

**Monthly Meeting of the Councillors for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held in the District Chamber, Municipal District Office, Carrick-on-Suir at 10.00am on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, 2020.**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Kevin O'Meara

**Members** Cllr. Kieran Bourke.

**Present:** Cllr. David Dunne.

Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro.

**In Attendance:** Mr Karl Cashen, District Director of Services.

Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer.

Ms Liz McGrath, A/District Administrator.

Ms. Jennifer White, Assistant Staff Officer.

## **1.0 Welcome**

### **Item 1.1**

Summons and Prayer      The summons was taken as read.

Suspension of Standing Orders      On the proposal of Cllr. Kieran Bourke seconded by Cllr. David Dunne it was agreed to suspend standing orders.

**Item 1.2**

Conflict of Interest Declaration                      None to record.

**2.0 Minutes of Meetings**

**Item 2.1**                      The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kieran Bourke seconded by Cllr. David Dunne and were signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

**Matters arising**

Cllr. Kieran Bourke enquired if a response was received following correspondence issued to the Minister. The A/District Administrator responded that a reply had been received from the Private Secretary to the Minister for Health. The letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 stated that "the correspondence will be brought to the attention of the Minister at the earliest opportunity."

**3.0 Attendance of Directorate**

**Item 3.1**                      No directorate was in attendance at the meeting.

**Item 3.2**

District Engineer's Report                      Mr. Corby presented his monthly report and responded to queries from the members as follows:

- Acknowledged positive comments received from the Cllr. Kieran Bourke regarding the signage at the Quay.
- W.Corby will establish when the drainage works on Mass Road are starting.
- W.Corby noted that the Part 8 for the N24 was passed by the councillors on the condition that pedestrian crossings would be included and he undertook to bring it to the attention of the design team.
- W.Corby undertook to contact Airtricity to establish why there is a delay in repairing public lighting in Carrick.
- W.Corby acknowledged positive remarks made by Cllr. Kieran Bourke regarding works carried out at O'Mahoney Avenue, Dillon Bridge and New Street.
- Cllr. David Dunne expressed dissatisfaction regarding the use of social media to criticise the local authority. He also wished to compliment the business owners on New Street, the prompt action of the owners of the petrol tanks on New Street and the hoarding at the corner of New Street and Castle Street who resolved the issues. Requested that a more vigorous approach be taken against the owners of derelict sites. His comments were noted.
- W.Corby agreed to have contractor return to deal with the issue of overhead cables at St.Nicholas Park.

- W. Corby acknowledged positive comments from Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald in relation to the works in Grangemockler and the work done throughout the year.
- Mr. Corby advised the funding for the R.I. will be known in February. The footpath in Cloneen needs to be agreed and then put out to tender.
- Mr. Corby responded to Cllr. Kevin O'Meara's comments as follows:
  - Acknowledged appreciation from Cllr. O'Meara that 95% of work had been completed.
  - W.C. arranged to meet Cllr. O'Meara in Mullinahone regarding the works which hadn't been carried out.
  - Part 8 for Grangemockler will be on public display in the New Year.
  - W.C. welcomed Cllr. O'Meara's comments regarding the allocation of funding for the provision of footpaths and cycle ways in 2021.
- W. Corby thanked the outdoor staff and the contractors for their work during the year. He also acknowledged the comment made by Cllr. Bourke regarding the public lighting at Comeragh College.

**Item 3.3**

District  
Administrator's  
Report:

The District Administrator reported as follows:

Community and Enterprise Directorate were scheduled to attend at the December meeting but failed to do so. Ms. Mc Grath undertook to find out the reason. She informed the meeting that the Fire/ Emergency Services and Cultural/Library Directorates have been rescheduled to attend the January 2021 meeting.

The A/District Administrator informed the meeting that it was the last meeting of Mr. Karl Cashen, District Director and that Mr. Brian Beck, would be replacing him from 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Ms.Mc Grath thanked Mr.Cashen for his support during his time as District Director.

Each of the councillors in turn thanked Mr.Cashen, wished him well in his new role and acknowledged his interest in the Carrick on Suir Municipal.

Mr.Cashen acknowledged the good wishes of the elected members. He thanked the A/District Administrator and the administrative staff, the District Engineer and his staff for their assistance during his tenure.

**Item 4.1**

**Any other business.**

None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



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A/District Administrator



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Cathaoirleach

28<sup>th</sup> January 2021