

Monthly Meeting of the Members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held via ZOOM on the 27th May 2021 at 10am.

In the Chair:	Cllr. Kevin O'Meara
Members Present:	Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Cllr. David Dunne, Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald.
Apologies:	None
In Attendance:	Mr Brian Beck, A/Director of Services, Ms Marie O'Gorman, District Administrator. Mr Willie Corby, District Engineer, Ms Liz. McGrath, Staff Officer.
From Planning Directorate:	Ms. Nuala O'Connell, Acting Senior Planner Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer
From Water Services Directorate:	Mr. John Crowley, Senior Engineer.
From Roads Directorate:	Mr. Liam Brett, Senior Engineer.

1.0 Welcome

<u>Item 1.1</u> Summons and Prayer	The summons was taken as read. On the proposal of Cllr. David Dunne and seconded by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro it was agreed to suspend standing orders.
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<u>Item 1.2.</u> Conflict of Interest Declaration	None to record.
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2.0 Minutes of Meetings

<u>Item 2.1</u> Minutes of Monthly District Meeting of 22nd April 2021	The minutes of the meeting of the 22 nd April 2021 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro and seconded by Cllr. David Dunne.
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3.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 3.1
Update by the
Planning
Directorate.

Planning Directorate circulated a report on the activities of the Planning Directorate in the District which was taken as read. Arising from discussion of the report, the following issues were raised:

Cllr. Kevin O'Meara

- Queried the number of wind turbines in Co. Tipperary?
- Queried whether Tipperary County Council had an overall county wide plan regarding the development of wind farms/turbines?

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Sought information in relation to measures contained in the County Development Plan to safeguard areas of archaeological and historic interest, e.g. Lingaun Valley, Ahenny.

Cllr. David Dunne

- Reiterated Cllr. Bourke's concerns and also cited the importance of the Knockroe Passage Tomb.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Stated that there was great concern in the Currasilla and Grangemoekler areas regarding the possible erection of wind turbines.

Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald

- Enquired if it were possible for a farmer to install a wind turbine on his own land?

Ms. Nuala O'Connell A/ Senior Planner responded that Tipperary County Council prepared a Renewable Energy Strategy in 2016 outlining the Local

Authority's objectives in this area. Currently, updated guidelines were awaited from the Department and when received, would inform Tipperary County Councils future strategy in this area.

Ms. O'Connell informed the meeting that the Lingaun Valley was subject to its own stringent safeguards having regard to its archaeological significance. She also informed the meeting that Tipperary was the 4th largest energy producer by L.A. area, and undertook to revert to Cllr. O'Meara regarding the number of wind turbines in the county.

Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer, addressing the issue of DPI estates, informed that of the 3 no. DPI estates in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District, Dualla Heights and Slieveardagh had been selected by Irish Water to be included as demonstration projects. This meant that a full engineering assessment would be undertaken to provide a proper engineering solution to the problems being experienced at these locations. The assessment would be completed during the summer months and costings provided.

Following further discussion, Mr. Ladden responded to the following queries from the Members:

Cllr. Kevin O'Meara:

- Whether Slieveardagh could be desludged again should the need arise, Mr. Ladden indicated that the matter would be kept under review.

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Queried how the costs of the assessment would

be funded and was informed that the initial survey was being funded by Irish Water.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro:

- Queried when Glengoole would be submitted for funding and was advised that costings would be included in a submission later on in 2021.

Item 3.2

Update by Water

Services

Directorate.

A comprehensive report prepared by the Water Services Directorate was circulated and taken as read. Mr. John Crowley, Senior Engineer attended to update the Members in relation to the activities of Water Services in the district. Following further discussion, the following issues were raised and addressed by Mr. Crowley.

Cllr. Kevin O'Meara:

- Requested that appropriate ducting/infrastructure be included when imminent N24 works were underway at Grangemockler to ensure that they would not be damaged subsequently when a future proposed treatment plant would be developed.

Mr. Crowley undertook to with Mr. Kieran Ladden and Irish Water regarding this matter.

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Spoke of the disruption including water outages caused by the Irish Water contracted works at New Street and expressed disappointment that a liaison person had not been appointed to give advance warning to businesses and residents.

Mr. Crowley indicated that he would convey those concerns to Irish Water, noting it was difficult to replace old water mains and retain supply. He stated that once the old main was decommissioned the situation would improve considerably.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke:

- Deplored the lack of information by Irish Water to the public as inadequate; noted that Irish Water only disseminated information on their website whereas not everyone had access to the internet.
- Considered that reinstatement of the roads where works were undertaken was inadequate.

Mr. Crowley acknowledged the inadequacy of the reinstatements and stated that he would work closely with the relevant contractor and the District Engineer on any future works.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro:

- Sought information on the number of applicants that had been successful in obtaining septic tank grants.
- Expressed concern for vulnerable people in the event that water supplies were curtailed and spoke of Irish Water's responsibilities towards such households in those circumstances.
- Welcomed funding for Glengoole.

Mr. Crowley undertook to revert with the number of applicants awarded grants for septic tanks and informed of the need for vulnerable persons to register with Irish Water in order that they can be supplied with

bottled water in the event of an outage.

He also informed that Tipperary County Council and Irish Water were examining a short-term option involving the drilling of a new borehole to improve supply at Glengoole.

Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald:

- Supported and reiterated the point of installing advance ducting at Grangemockler to avoid later damage to N24 when a contract is awarded for future treatment plant.

This was duly noted by Mr. Crowley.

Item 3.3

**Carrick-on-Suir
Rural Regeneration
Development Fund
[RRDF] Project:**

"A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter" - Report by Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services.

Mr. Beck updated the members regarding the outcome of the survey conducted by the Malachy Walsh & Partners and the following points were conveyed;

- This project represented a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity for Carrick-on-Suir. The people of Carrick had outlined in the survey that they were open to change.
- 302 people responded to the survey. Put in context, this was a hugely significant number, far exceeding the numbers of submissions received for many County Development Plans.
- Each submission had been analysed and it was evident that people wanted a more pedestrian/cycling-oriented Main Street.
- A webinar has been arranged for 16th June which

would illustrate the draft designs prepared by the consultants. In effect, this was an extra consultation stage before the official Part 8 process commenced.

- If the elected members required a further workshop before the webinar this could be arranged.
- All feedback was welcomed and Mr. Beck would be briefing CoSTEDC in relation to the proposals.

Members commented as follows:

Cllr. Kevin O'Meara:

- Commended Mr. Beck and his team for the work carried out.

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Stated that he was 100% committed to the project and wished to thank all those who made submissions via the website and otherwise.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke

- Commended the project and welcomed the impending webinar.

Item 3.4 **District** **Engineer's** **Report**

The District Engineers report was circulated and considered with a presentation on various projects given by Mr. Willie Corby, Senior Executive Engineer.

At the outset, Mr. Liam Brett, Senior Engineer, Roads, made a brief presentation outlining to the members that there had been a significant increase in funding from the Department for roads. He informed that additional funding had been provided for "Active Travel" projects.

Arising from same, the Members raised issues as follows:

Cllr. Kevin O'Meara:

- Expressed concern at the lack of spaces in Grangemoockler at mass and funeral times.
- Suggested that diversion of traffic through Mullinahone should be done when the schools are closed.
- Queried when would a decision be made in relation to L.I.S.?
- Criticised the poor quality of roads in estates.
- Queried whether premises in villages were able to avail of build outs?

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Stated that proposal for works on N76 will result in a lack of parking.
- Stated that he had no faith in the company carrying out the works on the N24 and deplored the condition of the road as shocking.
- Complained that Castle Heights was left in poor condition.
- Noted that there was no diversion signage in place on the Blueway for the duration of works.
- Strand Lane carpark.

Cllr. Kieran Bourke:

- Sought assurances that the contractor on the N24 would reinstate the road to a satisfactory standard.
- Queried when the compound within New Street Car Park currently assigned to the contractor be returned to the car park proper?
- Question in relation to tree maintenance.
- Complimented staff in relation to the work being undertaken on the Main Street.
- Queried when works would be completed at Castle

Heights?

- Requested that the road at Rack Hill down to the river be included in the next roads programme.
- Queried whether the roads programme presented was based on the 20% reduction?
- Questioned whether New Street would be resurfaced once Irish Water were finished the works.

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro

- Queried whether Climate Action Funding could be used for Roads and extra SMART bins?
- Queried whether traffic calming measures would be installed in Killenaule?

Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald

- Queried if another round of C.I.S was to be announced?
- Given that the Tidy Towns Competition is going ahead requested that arrangements be made to have the signs at villages cleaned?

The District Engineer provided clarification and response as follows:

- Requested details of mass times so that they could be forwarded to Roads Capital Section.
- Agreed to follow up regarding condition of roads in estates.
- Confirmed that he would revert to Councillors when he had details of L.I.S applications.
- Suggested that any observations regarding proposed works on N76 should be forwarded to Roads Capital.
- Agreed that it would be wise to install advance pipes

while the N76 was worked on.

- Informed the meeting that there was no diversion in place having regard to the improvement works on the Blueway.
- Undertook to examine Strand Lane Carpark in the context of the RRDF.
- Agreed to follow up with contractor to ensure road is properly reinstated.
- Agreed to follow up with contractor for New Street to re instate compound.
- Undertook to meet with Cllr. Bourke regarding tree maintenance and to re-examine Rack Hill.
- Acknowledged positive comments in relation to Main Street
- Informed Bourke that the €203,000 allocation provided for urban roads would be reviewed next year.
- Stated that he would check with I.W. regarding the resurfacing of New Street.
- Confirmed that once resurfacing was completed in Killenaule arrangements would be made to install bollards.
- Stated that he would revert when details of C.I.S are available.
- Requested details of the locations of the signs to examine the possibility of having them cleaned.

Item 3.5

District

Administrator's

Report:

The District Administrator brought the following issues to the attention of the members:

Further to the Carrick on Suir Regeneration Presentation earlier, she advised of arrangements underway to hold a Webinar on Wednesday 16th June 2021 at 7:00pm. She indicated that all those who provided email contacts

while completing their survey, would receive an invitation to the webinar and a link to log on; furthermore, the link would be available via yourcarrickonsuir.ie and promoted through a social media campaign. With media representatives in attendance, she asked that they would also promote the initiative.

By way of update in relation to the commencement of Part 8 for the Ecological and Amenity Improvement Scheme at Ormond Castle Park, the District Administrator indicated that one (composite) submission involving 7 households at Castle Park was received during the course of the submission period which ended on the previous Monday at close of business (24 June 2021). In response to her assertion that it was intended to list the matter for June monthly meeting, Councillor Bourke requested that the members be given adequate time to consider the manager's report and response. This was agreed.

Item 3.6
General
Municipal
Allocation:

The District Administrator reported that under this heading, a recommendation was before the Members in respect of Community Grants Scheme. Following consideration of her report, it was proposed by Councillor David Dunne, seconded by Councillor Mark Fitzgerald and resolved in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and being of the opinion that it is desirable to do so to promote the interests of the local community, and having regard to the recommendation from the District Administrator, that grants under the Community Grant Scheme be awarded to the following:

- Millennium Family Resource Centre, Glengoole - €117.00
- Castlecourt Residents Association, Carrickbeg, Carrick on Suir- €1000.00.
- Mullinahone Men's Shed - €195.00
 - Cluain Áird Residents Association, Fethard - €330.00

4.1. Chief Executive/Delegated Officer Orders:

The following Chief Executive/Delegated Officer Orders were circulated and noted.

No. 25711

Section 254 Licence – Outdoor Tables and chairs –
Dooks Fines Foods, Kerry Street, Fethard.

No. 25766

Purchase of Pelican 309 Coin Sorting Machine –
Dualtron Ltd.

No. 25768

Section 254 Licence – Scaffolding Licence to Woodlock
Scaffolding Services Ltd for 45 Fethard Street,
Mullinahone.

No. 25800

Section 254 Licence – Outdoor tables and chairs
The Junction Bar & Bistro, 1 New Street, Carrick on Suir.

No. 25801

Section 254 licence – Outdoor tables and chairs
Sunnyside Café, 89 Main Street, Carrick on Suir.

5.0 Correspondence

Item 5.1

Press Release Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage

A press release by Minister of State for Heritage and electoral Reform, Mr. Malcom Noonan T.C., was circulated and noted in relation to the €3m funding for Historic Structures Fund 2021.

6.0. Notices of Motion

The following notices of motion were considered:

Item 6.1

Motion 2176

Councillor Imelda Goldsboro

"I am seeking the support of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal Councillors in writing to the Minister for Education Norma Foley for the retention of individual school buses for the students of Presentation Secondary School Ballingarry and Scoil Ruain Killenaule. This would result in more students being able to secure a seat on the school transport system".

This motion was proposed by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. Kevin O'Meara and agreed.

Item 6.2

Motion 2177

Councillor Imelda Goldsboro Motion 2177

"I am asking that Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District would carry out immediate traffic calming measures outside St. Mary's National School in Killenaule. This primary school is located on a very busy road and is congested numerous times throughout the school day. This issue needs to be addressed before school reopens again in September as it's only a matter of time before an accident occurs".

This was proposed by Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro, seconded
by Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald and agreed.

In response, the District Engineer indicated that he would
arrange for a review of traffic safety to be undertaken at
the location.

7.0 Any Other Business

Item 7.1.

None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



District Administrator



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Date