

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT
MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE TOWN HALL, PARNELL
STREET, CLONMEL, CO. TIPPERARY ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH JULY 2017.**

Present: Councillor Catherine Carey - Mayor
Councillor Martin Lonergan
Councillor Siobhan Ambrose
Councillor Marie Murphy
Councillor Pat English
Councillor Richie Molloy
Councillor Micheál Anglim
Councillor Andy Moloney

In attendance Ms. Sinead Carr, District Manager
Mr. Eamon Lonergan, District Engineer
Mr. Eoin Powell, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Sharon Scully, A/Staff Officer

Apologies Councillor Michael Murphy
Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator

Also in attendance: Ms. Clare Curley – Director of Services, Housing
Directorate;
Mr. Jim Dillon – Administrative Officer, Housing
Directorate;
Mr. Sean Lonergan - Senior Staff Officer, Housing
Directorate;
Ms Fiona Crotty – Administrative Officer, Community and
Enterprise Directorate;

Item 1.1 – Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 21st June 2017 were proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Pat English, and agreed.

It was agreed at the suggestion of the Mayor to defer matters arising from the minutes until after Item 2.1 on the agenda.

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**Item 2.1 – Attendance of
the Housing
Directorate**

Staff from the Housing Directorate circulated a District Briefing note to Members detailing key issues relating to the Housing Directorate under the following headings-

1. Housing Construction Projects;
2. Housing Allocations 2017;
3. Housing Purchases 2017;
4. RÁS and Leasing Schemes 2017;
5. Housing Applications and Vacant Houses;

The following queries were raised by Members:

- Repair and Leasing Scheme – updaters on number of applications for funding received;
- Housing Construction – seek meeting with Minister to ensure that funding is available for construction;
- Housing Adaption Grants – how many applications have been received to date; when will Council tenants be able to apply under this scheme; what is the timeframe from approval to payment of grant; how much funding remains for 2017;
- Tenant Purchase Scheme update – can the proceeds of this scheme be used for window and door replacements;
- Window and Doors scheme;
- Disabled Persons Grants – will priority two applicants be approved this year;
- Housing Construction in Cahir – approval for 8 units in Cahir, will these units be for housing for elderly;
- 32 Vacant properties in Clonmel Borough District – will these units become available after renovations;
- Repair Scheme for Landlords – does work have to be completed before grant can be applied for;
- How many approval stages does the Council have to go through for funding from Department - from greenfield site to people moving into houses;
- Energy Efficiency Works – are the 307 applications that were tendered for in early 2017 now completed;
- HAP Scheme – what does the figure of 135, quoted in the District Briefing Note, refer to;
- Elderly people presenting as homeless;

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Members queries were responded to and agreed. as follows:

- Housing Construction Programme – 4 stages of approval process;
- Grant Allocations – Clare Curley will revert with figure of expenditure to date; there is no timeframe for payment of grant after approval, the circumstances around every grant are different, but staff are sensitive to people’s needs;
- Tenant Purchase Scheme – no update received from Department on Review; Clare Curley will revert with number of applications received to date; proceeds of the Scheme will be allocated by the Finance Directorate;
- Housing Adaption Grants with regard to Local Authority Housing Stock – expect to receive policy from Department in coming weeks;
- Housing Construction in Cahir – the 8 units will be a mixture of housing types and some will be 2 bedroomed homes, suitable for elderly accommodation;
- Repair and Leasing Scheme – 23 applications received to date; no application from Clonmel area; no closing date, rolling programme; the property must be ideal for 12 months and must be owned by the current owner for 12 months;
- HAP – Tipperary Council has the highest take up of the scheme nationally; figure of 135 refers to new applications approved in 2017;

The Mayor Councillor Carey thanked the Housing Directorate staff for their attendance and report.

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

Councillor Siobhan Ambrose sought an update on the following:-

- Glenoaks Boundary Wall – E Lonergan referred to Housing Directorate, has an update been received;
- CCTV Elm Park and Cooleen’s Close - update;
- Traffic Calming at Cahir Road, Clonmel – has a report been received from the Road Design office;
- Traffic Calming and Road Signage at St Lukes Hospital, Western Road - update;
- Traffic Calming at Prior Park, Clonmel – has an update been received from the Road Design office;
- CES Workers;
- Clonmel Arms Hotel site;

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- Marlfield Flood Alleviations Works – update; have Nicholas O’Dwyer given the Council a timeframe for works;
- St Patrick’s Burial Ground works update; will footpaths be included in programme of works;

Councillor Pat English sought an update on the following:-

- Update on Kickham Barracks Development Project;
- CCTV Elm Park and Cooleen’s Close - update;
- Clonmel Arms Hotel site – can District Administrator request a meeting with the new owners;
- St Patricks Burial Ground works – timeframe for completion of works;
- Market Place – update on District Administrator to meet the owners;
- Phase II Suir Island;
- Marlfield Flood Alleviation Works;
- Traffic Calming at Cahir Road, Clonmel – has a report been received from the Road Design office;
- Traffic Calming at Marlfield – update;

The above matters raised by Members were responded to by Ms Sinead Carr, Town Manager and Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Senior Engineer as follows –

- CCTV in Elm Park & Cooleen’s Close – Clarification being sought from the tenderer, hoping to appoint contractor in August;
- Clonmel Arms site – no update received from new owner;
- Suir Island – tenders currently being assessed;
- CES Scheme – a further recruitment process to commence; Sinead Carr to follow up with Human Resources;
- Sensory Playground – funding application submitted to LEADER;
- Traffic Calming at Cahir Road, Clonmel – looking to utilise the Road Design Office to look at various options; location is on the Road Design Offices schedule;
- Traffic Calming at Prior Park, Clonmel – costings being investigated at present; no funding in 2017 budget, will look to have works included in the 2018 budget;
- St Patricks Cemetery – works are being completed by direct labour, therefore completion will depend on other works within the District; this phase of works will be

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completed in 2017; some works were carried out on footpaths in June 2017 by direct labour; expected to continue utilising this form of works contract;

- Glenoaks Boundary Wall – land in question is owned by Tipperary County Council and Members query has been referred to the Housing Directorate;
- Suir Island Carpark – currently finalising pre Part 8 documents;

**Item 2.2 – Attendance of
the Community and
Enterprise
Directorate**

Fiona Crotty from the Community and Enterprise Directorate circulated a District Briefing note to Members detailing key issues relating to the Local Community Development Team under the following headings-

1. LCDC Team Funding;
2. RAPID Clonmel;
3. Arts Programme;
4. Tourism;
5. Strategic Projects Unit;
6. Local Enterprise Office Tipperary;
7. Economic Development;
8. Tipperary Sports Partnership;
9. Tipperary County Museum;

The following queries were raised by Members:

- Craft Granary - is it possible to get additional signage at the Mall, Cahir;
- Lifeguards – signage at quarry in Cahir stating area is unattended by lifeguards;

The above matters raised by Members were responded to by Ms Sinead Carr, Town Manager as follows –

- Lifeguards and related signage is under the remit of the Water Services Directorate, query will be referred to them;

The Mayor Councillor Carey thanked Fiona Crotty from the Community and Enterprise Directorate for her attendance and report.

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It was agreed. at the suggestion of the Mayor to defer Item 3.1
– Reports of Officers until after Item 3.3 on the agenda

**Item 3.2 – Communities
Facilities Grant
Scheme 2017**

The Communities Facilities Grant Scheme 2017 Allocations were proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed.

**Item 3.3 – Clonmel
Tourism Feasibility
Study**

Mr Paul Murray presented an Executive Summary detailing the *Clonmel – Flights of Discovery* tourism proposal. The proposal detailed the development of four new tourism experiences in Clonmel at the following locations –

- Tipperary County Museum;
- The West Gate;
- Dowd’s Lane Vat House;
- The River Suir;

Paul Murray confirmed to Members that a funding application will be made to Fáilte Ireland. No timeframe was available on when the application process would commence.

A joint application would be made from Tipperary County Council and C & C Bulmers Ltd..

Sinead Carr, in response to a query by Members regarding the use of surrounding mountains to promote Tipperary, promised that a presentation would be given to Members on the Munster Vales package.

The Mayor Councillor Carey thanked Paul Murray for his attendance and presentation.

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**Item 3 – Consideration of
Reports and
Recommendations:**

3.1 Reports of Officers

The Town Manager, Ms. Sinead Carr and Mr Eamon Lonergan, District Engineer updated Members on the following matters –

- Clonmel Town Centre Retail Forum – a presentation will be made to Members in the coming months;
- Cahir Town Redevelopment – closing date for submissions is the 31st July 2017;
- Roadworks Programme - 2017 programme is ahead of schedule and almost complete; a 3 – 5 year programme is currently being developed;
- CLÁR Programme – 2016 schemes are close to being finalised;
- Ardfinnan Bridge – construction and environmental plans are being prepared; plans for a pedestrian walkway are currently under consideration; further details will be provided to Members in the coming weeks; Oireachtas Members will be also be informed; it is hoped that works will be completed before September 2018;

The following queries were raised by Members - :

- Signage for island on Frank Drohan bypass;
- One year review of Marystreet carpark;
- Update on costings for cleaning back river;
- Speed sign at Kevin O’Learys Opel garage on the Cahir Road is out of order;
- Adjustment of parking meters under new Parking Regulations; Council should be actively promoting 30 minutes free car parking in Marystreet carpark and free car parks within the town;
- Indication on timeframe for receiving report from National Monuments Office regarding Ardfinnan Bridge;
- Swiss Cottage opening hours – update;
- Promotion of St Declans Way Walk;
- Cobh Cruise Ships – are these cruise ship being targeted by Tipperary Tourism Company;
- Speed Ramps - could the Council use its own funds to install speed ramps in 4 housing estates per year;

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Members queries were responded to as follows -

- No update on costings for cleaning back river;
- Contractor has visited the District to review all speed signage, sign at O'Learys garage will be included in the review;
- Anthony Coleman, District Administrator will give update on Marystreet carpark review;
- Update will issue to Members in coming weeks regarding Ardfinnan Bridge;
- St Declans Way Walk – a huge amount of work has been carried out surrounding St Declans Way Walk; can only be promoted when ready;
- S Carr to bring the idea of targeting cruise ships in Cobh to the attention of Tipperary Tourism Company; important not to spread ourselves too thinly regarding tourism promotion;
- Speed Ramps – county wide policy surrounding traffic policy is needed; new 30km speed limit in housing estates will give An Gardaí Siochána more powers;

**Item 4.1 – Chief Executive/
Delegated Officers Orders**

The Chief Executive Orders for the period to the 14th July 2017 were noted.

**Item 5 – Consideration of
the following notices of
Motion**

5.1 Councillor Siobhan Ambrose

No. 1117

That Clonmel Borough District Council seek a meeting with officials from Iarnród Eireann, with a view to reviewing and in turn upgrading the current train timetable to and from the Clonmel Station.

Reply

If the Motion is supported and adopted by the Elected Members, a letter will issue to Iarnród Eireann following the District Meeting.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Micháel Anglim and agreed.

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5.1 Councillor Siobhan Ambrose

No. 1116

What is the latest update regarding the removal of some of the dangerous bends in Glenconnor and further up that road at Ballingarrane/Glenconor North.

Reply

A preliminary road realignment design has been completed. A detailed topographical survey was carried out last year by the District with the view to progressing the detailed design and cost estimation.

This work could be funded using either of the following three options; District Development Levies, National Grant Funding or Developer-Led contributions for the undeveloped zoned lands.

The latter option being the preferred funding source, from a financial perspective but also from a design perspective, as any road design could incorporate the direct needs of a future development (e.g. roundabout at entrance). Any future design would need to include the provision of under ground services and the foul network would be subject to Irish Water approval. *This motion was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed.*

5.1 Councillor Siobhan Ambrose

No. 1115

What is the latest update regarding the proposed enhancement or upgrading works to Gladstone Street, O'Connell St and Irishtown, similar to the works carried out to Parnell Street (ref my previous motion calling for these works to be carried out).

Reply

It is planned to invite submissions including the views and ideas of the public, the community and businesses in August. This will be the initial phase of the public consultation process and further consultation will be held as the project is designed. *This motion was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Micháel Anglim and agreed.*

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5.1 Councillor Andy Moloney

No. 1114

Due to the Crayfish plague and restrictions on entering the suir, that this council erect a single bollard crossing the river into the Inch Field in Cahir to stop unauthorised access and a key of the bollard be issued to emergency services. This would help control the spread of disease in this protected species.

Reply

This removable bollard will be in place by Friday 14th July 2017. A key will be issued to the Emergency Services.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Andy Moloney, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed.

5.1 Councillor Andy Moloney

No. 1113

Now that international Flights are coming into Cork Airport and with 97 cruise ships into Cobh, are Tipperary Tourism trying to tap into this market for the south of the county to accommodate day trips from the liners.

Reply

Tipperary Tourism was launched earlier this year to promote Tipperary as a holiday destination both to the domestic and the international traveller.

Tipperary Tourism have already been engaging with Cork Airport about holding a promotional exhibition in the arrivals hall and are currently actively engaging with journalists and tour operators to promote the county through familiarisation trips. To date, five familiarisation trips have been held with one more planned for August and articles have already been published in her.ie and in the Mail on Sunday to very favourable reviews.

Tipperary has featured three times in Nationwide over the past few months with the latest programme on Ormonde Castle due to be broadcast on the 19th July and there have also been specials broadcasts on 2fm, on Tipp Fm promoting tourism in the county and there will be an edition of the TV3 program 'Challenge Alan' which was filmed in Clonmel recently broadcast in August.

Tipperary Tourism plans to continue to work to promote the county as a tourist destination through engagement with the stakeholders, media and tour operators and also by establishing new contacts.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Andy Moloney, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed.

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5.1 Councillor Richie Molloy

No.1082

That Clonmel Borough District consider putting in a combination of Speed Signs and ramp cushions in the Gort Na Managh Estate, Clonmel, as residents have expressed concerns about the speed of vehicles using the estate and the danger it poses for young children living in the estate .

Reply

As part of the National Speed Limit Review, the Council will be providing 30kph speed limit signs in housing estates over the coming months. These signs will have high visibility at the entrance to housing estates. Following installation of the signs, the Council will seek to identify if the speed limit is being observed and enforcement from An Garda Síochána maybe required.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Andy Moloney, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to note.

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

No votes of sympathy/congratulations were passed.

Item 8 – Any other business

There being no further business the meeting then concluded.

Signed/


Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Date/ _____

Signed/


District Administrator

Date/ _____