

Monthly Meeting of the Members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Carrick-on-Suir on the 28th of January at 2:00p.m

In the Chair: Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

Members Present: Cllr. David Dunne, Cllr. John Fahey, Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, Cllr. Louise McLoughlin,

Appologies Cllr. Kieran Bourke

In Attendance: Mr Pat Slattery, Director of Services, Mr Martin Nolan, District Administrator, Ms Nicola Keating, District Engineer, Mr Seamus Loughlin, Executive Engineer, Mr Jim Ryan Assistant Engineer, Ms Fiona Crotty, Staff Officer, Ms Anne Dunne, Assistant Staff Officer.

Mr Sean Keating, Director of Services, Environment; Mr John Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment.

Minutes of Meetings:

On the proposal of Cllr. David Dunne , seconded by Cllr. John Fahey the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 18th of December, 2015 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

On the proposal of Cllr. David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. John Fahey the record of the Joint Meeting with the Members for the Piltown Municipal District on the 2nd of December, 2015 was noted by the members.

On the proposal of Cllr. David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. John Fahey the record of the members briefing on flooding held on the 8th of January, 2016 was noted by the members.

Update from Director of Water Services

Mr Sean Keating, Director of Water Services, outlined the relationship between Irish Water and the County Council. He advised the members that there was a twenty four hour helpline available, and that workshops were held in advance of Council Meetings. The workshops were under review because of low attendance.

Mr John Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Services gave the current position in relation to capital projects underway in the District these are:

The Burncourt and Fethard Water Supply Scheme, which is ahead of schedule, the Graigue Watermain and Borehole, which was on schedule, and the Fethard Watermain and Sewer renewal works, which were also on schedule.

The following issues were raised by the members:

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara:

- Stated that the Irish Water Call Centre was not satisfactory, and called for a county council call centre.
- Asked whether there were proposals for the improvement of the section of watermain between Cloneen and Fethard.
- Complemented the contractors on the three Capital Projects on the excellent progress.

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Raised the issue of the maintenance and unblocking of private and combined drains.
- Asked whether the capital projects were in place prior to the establishment of Irish Water, and whether the County Council had recouped the

planning costs.

- Asked about Water Quality at Cregg Road and Ballyneill.

Cllr. John Fahey:

- Asked whether the Fethard and Burncourt Scheme would improve water pressure.

The following replies were given:

- It had been agreed to upgrade the main between Fethard and Cloneen, and ways of achieving this were being considered.
- The Water Quality problem at Ballyneill would be addressed by the Graigue Scheme, which was on schedule.

Mr Crowley next addressed the operation of the Main Drainage Scheme during the new Year Flooding Event, and informed the members that all pumping stations, with the exception of Pumping Station 5, had been operational during the event. Records were circulated demonstrating that the main pumping station had remained in action throughout the event.

It was considered that the non operation of Pumping Station 5 did not contribute materially to the severity of the event.

In relation to pumping station 5, the electrical components of the pumps were being moved to make them less vulnerable to flooding, and the feasibility of moving the control panel was being examined.

It was agreed to consider notice of motion 630 at this point.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

630

That representatives from the Office of Public Works, Irish Water and AECOM be invited to attend a meeting of the Carrick on Suir Municipal District Members to explain the reasons the foul pumps didn't work during

the flooding event at New Year 2016 and also to discuss proposals for the Flood Defences in Carrick Town

In the absence of Cllr. Kieran Bourke, and with his consent, the motion was moved by Cllr. David Dunne.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin.

The report on the motion was as follows:

'There has been considerable contact at official level with staff from the Office of Public Works, Irish Water, and AECOM arising from the flooding event, and the Office of Public Works has commissioned a study of the event with a view to identifying causes and possible remedial action.

If the motion is adopted, invitations will be issued to the bodies named.'

The motion was adopted, but it was agreed to defer the issue of the invitation until the Office of Public Works had completed its study of the event.

Update from Director of Environment

Ms Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Environment Directorate, apologised for the non attendance of the Director of Environment and updated the members in relation to derelict sites in Carrick Town.

Members raised the following issues:

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara:

- Waste Permit for the Big Bin Company

Cllr. John Fahey:

- School visits in relation to illegal dumping
- Dog Fouling

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Asked for earlier intervention on Dangerous Structures and Derelict Sites
- Illegal Dumping

District Engineer's Report:

The District Engineer's Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Summarising the report, the District Engineer informed the members that the Roads Programme was substantially complete for 2015. In the immediate future the focus of work would be drainage and road patching.

The following matters were raised in relation to the District Engineer's Report:

Cllr. John Fahey

- Asked about the bridge at Quartercross, where the road is currently closed

The District Engineer responded that a design was being commissioned for the repair of this road, and that it could not be reopened until the matter had been resolved.

District Administrator's Report:

1. The District Administrator informed the Members that the Protocol on Civic Honours envisages that each Municipal District can grant up to two civic receptions per year. The granting of a civic reception must be first agreed by the Standing Orders Committee of the District Members and by the Corporate Policy group. It is envisaged that the Corporate Policy Group will discuss such matters at its March and September meetings.

2. The District Administrator informed the meeting that the Director of Planning and Emergency Services will attend the February meeting.

3. The District Administrator informed the meeting that there are currently four applications for assistance of 1916 Commemorative projects. Two are from Carrick-on-Suir, two are from Fethard. The total value of these is estimated at €3,000, and the overall fund available for the District is €10,000. The closing date for submissions has been extended to the 19th of February, 2016, to facilitate other Districts.

4. The District Administrator informed the meeting that alternative options are being considered for the accommodation of the District Office when the improvement works to the Town Hall take place. One of the options is the placing of temporary offices in the New Street Car Park. While no decision has been made as yet, procurement and consultation in relation to the Car Park option will take place in the coming weeks.

**Joint Meeting with Piltown
Municipal District Members**

It had been agreed with the members of the Piltown Municipal District to hold a joint meeting on the 9th of March, 2016, at 10:00 am in Carrick-on-Suir.

It was agreed that proposed agenda items would be forwarded to the District Administrator in the next few days.

**Workshop for Members on
Multi-Annual Roads
Programme**

It was noted that the County Council had been requested to prepare a multi-annual programme for non-national roads. As part of the process, it was proposed to hold a workshop for members.

It was agreed to hold a workshop at 11:00 on Thursday the 18th of February, in the Town Hall, Carrick-on-Suir.

**General Municipal
Allocation - Residents
Associations Assistance
Scheme 2016**

A draft Residents Associations Assistance Scheme had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin , seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and agreed:

'That being of the opinion that it was desirable in the interests of the local community, the Residents Associations Assistance Scheme 2016 as circulated be adopted pursuant to Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 and that €3,000 be allocated to the Scheme from the General Municipal Allocation'

**General Municipal
Allocation - Community
Waste Management Scheme
2016**

A draft Community Waste Management Scheme had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and agreed:

'That being of the opinion that it is desirable in the interests of the local community, the Community Waste Management Scheme 2016 as circulated be adopted pursuant to Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 and that €10,000 be allocated to the Scheme from the General Municipal Allocation'

**General Municipal
Allocation - Sports and
Community Facilities
Scheme 2016**

A draft Sports and Community Facilities Scheme had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and agreed:

'That being of the opinion that it is desirable in the interests of the local community, the Sports and Community Facilities Scheme 2016 as circulated be

adopted pursuant to Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 and that €15,000 be allocated to the Scheme from the General Municipal Allocation'

**General Municipal
Allocation - Christmas
Lights Scheme 2016**

A draft Christmas Lights Scheme had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and agreed:

'That being of the opinion that it is desirable in the interests of the local community, the Christmas Lights Scheme 2016 as circulated be adopted pursuant to Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 and that €15,000 be allocated to the Scheme from the General Municipal Allocation'

**Assistance to Carrick-on-
Suir Development
Association**

It was proposed by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and resolved that, being of the opinion that the activities of the Carrick-on-Suir Development Association are desirable to promote the interests of the local community, assistance consisting of a grant of €3,500 be given to the Carrick-on-Suir Development Association pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following conditions:

1. That the assistance of Tipperary County Council be acknowledged in any publicity generated by the association.
2. That a copy of the minutes of the Association's Annual General Meeting and Annual Accounts for 2016 be given to the County Council as soon as available.

**Assistance to Carrick-on-
Suir Tourism and Economic
Development Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and resolved that, being of the opinion that the activities of the Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee are

desirable to promote the interests of the local community, assistance consisting of a grant of €1,500 be given to the Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following conditions:

1. That the assistance of Tipperary County Council be acknowledged in any publicity generated by the committee.
2. That a copy of the minutes of the Committee's Annual General Meeting and Annual Accounts for 2016 be given to the County Council as soon as available.

**Assistance to Clancy
Festival Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and resolved that, being of the opinion that the activities of the Clancy Festival Committee are desirable to promote the interests of the local community, assistance consisting of a grant of €3,500 be given to the Clancy Festival Committee pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following conditions:

1. That the assistance of Tipperary County Council be acknowledged in any publicity generated by the committee.
2. That a copy of the minutes of the Committee's Annual General Meeting and Annual Accounts for 2016 be given to the County Council as soon as available.

**Assistance to Carrick-on-
Suir Brass Band**

It was proposed by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and resolved that, being of the opinion that the activities of the Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band are desirable to promote the interests of the

local community, assistance consisting of a grant of €1,900 be given to the Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following conditions:

1. That at least four performances which are free of charge to the public take place in 2016.
2. That the assistance of Tipperary County Council be acknowledged in any publicity generated by the Band.
3. That a copy of the minutes of the Band's Annual General Meeting and Annual Accounts for 2016 be given to the County Council as soon as available.

**Assistance to St Patrick's
Day Parade Committee**

Cllr. David Dunne informed the meeting that he was the chair of the Carrick-on-Suir St Patrick's Day Committee, and withdrew while this item was considered.

It was proposed by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and resolved that, being of the opinion that the activities of the Carrick-on-Suir St Patrick's Day committee are desirable to promote the interests of the local community, assistance consisting of a grant of €500 be given to the Carrick-on-Suir St Patrick's Day committee pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following conditions:

1. That the assistance of Tipperary County Council be acknowledged in any publicity generated by the committee.
2. That a copy of the minutes of the Committee's Annual General Meeting and Annual Accounts for 2016 be given to the County Council as soon as available.

Assistance to Sean Kelly Sports Centre

It was proposed by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and resolved that, being of the opinion that the activities of the Sean Kelly Sports Centre are desirable to promote the interests of the local community, assistance consisting of a grant of €5,000 be given to the Sean Kelly Sports Centre pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following conditions:

1. That the assistance of Tipperary County Council be acknowledged in any publicity generated by the Centre.
2. That a report on activities in 2016 and a copy of the Centre's Statutory Annual Accounts for 2016 be given to the County Council as soon as available.

Delegated Employee's Orders

On the proposal of Cllr. David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, the list of Orders circulated was noted.

Notices of Motion:

Cllr. David Dunne

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'Can a programme be put in place in the Autumn each year to clean out all drains in our estates in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District, to stop them getting blocked.'

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin.

The report on the motion was as follows:

'Clearing gullies and drains is part of the District Annual Works Programme for the year. It falls under the category of Maintenance. A review of clearing gullies in estates will be carried out.'

Speaking to the motion, Cllr. David Dunne stated that many drains were blocked. The district engineer requested a list of blocked drains that Cllr. Dunne was aware of.

The motion was agreed.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

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'I am looking for the support of my fellow Councillors to call on the Government to allocate immediate funding for the roads in the Carrick Municipal District'

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin.

The report on the motion was as follows:

'Any additional funding made available for roads from Central Government to Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District, it would be greatly appreciated. If adopted, the motion will be brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities.'

It was agreed to defer consideration of this item.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

625

'That an immediate survey be done on all Schools that have been highlighted over the past number of months with regards to traffic calming measures (Our Lady's Ns, Cloneen, Glengoole, Poulacapple Ns and others.'

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne.

The report on the motion was as follows:

'A review of traffic safety will be carried out at Cloneen and Glengoole.

With reference to Poulacapple, works have already been carried out at this location to highlight the school location to traffic. Tipperary County Council proposes to monitor this location to ensure the efficacy of these works'

After discussion, the report was accepted.

'That the approach road to Scoil Ruain be examined as it is currently a safety hazard for the residents in this area'

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne .

The report on the motion was as follows:

'The approach road to Scoil Ruain is a cul de sac. Traffic Calming measures were carried out at the junction with the main road in 2014. These measures have reduced the speeds of cars entering the road. A review of traffic safety will be carried out at this location. '

The District Engineer clarified that the review would take a couple of months.

The report was accepted.

That this Council would carry out a survey on all the older housing estates in the District to see which of these need the road surface upgraded, also to put in place a priority list and give a commitment to do some each year.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro .

The report on the motion was as follows:

'All housing estates taken in charge are classed as tertiary roads. All County Councils do a condition survey of tertiary roads once every five years. The next survey of the tertiary roads is due in 2016. When compiling the annual Schedule of Municipal District Works, the condition surveys are used to assist in prioritising the roads most in need of works in addition to visual inspections and the road usage. This is done annually.'

Speaking to the motion, Cllr. David Dunne complemented the District Engineer on the work done in Dunbane and Collins Park.

The report was accepted.

Cllr. David Dunne

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In the light of the recent bad weather, that this Council would review their out of hours emergency number, especially in holiday periods

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin .

The report on the motion was as follows:

Tipperary County Council has an emergency out of hours service that ensures that it can respond to all emergencies. In this regard the council has engaged a call answering service to receive calls from the public, and has a duty roster to ensure that council staff are available at all times to receive calls during out of office hours. These numbers are: Roads issues: 1890 923948 and for Water issues: 1890 278 278. During the recent flooding the council provided regular press updates and Twitter feeds for the public on road closures and local information on flooding. However, the volume of calls from the public during such weather events is such that it is not possible to return all calls during the emergency. The council will continue to use Twitter and other media outlets to give public information during emergencies"

A review meeting with the Call Management service will be held shortly and any issues raised will be discussed at that meeting.'

Cllr. David Dunne stated that he was unhappy with the response, and spoke of his experience during the recent severe weather event.

The motion was agreed.

Any Other Business

No further issues arose.

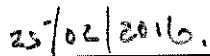
This concluded the business of the meeting.



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach



Date