

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 23rd of March, 2017 at 2:00p.m

In the Chair: Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

Members Present: Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Cllr. David Dunne, Cllr. John Fahey, Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, Cllr. Eddie O'Meara .

In Attendance: Mr Pat Slattery, Director of Services, Mr Martin Nolan, District Administrator, Mr Willie Corby, District Engineer, Ms Nicola Keating, Executive Engineer, Mr John Fitzgerald, Staff Officer, Ms Anne Dunne, Assistant Staff Officer, Mr Michael Hayes, Senior Engineer, Roads. Mr Aidan Fennessy, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Directorate.

Minutes of Meetings On the proposal of Cllr. John Fahey, seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 23rd of February, 2017 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Update from the Housing Directorate Aidan Fennessy, Director of Services, circulated a report on activity by the Housing Directorate in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District. The main points were as follows:

- Progress was being made in relation to obtaining approval for a six house scheme at Ballylynch Lower, Carrick-on-Suir, a ten house scheme at Fethard, and a ten house scheme at Mullinahone.
- Indications were that grants available for vacant houses would be similar in 2017 to the previous year. Proposals had been made for fifty eight houses, nine of which were in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District.
- A grant of €3.1 million was available for energy conservation work. This will complete phase I works in the Southern half of the County.

Questions were raised by members as follows:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Refurbishment of four Single Storey Houses in Marian Terrace, Carrick-on-Suir
- Refurbishment of three houses at Treacy Park, Carrick-on-Suir
- Plans for Council Land at Coolnamuck, Carrick-on-Suir
- Difficulties experienced by members of public getting County Council Mortgages

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Asked about the time frame for the houses in Mullinahone

Mr Fennessey responded as follows:

- Funding had been provided by Carrick-on-Suir Town Council prior to the merger, but the project had not proceeded before the merger and had lapsed. Funding has been sought from the Department for this project, and the Housing Engineering Section was looking at designs.
- Major refurbishing was required for the houses in Treacy Park, and the cost of the work exceeded the limits set by the Department for voids. There is a scheme for renovating derelict houses, and the houses in Treacy Park would be put forward for this scheme.

**District
Engineer's
Report:**

The District Engineer's Report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Mr Willie Corby, District Engineer outlined the assignment of work in the engineering section as follows:

Mr Willie Corby, District Engineer: Overall Responsibility and Carrick-on-Suir Town.

Ms Nicola Keating, Executive Engineer: Carrick South and Carrick East

Mr Seamus Loughlin, Executive Engineer Carrick North and Carrick West.

Members welcomed the District Engineer to the Municipal District, and asked questions as follows:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Update from Office of Public Works on the cleaning of the Mill River
- Planning process in relation to proposed work at Chapel Street, and whether funding can be reallocated if project is delayed.

Cllr. David Dunne

- Asked about tree maintenance

Cllr. John Fahey

- Wall at Rocklow Road, Fethard

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin

- Closing date for Community Involvement Scheme
- Road edge at front of school in Commons

Ms Nicola Keating, Executive Engineer responded as follows:

- The office of Public Works plans to clean the Mill river in September
- Confirmation of the planning process was awaited from the Planning Directorate. Funds would be reallocated if the project did not go ahead.
- The repair of the wall at Rocklow Road, Fethard was more complex than that first thought, and was being re-examined.
- The closing date for the Community Involvement Scheme is the 23rd of March. Four applications had been received.

**District
Administrator's
Report:**

The District Administrator reported as follows:

1. The Community and Economic Development Directorate will attend the April Monthly Meeting on the 28/04/2017.
2. A consultant has been selected to design a Public Realm Scheme

for the Carrick-on-Suir Town Centre. The project will create a template for future work and will include detailed design work, to contract document stage, for the Sean Kelly Square and Westgate area. Work is expected to start in May, and conclude in November. The cost of this project is €67,000 approximately, and it is funded by the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and Tipperary County Council.

3. A workshop on the launch on the marketing materials for Tipperary is to be held today in Thurles. This clashes with the Municipal District Meeting, and the Director of Community and Economic Development had asked whether the members would like a separate briefing before the materials are launched.

4. To date, nine applications have been received under the Community Grants Scheme. These will be brought to the April and Subsequent Monthly Meetings for consideration and approval by the members.

**Assistance for
the Sean Kelly
Sports Centre**

Mr Pat Slattery, Director of Services outlined the steps that had been taken by the Sean Kelly Sports Centre to address the problems faced. He indicated that additional assistance of €10,000 should be made available at this time. He would revert to the members if further assistance was needed.

In discussion a report on the management of all pools in County Tipperary was requested by the members.

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

In accordance with section 66 and 67 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and being of the opinion that it is the interest of the local community to do so, a grant of €10,000 be made to the Sean Kelly Sports Centre.

**Tidy Towns
Committee
Grants.**

The District Administrator informed the members that a fund of €22,600 had been made available by the Environment Directorate for Tidy Towns Committee Grants. If €7,400 were allocated from the General Municipal Allocation, the total fund available would be €30,000.

It was proposed by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. Kieran Bourke, and resolved that in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and being of the opinion that it was in the interests of the local community to do so, €7,400 be allocated from the General Municipal allocation to the payment of Grants to Tidy Towns Committees, and that grants be paid as follows:

Name of Committee	Grant Awarded
Glengoole Tidy Towns	€2,350.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Association	€2,350.00
Coalbrook Tidy Towns	€2,350.00
Clooneen Tidy Villages & Graveyard Committee	€2,350.00
Carrick on Suir Business Association	€2,350.00
Killenaule Community enhancement Association	€1,000
Ballinure Community Group	€2,350.00
Kilusty Tidy Village Development	€200.00
Ballyneale Tidy Towns	€875.00
Ballynonty Tidy Towns	€2,350.00
Drangan Tidy Towns	€2,350.00
Rosegreen Tidy Towns Association	€2,350.00
The commons Tidy Towns	€2,350.00
Grangemockler Tidy Towns	€2,350.00

**Burial Ground
Committee
Grants**

It was agreed to defer this item.

**Delegated
Employee's
Orders**

A list of orders circulated was noted.

Correspondence

Items of correspondence from the Office of Public Works in relation to the Mullinahone Flood Relief Scheme and the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to roads in settlements were noted.

**Notices of
Motion**

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Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

I am asking the Carrick Municipal District to erect lights outside Centra and The Ballroom in Fethard at the Pedestrian Crossings. These are very dangerous locations for Pedestrians to be crossing especially when oncoming traffic has no warning.

The report on this motion was as follows:

It is proposed to carry out works at the pedestrian crossing on Barrack Street, Fethard in 2017 as part of the approved Schedule of Municipal District Works. This includes lighting. There is currently no funding for works at the pedestrian crossing at the Ballroom. If future funding becomes available, works at this location will be considered.

The report was accepted.

**Any Other
Business**

Carrick-on-Suir St Patrick's Day Parade

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro extended congratulations to Cllr. David Dunne and the committee that organised the St Patrick's Day Parade which was well organised, and well attended.

Sam Bennett Stage Win

Cllr. Kieran Bourke congratulated Sam Bennett on his recent stage win.

Vote of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne and seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara for the following:

- Mr Martin McGuinness, former Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland
- Mrs Maureen Haughey, widow of former Taoiseach Charles


Haughey, and daughter of former Taoiseach Sean Lemass

- The crew of Rescue 116, who had been lost following an accident in Blacksod, Co. Mayo
- Mr Ryan McBride, captain of the Derry Soccer Team.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (15:22)



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach



Date