

**Monthly Meeting of the Councillors for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District
held via Zoom at 2.00pm on the 25th of March, 2021.**

In the Chair: Cllr. Kevin O'Meara
Members Cllr. Kieran Bourke.
Present: Cllr. David Dunne.
Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald.
Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

In Attendance: Mr. Brian Beck, A/District Director of Services.
Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer.
Ms Liz McGrath, A/District Administrator.

1.0 Welcome

Item 1.1

Summons and Prayer The summons was taken as read.

Item 1.2

Conflict of Interest None to record

2.0 Consideration of Minutes

Item 2.1

Minutes of Monthly Meeting The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 25th February 2021 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr.

David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and agreed.

Matters arising

Cllr. Kieran Bourke enquired what arrangements had been put in place for the meeting between the relevant stakeholders in relation to the recent flooding event. He stated that previous reports were inadequate and he wanted to know if the sewerage treatment system was adequate to deal with the combined storm and foul networks. Cllr. Bourke stated that he considered this to be the single biggest issue.

B. Beck replied that the district engineer had made contact with each of the agencies in relation to the issues as were specific to them.

Cllr. D. Dunne commented that the issues associated with the severe flooding event in 2015 still hadn't been addressed.

3.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 3.1

Community and Enterprise Directorate

The Community and Enterprises report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was taken as read.

Each of the Councillors complimented Shane O'Dwyer A.O. regarding the work being carried out by the C&E section.

Item 3.2

Housing Directorate

The Housing Directorate report was taken as read. Mr. Jim Dillon, A.O. Housing responded to queries as follows:

He addressed the issue raised by Cllr. David Dunne, where a person was not eligible for social housing and could not secure a mortgage. He also noted that a person had to show capacity to save €50 per week, while also paying rent.

Mr. Dillon informed the meeting that the Housing Agency recommended approval of the loan. He informed the meeting that if there were specific cases contact could be made with Deirdre Flannery. However, it he noted that only 2 applications had been overturned since the introduction of the scheme.

Mr. Dillon informed the meeting that funds were made available for energy efficiency works and 42 local authority houses rented by Bórd na Mona workers had been included.

Mr. Lonergan informed the meeting that there would not be extra staff employed in the Housing Section. There hadn't been an upward spike in the number of housing applications received or in the length of time taken to process an application. He also stated that following the last Housing Needs Assessment, the number of people approved for social housing had reduced. Mr. Lonergan acknowledged the positive comments received from Cllr. Bourke regarding staff engaged in processing the "Rebuilding Ireland" applications.

Item 3.3

District Engineer's Report

Following consideration of the District Engineer's report, W. Corby responded to queries as follows:

Cllr. Bourke requested confirmation that having regard to the reduction in monies for the roads programme that the level of services would be maintained and Cllr. Dunne echoed this concern.

W. Corby replied that Tipperary County was rated as having a low performance for its local roads and that this rating needed to be improved. He stated that a lot of money was still available to Carrick Town and that all services provided heretofore would be maintained.

W. Corby informed the meeting that he would formalise the "rates" monies for the April meeting. He also advised that he would meet with the Councillors in relation to the tree works required to be carried out. Other matters were discussed by the District Engineer as follows;

- He would to revert to Cllr. Bourke in relation to the works on New Street.
- Examine re instating C.C.T.V. at Ballylynch and St. Johns Terrace.
- Addressed issue of uneven levels on New Street.
- Noted positive comments in relation to the Council collecting litter at Ballylynch.
- Committed to examine the financing of the operation of the big belly bins.
- Noted appreciation of the Councillors for extra money for rural roads but not at the expense of the urban area.

- Confirmed that he would follow up on the Part 8 for Grangemockler.
- Confirmed that speed signage which was being trialled by T.I.I. was not intended to remain at one location.
- Confirmed that street cleaning for villages was on a fortnightly cycle.
- Informed the meeting that the Council needed to be satisfied that traffic calming measures were necessary in Killenaule.
- Stated that he would examine the requirement for traffic calming measures in Ballynonty and Nine Mile House.
- Confirmed that G.S.S's would be made aware of the need to collect the Spring Clean bags.

Item 3.4

District
Administrator's
Report:

The A/ District Administrator reported as follows:

Attendance of Directorates.

The following directorates to attend at the April meeting:

- Environment and Climate Change.
- Culture and Library Services.
- Fire and Emergency Services.

The A/District Administrator informed the meeting that the Part 8 application for the Ecological and Amenity Improvement Scheme at Ormond Castle Park had been submitted to the Planning Section for validation. It would be advertised in the Nationalist and open for submissions the following week.

Item 3.5

Taking in charge.

Friarsfield (Phases 1 & 2) Fethard, Co. Tipperary.
It was proposed by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald and agreed that this estate be taken in charge.

Item 4.1.

Chief Executive/ Delegated Officer's Orders.

- No. 25150 Acceptance of tender for renovation works at 83 St Mollerans, Carrick on Suir.
- No. 25151 Acceptance of tender for renovation works at 46 Marian Avenue, Carrick on Suir.
- No. 25153 Acceptance of tender for renovation works at 2 Fethard Street, Mullinahone
- No. 25155 Appointment of Malachy Walsh & Partners for feasibility study for The Bog Field, Carrickbeg, Carrick on Suir.

Item 5.1.

Items of Correspondence

None to report

Item 6.1.

Any Other Business

Brian Beck, A/ District Director informed the meeting that it was Ms. L. McGrath's last meeting as A/ District Administrator. He thanked her for her assistance since he had taken up his position. Each Councillor in turn also thanked her for her assistance during the last 14

months. Ms. McGrath acknowledged the comments and thanked those present at the meeting.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro wished to acknowledge the success of Rachel Blackmore at the Cheltenham Race Meeting and also Sam Bennett's win at the Oxyclean Classic Brugge de Panne. All the other Councillors wished to be associated with these congratulations.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach – 22nd April 2021