

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 22nd June, 2017 at 2:25p.m

In the Chair: Cllr. John Fahey

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

Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

Apologies

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

Mr. John Fitzgerald, A/Staff Officer.

Ms. Nicola Keating, Executive Engineer.

Mr. Seamus Loughlin, Executive Engineer,

Ms. Anne Dunne, Assistant Staff Officer.

Mr. Karl Cashen, Director of Services.

Ms. Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner

Mr. James Murray, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning.

Minutes of Meetings

On the proposal of Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 25th May, 2017 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Matters Arising: Cllr. David Dunne, asked for an update in relation to Hazel Court, Greenhill Village in relation to a derelict sites notice being issued. John Fitzgerald informed the meeting that the matter had been forwarded to the Environment Section, and he was unaware of the exact position at the current time. John Fitzgerald agreed to check the exact position with environment section and inform the members.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro welcomed the CLAR funding for the Carrick-on-Suir MD and queried when the start dates would be for the

approved works. Ms. Nicola Keating confirmed that no commencement dates have been determined to date.

**Update from the
Planning and
Emergency
Services
Directorate.**

Mr. Karl Cashen circulated a report on the activities of the Planning and Emergency Services Section in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District. The main points covered included the National Planning Framework, for which a Draft will be available later in 2017; the Fethard Settlement Plan; Vacant Sites legislation that was recently enacted; Built Heritage and Town Walls scheme. Mr. Cashen introduced Mr. James Murray, Senior Executive Engineer, who has joined the Planning Section and will be working specifically on the area of Taking in Charge.

Cllr. John Fahey:

- Requested an update in regard to the N24.

Mr. Cashen responded as follows:

- The Planning section has made a submission under the National Planning Framework in regard to upgrading the N24, including this being used as an alternative route to the proposed motorway from Limerick to Cork. The Local Authority is currently awaiting a response.

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Queried the position with the GlenDarra housing estate in Mullinahone which has been taken in charge and public lighting.

Ms. Caroline Conway responded as follows:

- ESB networks are dealing with the issue, Ms. Conway to investigate and revert.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Queried how long Irish Water are taking to provide approvals

after submission of reports

- Clarified that Irish Water would have no involvement in the roads element of the estates in question, and that the delay in progressing the site resolutions plans was frustrating.

Mr. Murray responded as follows:

- That in a general, he would expect a straight forward case to be turned around in 6-8 weeks. Some reports can be comprehensive and the site resolution plan may require further discussion between the local authority and Irish Water.
- James Murray responded that the planning section is working to provide Irish Water with all the necessary reports in the first instance to reduce the time taken to reach a conclusion. Karl Cashen added that since James Murray has joined the team in planning, he has a dedicated full time role in the area of Taking in Charge and this will allow him to build a relationship with Irish Water that will ensure a reduction in the time taken to complete the process.

Cllr. David Dunne.

- Concurred with the comments of Cllr Bourke and welcomed the progress being made in the area of taking in charge.
- Welcomed the upcoming workshops in relation to settlement plans.

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Stated that in relation to the settlement plans he would not encourage any measure that interferes with the ability of citizens to build one off properties.

Ms. Caroline Conway responded as follows:

- That the settlement plans are intended to be an alternative option for those who wish to build houses out of the main urban centres, and in particular those applicants who may not

have the link to the countryside and so do not qualify under current planning guidelines.

**District
Engineer's
Report:**

The District Engineer's Report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The main points were that the surface dressing programme had commenced at Coolmore to Barretstown in the current week and would be completed by early July. Wet Mix commencing in mid-July, weather dependent. Safety improvement works at Quinlans' Cross are awaiting a survey from the roads design team. Road improvements in Carrick-on-Suir such as Chapel St. are currently in discussions with the ESB and progressing. Collins Park is complete and St. John's Terrace and Dunbane are at tender stage. A contractor has been appointed to footpaths at St. Mollerans and the trees have been cut at Sean Healy Park, however trees at Town park will not be cut until September in line with restrictions on tree cutting during the summer months.

A response is still outstanding from An Bord Pleanala in relation to works to the Old Bridge in Carrick-on-Suir. Tenders have been submitted for five mile bridge and Coolea. A contractor has been appointed for the Islands Bridge and will commence in July. Works at a number of locations in Fethard are at design or tenders stage and are expected to commence shortly.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Complemented staff on the work completed at St. Mary's cemetery.
- Requested that the entrance to St. Mary's cemetery from Connolly Park be upgraded to appropriate cemetery gates.
- Asked if the tree maintenance budget been exhausted for 2017, and could smaller pruning jobs be completed around the town of Carrick-on-Suir.
- What are the details of the works to be completed at Chapel St. Carrick-on-Suir, incl Availability of drawings incl details

such as ew street lighting, footpath widening etc. Will the work be completed in 2017 and if not will the budget be spent on other projects in Carrick-on-Suir in 2017

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- What is the current position with footpaths and public lighting on the approach roads into Ballynonty.

Cllr. David Dunne

- Asked for an update on a start date on the old bridge in Carrick-on-Suir.
- Noted the plans to replace trees in Sean Healy Park with more suitable trees.

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Asked for an update on works at the Islands Bridge, Mullinahone.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Asked why An Bord Pleanala are involved in the works on the Old Bridge.

The District Engineer responded as follows:

- The replacement of the gate would be examined in consultation with Environment Section.
- The large culling of trees completed were done so out of a special provision and routine pruning would continue out of the parks budget.
- The DE has met the ESB on site in recent days with a view to progressing the project on Chapel St. While the site visit

took place, a number of residents were met informally. Once definite plans are prepared they will be available accordingly and it is still planned for the works to be completed in 2017.

- No timeframe available at present for works in Ballynonty, Nicola agreed to revert to the Cllrs. with an update.
- We are currently awaiting approval from An Bord Pleanala after which bridge works can commence at Old Bridge Carrick on Suir.
- Five Eye Bridge is ready for tender and a contractor has been appointed for works at Islands bridge, however the contractor cannot commence works until July under current legislation in relation to works in the River.
- An Bord Pleanala is involved as the River is classed as a Special Area of Conservation and an appropriate assessment is required to ensure no damage is done to protected species etc.

**District
Administrator's
Report:**

John Fitzgerald presented the District Administrator's report as follows:

1. The Housing Directorate and the Community and the Economic Development Directorate will attend the July Monthly Meeting on 27th July 2017.
2. The South Eastern Patients Advocacy Group has requested an opportunity to address the members in relation to cardiac care services in Waterford University Hospital. It was agreed by the members to facilitate a presentation by Dr. Paddy Condon at the July Monthly meeting on 27th July 2017.
3. The members were informed that the consultants preparing the public realm plan for the Carrick-on-Suir Town Centre will be holding a public consultation in the Carraig Hotel from 3pm-8pm on 5th July.
4. The members were informed that the OPW have advised that Ormond Castle will reopen to the public not later than 29th of June with an official opening taking place in the last week of July.

**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:

General Municipal Allocation 2017	€68,750.00
Top up of Tidy Towns Committees Grants	€7,600.00
Allocation for District Tidy Towns Award	€3,000.00
Allocated from Community Grants Scheme	€16,175.00
<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>€41,975.00</u>

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

It was proposed by Cllr. Kieran Bourke, 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:

Community Grants Scheme

Group	Project/ Assistance required	Cost of Project	Grant recommended
Cluain Ard Residents Association, Fethard	Cutting of grass and maintenance of green areas	€700.00	€350.00
Killenaule Community Enhancement group	Provision of notice board for main car park	€535.00	€260.00
Tinvane Park Residents Committee, Carrick-on-Suir	Provision of Flowers	€200.00	€100.00
Deerpark Residents Association, Carrick-on-Suir	Maintenance of green areas	€1,000.00	€500.00
Kilcash Tidy Towns.*	Machinery and insurance costs	€1065.00	€500.00

Ahenny Restoration Group	Purchase of lawnmower	€800.00	€400.00
Cluain Cregg Residents Association	Maintenance of green Areas	€620.00	€310.00
			€2,420.00

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 receipts to show the full expenditure on the assisted project.
5. Tipperary County Council may audit the records of any project assisted by it.

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin

- Queried the closing date on the grant applications.

John Fitzgerald responded that applications under the Community Grants Scheme can continue to be accepted, given that we have available funds. However, given that the funds have to be drawn down in 2017, we will have to implement an appropriate closing date towards the end of the year.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Queried any outstanding applications that were submitted in the last 2 months but had not been brought to the members to date.

John Fitzgerald responded that we have 14 ongoing applications that we have requested further information and are in contact with the groups. It was agreed for John to speak to Cllr. Bourke after the meeting on any specific queries he may have.

Cllr. John Fahey

- Queried the position with the grass cutting in Killenaule which needs to be completed urgently.

John Fitzgerald responded that we are in contact with the group who have applied for a grant to assist with the grass cutting and we are close to a resolution with them.

**Delegated
Employee's
Orders**

A list of orders were circulated and noted.

Correspondence

Items of correspondence were noted as follows:

- Results of the Tidy Schools competition from the Environment section were circulated.
- Booklets were made available in relation to Social Inclusion and Community Development from the Community & Economic Development Section.
- The South Tipperary Action Plan for the Prevention of Suicide was recently launched at this was available for the members.

**Notices of
Motion**

1071

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

I ask this Council to repair and replace where necessary all Tourist information and maps at the following sites; Nine Mile House, Mullinahone, Cloneen, Drangan, Ballingarry and The Commons

The motion was proposed by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. Kieran Bourke.

The report on this motion was as follows:

These signs will be examined to assess the necessary repairs & replacement work if considered necessary. Subject to funding being available, the matter will be progressed as quickly as possible.

The report was accepted.

1072

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

I ask the Council to replace and repair all signs and railings at the car park in Mullinahone as already promised.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin.

The report on this motion was as follows:

Any necessary repair & replacement work will be followed up as soon as possible.

The report was accepted.

1087

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

I am calling on Tipperary County Council to start the process of taking Rookery Lane, Carrick-on-Suir in charge

The motion was proposed by Cllr. Kieran Bourke and seconded by Cllr. David Dunne

The report on this motion was as follows:

Rookery Lane is located off the West Gate in Carrick-on-Suir. It is not included in the the schedule of public roads. It is a narrow lane leading to a yard or square servicing buildings on Bridge Street. There is no through route. The area has the appearance of private property and is secured by a gate and lock. It is constructed to a low standard and there is minor littering in the area. A number of vehicles appear to be stored there. The process for taking in charge is set out in section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993. The process includes the publication of a notice, consideration of objections, and of the financial implications. It

is a requirement that the road be of public utility. Taking in charge is a reserved function. If this lane is taken in charge it will involve considerable expense to bring it up to an acceptable standard. This will have to be met from existing road maintenance budgets. Given the lack of public benefit, the taking in charge of this area is not recommended.

The report was accepted.

1091

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

Despite several requests, I am calling on Tipperary Co.Co. to remove unauthorized signage on the Greenway outside Carrick-on-Suir.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. Kieran Bourke and seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara.

The report on this motion was as follows:

The greenway is currently under construction. When construction is completed, all signage along the greenway will be reviewed.

The report was accepted.

1092

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

I am calling on the Environmental Section of Tipperary County Council to remove an abandoned car which is situated in a public lane way adjacent to Strand car park Ck-on-Suir.

The motion was withdrawn as the car had been removed by environment section.

1102

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

I call on the new Minister for Rural Affairs, Michael Ring, to provide an immediate fund for the restructure and repair of County and tertiary

roads

The motion was proposed by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro.

The report on this motion was as follows:

If adopted by the members, the motion will be brought to the Minister's attention

The report was accepted.

Other Business

Cllr. John Fahey congratulated the District Administrator, Martin Nolan and Helen on their marriage later in the day.

Cllr. John Fahey congratulated John Fitzgerald and his wife on the arrival of their new baby recently.

Votes of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was passed following the death of the late Des Hanafin, former senator, Thurles.

A vote of sympathy was passed following the death of the late Stephen Hoare who lost his life tragically while swimming in Carrick-on-Suir in recent days.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro proposed making a donation of €200 to Killusty Tidy Towns who were recently victims of vandalism when flowers were stolen from the village. It was agreed to make the donation under the General Municipal Allocation. This was seconded by Cllr. O'Meara.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (15:20)

John Fitzgerald
District Administrator

John Fahay
Cathaoirleach

27th July 2017
Date