

**Monthly Meeting of the Councillors for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District
held in the District Chamber, Municipal District Office, Carrick-on-Suir at
2:00pm on the 28th of March, 2019.**

In the Chair: Cllr. Louise McLoughlin

Members Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Cllr. David Dunne, Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

Present: Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald, Cllr. Kevin O'Meara

In Attendance: Mr Sean Keating, Director of Services Mr Martin Nolan, District Administrator, Mr Willie Corby, District Engineer, Mr Kieran Ladden, Executive Engineer, Mr Shane Aylward, Executive Engineer, Ms Liz McGrath, Staff Officer, Ms. Anne Dunne, Asst. Staff Officer, Mr Michael F. Hayes, Senior Engineer, Roads Directorate, Mr Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, Housing Directorate and Ms Nicola Keating, Executive Engineer, Housing Directorate.

1.0 Welcome

Item 1.1 The summons was taken as read.
Summons and
Prayer

2.0 Minutes of Meetings

Item 2.1 The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 28th of
Minutes of February, 2019 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kevin
Monthly Meeting O'Meara seconded by Cllr. David Dunne and were signed by
28th/02/2019 the Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke asked if the budgetary position on street cleaning had been resolved. The District Administrator responded that discussions were ongoing with the Roads and Transportation Directorate and the Finance Directorate. It was hoped that the position would be resolved shortly.

3.0 Presentation or attendance by outside bodies

Item 3.1
Presentation by
Carrick-on-Suir
Tourism and
Economic
Development
Committee

At this stage Mr Tony Musiol, Chair of the Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee and Messrs. Niall Walsh, Maurice Power, and Patsy Fitzgerald attended the meeting and outlined the committee's proposals in relation to the development of an Enterprise Centre in Carrick-on-Suir and the redevelopment of the Heritage Centre in Carrick on Suir.

Councillors commented or asked questions as follows:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- What would happen if fund raising targets were not met
- Role of local authority in providing parking, especially coach parking for Ormond Castle.
- Likely demand for spaces on the Enterprise Centre
- Whether the fundraising vehicle has charitable status

Cllr. David Dunne

- Wished the project success
- Asked that the other members support the project

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Congratulated the committee on delivering results
- Stated that Carrick-on-Suir had a significant brand

Responding members of the committee made the following points:

- The Committee will manage its cash flow to the best of its ability. It was also engaged in other efforts, through its engagement with the Irish Diaspora, to raise funds
- Coach tourism is part of the tourism offering, but attention also needs to be given to appearance, car based tourism, and the general tidy towns effort.
- Demand for the business hub does exist.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the committee for its presentation, and the committee then withdrew from the meeting.

4.0 Attendance of Directorate

Item 4.1

Update by Housing Directorate

A report on the activity undertaken by the Housing Directorate in the District was circulated by Mr Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer and the main points of the report were outlined.

Members raised issues as follows:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Thanked the housing officials for the detailed presentation
- Asked about the scale of house purchases in 2019
- Spoke in relation to Tipperary County Council's response to Anti-Social Behaviour

Cllr. David Dunne

- Raised the issue of four houses in Marian Avenue, Carrick-on-Suir which had not been refurbished.
- Asked about the preparation of a masterplan for Coolnamuck
- Referred to the level of homelessness nationally
- Asked about the level of home loans issued
- Spoke about adaption works for council tenants

Cllr Mark Fitzgerald

- Asked about one and two bedroom houses in the proposed fifteen house scheme in Killenaule

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Asked whether the County Council expected to get to priority 2 housing adaption grants
- Asked about the availability of two bedroom houses in Fethard

- Asked when Phase II energy and efficiency works would take place
- Asked about the Tenant Purchase Scheme for people who were not in a position to get a housing loan.

Cllr. Kevin O'Meara

- Spoke about the need to revise the Housing Assistance Payment system
- Asked about the reduction in the number of houses planned for Mullinahone

Mr Dillon responded as follows:

- One house had been purchased in Carrick-on-Suir in 2019
- Asked that Cllr. Kieran Bourke contact him privately about the specific case of anti social behaviour he was referring to.
- The position on the four houses in Marian Avenue, Carrick-on-Suir will be examined.
- The Coolnamuck, Carrick-on-Suir master plan was being prepared.
- Decisions on Housing Adaption Grants were generally made within two months. 52% of the available allocation had already been allocated.
- One and two bedroom houses were not available in the scheme in Killenaule.
- Existing allocations will allow only emergency and priority I applications to be dealt with
- Will respond on the availability of one and two bedroom houses in Fethard
- Reduction in house numbers in Mullinahone due to demand.
- No engagement with neighbours

5.0 Consideration of Reports

Item 5.1

District Engineer's
Report

The District Engineer circulated a report on the progress of the implementation of the schedule of municipal district works.

Members raised issues as follows:

Cllr. David Dunne

- Concerned about the quality of the pointing on Dillon Bridge and the Old Bridge, Carrick-on-Suir

Cllr Mark Fitzgerald

- Asked about public lighting poles in Cloneen.

The District Engineer responded as follows:

- The quality of pointing will be taken up with the Consulting Engineer and the Contractor on Dillon Bridge.
- The District Engineer will follow up on the lights in Cloneen with the Public Lighting Section.

Item 5.2

District
Administrator's
Report:

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

- There will be presentations from the Community and Economic Development Directorate, and from the Cultural, Library and Emergency Services Directorate at the District Councillors' Meeting on the 24th of April.
- There are two staff changes imminent. Ms Eileen Grace, Clerical Officer, will be leaving the Municipal District Office on promotion. Mr Shane Aylward, Executive Engineer will also be leaving to take up a post in another local authority.
- Wireless IT connection is now operational in the

District Chamber.

The councillors joined in wishing Ms Grace and Mr Aylward well in their new appointments.

Item 5.3
General Municipal
Allocation

A report was circulated showing the position in relation to the 2019 General Municipal Allocation as follows:

Allocation for 2019	€45,089
Tidy Towns District Awards	€3,500
Community Grants Scheme	€29,589
Community Festivals and Events	€12,000
Remaining to be Allocated	€0

Item 5.4
a) Tidy Towns
Grants

A report and recommendation on Tidy Towns Grants had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne , 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 Tidy Towns Committees Scheme be made as follows:

	Name of Committee	Grant
1	Ballingarry Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000
2	Grangemockler Tidy Towns Association	€1,000
3	Glengoole Tidy Towns Association	€1,000
4	Rosegreen Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000
5	Drangan Tidy Towns Association	€1,000

6	Dualla Tidy Towns	€1,000
7	Ballyneale Tidy Towns	€1,000
8	Kilusty Tidy Towns	€1,000
9	Ballynonty Tidy Towns	€1,000
10	The Commons Tidy Towns	€1,000
11	Mullinahone Tidy Towns	€1,000
12	Carrick-on-Suir Business Association	€1,000
13	Fethard Tidy Towns	€1,000
14	Killenaule Community Enhancement Association	€1,000
15	Cloneen Tidy Villages and Graveyard Committee	€1,000

The grants are made subject to the following conditions

1. Evidence in the form of receipts must be provided to show 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"

**Item 5.5
Carrick-on-Suir
Parks and Open
Spaces
Programme
2019**

Ms Liz McGrath, Staff Officer gave a presentation to the Councillors on Tipperary County Council's proposals for parks and open spaces in the town of Carrick-on-Suir for 2019.

Members raised issues as follows:

Cllr. David Dunne

- Praised use of planters in the town
- Asked about the sponsorship of planters

Cllr Mark Fitzgerald

- Asked that plants that attract pollinators be avoided in areas where there was heavy road traffic

Ms McGrath responded that the issue of sponsorship, raised important issues in relation to advertising and branding of Tipperary County Council installations. However, the issue would be examined over the coming year.

6.0 Taking in Charge of Estates

Item 6.1

Cregg Lawns,
Cregg Road,
Carrick-on-Suir

A report and recommendation on the taking in charge of Cregg Lawns, Cregg Road, Carrick-on-Suir, had been circulated with the agenda.

Following discussion, it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting.

7.0 Chief Executive / Delegated Employee Orders

8.0 Correspondence

No items of correspondence.

9.0 Notices of Motion

Item 9.1

Traffic issues at
Scoil Ruain,
Killenaule (Motion
No. 1638)

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin:

"In the interests of Safety that this Council investigate the traffic issues at Scoil Ruain, Killenaule and that 'driver feedback signs' are installed as a matter of urgency"

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne

The report on the motion was as follows:

"Subject to a speed survey proving that speeding is a problem, consideration will be given to the installation of speed detection signage on the R692. Any such work will require additional funding under the Low Cost Safety Scheme from Dept of Transport. ."

The report was accepted.

Item 9.2

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin

Resurfacing of
R692 at Killenaule
(Motion no. 1639)

"That this Council resurface the road from Main Street, Killenaule to Crosscannon when funding comes available."

The motion was seconded by Cllr Mark Fitzgerald.

The report on the motion was as follows:

"Subject to grant funds being made available, it is intended that a 1.0km section of the R692 Main Street to Pike Street in Killenaule will be resurfaced in 2021 as part of the 3 year Restoration Improvement Programme in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District."

The report was accepted.

Item 9.3

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin

Resurfacing of Car
Park at River
Street, Killenaule
(Motion no. 1640)

"That this Council resurface the public car park at River Street Killenaule as it is in very bad condition "


The motion was seconded by Cllr Mark Fitzgerald.

The report on the motion is as follows:


"The area in question is not in charge of Tipperary County Council, and so cannot be maintained by Tipperary County Council"

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin accepted the report but asked about the possibility of taking this portion in charge. The District Engineer responded that this would be taken up with the Roads and Transportation Directorate.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (4:30pm)



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach



Date