.tipperarycoco.ie/consultations> with submissions/observations invited from members of the public and from voluntary and representative bodies informing the policy. Submissions could be made (a) in person using a Submission form – available at reception - or (b) online via Tipperary County Councils website – link above; or (c) by written submission (marked Draft Litter Management Plan) to Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer, Environment & Climate Action Section, Civic Offices, Emmet Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary E91 N512, not later than 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 28th August 2023.

It was important to note that only submissions received by the deadline of 4.30 p.m. on the 28th August 2023, would be considered.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME 2024 – 2025

The Meetings Administrator informed that the Council was inviting applications from communities/groups to improve **public roads** on which the Council was not in a position to carry out regular maintenance work. Generally, the roads in question will be low traffic volume minor roads and cul-de-sac roads. The CIS Scheme involved community contributions towards the overall cost of the works currently set at 10% with the balance derived from grants from the Department of Transport.

The application form and explanatory memorandum were circulated and were also available on the Council's website www.tipperarycoco.ie.

It was important to note that,

- **previous applicants were required to re-apply** for consideration for the 2024-2025 scheme.
- The closing date for receipt of fully completed applications was strictly **Tuesday 1 August at 4.30pm** to be submitted
⇒ either by post or delivery to the Roads Department, Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, marked for the attention of Ms. Lisa Noonan,
⇒ or via email to road.schemes@tipperarycoco.ie

Any queries could also be directed to road.schemes@tipperarycoco.ie.

TOWN-VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME – BOG FIELD AMENITY

The Meetings Administrator updated councillors in relation to the Bog Field project at Carrickbeg, which originated with a constraints/feasibility study commissioned at the behest of Councillors D. Dunne and K. Bourke from General Municipal Allocation [GMA] in 2021. The land in ownership of Tirlán (formerly Glanbia) was previously leased to and managed by Carrick on Suir Lions club and recent legalities were finalised to execute a lease and licence in favour of Tipperary County Council.

With a subsequent grant of €90,000 obtained through Town and Village Renewal Scheme in 2022 and match funding of €10,000 secured from Carrick on Suir MD's GMA, it allowed the appointment of Cathal O'Meara Landscape Architects to prepare a design and planting scheme compatible with the natural habitats in the area.

With Eugene Fallon Plant Hire scheduled to commence on-site on Monday 31st July, the Meetings Administrator acknowledged the enthusiastic support for the programme of Messrs Joe Barry, Tirlán Area Manager and his colleague Paddy O'Keeffe, Property Manager who went to great rounds to assist the Council in

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bringing the project to fruition. This was noted and warmly welcomed.

Item 4.6.
**General Municipal
Allocation 2023**

The Meetings Administrator indicated that a grant of €4,750 approved by the Councillors for the Mullinahone Digital Hub would be paid in the following week on 4th August 2023. This was noted and welcomed.

Item 4.7.
**Assistance of Bodies
under Section 66 of the
Local Government Act,
2001:**

The Meetings Administrator stated that there was nothing for consideration under this item

5.0. Chief Executive's / Delegated Employee's Orders

Items 5.1. to 5.9.
**Delegated Employee
Orders:**

The following delegated employee orders were noted;

- 5.1 34400 - Appointment of Punch Consulting for procurement of surveys on the Goldcrop Site, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary.
- 5.2. 34402 – Appointment of OHSS Safety Consultants to carry out an asbestos demolition survey and lead survey on the Goldcrop site, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary.

The Meetings Administrator informed that the above surveys were completed and would inform a Part 8 Planning Process to come before the members in due course, seeking permission to demolish all of the buildings on the site. This was noted.
- 5.3. 34403 – Appointment of Metro Scan to carry out a GPR survey at Stable Lane, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary.
- 5.4. 34404 – Appointment of Metro Scan to carry out a topographical survey at Stable lane, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary.
- 5.5. 34426 – Section 254 Licence – Fingerpost signage for Cloneen National School.
- 5.6. 34450 – Section 254 Licence – Placement of tables and chairs on the public footpath located at Kiersey Place, Westgate, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary.

Items 5.1. to 5.9
cont'd:

- 5.7. 34453 - Section 254 Licence - Placement of tables and chairs on the public footpath located at the Lazy Cow Coffee House, 63 Main Street, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary.
- 5.8. 34457 - Section 254 Licence - Placement of tables and chairs on the public footpath located outside the Junction Bar and Bistro, 1 New Street, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary.
- 5.9. 34622 - Section 254 Licence - placement of tables and chairs on the public footpath located at Sunnyside Café, 89 Main Street, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary.

6.0. Correspondence

Item 6.1.
Correspondence

Email correspondence from Tipperary Sports Partnership was circulated for information purposes concerning Child Protection Workshops to be held for persons in sporting organisations and noted by the members.

7.0. Notices of Motion

Item 7.1.
Notice of Motion 2263
Cllr. I. Goldsboro

The following notice of motion 2263, was -

Proposed by Cllr. I. Goldsboro,

Seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara and unanimously agreed.

"Under Carrick on Suir Municipal District, I am asking that an application under Town and Village Renewal scheme for funding for a design plan for Glengoole Village be submitted."

In response to same, the Meetings Administrator circulated a report which indicated that the details of the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2023 were released on Friday 21 July 2023 with an indicative budget of €15million. The scheme would accept 5 no. applications in total from County Tipperary with available grants ranging from a minimum of €20,000 to €250,000 maximum in the case of four no. projects, and a maximum of €500,000 funding for one project. The development of any proposals must be undertaken in consultation with local town/village community and business interests.

It was noted that recent consultations undertaken at Ballingarry, Killenaule and Mullinahone in May of this year were carried out with a view to devising enhancement/town centre first plans in

time to steer towards applications under town and village scheme under this present call; the closing date for receipt of expressions of interest was 12:00 noon on Thursday 21 September 2023, with an evaluation of all proposals undertaken to shortlist the five projects going forward from the county.

Given the prevailing limit of 5 applications from the county as a whole, it was considered preferable to prioritise T&V applications from the above three centres in the current year where plans had been progressed and adopted by the members. However, a further rollout of enhancement/town centre first plans was proposed for 2024 and she concluded that Glengoole Village would be included in that next phase.

Cllr. Goldsboro accepted the report.

8.0. Any Other Business

**Item 8.1.
Call on Minister for
Social Protection re
Child Benefit:**

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. I. Goldsboro put forward a motion seeking support of her colleagues for Carrick on Suir Municipal District to write to the Minister for Social Protection in advance of the impending budget -

"seeking to have child benefit extended to 18-year-olds in order to address the anomaly, where many of this cohort sitting leaving certificate were not eligible for supports whereas those attending third level institutes were eligible for SUSI grants. This situation obtained as a result of the prevailing practice of starting children in primary school at age five years rather than at age four as in previous years."

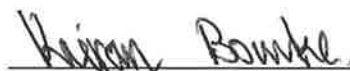
The motion was seconded by Cllr D. Dunne and unanimously agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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District Administrator.



Cathaoirleach.

28 September 2023

