

**Monthly Meeting of the Members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Carrick-on-Suir on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016 at 2:00p.m**

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

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

**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 Anne Dunne, Assistant Staff Officer, Ms Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Environment Directorate, Ms Mary Carroll, Administrative Officer, Environment Directorate, Mr John Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Services Directorate.

**Minutes of Meetings** On the proposal of Cllr. David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

On the proposal of Cllr. David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, the record of the joint meeting with the Piltown Municipal Members on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016, was noted.

**Update from Director of Water Services** Mr John Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Services circulated a report on the activity of the Water Services Directorate in the Municipal District.

Members asked questions as follows:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke:

- Asked for current position in relation to flooding in Strand Lane
- Asked about Drinking Water Quality in the Ballyrichard Area

Cllr. David Dunne :

- Thanked County Council Staff for swift response to a particular issue.

Cllr. John Fahey:

- Asked about water pressure in Ballinlasky area
- Asked about the settlement of outstanding balances on water accounts prior to the transfer of administration to Irish Water

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara:

- Welcomed the construction of the water main between Ballinard and Cloneen
- Asked for the current position on the Grangemockler Wastewater Scheme

Mr Crowley responded as follows:

- Report had been prepared on flooding in Strand lane and submitted to Irish Water
- Would respond to Councillor Bourke in relation to water quality.
- Discussions were on-going in relation to the transfer of non domestic accounts
- No update was available at present on the Grangemockler Wastewater Scheme

**Update from  
Director of  
Environment**

A report on the activities of the Environment Section was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting. The members asked questions as follows:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke:

- Asked about illegal dumping at a particular location
- Asked that a bring centre for aluminium cans be provided in Carrick-on-Suir
- Asked for the current position in relation to the control of Japanese Knotweed
- Asked about the enforcement of noise control.
- Asked about a dangerous structure at a particular location

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Asked about naming and shaming of offenders
- Welcomed change in policy in relation to pay by weight

Cllr. John Fahey:

- Spoke about illegal dumping

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro:

- Asked that the allocation for Burial Grounds and Tidy Towns be increased in 2017.

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin:

- Spoke about noise control at wind farms

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara:

- Spoke about illegal dumping at a particular location

Ms O'Neill responded as follows:

- A pilot scheme to raise awareness of illegal dumping issues was being prepared. There were no proposals to name and shame offenders at present
- The locations identified where illegal dumping was an issue would be followed up
- The position in relation to the control of Knotweed will be examined.
- The complaint in relation to noise will be followed up
- The provision of a bring centre for aluminium cans would be pursued
- An update on the dangerous structure will follow

**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. David Dunne:

- Welcomed the issue of request for quotations for consultants for the Old Bridge in Carrick-on-Suir

Cllr. Kieran Bourke:

- Welcomed the appointment of a contractor for the maintenance of the Marina in Carrick-on-Suir

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara:

- Asked if there was any additional funding for flood repairs.

The District Engineer responded as follows:

- No further funding for flood repairs at this time, but a request for a deputation to the Minister for Transport was being actively pursued.

**District  
Administrator's  
Report:**

The District Administrator reported as follows:

- That the Director of Planning would attend the next meeting.
- There is no requirement for matching funding for Burial Ground Grants, and the bodies are being written to clarifying this.
- There is a requirement to match funding for Tidy Towns Grants. Ideally this should be by way of expenditure, but voluntary labour at a rate of €14.00 per hour will be accepted, subject to evidence being produced.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro asked that early payment for Tidy Towns grants be arranged.

**Town Twinning**

A report had been circulated to the meeting setting out the background to Town Twinning and the current position in relation to Town Twinning in the Municipal District.

A communication from the town of Basse-Goulanne, Loire Atlantique, France, seeking a twinning arrangement with an English speaking town was circulated to the members. It was agreed to refer this to the Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee.

**Dates of  
Meetings**

It was proposed by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District Members at 2:00 on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, 2016, and to hold the Municipal District Members' monthly meeting immediately afterwards.

**General  
Municipal  
Allocation 2016**

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

General Municipal Allocation			<b><u>€68,745.00</u></b>
	<b>Allocated</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Expended</b>
Residents Associations	€2,000.00	€2,000.00	€0.00

Community Waste Management	€10,000.00	€1,375.00	€0.00
Sports and Community Facilities Scheme	€15,824.00	€15,824.00	€0.00
Christmas Lights Scheme	€15,000.00	€0.00	€0.00
Tidy Towns Committees	€7,600.00	€7,600.00	€0.00
Ballingarry World War I memorial	€800.00	€800.00	€0.00
Festivals	€6,000.00	0.00	€0.00
Totals	€56,624.00	€27,599.00	€0.00
Unallocated/Unexpended	€12,121.00	€41,146.00	<b>€68,745.00</b>

**Assistance of Bodies under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 –**

It was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and agreed that, being of the opinion that it was in the interests of the local community to do so, the following grants be made to Festival Committees:

Festival	Budget	Recommended Grant
Dualla Show	€38,700	€3,000.00
Killenaule Rising Festival	€15,000	€1,500.00
Halloween Hunt Extravaganza	€6,000	€750.00
Ballingarry Community Centre	€4,000	€375.00
Dualla Ploughing Association	€3,200	€375.00
Totals	€66,900	€6,000.00

The grant is made subject to the following conditions:

1. The assistance of Tipperary County Council is to be acknowledged in any publicity or publications undertaken in relation to the event or

festival.

2. The Cathaoirleach and Elected Members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District are to be invited to any ceremonial openings, closings or similar events associated with the festival.
3. As soon as practical after the close of the festival, a report is to be given to the District Administrator with details of the festival, including numbers attending, expenditure, money received, and any other relevant information. This report is to be accompanied by receipts in respect of expenditure.
4. All groups must be tax compliant, and must be members of the Public Participation network.

A letter from a committee organising a commemoration for Carrick-on-Suir photographer Robert (Sonny) Cash had been circulated. 2016 is the centenary year of Mr Cash's death.

It was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin and agreed that, being of the opinion that it was in the interests of the local community to do so, a grant of €300 be, made to the Robert (Sonny) Cash Commemoration Committee subject to the following conditions:

1. The assistance of Tipperary County Council is to be acknowledged in any publicity or publications undertaken in relation to the event or festival.
2. The Cathaoirleach and Elected Members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District are to be invited to any ceremonial openings, closings or similar events associated with the project.
3. As soon as practical after the completion of the commemoration, a report is to be given to the District Administrator with details of the event, including approximate numbers attending, expenditure, money received, and any other relevant information. This report is to be accompanied by receipts in respect of expenditure.

**Delegated  
Employee's  
Orders**

A list of orders circulated was noted.

**Notices of  
Motion:**

**Cllr. Kieran Bourke**

**705**

*'That the legal responsibility for manhole covers on public footpaths which are part of water and sewerage infrastructure serving private property be clarified.'*

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne.

The report on the motion was as follows:

*'Responsibility for the provision and maintenance of water services infrastructure transferred from local authorities to Irish Water on 01 January 2014 pursuant to certain provisions of the Water Services (No. 2) Act 2013. Such infrastructure includes manhole covers on sewers located underneath public footpaths. As these manhole covers are part of water and sewerage infrastructure owned or controlled by Irish Water, they remain the property of Irish Water. The formal transfer from local authorities to Irish Water of watermains, sewers, and related accessories, located under land, was effected on 20 January 2015 pursuant to the Water Services (No. 2) Act 2013 (Property Vesting Day) Order 2015.*

*However a service connection to the said sewer is provided by the owner of the property served and, therefore, responsibility for the maintenance and repair of such private connection rests with the property owner in question. In its most recent technical documentation, dated April 2016, in relation to Connection and Developer Services, which outlines the requirements for wastewater infrastructure within developments, Irish Water has set out its policy that any private sewer connection from the sewer itself on the public road up to the property boundary remains the property owner's responsibility. This is deemed by Irish Water to include any inspection chambers and covers which are classed as ancillary fittings.*

*Please note that the Water Services Section of Tipperary County Council has consulted with Irish Water in the formulation of the above reply.'*

In the course of discussion it was noted that this related to an issue that was national in scope and was the subject of on-going discussion between the local authorities and Irish Water.

**Cllr. Kieran Bourke**

**733**

*'I call on this Council to clean up the Mill River from the Cattle Mart down to the N.24. This river flows through the town of Carrick on Suir and has become over grown and dirty'*

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne.

The report on the motion was as follows:

*'Tipperary County Council does not currently have a budget for clean up works at this location. However, the County Council have commenced discussions on the matter in relation to the cleanup of this location with the Office of Public Works.'*

It was agreed that this matter would be followed up with the Office of Public Works, and that the owners of the land adjacent to the stream would be written to in relation to the condition of the land.

**Correspondence** A letter from Waterways Ireland in relation to the management of the Estuaries of the Barrow, Nore and Suir, which had been received after the agenda was issued, was circulated to the members.

It was agreed to write to the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in relation to this matter.

**Any Other Business** Cllr. Louise McLoughlin raised the issue of the maintenance of the church car park in Dualla. This car park is in church ownership, but Cllr. McLoughlin stated that it had been maintained by South Tipperary County Council in the past. Tipperary County Council is now refusing to maintain it.

In response, Mr Michael Hayes, Senior Engineer, Roads said that the history of the area would be investigated, but that Tipperary County Council could not maintain facilities that were not in its charge.

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara raised the condition of the Mullinahone River at Fethard Street, Mullinahone, where the river bank is being undermined. It was agreed that this would be investigated with the Office of Public Works.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

  
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District Administrator

  
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Cathaoirleach

Date; 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2016