

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, 2017 at 2:00p.m**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. John Fahey

**Members Present:** Cllr. David Dunne, Cllr. Louise McLoughlin, Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro , Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

**Apologies** Cllr. Louise McLoughlin

**In Attendance:** Mr. Pat Slattery, Director of Services,  
Mr Martin Nolan, District Administrator  
Mr John Fitzgerald, Staff Officer  
Mr Willie Corby, District Engineer  
Ms Nicola Keating, Executive Engineer  
Mr. Seamus Loughlin, Executive Engineer  
Ms Clare Curley, Director of Services, Housing Directorate  
Mr Donal Purcell, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Directorate  
Mr Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, Housing Directorate

**Minutes of Meetings** On the proposal of Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro , seconded by Cllr. David Dunne , the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**Matters arising from Minutes** Cllr. Eddie O'Meara asked whether any response had been received from Piltown Municipal District in relation to a joint meeting on Waterford Regional Airport and the N24. The District Administrator responded that no correspondence had been received.

**Update from the** The Director of Housing gave a report to the members on activity

**Housing  
Directorate.**

within the district. The main points were as follows:

- Housing construction approval has four stages, as follows:
  - Layout Design and approval for expenditure
  - Project assessment prior to statutory approval
  - Detailed Design and Cost Estimate approval
  - Review of tenders in advance of contract award.
- Housing construction schemes were at various stages of construction as follows:
  - 4 Houses at Strylea, Fethard by the Belmont Park Housing Association, awaiting stage 1 submission.
  - 7 Houses for disabled applicants at Carrick-on-Suir, by Camphill Communities, awaiting stage 1 submission.
  - 15 Houses at Mill House, Carrick-on-Suir by Oaklee Housing Association, awaiting stage 1 submission.,
  - Coolnamuck Road, Carrick-on-Suir –masterplan being prepared.
  - 10 Houses at Fethard, Stage 1 approved.
  - 10 Houses at Mullinahone, Stage I application being prepared.
- Energy efficiency works on all remaining houses owned by the County Council will be completed by the end of February, 2018
- Allocation of €3,032,731 available for Housing Adaption Grants on private houses.
- Allocation of €457,437 available for Housing Adaption Grants on Local Authority houses.
- Allocation of €1,271,522 available for vacant houses. 102 houses have been made available, of which 12 are in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District
- 5 houses have been purchased in the District in 2017, with agreements on a further 6. In addition 3 RAS houses, 2 mortgage to rent houses, and 86 HAP houses have been accessed.
- There are currently 348 approved applicants in the District, and 23 vacant houses.

The members raised issues as follows:

Cllr. David Dunne

- Asked if County Council would make land available to a housing co-op.
- Asked about unauthorised occupation of land at Fethard
- Asked how long it takes to appoint tenant to newly bought house
- Asked if all of the traveller allocation had been expended.

Cllr. John Fahey

- Ask whether a Housing Adoption Grant was available for a family with two handicapped children.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Asked whether priority 2 adaption grant applications would be paid in the current year.

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Stated that the requirement that a contractor has a turn over in excess of the contract value was preventing some contractors from tendering.
- Asked if wet rooms would be installed in two bedroom houses when they are being relet.

The Director gave the following replies:

- The County Council was obliged to comply with national procurement guidelines, and to ensure that contractors had sufficient capacity to carry out the contract.
- The County Council was open to co-operative housing, but the response would depend on the individual circumstances of the proposal.
- No comment could be made on the situation in Fethard, but the County Council was working to resolve it.
- The position in relation to grants depended on circumstances, and the councillor should contact the Housing

Section with the details.

- It was very unlikely that priority 2 Adaption Grant applications would be dealt with in the current year. Applicants should contact the Housing Directorate where there is a change of circumstances.
- All of the Traveller grant application had been expended
- The inclusion of wet rooms in two bedroom houses as part of pre letting repairs would be considered.

**District  
Engineer's  
Report:**

The District Engineers report had been circulated in advance o, and the councillor should contact the housing section with the details of the meeting, and the District Engineer gave an update on various projects.

Members raised questions as follows:

Cllr. David Dunne

- Asked about proposed work at Chapel street, Carrick-on-Suir
- Asked about dangerous trees on private land
- Asked about proposals for St Mary's Cemetery.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Asked about possibility of resurfacing at Coolbawn cross.

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Asked that signage be provided to warn of Traffic Hazard at the waste water treatment plant at Mullinahone.

The District Engineer responded as follows:

- It was expected that the resurfacing of Chapel Street, Carrick-on-Suir would take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Proposals for St Mary's Cemetery, Carrick-on-Suir would be brought forward in the New Year.
- The request for signage at the works at the Waste Water Treatment Plant at Mullinahone would be brought to the attention of the Water Services Directorate.

**District  
Administrator's  
Report:**

The district administrator brought the following issues to the attention of the members:

1. The Community and Economic Development Directorate will attend the December Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December, 2017.
2. Christmas Parking Concessions – As in previous years, no charge will be made for car parking in the car parks in Carrick-on-Suir on the Saturdays in December. These are the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> of December. The car parks affected are the New Street Car Park, William Street Car Park, Strand Lane Car Park, and the Car Parks at Greenside. For traffic management reasons, there will be charges for on-street parking, but the de-facto twenty minutes grace period on Main Street, New Street and Kickham Street will be maintained.
3. Christmas Tractors – The annual Christmas Tractors event will take place on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, 2017. To facilitate this, the New Street Car Park is being made available as the termination point of the event.
4. The part 8 documentation for the proposed park at Bourke Street, Fethard has been put on display. The closing date for submissions is the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2018. A grant has been made available from the Town and Village Renewal Scheme for this project.
5. Quotations are being sought for the preparation of a public realm plan for the Castle Street Area of Carrick-on-Suir.

**General  
Municipal  
Allocation 2017**

The District Administrator informed the members that the position in relation to the General Municipal Allocation for 2017 was as follows:

<b>General Municipal Allocation 2017</b>	<b>€68,750.00</b>
Top up of Tidy Towns Committees Grants	€7,600.00
Allocation for District Tidy Towns Award	€3,000.00

Allocated from Community Grants Scheme €58,150.00

**Balance Remaining** €0.00

**District Awards  
Night**

It was proposed by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro , seconded by Cllr.  
David Dunne

And Resolved:

“that being of the opinion that it was desirable in the interests of the  
local community, awards as follows be made in accordance with  
section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

Group	Reason for award	Amount of Award
Kilusty Tidy Towns Committee	Best new entrant, smaller settlements	€500.00
Glengoole Tidy Towns	Highest Increase in Marks, smaller settlements	€500.00
Rosegreen Tidy Towns	Highest increase in marks, larger settlements	€500.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Ballroom Limited	Highest increase in marks, larger settlements (Runner up)	€500.00
Clooneen Tidy Towns Committee	Best overall results	€1,000.00”

After discussion, it was agreed to hold a workshop on the support of  
Tidy Towns groups prior to the January members meeting.

**Delegated  
Employee's**

A list of orders were circulated and noted.

**Orders**

**Other Business**

This concluded the business of the meeting. (14:45)



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District Administrator



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