

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 11.00 a.m. IN TOWN HALL, PARNELL STREET ON WEDNESDAY, 20th APRIL, 2022

Present: Councillor Michael Murphy, Mayor
Councillor Niall P. Dennehy
Councillor Siobhán Ambrose
Councillor John Fitzgerald
Councillor Richie Molloy

In attendance: Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services
Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer
Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator
Ms. Marie O'Donnell, Staff Officer
Ms. Carol Creighton, Senior Staff Officer
Ms. Georgina O'Loughlin, Assist. Staff Officer

Also in attendance: Ms. Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer
Mr. Jayne Sutcliffe, Museum
Ms. Ann Marie Brophy, Senior Executive Librarian

Apologies: Councillor Pat English

Item 1.1 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest

Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

Item 2.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 16th March, 2022

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 16th March, 2022, as presented, were proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. Niall Dennehy and agreed by all.

Matters arising:

- Cllr Siobhán Ambrose asked if there was any update on the parking meters for the town of Clonmel?
- Cllr Siobhán Ambrose asked if there was an update on Hopkins Lane on O'Connell Street in relation to better lighting?
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked if there was an update on the CCTV?
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked if the painting and enhancement scheme would be rolled out again for 2022?

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- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose enquired about the timeframe for the Digital Hub in relation to the committee meeting again?
- Cllr. Niall Dennehy referred to a query raised at the last meeting in relation to Transport for Ireland, they should be supporting viability and ensuring this metropolis has a bus service similar to other former Boroughs of Wexford, Kilkenny, and Sligo.
- Cllr. Niall Dennehy referred to his previous notice of motion where he questioned NAMA and their distribution of funds. He also referred to his previous notice of motion in relation to funds that he stated were taken from Clonmel and disposed of in Nenagh.

Response made as follows;

- Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator confirmed that there is no update on the parking meters in the town, in order to facilitate the change over to pay by card would cost in the region of €5,000 per unit. There will be a county wide review on same.
- In relation to lighting at Hopkins Lane, it was confirmed that the District Engineer had confirmed at the last meeting that this would be done in Sept/October this year.
- The Consultants for the CCTV met yesterday in relation to the requirements for the new cameras.
- The Enhancement & Painting Scheme has not commenced, the Clonmel Borough District are awaiting an allocation of funds from The Community & Enterprise Section. This is expected to happen over the next 2 weeks.
- The tendering for the feasibility studies for the Digital Hub is currently with the Clonmel Business Park Ltd.

Item 3.1 Attendance of Representatives from Directorate Environment & Climate Change

Ms. Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Environment Directorate.

Key issues in the briefing note included:

- Infrastructure & Maintenance
- Community Services
- Control of Dogs
- Control of Horses
- Derelict Sites

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- Litter Enforcement
- Public Awareness
- Rural Water Programme
- Waste Management
- Civic Amenity Sites
- Environment protection
- Complaints

The following queries were raised to the briefing note by members:

- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose enquired about her previous notice of motion in relation to drinking water stations along the Blueway and asked if there could be an update on same?
- Cllr. Michael Murphy praised the Environment Section for the roll out of the recent smart bins around the District.
- Cllr. Michael Murphy also acknowledged the importance of the support and link that the Environment Section has with the Tidy Towns Groups in the District.
- Cllr. Michael Murphy and Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose enquired about Electric Car Charging Points around the town of Clonmel and asked if there would be more installed in the near future?

Members' queries were addressed as follows;

- Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer addressed the matter in relation to the drinking station on the Blueway and confirmed that there would be no installation as this was decided previously at Management Level. Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose stated that she had a different response at the time of her notice of motion and was unaware of the decision made at management level.
- Ms. Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer confirmed that there are 12 charging points currently in Clonmel and the information in relation to the locations is available online. It is the intention of the local authority to look at where there are gaps and see if more charges are required in other locations baring in mind that they are very costly.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer and Ms. Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer for their attendance and report.

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Item 3.2 Attendance of Representatives from Directorate Culture & Library Services/Fire & Emergency Services

Ms. Jayne Sutcliff, Museum and Ann-Marie Brophy, Senior Executive Librarian referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Culture & Library Services/Fire & Emergency Services.

Key issues in the briefing note included:

- Ceremony of Remembrance and Reflection
- Library Activities
- Tipperary Studies
- Arts Service
- Tipperary Bealtaine Festival
- Tipperary Artist in Primary Schools Scheme
- Heritage Service
- National Biodiversity Action Plan Actions
- Commemorations Programme
- Creative Ireland
- Museum Service

No queries were raised by members in relation to the briefing.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Jayne Sutcliff, Museum and Ann-Marie Brophy, Senior Executive Librarian for her attendance and report.

Item 4.1 Burial Ground Grants 2022

The grants were proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose and seconded by Cllr. Niall Denehy and agreed by all.

Item 4.2 Tidy Town Grants 2022

The grants were proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose and seconded by Cllr. Niall Denehy and agreed by all

Item 5.1 Report of District Administrator

The District Administrator's report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

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Queries raised by the members were as follows:

- Cllr. Niall Dennehy asked in light of the recent temporary closure of the minor injuries unit in Cashel and the knock on effect that has on Clonmel can we request updates from the HSE (South West) in relation to Clonmel on a regular basis?
- Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose asked for an update on the works being carried out on the Town Hall building?
- Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose referred to the Streetscape Enhancement Scheme and in light of the businesses in the village of Rosegreen not taking up the grant funding available could expressions of interest be sought from other villages?
- Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose asked if the District Administrator could outline the types of work that will be carried out to Mulcahy Park from the grant money of just over €15,000 from the Department?

Queries raised by the Members which Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator responded to were as follows;

- The District Administrator in collaboration with Cllr. Michael Murphy, Mayor of Clonmel will draft a letter to the HSE (South East Group) requesting regular updates for the Tipperary University Hospital.
- The internal town hall refurbishment works will not take place for 12 months after the external works being satisfactorily completed and leaks detected. The outside town hall works are almost complete and the council are looking at painting same in due course.
- The Streetscape Scheme was a 2021 scheme now closed. Businesses were very enthusiastic about the scheme but due to very short deadlines it prohibited works being completed on time.
- The works for Mulcahy Park are to replace the existing furniture such as swings, slides and surface area.

Item 5.2 Report of District Engineer – Roads Programme

The District Engineer's report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

- Cllr. Niall Dennehy referred to an issue of dereliction in Market Place and asked the District Engineer to look in to the matter.
- Cllr. John Fitzgerald requested that the issue at Clerihan National School be resolved in relation to speeding in the area. He acknowledged the District Engineers work to date on the project.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose as if there was any update on the opening of the gates on O'Neill Street?
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose referred to the cost benefit analysis for Marlfield Flood Alleviation Project, does the Council anticipate this being the final stage?
- Cllr. Michael Murphy referred to the traffic calming measures on the Marlfield road which was a huge success due to speed cushions allowable there as

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appose to the Coleville road which was not allowed speed cushions due to it being a regional road. He asked the District Engineer to request one final time to the Director of Services, Marcus O'Connor the introduction of speed cushions on the Coleville Road.

Queries raised by the Members which Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer responded to were as follows

- The District Engineer did not know exactly where Cllr. Niall Dennehy was referring to in relation to dereliction and asked Cllr. Dennehy to meet his to discuss after the district meeting.
- The District Engineer has agreed to progress with the speed ramp in the location currently marked and to monitor the progress to the speed issue at the Clerihan National Primary School.
- The District Engineer confirmed that due to recent monitoring of speed at Coleville road shows a reduction in speed of 4km per hour. However, having discussed with locals in the area they are extremely happy with the footpaths and feel much safer walking on the road and also in relation to cars coming out on to the road it adds additional sight line to exit their property.

Item 5.3 Report of District Engineer – Housing Voids Programme

The District Engineer's report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

- No issues were raised.

Item 6.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 14th April, 2022

This item was noted.

Items 7.1 to 7.10 – Notices of Motions

In advance of the district meeting Cllr. Pat English had requested that Cllr. Richie Molloy propose his notice of motions on his behalf. This was agreed by all members.

Motion 2397 was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy

That Clonmel Borough District resurface the stretch of road from the entrance to Kerton's garage in Knocklofty to the poppy fields roundabout due to the poor condition of the road at present.

Reply:

I presume that Cllr. Molloy meant to say that Kerton's Garage is located in the Townland of Gortmore and not in Knocklofty, which is located some 5km away. However, that being the case, then this 300m section of road will be considered as part of the 2023 surface dressing programme.

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The motion was seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2398 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

In the interest of health and safety I am asking that a new pedestrian crossing is inserted on Cantwell Street close to the entrance to the Gaelscoil and in addition that the existing pedestrian crossing on Irishtown which services both the Gaelscoil and St. Mary's Primary Schools is also upgraded.

Reply:

This is effectively two Notions of motions in one.

Regarding the proposed new pedestrian crossing on Cantwell Street - The District Engineer will have to investigate this matter further and will come back to Cllr. Ambrose at the next meeting with an informed response.

The upgrading of an existing Pedestrian Crossing on Irishtown - Again, the District Engineer will have to investigate this matter further and will come back to Cllr. Ambrose at the next meeting with an informed response.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2399 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

That a study is carried out in relation to the junction at the Showgrounds Shopping Centre on the Waterford Road. This call follows a number of accidents at this location in addition to concerns from motorists who say that they have almost been involved in accidents when trying enter this junction from the O'Rahilly Avenue/Fr. Matthew Terrace side of the road due to the speed of motorists entering this junction from the Clonmel side of the road.

Reply:

District Engineer will have to investigate this matter further and will come back to Cllr. Ambrose at the next meeting with an informed response.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2401 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose.

What is the latest update regarding the provision of additional car parking spaces at the base of Slievenamon in Kilcash? Additional car parking spaces at this

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location would accommodate both those wishing to climb/walk Slievenamon but it would also ensure that local residents and the emergency services could at all times freely access this stretch of roadway (Ref both my previous notice of motion on this issue, the previous on-site meeting at this location between the Borough Engineer, the landowner and myself and also my previous discussions on the Departments Oris Funding Scheme).

Reply:

An application has been submitted for the funding, under the ORIS scheme, of additional car parking and signage at the Slievenamon trailhead. The cost of the works is estimated at €50,000 approximately and if the scheme goes ahead it will necessitate a commitment of approximately €20,000 from Council funds.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Niall Dennehy

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2402 was proposed by Cllr. John Fitzgerald

That this council as a matter of urgency replace the footpaths at Ballyclerihan, immediately outside Eircode E91 X389. In close proximity to where the new speed ramps will be placed. This will enhance the curtilage area of the ramps.

Reply:

This is a section of footpath on the east side of the road located between the Car Park and the Primary School.

It should be noted that it is proposed to include this section of footpath as part of the Development Levies for 2022, as per the attached District Engineer's Report

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2403 was proposed by Cllr. John Fitzgerald

That this Council consider extending the general footpath from Clerihan Community Field heading South East along the Public Road as far as Eircode E91 Y621 for safety, help with speed approaching the village and to extend pedestrian access to families who wish to use the community park on the perimeter of the village.

Reply:

The District Engineer has inspected this section of road, and he has noted that the bulk of this proposed footpath is located along the 80kph speed zone on the Clonmel Regional Road, where the available road width is inadequate to include for a two-

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lane carriageway together with a 1.8m footpath. In conclusion the Council will not be including a public footpath at this location at this time.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2404 was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy

That Clonmel Borough Council install traffic calming measures in Upper Irishtown as residents are reporting that motorists are travelling at high speed as they drive up Irishtown trying to beat traffic lights.

Reply:

The District Engineer will have to investigate this matter further and will come back to Cllr. Molloy at the next meeting with an informed response.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2407 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Irish Civil War and I request that Clonmel Borough District with the Members approval erect a suitable Memorial/Plaque in the Council Chamber to mark the 100th Anniversary of the death of Michael Condon a Republican Prisoner who was shot dead in the custody of the National Army in this Chamber on the 19th August, 1922. Michael was a native of Newcastle, Clonmel and serving member of the 3rd Tipperary Brigade I.R.A.

Reply: If this proposal is approved by the Members, I will investigate the proposal further in relation to the siting of a plaque in the Council chamber.

It was agreed by all members that this notion of motion should be referred to the Corporate Policy Group in line with the Civic Memorial Policy.

Motion 2408 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District provide 2 No. Speed Ramps/Cushions in The Chase Housing Scheme, Clonmel, in the interest of the safety of the residents that live in the Estate

Reply:

It is not clear as to where exactly within this estate that speed ramps are to be located. Therefore, the District Engineer requests that Cllr. English please send in the intended location of the ramp(s) relative to the house numbers, etc. Once this list has been established and submitted the DE can inspect the estate and then

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advise on the suitability of these locations for speed ramps. Then, assuming that ramps are capable of being installed at the requested location(s), Cllr. English must then ask the residents located within a 100m distance of the locations of the proposed speed ramps to make a submission to the Council in writing in compliance with Section 7 of the "Policy on the Use of Traffic Calming Measures on Roads in Existing Housing Estates".

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2409 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District write to the I.D.A. and request a meeting with Senior Management for them to explain to this Council their failure to secure any new Business to Clonmel at the I. D.A. Enterprise Site at Ballingarrane, Clonmel.

Reply:

Subject to approval by the Members, this motion will be forwarded to the I.D.A requesting a meeting with Senior Management.

The motion was deferred by Cllr. Richie Molloy on behalf of Cllr. Pat English.

Item 8.1 – Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

Item 9.1 – Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

- A vote of congratulations was issued to Beth Buttimer, Clonmel Rugby Club, who recently competed in the under-18 Women's Six Nations Festival in Edinburgh.
- A vote of congratulations was issued to Henry Buttimer, Clonmel Rugby Club, who competed in the under-19 Ireland Squad.
- A vote of sympathy was issued to the family of the late John (Jack) Walsh T.O.S.F., "Ardanoir", Mountain Road, Clonmel, Co Tipperary.
- A vote of sympathy was issued to the family of the late Michael O'Kennedy Former Fianna Fáil Minister and Teachta Dála.
- A vote of sympathy was issued to the family of the late Bridget Power, McDonagh Crescent, Old Bridge, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
- A vote of sympathy was issued to the family of the late Tom Traynor, Bella Vista, Western Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

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- A vote of sympathy was issued to the family of the late John Corbett, Ballyvaughan, Powerstown, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
- A vote of sympathy was issued to the colleagues of the late Sr. Maura Maguire, Presentation Convent, Dungarvan Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

Item 10.1 – Any other business

- The approval of the final version of the Schedule of Municipal Works was requested by the District Engineer.

This was proposed by Cllr. John Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

- Cllr. John Fitzgerald requested an update on the Ukrainian crisis response by Tipperary County Council. Ms. Sinead Carr, Town Manager gave a comprehensive outline on the current situation. All members welcomed the response by the Council and the work being done to date. The Mayor of Clonmel, Cllr. Michael Murphy also stated that the response to his recently set up Ukrainian Crisis fund was overwhelming and a huge success by the local community.

Signed: 

Dated: 23/05/2022

Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Signed: 

Dated: 18th May 2022

District Administrator

