

**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, 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2019.**

**Present:** Councillor Richie Molloy, Mayor  
Councillor Martin Lonergan  
Councillor Siobhán Ambrose  
Councillor Marie Murphy  
Councillor Pat English  
Councillor Andy Moloney  
Councillor Micháel Anglim  
Councillor Michael Murphy  
Councillor Catherine Carey

**In attendance:** Ms. Sinead Carr, District Manager  
Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Senior Engineer  
Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator  
Ms. Marie O'Donnell, Staff Officer

**Also in attendance:** Mr. Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, Housing  
Mr. Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer,  
Housing  
Ms. Marie McMahon, County Museum Curator

**Item 1.1 – Minutes**

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 were proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy and agreed.

**Item 2.1 – Attendance of Representatives from Housing Directorate**

Mr. Jim Dillon and Mr. Sean Lonergan circulated a district briefing note to Members detailing key issues relating to the Housing Directorate under the following headings:-

- Housing Construction in Clonmel Borough District
- Housing Allocations 2019
- House Purchases 2019
- Buy and Renew Purchases 2019
- RAS and Leasing 2019
- HAP 2019
- Housing applicants and vacant houses
- Breakdown of 53 vacant houses in Clonmel Borough District
- Offers of Tenancy
- Approved Housing Applicants in Clonmel Borough District
- Housing Loan Applications to date 2019
- Tenant Purchase Scheme up to date 2019

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- All members of Clonmel Borough District acknowledge the huge volume of work involved in the Housing Section and the high standard in which it is carried out.
- The 26 houses in Glenconnor, Clonmel were to be built in the last 10 years are the housing directorate confident that this will be done by 2020
- There are 826 approved applicants waiting for houses and 53 vacant houses, the market is not catering for these people. Under the HAP Scheme people in the district cannot afford the type of rents being asked.
- Housing adaptation grants for private houses are welcome as it allows people to stay longer in their own homes.
- What is the timeframe on the turnaround of vacant houses?
- What are the main reasons why an applicant was turned down for a Rebuilding Ireland home loan?
- What is the maximum that can be drawn down as a home loan under the current scheme?
- When will the windows and doors scheme be carried out as there are a lot of houses that would benefit from the scheme and are in need of repair?
- The turnaround is slow on houses handed back to the council which may require minimal works; can this be examined to review the procedure so that works can be completed faster on these properties?
- Is there any update on the Tennant Purchase Scheme?
- Can applications for loans be applied for throughout the year or is there a timeframe or deadline for applications to be submitted?
- When an applicant is turned down for a home loan how long do they have to wait before they can apply again?
- Can any further assistance be given to HAP applicants who are struggling to meet the rent payments required?

**Members' queries and issues were responded to as follows:**

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- Rebuilding Ireland home loans – approval has been given to continue to take in applications for home loans and the Council has not stopped taking them in to date.
- The main reasons that home loans have been turned down are that applicant's income is not sufficient, no savings pattern and credit checks by housing agency have come back not in the applicant's favour.
- There is a 12-month waiting period before they can apply again for a home loan.
- The Council have not been allocating money for the windows and doors scheme. Housing adaptation grants are the only grants currently been processed by the Housing Section.
- With regards to the 26 houses being built in Glenconnor, the construction is only one element of Rebuilding Ireland. There are other elements such as long term leases, RAS, HAP, etc.

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- There are 1800 active HAP tenants and is very successful in County Tipperary compared with similar sized counties.
- The Council can offer a 20% discretionary increase to HAP applicants and there is a maximum of 30% available in exceptional circumstances.
- €747 is the average rental price for a 3-bedroom house in the town of Clonmel which are at the same levels as 15 years ago. While auctioneers' websites may be advertising amounts greater than this figure that does not mean that they will get what they are asking as the Council negotiate prices with landlords and have been successful in this regard.

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

**Item 3.1 – Presentation on the refurbishment of Tipperary County Museum by Ms. Marie McMahon, Museum Curator**

Ms Marie McMahon presented an update to Clonmel Borough District Members on activities and projects in the County Museum and other initiatives in Clonmel :-

- Flights of Discovery, with a theme of follow the bees – attracting visitors and increasing revenue in the town of Clonmel
- Main elements – Dowd's Lane, County Museum, West Gate, River Suir
- Visitors – how we compare with other counties
- A hidden gem – what visitors will find to do in the town
- Museum Themes and Stories – Primary Interpretive Themes
- World Class Exhibitions
- It was confirmed to all Members that the Museum would be closed for a short period to facilitate upgrade works being carried out at the building.

Museum staff will continue to engage with and deliver programmes with schools and other groups during the closure.

**Issues Raised by Members:-**

- All members of the Clonmel Borough District congratulated Ms. McMahon and all the staff of the Museum for their commitment and work carried out in the Museum and in the wider community.
- It was noted that a manuscript from the period 1692 – 1711 from Clonmel Town Council which included minutes of meetings was appearing as a lot in the White's Auction being held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Members of the Clonmel Borough District expressed an interest in purchasing this manuscript if funds are available.

**Item 3.2 – Reports of Officers**

The District Administrator's report was circulated to Members with the meeting agenda and the item dealing with the extension of Clonmel CCTV Scheme was referenced and further information and maps were circulated of the three

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additional areas proposed to be covered by the scheme which include Suir Island, Kickham Barracks site (Davis Road section) and Heywood Road (north). Consultation has taken place with residents, property owners and organisations and there is support for the installation of new CCTV cameras at these locations. In line with the Policy Paper on CCTV Provision in Public Places the scheme extensions will be brought to the Tipperary Joint Policing Committee (JPC) for approval. The Council will continue to act as data controller for this scheme due to existing legislation and GDPR requirements and an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be drawn up between TCC and An Garda Síochána.

The proposal to extend the Clonmel CCTV Scheme to include Suir Island, Kickham Barracks site (Davis Road section) and Heywood Road (north) was proposed by Cllr. Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. English and agreed by all Members.

**The following items were raised by Members –**

- It was noted by all Members that St Patrick's Day was a huge success in the town and the numbers of people who attended the event was attributed by the hard work involved in organising same.
- Is there any update on the Musgrave property in Market Place?
- Can the District Administrator follow up with Aldi regarding their expansion plans in Clonmel?
- Water outages today in the town again - can the Council meet with Irish Water Management and discuss the current situation as the outages are happening more frequently and with little or no warning in most cases. There is a workshop scheduled in April but there needs to be a meeting held to discuss the issues and concerns raised by members of the public.
- Is there any date set for works to start in Mitchell Street on the paving in the street?
- Is there any update on the pedestrian crossing at the Old Bridge?

**Members' queries were responded to and agreed as follows:**

- The Town Engineer met with residents in the Old Bridge area and has agreed to relocate of the refuge island. A new pedestrian crossing will not be installed.
- The Council intend on closing off Mitchell Street to traffic and deliveries as this is causing major issues with damage to paving on the street. Discussions will commence with businesses and affected people in early April with the view to closing the street to vehicles at a later stage.
- The District Administrator will follow up in relation to Market Place.

**Item 3.3 – Consideration of Schedule of Proposed District Works 2019**

The schedule of proposed district works 2019 was circulated to all members by the District Engineer. The works were proposed by Councillor Michael Murphy and seconded by Councillor Pat English.

**Item 3.4 – Adoption of General Municipal Allocation 2019**

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Details of the 2019 general municipal allocation (GMA) project proposals were circulated to all members by the District Administrator. The GMA as recommended was proposed by Councillor Pat English and seconded by Councillor Micheal Anglim.

**Item 3.5 Update on Festival and Events for 2019 and approval of applications for 2019**

A report on applications received under the 2019 Tipperary Festivals and Events Scheme was circulated to all members by the District Administrator with recommendations on the allocation of grants under the premier, municipal and community categories. The grant allocations were proposed by Councillor Marie Murphy and seconded by Councillor Micheal Anglim.

**Item 4.1 – Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders**

The Chief Executive Orders for the period up to the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 were noted.

**Item 5.1 – Consideration of the following Notices of Motion**

**Motion 1589 was proposed by Cllr. Andy Moloney**

Following on from the improved road works in New Inn village, that this council now move to the next part of the public realm and re-energise the village square/field.

**Reply:** Funding has not been identified for these proposed works in 2019.

***The motion was seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan.***

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

**Motion 1601 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Anglim**

I call on the Council to hold a free day for disposing of tyres in the Clonmel - Cahir Municipal area to help prevent the dumping of tyres in our beautiful countryside.

**Reply:** A national initiative to recycle tyres was rolled out in September 2018, where over half a million car tyres were recycled at 5 collection points around the country including Monard, Co Tipperary. Tipperary County Council will be happy to promote the initiative if it is re-launched in 2019.

***The motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy***

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

**Motion 1623 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English**

To request the Minister for Education to provide an A.S.D. Unit at Primary School level in Clonmel.

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**Reply:** Subject to approval of the Members, Clonmel Borough District will write to the Department of Education in relation to this matter.

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

**Motion 1624 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English**

That Clonmel Borough District include the L6505-O at Baptistgrange, Lisronagh in the 2019 Road Works Programme, and also that road no. signs be erected on the L6505-O.

**Reply:** This location is in the Carrick-on-Suir MD and has been referred to them.

**Motion 1625 was proposed by Cllr Michael Murphy**

Having regard to the Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme and the decision in 2017 by the members to enhance 11 such roundabouts in the Clonmel area, that the District Engineer or Administrator would provide an update on plans for this year. The public reaction to improvement and enhancement works carried out on the Carrigeen & Toberaheena roundabouts in 2017 has been very positive.

**Reply:** Works completed to roundabouts at Toberaheena, Carrigeen, Moangarriff and Burgagery in 2018.

Cahir Road roundabout in Clonmel and the Tipperary Road roundabout in Cahir are planned to be enhanced in 2019.

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

**Motion 1626 was proposed by Cllr Siobhan Ambrose**

That under Clonmel Borough District Councils 2019 Roads Programme, that consideration is given for the re-surfacing of the road in the first cul de sac in Glenconnor, just after Shanavine Way.

**Reply:** This road will be inspected by the Town Engineer and considered for inclusion on a future works programme.

*The motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Anglim*

*The reply to the motion was noted.*

**Motion 1627 was proposed by Cllr Siobhan Ambrose**

That Clonmel Borough District Council looks at speed ramps or some kind of traffic calming on the road up to the Rugby Club as a means of slowing down the traffic coming around the bend at the top of this road which is a black spot area for drivers. There was another accident at this location this week.

**Reply:** This will be inspected by the Town Engineer.

*The motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Anglim*

*The reply to the motion was noted.*

**Motion 1628 was proposed by Cllr Richie Molloy**

That Clonmel Borough District would install a solar Panel Speed sign on the N24 between Bulmer's Roundabout and the Moangarriff Roundabout as you come in

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to Clonmel from the Waterford side in order to combat the excessive speed on this section of Road.

**Reply:** This is a national route and installation of such signs is a matter for TII. Enforcement of the statutory speed limits needs to be carried out by An Garda Síochána in the first instance.

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

**Motion 1629 was proposed by Cllr Michael Murphy**

That under the 2019 Clonmel Discretionary Works Programme for 2019 and having regard to it's appalling condition, consideration is given to re-surfacing the short car track to the rear of the terrace of houses on King Street. The entrance to the track is from Fr. Matthew Terrace.

**Reply:** Resurfacing of the laneway behind house numbers 12 to 18 King Street is proposed and planned for 2019.

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

**Motion 1630 was proposed by Cllr Richie Molloy**

That Clonmel Borough District ask the HSE to engage with local clergy with a view to overcoming GDPR regulations that are preventing the clergy from visiting parishioners in South Tipperary General Hospital as has always been the practice

**Reply:** Subject to the approval of the Members, Clonmel Borough District will write to South Tipperary General Hospital in relation to this matter.

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

**Motion 1631 was proposed by Cllr Michael Murphy**

That the District would erect a flashing speed sign on the Waterford Road approaching the Moangarriff Roundabout. A significant amount of bollards were erected recently at this location but local businesses and residents remain hugely concerned with speeding traffic.

**Reply:** This is a national route and installation of such signs is a matter for TII. Enforcement of the statutory speed limits needs to be carried out by An Garda Síochána in the first instance.

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

**Motion 1632 was proposed by Cllr Martin Lonergan**

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That Clonmel Borough District would liaise with Water Services Section/Irish Water to have improvement works carried out on the Water Pump House located in Goatenbridge on the Mountain Road

**Reply:** The Clonmel Borough District staff will liaise with Irish Water on this matter

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

**Motion 1633 was proposed by Cllr Martin Lonergan**

That Clonmel Borough District would carry out safety works or install a mini roundabout at the junction of the L-7317-0 and the L-33132 (beside Post Office) in Ballyporeen Village. The junction layout is currently confusing and dangerous.

**Reply:** The Area Engineer will examine the location and investigate options.

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

**Motion 1634 was proposed by Cllr Martin Lonergan**

That Clonmel Borough District would remove a section of roadside ditch on the L3501-2, Goatenbridge to Ardfinnan Road from the Glenview Lounge towards Ardfinnan on the right hand side to the first house on the left. The section of road in question is extremely narrow and dangerous when exiting the Glenview Lounge.

**Reply:** The Area Engineer will examine this location. The nature and extent of the works required may deem it suitable for a future Low Cost Safety scheme. The landowner(s) would need to give lands over to facilitate any works here.

***The motion was seconded by Councillor Micheal Anglim  
The reply to the motion was noted.***

**Motion 1642 was proposed by Cllr Siobhan Ambrose**

That Clonmel Borough District Council writes to the T.I.I. (Traffic Infrastructure Ireland) the need for an outer ring road for Clonmel. This would eliminate the current high volume of traffic on the by-pass particularly at peak times. It would also reduce the long tailbacks of traffic on both the Cashel Road (Ard Gaoithe Hill) and the Fethard Roads. In the meantime could the Council look at the possibility of an extra filter lane at both the Cashel Road (Ard Gaoithe Hill side) roundabout and the Fethard Road Roundabout in order to alleviate some of these long traffic tailbacks.

**Reply:** Roads Capital Office is currently examining the geometry of both of these roundabouts as part of the Clonmel Bypass Pavement Scheme which is due to be constructed later in 2019. The solution will maximise throughput capacity while endeavouring to improve pedestrian safety.

Subject to approval of the Members, Clonmel Borough District will write to the T.I.I. and the Department of Transport in relation to this matter.

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***The motion was seconded by Councillor Catherine Carey  
The reply to the motion was noted.***

**Motion 1637 was proposed by Cllr Marie Murphy**

That Clonmel Borough District would complete the footpath from St Mary's National School to the forestry entrance on the road to the Vee, further to my previous motion of October, 2017. This would facilitate walkers to access the many looped walks in the area.

**Reply:** The extension of this footpath will require additional funding. An application under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme will be made in 2019.

***The motion was seconded by Councillor Micheal Anglim.  
The reply to the motion was noted.***

**Item 6.1 – Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

There was a vote of sympathy for Mr. Pat Holland, Water Services, on the death of his brother Michael Holland and also Ms. Helen Cahill, Environment Section, whose grandfather Jackie Fahey (former TD for Waterford and South Tipperary) recently died.

There was a vote of congratulation to Cahir Park AFC c/o Paul Conway, Mortlestown, Cahir on the achievement of Cahir Park's youths winning the league and cup double recently.

**Item 8.1 – Any other business**

A motion was proposed by Cllr. Pat English and seconded by Cllr. Andy Moloney that Clonmel Borough District to write to Minister John Paul Phelan to review the decision to change the Clonmel Borough District boundary.

Following a vote taken by members of Clonmel Borough District the motion was deemed passed with 7 votes in favour and 2 against.

Councillor Richie Molloy	– in favour of motion
Councillor Martin Lonergan	– in favour of motion
Councillor Pat English	– in favour of motion
Councillor Andy Moloney	– in favour of motion
Councillor Catherine Carey	– in favour of motion
Councillor Michael Murphy	– against motion
Councillor Marie Murphy	– in favour of motion
Councillor Micheal Anglim	– in favour of motion
Councillor Siobhan Ambrose	– against motion

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor of Clonmel Borough District**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**District Administrator**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_