

**Monthly Meeting of the Members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held in the Chapel, Nano Nagle Community Centre, Hall, Carrick-on-Suir on the 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at 2:25p.m**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. John Fahey

**Members Present:** Cllr. David Dunne, , Cllr. Eddie O'Meara,

Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

**Apologies** Cllr. Louise McLoughlin

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

Mr Martin Nolan, District Administrator

Mr. John Fitzgerald, A/Staff Officer.

Mr Willie Corby, District Engineer

Ms. Nicola Keating, Executive Engineer.

Mr. Seamus Loughlin, Executive Engineer,

Ms. Anne Dunne, Assistant Staff Officer.

Ms. Clare Curley, Director of Services, Housing

Mr. Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, Housing

Mr Sean Lonergan, Senior staff Officer, Housing

Ms Fiona Crotty, Administrative Officer, Community and Economic Development

**Presentation by Dr. Paddy Condon South East Patient's Advocacy Group** Dr Paddy Condon made a detailed presentation on behalf of the South East Patients Advocacy Group, wherein he outlined the nature and history of the Cardiac Services in Waterford University Hospital, and his groups proposals on the preservation and development of those services. He responded to questions from members.

He asked that the members use their influence through engaging with the various advocacy groups on social media, attending public

meetings, and attending protests.

The members thanked Dr Condon for his presentation.

**Minutes of Meetings**

a) On the proposal of Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro , seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara , the minutes of the annual meeting held on the 22<sup>th</sup> of June, 2017 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

b) On the proposal of Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro , seconded by Cllr. David Dunne, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2017 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

In response to a question from Cllr. Kieran Bourke, the District Administrator informed the meeting that the motion adopted by the members in relation to Rookery Lane in Carrick-on-Suir had been referred to the County Council's Director for Roads and Transportation.

**Update from the Housing Directorate.**

Ms Clare Curley, Director of Services for Housing gave an update on the activities of her directorate in the district.

Members raised issues as follows:

**Cllr. Kieran Bourke:**

- Asked about timelines for housing construction projects
- Expressed his unhappiness with the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme
- Asked about the length of time dealing with voids.
- Asked about the homeowners relocation scheme.

**Cllr. David Dunne:**

- Stated that the housing problems in the district had been created by the Government.
- Asked about the proposal to build six houses at Lower Ballylynch
- Asked whether the Housing Adaption Grant was greater or

lower than in previous years

- Asked whether the cost of refurbishing the houses in Treacy Park was greater or less than the cost of purchasing houses.

**Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro:**

- Asked whether the Housing Adaption Grant allocation was sufficient to allow priority 2 applications to be dealt with in the current year.
- Asked whether all outstanding houses would be dealt with under the energy efficiency works.

**Cllr. Eddie O'Meara:**

- Asked whether the gap was widening between the Housing Assistance Payment and the rents being sought by landlords.

Ms Curley responded as follows:

- The delays in dealing with construction projects were due to the long period during which no construction had taken place. The team in the Housing Section had been strengthened and the various projects were being put through a four phase approval system with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.
- The allocation for Housing Adaption Grants had increased by €123,000.
- It was unlikely that priority 2 applications would be dealt with in the current year. However applications would be reconsidered where circumstances had changed.
- A response would be given later on the comparison of purchase price with the cost of renovation.
- The energy efficiency works would cover all outstanding houses in the district.
- It was acknowledged that rents had increased due to lack of supply. In response to this, the County Council had made a presentation to the Minister for Housing in relation to the level of payment, was making discretionary

payments where these were justified, and was co-operating in the collation of information on housing rents.

**Change of Chair** At this point (15:00) the Cathaoirleach left the meeting, and the chair was taken by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro.

**Update from the Community and Economic Development Directorate** Ms Fiona Crotty, Administrative Officer, Community and Economic Development, gave a presentation to the members on the activities of the Directorate in the district.

**Directorate** Cllr. David Dunne complimented the office of public works on the restoration of Ormond Castle. The official opening of Ormond Castle had taken place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2017.

**District Engineer's Report:** The District Engineers report had been circulated in advance of the meeting, and the District Engineer gave an update on various projects.

Members raised points as follows:

**Cllr. David Dunne:**

- Asked for start dates for the Old Bridge project
- Asked about weeds on the Old Bridge.
- Asked for start date for the Chapel Lane Project
- Asked about Maintenance Arrangements for the River Walk
- Asked that hedge cutting in Faugheen for the Faugheen 50 race be considered for 2018.

**Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro:**

- Asked about the repairs to the wall at the Rocklow Road in Fethard.

In response, the District engineer stated that the growth of vegetation on the Old Bridge would be examined, hedge cutting in Faugheen would be considered for the 2018 programme, and that the best approach to the repairs at Rocklow Road was being examined by the Roads Section.

**District  
Administrator's  
Report:**

1. The Water Services and Environment Directorate will attend the September Meeting.

2. A meeting with the Garda Siochana Clonmel District is scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> of September in the Clonmel Office at 2:30 pm, and with the Thurles District for the 28<sup>th</sup> of September at 4:00 pm following the Municipal District Meeting.

3. Public consultation in relation to the proposed amenity area at Bourke Street, Fethard will take place at the Tholsel, Fethard on the afternoon of the 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017.

4. The Environment Section have informed the Municipal District Office that they will make a contribution of €1,000.00 towards the cost of the District Awards night later in the year.

5. The Information Technology Section have requested a workshop with the members before the September Meeting to explain cyber threats and computer security.

6. Wifi is not available in the Chapel for member's meetings, and the Nano Nagle Centre have indicated that it cannot be made available at reasonable expense. It is available in the conference room

It was agreed to hold a workshop on computer security before the September Meeting, and to continue to use the Chapel for District Members meetings.

**General  
Municipal  
Allocation 2017**

The District Administrator informed the members that the position in relation to the General Municipal Allocation for 2017 was as follows:

<b>General Municipal Allocation 2017</b>	<b>€68,750.00</b>
Top up of Tidy Towns Committees Grants	€7,600.00
Allocation for District Tidy Towns Award	€3,000.00
Allocated from Community Grants Scheme	€18,595.00
<b><u>Balance Remaining</u></b>	<b><u>€39,555.00</u></b>

**Assistance of  
bodies under  
Section 66 of  
the Local  
Government  
Act, 2001**

**a) Community Grants Scheme.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara , seconded by Cllr. David Dunne

And Resolved:

"that being of the opinion that it was desirable in the interests of the local community, grants as follows be made in accordance with section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

Ref.	Group	Project/ Assistance required	Cost of Project	Grant
16	Ballingarry Community Centre	Installation of Heating System and emergency lighting	€6,600	€3,000
21	Ballypatrick Sports Centre	Assistance towards Utilities and Insurance	€3,544	€750
32	Ballingarry Playground Committee	Reairs to playground at Ballingarry	€6,000	€3,000
44	Moyglass Community Centre	Contribution to running costs	€2,547	€500
44A	Moyglass Athletic Club	Provision of Shed	€2,120	€1,000
45	Carrick Swan GAA Club	Contribution to insurance	€5,940	€600

		costs		
47	Galteemore Kickboxing Club	Acquisition of equipment	€4,000	€2,000
Totals				€10,850

Grants are to be subject to the following conditions:

1. The assistance of Tipperary County council must be acknowledged in all publications or publicity.
2. The Members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District must be invited to any opening, launch or similar event associated with an assisted project.
3. Groups must be a member of the Public Partnership Network, and must be tax compliant.
4. Groups must provide evidence of appropriate procurement and receipts to show the full expenditure on the assisted project. Payment will not exceed 50% of expenditure on the project.
5. Tipperary County Council may audit the records of any project assisted by it."

**b) Community Facilities Scheme**

It was proposed by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara , Seconded by Cllr. David Dunne and resolved:

"Tipperary County Council received funding of €64,500 from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government for the Local Government Communities Facilities Scheme Capital Scheme 2017. Tipperary LCDC on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July made the following recommendation that being of the opinion that it was desirable in the interests of the local community, grants as provided for under the Department of Housing Planning Community and Local Government Communities Facilities Scheme for the Carrick on Suir Municipal District as follows be made in accordance with section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

No	Org/Group Name	Nature	Amount Sought	Max Grant	Grant
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Note where more than one application for projects at the same site or location that these applications were treated as a single application for grant distribution

1	Ballingarry Community Centre	Hall Development	1,000.00	1,000.00	653.06
2	Ballingarry Community Playground	Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00	653.06
3	Ballingarry Tidy Towns	Flag Poles	1,000.00	1,000.00	653.06
4	Ballinure Community Group	Informational Panels	1,000.00	1,000.00	653.06
5	Ballylynch Residents Association	Estate Enhancement	500.00	500.00	500.00
6	Ballynonty Community Field	Site Development	1,000.00	1,000.00	653.06
7	Fethard GAA	Equipment	2,400.00	1,000.00	653.06
8	Carrick on Suir Community Resource Centre CLG	IT Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00	653.06
9	Carrick on Suir Mens Shed	Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00	653.06



0	1	Dualla Community Association	Energy Upgrade	800.00	800.00	653.06
1	1	Fethard District Day Care Centre	IT Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00	653.06
2	1	Killenaule Playground Development Group	Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00	653.06
3	1	Mens Shed, Mullinahone	Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00	653.06
4	1	Millenium Family Resource Centre	Equipment	1,100.00	1,000.00	653.06
5	1	Old School Community Centre	Hall Development	900.00	900.00	653.06
6	1	Sliabh Ardagh Rural Development	Memorial Garden	1,000.00	1,000.00	653.06
7	1	Slieveardagh United FC	Site Development	1,350.00	1,000.00	653.06
8	1	Rosegreen Community Development Assoc. _ Entrance Re-configuration	Site Development	3,000.00	1,000.00	653.06
9	1	Rosegreen Community Development Assoc. _ GAA Pitch	Site Development	3,000.00	1,000.00	-
0	2	Rosegreen Community Development Assoc. _ Lighting	Site Development	2,000.00	1,000.00	-

1	2	Rosegreen Community Development Assoc. _ Security Fencing	Site Development	2,000. 00	1,000. 00	-
2	2	Rosegreen Community Development Assoc. _ Soccer Pitch	Site Development	2,000. 00	1,000. 00	-
3	2	Rosegreen Community Development Assoc. _ Walkway	Site Development	2,500. 00	1,000. 00	-
4	2	Rosegreen GAA Club	Equipment	1,000. 00	1,000. 00	653.06
5	2	St. Nicholas Boxing Club	IT Equipment	1,000. 00	1,000. 00	653.06
6	2	The Commons Community Playschool	Equipment	2,000. 00	1,000. 00	653.06
6	2	26 Applications		36,55 0.00	25,20 0.00	13,561.20

**Delegated  
Employee's  
Orders**

A list of orders were circulated and noted.

**Notices of  
Motion**

**1120**

**Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro**

*I am calling on members of Carrick Municipal District to create a taskforce to deal with antisocial behaviour and dereliction of council estates.*

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne .

The report on this motion was as follows:

*'At a policy level, there are a number of structures in place including Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP), the Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development Programme (RAPID), and the Joint Policing Committee (JPC) that can be used to raise issues in relation to Anti Social Behaviour.'*

*Incidents of Anti Social Behaviour by County Council tenants should be reported to the Community Liason Officers in the Housing Section. The Community Liason Officer is part of the RAPID group. Derelict houses should be reported to the Municipal District Office.'*

It was agreed that individual estates that need attention would be notified to the Municipal District Office, and that an in camera discussion of this issue would take place at a future date.

**1021**

**Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro**

*I am calling on members of Carrick Municipal District to support the installation of Water Butts in Graveyards where there are no Taps*

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne

The report on this motion was as follows:

*'The management of graveyards in the district, with the exception of St Mary's Cemetery in Carrick-on-Suir is in the hands of local committees, who are assisted financially by the County Council. It is a matter for each committee to consider whether taps or water butts should be provided in the graveyard'*

It was agreed that this matter would be taken up with the Environment Directorate.

**1022**

**Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro**

*I am asking Carrick Municipal District to twin Ballinure Village with a village in Wales with the same characteristics.*

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne

The report on this motion was as follows:

*Under section 75 of the Local Government Act 2001, a local authority may twin its area or a part of its area with another area where this is justified by the benefits likely to accrue, is in the cultural, social or other interest of the area, and the cost involved is proportionate to the benefit.*

*Twinning is a grass roots activity that can have benefits for a locality. Normally, arrangements are made between a twinning committee or other body in the area to be twinned with a similar body in the other area*


The report was accepted.

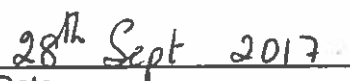
**Other Business** Cllr. Eddie O'Meara raised the status of the road between Cahir and Rosslare Europost, and asked that meetings be arranged with the elected members for the Piltown and New Ross Municipal Districts to discuss the promotion of this route.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro asked about the status of the litter picking suction sweeper that had been developed by the Environment Directorate.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (15:39)

  
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District Administrator

  
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Cathaoirleach

  
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Date