

Monthly Meeting of the Members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held in the District Chamber, Municipal District Office, Carrick-on-Suir at 2:00pm on the 24th January 2019.

- In the Chair:** Cllr. Kevin O'Meara
- Members Present:** Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Cllr. David Dunne, Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro
- Present:** Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald.
- Apologies:** Cllr. Louise McLoughlin
- In Attendance:** Mr Martin Nolan, District Administrator, Mr Willie Corby, District Engineer, Ms Liz McGrath, Staff Officer, Ms. Anne Dunne, Asst. Staff Officer, Mr Michael F. Hayes, Senior Engineer, Roads Directorate, Ms. Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Environment Directorate, Ms. Cora Morrissey, Administrative Officer, Environment Directorate.

1.0 Welcome

- Item 1.1** The summons was taken as read.
- Summons and Prayer On the proposal of Cllr. Kieran Bourke, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, Cllr. Kevin O'Meara took the chair in the absence of Cllr. Louise McLoughlin.
- Cllr. Kevin O'Meara welcomed Councillor Mark Fitzgerald to his first meeting of the members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District. The other members joined in welcoming Cllr. Fitzgerald, as did the District Administrator on behalf of the staff.

2.0 Minutes of Meetings

- Item 2.1** The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 20th
- Minutes of December, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kieran
- Monthly Meeting Bourke seconded by Cllr. David Dunne and were signed by
- 20/12/2018 the acting Cathaoirleach.

Item 2.2

Minutes of special meeting.

The minutes of the special meeting held on the 18th January 2019 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. Kevin O'Meara and were signed by the acting Cathaoirleach.

3.0 Corporate/Organisational Issues

Item 3.1

Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

The office of District Leas Cathaoirleach has been vacant since the death of Cllr. John Fahey.

Cllr. Kevin O'Meara was proposed by Cllr. Kieran Bourke and seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro.

As there were no other candidates, Cllr. Kevin O'Meara was declared elected.

4.0 Attendance of Directorate

Item 4.1

Update by Environment Directorate

A report on the activity undertaken by the Environment Directorate in the district was circulated by Ms Marion O'Neill and the main points of the report were outlined.

Members raised issues as follows:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Measures to curb dog fouling.
- Resources for enforcement to ensure that households have adequate waste management arrangements in place.
- Noise pollution from beer gardens.

Cllr. David Dunne

- Welcomed the dog fouling initiatives.
- Welcomed the engagement with the owners of horses.
- Called for a bigger effort on derelict sites.
- Called for an initiative on single use plastics.
- Asked what the policy was on abandoned cars.
- Complimented the workers on the Council's Community Employment Scheme on their work.
- Called for the provision of a recycling centre in Carrick-on-Suir.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Supported the use of single use plastics.
- Thanked the directorate for their work in supporting Tidy Towns groups.
- Asked for further work in schools in relation to environmental issues.
- Called for enforcement on littering.
- Called for communal skips.
- Asked about the litter picking street sweeper.

Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald

- Supported the need for a recycling centre in Carrick-on-Suir.

Ms O'Neill responded as follows:

- The pilot project in Clonmel related to the use of high visibility signs and would be rolled out to the other towns in the county in 2019.
- Bye laws had been adopted in relation to waste management services, and would be enforced. There was one environmental patrol officer per municipal district to enforce the byelaws.
- Legislation was in place to control noise pollution and enforcement would be carried out on a case by case basis.

- Enforcement of derelict sites was based on interaction with the owner on the basis of a technical report.
- In relation to abandoned cars, a notice is placed on the vehicle, following which the vehicle is removed.
- Two officers are employed to interact with schools on environmental matters.
- Collections were organised by the council for farm plastics and electrical waste, but the policy of the Council was to encourage the use of bring centres.

5.0 Consideration of Reports

Item 5.1

District Engineer's Report

The District Engineer circulated a report on progress of the implementation of the schedule of municipal district works.

He mentioned that the closing date for applications for the Local Improvement Scheme and the Community Improvement Scheme was the 31 January, 2019.

The members raised issues as follows:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- The condition of the old Roads Depot at North Quay, Carrick-on-Suir.
- The condition of the surface of the N24 through Carrick-on-Suir.

Cllr. David Dunne

- Asked for signage directing motorists to the Strand Lane Car Park.
- Asked about proposals for Dillon Bridge, particularly railings, and the removal of ivy.
- Asked about railings at the railway bridge at the Pill Road Carrick-on-Suir and the cleaning of a wall at the Pill Road.
- Asked if the proposed works in Killenaule would be in phases.

- Asked about the maintenance of the marina in Carrick-on-Suir.
- Asked about the street cleaning arrangements in Carrick-on-Suir.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Asked about street cleaning in villages.
- Asked that the road between Glengoole and the bog strip be addressed as soon as possible.

The District Engineer responded as follows:

- Additional works on the N24 in Carrick-on-Suir including new footpaths and crossings were being priced and would be submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- The contribution on the Local and Community Improvement Schemes was 10% or 15% depending on the size of the scheme.
- Work on Dillon Bridge included the removal of vegetation and repair of railings. Details were included in the notice published for NATURA consent.
- The repair of railings on the Pill Road was included in the proposals for the N24.
- The cleaning of a wall on the Pill Road would be examined.
- Works on the Killenaule footpaths will be executed in a single phase.
- Street cleaning in Carrick-on-Suir on Saturday had been suspended.
- Street cleaning in the villages would be determined as part of the schedule of municipal district works.
- Proposals for road works would be included in the schedule of municipal district works.

Item 5.2

Flooding in
Carrick-on-Suir

The District Engineer informed the meeting that the following projects were underway in relation to the Flood Defence Scheme in Carrick-on-Suir:

The OPW has been asked to fund an audit of the flood defences, with a view to bringing them up to a one-in-one hundred year standard.

2. An OPW minor works scheme has been applied for the Mill River between the River Suir and the railway embankment in Carrick-on-Suir, in order to improve the defences around Markievicz Terrace, Mill Street and the former mart.

3. An OPW minor works scheme has been applied for in relation to the culverted stream at Rackhill, Carrick-on-Suir, to prevent flooding at South Quay.

4. An application has been made to Transport Infrastructure Ireland to fund a trash screen on the Pill Stream at Clareen to protect the new culvert on the N24 from blockages.

5. The earthen embankment at the junction of the N24 and North Quay and opposite No. 85 Treacy Park will be raised by a small amount by the end of February, 2019.

6. The vulnerability of the flood defence pumps to power cuts is being investigated, to ensure a fully robust system.

7. The levels of control panels for pumping stations have been raised to prevent power outages during flood events.

8. The storm water gullies at Strand Lane Car Park have been redirected to the flood pumps to separate storm water from the sewer and reduce the possibility of surcharging.

9. A scheme to replace old sewers at Oven Lane and Strand Lane has been designed and agreed with Irish Water and an instruction to proceed with this work is awaited.

10. Irish Water has been asked to review the pumping capacity of the Main Drainage Scheme in Carrick-on-Suir.

11. Drainage gullies throughout the town will be maintained on an on-going basis.

12 The Flood Defence scheme will be maintained on an on-going basis.

In response to a question from Cllr. Kieran Bourke, the District Administrator clarified that the Office of Public Works were being asked to fund an audit of the Flood Defence Scheme only.

Item 5.3

District
Administrator's
Report:

The District Administrator brought the following issues to the attention of the members:

- The Planning and Water Services Directorate will be attending at the February meeting.
- A schedule outlining the attendance of directorates at the District Meeting was circulated.
- A planning date of the 1st of May, 2019 had been agreed with the Christian Brothers for a civic reception. The reception will take place at 11:30am.

Item 5.4
District Tidy Towns
Award

A report on a proposed District Tidy Towns Award had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro , seconded by Cllr. Kieran Bourke and agreed as follows:

"In accordance with section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and being of the opinion that it is the interest of the local community to do so, awards be made as follows in due course to Tidy Towns Committees in the district at the time the results are announced for those who achieve the following in the National Tidy Towns Competition:

1. Biggest increase in points in Category A, €500
2. Best new entrant in Category A (or second best increase if no new entrant), €500.
3. Biggest increase in points, all other categories, €500.
4. Best new entrant in all other categories (or second best increase if no new entrant), €500.
5. Best score in the district, €1,000.
6. Runner up in the district, €500.

The prize fund is to be funded from the General Municipal Allocation"

Item 5.5
District
Community Grants
Scheme

A report on a proposed District Community Grants Scheme had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kieran Bourke , seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and agreed as follows:

"In accordance with section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and being of the opinion that it is the interest of the local community to do so, the Community Grants Scheme circulated be adopted, and the sum of €29,598 be allocated to the scheme from the General Municipal Allocation."

Item 5.6
Assistance of
Bodies under S.66
of the Local
Government Act,
2001

A report recommending payments under section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001 had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kieran Bourke, seconded by Cllr. David Dunne and agreed:

"In accordance with section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and being of the opinion that it is in the interest of the local community to do so, the following payments be made:

Payee	Amount
Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band	€1,900
Carrick-on-Suir Development Association	€3,500
Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee	€1,500
Sean Kelly Sports Centre Ltd.	€40,000

Payments are made subject to the following conditions:

1. The assistance of Tipperary County Council will be acknowledged in all publications and publicity.
2. Details of audited accounts and minutes of the Annual General Meeting will be made available to Tipperary County Council
3. In the case of the Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band, at least four free public performances be given in the course of the year."

6.0 Chief Executive / Delegated Employee Orders

Item 6.1

Chief Executives Orders.

A list of Chief Executives' Orders relating to the District had been circulated to the members before the meeting, and was noted by them.

7.0 Correspondence

Item 7.1

E-Mail From An
Garda Siochana

An e-mail had been received from An Garda Siochana seeking submissions on the preparation of the 2019 Policing Plan for the Clonmel Garda District.

It was noted that individual councillors had responded to this request directly. However, it was agreed that as a district a submission should be made that adequate policing resources should be available in each town at all times.

8.0 Notices of Motion

Item 8.1

Town hall Plaza
(Motion No. 1571)

Cllr. Kieran Bourke :

"I call on this council to ensure that all areas of the new Town hall Plaza are wheelchair friendly. Any works to make this happen need to be carried out immediately."

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne

The report on the motion was as follows:

"All areas of the new Town Hall plaza are suitable for wheelchairs & buggies other than a section of kerbing at exit from car-park. This kerb was not lowered due to presence of an Eircom chamber and would have involved excavation of the walls and resetting of a new frame and cover. The tight work programme during the week 19th-23rd Nov 2018 did not facilitate consultation with Eircom. This matter is now receiving attention as part of snag-list items"

The motion was adopted.

9.0 Any Other Business

Item 9.1

Carrick-on-Suir St

Cllr. David Dunne spoke as chair of the Carrick-on-Suir St Patrick's Day Committee. He outlined the committee's plans

Patricks Day
Parade

for the 2019 parade, and spoke of the aspiration that the parade would be a district event.

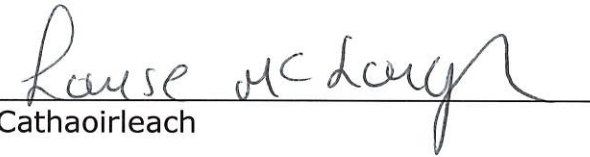
In this connection he invited groups from across the district to participate in the parade in Carrick-on-Suir.

The members indicated their support for Cllr. Dunne.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (3:30pm)



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach

28/02/2019

Date