

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT  
MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 4.30 p.m. IN THE TOWN HALL, CLONMEL ON  
WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017.**

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

**In attendance** Ms. Sinead. Carr, Director of Services  
Mr. Eamon Lonergan, District Engineer  
Mr. Paul Murray, District Administrator  
Mr. Eoin Powell, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Rory O'Callaghan, Executive Engineer  
Mr. Paddy Crotty, Executive Engineer  
Mr. James Swords, Assistant Engineer  
Ms. Sharon Scully, A/Staff Officer

**Apologies** Councillor Siobhan Ambrose

**Also in attendance:** Ms Clare Curley, Director of Services, Housing Directorate;  
Mr Aidan Fennessey, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Directorate.  
Ms Valerie Connolly, Tipperary Sports Partnership

**Item 1.1 – Minutes** The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were proposed by Councillor Pat English, seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy and agreed.

It was agreed at the suggestion of the Mayor to defer matters arising from the minutes until after Item 3 on the agenda.

**Item 2.2 – Attendance of  
the Housing  
Directorate**

Ms. Clare Curley and Mr. Aidan Fennessey attended the Meeting on behalf of the Housing Directorate.

Ms Clare Curley presented a District Briefing note to the Members detailing key issues relating to Housing Services under the following headings:

1. Housing Construction – Glenconnor, Clonmel;
2. Housing Allocations 2017 ;

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3. House Purchases;
4. RÁS and Leasing 2017;
5. Housing Applicants;
6. Vacant Houses;

Various queries were raised by the Members in relation to the following matters:

- Relationship between Tipperary County Council and Voluntary Housing groups such as RESPOND;
- Repair and Lease Scheme;
- Vacant units within CBD;
- Living Centre Initiative – when will this scheme be rolled out in CBD;
- Update on Glenconnor site;
- Energy Improvement Works update;
- Timeframe for Housing assessments;
- Emergency Bed & Breakfast accommodation;

The Members queries were responded to by Ms Clare Curley and Mr Aiden Fennessey and matters agreed as follows:

- Housing to revert to Members with details of the Repair & Leasing Scheme once circular has been issued by Department;
- Glenconnor West – awaiting approval from Department;
- Vacant Houses – housing to revert to Members with number of vacant units which refer to CBD and for which an application has been made to the Department for capital works to commence;
- Energy Efficiency Works – works to commence within the next 3 months; estimated to take 18 months to complete thereafter;
- Housing staff to provide Members with details on the reduction of housing applicants with regard to CBD;
- No update from Department on roll out of Living Centre Initiative to Clonmel;
- Housing Directorate are currently working with five approved Voluntary Housing Bodies;

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

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**Item 2.1 – Attendance of Tipperary Sports Partnership**

Ms. Valerie Connolly, Tipperary Sports Partnership attended the meeting to advise Members of the forthcoming launch of the Community Sports Hub and Canoe Ireland National Club Championship, which will be taking place on the 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Clonmel.

Invites will issue for the official opening of the River Suir slalom course which is taking place on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The Mayor Councillor Moloney thanked Ms Connolly for her attendance and report and on behalf of the Members present complimented her and all involved in delivering the project.

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

**Councillor Pat English** sought an update on the following:-

- Marlfield Flood Scheme – have tender documents been approved;
- CCTV Cameras Elm Park/Cooleen's Close;
- Market Place – update on contact with developers;
- Clonmel Arms site update;
- Phase II Suir Island Carpark – has progress been made on tender documents;
- St Patricks Cemetery – road and footpath works update;

The above matters raised by Councillor English were responded to by the District Engineer and District Administrator as follows -

- CCTV in Elm Park & Cooleen's Close - Paul Murray, District Administrator confirmed that the contractors would be sending their report and associated cost estimates in the coming weeks. Tender documents would be prepared shortly thereafter.
- Clonmel Arms site – Mr Paul Murray indicated that details of new ownership were still unknown. He indicated that once ownership details had been confirmed attempts would be made to contact same with a view to establishing intent with regard to the site;
- Market Place – a proposal with regard to public realm improvements which was due to be submitted in January 2017 by the owners, has not yet been received. Planning Section are following up;
- Marlfield Flood Scheme – tender documents are nearing completion;

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- St Patricks Cemetery – discussions are ongoing with the Environment Section and a submission has been made for funding;
- Suir Island – Part 8 process will commence by the end of summer 2017.

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

**3.1 Reports of Officers**

**St Patricks Day** - Mr Paul Murray, District Administrator informed the meeting of plans for the St Patricks Day Parade in Clonmel.

- St. Patrick's Well Society Flag raising ceremony 8.15 am;
- Clonmel Bianconi Twinning Committee Morning Parade from the Town Hall, Clonmel at 11.30am to St. Mary's Church for 12noon mass. This parade will be led by Banna Chluain Meala and will include Councillors, representatives of Town Organisations and visitors from Reading.
- The official parade containing over 40 floats and in excess of 1,750 participants to commence at 3 pm from Irishtown.
- A Mayoral Reception is to be convened to welcome and acknowledge guests from Reading U.K.

The Members also noted that the St Patricks Day Parade in Cahir would commence at 12.30 and the Ballyporeen Parade at 3pm.

**3.2 Consideration and Adoption of Schedule of Proposed District Works**

The Schedule of Municipal Works for 2017 was considered by the Members and agreed on the proposal of Councillor Martin Lonergan, seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy.

**3.3 Adoption of General Municipal Allocations 2017**

The 2017 General Municipal Allocation was proposed by Councillor Martin Lonergan, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed.

**Other matters arising**

**Councillor Pat English** referred to concerns regarding the following –

- reflective signage at the Heywood Road junction of the Frank Drohan bypass;
- traffic calming measures at the Cahir Road roundabout;

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- loose horses in St Patricks cemetery;
- home insurance difficulties for residents in Clonmel with regard to flooding;
- Attendance of planning section – Councillor English indicated that it had been agreed at the February meeting that the Director would provide the Members with the following:
  - A breakdown of planning refusals (typical reason/s for refusal; and,
  - A list of Estates to be taken in charge in 2017.

Councillor English stated that the information had not been provided and requested that the District Administrator follow up on the matter.

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, District Engineer responded as follows –

- signage on the Frank Drohan bypass will be investigated;
- traffic counts will be carried out at the Cahir Road roundabout;
- permanent fencing will be put in place in St Patricks cemetery as part of planned capital works;

Mr Paul Murray, District Administrator responded as follows –

- Office Public Works to be contacted regarding re-classification of Clonmel town in respect of Flood Relief Works;

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

The Chief Executive Orders for the period to the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were noted.

**Item 5 – Consideration of the following notices of motion:**

**5.1 Councillor Martin Lonergan**

**No. 967**

That the Borough District would put in place measures, be it extra lineage/signage or alternative measures at the junction of L33010-0 road and the L33012-0 road in Burncourt Village to prevent cars driving excessively through the junction from the L33010-0 Clogheen to Burncourt road many of which fail to stop at the existing junction.

**Reply**

It is proposed to carryout road marking works here following the completion of the Road Works Programme, when other similar contracts will be in place.

*This motion was proposed by Councillor Martin Lonergan, seconded by the Mayor Councillor Andy Moloney and agreed.*

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**5.2 Councillor Richie Molloy**

**No. 976**

That Clonmel Borough District introduces Traffic Calming measures at Marlfield Lake due to volume of Traffic using the road as a short cut and the danger it poses to children feeding the ducks in the Lake.

*On the basis of the similarity between Motion Number 976 in the name of Councillor and Motion Number 992 in the name of Councillor Molloy it was agreed on the consent of both Members that they be taken together.*

**Reply**

Speed Surveys will be conducted to determine the nature of the issue and any required measures will be designed, if deemed necessary.

A discussion followed wherein Councillor Richie Molloy referred to concerns regarding the benefit or otherwise of speed surveys being undertaken at Marlfield Lake.

Ms. Sinead Carr, Town Manager asked that the District Engineer be allowed prepare a proposal to be presented at the April 2017 monthly meeting that will address Traffic Calming Measures at Marlfield Lake.

*This motion was proposed by Councillor Richie Molloy, seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan and agreed.*

**5.6 Councillor Martin Lonergan**

**No. 992**

That in the interest of safety, Clonmel Borough District would install speed calming measures in the vicinity of Marlfield Lake to curb excessive speed of vehicles travelling from Clonmel Bypass to Marlfield Road.

**Reply**

Speed Surveys will be conducted to determine the nature of the issue and any required measures will be designed, if deemed necessary.

*Following the discussion referred to above this motion was proposed by Councillor Martin Lonergan, seconded by Councillor Richie Molloy and agreed.*

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**5.3 Councillor Richie Molloy**

**No. 977**

That Clonmel Borough District repair a pot hole which has developed on the Cashel Road roundabout (outside Advance Tyres).

**Reply**

Pavement repair works are planned for this area over coming days.

*This motion was proposed by Councillor Richie Molloy, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed.*

**5.4 Councillor Martin Lonergan  
Councillor Richie Molloy**

**No. 978**

That Clonmel Borough District would write to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment asking him to provide an update in relation to broadband provision in the Clonmel/Cahir Areas, those whose responsibility it will be to roll out the service and when he hopes that Broadband will be fully available to all households in the District.

**Councillor Martin Lonergan** in proposing the motion enquired as to whether it would be possible to arrange a meeting with Broadband service providers.

**Councillor Michael Murphy** enquired as to whether it would be possible to arrange for the new Broadband Co-ordinator, Mr Simon Howe, to attend a meeting of CBD.

**Reply**

Should the Elected Members support and adopt the motion then a suitable letter will issue to Mr. Denis Naughten, Minister for Communication, Climate Action and Environment seeking an update in relation to broadband provision within the District.

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

**5.5 Councillor Michael Murphy**

**No. 987**

Subsequent to previous notice of motions around illegal dumping at Upper Heywood Road, Clonmel, this location continues to be an illegal dumping black spot. Situated directly below the halting site, this location continues to be a source of significant and on-going concern for the residents of Ard

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Caoin, Ard Aoibhinn, Droimeala as well as Clonmel Rugby Club. The seriousness of the dumping requires a multi-functional approach from various sections including, Housing, Environment and the Clonmel Borough District. I'm calling on the Council to put in place measures to clean up the area and prevent further occurrences of such illegal dumping.

**Reply**

The dumping on the embankment along the public road will be removed by the Council. The dumping in the adjacent field is on privately owned lands, so this is a matter for the owners to address. Input from the Housing and Environment Sections will be required to resolve this issue.

**Councillor Michael Murphy** in proposing the motion raised concerns regarding indiscriminate dumping on the Heywood Road, Clonmel and indicated that a multi functional approach to this dumping was required. Cllr Murphy enquired as to whether the embankment could be re-developed.

Mr Eamon Lonergan, District Engineer informed Members that dumping black spots were being indentified throughout Clonmel Borough District and that this particular problem on the Heywood Road would be tackled with co-operation from the Housing and Environment Directorates.

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

**Item 6 –  
Correspondence**

**6.1** A reply received from Mr. Simon Harris, T.D., Minister for Health, regarding St Michaels Psychiatric Unit dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017;

**6.2** A reply received from Ms. Helen McEntee, T.D., Minister of State for Mental Health And Older People, regarding acute beds at South Tipperary General Hospital, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017;

The Members noted the correspondence.

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

Councillor Pat English proposed a vote of sympathy to Mr James Swords on the death of his father and former Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Mr Jim Swords. This was seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy and agreed.



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**Item 8 – Any other business**

The Mayor Councillor Moloney advised the Meeting that Paul Murray, District Administrator, would be leaving Clonmel Borough District to take up the position of Head of Human Resources with Tipperary County Council.

He paid a heartfelt tribute to Paul and thanked him for the significant contribution that he had made to Clonmel and the wider District, and added that he would be a huge loss to the District.

All those present at the meeting wished Paul every success in his re-assignment to Human Resources.

Paul Murray in reply thanked the Members for their kind words and thanked them for the support that he had received in his short tenure in the post. He further thanked the District Director, Engineer and staff of the Borough District for their support and commitment to the District.

There being no further business the meeting then concluded

Signed/ Andy Moloney  
Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Date/ 19<sup>th</sup> April 17

Signed/ \_\_\_\_\_  
District Administrator

Date/ \_\_\_\_\_

