

Monthly Meeting of the Members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Carrick-on-Suir on the 23rd of February, 2017 at 2:00p.m

In the Chair: Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

Members Present: Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Cllr. John Fahey, Cllr. Eddie O'Meara .

Apologies: Cllr. David Dunne, 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, Mr Jim Ryan Assistant Engineer, Mr John Fitzgerald, Staff Officer, Ms Anne Dunne, Assistant Staff Officer, Mr Michael Hayes, Senior Engineer, Roads. Mr Karl Cashin, Director of Services. Planning and Emergency Services, Mr Brian Beck, Senior Planner, Ms Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner.

Minutes of Meetings On the proposal of Cllr. John Fahey, seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 26th of January, 2017 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Update from Director for Planning and Emergency Services Mr Karl Cashin, Director of Services, circulated a report on activity by the Planning Directorate. in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District. The main points were as follows:

- A workshop is to be held in Thurles on the 27th of February, 2017, on the County Council's response to the National Planning Framework.
- A briefing would also be given at the workshop in relation to the Vacant Sites Act.
- The Chief Executives Report on the Fethard Settlement Plan had been circulated had been accepted by the elected members, and the changes would be put on display.
- It is proposed to hold a meeting with the Elected Members at Municipal District level in relation to the other settlements.

- There are capital grants schemes open at present in relation to protected structures and town walls.
- The energy in Agriculture conference for 2017 would be held in Gurteen College, Roscrea, on the 22nd of August, 2017.

Questions were raised by members as follows:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Position in relation to taking in charge of the Three Manors Estates.
- Availability of Planning Files

Cllr. John Fahey

- Spoke of the desirability of making building sites available to family members.

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- The Built Heritage Grant, at €50,000 for the County, was very small.

In response, Ms Caroline Conway told the meeting that the County Council would consider the Three Manors Estates for taking in charge if resources under the unfinished estates scheme allowed. A private response would be made to Cllr. Kieran Bourke in relation to particular planning files.

**District
Engineer's
Report:**

The District Engineers Report had been circulated in advance of the meeting, and the District Engineer outlined the main points therein.

These included:

- The works at Dovehill would be completed within a week.
- Two other items from 2016 remained. These are the works at Lower Green, Fethard and at Ballynonty.

Members commented as follows:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Update from Office of Public Works on the cleaning of the Mill River

- Complemented the Council Staff on the swift resolution of the dangerous structure and consequent road closure in Carrick Beg.

Cllr. John Fahey

- Wall at Rocklow Road, Fethard

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Raised a bad section of road at Fethard Street, Mullinahone
- Wall at Rocklow Road, Fethard.

The District Engineer responded as follows:

- There was currently no update on the Mill River from the Office of Public Works
- The section of road at Fethard Street, Mullinahone, would be examined.
- Quotes were awaited in relation to the wall at Rocklow Road, Fethard.

**District
Administrator's
Report:**

The District Administrator reported as follows:

1. Director of Housing to attend meeting on the 23rd of March, 2017.
2. March meeting and subsequent meetings to be held in the Nano Nagle Centre.
3. Following meetings planned for March 2017:
 - a. Garda Siochana Clonmel District on the 7th of March, 2017, in the Conference Room, Council Buildings, Clonmel.
 - b. Kilkenny County Council Piltown District Members, to be held in the Nano Nagle Centre, Carrick-on-Suir at 11:30 on the 23rd of March, 2017.
 - c. Garda Siochana Thurles District at 4:00 pm on the 23rd of March, 2017.
4. The Natura Impact Assessment for the work on the Old Bridge, Carrick-on-Suir was available for public consultation in the Municipal District Office.

5. The Director of Service outlined staff changes as follows:

Mr Willie Corby, Senior Executive Engineer is being assigned as District Engineer for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District.

Ms Nicola Keating, currently assigned as District Engineer in Carrick-on-Suir will be assigned as Executive Engineer in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Office.

Mr Jim Ryan, currently assigned as Assistant Engineer in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Office is to be reassigned to the Thurles Templemore Municipal District Office.

All changes will take place on the 1st of March, 2017.

The members joined the Cathaoirleach in thanking Ms Nicola Keating for her service as District Engineer, and wishing Mr Jim Ryan well in his new assignment.

**Schedule of
Municipal
District Works**

A draft of the Schedule of Municipal District Works had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

A discussion took place in relation to particular points in the schedule, which were clarified by the District Engineer.

A discussion also took place in relation to the level of resources being made available to the County Council for the maintenance of the roads network, and the resources that were required to maintain the network at an acceptable level. Mr Michael Hayes, Senior Engineer explained that a road that had been improved, could be expected to last for approximately twenty five years, if it was surface dressed every seven years. The emphasis of the programme was to improve the roads in the worst condition, maintain improved roads through surface dressing, and maintain other roads in their present condition through patching.

A discussion also took place in relation to the maintenance of roads in villages, and it was proposed by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and agreed to seek a Village Street Improvement Scheme.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro And Resolved:

“That having considered the schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair, and having due regard to the budget adopted by Tipperary County Council for 2017, the schedule as circulated be adopted in accordance with section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001, inserted by section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014.”

**Community
Grants Scheme
2017**

A draft Community Grants Scheme had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was clarified that a separate scheme for Tidy Towns Committees was expected, and that these committees would not receive double funding. It was also clarified that the Community Grants Scheme should be used for Christmas Lights.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. John Fahey and agreed that the scheme be adopted.

**District Tidy
Towns
Competition,
2017**

A draft of a District Tidy Towns Competition has been circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. John Fahey and agreed that, being of the opinion that it was in the interests of the local community to do so, the competition be adopted pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and that €3,000.00 be allocated from the General Municipal Allocation as a prize fund.

**Delegated
Employee's
Orders**

A list of orders circulated was noted.

Correspondence

The District Administrator outlined the plans of the Carrick-on-Suir, St Patrick's Night Parade Committee for St Patrick's Evening, and conveyed an invitation to the members to attend the event.

**Any Other
Business**

No other matters arose.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (14:50)



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach

23/03/2017.

Date