

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE TOWN HALL, CLONMEL ON WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY 2017.

Present: Councillor Andy Moloney - Mayor
Councillor Martin Lonergan
Councillor Siobhan Ambrose
Councillor Pat English
Councillor Marie Murphy
Councillor Michael Murphy
Councillor Richie Molloy

In attendance Ms. Sinead. Carr, Director of Services
Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Borough District Engineer
Mr. Paul Murray, District Administrator
Mr. Eoin Powell, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Rory O'Callaghan, Executive Engineer
Mr. Paddy Crotty, Executive Engineer
Mr. James Swords, Assistant Engineer
Ms. Sharon Scully, A/Staff Officer

Apologies Councillor Micheál Anglim
Councillor Catherine Carey

Also in attendance: Mr Karl Cashen, Director of Services, Planning Directorate;
Mr Aidan Walsh, Planning Section.

Item 1 – Minutes The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 18th January 2017 were proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan and agreed.

It was agreed at the suggestion of the Mayor to defer matters arising from the minutes until after Item 2 on the agenda.

Item 2 – Attendance of the Planning Directorate

Mr. Karl Cashen and Mr. Aidan Walsh attended the Meeting on behalf of the Planning Directorate.

Mr Karl Cashen presented a District Briefing note to the Members detailing key issues relating to Planning Services under the following headings:

1. National Planning Framework – Ireland 2040: Our Plan;
2. Proposed Variations to the North and South Tipperary County Development Plans;
3. Cluster Guidelines;
4. Built Heritage Scheme;

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5. Structures at Risk Scheme;
6. Town Walls Scheme;
7. Energy in Agriculture Conference;
8. Number of Planning Applications received in 2016;
9. Enforcement Proceedings 2016;

Various queries were raised by the Members in relation to the following matters:

- Tipperary County Development Plans – are Plans up to date and is a Review of the Plans scheduled;
- Definition of a vacant site;
- Are Planning applications to be included on Map Alerter;
- Details of the Town Wall Scheme;
- Breakdown of Planning refusals i.e. reasons for refusal;
- Taking in Charge of Estates – which estates in Clonmel Borough District are scheduled to be taken in charge in 2017;
- Enforcement Proceedings – how many cases resulted in Court proceedings;

The Members queries were responded to by Mr Karl Cashen and matters agreed as follows:

- Enquiry to be sent to I.T. regarding Map Alerter;
- Breakdown of Planning Refusals to be circulated by email;
- List of estates that are to be taken in charge in 2017 to be circulated by email;

Councillor Andy Moloney thanked the Planning Directorate staff for their attendance and report.

**Item 1 (continued) –
Matters arising from
the minutes:**

Councillor Siobhan Ambrose sought an update on the following:-

- Update on IQ Pharmatek plans to re-open the former Suir Pharma facility in Clonmel.
- Marlfield Flood Scheme – update on tender;
- TII - installation of bollards in Kilsheelan;
- Works at St Patricks cemetery – roads & footpaths;
- Goldstar Programme – when will the programme finish in Carrick;
- CCTV Elm Park and Cooleen's Close;
- Phase II Suir Island Carpark – is there a timeframe for works;

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Councillor Pat English sought an update on the following:-

- Marfield Flood Scheme – have drawings been finalised;
- CCTV Cameras Elm Park/Cooleen's Close;
- Market Place – update on contact with developers;
- Clonmel Arms site;
- Phase II Suir Island Carpark – timeframe for Part 8 consultation;
- Update on request for Deputation to Minister Coveney;

Councillor Martin Lonergan sought an update on the following:-

- Irishtown site – has a land registry search ascertained the owner of lands at Irishtown, Clonmel where a blaze recently broke out ;

Councillor Michael Murphy sought an update on the following:-

- Clonmel Town Centre Initiatives;
- Clonmel Arms site;
- Public Consultation on streetscape upgrades in Clonmel;
- Market Place update – in particular the site previously occupied by Super Value;

Councillor Marie Murphy sought an update on the following:-

- Road Lining update;
- Corporate Policy Group - decision on requested meeting with Minister Simon Coveney;

Matters raised by the Members were responded to by the District Engineer and District Administrator as follows -

- Goldstar Programme – The District Administrator informed the Members that contact had been made with the facilitator of the Goldstar Programme who had confirmed that it was currently being rolled out in Carrick on Suir. The facilitator had confirmed that it was not currently possible to determine a timeframe for its completion in Carrick or consequently its rollout in Clonmel at this time.
- CCTV in Elm Park & Cooleen's Close - Paul Murray, District Administrator confirmed consultant fee proposals had been accepted; project would be progressed further over the coming month, with a proposed completion date of late summer;

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- Clonmel Arms site – Mr Paul Murray indicated that it was understood that the property had been sold. While no details of ownership were to hand he indicated that once same was known contact would be made with representatives of the new owners;
- Market Place – a proposal with regard to public realm improvements which was due to be submitted in January 2017 by the owners, has not yet been received. Planning Section to follow up. Mr Murray did however, welcome the recent cleaning of shop front facades;
- Town Centre Initiative – Town Centre forum to be established in 4-6 weeks;
- Bollards at Kilsheelan – application will be lodged with the TII for works to commence;
- Marlfield Flood Scheme – tender documents have been issued; consultant will be appointed by the end of March 2017;
- St Patricks Cemetery – works will commence on a phased basis; discussions are ongoing with the Environment Section;
- Suir Island – design being finalised at present. It is hoped that the development will be ready for Part 8 process by the end of summer 2017.

Item 3 – Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

3.1 Proposed Civic Reception

The Mayor, Councillor Moloney, stated that it was his intention to accord a Civic reception on the 21st April 2017 to the following recipients:

- Tommy O'Donnell in acknowledging his achievements in the field of sport;
- Gerry Davis, in acknowledging his achievements in the field of Fine Art;
- Melissa Hill, in acknowledging her achievements in the field of Literature;
- Kevin Sullivan in acknowledging his achievements in the field of sport; and,
- Risteard O'Domhnaill in acknowledging his achievements in the field of Visual Art.

The Civic Honour in acknowledging the aforementioned recipients also recognises the strategic, historical and cultural importance of the greater Cahir area within the District.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Lonergan and it was agreed that same be referred to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) in accordance with protocol.

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3.2 Section 38, Road Traffic Act 1994 – Proposed Traffic Calming Measure Left Turn Only from Toberaheena Housing Estate onto Marlfield Road, Clonmel.

The Members considered the report submitted with the agenda which recommended that an oral hearing be convened.

Following discussion and consideration of the matter it was agreed that arrangements be made for the carrying out of an independent assessment of the proposal and issues arising from same.

3.3 Community Grant Scheme 2017

In considering the proposed scheme for 2017 it was agreed by Members that two new conditions be added to the scheme –

- The logo of Tipperary County Council should be placed on all plaques/advertising material associated with an event funded by monies received under the Grant scheme.
- Elected Members of Clonmel Borough District to be notified of any event/presentation/project being organised with funds received from the Community Grant Scheme.

The 2017 Community Grant Scheme was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy and agreed.

3.4 Painting and Enhancement Grant Scheme 2017

The 2017 Painting and Enhancement Grant Scheme for Clonmel and Cahir Towns was proposed by Councillor Pat English, seconded by Councillor Andy Moloney and agreed.

Other matters arising

Councillor Pat English referred to concerns regarding reflective signage at the Heywood Road junction of the Frank Drohan bypass;

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, District Engineer agreed to investigate the matter.

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Councillor Richie Molloy enquired as to whether debris from the green field site behind the Mr. Price shop in the Powerstown Centre, Clonmel could be cleared;

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, District Engineer confirmed that he will investigate the matter.

Councillor Richie Molloy also enquired as to whether it would be possible to remove manure from the River Suir slipway on the Waterford Road.

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, District Engineer confirmed that he will liaise with the Environment Section regarding this issue, but pointed out that the horse owners were ultimately responsible.

**Item 4 –Chief Executive/
Delegated Officers Orders**

The Chief Executive Orders for the period to the 10th February 2017 were noted.

**Item 5 – Consideration of
the following notices of
motion:**

5.1 Councillor Martin Lonergan

No. 946

That Clonmel Borough District call on TII to immediately address road safety issues with the Knockagh Roundabout on the N24/R640 and that we clarify what powers TII have in relation to claiming off of Insurance Holders who are unfortunate enough to have an accident at that location.

Reply

TII have identified this roundabout as a site for resurfacing in 2017 under their HD28 Programme. We will have discussions with TII about this and other works in the District, including the matter of insurance liability and claims.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Martin Lonergan, seconded by Councillor Andy Moloney and agreed.

5.2 Councillor Pat English

No. 961

That Clonmel Borough District request the Minister of State for Mental Health, Helen McEntee T.D. to make provision for 12 dedicated acute beds at South Tipperary Hospital Campus to cater for psychiatric patients who are presenting at South Tipperary General Hospital.

Reply

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If the motion is agreed a suitable letter will issue to the Minister of State for Mental Health as requested.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Pat English, seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose and agreed.

5.3 Councillor Pat English

No. 962

That Clonmel Borough District provide for the resurfacing of sections of the road which are in very poor condition on the Cashel Road (R688) in the 2017 Roadworks Programme.

Reply

An overlay of the Cashel Road is being considered for inclusion in the 2017 Road Improvement Works programme for Clonmel Town. There is a sizeable surface area requiring resurfacing and it is therefore planned to carryout works on a phased basis over the coming years.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Pat English, seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose and agreed.

5.4 Councillor Pat English

No. 963

That Clonmel Borough District treat as a matter of urgency the works to the roadways at St. Patricks Cemetery, funding for same is included in this year's capital funding for St. Patricks Cemetery.

Reply

A Part 8 has been approved with respect to these works, which will be carried out on a phased basis. Discussions are ongoing with the Environment Section regarding the Capital Funding for 2017.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Pat English, seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose and agreed.

5.5 Councillor Siobhan Ambrose

No. 964

Following representations from the residents of the area, that in the interest of safety that Clonmel Borough District replaces the existing pedestrian traffic lights outside St. Mary's Church in Irishtown with the new pedestrian lights similar to those at the Showground's Shopping Centre. Currently oncoming traffic from both sides of the road cannot see pedestrians crossing at this junction, as the lights are too low and cars park right up

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against the lights affecting the visibility of oncoming traffic to see pedestrians.

Reply

This proposal will be considered for inclusion in Discretionary Improvement Works (Clonmel Town) in 2017.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Richie Molloy and agreed.

5.6 Councillor Siobhan Ambrose No. 965

That under future Road Programmes that consideration is given for the re-surfacing of sections of the Glenview Close Estate.

Reply

Small sections of this estate need immediate road repair works and drainage maintenance; this will be carried out shortly.

It is proposed to include this estate in the 2018 Road Improvement Programme for an overlay, where larger sections can be grouped and financial efficiencies gained through larger work packages.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed.

5.7 Councillor Siobhan Ambrose No. 966

That in the interest of safety that Clonmel Borough District investigates the possibility of introducing/ inserting new traffic measures on the Cahir Road in order to make it safer for residents entering and exiting their estates on a daily basis.

Reply

Traffics and geometrical surveys will be conducted in 2017 with the view to designing and costing traffic calming measures.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose and seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy and agreed.

**Item 6 –
Correspondence**

The following correspondence relating to inadequate lighting on the Frank Drohan Road circulated with the agenda was noted:

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6.1 A reply received from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (T.I.I.) dated 31st January 2017;

6.2 A reply received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (Sustainable Transport Division) dated 2nd February 2017;

6.3 A reply received from Minister Simon Coveney, Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government dated 6th February 2017.

The Members expressed dissatisfaction with the replies received in that it was clear that the Departments involved considered the matter to be the responsibility of the County council and that there were no funds available in respect of same.

Councillor Ambrose requested whether it was possible to establish a cost for such provision.

**Item 7 – Votes of Sympathy
/Congratulations**

There were no votes submitted for consideration under this heading.

Item 8 – Any other business

There being no further business the meeting then concluded.

Signed/ 
Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Date/ 15th March 2017

Signed/ 
District Administrator

Date/ 15th March 2017