

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CARRICK ON SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE DISTRICT CHAMBER, NEW STREET, CARRICK ON SUIR AT 14:00 ON THE 24 OCTOBER 2024

In the Chair: Cllr. M. Fitzgerald

Members Present: Cllr. D. Dunne, Cllr. K. Bourke,
Cllr. I. Goldsboro, Cllr. M. Brennan

Apologies: None

Attended from

Carrick on Suir MD Mr. B Beck, Director of Services; Ms. M. Cox, Meetings Administrator; Mr. D. Power, A/District Engineer; Mr. W. Morgan, Acting Staff Officer, Ms. Helen Cahill, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Sinead Flaherty, Clerical Officer

Finance Directorate Mr. Mark Connolly, Head of Finance

Other Attendees Donal Doyle – Tipp Fm
Aileen Haahesey – The Nationalist Newspaper

1.0. Welcome and Introduction

Item 1.1. The summons was taken as read
Summons and Prayer:

2.0. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Council

Item 2.1.
Conflict of Interest None to record
Declaration

3.0. Consideration of Minutes

Item 3.1. The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 26th September
Minutes of the Monthly 2024 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dunne and
Meeting held on <day> seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
<Month> 2023

4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.1. The Draft Budgetary Plan 2025 was circulated and considered by
Budgetary Plan 2024 the Councillors.

With Mr. Mark Connolly, Head of Finance and in attendance, the following queries from members were addressed:

Cllr D. Dunne

- Thanked Mr. Connolly for his report.
- Questioned the allocation of the proposed budget and whether the members could decide to spend amounts

elsewhere. He said he has gone through this for over 10 years and said that members still have no say how money is spent.

- Window and doors programme – every year he said he is inundated with requests for new windows and doors. Cllr Dunne queried if there was anything that could be done differently to save money. For example, when taking a void back, our staff do the work rather than a contractor.

Mark Connolly

- This can't be done locally, will be presented at plenary building. Roads influenced by roads grant, dev levies. Ultimately full information will be available at main budget meeting in November.
- The GMA allocation is definitive numbers and that is the budget that is in front of the members today.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro

- Raised concerns regarding the increased costs of materials around the housing maintenance programme and whether any allowance been made for inflation and if not does this mean less work being completed in 2025?

Mark Connolly

- What is presented today is the status quo – what is needed is more income and there is a limited number of areas where this can be got. The level of increase in grants has been limited. This will be decided at plenary budget meeting.
- Policy decision can be made at any time of how we spend money. This is a matter for the members at budget time.

Cllr. K. Bourke

- Thanked Mr. Connolly for his report.
- In relation to roads repair and maintenance. Not one cent of this budget is been spent on urban areas/housing estates. The roads in a housing estate in Grangemockler village and build up urban areas are been forgotten and are in bad repair. Cllr. Bourke asked that over the next number of weeks to put a plan in place to carry out these works otherwise he won't support any budgets going forward.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald

- Cllr. K. Bourke's concern may need a discussion at SPC level – territory roads

Mark Connolly

- Advised members that he will take all feedback and comments on board and will discuss there concerns with the relevant Directors.

Cllr. I Goldsboro

- Reiterated Cllr. Bourke's concern and stated the housing estates in Fethard and Ballynonty were in similar state of disrepair.
- Raised questions on funding for traffic calming measures for Carrick MD.

Cllr M. Brennan

- Churchview, Killenaule is also an issue. Cllr. Brennan said he will bring in petitions from residents of the estates in relation to the state of these roads.

Cllr. M Fitzgerald

- Stated to all members that the reality is that there is a budget in place. All members need to go to their colleagues in central government to request more money for local government.

Mark Connolly

- Advised members that he will discuss this issue with the Director of Roads. Mark also advised that difficult decisions will need to be made at the plenary budget meeting re increasing income in order to increase these budgets.

The GMA budget was:

- Proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke
- Seconded Cllr. I. Goldsboro

Mark Connolly thanked the members and reminded that the Budget workshop is scheduled for 5th November, encouraging all members to engage early in the process.

**Item 4.2.
District Engineer's
Report**

**4.2.1 Draft Three Year
Road Programme Carrick
on Suir**

Cllr I. Goldsboro

- Thanked the DE for his report.
- Raised concerns re: Speed signs near the schools – not working in rural areas. Issues with parts. Need to be cleaned. Have we done a survey
- Asked is the winter plan in place for salting of roads.
- Delighted to see works complete in at the ballroom carpark in Fethard
- Are the funding streams depleted for 2024? Are we at a stage where our patching units are been cut back. Number of areas with potholes, drainage issues

Cllr K. Bourke

- N24 – Are the contractors still within their retention period. There are a number of small issues but in general works are very good. Traffic lights at the bottom of O Mahoney avenue are not working properly and this is dangerous, there are a number of pavements where materials used are broken and loose.
- What kind of power as the DE do you have over this project?

Cllr D. Dunne

- Can the footpaths in Kickham street be cleaned?
- Update on Blueway – there is water gathering at elm ditch well and the surface is very slippery
- Maintenance budget – 2 houses back unexpectedly. Have we got maintenance to do those house in 2024?
- Reinstatement work – work to heritage centre, stable lane. How long do they have to reinstate?
- Large pothole on main street
- Got away with storms = lot of dead trees on roadside. Can we write to landowners?
- Concurring with Cllr. Bourke re issues on N24. Job itself is excellent, apart from roundabouts disabled parking bay removed, stones in front of school. snagging list
- Have to be very strict on road opening licences

Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald:

- Applying for funding for Jesuits walk Fethard

- Large branch hanging from a tree near playground in Fethard

Denis Power – Response to Cllr I. Goldsboro

- Survey was completed – progress on getting batteries and parts, they will be cleaned also. Looking at lock boxes, however could cause more issues
- Winter plan is in place – staff are monitoring the roads temperatures
- Patching units were cut back when weather was good but will be back to full capacity for the winter months. There are 2 units in the district

Denis Power – Response to Cllr K. Bourke:

- Glas works – N24 after 12 months defects period would be up, this is been extended until works completed at a satisfactory level.
- Advised members that he has to go through roads capital regarding works to the N24. Any works to be completed after the 12-month retention period will have to apply to TII for funding.
- Advised members that he will continue to sort the snagging list

Denis Power – Response to Cllr D. Dunne

- Footpath on Kickham Street – Advised that he will take a look at it and see if it can be cleaned up
- Contractor working on Blueway. Extra drainage has been put in at elm ditch well.
- Advised that he will liaise with the Housing Section re budgets for housing voids
- Reinstatement works – will revert to NBI. Has to be reinstated to match existing. Guarantee period is 12 months
- Pothole on main street – Advised that it will be patched for now but will need a bigger fix long term
- Hedgecutting notices have been sent out

Denis Power – Response to Cllr M. Fitzgerald

- Advised that he will take a look at Jesuits walk for funding
- Advised that he will speak to GSS re Tree

4.2.2 Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works

Members were provided with the three-year roads programme and this was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke and seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne

**Item 4.4.
District Administrator's Report:**

Cllr D. Dunne

- Raised concerns about incidents around the town of Carrick and asked in relation to the CCTV upgrade and what phase will that be in.
- Halloween – for a number of years there was great progress made in town re bonfires. Cllr Dunne had a serious problem with adults emptying rubbish out at potential bonfire sites and called on people to not add to the rubbish, ends up been a cost on the council. Cllr Dunne encouraged people to have more Eco-friendly bonfires and appealed to public to get rid of your rubbish in a proper manner

Cllr M. Fitzgerald

- Encourage members of the public to utilise the many initiatives run by the local authority to get rid of waste

Cllr K. Bourke

- Visited castle field – was gobsmacked. Standard of work and transformation was wonderful. If this is the standard been set we have a lot to look forward to in Carrick on Suir.
- Welcomed the tender been advertised for castle street, William street and the Digital hub

Brian Beck

- Got comprehensive report by a consultant re CCTV. Looked at existing scheme and potential to expand it. Cost at expanding it, will take time. Made a submission to head of finance to just go ahead with upgrade existing 13 cameras in the town, not enough but will be a start and will help in the town centre. Is a priority and will not only look at Carrick but will look at Fethard as well
- Regeneration - awful lot of work going on behind the scene. A lot of other work going on alongside the RRDF. Look at entire town to put investment into. Develop as much as the town as possible as well as the smaller towns

and rural villages. Trying to source money and get investment into those areas as well.

Marie Cox

- Appealed to everyone to utilise recycling centres
- Come into the role at a very exciting time

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald

- Great to see work started and see work progressing

**Item 4.5.
General Municipal
Allocation 2024**

N/A

**Item 4.6.
Assistance of Bodies
under Section 66 of the
Local Government Act,
2001**

N/A

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

**Item 5.1.
D.E. Order <no.>**

N/A

6.0. Correspondence

Item 6.1.

Environment & Climate Action – 2024 Policy for Halloween was circulated to all members

7.0. Notices of Motion

**Item 7.1.
Motion no. 2885**

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Cllr. M. Fitzgerald

The following notion of motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr. K. Bourke.

"I ask that Tipperary County Council explore the possibility of procuring the derelict site in Faugheen village for the construction of social housing. With the aim to alleviate the social housing need in the area as well as dealing with the issue."

In response to same, Marie Cox said that this matter has been examined by the Housing section and their technical team and they have indicated that they are open to the possibility of procuring the site and exploring the possibilities of same for the provision of housing. If the elected members have further details of the site and ownership, can they please contact the Housing Section directly and we will explore as appropriate.

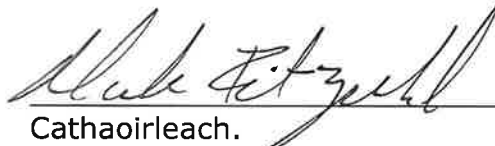
8.0. Any Other Business

Item 8.1.

- Cllr. M. Brennan raised concerns in relation to the removal of parking spaces in the town of Carrick. Both Cllr. M. Fitzgerald and Brian Beck advised Cllr. M. Brennan that an official complaint has been lodged with the Minister in relation to this and that the council intends to follow the due process in responding to same; until that has happened it would be inappropriate to discuss this issue.
- Brian Beck advised the meeting that additional money had just been received for a 3x3 basketball court in Healy Park
- Cllr K. Bourke wished both Cllr Goldsboro and Cllr Brennan well in the up coming elections

This concluded the business of the meeting. [15:03]


District Administrator.


Cathaoirleach.

22nd November 2024