

**Monthly Meeting of the Members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Carrick-on-Suir on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March, 2016 at 2:00p.m**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

**Members Present:** Cllr. Kieran Bourke Cllr. David Dunne, Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, Cllr.J.Fahey.

**Appologies**

**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, Ms Fiona Crotty, Staff Officer, Ms Anne Dunne, Assistant Staff Officer, Mr Karl Cashen, Director of Service, Mr Brian Beck, Senior Planner, Ms Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner, Mr Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, Mr Sean Lonergan, Senior Staff officer, Ms Kathleen Prendergast, Administrative Officer

**Minutes of Meetings**

On the proposal of Cllr. David Dunne , seconded by Cllr. John Fahey the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, 2016 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

On the proposal of Cllr. John Fahey, seconded by Cllr. David Dunne the minutes of the standing orders committee held on the 24th of February, 2016 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**Arising from Minutes.**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Eddie O'Meara, complemented the Carrick-on-Suir St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee on the parade on St Patrick's Day.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke noted that he had met with the residents in Strand Lane with representatives of Irish Water and Tipperary County Council's

water section.

**Update from  
Director of  
Planning and  
Emergency  
Services**

The Director of Planning and Emergency Services apologised for his inability to attend the February Members meeting. He referred to four issues that had been raised by the members at that meeting and confirmed that a response had been sent.

Members raised the following issues:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke:

- Referred to the commitment given at the November Meeting that named developments would be taken in charge.

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Stated that the problems of taking in charge is a county wide problem.

Cllr. John Fahey:

- CCTV in Fethard.

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin:

- Also raised the issue of named developments that were to be taken in charge.

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara:

- Asked about the taking in charge of the Cois-na-Abhainn development in Mullinahone.

Mr Brian Beck responded as follows:

- The taking in charge of developments had been delayed by the requirements from Irish Water which must be satisfied before a housing estate can be taken in charge. This includes the documentation of way leaves and the matter was being worked through with Irish Water.
- A policy for the taking in charge of estates was being developed and would be brought to the Strategic Policy Committee shortly.

In relation to CCTV, it was proposed by Cllr. John Fahey, seconded by

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara and agreed that the Department of Justice be written to in relation to the subvention of community CCTV systems.

**Update from  
Director of  
Housing**

Mr Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, and Mr Sean Lonergan Senior Staff Officer, gave a presentation in relation to the Activities of the Housing Directorate in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District. Points made included the following:

- 5 houses at Gortnahoe were at design stage
- Design awaited from Voluntary Housing Association for 4 houses at Fethard
- 8 houses in progress by Campill Communities at Carrick-on-Suir
- 2 Houses at Faugheen and Ballingarry for completion in April 2016
- Housing Adaptation Grants Private Houses - €2,905,154
- Housing Adaptation Grants Local Authority Houses – Allocation awaited.
- Voids – Application made for allocation in 2016.
- Energy Efficiency Works – Application made for allocation in 2016.
- 2 Applications received for house purchase
- County Council would be writing to Tenants about the Tenant Purchase Scheme in next few weeks.
- 339 approved housing applicants in the Carrick-on-Suir District, with 22 vacancies
- New Maintenance Policy and Tenant's Handbook approved by the Housing Strategic Policy Committee to be implemented immediately.

Members raised the following issues:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke:

- Asked for the position in relation to 20 Treacy Park
- Asked whether RAS tenants displaced by the flooding incident

in January had returned to their homes.

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Described the number of housing applicants as an emergency
- Asked whether there were any issues of private tenants being evicted by landlords.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro:

- Asked about the Energy Efficiency Programme
- Asked about the enforcement of standards in RAS houses
- Asked about the use of the proceeds of the sale of houses.
- Complemented the Housing Directorate on the standard of work on the house in Ballingarry

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin:

- Asked about an energy upgrade programme

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara:

- complemented the section on the work being done, but noted that there was no local authority building programme.

The response was as follows:

- A construction programme had been submitted in April 2015, but no approvals for projects to date. In the meantime, the acquisition of houses was a quick solution.
- There were three major voids in the District, no approval for work on these as yet.
- It was intended to carry out 900 Phase I Energy Conservation works countywide at a cost of approximately €3,000.00 per house, and 250 Phase II works, mostly in the northern Districts of the County.
- The proceeds of house sales would be used by the Housing Section for its capital programme.
- The increase in the number of approved housing applicants was due to the implementation of the Housing Assistance Programme (HAP) which requires the housing needs of all applicants to be assessed. To date 320 people had been transferred to HAP, 28 of these in the Carrick-on-Suir District.

- Landlords are responsible for the maintenance of RAS houses. Issues should be raised in the first instance with the landlord, then with the housing section.
- No major issues in relation to tenants being evicted due to landlord's financial difficulties. Where this arises, council's priority is to maintain the tenancy.

**Town Centre  
Incentive  
Scheme.**

Ms Kathleen Prendergast, Administrative Officer, Community and Enterprise, made a presentation in relation to the Town Centre Incentive Scheme for 2015. A report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke asked why the report had not dealt with Town Centre Car Parking.

Cllr. John Fahey welcomed the extension of the Greenway to the Town Centre.

**Schedule of  
Municipal  
District Works.**

A schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair prepared by the Chief Executive was circulated at the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kieran Bourke, seconded by Cllr. David Dunne and agreed 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 2015, 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.

**District  
Engineer's  
Report:**

The District Engineer's Report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The following matters were raised in relation to the District Engineer's Report:

Cllr. John Fahey:

- Current position in relation to the road at Quartercross, Kilusty.

The District Engineer responded as follows:

- Temporary works had been completed to allow a full re-opening of

the road. A design would be prepared for permanent works at this location.

**District Administrator's Report:**

The District Administrator informed the members that the Environment Section and the Water Services Section would attend the next meeting.

**Workshop for Members on Speed Limits**

The District Administrator informed the members that the Roads Directorate had requested a workshop with the members in relation to proposed changes in speed limits in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District.

It was proposed and agreed that a workshop on the proposed changes would be held at 1:00 PM on the 28/04/2016.

**General Municipal Allocation 2016**

The District Administrator circulated a report setting out the current position in relation to the General Municipal Allocation, as follows:

<u>Municipal Allocation</u>			<u>€68,745</u>
	<b>Allocated</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Expended</b>
Residents Associations	€3,000	€0.00	€0.00
Community Waste Management	€10,000	€0.00	€0.00
Sports and Community Facilities Scheme	€15,000	€0.00	€0.00
Christmas Lights Scheme	€15,000	€0.00	€0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>€43,000</b>	<b>€0.00</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
<u>Unallocated/Unexpended</u>	<u>€25,745</u>	<u>€68,745</u>	<u>€68,745</u>

**Assistance of 1916 Commemorative Projects**

A report on applications for assistance for 1916 commemoration projects in the District had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne , seconded by Cllr. Kieran Bourke and agreed 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:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Grant</b>
St Nicolas Boxing Club	Commemorative Boxing Tournament	€495.00
Carrick-on-Suir Remembers 1916	Week of events including a play, Historic Talk, school debate, ceremonial planting, Hurling Tournament and Ballad Competition	€1,000.00
Fethard Community Council	Float in Cashel St Patrick Day's Parade	€1,000.00
Fethard Business and Tourism Group	1916 Play	€1,000.00
Fethard Historical Society	Exhibition at Tipperariana Book Fair	€400.00
Tracey Park Residents Group	Remembrance Day for Sean Tracey	€700.00
Reen Heritage group	Commemorative Music Event	€500.00
Ballyneal Community Hall	Photographic Exhibition and Play	€500.00
Clancy Festival Committee	Commemorative Concert	€700.00
Tudor Artisan Hub	Production of short film	€700.00
Tudor Artisan Hub	Art Installation	€650.00
Community	Photographic exhibition, concert	€600.00

Hall Committee, Grangemockler	and lecture	
Glengoole Tidy Towns	Event, Barbeque and plaque with special emphasis on Thomas O'Donovan	€700.00
Moyglass Sports and Leisure Centre	Plaque and copy of proclamation	€355.00
Nano Nagle Resource Centre	Flagpole, Flag, and framed proclamation	€700.00

Grants are to be subject to the following conditions:

1. Evidence must be provided that the project or event has taken place. A report must be submitted to the County Council which must include a basic profit and loss account for the event, and be backed up with receipts.
2. The County Council must be acknowledged as a funder in all publications and media activity.
3. The group must be a member of the Public Participation Network and be Tax compliant
4. The Municipal District Chairman and Members must be invited to participate in any events funded by the grant.

**Assistance of  
Bodies under  
Section 66 of  
the Local  
Government  
Act 2001 –  
Ballingarry  
Parish Journal  
Committee**

A report in relation to a proposal by the Ballingarry Parish Journal Committee to erect a memorial to people from that area who had been involved in the First World War had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. David Dunne and resolved that being of the opinion that it was desirable in the interests of the local community, a grant of €800 be made to the Ballingarry Parish Journal Committee pursuant to Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, subject to the following conditions:

1. The contribution of Tipperary County Council be acknowledged in any publicity about the project.
2. The minutes of the committees most recent AGM be submitted to



the District Administrator.

3. When the project is completed, a Profit and Loss Account for the project, setting out all receipts and payments relating to the project, be submitted to the District Administrator.
4. The committee join the Public Participation Network

And that the grant be funded from the General Municipal Allocation.

**Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Awards Scheme.** A draft scheme for the making of awards recognising outstanding achievements for persons living in or otherwise associated with the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District had been circulated prior to the meeting. The draft scheme envisages nominations being made by elected representatives, active community groups, or groups of citizens, and being adjudicated on by an independent panel.

It was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. John Fahey and agreed that the scheme as circulated be adopted.

**Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Festivals Grants Scheme.** A scheme for the assistance of community groups involved in festivals had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The intention of the scheme is to assist groups that were not otherwise being assisted by Tipperary County Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. John Fahey as follows

' That being of the opinion that it is in the interests of the people of the locality, the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Festivals Scheme as circulated be adopted pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and that €6,000 be allocated from the General municipal Allocation for the scheme'

After discussion, a vote was taken as follows:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke	Against
Cllr. David Dunne	Against
Cllr. John Fahey	In Favour
Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro	In Favour
Cllr. Louise McLoughlin	In Favour
Cllr. Eddie O'Meara	In Favour

The result of the vote was four in favour and two against, and the Cathaoirleach declared that the motion had been carried.

**Delegated  
Employee's  
Orders**

A list of orders circulated was noted.

**Notices of  
Motion:**

**Cllr. David Dunne** **659**

'That Town Councils be re-established for towns with a population over 5,000.'

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara.

The report on the motion was as follows:

*'If approved, the motion will be brought to the attention of the Minister for the Environment.'*

The motion was agreed.

**Cllr. David Dunne** **660**

*'That the route from St Bridget's hospital along Strand Lane, North Quay, and the riverside walk to Bohereen na gCappall be kept free of litter and illegally dumped waste.'*

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Kieran Bourke.

The report on the motion was as follows:

*'Strand Lane is cleaned twice a week. The matter of illegal dumping has been referred to the Environment Section to look into.'*

The report was accepted..

**Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro** **661**

'Can the Carrick on Suir Municipal District provide a competition within the district for the Tidy Towns Competition 2016. As there are currently 20 groups participating, this would be a great incentive for all those involved.'

The report on the motion was as follows:

'The Environment Section operates a grants scheme for tidy towns groups which maybe topped up by the District Members. This is paid regardless of performance in the competition.

There is no budget available to fund a competition. If a competition is held, it will have to be funded from the General Municipal Allocation'

This notice of motion was taken in conjunction with

**Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro**

**663**

*'Can this District inform the Members of the budget for Tidy Towns 2016 in the South of the County in comparison to the North of the County, as there is a large discrepancy in the allocation for this year.'*

The report on the motion was as follows:

*'Prior to the merger of North Tipperary and South Tipperary County Councils the former North Tipperary County Council had a grant scheme for Tidy Towns/Tidy Villages Committees. This was based on a request for funding on an annual basis and funds were allocated with regard to the scale of, and proposed activity within, each town/village.*

*No such scheme existed in the former South Tipperary County area and small amounts of monies were allocated on an ad hoc basis. However as the service delivery models in both Local Authorities were very different at that time one should not assume that the level of service in the former North Tipperary was better than the former South Tipperary as the support to towns and villages in the former South Tipperary was provided through direct support such as the provision, and maintaining, of community litter bins and refuse skips, street cleaning, maintenance of open spaces etc.*

*In 2015 the Environment section of Tipperary County Council introduced a Tidy Towns grant scheme for the full county. As the 2015 Budget was modelled on the 2014 Budget the grant scheme for each District was based on the funds that had been available from the previous year. As this was the first year for the scheme in the former South Tipperary there was no certainty as to the level of requests that would be submitted. In some Districts this fund was supplemented through an apportionment of part of the General Municipal Allocation (GMA), which was at the discretion of the District Members.*

For 2016, as a first step, an additional €10,000 has been included for each of Carrick-on-Suir, Clonmel and Cashel-Tipperary Districts in harmonising this scheme across the County. This has been done without any reduction in the existing direct support being provided.

This table hereunder sets out the scheme to date

	Carrick -on-Suir	Cashel- Tipperary	Clonmel	Nenagh	Templemo. Thurles
2014	2400	5720	4300	57476	42524
2015	12400	15720	14300	57476	42524

The closing date for receipt of applications for 2016 has recently passed. The Environment Section, in association with the Municipal District staff, will now assess the level of interest in the scheme with a view to harmonising the scheme fully for 2017. However this will also involve assessing the degree to which the direct support contributes to the overall service within each District. '

Both motions were seconded by Cllr. David Dunne.

Accepting the reports, Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro spoke of the work carried out by the Tidy Towns committees, and of the importance of fostering and encouraging this work.

**Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro**

**662**

*Would Carrick on Suir Municipal District allow the Memorial garden in Ballynonty and the Historic Village garden in Ballingarry to be covered by the Council's public lighting costs as the ESB costs are extravagant in comparison to the running costs and it is not viable for these voluntary groups to maintain.*

The motion was seconded by Cllr.E.O'Meara.

The report on the motion was as follows;

***It is acknowledged that local voluntary groups do valuable work in maintaining amenities like the memorial garden in Ballynonty & the Historic Village Garden in Ballingarry. However Tipperary County Council's resources are prioritised for maintaining existing Public lighting and for taking in charge of Private Estates throughout the county. Payments associated with the lighting of community facilities that are not in the charge of the Local Authority would put additional pressure on limited Council resources & set a precedent which would be unsustainable. For these reasons Tipperary County Council is not be in a position to cover such costs.***

*After discussion it was agreed that the District Office would investigate the matter to see if any suggestions could be made to remedy the problem faced by the voluntary bodies.*

**Any Other  
Business**

At the request of Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Mr Pat Slattery, Director of Services gave an update on the current position in relation to the dangerous structure at Kickham Street, Carrick-on-Suir.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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District Administrator



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Cathaoirleach

28/04/2016.

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