

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CARRICK ON SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD
IN THE DISTRICT CHAMBER, NEW STREET, CARRICK ON SUIR AT 14:00 ON THE 22 NOVEMBER 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, A/Staff Officer, S. Holloway, Assistant Staff Officer, P.
Farrell Executive Engineer.

**Economic, Community
& Rural Development
Directorate** Mr. B Beck, Director of Services

**Culture & Libraries
Directorate** Mr. D. Dullaghan, Ms. S. Woods
Other Attendees Donal Doyle – Tipp Fm
Aileen Hahey – The Nationalist Newspaper
E.Kelleher- Irish Independent

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 24th October,
Minutes of the Monthly 2024 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke and
Meeting held on 24 seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
October 2024

4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.1. With Mr. B. Beck in attendance, the following queries from the
Attendance of Economic members were addressed:
Community & Rural
Directorate and Cllr. D. Dunne
consideration of report

- Thanked Mr. B. Beck for his report.
- Mentioned an issue that had come up when he was out
canvassing-the lack of a camper van car park in the

district, which he considered to be a missed opportunity. He mentioned Graignamanagh caravan park which was a hub of activity.

- When referring to the Just Transition Fund, commented that it was a pity there wasn't more money available to the council for housing repairs, items such as windows and doors and replacing old ranges with more energy efficient heat providers. This would help the move away from fossil fuels.
- Commented that having Make Way Day in Carrick was a very positive move. It emphasised the importance of taking care of the elderly and those with disabilities. The able bodied should be well capable of walking short distances and we should also have clearly marked blue spaces for those with disabilities.

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Stated that as regards the potential for a camper van car park, he agrees that it is certainly a growing market. Finding the ideal location would be very important.
- Commented that the JTF money is received from Fáilte Ireland and as such the terms for its usage are quite restrictive.
- Said that Make Way Day shows the importance that any improvement works must also contain improvements for people with disabilities and the elderly. There are National Standards with must be complied with- these are the same across the country.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Took the opportunity to incorporate Notice of Motion No 2897 pertaining to Waterford Airport. This was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke and seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Emphasised the importance of Waterford Airport for the development of the South East region, which is the only region without an airport that caters for Boeing 737s. Waterford Airport has been static in development with many years due to a difficulty in seeking funds. K. Bourke wants Carrick on Suir MD to write to the relevant departments supporting the securing of funds to Waterford Airport. He stated that if the argument came that there is a low volume of traffic, there is a lack of traffic due to it being underdeveloped. Knock Airport has been a huge success for the region.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Stated that he was happy to second this motion. An airport is vital for the South East Region- said he is aware of many work colleagues who would be willing to pay

extra to fly from Waterford as it is local. Less travel time also means less fossil fuel emissions. It would also encourage trade which is hugely important for South East region.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Stated that considering the work being done by Explore Carrick to promote Carrick and district, a local airport would be a tremendous asset in this regard.

Item 4.2. Attendance of Cultural Services/ Libraries & Biodiversity Directorate and consideration of report

D. Dullaghan:

- while stating that he was taking his report as read, used this as an opportunity to welcome S. Woods, who recently took over from C. Delaney as Branch Librarian. Mentioned that Carrick on Suir is a library which performs very well.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro:

- Took the opportunity to welcome S. Woods and stated that it is evident from social media how active the library is, mentioning all the classes being held and the community involvement. The amount of people attending courses is nothing short of phenomenal, and the library service are doing excellent work all over the district.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Took the opportunity to welcome S. Woods to the library and echoed I. Goldsboro's sentiments, that it was a very active and successful library. The library is a hub for the community, for education and many second and third level students use it to study in. Stated that it was a hidden gem of sorts, and complimented them on their social media presence. Mentioned that it was recently used for the Local Area Plan Consultation and stated that it had a very relaxing atmosphere.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Wished C. Delaney all the best in her retirement as well as welcoming S. Woods to the role. Also stated that as Cathaoirleach, he is more than happy to help chair any events as necessary.

Item 4.3. District Engineer's Report

Cllr. I. Goldsboro

- Raised a question as to whether or not funding for resurfacing estates can be got under the LIS programme
- Asked if the district had their winter roads programme in place

Cllr. D Dunne

- Stated that after all the traffic delays etc suffered while completing the job on the N24 looked great.
- Said that he had a couple of issues following on from the N24 works- the issues at the corner at the end of Cregg Road and the 2 roundabouts in O Mahony Avenue. He is aware that samples have been taken of the tarmac to try to identify what the underlying problem is.
- Mentioned the stones outside the Presentation NS- said that these are for drainage but they could do with being tidied up.
- Commented on the need for reinstatement works on the road from New Street to Main street- all the potholes have been caused by digging trenches by utility companies. Some of the manholes collapsing are caused by this also.
- Complimented the council staff on all their hard work during the recent cold snap, and on their preparedness for the upcoming orange storm warning, and all the outdoor staff on their hard work on roads

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Commented on the unsightliness of the two derelict properties on N24 at Ash Park, which were purchased by a business group and has planning approved on the site. The derelict properties are very visible as they are on the N24. Asked if we can contact the property owners as soon as possible, even just to cover the broken windows with plywood. The derelict properties are bringing down Carrick on Suir.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Seconded this sentiment and said that these properties are a disgrace.

D. Power to Cllr Goldsboro

- Stated that funding for roads in estates comes under the CIS scheme, not the LIS. He said that higher management in Tipperary County Council are considering this issue and hopefully there will be a solution early in 2025.
- As regards winter maintenance routes he confirmed that the route is already in place.
- He stated that with regard to storm preparation for Storm Bert, the GSSs have all been notified and are making their respective areas ready.

D. Power to Cllr Dunne

- Concerning the N24 at O Mahony Avenue stated that he understood that the Roads Section of the Council, TII and GLAS are all involved and they must work to find the best way forward. The issue at Ash Park junction must be treated in the same way. Requested that in 2025 the stones be looked at outside the Presentation School
- As regards the areas needing reinstatement, he asked if the road opening licence is still valid for these areas for the utility companies involved and said that it is important reinstatement happens before Christmas.

D. Power to Cllr Bourke

- Confirmed that a Derelict Site Report had already been done on the properties at Ash Park and suggested that a Final Warning Letter may be the next step to force the company to improve the appearance of the properties.

Item 4.4
District Administrator's
Report

Mr. B. Beck:

- Commented that all the work being presented in the DA report is positive, collaborative work and shows that Carrick on Suir is open for business.

Ms. M. Cox:

- Said that the Quest Map which had been provided to all meeting attendees was excellent work undertaken by the Explore Carrick on Suir team.
- Mentioned that there will be an invitation only concert in the Ormond Castle on 14th December with 50 spaces, with the intention of using the spaces for people who will spread the word about Ormond Castle.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Complimented all for their hard work that has gone into the festival event and stated that he was aware that people all over the district had the intention of travelling to the Tractors & Tudors event.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Expressed his wish to echo the sentiments of Cllr. M. FitzGerald and thanked all the various committees who had contributed to the Tractors and Tudors festival. Said that hours of work had gone into it and that he was very excited about the festival, and that it was amazing to watch the Christmas tractors grow over the years.

- Commented that Tractors and Tudors trips off the tongue and that he hopes we get the footfall deserving of all the hard work which has gone into it.
- Stated that the prospect of Ormond Castle opening for Christmas is amazing and that seeing the windows lit up for Christmas would also be incredible.
- Stated that S. Downey was the first to start doing the Christmas Tractors and that it has since spread nationwide - commented that it has spread nationwide since and it is great for children.

Ms. M. Cox:

- Stated that the "pedal power" event for kids should attract children and their parents to this event.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Brought up 7.2 Notice of Motion no 2907.

A wide-ranging discussion took place around the various issues concerning this motion.

- Cllr. D. Dunne proposed this motion.
- Cllr. I Goldsboro seconded this notice of motion.
- Cllrs. M. FitzGerald and K. Bourke supported the motion.
- Cllr. M. Brennan did not support the motion.

Item 4.5 General Municipal Allocation

A report and recommendation in relation to disbursement of GMA allocations for Christmas lights was circulated and considered by the members,

Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. K. Bourke and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to award grants for Christmas lights to the following recipient groups;

Fethard & Killusty Muintir Council	€900.00
Killenaule Enhancement Group	€900.00
Ballynonty Community Field	€800.00
Cloneen Sports & Social Club	€900.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Committee	€900.00
Carrick on Suir Business Association	€2000.00
Mullinahone Tidy Towns	€900.00
Glengoole Tidy Towns	€900.00
Drangan Community Centre	€504.00

A report and recommendation in relation to disbursement of GMA allocations for Community grants was circulated and considered by the members,

Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to award grants for Community grants to the following recipient groups;

Fethard Tennis Club	1,000.00
Slieveardagh Mining Book Committee	500.00
Glengoose Hall Committee	400.00

Item 4.6
Assistance of bodies
under Section 66 of local
Government Act, 2001

Having considered the report and recommendation of the Meetings Administrator in relation to the achievements of the 14 National Tidy Towns Competition entrants from the Carrick on Suir Municipal District, it was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne,

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 of the District Administrator, that grants totalling €16,000 be and are hereby approved for payment in respect of Tidy Towns Grants to the 14 successful entrants in the 2024 National Tidy Towns Awards, in proportion to the year-on-year improvement."

Grangemockler	€2,000
Moyglass	€1,500
Fethard	€1,400
Mullinahone	€1,200
Ballingarry	€1,100
Drangan	€1,100
Faugheen	€1,000
Killenaule	€1,000
Ahenny/Clashnasmuth	€1,000
Cloneen	€1,000
Ballynonty	€900
Ballyneale	€900
The Commons	€900
Carrick on Suir	€1000

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

- Item 5.1.** DEO 40175_Appointment of Architect Led Design Team for the
D.E. Order No. 40175 Arches Carrick on Suir

6.0. Correspondence

- Item 6.1.**

7.0. Notices of Motion

- Item 7.1.** **Motion no. 2897**
Motion no. 2897 **Cllr. K Bourke, Cllr. M Brennan, Cllr D Dunne, Cllr M Fitzgerald, Cllr I Goldsboro**

The following motion of motion was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne, and unanimously approved.

"We are calling on Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District to show support for the proposed re-development and upgrades to Waterford Regional Airport, by sending a letter to the appropriate Government departments expressing the need for a modern functioning airport to cater for the south east region of our country"

- Item 7.2.** **Motion no. 2907**
Motion no. 2907 **Cllr. K Bourke, Cllr D Dunne, Cllr M Fitzgerald, Cllr I Goldsboro**

Discussion took place around this motion, with it being supported by Cllrs. D. Dunne, I. Goldsboro, M. FitzGerald and K. Bourke. Cllr. M. Brennan did not support the motion.

"The elected members of this council recognise the regeneration and revitalisation of the centre of Carrick-on-Suir is a vital part of the future of the town. The award of €17.9 million under the Rural Regeneration and Development fund was seen as a game changer for the town and wider district, and will ensure that the town centre can meet the needs of the people which it serves. The delivery of this regeneration project is a priority for the elected members during this council term and we are calling on all members to support the delivery of the project in its entirety. We're also seeking that members should continue to support and work with the Municipal District to seek additional funding for both town and the district."

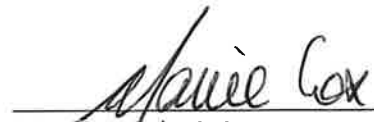
8.0. Any Other Business

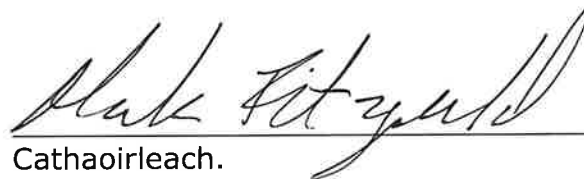
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**Any other business
arising with the
permission of the
Cathaoirleach**

None

This concluded the business of the meeting (15.45)


District Administrator.


Cathaoirleach.

19th December 2024

