

**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, 20TH NOVEMBER, 2019.**

Present: Councillor Garret Ahearn, Mayor
Councillor Siobhán Ambrose
Councillor Richie Molloy
Councillor Niall P Dennehy

In attendance: Ms. Sinéad Carr, District Manager
Ms. Gillian Flynn, Executive Engineer
Mr. Michael Moroney, District Administrator
Ms. Marie O'Donnell, Staff Officer
Ms. Georgina O'Loughlin, A/Assistant Staff Officer

Also in attendance: Mr. Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer
Mr. Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer
Ms. Nicola Keating, Executive Engineer
Mr. Brian Beck, Senior Planner
Ms. Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Jonathan Flood, District Planner
Mr. Fergal Condon, Staff Officer

Apologies: Councillor Pat English
Councillor Michael Murphy

Item 1.1 – Minutes of October monthly meeting

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 16th October, 2019, as presented, were proposed by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Richie Molloy, and agreed by all.

Matters Arising: Cllr. Niall P. Dennehy sought an update on his notice of motions (no. 1761 and no. 1762). Mr. Michael Moroney, District Administrator confirmed that motion no. 1761 had been forwarded to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government for a response and that regarding motion no. 1762 that Cllr. Dennehy needed to liaise directly with the Council's Finance Directorate for any further information he is seeking on same.

Item 3.1 – Strategic Housing Development at Crann Ard, Fethard Road, Clonmel (Planning Directorate to attend)

With the permission of the Members, item 3.1 was taken at this point.

A presentation was made by the Planning Directorate regarding the proposed Strategic Housing Development at Crann Ard, Fethard Road, Clonmel which is the subject of an application under the terms of the relevant legislation to An Bord Pleanála.

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Members were advised that comments/observations they wished to make on the application would be included in the submission by Tipperary County Council to An Bord Pleanála regarding the application.

The views of the Elected Members on the proposed Strategic Housing Development (SHD) at Crann Ard, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, as expressed can be summarised as follows:

- New housing development in Clonmel is welcomed however it is important that any new residential development on the subject site is of an appropriate density and layout,
- Concern expressed in relation to the density of the proposed development which is circa 37 units/ha and which is well in excess of the guided density included in the Clonmel and Environs Development Plan 2013, as varied, of 17 units/ha for these lands. It is considered inappropriate to apply the same density standards to proposed residential development in Dublin and Clonmel.
- The ability of the N24 including the Fethard Road Roundabout, the R689 Clonmel – Fethard Regional Road and the existing estate entrance to cater to an additional 217 residential units was identified as an issue of serious concern. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) advised a delegation of County Council Elected Members on the 5th November 2019 that the N24 is at capacity.

Item 2.1 – Attendance of Rep from Housing Directorate

Mr. Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, Mr. Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer and Ms Nicola Keating, Executive Engineer referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Housing Directorate.

Key issues included:

- Housing Construction
- Housing Grant Allocations 2019
- House Purchases 2019
- Buy and Renew Purchases 2019
- Housing Loan Applications 01/01/2019 to 31/10/2019
- Tenant Purchase Scheme 01/01/2019 to 31/10/2019
- RAS and Leasing 2019
- HAP 2019
- Housing Applicants and Vacant Houses
- Breakdown of 33 Vacant houses
- Offer of Tenancy
- Approved Housing Applicants.

The following queries were raised by members:

- Members acknowledged the great work that has been carried out in the housing section to date, given the staff available and the sensitive nature of the work involved. It was also acknowledged that the current number of applicants of 652 was a sizeable number to deal with and that it imposes a lot of pressure to the work load.

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- Adaptation grants for residents of local authority houses is still an ongoing issued as the funding available for these type of houses is much lower than what is being made available by the Department for privately owned houses. Can we as a Local Authority do something about this issue? It was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy and seconded by Cllr. Garret Ahearn that the Council would write to the Minister regarding the members' concerns in this area.
- Is there an attempt by Central Government to remove the housing function from local authorities (reference was made to recent comments by the Minister)?
- What is the time frame for dealing with vacant houses, can they be turned around quicker if there is very little work to be done when a tenant vacates?
- How near are we to offering houses to tenants for the Glenconnor Housing Development?
- What is the situation with the two houses on Queen Street that are boarded up for many years, has anything been done about these houses to date?

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

- Sinéad Carr, Director of Services stated that TCC exceeded its 2018 target for new build and expected to do similarly this year. When local authorities are provided with the supports and finance, the local authorities can do as good a job as any structure.
- Will be examining void turnaround process in 2020 to determine if efficiencies can be made.
- The Housing Section has made many representations to the Department for increased funding for adaptation grants for its own social housing stock. An increase has never been forthcoming to date.
- It was confirmed that no house which comes back to TCC is easy to pass on to a new tenant. Approximately €5,000 to €8,000 on average is spent on a house to bring it up to modern standard to re-let.
- There are 26 houses being built in Glenconnor and it is expected that some of the 26 will become available for letting in Q1.
- Attempts have been made to purchase the houses on Queen Street.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, Mr. Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer and Ms. Nicola Keating, Executive Engineer from the Housing Directorate for their attendance and report.

Item 3.2 – Report of District Administrator

The District Administrator report was circulated to Members with the agenda and the following queries were raised by Members:

- What is the current status of the Old Museum on Parnell Street?
- Is there an update on the Clonmel Arms development?
- Has there been any progress with regards Clonmel becoming an Autism friendly town, has contact been made with AsIam?
- What is happening to the former Clonmel Foods site off Convent Road?
- What type of development is going on in the site behind Glas Civil's compound on N24 works?

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Members' queries were responded to as follows:

- The sale of the Old Museum is complete and is subject to certain conditions which will be monitored by the County Council's Property Section.
- The update on the Clonmel Arms is that the developer is continuing to examine costing/pricing for the proposed development.
- Information just received from the AsIam organisation will be passed on to Cllr Siobhán Ambrose in order for a community-led group to be formed and for same to progress the autism friendly town initiative.
- The Council will identify the owners of the former Clonmel Foods site off Convent Road and seek information from them.
- The Council will identify the owners of the site behind Glas Civils compound on the N24 and seek information from them.

Item 3.3 – Report of District Engineer

The District Engineer report was circulated to Members with the agenda and the following queries were raised by Members:

- Members asked for the reasons for the surfacing works on the N24, as they are being asked this question from members of the public.
- What the current position was with regards the construction of a columbarium in St Patrick's Cemetery.
- With regards to the pavement scheme currently been carried out on the N24, can the District advise if there will be a break in the works around the Christmas period?
- What is the update on the Urban Design Part 8 process?

Members' queries were responded to as follows:

- There will be a stop on the N24 works on the carriageway from the 6th December. Drainage works will continue as this will cause no problem to traffic flow.
- The consultants are to come back to the Council in December with the preferred option for the urban design and then the next stage is commencement of the Part 8.
- The District Engineer will check with the TII for clarity on the reason for the pavement scheme works on the N24 inner relief road, Clonmel.
- The status of funding for the new Columbarium for Clonmel will be followed up and an update will be given to the members on same.

Item 4.1 – Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders

The Chief Executive Orders for the period up to the 15th November, 2019 were noted.

Item 5.1-5.6 – Consideration of the following Notices of Motion

Cllr Pat English's Motion 1775, in his absence and at his request, was proposed by Richie Molloy

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That Clonmel Borough District look at providing additional traffic calming measures in Bianconi Drive, Clonmel as cars, vans and trucks pass through this estate at high speed.

Reply: This location will be examined in accordance with Tipperary County Council's Traffic Calming Policy.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr. Niall P Dennehy
The reply to the motion was noted.***

Cllr Michael Murphy's Motion 1788, in his absence and at his request, was proposed by Cllr. Garret Ahearn

That Killusty Village would be considered under a "Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme" having regard to the safety concerns of local residents, in particular around the School and Church.

Reply: Killusty Village will be considered for inclusion in the overall application for Low Cost Safety Schemes in 2021.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr. Richie Molloy
The reply to the motion was noted.***

Motion 1789 was proposed by Cllr Richie Molloy

That Clonmel Municipal District would erect a gate at the laneway in Albert Street and provide keys to the residents to prevent anti social behaviour in the lane way which has been a constant issue over many years and residents had been promised a gate in the last term of Clonmel Borough District Council.

Reply: The District Engineer met with local residents recently and will update the members at the next meeting.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr. Niall P Dennehy
The reply to the motion was noted.***

Motion 1794 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

That Clonmel Borough District Council again lobbies the National Roads Authority for funding for the provision of a roundabout at the top of the Heywood Road on the Frank Drohan bypass. This roundabout could be included in their current extensive works project on the bypass. In addition, could we also look again at the possibility of sourcing funding for the provision of public lighting on the cycle/walk track on the bypass.

Reply: A meeting was held between Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the Council's delegated Elected Members and Senior Roads personnel on the 5th of November last. The Heywood Road junction was discussed at this meeting and it was confirmed that the project is being managed by the Road Safety Division of TII and the Council's Roads Capital Section. The Council's Roads Capital Section is currently reviewing design options, one being a roundabout.

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An update will be provided to the Council once available. The District Engineer will examine funding source options for public lighting with the TII inspector.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr. Richie Molloy
The reply to the motion was noted.***

Motion 1795 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

That sections of the road network in Highfield Grove are re-surfaced.

Reply: This section of roadway will be surveyed by the District Engineer and considered for inclusion in the 2020 Discretionary Improvement Works, subject to condition and funding.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr. Richie Molloy
The reply to the motion was noted.***

Motion 1796 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

That sections of the road network in both the centre of Killusty Village and on the approach roads into the village are re-surfaced.

Reply: 1.8km of the road network in the centre of Killusty Village and the approaches were adopted in the 2018 Road Works Programme. These roads are scheduled for completion in 2020.

***The motion was seconded by Cllr. Richie Molloy
The reply to the motion was noted.***

6.1 – Correspondence

- Letter to Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government
- Acknowledgment from Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government
- Email from District Administrator to AsIam

All correspondence was noted.

Item 7.1 – Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

A vote of congratulations for Clonmel Commercials GAA Club on reaching the Munster Club Senior Football Final.

A vote of congratulations for Mary Doran, Clashganny, Newcastle, Clonmel on being awarded Tipperary Carer of the Year.

A vote of sympathy for Mrs. Nellie Phelan RIP, mother-in-law of Cllr. Niall P Dennehy. Mrs. Nellie Phelan passed away 24th October 2019.

Item 8.1 – Any other business

None

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Signed: 
Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Date: 19/12/2019

Signed: 
District Administrator

Date: 19/12/2019



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