



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

13th October, 2017.

A Chara,

Iarthar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Míosúil de Buirge Chluain Meala Dúiche, a bheidh ar siúl i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla an Bhaile, Sráid Parnell, Cluain Meala, **ar 5.00 pm ar an dé Céadaoin 18 Deireadh Fómhair, 2017.**

You are hereby requested to attend the Monthly Meeting of Clonmel Borough District to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Parnell Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on **Wednesday 18th October, 2017 at 5.00 p.m.**

Is mise le meas,

Anthony Coleman,

Meetings Administrator.

Agenda

Consideration of Minutes

1.1 Minutes of Clonmel Borough District Meeting held on 20th September, 2017

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Attendance of Directorate

2.1 Attendance of Planning Directorate

General Municipal Allocation

3.1 General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2018

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Presentations

4.1 Draft Suir Island Masterplan Presentation by Kenneth Hennessy and Associates

4.2 Presentation on the Munster Vales Tourism Project by Triona O' Mahony - Destination and Marketing Manager

Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

5.1 Reports of Officers (Reports attached)

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▢ *DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT October 2017.pdf*

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Chief Executive / Delegated Officers Orders

6.1 Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders - Period to 12th October, 2017

▢ *Managers Orders report for Oct Meeting 18.10.17.pdf*

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Notices of Motion

7.1 Councillor Pat English (Ref ID 1174)

That Clonmel Borough Council provide Residents Parking Only sign at Rink Place, Clonmel.

7.2 Councillor Pat English (Ref ID 1175)

That Clonmel Borough Council resurfaces the car track to the rear of houses No. 21 to No. 40 in Bianconi Drive, Clonmel in the 2018 Road Works Programme.

7.3 Councillor Michael Murphy (Ref ID 1176)

That Clonmel Borough District renew the road markings for the disabled parking space at 24 Dillon Street so that it's clearly visible to road users bearing in mind that this is an existing space and is vital to the permit holder living at this address.

7.4 Councillor Michael Murphy (Ref ID 1177)

Following on from partial resurfacing in 2017, that under the 2018 Area Roadwork's Programme for the Clonmel Borough District that consideration is given to the resurfacing of the remainder of Mylerstown road, from the roundabout at the railway bridge to the top of the hill, taking into account it's very poor condition.

7.5 Councillor Michael Murphy (Ref ID 1178)

That under the 2018 Area Roadwork's Programme for the Clonmel Borough District that consideration is given to the resurfacing of the road from the old graveyard in Powerstown back towards the school taking into account it's very poor condition.

7.6 Councillor Marie Murphy (Ref ID 1181)

In the interest of Health & Safety, that Clonmel Borough District would provide a footpath from the housing estate at Galvoher, Ballylooby to link in with the church and school.

7.7 Councillor Marie Murphy (Ref ID 1183)

That Clonmel Borough District of Tipperary County Council would upgrade all old Son / Sox Lights to the much more efficient LED lights in Clogheen,

Ballyporeen, Burncourt and Ballylooby.

7.8 Councillor Martin Lonergan and Councillor Richie Molloy (Ref Id 1184)

That in relation to the extension of Parking Metering in Clonmel Town, the Borough District would take into account households who own more than one vehicle and do not have access to private parking, and supply them with the relevant residential parking permit for all vehicles registered in the household for the periods required.

7.9 Councillor Pat English (Ref ID 1185)

That Clonmel Borough Council provide a dog fouling sign on the green area at the side of the old shop opposite Mountain View, Elm Park, Clonmel.

7.10 Councillor Andy Moloney (Ref ID 1186)

Further to my proposal for new LED lighting strips on the pedestrian crossings in the square, Cahir, I am now urging them as a necessity due to a few near misses in recent weeks.

7.11 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 1187)

In the interest of safety that Clonmel Borough District looks at inserting traffic calming measures on the Cashel Road in order to slow the traffic down and make it safer for residents to enter and exit their homes in a safe manner.

7.12 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 1188)

That Clonmel Borough District investigates as to whether it is possible that similar to the proposed traffic calming works on Prior Park Road that similar works be carried out on the road through Marlfield Village.

7.13 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 1189)

In the interest of safety that Clonmel Borough District looks at erecting flashing speed signs which show the oncoming drivers speed at the both the entrance to Lisronagh Village from the Clonmel side and also as you enter Lisronagh Village from the Fethard side.

7.14 Councillor Marie Murphy (Ref ID 1195)

In the interest of Health & Safety that Clonmel Borough District would provide a footpath from the St Mary's National school, Clogheen to the Forestry entrance to the South at Mount Anglesby. This would facilitate walkers to access the many looped walks in the area.

Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence received from OPW in respect of opening dates for Swiss Cottage

□ *OPW correspondence re swiss cottage 27.09.17.pdf*

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Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations

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10.1 Any Other Business

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

In attendance Ms. Sinead Carr, District Manager
Mr. Eamon Lonergan, District Engineer
Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator
Ms. Sharon Scully, A/Staff Officer

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
Directorate;

Item 1.1 – Minutes The minutes of the standing orders meeting of Clonmel
Borough District held on the 18th July 2017 were proposed by
Councillor Pat English, seconded by Councillor Martin
Lonergan, and agreed.

Item 1.2 – Minutes The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough
District held on the 18th July 2017 were proposed by Councillor
Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Micháel Anglim,
and agreed.

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

Mr John Fogarty, Executive Engineer circulated a District Briefing note to Members detailing key issues relating to the Water Services Directorate under the following headings-

1. Clonmel Town & Rural Water Sewerage Scheme (WSS);
2. Burncourt Rural Water Sewerage Scheme (RWSS);
3. Clonmel Town Water Treatment Plant (WTP);
4. Irish Water Minor Capital Programme;
5. Rural Water Programme.

The following queries were raised by Members:

- Combined Drains - update sought;
- Clonmel Town Storage Works – update sought on timeframe for works - has a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) been granted for the land;
- Promotion of grant scheme for Lead Pipe Replacement;
- Current capacity of Cahir Waste Water Treatment Plant; can the Water Services Directorate contact Irish Water to establish capacity at the plant;
- Annual Review of Service Level Agreement with Irish Water – have any contentious issues been highlighted;
- Update on water extraction plan from the River Suir to help reduce hard water issues in Clonmel;

Members queries were responded to and agreed. as follows:

- Irish Water is looking to the Department to introduce legislation concerning combined drains. A grant scheme has not been forthcoming for works to be carried out on combined drains;
- Clonmel Town Storage Works – tendering process is currently ongoing, once complete a timeline update will be presented to Members. Four Compulsory Purchase Orders will be needed and 8-10 wayleaves;
- Lead Replacement Grant – not a lot of awareness among the public around this scheme. Capital Projects Team can be asked to promote;
- Cahir WWTP capacity – capacity is known and is close to being full, will revert with exact figure; Ballyporeen, Clogheen and Ardfinnan WWTP capacity to be confirmed also;

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- Service Level Agreement Review will be carried out this year. Reconstruction of Irish Water and Tipperary County Council to merge will be one issue that will be addressed; details are not yet available on whether this will result in Council staff being transferred to Irish Water;
- Extraction from River Suir is not predicted to commence until 2020 but timeline will not be known until design process is complete;

The Mayor Councillor Carey thanked John Fogarty from the Water Services Directorate for his attendance and report.

Ms Marion O'Neill and Ms Mary Carroll from the Environment Directorate circulated a District Briefing note to Members detailing key issues relating to the Environment Directorate under the following headings-

1. Burial Grounds;
2. Civic Amenity Sites;
3. Community Services;
4. Control of Dogs;
5. Control of Horses;
6. Derelict Sites;
7. Litter Waste Management and Enforcement;
8. Public Awareness;
9. Environmental Protection;
10. Environmental Complaints.

The following queries were raised by Members:

- Further explanation requested regarding 38 open litter complaints and 101 closed complaints that refer to Clonmel District;
- How successful have the Council been in tackling illegal dumping; have private contractors been engaged for clean ups;
- Is there be a WEEE Collection Day scheduled for Cahir this year;
- Possibility of a tyre collection day for the District;
- Update on Shanrahan Burial Ground;
- Can dog fouling stencils be provided for Cahir town;
- Three dog fouling bins in Cahir town need to be adjusted so that domestic rubbish cannot be disposed of in them;

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- Possibility of Facility Database to record households using private and Council owned waste disposal facilities;
- Derelict Site – numbers 12 & 13 Queen Street – previous report stated that a structural engineer had been appointed, can an update be provided;
- 5 Illegal Dumping fines issued in Clonmel Borough District – why is this figure so low;
- Japanese Knotweed – database for logging locations is cumbersome and does not allow for recording of instances on local roads;
- Japanese Knotweed is growing at the back of a derelict site at 72 Irishtown and impeding on a neighbouring property – what can derelict site legislation achieve in this situation; what direction from Department has been received with regard to dealing with Japanese Knotweed;

Members queries were responded to and agreed as follows:

- Marion O' Neill to revert to Members with a breakdown of Litter Fine figures for the District;
- Covert CCTV cameras have been placed at 30 locations across the District;
- Dog Fouling stencils can be provided for Cahir town; Environment staff will liaise with Rory O'Callaghan, Area Engineer; Resources are not available to provide early morning patrols by the Dog Warden;
- Department has provided grant funding to remove tyre stockpiles from 3 sites in the County; no funding available to provide a one day tyre amnesty;
- WEEE Ireland are hosting a collection day at Cahir Mart on the 7th November 2017, details are on the Tipperary Council website;
- Environment staff will provide an update to Members on Shanrahan Burial Ground in 2 to 3 weeks time;
- Waste Facility Database – plans are in place for a National Database which can identify households which do not have a waste collection service; Door to door enquiries have also been carried out by Environment staff;
- Environment staff to revert to Members with ownership details for 12 and 13 Queen Street, Clonmel;
- Area Engineer has issued a report on works at 72 Irishtown, Clonmel and a Notice will be posted to the site as the owner is deceased;
- A sub-group has been formed and funding received from Government to tackle the issues faced by the

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spread of Japanese Knotweed, more details will follow;
more awareness around the issue is needed;

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

Item 3 - Correspondence

3.1 Correspondence received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, dated 17th July 2017, regarding the provision of broadband in the Cahir area was noted.

3.2 Correspondence received from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, dated 20th July 2017, regarding grant schemes for residents living in areas affected by hard water was noted.

It was agreed that a letter would issue to the Department of Social Protection requesting that grants be provided under the Hardship Scheme / Exceptional Needs Payment to residents living in areas affected by hard water

3.3 Correspondence received from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government regarding grant scheme for the purchase of water softener systems for residents living in areas affected by hard water, dated 21st July 2017 was noted.

3.4 Correspondence received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, dated 31st July 2017 regarding a review of the opening times of Cahir Tourist Information Office and the Swiss Cottage, Cahir was noted.

It was agreed that a further letter would issue to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport asking for a more sufficient reply then has been received to date.

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

The Chief Executive Orders for the period to the 15th September 2017 were noted.

**Item 5.1 – Reports of
Officers**

The District Engineer, Eamon Lonergan, outlined to Members that the new structure of monthly meetings and Engineers and Administrative Reports, which were circulated to Members with the meeting agenda, would provide Members will increased knowledge of all aspects of projects within the District and would help monthly meetings run more efficiently.

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Ms Sinead Carr, Town Manager informed Members that Matters Arising would now only refer to Members queries not covered in the District Engineers and District Administrators reports.

Cllr Michael Murphy enquired as to whether the District Engineer and Administrator reports would be available through the Members Online Portal.

The following queries were raised by Members –

- Completion date of Clonmel Town Footpath Replacement Works;
- Update on works to be carried out on the Clonmel Blueway at Galloping Fields, Dunnes Stores, Clonmel;
- Timeframe for footpath construction at Cahir Road / Marlfield Road junction;
- Signage on the Frank Drohan bypass at Heywood Road junction;
- Driver feedback signs in Clogheen village;
- Repair of flashing lights at pedestrian crossing at Clogheen school;
- Signage for Craft Granary, Cahir;
- Update on Clonmel Arms Hotel site;
- Market Place – are units available to let;
- IBAL Report recently highlighted Clonmel Train Station as a Litter Blackspot, can CBD introduce measures to improve this location;
- Kickham Barracks update.

Members queries were responded to and agreed as follows:

- District Engineers Report to be amended to include status of works;
- Clonmel Town Footpath Replacement Works – target date for completion of October 2017;
- Galloping Fields, Clonmel Blueway – works to commence before the end of the year; funding of €10,000 has been set aside for the project;
- Signage for Frank Drohan bypass – signing & lighting on the Frank Drohan bypass falls under the remit of the Road Design office in Tramore House, Eamon Lonergan to submit enquiry;
- Further contact has now been established with the new owner of the Clonmel Arms site. An application for planning permission will be submitted for a 120 bed hotel on the site;

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- Market Place – works are currently ongoing on site, units will be advertised for let by Saville Auctioneers in the coming weeks;
- The IBAL League results gave CBD great feedback to now focus future works on specific areas and sites;
- Kickham Barracks – Tipperary County Council are preparing a financial structure to support Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) and the Education and Training Board Ireland (ETB) in raising funds for their portion of the Kickham Barracks project; The Plaza to be constructed by Tipperary County Council will incorporate the Garda station. It would represent poor value for money to start works on the Plaza before construction of the Garda station is complete.

Item 6 – Consideration of the following notices of Motion

6.1 Councillor Siobhan Ambrose

No. 1164

In the interest of safety that Clonmel Borough District Council looks at some kind of traffic calming measures or flashing road signage on the Fethard Road either side of the Crann Ard Estate as residents are finding it increasingly difficult to enter and exit this estate due to the speed of the passing

Reply

The area has been inspected and it was found that adequate sightlines are available on both sides of the entrance to the Estate and there is a right turning lane into the estate to assist drivers. Speeding wasn't observed during the survey, but access and egress difficulties may be experienced during peak flow times due to the size of the Estate.

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

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6.2 Councillor Siobhan Ambrose No. 1163

That under Clonmel Borough District Council's 2017 Roads Programme that consideration is given for the completion of the re-surfacing of Cherrymount. Sections of Cherrymount have been completed in the last few years as per my previous notice of motions.

Reply

Road Authorities are now required to carryout condition surveys on their road network to establish the condition and to base their Work Programmes on the results of the condition surveys, i.e. worst condition roads get priority.

The Area Engineer will be conducting these surveys during October. Roads will then be ranked in order of priority for future Programmes.

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

6.3 Councillor Siobhan Ambrose No. 1162

In the interest of safety that Clonmel Borough District Council looks for funding under the low cost safety scheme to improve the sight lines at the Ballyclerihan to Ballybeg Junction

Reply

The District Engineers Office is currently considering roads that are suitable for inclusion in the 2018 Low Cost Safety scheme, with the view to developing a list of roads/locations that can be progressed without issue. This list will be subject to prioritisation and largely dependent on current accident statistics, return on investment, scale of works (low cost) and collaboration from landowners with regard to land take and/or fence setback.

In order to improve the sight lines at the **Ballyclerihan to Ballybeg Junction**, fence setback will be required as will landowner collaboration. This location will be included for consideration in the 2018 Low Cost Safety scheme application process.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy and agreed

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**6.4 Councillor Martin Lonergan
& Councillor Richie Molloy**

No. 1161

That Clonmel Borough District would consider a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for number 72 Irishtown, Clonmel which is a derelict building, is causing major issues to neighboring properties as regards the presence of Japanese Knotweed etc. and is also an eyesore in that area of Irish Town.

Reply

The Area Engineer has carried out an initial inspection of the property and has prepared an assessment report and issued same to the Environment Section for processing under the Derelict Sites Act. That Section will determine the best method of resolving all issues with this site following the required consultation with the property owners.

*This motion was proposed by Councillor Martin Lonergan
seconded by Councillor Richie Molloy and agreed*

6.5 Councillor Martin Lonergan

No. 1160

That Clonmel Borough District would carry out works at the Glenconnor Junction on the Western Road, Clonmel. A number of accidents have occurred in recent months to the lack of sight lines exiting from the Glenconnor Road.

Reply

Road Marking works have been carried out at this junction in recent weeks and the sightlines have been increased and are in excess of the minimum required for this speed limit.

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

6.6 Councillor Pat English

No. 1159

That Clonmel Borough Council in conjunction with the O.P.W. remove the large amount of vegetation and trees in both the Whiting and the Auk streams in the Old Bridge, Clonmel

Reply

Some works have been carried out in the Auk stream in recent weeks and further works are planned before November, once the leaves and vegetation have died back naturally.

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

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6.7 Councillor Pat English**No. 1158**

That Clonmel Borough Council replace the front boundary wall at the playground in Cherrymount, Clonmel in the interest of public safety, as the existing wall is falling down.

Reply

The Area Engineer has inspected the wall. It is deemed to be safe and not at risk of collapse. Some capping stones need to be replaced and it is planned to do this work next year.

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

6.8 Councillor Pat English**No. 1157**

That Clonmel Borough Council provide gates to the laneway between 1st and 2nd Baron Park, Clonmel.

Reply

The need for gates will need to be fully established and any issues with physical installation identified.. If deemed necessary, agreement will be required from all residents and affected users.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Pat English, seconded by Councillor Andy Moloney and agreed

6.9 Councillor Andy Moloney**No. 1131**

That this council provide at least 1 bus parking space near the Swiss Cottage Bridge, as bus companies have stated that their elderly clients cannot walk down the steep steps from the car park and if they were able to park at this location, they could visit the castle and Swiss tours on the one day, thus holding tours in Cahir for a longer period.

Reply

The lands from the Swiss cottage car park to Swiss Cottage bridge are not owned by Tipperary County Council. Ownership is with the OPW & Coillte. The Clonmel Borough District Office will contact the relevant Departments re getting consent for this proposal. If consent is given, the Clonmel Borough District will consider the proposal.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Andy Moloney, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed

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6.10 Councillor Michael Murphy

No. 1112

That the District Manager would provide a detailed progress report around the redevelopment of Kickham Barracks.

Reply

A report in respect of re-development of Kickham Barracks, is attached.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Michael Murphy, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed

6.11 Councillor Andy Moloney

No. 1079

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.

Reply

Sewer and drain blockages are a constant issue in any foul water drainage system. They can be caused by unsuitable items being put into the sewers and drains or by defects in the actual sewers and drains. Water Services Section, as the agent of Irish Water, is not aware of any substantial rise in such occurrences in Cahir town in recent times. However, there has been a number of reported blockages, which were the subject of investigation and discussion, involving Irish Water (as the water services authority), the Council (as the agent of Irish Water), public representatives (on behalf of the affected customers) and, on occasion, other stakeholders. While these investigations and discussions centred on the cause of the blockages, there has also been engagement with Irish Water as to whether the Council, acting as the agent of Irish Water, could or should intervene to remedy the blockage. In accordance with the current policy of Irish Water, each case is now being examined by Irish Water on a case by case basis but within the context of minimising any access to private property.

Any query in relation to the capacity of the Cahir Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) should be referred to Irish Water as water services authority as the national public utility is best placed to advise on the capacity of an individual WWTP (similar queries by other members of the Council in relation to the capacity of WWTPs elsewhere in the county have been so referred and responded to). However, the Council has experienced occasional issues caused by exceptional loading of

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the drainage network when there is excessive rain entering the foul water system. These issues are reported to the DBO plant operator as soon as possible. (The Cahir WWTP is one of twelve WWTPs in South Tipperary operated and maintained, on behalf of Irish Water, by a private contractor pursuant to the Tipperary Grouped Operational Scheme and Wastewater Treatment Plants Design/Build, which contract commenced in 2003.)

This motion was proposed by Councillor Andy Moloney, seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed

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


No votes of sympathy/congratulations were passed. Cllr Siobhan Ambrose wished to acknowledge the retirement of PJ Condon from Clonmel Borough District.

Item 8 – Any other business

Councillor Michael Murphy welcomed the recent announcement from Minister for Health Simon Harris that South Tipperary General Hospital has received funding for 49 extra beds.

Councillor Micháel Anglim wished the Tipperary Womens footballers good luck in the All Ireland Intermediate final.

There being no further business the meeting then concluded.

Signed/ 
Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Date/ 15/11/2017

Signed/ 
District Administrator

Date/ 15/11/2017