

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 27th of September, 2018

- In the Chair:** Cllr. Louise McLoughlin
- Members Present:** Cllr. David Dunne, Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, Cllr. Kevin O'Meara
- Apologies** Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Cllr. John Fahey
- In Attendance:** Mr Pat Slattery, Director of Services, Mr Martin Nolan, District Administrator, Mr Willie Corby, District Engineer, Mr Kieran Ladden, Executive Engineer, Ms Liz McGrath, Staff Officer, Ms. Anne Dunne, Asst. Staff Officer, Mr Michael Hayes, Senior Engineer, Roads and Transportation Directorate, Ms Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Environment Directorate.

1.0 Welcome

Item 1.1

The summons was taken as read.

Summons and Prayer

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Louise McLoughlin and the other members congratulated and welcomed Cllr Kevin O'Meara, who had been co-opted to the County Council and was attending his first meeting of the Carrick on Suir Municipal District.

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin also welcomed Mr Kieran Ladden, who has been assigned to the District Office as an Executive Engineer.

2.0 Minutes of Meetings

Item 2.1

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

26/07/2018

The minutes of the monthly meeting held the 26th of July, 2018 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. David Dunne seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro , and were signed by the Cathaoirleach.

3.0 Appointment of members to committees or boards

Item 3.1
Appointment of
member of
Corporate
Policy Group.

The District administrator outlined the function of the Corporate Policy Group, and explained that as none of the District Members were members of the group, they were entitled to nominate one of their members to represent them on the group.

It was proposed by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro , seconded by Cllr. Kevin O'Meara and agreed that Cllr. Louise McLoughlin be appointed as a member of the Corporate Policy Group.

4.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.1
Update by
Environment
Directorate

Ms Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Environment Directorate, circulated a report on the activities of the directorate in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District.

Members raised issues as follows:

Cllr. David Dunne

- Asked in relation to the welfare of horses.
- Congratulated the local authority staff in Carrick-on-Suir on the improvement in the Town's score in the Tidy Towns competition

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Congratulated Tidy Towns Committees on their results, in particular Killusty for their Endeavour Award
- Asked if stencils marking areas at risk of dog fouling could be used in rural areas.
- Asked if recycling days could be organised in rural areas.
- Asked for the position in relation to the use of the litter picking sweeper.

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin

- Asked in relation to the appointment of a Horse Warden in County Tipperary.

Cllr Kevin O'Meara

- Asked why the number of litter fines issues was so low.
- Asked in relation to the use of CCTV cameras to identify persons engaged in illegal dumping.

Ms O'Neill responded as follows:

- Horse welfare is the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. The County Council has been in touch with the Department in relation to these issues.
- The relatively small number of litter fines issued reflects the difficulty in catching offenders in the act of committing an offence.
- Some success has been achieved in using CCTV cameras to identify offenders, and the use of this equipment will continue.
- The use of ground stencils in rural areas will be examined.
- The extension of recycling collections to rural areas will be examined.
- The use of the litter picking sweeper is constrained by the availability of staff to operate it.

Item 4.2

**District
Engineer's
Report**

The District Engineer, circulated a report on progress of the implementation of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

Cllr. David Dunne

- Welcomed the start of work on Dillon Bridge, Carrick-on-Suir
- Asked about the ownership of Clairin Foot Bridge,

Carrick-on Suir

- Asked about the control of weeds on the Old Bridge, Carrick-on-Suir
- Asked about the tree maintenance programme in Carrick-on-Suir
- Asked about the proposed Plaza in New Street, Carrick-on-Suir, and the proposed bus parking
- Raised issues in relation to the N24 in Carrick-on-Suir including surface, speeding, railings at the Pill Road, and the condition of O'Mahoney Avenue.
- Asked about the readiness of the County Council for extreme weather events
- Asked about the upgrade of the surface drainage at Strand Lane.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Complimented staff on the work undertaken in Fethard
- Asked in relation to flashing lights at Centra Shop
- Asked about winter maintenance and gritting at schools.
- Asked about speed and traffic management at the entrances to housing estates, particularly on the R691 at Ballingarry and Ballynulty.

Cllr. Louise McLoughlin

- Can works at Ballytarsna be expedited
- Can update be given on repair of Clonbrogan Bridge, Corscarkeen, Moyglass

Cllr Kevin O'Meara

- Asked if funding had been received arising from extra expenditure responding to Storm Emma.

The District Engineer responded as follows:

- Work on the road at Ballytarsna would be carried out as quickly as possible.

- A contractor had been appointed for Clonbrogan bridge, but repair was not possible and the bridge had to be reconstructed. Work would be completed shortly.
- There was a schedule of winter maintenance for the more trafficked routes. The District Staff would respond to issues where necessary in the event of severe weather.
- A speed survey will be undertaken on the R691. The use of ramps for traffic management will be considered by the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.
- Clairin Bridge was constructed by the then Urban District Council during the 1960s. Discussions were ongoing with Irish Rail in relation to the maintenance of the bridge.
- Weeds on the Old Bridge, Carrick-on-Suir will be followed up with the contractor.
- The provision of bus parking for Ormond Castle will be included in the plans for the New Street Plaza.
- Issues on the N24 in Carrick-on-Suir will be followed up with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.
- The council will deal with issues arising from extreme weather as necessary, having regard to the safety, health and welfare of staff. Funding issues will not prevent the County Council from responding to an emergency.
- A design for Strand Lane had been prepared by the Water Services directorate, and has been submitted to Irish Water.

Item 4.3 District Administrator's Report:

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

- The Planning and Water Services Directorate will be attending at the October meeting.

- It is expected that the District Budgetary Meeting will be held as part of the October Meeting, and will be attended by the Senior Finance staff.
- A notice has been placed on display in relation to the abandonment of a right of way at Nine Mile House. The public road in question was cut off by the realignment of the N76 many years ago and will be transferred to neighbouring land owners. Closing date for submissions is the 5th of November.
- A notice will be placed on display in relation to the taking in charge of Cois Coille. Closing date for submissions is the 15th of November.

Item 4.4 General Municipal Allocation

The District Administrator reported that the General Municipal Allocation was currently as follows:

General Municipal Allocation 2018	€148,286.00
Top up of Tidy Towns Committees Grants	€7,600.00
Allocation for District Tidy Towns Award	€3,000.00
Allocation for Community Grants Scheme	€50,000.00
Matched funding for Local Improvement Scheme	€15,000.00
Community Festivals and Events	€15,700.00
Blueway Marketing Plan (With Clonmel Borough District)	€13,400.00
Land Use Study Carrickbeg, Carrick-on-Suir	€25,000.00
<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>€18,586.00</u>

The position was noted by the members.

Item 4.4
Assistance of
bodies under
S.66 of the Local
Government Act,
2001.

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

'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 as follows be made under the District Community Grants Scheme

Reference	Applicant	Amount
25	CJ Kickham GAA Club, Mullinahone	€3,750
27	Old School House, The Commons	€1,250
29	Carrick-on-Suir Athletics Club	€1,750
34	Mullinahone Men's Shed	€300

Grants are made subject to the following conditions:

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

5.0 Corporate and Organisational Issues

Item 5.1
Fix Date of
Security
Committee
Meeting
(Clonmel Garda
District)

The District Administrator explained that a Security Committee meeting with each of the Garda Siochana Districts in the Municipal District was required twice a year. The most recent meeting with the Clonmel Garda District had taken place in April, 2018.

It was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne , seconded by Cllr. Kevin O'Meara and agreed that a Security Committee Meeting with the Clonmel Garda District would take place at 12:30pm on the 25th of October, before the Municipal District Members meeting.

6.0 Chief Executive / Delegated Employee Orders

Item 6.1
Chief Executives
Orders

A list of Chief Executives' Orders relating to the District had been circulated to the members before the meeting, and was noted by them.

7.0 Any Other Business

Item 7.1
Economic
activity in Towns

Mr Pat Slattery, District Director and Director of Services for Community and Economic Development, spoke of the challenges facing the smaller towns in County Tipperary, including Carrick-on-Suir. He outlined initiatives that the County Council had taken, including the activities of the Local Employment Office (LEO), the Enterprise Hub project, and the proposals for a link road in Carrickbeg.

The members welcomed the Director's statement, and spoke of the need for housing, the use of compulsory purchase orders to deal with dereliction, and the under

utilisation of rural Garda stations.

Item 7.2

**Three year
Roads
Restoration
Improvement
Programme
2019-2021**

The District Engineer had outlined a three year restoration programme for the road network in the District. The programme had been prepared at the request of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and was prepared on the basis of currently available resources and the condition of the various roads.

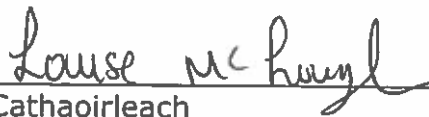
The programme will form the basis of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for each year.

On the proposal of Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. Kevin O'Meara, the programme was approved.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (3:10pm)



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach

25/10/2018

Date