

Monthly Meeting of the Councillors for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held in the District Chamber, Municipal District Office, Carrick-on-Suir at 2:00pm on the 26th of November 2020.

In the Chair: Cllr. Kevin O'Meara

Members Present: Cllr. Kieran Bourke.
Cllr. David Dunne.
Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro.
Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald.

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 The summons was taken as read.

Summons and Prayer

Item 1.2

Conflict of Interest None to record.

Declaration

On the proposal of Councillor Imelda Goldsboro and seconded by Councillor David Dunne a minutes silence was observed for the anniversary of Michael Hogan.

Item 2.1

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

2.0 Minutes of Meetings

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 22nd October 2020 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. David Dunne seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and were signed by the Cathaoirleach.

There were no matters arising.

Item 3.1

Update Housing Directorate

3.0 Attendance of Directorate

Ms. Nicola Keating, Executive Engineer and Mr. Sean Lonergan A/S.E.O. attended the meeting and each presented a report. Following questions from each of the members Ms. Keating, E.E. responded as follows:

- In relation to Coolnamuck Road the position remains as previously outlined. Ms.Keating will follow up the matter with Mr. Jonathan Cooney S.E.E. Housing.
- At present there is no funding available for the installation of new kitchens and or plumbing upgrades. Ms. Keating to locate a previous report completed on this matter in relation to Treacy Park and resubmit it to the Department.
- The most recent phase of the energy efficiency measures will be concentrated in the Northern part of the county and these will also include insulation works.
- No additional money can be provided for the provision of windows and doors as the budgets are set for the year. However if M.D.'s have surplus monies this can be used

at local level.

- Mr.Lonergan A/S.E.O. informed the members in relation to the following:
- Choice based letting. For the first time a dedicated budget has been set aside for this area for 2021.In addition a new housing allocation scheme is to be brought to the Housing S.P.C. in December and choice based letting will form part of that new scheme.
- Mr. Lonergan acknowledged the positive comments made by Cllr. Dunne in relation to the work undertaken by Ms. Gillian Barry of the housing section in relation to the houses at Mill River. He also acknowledged the appreciation expressed by Cllr. Kevin O'Meara in relation to the housing staff.
- Mr.Lonergan clarified that the 10 loan applications approved are Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans.

Item 3.2

District Engineer's Report

The district engineer's report was circulated to the members at the meeting.

Mr. W. Corby addressed queries and provided clarification as follows:

- Acknowledged the positive comments received in relation to the works on Dillon Bridge.
- Noted the speeding on the Dungarvan Road and informed the meeting that he and Liam Brett, S.E. would have a look at it with a view to possibly engaging consultants.
- Mr. Corby agreed with the suggestion of

formulating a critical incident plan and agreed to meet with the OPW engineer to enquire about available funding. He also stated that any plan should involve Kilkenny County Council, having regard to the N76.

- He also acknowledged the positive comments in relation to Mr. Michael O'Shea, Clerk of Works.
- Mr. Corby informed the meeting that he hopes to progress works on the footpaths in Cloneen. He acknowledged positive comments in relation to the outdoor staff working on the patching unit.
- Mr. Corby to follow up on: speed ramps at Drangan; Coolea Bridge; the removal of the bench outside Mc Carthys pub in Fethard.
- Mr. Corby also informed the meeting that he will follow up on: checking what type of lights are to be installed at the pedestrian crossing in Ballingarry; traffic calming measures at Ballynonty; will ensure that representations are answered in a timely manner; 5 more L.I.S applications can be progressed; the matter of the Slieveardagh Car Park being taken in charge will be investigated. Mr. Corby will arrange for the roads section to prepare a report for review.
- Mr. Corby will check the possibility of providing double yellow lines outside the post office in Killenaule.
- He informed the meeting that a lot of the work done on the bridges is unseen as it has taken place on the river beds.
- Mr. Corby acknowledged appreciation of the

members for the work done by the outdoor staff and agreed that people should try to be more patient during these un precedented times.

- Mr. Corby agreed to investigate the parking issue at the co op in Carrickbeg in tandem with the issue of derelict sites on the quay.
- The Part 8 for the N76 works at Grangemockler should be forthcoming.
- Mr. Corby agreed to address measures raised in the OPW's report in the new year.

Item 3.3

District Administrator's
Report:

The A/District Administrator reported as follows:

The Community/ Economic Development Directorate, The Culture and Library Services Directorate and The Fire and Emergency Services Directorate will attend at the December Meeting on the 17th December 2020. It was agreed to reschedule the meeting to begin at 10am.

The A/District Administrator recommended approval for 1 no. Tidy Towns Grant .This was proposed by Councillor Imelda Goldsboro, seconded by Councillor Kieran Bourke and approved.

The A/District Administrator recommended approval for grants for Christmas lights for 5 no. towns/ villages in the district. This was proposed by Councillor Kieran Bourke, seconded by Councillor David Dunne and approved.

Item 3.4

Taking in Charge of Estates:

The taking in charge of Abbey View, Fethard, Phases 1&2 was proposed by Councillor Kieran Bourke seconded by Councillor David Dunne and agreed.

Item 4.1

Chief Executive/ Delegated Employee Orders. DEO numbers 23756 and 23888

Item 5.1

Items of Correspondence None to report

Item 6.0

Any other business.

A brief discussion took place regarding St. Brigids Hospital, Carrick on Suir and the uncertainty in relation to its reopening. It was proposed by Councillor David Dunne, seconded by Councillor Kevin O'Meara that Carrick on Suir Municipal District would write to Minister Stephen Donnelly and Barbara Murphy, H.S.E. to ascertain what the future of the hospital is.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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District Administrator

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17/12/2020.
Date