

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 of March, 2018 at 2:00p.m

In the Chair: Cllr. John Fahey

Members Present: Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Cllr. David Dunne Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, 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, Ms Clare Curley, Director of Services, Housing, Mr. Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, Housing, Mr Sean Lonergan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing.

Expression of Sympathy Before the meeting started, the Cathaoirleach extended the good wishes of the members and staff to the family of Elisha Gault, who was missing at the time of the meeting.

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 22nd of February, 2018 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Update from the Housing Directorate. A report outlining the activities of the Housing Directorate was circulated to the members by the Director of Services for Housing.

The following issues were raised by members:

Cllr. John Fahey:

- How many vacant houses can be renovated with the allocation of €1.2 million.
- Raised issues in relation to the return of vacant houses.

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Asked if walk in showers could be included in houses being

provided for elderly tenants

Cllr. David Dunne

- Expressed shock at the number of approved applicants
- Asked about co-operative housing
- Welcomed the energy efficiency work and asked that it proceed as quickly as possible
- Raised the number of unoccupied houses
- Raised the issue of homelessness

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Asked about the income limit in the Mortgage to rent scheme.

The Director of Services responded as follows:

- The allocation for vacant houses will allow the refurbishment of approximately 102 houses.
- A working group was examining the processes involved in casual vacancies in the housing stock with a view to reletting houses quickly.
- The point on walk in showers was well made, and was being implemented as resources allow.
- The council had advertised for turnkey estates, but was unable to secure any due to financial constraints in the construction sector.
- The Housing Directorate was liaising with the Planning Directorate in relation to unfinished estates.
- A request had been made for a large allocation for adaption grants.
- The members attention was drawn to schemes that allow low income purchasers buy houses.
- The income limits for the Mortgage to Rent scheme are set at national level.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Director for her service in Housing both in South Tipperary County Council and Tipperary County Council and wished her well in her new assignment. The elected members joined these good wishes.

**District
Engineer's
Report:**

The District Engineers report had been circulated in advance of the meeting, and the District Engineer gave an update on various projects.

Members raised issues as follows:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Raised the issue of the speed limit at Deerpark, carrick-on-Suir, where the limit transitioned from 100 Km/h to 50 Km/h a very short distance before the entrance to a housing estate..

Cllr. David Dunne

- How will bad weather fund be allocated?
- Damage to Dillon Bridge, Carrick-on-Suir from Road Traffic Accident.

Cllr. John Fahey

- Asked about Development Levy funding for 2018.

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Welcomed completion of Phase I of the flood relief work in Mullinahone, and asked that Phase II be started as soon as possible.

The District Engineer responded as follows:

- .Phase II of the Mullinahone Scheme will be examined.
- Dillon Bridge will be repaired.
- Explained that the level of Development Levy funding was constrained by Development Levy income.
- Speed limit changes had been made following extensive consultation. The matter would be raised with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Extreme

The District Engineer gave a report on the County Council's response

Weather Events to Storm Emma between the 1st of March, 2018 and the 5th of March, 2018, and on the rainfall event on the 14th of March, 2018.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Complemented staff on the work done.
- Raised issue of flooding in Strand Lane, and of the report on the flooding incident in 2016.

Cllr. David Dunne

- Thank staff and complemented communications efforts
- Raised the issue of the impact of Red Weather alerts on workers in general.
- Complemented the Civil Defence in Ballingarry for their efforts

Cllr. John Fahey

- Expressed thanks to the County Council Staff involved in the response to the severe weather events.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Thanked Staff for efforts
- Asked if local contractors in Slieveardagh could be on standby for clearance efforts.
- Complemented the Civil Defence in Ballingarry for their efforts

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Thanked staff for efforts
- Raised the impact of forestry drainage on flooding events

Mr Pat Slattery, Director of Services told the meeting that council officials had been in contact with the Office of Public Works in relation to the 2016 event, and that a meeting would be held with them on the coming 5th of April.

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**District
Administrator's
Report:**

The District Administrator brought the following issues to the attention of the members:

1. Next meeting will be attended by the Community and Enterprise Directorate.

2. The County Council has a Rates Early Payment Scheme. The main points are as follows:

- Applies to rates accounts where the annual amount is less than €12,000. This covers 90% of rate payers.
- If payment is made in full before the end of April, a 6% discount to a maximum of €300 will be made.
- If payment is made in full before the end of July, a 5% discount to a maximum of €250 will be made.
- If payment is made by standing order or direct debit, and is made in full by the end of September, a 5% discount to a maximum of €250 will be made.
- If the rate payer is in arrears, the 2018 rates are paid by the end of July, and an agreement is made for the payment of the arrears, a 5% discount to a maximum of €250 will be made.

**General
Municipal
Allocation, 2018**

The position in relation to the General Municipal Allocation was as follows:

General Municipal Allocation 2018	€148,286.00
Top up of Tidy Towns Committees Grants	€7,600.00
Allocation for District Tidy Towns Award	€3,000.00
Allocated for Community Grants Scheme	€50,000.00
Matched funding for Local Improvement Scheme	€15,000.00
Community Festivals and Events	€13,200.00
Blueway Marketing Plan (With Clonmel Borough District)	€13,333.00

Balance Remaining

€46,153.00

**Historical
Towns Initiative**

The position was noted by the members.

The District Administrator informed the members of the allocation made by the Heritage Council of Ireland to the Historical Towns Initiative in Carrick-on-Suir. The main points were as follows:

1. An allocation of €110,000 was being made by the Heritage Council. This will be matched by €28,306 from property owners, €20,000 from Tipperary County Council, and a possible €10,000 from creative Ireland, giving a total fund of €168,306.

2. The proposal was prepared by the Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee, and submitted through the County Council's Heritage Office.

3. The fund will be used for conservation work on a number of buildings in Main Street, Carrick-on-Suir. Work will include:

- Painting of Facades
- Gutter and Down Pipe maintenance
- Vegetation removal
- Chimney Repairs
- Relocation of aerials, dishes and similar
- Window Repairs
- Signage Replacement
- Meter Boxes
- Spotlight Repairs
- Loose Slates.

4. The project will also include:

- Training for property owners
- Making of photographic record
- Historical Research
- A pop up exhibition as part of Heritage Week
- Supervision by Heritage Architects.

The members welcomed the initiative.

Dates of Meetings

It was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne , seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and agreed that meetings will be held as follows:

a) Security Committee Meeting with the Clonmel Garda District in the Nano Nagle Centre, Carrick-on-Suir at 3:30 PM on the 26th of April, 2018 (Following the Municipal District Meeting).

b) Workshop on the Public Realm Proposals for Sean Kelly Square, Carrick-on-Suir, at 2:00 PM on the 18th of April, 2018.

Assistance under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001

It was proposed by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara , seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and resolved –

'In accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and being of the opinion that it is desirable to do so to promote the interests of the local community, and having regard to the recommendation from the District Administrator, grants under the District Festival an Events Scheme be made as follows:

(a) Community Festivals and Events

Fethard Summer Festival:	€2,500.00
Ballynonty Field Day	€2,500.00
Haunted Laneways of Carrick-on-Suir :	€2,500.00

Grants are to be paid from the General Municipal Allocation.'

(b) Burial Ground Grants

It was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne , seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara and resolved:

'In accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and being of the opinion that it is desirable to do so to promote the interests of the local community, and having regard to the recommendation from the District Administrator, grants under the Burial Grounds Committees Scheme be made as follows:

St. Marys Drangan BG	€600
Magoury Drangan BG	€600
Lismolin BG	€600
Tullamaine Fethard BG	€600
Red City Fethard BG	€800
Killmaclough Fethard BG	€800
Rathcoole Fethard BG	€600
Killaghy Mullinahone BG	€600
Isterkiernan Mullinahone BG	€600
St. Michaels Church BG Mullinahone	€800
Kilvemnon Mullinahone BG	€800
Kilcooley UnionOfParishes Crohane&Kilcooley	€800
Boulick Gortnahoe BG	€600
Rosegreen BG	€600
Kiltinan Fethard BG	€800
Ballinalacken Glengoole BG	€800
Mogorban Parish Church	€600
Ahenny Carrick on Suir BG	€600
Holy Trinity, Fethard	€600
Dualla BG	€800
Kilmurray Carrick on Suir BG	€600
Famine Graveyard (Treacy Park Res Comm)	€600

**(c) Grants to
Tidy Towns
Committees**

It was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne , seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara and resolved:

'In accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and being of the opinion that it is desirable to do so to

promote the interests of the local community, and having regard to the recommendation from the District Administrator, grants under the Tidy Towns Committees Scheme be made as follows:

Number	Committee	Grant
1	Rosegreen Tidy Towns Association	€1,000.00
2	Mullinahone Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
3	Carrick on Suir Business Association	€1,000.00
4	Drangan Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000.00
5	The Commons Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
6	Kilcash	€1,000.00
7	Dualla	€1,000.00
8	Killenaule Community Enhancement Assoc.	€1,000.00
9	Ballyneale Tidy Towns	€1,000.00

Grants are made subject to the following conditions:

1. Evidence in the form of receipts must be provided the payments being assisted have taken place.
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

**(d) District
Community
Grants Scheme**

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

'In accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and being of the opinion that it is desirable to do so to promote the interests of the local community, and having regard to the recommendation from the District Administrator, a grant of €750 be made to the Castle Heights Residents Association under the District

Community Grants Scheme

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1. Evidence in the form of receipts must be provided to show the payments being assisted have taken place.
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'

Delegated A list of orders were circulated and noted.

Employee's

Orders

Correspondence An e-mail from the Roads Design section in relation to the proposed pavement work in Carrick-on-Suir was noted.

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



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach



Date