

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE BANQUET HALL, CAHIR CASTLE, CAHIR ON WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2017.

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

In attendance Mr. Sean Keating, Director of Services
 Mr Anthony Coleman, District Administrator
 Mr. Eoin Powell, Senior Executive Engineer
 Mr. Rory O'Callaghan, Executive Engineer
 Mr Paddy Crotty, Executive Engineer
 Mr James Swords, Executive Engineer
 Ms. Sharon Scully, A/Staff Officer

Apologies Ms. Sinead Carr, District Manager
 Mr Eamon Lonergan, District Engineer

Also in attendance: Mr. Karl Cashin – Director of Services, Planning Directorate;
 Mr Brian Beck – Senior Executive Officer, Planning Directorate;
 Ms Caroline Conway - Senior Executive Planner, Planning Directorate;
 Ms James Murray - Senior Executive Engineer, Planning Directorate;

Mayor Councillor Andy Moloney welcomed the Members to the Banquet Hall in Cahir Castle and thanked the Office of Public Works for the use of the Castle.
 Eleanor Morrissey from the OPW welcomed the monthly meeting of CBD to the Castle.

Item 1.1 – Minutes The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 17th May 2017 were proposed by Councillor Martin Lonergan seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, 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.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE BANQUET HALL, CAHIR CASTLE, CAHIR ON WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2017.

2

Item 2.1 – Attendance of the Planning Directorate

Staff from the Planning Directorate circulated a District Briefing note to Members detailing key issues relating to the Planning Directorate 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;
5. Structures at Risk;
6. Town Wall Scheme;
7. Energy in Agriculture Conference;
8. Taking in Charge of Estates;

The following queries were raised by Members:

- Repair and Leasing Scheme – number of applications for funding received;
- Cluster Guidelines- update;
- Update received from Department regarding guidelines to deal with infrastructure in estates not taken in charge by Council;
- Town Wall Scheme – no application made on behalf of Clonmel MD;
- Report on Workshop with Planning Agents – was it a success;

Members queries were responded to and agreed as follows:

- Repair and Leasing Scheme – derelict sites are the remit of the Environment Directorate, Planning staff have no information on the scheme;
- Cluster Guidelines – more information will become available over the coming weeks;
- Taking in Charge of Estates – this issue will be a major focus of the Planning Directorate over the coming months; James Murray, SEE will have sole responsibility for the Taking in Charge of Estates; 20 Taking in Charge applications relating to Clonmel Borough District are currently being processed;

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE BANQUET HALL, CAHIR CASTLE, CAHIR ON WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2017.

3

- Developer Infrastructure – currently waiting on advice from Irish Water and the Department ; no timeframe to move the process forward;
- Planning Agents Workshop – positive engagement with the 50 agents that attended the workshop; the refusal rate of Tipp Co Co is the 3rd lowest in the Country; E-Planning to be launched nationally in 2017, if applications are not up to standard, the number of refusals will increase significantly;
- Town Wall Scheme – an application was made on behalf of Clonmel town, but was unsuccessful; an application will be made again in 2018;

The Mayor Councillor 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:-

- Glenoaks Boundary Wall – E Lonergan was to speak to Housing Directorate, is there an update;
- 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;
- Marlfield Flood Alleviations Works – update;
- St Patricks Burial Ground works update;
- Proposed Sensory Playground – update;
- Town Wall application;

Councillor Pat English sought an update on the following:-

- Update on Kickham Barracks Development Project;
- CCTV Elm Park and Cooleen's Close;
- Clonmel Arms Hotel site – can District Administrator request a meeting with the new owners;
- St Patricks Burial Ground works;

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE BANQUET HALL, CAHIR CASTLE, CAHIR ON WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2017.

- Market Place – update on District Administrator to meet the owners;
- Phase II Suir Island;
- Marlfield Flood Alleviation Works;
- The derelict sites list that was to be circulated by Environment Directorate after the May monthly meeting has not yet been received by Members;
- Grant Scheme for Water Softeners – was letter sent to the relevant Department;
- Traffic Calming at Cahir Road, Clonmel – has a report been received from the Road Design office;

Councillor Martin Lonergan sought an update on the following:-

- Funding for Flood Alleviation Works;
- Update on road survey works, Pond Road, Marlfield;

Councillor Andy Moloney sought an update on the following:-

- Bin Collections, Cahir – extra bin collection to be provided; bins no longer being emptied on Thursdays; this is causing a major problem in the town;

The above matters raised by Members were responded to by Mr Eoin Powell, Senior Executive Engineer, and Mr Anthony Coleman, District Administrator as follows -

- Glenoaks Boundary Wall – land in question is owned by Tipperary County Council; Planning Section will allow for boundary wall if Part 8 Planning is applied for by Tipperary Co Co;
- Traffic Calming at St Lukes Hospital, Western Road – road markings are to be re-aligned and signage will then be assessed;
- Traffic Calming at Cahir Road – Road Design office to refer back with report;
- Traffic Calming at Prior Park – Road Design office are currently investigating means of restricting traffic flow;
- Traffic Calming at Marlfield Lake – further speed surveys to be carried out in the coming weeks;
- Marlfield Flood Alleviation Scheme – Mr Eoin Powell confirmed that Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultants have

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE BANQUET HALL, CAHIR CASTLE, CAHIR ON WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2017.

been appointed and the Part 8 process will commence in the coming months;

- Flood Mitigation Grant – no update is available at this time;
- Suir Island – tender process for Consultants is currently ongoing with a closing date for submissions of the 5th July 2017; Part 8 process will then take place; Blackwood report will be considered in new plans;
- Cahir Toilets – tenders are currently with the Quantity Surveyor for assessment;
- Cahir Town Bin Collection – Eoin Powell will discuss this, with regard to extra bin collections in the town, with the Senior Engineer, Mr Eamon Lonergan;
- St Patricks Burial Ground – road resurfacing works have now been completed in the cemetery;
- CCTV in Elm Park & Cooleen's Close – Anthony Coleman, District Administrator confirmed that the closing date for CCTV tenders is the 30th June 2017; contractor to be appointed in July 2017; funding has been ring-fenced for the project;
- Kickham Barracks Development Project – this project is a joint project being lead by the Corporate Services Directorate, no further update at this time ;
- Clonmel Arms Hotel – Mr Anthony Coleman confirmed that the new owners are currently in discussion with Planning Directorate; a follow up with planning will be carried out;
- CES Scheme – Anthony Coleman confirmed that one person had been appointed to CBD under the CES scheme; the remaining vacancies will be advertised again;
- Market Place – Anthony Coleman confirmed that he is hoping to meet the management company responsible for Market Place in the near future;
- Follow up will take place with the Environment Directorate regarding derelict sites list;

Item 3 – Consideration of Reports and Recommendations:

3.1 Reports of Officers

The Borough District Administrator, Mr Anthony Coleman updated Members on the following matters –

- Casual Trading Bye-Laws – a review of the Bye Laws will commence in the coming months;

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE BANQUET HALL, CAHIR CASTLE, CAHIR ON WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2017.

6

- Town Centre Forum – priorities of the Forum have been established; An Events Guide for Clonmel town will be published; in collaboration with LIT, a student

will be employed by the Council to focus on social media promotion;

Mr. Eoin Powell, Senior Executive Engineer updated Members on the following matters –

- Ardfinnan Bridge – a pre planning meeting has taken place with the OPW, a report will issue in three weeks time;
- Wet Mix / Surface Dressing – to be completed in July 2017;
- Goatenbridge - new speed signs to be erected on approach roads to the village;

The following queries were raised by Members - :

- Town Centre Forum – can a report on the progress of the Forum be circulated to Members;
- Update on the appointment of a craftsman for the Clogheen area;
- Signage for island on Frank Drohan by-pass;
- Elm Park – installation of a speed ramp; illegal dumping at Keatings shop, Elm Park;
- One Year Review of Marystreet carpark;
- Update on Sensory Playground in Clonmel;

Members queries were responded to as follows -

- Craftsman for Clogheen Area –this is a matter for Human Resources; Anthony Coleman to follow up with HR;
- Elm Park Speed Ramp – speed ramps are no longer the preferred method of traffic calming; Eoin Powell to investigate the site;
- Sensory Playground – South Tipperary Autism Support Group have submitted an application to LEADER for funding of the project;
- Marystreet Car Park – review to take place as part of full review of Parking Bye Laws;
- Town Centre Forum – mechanism to be put in place whereby Members can engage with traders through the Town Centre Forum;

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE BANQUET HALL, CAHIR CASTLE, CAHIR ON WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2017.

7

3.2 Resolution to Amend the Pricing Schedule of the Clonmel Parking/Traffic and Carpark Bye Laws 2013, pursuant to the provisions of Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act 1994

A resolution to amend the Pricing Schedule of the Clonmel Parking/Traffic and Carpark Bye Laws 2013, pursuant to the provisions of Section 36 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andy Moloney, seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose.

Item 4.1 – Chief Executive/ Delegated Officers Orders

The Chief Executive Orders for the period to the 16th June 2017 were noted.

Item 5 – Consideration of the following notices of Motion

5.1 Councillor Pat English **No. 1073**
That Clonmel Borough District amend the Clonmel Traffic and Car Park Bye Laws 2013 to provide free parking periods in Clonmel to help boost business in Clonmel Town Centre.

Reply

The Clonmel Parking/Traffic and Car Park Bye-Laws provide up to 200 parking spaces in the Mary Street barrier controlled car park in the town centre with 30 minutes free parking.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Pat English, seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan and agreed

5.2 Councillor Pat English **No. 1074**
That Clonmel Borough District provide a crash barrier at Coady's House, Monksgrange, Knocklofty, Clonmel, due to the large amount of cars leaving the road at this location.

Reply

Statistics do not show that this location has a high accident rate. The road was surface dressed last October which improved the skid resistance. The Area Engineer does intend to carry out road markings under this year's contract. But there is no plan to

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE BANQUET HALL, CAHIR CASTLE, CAHIR ON WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2017.

install crash barriers. Such works would need to be carried out under a Low Cost Safety Grant and supported by accident figures.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Pat English, seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy and agreed

5.3 Councillor Andy Moloney

No. 1079

With sewerage blockages becoming more regular occurrences in Cahir Town, can Irish Water give a report of the type of blockages and storage capacity of the Treatment Plant in Cahir Town.

Reply

Sewer and drain blockages are a constant issue in any foul water drainage system. They can be caused by unsuitable items being put into the sewers and drains or by defects in the actual sewers and drains. Water Services Section, as the agent of Irish Water, is not aware of any substantial rise in such occurrences in Cahir town in recent times. However, there has been a number of reported blockages, which were the subject of investigation and discussion, involving Irish Water (as the water services authority), the Council (as the agent of Irish Water), public representatives (on behalf of the affected customers) and, on occasion, other stakeholders. While these investigations and discussions centred on the cause of the blockages, there has also been engagement with Irish Water as to whether the Council, acting as the agent of Irish Water, could or should intervene to remedy the blockage. In accordance with the current policy of Irish Water, each case is now being examined by Irish Water on a case by case basis but within the context of minimising any access to private property.

Any query in relation to the capacity of the Cahir Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) should be referred to Irish Water as water services authority as the national public utility is best placed to advise on the capacity of an individual WWTP (similar queries by other members of the Council in relation to the capacity of WWTPs elsewhere in the county have been so referred and responded to). However, the Council has experienced occasional issues caused by exceptional loading of the drainage network when there is excessive rain entering the foul water system. These issues are reported to the DBO plant operator as soon as possible. (The Cahir WWTP is one of twelve WWTPs in South Tipperary operated and maintained, on behalf of Irish Water, by a private contractor pursuant to the Tipperary Grouped Operational Scheme and Wastewater Treatment Plants Design/Build, which contract commenced in 2003.)

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT
MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE BANQUET HALL, CAHIR
CASTLE, CAHIR ON WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2017.**

*This motion was proposed by Councillor Andy Moloney,
seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy and agreed*

5.4 Councillor Andy Moloney No. 1080

That this Council call on the Minister and Fáilte Ireland to sort out the opening times of Cahir Tourist office for 2018 and the end of the 2017 season. In doing so, we need to also extend the Swiss Cottage hours to end of mid-term (5 days extra) and re-open on 17th March 2018.

Reply

If this motion is adopted by the Members, the Council will write to Fáilte Ireland and the Minister for Tourism to extend the seasonal opening times of Cahir Tourist Office for the 2018 season and the end of the 2017 season. In addition, a request will be made to extend the Swiss Cottage open period to the end of mid-term (5 days extra) and re-open on 17th March 2018.

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

5.5 Councillor Andy Moloney No. 1081

Following on from previous Motion and meeting with TII in Dublin that they repair the skid surface immediately at Knockagh as agreed and that alternative route signage for Clonmel be put at the Moorstown/Husseytown junction to divert traffic away from the narrow roads when road closures occur at Moorstown.

Reply

The roundabout has been identified as a HD28 site by TII, which means that it has been included in a programme of works aimed at improving skid resistance at this location in 2017. The TII has confirmed that these works will be carried out under their maintenance contract with Egis-Lagan. The Area Engineer has written to Egis-Lagan requesting agreement for a Traffic Diversion Plan.

*This motion was proposed by Councillor Andy Moloney,
seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose and agreed*

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT
MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE BANQUET HALL, CAHIR
CASTLE, CAHIR ON WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2017.**

10

5.6 Councillor Pat English

No. 1089

That Clonmel Borough District clear the back river at The Island/Irishtown Upper to make this section of the River available for use for boating/canoeing which will add to the existing blueway through the Town.

Reply

An examination of the extent of clearance works required and a costing of same will be carried out in the coming weeks. If it is determined that there is a need to carryout large scale works here, then a private contractor may need to be engaged due to the safety risks associated with flowing water. The commencement of works will obviously be cost and funding dependent.

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

5.7 Councillors Richie Molloy and Martin Lonergan

No. 1090

That Clonmel Borough District would introduce a Deputy Mayoral Chain to signify the importance of the Office and which would help the Deputy Mayor to assist the Mayor in carrying out functions across the District and also to wear at Mayoral/Civic Receptions when held.

Reply

The Clonmel Borough District has made no provision to introduce a Deputy Mayoral Chain. The Council's Representation at Official Events Protocol states that 'at Municipal District receptions / official events, the Municipal District Mayor / Cathaoirleach of the District in which the event is taking place, will wear his / her chain of office in addition to the Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, if in attendance.'

In the event that the Cathaoirleach or his/her deputy is unavailable to officiate at an official event the Mayor / Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District in which the event is to take place, or his/her deputy, may represent Tipperary County Council at such an event.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE BANQUET HALL, CAHIR CASTLE, CAHIR ON WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2017.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Richie Molloy and Councillor Martin Lonergan, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed

5.8 Councillor Micheál Anglim No. 1108

The road L3409-1 from the Bridge in Tubrid to Castlegrace Cross is in need of re-surfacing and in bad shape for such a busy road. I call on the council to include it in the Road's Programme as soon as possible.

Reply

Road surface condition surveys will be carried out as part of the selection process for the next Roads Programme. Based on these surveys, roads will be considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme. If the L-3409-1 is deemed to be in need of repair, it will be considered in the next Roads Programme.

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

5.9 Councillor Micheál Anglim No. 1109

I call on the Council to carry out work's on the Footpaths in Hill View Housing Estate in Burncourt, which are in bad repair. 26 meters are particularly bad and dangerous for elderly people walking on them.

Reply

The Borough District will repair the 26 metres of dangerous footpath in Hillview, Burncourt this summer. The remainder of the footpaths will be surveyed and will be considered for inclusion in next year's footpath repair/replacement programme.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Michael Anglim, seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy and agreed

5.10 Councillor Micheál Anglim No. 1110

The bend on Lars Hill Ardfinnan on road L3505-0 is in need of work to be done. The ditch is quite high and the earth is giving way, which is making it look dangerous. I call on the Council to look at it and aim to make it safer for all road users.

Reply

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE BANQUET HALL, CAHIR CASTLE, CAHIR ON WEDNESDAY, 21st JUNE 2017.

The ditch and existing stone wall are the responsibility of the private landowner. Any works would require land purchase and substantial retaining wall construction. Such works are not planned at present.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Michael Anglim, seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan and agreed

Correspondence

Correspondence from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment regarding the National Broadband Plan was noted.

Item 7 – Votes of Sympathy /Congratulations

A vote of sympathy was passed for the following –

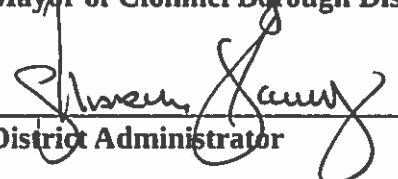
- Our former colleague, Mr Donald MacDonald, 31 Woodville Terrace, Upper Gladstone Street, Clonmel, Co Tipperary.

Item 8 – Any other business

There being no further business the meeting then concluded.

Signed/ 
 Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Date/ 20.07.2017

Signed/ 
 District Administrator

Date/ 20.07.2017