



Monthly Meeting of the members for Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held in the Council chamber, Town Hall, Carrick-on-Suir on the 26th of March, 2015 at 2:00.

In the Chair: Cllr. Eddie O'Meara
Members Present: Cllr. Kieran Bourke
Cllr. David Dunne
Cllr. John Fahey
Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro
Cllr. Louise McLoughlin

In Attendance: Mr Pat Slattery, Director of Services
Mr Martin Nolan, District Administrator
Ms Nicola Keating, District Engineer
Ms Fiona Crotty, Staff Officer
Ms Anne Dunne, Assistant Staff Officer
Mr Marcus O'Connor, Director of Service
Ms Clare Curley, Director of Service
Mr Sean Lonergan, Senior Staff Officer

Minutes of Meetings: On the proposal of Cllr. Kieran Bourke, seconded by Cllr. David Dunne the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 26th of February, 2015 and the special meeting held on the 20th of March, 2015 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Update from director of Housing Ms Clare Curley, Director of Services made a presentation to the members which included the following points:

- Energy upgrades were to take place in 7 houses at Assumption Terrace and 14 houses in St Patricks Terrace, The Commins.
- A call for proposals from Voluntary Housing Groups would be made shortly, and a meeting had been arranged with them for the 01/04/2015
- A number of possible house purchases had been identified, and allocations sought
- There were 22 vacant houses in the district. In 2014, nearly €1 million had been spent on

rehabilitating vacant houses and a similar allocation was being sought in 2015.

- There are 264 approved applicants for rehousing in the District. Of these 122 were in Carrick-on-Suir, 37 in Fethard, and 26 in Mullinahone. The full range of housing options were being used to meet this need.
- Applications were being sought for grant applications for emergency and priority 1 work. However, there were commitments for €679,000 worth of works on hands. These applications would be dealt with before new applications were considered.

The members raised the following issues:

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Asked whether shared ownership scheme was still available
- Asked in relation to shovel ready projects.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke:

- Asked when would allocations for vacant houses be notified
- Raised an issue in relation to occupational therapist visits.

Cllr. John Fahey

- Complemented the Housing Section on obtaining the 2014 allocation for vacant stock
- Pointed out that privately constructed houses in receivership might not be up to standard

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Asked in relation to the replacement of doors and windows.

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Asked if the Housing Finance Agency would finance the purchase of houses
- Stated that there was a shortage of private rented stock in rural areas

The director responded as follows:

- Would respond directly to Cllr. Kieran Bourke on the Occupational Therapist Issue
- No budget at present for replacing windows and doors, but an allocation had been sought.
- A shovel ready project was one where there was explicit approval from the Department and there was a financial allocation. Older Part VIII planning approvals may have to be revisited at this stage.

Schedule of Municipal District Works

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

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara raised the patching policy in the County. Mr Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services responded that technical difficulties had arisen with a number of patching units, which were being addressed.

Cllr. David Dunne raised the new speed limit signs that had been proposed. The director responded that a review of speed limits in the county had started, and that the Schedule of District Works would not be affected by the necessary changes to signage.

Cllr. John Fahey asked how any additional funds would be allocated. The director responded that any additional funds would be shared fairly.

It was proposed by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. Kieran Bourke and agreed that having considered the schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair, and having due regard to the budget adopted by Tipperary

District Engineer's Report:

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.

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

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Length of time to complete the bridge repair at Lismolin
- Public Lights at the Strand Car Park

Cllr. Kieran Bourke:

- Vacant Houses in Carrick-on-Suir

The District Engineer, responded as follows:

- The public lighting issue was being followed up with the supplier
- Bridge in Lismolin would take approximately four months
- The issue of vacant houses in Carrick-on-Suir was being followed up.

District Administrator's Report:

The District Administrator informed the members that Ms Helen Phelan, Assistant Staff Officer would retire on the 27th of March, 2015, with nearly forty seven years service. The Cathaoirleach and members joined in paying tribute to Ms Phelan for her long service to the local authority and to the town of Carrick-on-Suir, and in wishing her a long and happy retirement. Mr Pat Slattery, Director of Services associated himself with these good wishes.

Carrick-on-Suir Town Landscape Plan 2015

A presentation was given to the members by Ms Fiona Crotty, Staff Officer in relation to the plan prepared for Carrick-on-Suir for 2015. The members raised the following issues:

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Would a Civic Amenity Site help with environmental management

- Asked whether guidance could be given to persons planting trees in built up areas.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke:

- Noted that littering was essentially a bad habit
- Raised an issue about a tree at Clairin.

Cllr. John Fahey

- Praised the Tus workers who assisted in Killenaule.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Noted that six new villages in the district had joined the tidy towns competition

Solving our own problems

The report on the Irish Walled Towns Network weekend seminar, 'Solving Our Own Problems' had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting, and was noted. Cllr. Kieran Bourke stated that the report made no mention of the need for Job Creation in the town, and asked that the issue of the provision of a third bridge be placed on the district members agenda.

Dates of Meetings

It was agreed that the meeting of the Safety Committee with the Thurles Garda Siochana District, which had been postponed at the request of the Gardai, would be held on the <>, at 2:00pm in Thurles.

Notices of Motion:

Cllr.Imelda Goldsboro **No.349**

That Carrick Municipal District survey the road at Noan East, Ballinure . It is a straight stretch of road with sharp bends at either end. Numerous houses are in this area and they are very concerned for their safety as the speed of passing traffic is a big issue. They are looking for traffic calming measures to be implemented as a matter of urgency.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne

The report on the motion was as follows:

Unfortunately, it is not possible to include this proposal in the 2015 Schedule of Works. However, it is proposed to inspect the location to assess if it is viable with a view to possibly including it on the 2016 Schedule of Works if

budgets allow

The report was accepted.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

No.350

That Carrick Municipal District install a Pedestrian Crossing at Crosscannon, Killenaule outside the Killenaule Sports Complex. There is currently up to 200 people using this facility on a weekly basis, Dr's surgery is across the road, Killenaule playground is adjacent to the complex. The graveyard is also in this area and a new Shop and forecourt have opened.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne

The report on the motion was as follows:

It is proposed to carry out an inspection in the coming weeks to ascertain what the main safety issues are at this location

The report was accepted.

Correspondence

A letter had been received from the National Transport Authority inviting the members to meet the authority in Dublin in relation to Bus Eireann Route 007.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kieran Bourke, seconded by Cllr. David Dunne, and agreed that the invitation to meet the National Transport Authority be accepted.

Any Other Business

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro asked that the Car Park at Assumption Terrace, Ballingarry be completed. The District Engineer stated that this would be done as soon as possible.

Signed 
District Administrator

Signed: Eddie O'neale,
Cathaoirleach

Date: 23/04/2015