



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

16th June, 2017.

Notice of Meeting

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo chun freastal ar an Cruinniú Míosúil Chluain Meala Bhuirg Dúiche a bheidh ar siúl ag Caisleán na Cathrach, An Chathair, Co. Thiobraid Árann ar an **gCéadaoin 21 Meitheamh, 2017 ag 4.30 p.m**

You are hereby requested to attend the Monthly Meeting of Clonmel Borough District to be held in Cahir Castle, Cahir, Co. Tipperary, on **Wednesday 21st June 2017 at 4.30 p.m**

Is mise le meas,

Anthony Coleman

Meetings Administrator.

With sewerage blockages becoming more regular occurrences in Cahir Town, can Irish Water give a report of the type of blockages and storage capacity of the Treatment Plant in Cahir Town.

5.4 Councillor Andy Moloney (Ref ID 1080)

That this Council call on the Minister and Fáilte Ireland to sort out the opening times of Cahir Tourist office for 2018 and the end of the 2017 season. In doing so, we need to also extend the Swiss Cottage hours to end of mid-term (5 days extra) and re-open on 17th March 2018.

5.5 Councillor Andy Moloney (Ref ID 1081)

Following on from previous Motion and meeting with TII in Dublin that they repair the skid surface immediately at Knockagh as agreed and that alternative route signage for Clonmel be put at the Moorstown/Husseytown junction to divert traffic away from the narrow roads when road closures occur at Moorstown.

5.6 Councillor Pat English (Ref ID 1089)

That Clonmel Borough District clear the back river at The Island/Irishtown Upper to make this section of the River available for use for boating/canoeing which will add to the existing blueway through the Town.

5.7 Councillor Martin Lonergan and Councillor Richie Molloy (Ref ID 1090)

That Clonmel Borough District would introduce a Deputy Mayoral Chain to signify the importance of the Office and which would help the Deputy Mayor to assist the Mayor in carrying out functions across the District and also to wear at Mayoral/Civic Receptions when held.

5.8 Councillor Micheál Anglim (Ref ID 1108)

The road L3409-1 from the Bridge in Tubrid to Castlegrace Cross is in need of re-surfacing and in bad shape for such a busy road. I call on the council to include it in the Road's Programme as soon as possible.

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

In attendance Mr. Sean Keating, Director of Services
Mr. Eamon Lonergan, District Engineer
Mr Anthony Coleman, District Administrator
Mr. Eoin Powell, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Rory O'Callaghan, Executive Engineer
Ms. Sharon Scully, A/Staff Officer

Apologies Councillor Michael Murphy
Ms. Sinead Carr, District Manager

Also in attendance: Ms Marion O'Neill - Senior Executive Officer,
Environment Directorate;
Ms Mary Carroll - Administrative Officer, Environment
Directorate;
Mr John Fogarty - Executive Engineer, Water Services;
Mr Pat Holland - Administrative Officer, Water Services;

Item 1.1 – Minutes The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough
District held on the 19th April 2017 were proposed by
Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Martin
Lonergan and agreed.

It was agreed at the suggestion of the Mayor to defer matters
arising from the minutes until after Item 2 on the agenda.

**Item 2.1 – Attendance of
the Environment / Water
Services Directorate**

Ms. Marion O'Neill and Ms Mary Carroll attended the Meeting
on behalf of the Environment Directorate.

Ms O'Neill presented a District Briefing note to Members
detailing key issues relating to the Environment Directorate
under the following headings-

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1. Burial Grounds;
2. Civic Amenity Sites;
3. Control of Dogs;
4. Derelict Sites;
5. Litter & Waste Enforcement;

The following queries were raised by Members:

- CCTV at Illegal Dumping Blackspots;
- Dog Fouling – is it possible to use CCTV footage from An Garda Síochána to identify those responsible;
- Campaign of “Name & Shame” for those fined for illegal dumping;
- Derelict sites within CBD – list of all derelict sites within CBD to be circulated to Members;
- Cost of illegal dumping clean ups;

Members queries were responded to and agreed as follows:

- CCTV at illegal dumping blackspots – CCTV is installed at various locations throughout the County on a rotation basis. Cllr Moloney to send Environment Directorate a list of black spots that he feels should be monitored;
- Dog Fouling – Clonmel to be prioritised as a location for any future Dog Fouling Schemes that are launched, such as the recent Dog Fouling campaign held in Cashel;
- EPA “Say it and See it” app to be promoted;
- Derelict Sites – list of derelict sites within CBD to be circulated to Members; 3 Notices under the Derelict Sites Act have been issued to property owners within CBD; Environment Directorate are currently working with 10 property owners within CBD; levies are now being issued to owners of derelict properties;
- Marion O’Neill asked Members to encourage local groups to apply for Anti Litter Initiative grants that are available;
- Crayfish Outbreak – difficult to indentify source of the outbreak; signage to be erected alerting members of the public to the danger; Notice to be uploaded to Tipperary Co Co website, as the request of Members;
- The possibility of a one day amnesty on charges for disposing of a mattress at County Council Recycling facilities is to be considered by the Environment Directorate;

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

Mr. John Fogarty and Mr Pat Holland attended the Meeting on behalf of the Water Services Directorate.

The following queries were raised by Members and responded to by Water Services staff –

- Lois Mhuire, Clogheen – Irish Water have been contacted and asked to investigate the site; Cllr Marie Murphy will circulate to Members the Irish Water reference number that relates to Lios Mhuire and all Councillors will continue to follow up the matter;
- Letter to issue to Minister Simon Coveney, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government with responsibility for Irish Water with regard to combined drains;
- Hard Water in Kilsheelan Village – Water Services confirmed that Kilsheelan will be supplied with water from a hard water supply in the medium to long term;
- Letter to issue to Minister Simon Coveney, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government with responsibility for Irish Water with regard to the establishment of a grant scheme for the purchase of water softener systems for people living in hard water areas;

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

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

Councillor Siobhan Ambrose sought an update on the following:-

- Glenoaks Boundary Wall;
- CCTV Elm Park and Cooleen's Close;
- Traffic Calming at Cahir Road, Clonmel;
- Traffic Calming and Road Signage at St Lukes Hospital, Western Road;
- Traffic Calming at Prior Park, Clonmel;
- CES Workers;
- Clonmel Arms Hotel site;

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Councillor Pat English sought an update on the following:-

- Marlfield Village Traffic Calming Survey – residents unhappy with manner in which survey was carried out;
- Update on Kickham Barracks Development Project;
- Maintenance Cost of Clonmel to Carrick on Suir Greenway;
- CCTV Elm Park and Cooleen's Close;
- Clonmel Arms Hotel site;

Councillor Catherine Carey sought an update on the following:-

- CCTV at Elm Park and Cooleen's Close;
- Grass cutting in St Patricks cemetery;

The above matters raised by Members were responded to by Mr Eoin Powell, Senior Executive Engineer, and Mr Anthony Coleman, District Administrator as follows -

- Glenoaks Boundary Wall – land in question is owned by Tipperary County Council; Eamon Lonergan to contact Housing Section to ascertain what plans, if any, have been made for the land;
- Traffic Calming at St Lukes Hospital, Western Road – the large amount of signage currently at the location may be confusing to motorists and will be reviewed; road markings are faded and will be re-aligned;
- Traffic Calming at Cahir Road – sufficient traffic calming measures already in place at this location; may now need to be referred to Road Design Section;
- Traffic Calming at Prior Park – traffic survey is not needed at this location; speed cushions may be needed and will be considered under the 2018 Roads Programme;
- Traffic Calming at Marlfield Lake – following extensive speed surveys it was decided that existing traffic calming measures are sufficient;
- CCTV in Elm Park & Cooleen's Close – Anthony Coleman, District Administrator confirmed that the CCTV project is currently at procurement stage and has been advertised on eTenders;

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- Kickham Barracks Development Project – this project is a joint project being lead by the Corporate Services Directorate; two huts on site are currently in the process of being demolished;
- Clonmel to Carrick on Suir Greenway – maintenance costs estimated at €50,000 per annum; maintenance costs will commence in 2018.
- Clonmel Arms Hotel – Mr Anthony Coleman confirmed that the new owners were currently in discussion with Planning Directorate and that a report on conservation issues was being devised;
- CES Scheme – Anthony Coleman confirmed that interviews were recently held for CES employees; 3 candidates were selected for CBD; HR to confirm appointment dates; vacancies still exist with CBD under this scheme;
- Market Place – Anthony Coleman confirmed that he will arrange to meet the owners of Market Place in the coming weeks. Mr David Shanahan, Clonmel Chamber, is working with the owners of Market Place to offer support and advice.

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

3.1 Reports of Officers

The Borough District Administrator Mr Anthony Coleman updated Members on the following matters –

- CLÁR Programme – applications have been made to the Department under this programme;
- Towns and Villages Renewal Scheme – applications are invited under this scheme; projects with economic focus will be considered; only villages/towns with population under 15,000 will be eligible to apply;
- Outdoor Recreation Scheme -
- Parking Bye Laws 2013 – copy of 2013 Bye Laws to be circulated to Members;
- E-Parking – to be online within the coming months;
- Extension of Mulcahy Park Playground – in connection with South Tipperary Autism Support Group funding is being sought for the extension of Mulcahy Park Playground;
- Twinning Committee Invite – a proposal to formally issue an invitation to the Friends of Clonmel Committee to visit Clonmel in 2018 to mark the 20th anniversary of the Twinning between Clonmel and Peoria, Illinois was agreed on the proposal of

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Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Pat English.

The Borough District Engineer Mr. Eamon Lonergan updated Members on the following matters –

- Cahir Toilets – tenders have been received and are currently being assessed;
- Marlfield Flood Scheme – contract awarded to consultants;
- Toberaheena – draft report has been received from consultants; workshop on the matter to be held before June 2017 monthly meeting;
- Suir Island Carpark – Part 8 process to commence in coming months; construction to begin in 2018;
- Cahir Square – public consultation process has been advertised in local papers;
- 2017 Roadworks Programme – works in Clonmel North, South, East and West now completed; works in Clonmel town to be completed in coming weeks;

The following queries were raised by Members - :

- Mary Street Carpark Review;
- Blocked Road Gully's in Clonmel town;
- Update on Ardfinnan Bridge;
- Car Parking Strategy;

Members queries were responded to as follows -

- Mary Street Carpark Review – yearly review will be carried out as agreed;
- Ardfinnan Bridge Update – contact made with the National Monuments Office to request a pre planning meeting; no date set as yet; reminder request issued to the National Monuments Office in May 2017;
- Car Parking Strategy – Car Park Strategy is progressing with the development of Gordon Street and Suir Island carparks;
- Road Gullies are regularly cleaned, on an on going basis;

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Other Matters

- Taking in Charge of Estates - the report on Taking in Charge of Estates, issued by the Roads Directorate states that “the *local authority will take in charge sewers and water mains*”. Members asked that the wording of this be re-considered for future Taking in Charge reports;

3.2 Fix Date of Annual General Meeting 2017

The date of the 2017 Clonmel Borough District AGM was set for the 28th June 2017 at 16.30 and agreed on the proposal of Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan.

3.3 Taking in Charge of Estates

On the recommendation of Marcus O’Connor, Director of Services Roads, Transportation and Health & Safety, the proposal that the housing estates known as –

- Ashfield Manor, Ardfinnan
- Monroe, Lisronagh

Be taken in charge by Clonmel Borough District was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan.

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

The Chief Executive Orders for the period to the 12th May 2017 were noted.

**Item 5 – Consideration of
the following notices of
Motion**

5.1 Councillor Marie Murphy

No. 1021

That Irish Water or this council would rectify, for once and for all, the recurring sewage blockage issues affecting the majority of houses at Lios Mhuire, Clogheen. This problem has been ongoing for over 30 years and is getting continually worse.

Reply

The attached map illustrates the layout of the foul drainage network at Lios Mhuire, Clogheen. Lios Mhuire was erected as a local authority housing estate in 1954 and consists of 14 no. houses - a terrace of nos. 1 to 6 and a second terrace of nos. 7 to

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14. Foul matter is conveyed from the houses through a common drain, of length c. 200 metres, which consists of a vitrified clay pipe, the diameter of which varies from 100 millimetres to 225 millimetres. It is laid through the rear gardens of the houses. This common drain is connected to the Irish Water sewer at Barrack Street. It is likely that most, if not all, of these houses are now vested.

To the rear of Lios Mhuire is located Alley Close, a more recent (2005) local authority housing estate of 8 no. houses, erected in 4 pairs of semi-detached houses. The foul drainage network serving Alley Close is laid along the access road serving the estate. It connects to the Irish Water sewer at Barrack Hill, at the same point as the common drain from Lios Mhuire.

It is acknowledged that issues have arisen in recent times in respect of the operation and maintenance of the foul drainage network in this area and remedial works to the Irish Water sewer, consisting of the removal of blockages, have been carried out by Water Services as the agent of Irish Water on a number of occasions.

To progress the subject matter of the Notice of Motion, the Water Services section of the Council proposes to engage with Irish Water with a view to:

- (i) verifying the capacity of the Irish Water sewer at Barrack Hill to ensure that such capacity is adequate for the connection of Lios Mhuire (and Alley Close) to the said sewer;
- (ii) investigating the nature and extent of any remedial action required to the Irish Water sewer; and
- (iii) proposing a condition survey of the common drain serving Lios Mhuire with a view to establishing a course of action in respect of any remedial works in respect of same: in this respect, any information currently available to Water Services will be forwarded to Irish Water.

It must be appreciated that the fact that the foul drainage network serving Lios Mhuire consists of a common drain laid in private rear gardens, will be taken cognisance of by Irish Water in its assessment of the subject matter of this Notice of Motion.

Water Services will keep Councillor Marie Murphy informed of its engagement with Irish Water in respect of this matter.
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5.2 Councillor Marie Murphy

No. 1022

That Irish Water or this Council would rectify the recurring sewage blockage issues at Maddens Lane, Cahir. I believe that this lane is public and that the council did replace some pipe work a number of years back.

Reply

The attached map illustrates the layout of the foul drainage network at Madden's Lane, Cahir. This lane, which is a cul-de-sac, leads from Church Street and serves a number of properties at Church Street and The Square. The original foul drainage network along Madden's Lane consisted of a box-type culvert. This foul drainage network consists of the following sections, as indicated on the attached map:

- (a) section A to B: this portion leads from Church Street and is an existing section of sewer within Madden's Lane, the type and diameter of which is to be confirmed;
- (b) section B to C: this is an existing old culvert (box-type), of length c. 15 metres, within Madden's Lane, which has not been upgraded;
- (c) section C to D: this length, of c. 50 metres, was an old culvert construct and was upgraded to a upvc sewer, of diameter 300 millimetres, in 2012 by the then South Tipperary County Council as water services authority;
- (d) section D to E: this portion, terminating at point E, is an existing old sewer construct, of length c. 20 metres, which may warrant rehabilitation, subject to further investigation;
- (e) section E to F: the final portion of the network, of length c. 80 metres, is, in part or whole, an old stone culvert construct and traverses a number of private properties (3 to 4) and connects Madden's Lane to the Irish Water sewer at The Mall: this portion warrants further investigation.

In addition to the above, some rehabilitation to existing manholes on Madden's Lane is also required.

As Madden's Lane is in the charge of Tipperary County Council, Water Services can confirm that the foul drainage network along Madden's Lane is a public sewer and is regarded as such by Irish Water.

To progress the subject matter of the Notice of Motion, the Water Services section of the Council proposes to engage with Irish Water with a view to:

- (i) quantifying the required rehabilitation to the existing manholes on Madden's Lane (as referred to above);
- (ii) investigating the nature and extent of the remedial action required in respect of that portion of the foul drainage

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network along Madden's Lane which was not upgraded in 2012; and

(iii) proposing a condition survey of the remaining portion, of length c. 80 metres, identified as section E to F, which traverses private property (as referred to above) with a view to establishing a course of action in respect of any remedial works in respect of same.

It must be appreciated that the absence of appropriate wayleaves in respect of the section E to F, together with the existence of an unknown number of connections from the properties served by the said section E to F, will have to be taken cognisance of in the future assessment of the subject matter of this Notice of Motion.

Water Services will keep Councillor Marie Murphy informed of its engagement with Irish Water in respect of this matter.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Marie Murphy, seconded by Councillor Micháel Anglim and agreed.

5.3 Councillor Andy Moloney No. 1044

That this council call on Minister Finian McGrath to provide full time respite in Brothers of Charity centres in Clonmel.

Reply

Subject to the approval of the Members, this matter will be referred to Minister McGrath.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Andy Moloney, seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan and agreed

5.4 Councillor Richie Molloy No. 1045

That Clonmel Borough Council would consider employing staff to maintain the grass cutting in St Patrick's Cemetery during the summer months and also to note that visitors to the cemetery are very concerned at the condition of the cemetery.

Reply

The grass cutting and strimming commenced in the middle of March, two operatives are assigned to the cemetery every week and grave digging is the priority. Grasscutting and other maintenance works are also subject to weather and growth conditions.

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

5.5 Councillor Pat English No. 1049

That Clonmel Borough District review the management and maintenance of St. Patricks Cemetery to ensure its proper upkeep on an ongoing basis particularly in the summer months.

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

5.6 Councillor Pat English

No. 1050

That Clonmel Borough District in conjunction with the Planning Department of Tipperary County Council, fast track the Taking-in- Charge of "Cnoc Na GCaiseal", Ardfinnan Housing Scheme. The residents made an application for the Taking in Charge 6 years ago".

Reply

A report on the condition of the roads and storm sewers was forwarded to the Planning Department in February by Clonmel Borough District.

The Planning Department will require other technical reports from other Sections including Irish Water to ensure that all infrastructures is deemed suitable for taking in charge and that any future liability to the Council is minimised.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Pat English, seconded by Councillor Martin Lonergan and agreed

5.7 Councillor Pat English

No. 1051

That Clonmel Borough District provide a leash free dog park, where dog owners can let their dogs roam off leash and run to their hearts content.

Reply

The feasibility of providing a leash free dog park will be considered subject to the availability of a suitable site, public demand and funding for such an amenity.

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

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5.8 Councillor Martin Lonergan

No.1053

That Clonmel Borough District would put in place appropriate signage and linage on the main Ardfinnan to Cahir Road (R670) to indicate the junction with L7113-0 at Killeenabutler. It is extremely dangerous at present trying to exit onto the R670 due to sightlines and speeding vehicles and needs to be addressed before a bad accident occurs.

Reply

The provision of new road markings and signage is planned during May 2017.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Martin Lonergan, seconded by Councillor Andy Moloney and agreed

5.9 Councillor Martin Lonergan

No. 1054

That Clonmel Borough District would secure or provide the relevant funding to upgrade the footbridge over the Tar River at Kildanogue, Goatenbridge on the L75141-0 road. The bridge in question is an important part of the St Declan's Way/Munster Way Walk, contains a mains water pipe supplying a vast area and is currently in bad repair.

Reply

Inland Fisheries Ireland are hopeful of securing funds to complete these works in 2017.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Martin Lonergan, seconded by Councillor Andy Moloney and agreed

5.10 Councillor Siobhan Ambrose

No. 1055

What is the latest update regarding the flood alleviation plans for Marlfield?

Reply

Following a tender process, a Consultant Engineering firm has been appointed to carry out flood studies, design solutions and to prepare contract documents for the Construction Works. The project will be dependent on obtaining Part 8 planning consent, possibly land acquisition and the provision of funding. A site meeting has been arranged between the appointed firm and the Council and following this meeting, a detailed project timeline will be provided by the consultant.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed

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5.11 Councillor Siobhan Ambrose

No. 1056

That this Council be given an update for the timeframe regarding the extension to St. Patrick's Cemetery and the provision of new footpaths and as to whether a dedicated person could be assigned on a full time basis to the Cemetery to ensure that is being properly maintained.

Reply

The survey of the cemetery has been completed. Funding has been provided by the Environment Section. Design works and preparation of Tender Documentation is on-going. It is planned to be on site in July 2017.

Regarding the maintenance of the Cemetery, two general operatives are assigned to the cemetery on a full time rotating basis, but at certain times, the maintenance may be affected by burials, weather and growth conditions.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed

5.12 Councillor Siobhan Ambrose

No. 1057

That consideration is given for a speed ramp to be inserted in Wilderness Grove.

Reply

The Secretary of the Wilderness Grove/Carrigeen/Oakland Drive Residents Association has approached the District Office with this request for a ramp. The Area Engineer has examined the location and reported as follows:-

"I have inspected the proposed location of the speed ramp as outlined in your attachments.

Please note that in this instance I consider that a speed ramp in this particular location, (i.e. located some 7m from the square to the east and 28m from the chicane to the west), to be a most inappropriate location and it is the decision of this Council that the Council do not intend to install a speed ramp at this location".

The District Office will work with the Residents Assoc. and see if other measures would suit.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Micháel Anglim and agreed

Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Members to note.

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

A vote of sympathy was passed for the following –

- Margaret Dowley, Beech Farm, Piltown, Co Kilkenny. Mother of Tomás Dowley, Carrick on Suir MD and sister of retired County Manager Edmund O'Connor.
- Andrew Harney, late of Cashel Street, Clonmel & Barbados. Brother of retired colleague Jimmy Harney.

A vote of congratulations was passed for the Tipperary Ladies Football team on winning the Division 3 Final

Item 8 – Any other business

There being no further business the meeting then concluded.

Signed/ Andy Moloney
Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Date/ 21st June 2017

Signed/ Anthony O'Leary
District Administrator

Date/ 21st June 2017