

**Monthly Meeting of the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Members held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Carrick-on-Suir on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015 at 2:00pm.**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

**Members Present:** Cllr. Kieran Bourke

Cllr. David Dunne

Cllr. John Fahey

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin

**In Attendance:** Mr Pat Slattery, Director of Services

Mr Martin Nolan, District Administrator

Ms Nicola Keating, District Engineer

Mr Seamus Loughlin, Executive Engineer

Ms Fiona Crotty, Staff Officer

Ms Anne Dunne, Assistant Staff Officer.

Mr Matt Short, Director of Services

Ms Mary Carroll, Administrative Officer

Mr Pat Slattery, Administrative Officer

Mr John Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer

Pat Holland, Administrative Officer

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

On the proposal of Cllr. Eddie O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro it was agreed to suspend standing orders and form a committee to allow a briefing by the Director of Services.

**Land at Hardbog**

Mr Matt Short, Director of Services, outlined the position in relation to the acquisition of land at Hardbog, and responded to questions from members in this regard.

The suspension of standing orders then ceased and the members came out of committee.

## **Minutes of Meetings:**

On the proposal of Cllr. John Fahey, seconded by Cllr. David Dunne the minutes of the April Monthly Meeting were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

## **Update from Director of Environment and Water Services**

Ms Mary Carroll, Administrative Officer, gave an update to the members on activity since March, 2015.

### Cllr. Kieran Bourke:

- Different policy in relation to water leaks to that followed by old Town Council being implemented by County Council without notice.
- Sewerage blockages and the responsibility for clearing blockages.

### Cllr. David Dunne:

- Whether there were proposals to remove taps from cemeteries.
- Nature of environmental complaints
- Number of complaints in relation to horses.

### Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Complemented the Water Services Section on the manner in which the Fethard Town upgrade has been carried out.

The Director of Services responded as follows:

- There were no proposals to remove taps from existing cemeteries.
- The County Council is in regular contact with Irish Water in relation to the issue of sewerage blockages in drains and combined drains and the responsibility for clearing them. It was recommended that members use the facility of the Irish Water clinics to raise these issues with Irish Water.

- The case giving rise to Cllr. Kieran Bourke's concerns in relation to Water Leaks had been drawn to the Director's attention, and would be reviewed.
- The complaints made to the Environment Section included matters from serious Illegal Dumping to minor littering.
- The abandonment of horses was a serious issue for the County Council as the number of horses abandoned continued to rise, and the resources available to deal with the problem were declining.

**District Engineer's Report:**

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

Cllr. Kieran Bourke:

- Asked if there was any progress in relation to the Part VIII process for the work on the Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir.
- Asked about the trial holes to be made at Ormonde Castle.

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Complemented County Council and the Contractor on swift action in relation to barrier at Arrigan's lane.
- Asked for a start date on the works at the Gael Scoil in Carrickbeg.

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Asked about progress on improvement works in Mullinahone

The District Engineer, responded as follows:

- The County Council was in contact with

providers in relation to services in Mullinahone.

- The drawings for the Pill Road Part VIII were being finalised
- Trial Holes beside Ormonde Castle were due to start first week of June, 2015.
- The specification for the work at Carrickbeg is being finalised.

**District Administrator's  
Report:**

The District Administrator brought the following items to the members attention:

- Grant of €30,000 approved by the Heritage Council for work on the Carrick-on-Suir Town Walls. This will be matched with €3,000 from County Council funds to allow a project with a budget of €33,000.
- The County Council has agreed to the closure of the St Nicholas Car Park on the afternoon of the 31<sup>st</sup> of May to allow the Nano Nagle centre hold a family open day. This event is part of the programme for the 2015 Clancy Festival.
- Councillors are asked to make requests for work to be done to the Customer Service Desk or directly to the Municipal District Office. The reason for this request is to allow the District Engineer and the District Administrator to keep track of items requested to ensure that they are done as quickly as possible.
- Staff from the Planning Section will be attending the June meeting to update the members on issues in the district relating to that directorate

**Date of Annual General Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. Kieran Bourke, seconded by Cllr. David Dunne and agreed that the Annual General meeting of the members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District will be held at 2:00pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 2015, to be followed by the monthly meeting.

**Painting Scheme for Carrick-on-Suir**

The District Administrator informed the members that as part of the Town Centre Initiative, the County Council's Planning Section had prepared a painting scheme for Carrick-on-Suir, which would be administered by the Municipal District Office. The scheme would cover the main retail area of Main Street, the north end of Bridge Street, and Sean Kelly Square. The closing date for applications is the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 2015, and the work must be completed by mid October, 2015.

The scheme was welcomed by the members.

**Review of Parking Strategy for Carrick-on-Suir**

The District Administrator had circulated an Issues Paper to the members in advance of the meeting, and explained that the Issues Paper sets out the factual position in relation to Town Centre Car Parking in Carrick-on-Suir and posed questions in relation to this.

The purpose of the issues paper was to assist interested parties in making submissions on the subject. The closing date for submissions is the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2015, and it was intended to bring a report on the consultation and possibly a draft strategy to the July Meeting.

The members welcomed the review of the Parking Strategy.

**Notices of Motion:**

**Cllr.Louise McLoughlin**

**No.394**

*That Carrick on Suir Municipal District provide traffic calming measures at the Presentation Convent Secondary School in Ballingarry to ensure the safety of pupils who presently have to cross the busy road to gain access to the playing field.*

*Traffic travels at high speed at this location and is a huge concern for both teachers and parents*

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne.

The report on the motion was as follows:

*Traffic calming measures have been provided by the Presentation Convent Secondary School as part of their planning permission for the school redevelopment. This includes additional warning signs and high kerbing to reduce traffic speeds and prevent parking. The school flashing lights were damaged as part of the works, so it is intended to have this rectified as soon as possible. This location could be examined as part of the upcoming speed limit review.*

After discussion, the report was accepted.

**Cllr David Dunne**

**No.403**

*That this Council do a survey into all the signage in Carrick on Suir*

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Kieran Bourke.

The report was as follows:

*Any signs pointing in the wrong direction will be rectified as soon as possible. Following Notice of Motion 249 last January, it was agreed that a review of all signage will take place within Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District including Carrick-on-Suir over a number of years on a phased basis.*

*The report was accepted.*

That the Members for this District call on Tipperary County Council to knock the old building which they own, situated in Strand Lane. This building is an eyesore and has no roof.

Cllr. David Dunne withdrew this motion.

**Correspondence**

a) Letter from National Transport Authority

A letter had been received from the National Transport Authority, proposing a pilot bus service between Carrick-on-Suir and Grangemockler to connect with the Bus Eireann Route 7 and the Kavanagh Bus route 717. A detailed time table for the proposed service was included.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kieran Bourke, seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara and agreed that the proposal was a reasonable one, and that the members would write to the National Transport Authority accepting it.

**Any Other Business**

Cllr. David Dunne raised the Direct Provision facility at Bridgewater House in Carrick-on-Suir and asked that the other members support a motion he intended to bring to the full County Council in relation to government policy on direct provision.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke commended the work carried out in the Carrick-on-Suir Lanes on a voluntary basis, and it was agreed to convey the congratulations of the members to the people involved.

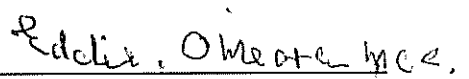
Ms Nicola Keating, District Engineer outlined the work being taken to review speed limits in the District, and asked that members bring any stretches that they felt should be considered to her attention or that of Mr Michael Graham, senior Executive engineer, Roads

Section. It was considered that the stretches at the Presentation School and Callan Road in Ballingarry should be reviewed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed 

District Administrator

Signed; 

Cathaoirleach

Date: 25/06/2015