

**Monthly Meeting of the Councillors for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District
held via Zoom at 2.00pm on the 22nd of April, 2021.**

In the Chair: Cllr. Kevin O'Meara

Members Present: Cllr. Kieran Bourke.

Cllr. David Dunne.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro.

Apologies: Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald.

In Attendance: Mr. Brian Beck, A/District Director of Services.

Marie O' Gorman, District Administrator.

Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer.

Ms Liz McGrath, Staff Officer.

1.0 Welcome

Item 1.1

Summons and
Prayer

The summons was taken as read.

Cathaoirleach Kevin O' Meara welcomed Marie O'Gorman to her new position as District Administrator and stated that he looked forward to working with her. The rest of the Councillors present concurred.

Suspension of
Standing Orders

On the proposal of Cllr. David Dunne seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro it was agreed to suspend

standing orders to allow the meeting to proceed via 'Zoom'.

Item 1.2

Conflict of
Interest

None to record.

2.0 Consideration of Minutes

Item 2.1.

Minutes of Monthly
Meeting

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 25th March 2021 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kieran Bourke, seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and agreed.

Matters arising

No matters arising.

3.0 Consideration of Reports/Recommendations

Item 3.1

Environment and Climate Action Directorate.

The Environment and Climate Action Directorate's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was taken as read. Ms. Marion O'Neill, S.E.O. responded to the elected members queries as follows:

Applications for the Anti-Dumping Grant were made through the Local Authority. Black spots were identified and had to meet certain criteria to avail of the grant.

The provision of funding to increase the number of "big belly bins" would be examined once the trial period was over. At the moment the L.A. was renting the bins, which were expensive to purchase.

Ms. O'Neill informed meeting that the "Greener Tidy Towns" grant had been launched that day, the 22nd April 2021. She acknowledged the positive comments received from the elected members regarding the environment staff and community groups involved in litter picking. She stated that she would relay the positive feedback to the relevant staff.

Ruairi Boland S.E.E informed the meeting that he would liaise with relevant personnel in each of the M.D.s in order to compile statistics in relation to the operation of the Smart Bins.

He also stated that the Killaghy Cemetery wall was on the list to have remedial works carried out but that there was no immediate danger of it collapsing.

Cllr. Kevin O'Meara proposed that information regarding the use of CCTV be included on the Tidy Town signage entering the villages. Mr. Boland undertook to examine the feasibility of this suggestion.

3.2 Culture and Library Services Directorate.

The Culture and Library Services Directorates report was taken as read. Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian acknowledged the positive remarks from the Elected Members regarding the "*Grow it Forward*" initiative and also for the work being done by the Library Service during COVID.

3.3 Fire and Emergency Services Directorate.

Mr. Dave Carroll, C.F.O. acknowledged the positive comments from the Elected Members in relation to the professionalism of the fire crews, particularly in light of the recent fatality. Mr. Carroll informed the meeting that he would pass the message onto the crew.

A vote of sympathy, following the death of Sophia Melnychuk was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. Kevin O'Meara and agreed.

Item 3.4

District Engineer's
Report

Following the District Engineers report W. Corby. responded to queries as follows:

With Tipperary County rated as having a low performance for its local roads, it was imperative that this rating be improved. The District Engineer stated that a lot of money was still available to Carrick Town and that all services provided heretofore would be maintained.

The District Engineer informed the meeting that the Part 8 for Grangemockler would be processed after the May bank holiday. There were "rates vacancies" resources available and he requested each Elected Member to submit proposals for the spending of same.

Other matters were addressed as follows:

- W. Corby to revert to Cllrs. Bourke and Dunne in relation to the identification of trees that required pruning.
- €60,000 was available for the provision of footpaths and a pedestrian crossing at Carrick beg.
- Acknowledged the positive comments in relation to the water works on the N24 and the footpath works at Collins Park and O'Mahoney Avenue.
- Noted the comment in relation to the speed of machinery using Killonerry Boreen,
- Condition of the Railway Bridge and 2 other bridges to be examined.
- Vegetation growth on the flood wall and the condition of the slips and steps to be examined.
- Agreed to examine the condition of the benches in the Town Park.
- Undertook to check the tap in the cemetery.
- Indicated that money earmarked for the Journeyman junction project was to be combined with other funding.
- Undertook to investigate the possibility of employing the speed survey machine for Killonerry Boreen.

- Confirmed that works on the pedestrian crossing in Ballingarry would commence within the next few weeks.
- Stated that he would revert with an update regarding the commencement of works at Slieveardagh carpark. In addition, a specialist contractor may be required for the works at Scoil Ruain. The elected members will be kept informed of developments.
- Undertook to revert to the elected members regarding clarification on the roads programme.
- Committed to provide clarification on the following:
 - a) Works carried out at Mullinahone School;
 - b) Inclusion of Poulacapple School in the Clár programme, and
 - c) Provision of a tap in the East Gate Park in Fethard.

Item 3.5

District
Administrator's
Report:

The District Administrator reported as follows:

- 1) The following directorates would attend at the May meeting:
 - Planning.
 - Water Services.
- 2) Informed the meeting that the Part 8 application for the Ecological and Amenity Improvement Scheme at Ormond Castle Park had commenced with publication of Article 81 notice and public consultation was open for receipt of submissions

from the public until close of business [4:30pm] on the 24th May 2021.

3) Confirmed that she would investigate Cllr. Bourke's complaints regarding difficulty of getting through to the M. D. Office by telephone.

Burial Ground Maintenance Grants 2021

Item 3.6

Assistance to bodies under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001

A schedule of Burial Ground Grants was presented to the Council Members. Approval for the payment of €22,600 for 26 no. burial ground committees was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne seconded by Cllr. Kevin O'Meara and agreed.

Item 4.1

No. 25199:

Chief Executive/ Delegated Officers Orders

Scaffolding Licence pursuant to Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 be granted to John Casey, 45 Kickham Street, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary.

Item 5.1

Items of Correspondence

None to report.

Item 6.1

Any other business.

Brian Beck A/ Director of Services provided the elected members with a comprehensive report in relation to the public consultation for the "*Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter*" noting the following;

The website went live on 9th March 2021. The stakeholder online survey opened on 9th March and closed on 7th April at which point the consultants reported that Facebook had 66,400 users and 3,550 engagements. There were 2,791 impressions and 55 engagements on Twitter. A total of 302 submissions were received via the online survey, including 4 schools participating and 5 written submissions were received. The respondents were from a broad range of people which provided balanced data.

Mr. Beck thanked the media and the elected members for their assistance in relation to the project. He also stated that the website would remain open for the public to comment further on the concepts /ideas which would be presented later.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach – 27th May 2021