

In the Chair:	Cllr. K. Bourke.
Members Present:	Cllr. M. Fitzgerald, Cllr. I. Goldsboro, Cllr. K. O'Meara.
Apologies:	Cllr. D. Dunne.
Attending from-Carrick on Suir MD	Mr. B Beck, A/Director of Services; Ms. M O'Gorman, Meetings Administrator; Mr. D. Power, District Engineer; Ms. H. Cahill, Staff Officer;
Planning Directorate	Ms. Anne Marie Devaney, Senior Planner. Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer.
Libraries, Culture and Biodiversity Directorate	Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian; Ms. Roisín O'Grady, Heritage Officer.
Environment & Climate Action Directorate	Mr. Ruairí Boland, Senior Executive Engineer.

1.0. Welcome and Introduction

Item 1.1. Summons and Prayer:	The summons was taken as read
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2.0. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Council

Item 2.1. Conflict of Interest Declaration:	None to record
Item 2.2. Agree date of Annual Meeting and June Monthly Meeting 2023:	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. K O'Meara and unanimously agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Annual Meeting 2023 would be held on 22 June 2023 at 12:00• and that the June Monthly Meeting would be held on 22 June 2022 at 14:00.

3.0. Consideration of Minutes

Item 3.1. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27 April 2023	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 27 April 2023 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
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4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.2.
Report of Planning Directorate:

The Cathaoirleach agreed to alter the order of business to deal with planning matters at this juncture in view of conflicting appointment of the Planning Officer.

With Ms. Anne Marie Devaney attending remotely and Mr. Kieran Ladden attending in person, the directorate report as circulated was taken as read and queries raised by the members were addressed as follows;

Cllr. K. O'Meara

- In discussing the Built Heritage Scheme, he queried whether there were any powers available to the planning authority to deal with unsafe structures referring to several cases in his area with potential to cause harm.
- Referring to the prevailing situation at Slieveardagh, Grangemockler included in DPI developments requiring resolution prior to being taken in charge, he queried the timeframe associated with same having regard to frustration of residents over the past number of years.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro

- Noting progress in relation to Oakwood, Ballingarry, queried how long it would take to progress to the next stage of the process.

Cllr. K. Bourke

- Sought clarification as to the legal position in relation to planning permissions issued for private housing development which were subsequently sold for social housing purposes.

Responding to queries, Mr. K. Ladden confirmed that Site Resolution Plan would be completed within 2 weeks for Oakwood, Ballingarry. It was anticipated some technical issues arising from same that would require further investigation to resolve. However, he confirmed that he would drive on and keep Cllr. Goldsboro posted on progress.

Referring to the situation at Slieveardagh, Grangemockler, he appreciated the frustration expressed by the councillors but in the absence of national agreement between parties to resolve more than 900 cases across the country, there was no legal framework in place; rather, the council was required to rely on guidance from the Department which was awaited.

Ms. A. M. Devaney, Senior Planner addressed the query in relation to housing developers obtaining planning permission and selling them as 'turn-key' developments; she noted that there was nothing in the planning code to prevent the sale of a housing development, either partly or in its entirety for social housing purposes.

With Mr. Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer in attendance from the Environment and Climate Action Section to address any queries from the floor, Ms. A.M. Devaney, Senior Planning presented the Chief Executive's report prepared pursuant to Section 179(4)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000- for the members' consideration relating to the proposed construction of a multi-denominational Lawn Cemetery at Killenaule Road, Fethard.

Item 4.3.

**Chief Executive's Report
Part 8 Planning consent
Ref: PTTT9 -
Construction of a Lawn
Cemetery & Associated
Works at Killenaule
Road, Fethard, Co.
Tipperary.**

The nature and extent of the development included the construction of 997 grave plots (in 3 phases), a Columbarium Wall utility shed with w.c. facility, 33 no. car parking spaces incorporating 3 no. disabled spaces and 3 no. 'age-friendly' spaces to front of burial plots section, masonry boundary walls, and waste soil/grass collections area.

The associated site works provided for removal of 88.5m. of existing hedgerow fronting the adjoining agricultural lands to the north of the cemetery and replacing with timber post and tension mesh fencing to facilitate sightline requirements; the provision of landscaping works and seating to burial ground and associated areas; provision of drainage facilities- surface water and foul sewage - water supply connection, and a public lighting scheme to be extended over all three phases as the need arises.

The statutory consultation process commenced on the 2 March 2023 with plans and particulars available for inspection at Civic Offices, Nenagh and Clonmel respectively, and at the District Office, Carrick on Suir during normal office hours up to and including 16:30 on the 31 March 2023.

The period for receipt of submissions or observations ended on 17 April 2023 at 4.30pm. It was noted that no such submissions or observations were received during this statutory period.

Ms. Devaney outlined the policies against which the application was examined by the planning authority and being satisfied that the development was considered acceptable and consistent with the principle of proper planning and sustainable development the Chief Executive recommended that the proposed development should proceed subject to the following requirement/condition –

1. Prior to development commencing on the site, the lead section shall consult with the National Monument Service [NMS] and shall comply with any requirements of the NMS with respect to geophysical surveys, archaeological testing and archaeological monitoring:

Reason: To ensure the continued preservation (with or without record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

Item 4.3. cont'd/

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Road, Fethard, Co.
Tipperary.

Following consideration of the Chief Executive's report,

It was proposed by Councillor K. O'Meara,
And seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro,

"That having considered the Chief Executive's report in accordance with Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, (as amended) for the Construction of a Lawn Cemetery and Associated Site Works at Killenaule Road, Fethard, County Tipperary, 2023, the Carrick on Suir Municipal District hereby decide that the proposed development be carried

out in accordance with the Chief Executive's recommendation."

The Meetings Administrator conducted a roll call in relation to the motion. Noting the absence of Cllr D. Dunne, there voted as follows.

Councillor K. Bourke	For	
Councillor M. Fitzgerald	For	
Councillor I. Goldsboro	For	
Councillor K. O'Meara	For	

The Meetings Administrator deemed the resolution carried unanimously.

**Item 4.1.
Report of Culture Team.**

Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, attended the meeting accompanied by Ms. Roisín O'Grady, Heritage Officer to present the Culture Team report, covering the activities of the Library Services, the Arts Service, the Heritage Service and the Museum Service.

Mr. Dullaghan outlined the details of the Bealtaine Festival, one of the largest such events in the past number of years, involving workshops, theatre, concerts poetry exhibitions, literature and crafts. He reports on the myriad of projects undertaken by his team, and more specifically, the recent workshops, school visits and other events that took place within the Carrick on Suir District.

Ms. Roisín O'Grady spoke at length about the activities under her brief, including an update on the County Heritage Plan, The National Biodiversity Plan, the Commemorations Programme, the update on the Royal Sites Bid. Responding to a query from Cllr. M. Fitzgerald, she noted that there was financial assistance available for digitizing burial records in graveyards. Kilsheelan Graveyard had availed of this facility some time ago. She undertook to link him with the County Archives at Clonmel and Thurles, referring to the Irish Commemorative Network Scheme, with records maintained by the National Museum of Ireland. Cllr. I. Goldsboro commended the support to the Killenaule Library and the active social media associated with same.

Responding to Cllr. K. O'Meara, she confirmed that the mobile library service was scheduled to go back on the road shortly

Noting that Heritage Grants Scheme was launching on the following week, she also informed that she would be available at Carrick on Suir District Office to meet and consult with interested parties in relation to the review of the Heritage Plan.

Cllr. K. Bourke conveyed the appreciation of the Councillors for the comprehensive report, stating that he was thrilled to see how the library facility was being used at Carrick on Suir. He indicated that the town was blessed to have such a facility

Item 4.4.
District Engineer's Report:

The District Engineer's report was circulated along with an updated schedule of housing voids. Following consideration of same, the A/District Engineer, Mr. Denis Power responded to queries from the Councillors as follows;

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Sought update in relation to commencement of works to Drangan Playground funder under CLÁR
- Queried whether footpaths at Glengoole, which he considered to be substandard could be considered for upgrade under an Active Travel Scheme project.
- Requested signage to be erected at Boherboy Bridge near Mullinahone to alert potential swimmers to the danger posed by broken glass on the river bed, arising from a recent fly-tipping offence involving dumping of windows into the river. Cllr. Fitzgerald extended his thanks to the Carrick on Suir River Rescue who mounted a retrieval operation, and he commended John O'Neill, Environmental Enforcement Officer for his prompt attention to the matter.

Cllr. I; Goldsboro:

- Queried timeframe for commencement of works to Copper Cross and Máiréad's Cross
- Sought update for commissioning of public lights in Killenaule
- Requested update on proposed flood remediation works at Grangemockler
- Referring to proposed flashing speed signs at Killenaule, requested update on when these would be provided.

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Requested that where possible, houses affected by recent flooding events would be prioritised in context of work programme
- Requested that outcome of speed survey – the subject of notice of motion – be published within the locality.
- Sought information for the public in relation to presence of Japanese Knotweed for clarification.
- Referring to the exorbitant costs associated with repair to speed sign at Mullinahone, he suggested that it be removed in the interim.
- Requested that the District Engineer would collate a list of works to be funded from IPB resources in the District for consideration.

**Item 4.4. cont'd.
District Engineer's
Report:**

Cllr. K. Bourke

- Complimented GLAS Engineering currently engaged on N24 contract for the courteous conduct of their staff and the manner in which they were progressing with works in difficult circumstances.
- He further complimented the District Engineer and the Roads Capital team for the manner in which they dealt with issues arising from persons who – owing to various reasons – did not engage in public consultation associated with the planning process and were now faced with the reality of impact on their properties and businesses. He considered that the team had come up trumps in resolving those matters on the ground.
- Expressed concern that contractor(s) engaged in grass-cutting around Carrick on Suir, were not attending to edges and around trees, which he considered unsightly and this matter should be examined and resolved.

Responding to matters raised by the Councillor, Mr. Denis Power, A/District Engineer s

- indicated that tenders for Drangan Playground were due the following week and would be evaluated with a view to appointment a contractor at the earliest possible date. He noted that some of the equipment would require replacement rather than repair and this may extend the duration of the job with lead-in for delivery.
- undertook to discuss the possibility of including Glengoole in an Active Travel scheme at a future date and to drive home the points made by the Councillors in this regard to the Active Travel team.

- confirmed that signage would be put in place to alert potential swimmers to hazardous conditions at Boherboy Bridge
- he confirmed that white lining and signage would be installed by end of summer at Copper Cross
- committed to obtaining a price for provision of public light in Killenaule as requested;
- undertook to follow up the provision of flashing speed light at Mullinahone entry point and the provision of data pertaining to recent speed surveys.
- clarified that climate adaptation budgets would be allocated to works carried out, both by contractors and Council crews as necessary.
- Addressed matters relating to flood alleviation works, and clarified that he had a budget in place for same, and in the event that it was insufficient, he would seek additional monies as necessary.
- discussed the issue of Japanese knotweed, and owing to its location on the river bank, it could not be sprayed as it would destroy certain habitats. He undertook to check if this was a matter under remit of OPW.
- noted that there was €20,000 allocation for Killenaule Active travel Scheme which would be guided by the 'Safe Route to School' scheme [SRTS].
- concluded by acknowledging comments in relation to grass-cutting contracts and undertook to examine the position.

Item 4.5.
District Administrator's
Report:

Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan – RRDF Update

The District Administrator circulated her report informing of progress on delivery of the Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan. She noted that

- The Irish Water CCTV survey of the foul sewers was completed during week-ending 19 May 2023 and investigator's report was awaited. Findings to be reviewed by Irish Water and Tipperary County Council's Project Manager.
- Tipperary County Council had published request for tenders (RFT) on www.etenders.gov.ie for the appointment of a contractor for Phase 1 of the project. Phase 1 comprised works to Ormond Castle Park, part of Castle Street leading to

Ormond Castle, Strand Walk and Sean Healy Park. The deadline for receipt of tenders was Friday the 16th June. Anticipated date for appointment of contractor was July 2023.

- With completion of purchase of 43 Main Street (Old Post Office – Protected Structure), from An Post, the Council was currently in the process of appointing a consultant for detailed design of Phase 2 which was the delivery of Enterprise and Digital HUB.

BUILDINGS ACQUISITIONS MEASURE 2023

**Item 4.5. cont'd.
District Administrator's
Report:**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Councillors of the Council's application to the Department of Rural and Community Development's Town and Village Renewal Scheme for funding under the Building Acquisition Measure 2023, to purchase a property at North Quay/Castle Lane which abuts the Goldcrop Sites, previously purchased in November 2022 under the same scheme. The scheme was recently launched by Minister Humphreys and provided €13million to address vacancy and dereliction in rural Ireland. The acquisition of the 550m² property by the Council would remove any constraints in the future development of the entire area. The application was submitted on the 27 April and if successful, the Council would pursue the acquisition with the current owner. This was noted.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND

The Meetings Administrator informed the councillors of the recent Government announcement of €50 million in funding for over 880 projects nationally as part of the first ever [Community Recognition Fund](#)., on last Thursday, the 18 May 2023. This major initiative from the Department of Rural and Community Development, was designed to support and reward communities that had welcomed families and citizens from Ukraine and other countries and some 28 projects were funded in Tipperary to the tune of €950,190. The projects ranged from largescale multi-purpose sports facilities, upgrades to community centres, equipment for sports clubs, outdoor walkways, playgrounds, community buses and equipment for festivals. Of the four applications submitted from the Carrick on Suir Municipal District, two projects were successful in receiving funding, as follows-

Area/Group	Project	Grant
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Fethard Town Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of sensory garden 2. Purchase of permanent scoreboard 3. Installation of digital notice board (<i>English and Ukrainian</i>) 4. Installation of necessary AV technology 	€32,000
Fethard RFC, c/o Fethard Town Park	Erection of storage facility complete with underage toilets to safely train underage players.	€26,000

This financial support was very warmly welcomed in the Fethard community and by the elected members.

**Item 4.6.
General Municipal
Allocation 2023**

GMA – VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT PLANS - UPDATE

The Meetings Administrator informed of public consultations held between 16 – 23 May seeking community input from the citizens of Ballingarry, Killenaule and Mullinahone respectively, into the preparation of the village enhancement plans funded under the General Municipal Allocation. Mr. Samuel McKeever of Nicholas deJong Associates travelled to each of the centres to conduct the consultations and there was a promising level of engagement from each gathering. Attendance details were outlined as follows:

Mullinahone - Tuesday 16 May @ 19:00 - 20 attendees
 Ballingarry - Wednesday 17 May @19:00 - 18 attendees
 Killenaule - Tuesday 23 may @ 19:00 - 25 attendees

She thanked the members for their support and attendance at the evening sessions, for their assistance in organising the venues and their participation and engagement with their respective communities. It was anticipated that enhancement plans would be finalised by the end of June and she undertook to keep members updated on progress.

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2023

The Meetings Administrator indicated that 3 further applications were recently finalised such that she was in a position to make a recommendation for the award of 3 no grants totalling €2,600. Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr. K. O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro and RESOLVED

"In accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 and being of the opinion that it is desirable to so do to promote the interests of the local community, and having regard to the recommendation from the District Administrator that grants totalling €2,600 be and are hereby approved for payment in respect of GMA Community Grants 2023 as follows;

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| - Fethard Athletic Club | €1,000 |
| - Árd Álainn Residents Committee | €800 |
| - Cregg Lawn Residents Committee | €800" |

5.0. Chief Executive's / Delegated Employee's Orders

**Item 5.1.
D.E. Order 33558**

D.E. Order 33558 relating to service of notice under Section 69 of the Roads Act 1993, was noted.

**Item 5.2.
D.E. Order 33886**

D.E. Order 33886 relating to the issue of Section 254 licence to Mulcahy Construction Ltd, for erection of scaffolding at Barrack Street, Fethard, was duly noted.

6.0. Correspondence

Item 6.1.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that there were no items for consideration under this heading

7.0. Notices of Motion

Item 7.1.

In the absence of Cllr Dunne, notice of motion 2617 was deemed withdrawn.

8.0. Any Other Business

Item 8.1.

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, the matter of Cathaoirleach Awards 2023 was raised by Cllr. M. Fitzgerald in the context of the impending official opening of Fethard Town Park on Sunday 18th June.


He considered the venue to be a most suitable location for Cathaoirleach Awards 2023 and he proposed that same should proceed on 13 June 2023 to honour the nominees put forward by the elected members and agreed by the Corporate Policy Group on the 5th May 2023.

This was seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro and unanimously agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting. [15:09]



District Administrator.



Cathaoirleach.

22 June 2023