

Monthly Meeting of the Members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Carrick-on-Suir on the 27th of October, 2016 at 3:30p.m

In the Chair: Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

Members Present: Cllr. Kieran Bourke Cllr. David Dunne, Cllr. Louise McLoughlin Cllr. Eddie O'Meara.

Appologies Cllr. John Fahey

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, Mr John Fitzgerald, Staff Officer, Ms Anne Dunne, Assistant Staff Officer, Mr Tomás Dowley, Assistant Staff Officer Mr Aidan Fennessey, Senior Executive Officer, Housing, Mr Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance, Mr Paddy Brennan, Management Accountant.

Introduction of New Staff Member The District Administrator introduced Mr Tomás Dowley, who had joined the District Office Staff as an Assistant Staff Officer.

Minutes of Meetings On the proposal of Cllr. David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. Kieran Bourke the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 22nd of September, 2016 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

On the proposal of Cllr. David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara, the minutes of the special meeting held on the 21st of October, 2016 were adopted and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Update from Director of Housing A report from the Director of Housing had been circulated in advance of the meeting, and an outline of this report was given by Mr Aidan Fennessey, Senior Executive Officer, Housing.

Members raised the following points:

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Income limits for social housing
- Refurbishment of vacant houses in Treacy Park, Carrick-on-Suir.

Cllr. David Dunne

- Also asked about refurbishment of houses in Treacy Park

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Asked about the relationship of the Local authority to Voluntary Housing associations, and stated that social housing should be operated by the County Council.

Mr Fennessey responded as follows:

- Income limits for social housing were set by the Department of Housing, Planning, Communities, and Local Government, and that a review of these was by the Department promised soon.
- It was accepted that the age of the houses in Treacy Park was such that they could not be rehabilitated within the €30,000 limit for such work. It was hoped to carry out work on one house, 20 Treacy Park, under another scheme in the near future.

**District
Engineer's
Report:**

The District Engineers Report had been circulated in advance of the meeting, and the District Engineer outlined the main points therein.

Members asked questions as follows;

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Whether work on housing estates in Carrick-on-Suir was complete.

Cllr. David Dunne

- Welcomed start of work on the Old Bridge in Carrick-on-Suir
- Asked why the work on Urban Roads took place so late in the year.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Damaged wall at Cois Fada, Fethard
- Local Access at Road Closure at Cloneen

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

- Flood Relief Works at Mullinahone

The District Engineer Responded as follows:

- The work in most estates will be complete, except Dunbane, which would require extra work in coming years.
- Work was ongoing throughout the year in the District. The priority is given to works funded under department grants. Work on Urban Roads is less weather sensitive than strengthening or resurfacing, so it usually takes place later in the year.
- The wall at Cois Falla had been assessed and costed. It would be addressed as soon as funding allowed. The General Services Supervisor would be asked to remove any loose stones.
- It was confirmed that local access was available in Cloneen, except where local conditions meant that such access would be unsafe.
- An inspection of the river in Mullinahone had been carried out by the Office of Public Works, and it appear unlikely that the work required could be carried out under that Offices Small Flood Relief Works Scheme. This matter would be subject of further discussion between the Local Authority and the Office of Public Works.
- An application had been made for Low Cost Safety Scheme for Rosegreen, Ballynonty and Cloneen for Speed Indicator signs for 2016.
- An application has been made for Clar funding for Speed Indicator signs at Ballingarry, Moyglass, Ballinure and The Commons for 2016.

District

The District Administrator reported as follows:

Administrator's

Report:

1. Planning and Emergency Services Directorate to attend at next meeting
2. E-mail from OPW, stating that the plastering and limewashing at Ormonde Castle are complete, and that 2nd fixing (electrical) is being readied. Furniture all cleaned and restored as necessary.
3. A request has been received from the Local Authorities Water Communities Office to address the members in relation to the Office's functions and activities.
4. Meeting with Piltown Municipal District Members at 2:00 pm on the 02/11/2016, in the Rhu Glen, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny.

It was agreed to meet the Local Authorities Water Communities Office at the November Meeting

Municipal District Budgetary Plan for 2017

The Head of Finance outlined to the meeting that the overall General Municipal Allocation for the County was €500,000, and that this was divided between the districts on the basis of population. The expenditure under the General Municipal Allocation was controlled by the elected members and is supplemental to the overall budget for the district. The general municipal allocation for 2017 will be €68,745, which is the same level as 2016.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke asked whether some increase should be made in the General Municipal Allocation in view of the increase in rates in Carrick-on-Suir as a result of equalisation following the merger of the Tipperary Local Authorities.

The Head of Finance responded that the setting of valuations was carried out independently of the County Council. He also pointed out that the early payment scheme had been in place in 2016, and it was hoped to repeat it in 2017.

It was then proposed by Cllr. Kieran Bourke seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara and resolved as follows:

that pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended), the Draft Budgetary Plan 2017

for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District be adopted, as per attached Schedule:

Schedule

CARRICK-ON-SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT DRAFT BUDGETARY PLAN 2017

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Municipal District	
General Municipal Allocation	68,745
Increase/decrease in other charges	
Total (A)	68,745
To finance Gross Revenue	
Expenditure	Municipal District
Details of Proposed Expenditure	proposed expenditure
General Municipal Allocation	68,745
Relevant Gross Expenditure (B=A)	68,745

**General
Municipal
Allocation 2016**

A report on the 2016 General Municipal allocation had been circulated in advance of the meeting as follows:

<u>General Municipal Allocation</u>			<u>€68,745.00</u>
	Allocated	Committed	Expended
Residents Associations	€2,338.00	€2,338.00	€2,338.00
Community Waste Management	€10,000.00	€1,875.00	€0.00
Sports and Community Facilities Scheme	€14,497.00	€14,497.00	€10,747.94
Christmas Lights Scheme	€15,000.00	€0.00	€0.00
Tidy Towns Committees	€7,600.00	€7,600.00	€6,000.00
Ballingary World War I memorial	€800.00	€800.00	€0.00
Festivals	€6,000.00	€6,000.00	€3,375.00

Sonny Cash Exhibition	€300.00	€300.00	€0.00
Heart save Committee, Carrick-on-Suir	€1,500.00	€0.00	€0.00
District Painting Scheme	€3,040	€0.00	€0.00
District Tidy Towns Awards	€3,000	€0.00	€0.00
Totals	€64,075.00	€33,410.00	€22,460.94
<u>Unallocated/Unexpended</u>	<u>€3,670.00</u>	<u>€35,519.00</u>	<u>€46,284.06</u>

Taking in charge of housing estates

A report on the taking in charge of Housing Estates had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke declared that he had a conflict of interest in relation to this item, and absented himself from the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara seconded by Cllr. David Dunne and resolved:

"That pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, being satisfied that the roads are of public utility, and having considered the financial implications for the local authority and any submissions made, it is hereby ordered that the Roads serving the Housing Estates known as

- **Cois Na hAbhainn, Mullinahone,**
- **Gleann An Locha, Sir John's Road,**
- **Oaklands, Ballyrichard,**
- **Rosemount Park, Rosegreen,**
- **Cluain Cregg, Cregg Road,**

be declared to be public roads. In addition the open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections within the developments are taken in charge as outlined in the maps which were on public display during the prescribed period and the Director of Service's Report to Members for the October 2016 Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Members Meeting."

**District Tidy
Towns
Competition
2016**

Cllr. Kieran Bourke rejoined the meeting.

A report on the results of the 2016 National Tidy Towns Competition was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

The Cathaoirleach and members congratulated the committees who had one prizes, and commended all the committees on their work during the year.

It was proposed by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara , seconded by Cllr. David Dunne and agreed that pursuant to section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, and being of the opinion that it was in the interests of the local community to do so, awards be made to the following Tidy Towns Committees:

Committee	Reason For Award	Amount
Ballinure	Most Improved Category A	€500.00
Glengoole	Best new entrant Category A	€500.00
Rosegreen	Most Improved, other categories	€500.00
Ballingarry	Significant Improvement, other categories	€500.00
Clooneen	Best overall result	€1,000.00

**Delegated
Employee's
Orders**

A list of orders circulated was noted.

Correspondence

A letter from the Minister for Housing, Planning, Communities and Local Government had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**Notices of
Motion**

842 **Cllr. David Dunne**

That this municipal district support a call by the water services of Tipperary county council to Irish water to upgrade the water pipeline from Crotty's lake to Carrick

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Kieran Bourke.

The report on this notice of motion was as follows:

Should the members so resolve, the Municipal District will write to Irish Water

accordingly.

Speaking to the motion, Cllr. Kieran Bourke referred to the lack of information during the earlier part of the incident.

The report was accepted.

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Cllr. David Dunne

That this district would write to land owners, who have dangerous over hanging roadside trees to be cut back immediately.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara.

The report was as follows:

An assessment is currently being carried out by the District General Services Supervisors of trees and hedges in their respective areas. The procedure is that if a defective tree or uncut hedges are observed, then the relevant landowner is requested to carry out works to cut back their ditches and/or arrange to cut their trees as required. This notice is issued under the Roads Act 1993 by the Roads Section. A re-inspection will be carried out once the notice is issued to ensure that the works have been done within the allotted timeframe. If the works have not been carried out then the Roads Section will issue a further notice and subsequently, prosecution proceedings may be instituted.

Cllr. David Dunne noted the response and asked that action be taken in relation to a particular location.

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara, seconding the motion, noted that this matter had been considered by the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, and that an ad campaign had been run on the topic.

The notice of motion was adopted

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Cllr. David Dunne

In the light of last year's bad floods, how prepared are we if we get the same again this year or if we get heavy snow

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin.

The report on this item was as follows:

The response of the County Council to a severe weather event depends on the nature of the event. There is an out of hours call out service, and there are plans for deploying outdoor staff as needed. There are also stocks of salt (for severe weather) and filled and unfilled sandbags available should they be required. In addition, the Council can call on the army and other state resources should it need to do so.

Following the event last year, the County Council reviewed its performance, and has strengthened its early warning system in relation to severe weather events.

The County Council is confident that it can cope with any severe weather event that is likely to arise.

After discussion, it was agreed to brief the members in an informal meeting before the November Meeting.

845

Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

That a programme of bridge maintenance, including painting, be carried out

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne

The report on this item was as follows:

The County Council has an ongoing bridge rehabilitation scheme. Seven bridges are being rehabilitated in the District in the current year, and applications have been made for a further five in 2017. The painting of bridges is a cosmetic issue, and unfortunately there are insufficient resources to repaint bridges on an on-going basis.

The motion was adopted.

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Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

That a review of public lighting in Mullinahone be carried out.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Louise McLoughlin

The report on the notice of motion was as follows:

A review of the public lighting in Mullinahone will be carried out.

The report was accepted.

852

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

That Carrick on Suir Municipal District Council instal a public light at the public carpark in Rosegreen, where there is no lighting at all. This car park is across from the Church and is used on a daily basis

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne.

The report was as follows:

There is currently a lighting column at the Car Park in Rosegreen, however, this is lighting the public road as opposed to the car park. It is proposed to put an additional light head on the same column in order to improve the lighting at this location.

The report was accepted.

853

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

That Carrick on Suir Municipal District update the members on the traffic calming measures which were passed for Ballynonty Village and The Commons Village.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. David Dunne

The report was as follows:

An application was made for Low Cost Safety for both these locations in 2016 but the applications were not approved. An application has now been made for the speed indication signs at The Commons Village under Clar. Unfortunately, Ballynonty Village is not in a Clar Area and is not eligible for this funding. I do not currently have any funding available to carry out traffic calming in the District.

The District Engineer clarified that an application had also been made for Ballynonty.

The report was accepted.

**Any Other
Business**

Cllr. Kieran Bourke mentioned that the official opening of the new Comeragh College by the Minister for Education and Skills would take

place on the 25th of November, 2016.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (16:40)



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach



Date