

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING,  
HELD AT 11.00 a.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PARNELL STREET, CLONMEL ON  
WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

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

**In Attendance:** Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services  
Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator  
Ms. Nicola Keating, District Engineer  
Ms. Liz Mc Grath, Senior Staff Officer

**Also in Attendance:** Ms. Aine Mc Carthy, A/Senior Executive Officer, Planning  
Ms. Fiona Crotty, Administrative Officer, Community and Enterprise  
Mr. Noel Buckley, Town Centre Team.

**Apologies:** Ms. Ita Horan, L.E.O.

**Item 1.1 Zoom Protocol**

There was nobody in attendance by Zoom.

**Item 2.1 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest**

Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

**Item 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.**

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2023, as presented, were proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. Pat English and agreed by all.

**Arising from Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**Item 4.1 Attendance of Representative from Directorate Community and Economic Development.**

The report as circulated with the agenda was taken as read. Ms. Fiona Crotty informed the meeting regarding items not included in the circulated report as follows:

- The Local Economic and Community Plan 2024-2029 has been brought to the plenary of Tipperary County Council and the Tipperary LCDC and adopted, we are now working on the Implementation Plan 2024-2025 as per the guidelines which identifies specific actions to assist in achieving the high level goals/ objectives and outcomes of the plan.
- The provision of Slainte Care in Clonmel is to be extended for a further 3 years.
- Planet Youth, Galway has undertaken a health and wellbeing survey in 91 schools in the west of Ireland. One of the wellbeing indicators measured was lack of sleep, with results showing that 56% of students are not getting enough sleep. This study is to be replicated in the rest of the country with Tipperary being the lead in this rollout.

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- Clonmel has being identified as an Age Friendly Town and Mr. John Lonergan, former governor of Mountjoy Prison is the Age Friendly ambassador.

**Queries / Comments raised by the Members were as follows:**

- Councillor English welcomed the extension of Slainte Care for a further 3 years and thanked Carol Creighton and Catriona Crowe for their work regarding the possibility of providing a community house in the Old Bridge.
- Councillor English stated that a Substance Misuse Alliance was required to be put in place.
- Councillor English informed the meeting that The Tipperary Sports Partnership welcomed the number of events taking place on the river and also the provision of grant assistance.
- Councillor Murphy welcomed the fact that Clonmel had the added value of being a Slainte Care town and stated that a cross directorate approach be applied to include Environment, C.B.D., Community and Enterprise. Private industry could also partner with the local authority.
- Councillor Murphy requested that Ms. Crotty explore the possibility of providing an e bike scheme.
- Councillor Ambrose paid tribute to Questum and Anthony Fitzgerald and his team for their work. She also acknowledged the work carried out by the Age friendly team and its ambassador Mr. John Lonergan.
- Councillor Ambrose stated that she wants Clonmel to be considered as a “one stop shop” destination, whereby a visitor can holiday, shop, cycle, canoe and partake of other outdoor activities.
- Councillor Ambrose thanked L.E.O. for the work that has been undertaken and informed the meeting that additional retail units will be made available in 2024.
- Councillor Fitzgerald concurred with the provision of a bike scheme and the concept of Clonmel being a “one stop shop” for visitors to the town.

**Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows:**

Fiona Crotty Administrative Officer informed the meeting that she would revert to each of the councillors individually in relation to the matters which each of them had raised.

**Item 5.1 Presentation on the Town Centre Team by Noel Buckley.**

Councillor Molloy welcomed Aine Mc Carthy and Noel Buckley to the meeting. Mr. Buckley made a short presentation to the meeting outlining the activities of the Town Centre Team.

**Questions / Comments raised by the Members were as follows:**

- Councillor Molloy expressed how pleased he is at the existence of the Town Centre Team and the possibility of property owners being able to avail of grants.
- Councillor Murphy stated that the creation of town teams was a further dilution of the powers which the former Borough had.
- Councillor Murphy requested that a review of the parking byelaws be undertaken before 2025.
- Councillor Murphy welcomed the spirit of positivity that is apparent in the town and welcomed the provision of grant assistance to property owners.

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- Councillor Fitzgerald concurred with the comments made by Councillor's Molloy and Murphy.
- Councillor Dennehy welcomed Aine Mc Carthy and Noel Buckley and expressed support for their objectives.
- Councillor Dennehy expressed dissatisfaction regarding the absence of discretionary funding for the Borough.
- Councillor Dennehy stated that C.B.D. needs to rekindle its relationship with Waterford County given our close proximity.
- Councillor Dennehy welcomed the fact that work is to commence on the Clonmel Arms and commended those who were involved in advancing the matter.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the provision of funding streams for property owners and thanked Noel Buckley and Aine Mc Carthy for their presentation.
- Councillor Pat English concurred with the comment made by Councillor Ambrose.
- Ms. Sinead Carr, Director of Services addressed the meeting. She thanked Noel Buckley and Aine Mc Carthy for their presentation. She acknowledged the achievement of securing the installation of the Christmas lights, and thanked businesses, elected members and council staff in this regard. Ms. Carr in response to Councillor Murphy's query regarding the review of the byelaws. Ms. Carr stated that the Director of Services for roads has a team in place to examine this issue. Any amendment of the byelaws has to be done in consultation with other stakeholders, for example The Chamber of Commerce and ATS. It also has to be brought to the relevant SPC.

**Item 6.1 Report of District Administrator**

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to members with the agenda.

**Questions / Comments raised by the Members were as follows:**

- Councillor Ambrose thanked Carol Creighton, Liz Mc Grath, Mayor R. Molloy, Banna Cluain Meala and Philip Meaney for the success of the Christmas Events and the installation of the Christmas lights.
- Councillor Ambrose wished Joe Mulcahy and his team well regarding the Clonmel Arms. She also welcomed the introduction of the new town bus and enquired if the routes would be increased.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the reopening of the former town hall and enquired when the works on the housing section would be completed.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the provision of signage and bins at the new sports hub.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on the removal of the old telephone kiosks.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update regarding the cluster housing in Kilsheelan.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the URDF.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update in relation to the following: C.C.T.V.;
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the play equipment at Mulcahy Park.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update regarding the outstanding Blueway works.
- Councillor Ambrose enquired about the Section 85 signed with Kilkenny Co.Co.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update in relation to Abbey Street and the railway station.
- Councillor Molloy requested that a thank you letter be forwarded to Maureen Purcell of S.T.A.G for the groups work in Market Place.

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- Councillor Murphy expressed satisfaction in relation to the works commencing on the Clonmel Arms. He thanked Adam Coffey E. E. and Carol Creighton A.O. for their involvement in the project.
- Councillor Murphy requested that a county wide policy on parking be implemented and a review of Clonmel's parking bye laws be undertaken.
- Councillor Murphy requested a summary of GMA monies and how it is spent.
- Councillor Fitzgerald concurred with Councillor Murphy's praise of Adam Coffey E.E. and Carol Creighton A.O. regarding the redevelopment of the Clonmel Arms site.
- Councillor Fitzgerald informed the meeting that Cnoc Aoibhinn, Ballyclerihan doesn't have any public lighting and vehicles have been vandalised in the estate.
- Councillor Molloy concurred with Councillor Fitzgerald's comments in relation to Cnoc Aoibhinn and stated that the area around the Borstal is poorly lit.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update in relation to bins/signage at the Sports Hub.
- Councillor English asked if a reply was received from An Garda Síochána in relation to the reduction in personnel in the Gardai, reinstatement of Community Gardaí and the number of personnel employed in the drugs unit.
- Councillor English asked for an update from Irish Rail on the upgrading of services.
- Councillor English enquired if it is possible to exert some pressure on the Garda Commissioners Office in relation to the installation of CCTV.
- Councillor English requested an update regarding the housing scheme in Kilsheelan
- Councillor English asked if there was an update from the Environment Section on the replacement of the Dog Pound in Kilsheelan.
- Councillor English complimented and thanked Liz McGrath, Senior Staff Officer for the successful delivery of the Santa Parade which was held in Clonmel on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

**Queries raised by the members were responded to as follows:**

- In relation to the signage and refuse bins at the Sports Hub, the District Administrator stated that the Borough District will be paying for the signage and she will raise this issue again at the Sports Hub management meeting to be held in the coming weeks.
- The District Administrator stated that Eir will be removing the telephone kiosks and she will revert to Councillor Ambrose on the timeframe involved when she gets the date.
- In relation to the installation of CCTV, the District Administrator stated that Declan Boland (Garda) will revert to her when he has an update in relation to this matter.
- In relation to the works on the Blueway, the District Administrator informed the meeting that works cannot be carried out until after the flood season.
- In relation to Irish Rail, the District Administrator stated that she is awaiting a reply to her correspondence.
- In relation to the flood alleviation works at Marlfield, the District Administrator stated that Michael Scully, A/Senior Executive Engineer will give an update on the works at the January Meeting and intends to meet with locals during Q1 of 2024.
- The District Administrator stated that she will ask Jonathan Cooney, Senior Engineer for a report on the works in the Housing Section and report back to the members.
- In relation to Cnoc Aoibhinn, Clerihan the District Administrator informed the meeting that the estate in question has to go through the T.I.C. process. She agreed to request Kieran Ladden S.E.E. to provide an update to the members.

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**Item 6.2 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:**

- Councillor Murphy expressed concern in relation to the road condition at Apple Farm, Moorstown.
- Councillor Murphy requested that an audit of our bins be undertaken.
- Councillor Murphy requested that Clonmel District be first in the queue in 2024 for the roll out of the roads programme.
- Councillor English asked for an update regarding the gates at Sheehy Terrace/O'Neill Street.
- Councillor English asked if there was an update on the sequencing of the traffic lights at Queen Street and Oakville.
- Councillor English asked for an update on the works at Ballybeg.
- Councillor English raised the issue of safety regarding the equipment at Denis Burke Park and Elm Park and asked that these items be checked.
- Councillor English enquired about capital funding for the completion of works on the chapel at Kickham Barracks Plaza.
- Councillor Ambrose enquired about the process of determining which district goes first when it comes to the scheduling of works.
- Councillor Ambrose enquired about safety grants for Rathronan and Ballybeg.
- Councillor Ambrose thanked Eamon Lonergan, Director and Adam Coffey for the works carried out in St. Patrick's Cemetery.
- Councillor Ambrose asked if there is a plan in place to keep the gullies clean around the District.
- Councillor Molloy enquired about the status of the gates at Sheehy Terrace/O'Neill Street.

**Queries raised by the Members which Ms. Nicola Keating, District Engineer responded to were as follows:**

- In relation to the road at The Apple Farm, the District Engineer informed the members that the T.C.C. will carry out emergency repairs to the value of €23K
- The District Engineer informed the meeting that an audit of the districts litter bins has commenced.
- The District Engineer informed the meeting that she will try to get more of the roadworks programme completed earlier in the year. James Murray Senior Engineer informed the meeting that inclement weather during the Autumn delayed the programme. Sinead Carr, D.o.S. commented that the most important factor is that the work is carried out within the year.
- In relation to the gates at Sheehy Terrace/O'Neill Street, the District Engineer informed the members that a contractor has been appointed.
- In relation to the traffic lights at Queen Street/Oakville, the District Engineer informed meeting that the sensors were checked and in working order. The issue at this location can be due to the volume of traffic which is present.
- The meeting was informed that works will be progressed at the chapel on Kickham Barracks Plaza which will include the installation of toilet facilities.
- The District Engineer stated that she will follow up with Eric Ryan, Town Gardener, regarding the playground equipment at Denis Burke Park and Elm Park.

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**Item 6.3 Report of District Engineer – Housing Voids Programme**

The report was noted by the Members.

**Item 7.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 8<sup>th</sup> December , 2023**

The report was noted by the Members.

**Items 8.1 to 8.7– Notice of Motion**

**Motion 2720 was proposed by Councillor Michael Murphy**

That the approach roads to Ballyvaughan Bridge, Powerstown are included in the 2024 Area Roadworks Programme, having regard to their appalling condition. This area should also be prioritised for temporary emergency repairs.

**REPLY:**

This road will be considered for next years road works programme subject to the availability of a budget for the works and prioritisation based on its condition rating.

**The motion was seconded by Councillor John Fitzgerald.**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2721 was proposed by Councillor Michael Murphy**

That the remaining section within the Balingarrane Estate is considered for resurfacing in the 2024 Area Roadworks Programme, having regard to its poor condition.

**REPLY: -**

This road will be considered for next year’s road works programme subject to the availability of a budget for the works and prioritisation based on its condition rating.

**The motion was seconded by Councillor John Fitzgerald.**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2729 was proposed by Councillor Michael Murphy**

That the Council would examine the entrance /exit to Newpark Kennels/Stud on the main Clonmel to Clerihan road for possible inclusion in any “Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme” application in 2024. Currently the exit is extremely treacherous for motorist’s, urgent action required so as to avoid a serious accident.

**REPLY:-**

Unfortunately, Low Cost Safety Applications have closed for 2024 and had already been submitted to DTTAS prior to the receipt of this Notice of Motion. The improvement of sightlines here may be possible under the Low Cost Safety Application 2025 if it goes ahead, subject to the rules of the scheme allowing this type of work and the agreement of the land owner.

**The motion was seconded by Councillor John Fitzgerald.**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2734 was proposed by Councillor Niall Dennehy**

That all Clonmel Borough District Monthly Meetings and workshops for 2024 be broadcast live to give the public whom we represent a fuller understanding of procedure, in an open and transparent way.

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**REPLY:-**

The matter was previously considered by the Plenary Council and referred to the Privilege and Procedure Committee for consideration and it was deferred owing to the cost and staffing implications involved. Equally there is no provision allowed for live streaming in the Budget for 2024 or is it in the current Clonmel Borough District Standing Orders and, in any event, the Council would have to consider a number of issues in terms of Defamation/Litigation Issues, Hacking/Editing of Content, IT issues during live-streamed Meetings/, Ensuring a Quality Stream and Accessibility Features, all of which require additional staffing resources and additional budgets.

In any event, the District Meetings are currently managed in an open and transparent manner with the notice of meetings and agenda published online in advance of Meetings. The public and press can attend meetings in person or remotely and the press report on the meetings on a monthly basis.

**The motion was seconded by Councillor Pat English.**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2739 was proposed by Councillor Pat English.**

That Clonmel Borough District erect safety bollards on the footpath beside the Emigrants Rest pub on the Glenegad Road, Old bridge Clonmel to stop cars parking on both sides of the very narrow road.

**REPLY:-**

The placing of bollards will be considered along the footpath adjacent to the Emigrant's Rest along the Glenegad Road to prevent cars parking on this section of footpath, subject to the availability of the budget in 2024.

**The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose.**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2740 was proposed by Councillor Pat English.**

That Clonmel Borough District erect signage on the Dungarvan Road, Old Bridge in the area of Michael Collins Row and St. Kevin's Terrace to help residents exiting their houses. This is due to the large volume of traffic passing through the Old Bridge.

**REPLY: -**

A sign will be erected warning of concealed entrances ahead for traffic travelling from Dungarvan towards Old Bridge.

**The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose.**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2741 was proposed by Councillor Pat English.**

That Clonmel Borough District revise the speed limit at Redmonstown junction on the N24 Waterford road back to 60KM from the current 100KM in the interest of public safety. The setting of speed limits is a reserved function of the members of the council.

**REPLY: -**This location has been forwarded to the Roads Department for consideration in the next Speed Limit Review. The location has been added to the list of locations to be considered. This will commence following the issue of new guidance from the Department of Transport.

The new guidance is expected in early 2024.

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The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose.  
The reply to the motion was noted.

**Item 9.1 Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence.

**Item 10.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

The members proposed a vote of sympathy be extended to Mary Irwin, Clonmel Borough District on the passing of her mother Helen Ryan and to Eamon O'Dwyer on the passing of his daughter, Joanne O'Dwyer. A vote of sympathy was also extended to the family of Shane Mc Gowan on his passing.

**Item 11.1 Any Other Business**

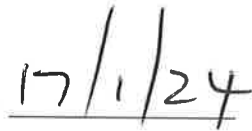
Councillor Molloy thanked his fellow councillors and council staff and wished everyone a happy Christmas.

Signed:



**Mayor of Clonmel Borough District**

Dated:



Signed:



**District Administrator**

Dated:

