

<b>In the Chair:</b>	Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald
<b>Members present:</b>	Cllr. D. Dunne, Cllr. I. Goldsboro, Cllr. K. O'Meara, Cllr. K. Bourke
<b>Apologies:</b>	None
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<p>Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Services;  Ms. Marie O'Gorman, District Administrator;  Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer;  Ms. Liz McGrath, Staff Officer;</p> <p>Ms. Caroline Conway, A/Senior Planner;  Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer;  Ms. Anne Marie Devaney, Senior Executive Planner</p> <p>Mr. John Crowley, A/Senior Engineer</p> <p>Mr. Liam Brett, Senior Engineer</p>
<b>Item 1.1. Summons and Prayer</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1.0. Welcome</b></p> <p>The summons was taken as read.</p>
<b>Item 1.2. Suspension of Standing Orders</b>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, it was resolved to suspend standing orders to permit the conduct of the meeting via ZOOM.</p>
<b>Item 1.3. Conflict of Interest Declaration</b>	<p>None to record</p>
<b>Item 2.1. Minutes of Monthly District Meeting held on the 22 July 2021</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2.0. Minutes of Meetings</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 22 July 2021 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara and signed by the Cathaoirleach.</p>

<b>Planning Directorate:</b>	
	<b>3.0. Consideration of Reports &amp; Recommendations</b>
	<p>The meeting was attended by Ms. Caroline Conway, A/Senior Planner, Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Anne Marie Devaney, Senior Executive Planner and were welcomed by the Cathaoirleach. A report circulated with the agenda was taken as read.</p> <p>Following consideration of same, the following issues were raised by the Members</p> <p><u>Cllr. K. Bourke:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised the issue of the disposal of rubble over the previous 6-8 weeks at the Pill Road and sought clarity on whether planning permission was required and sought in this case.</li> </ul> <p><u>Cllr. D. Dunne:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enquired whether planning permission was required for a person proposing to develop log cabin(s) for holiday lets.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Caroline Conway undertook to investigate the disposal of rubble at Pill Road and to revert to Councillor Bourke in relation to this matter.</p> <p>She also confirmed that planning permission would be needed for development of log cabins, and indicated that she would be happy to arrange one-on-one meeting with the person in question via zoom to give guidance on the matter.</p>
	<b>Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028</b>
	<p>Ms. Anne Marie Devaney outlined the position in relation to the ongoing consultation associated with the Draft County Development Plan, with webinars and public seminars conducted. She noted that there were more than 2,600 'hits' to the website recorded and similar activity on Twitter and Facebook.</p> <p>She informed that there were over 60 submissions received county-wide to date which was a significant number and more were anticipated before the consultation period closed on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021.</p> <p>This was noted.</p>

**Water Services Directorate:**

Mr. John Crowley A/Senior Engineer Water Services attended the meeting in order to deliver his report providing contact details, and covering such issues as The Irish Water Investment Plan, Capital Delivery for water and waste water

projects, Mains Rehabilitation Work, the National Water Resources Plan, The Rural Water Programme, issues relating to billing and the implementation of the Water Sector Transformation. Having considered the report, the following queries arose from the Members:

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Sought report into situation prevailing at St. John's Terrace, with ongoing sewerage issues; CCTV investigations undertaken by Irish Water but no indication of whether they intended to replace the pipework to address the recurring blockages.
- Queried the cause of poor quality of water in Carrick on Suir in previous 2 weeks with hard water prevailing.
- Sought report in relation to rumours that the cost of phone calls to Irish Water had increased owing to the 1890 (lo-call) number no longer in use for customers
- Reported the case of householder discovering a leak amounting to 20 litres per day, when installing new kitchen and not having been notified by Irish Water of the problem and facing substantial cost as a result.
- Sought update into ongoing sewerage issues at Slieveardagh

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Expressed disappointment that there were no villages within the Carrick on Suir Municipal District included in the Irish Water Small Towns and Villages Programme.
- In relation to forthcoming Regional Water Resources Plan workshop with Irish Water, queried whether notes were available from the last workshop. He suggested that

<p>Water Services/</p>	<p>attendance by technical people rather than PR people would be more beneficial in future.</p> <p><u>Cllr. K. Bourke:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concurred with previous speaker that workshops conducted by Irish Water were less useful than those which were attended in the past by officials; he suggested that responses to representations were often not forthcoming – he added that there was no blame attributed to Tipperary County Council staff in this regard.</li> <li>• In the context of the ongoing housing crisis and referring to the vital role played by Irish Water in servicing development sites providing water and waste- water infrastructure, he queried whether there were any such difficulties pertaining to the Carrick on Suir Municipal District.</li> </ul> <p><u>Cllr. I. Goldsboro:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commended works undertaken at Coalbrook.</li> <li>• Queried the number of projects on hand pertaining to Carrick on Suir Municipal District.</li> <li>• Enquired whether there was a designated line assigned for billing queries, such that a specific person would be on hand to resolve issues.</li> <li>• Sought information in relation to the numbers of connections outstanding and whether there was a backlog, and if so, what was the extent of same.</li> </ul> <p><u>Cathaoirleach- Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressed disappointment at Irish Water's lack of communication to elected members; he was aware of cases where Irish Water were notified of completion of works by Tipperary County Council and that information not being conveyed to Councillors or conversely, of receiving reports from Irish Water that matters were resolved when clearly this was not the case.</li> </ul>
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<p>Water Services/</p>	<p>In response Mr. Crowley,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertook to follow up issues pertaining to St. John's Terrace, in order to identify the problem.</li> <li>• Undertook to obtain a report from Irish Water in relation to the use of the lo-call number and revert.</li> <li>• Stated that he would obtain more detail in relation to the householder dealing with leakage, in order to investigate where communication had fallen down as reported.</li> <li>• In relation to water quality, he indicated that following the restoration of supplies after outages, it could take time for water to settle after sediment had been disturbed; however, hard water was not a health and safety issue and as a consequence there were no plans to reduce hardness.</li> <li>• He noted that when issuing the invitation to attend the Biannual Workshop with Irish Water, Mr. Denis Holland, Senior Engineer had invited the Members to bring forward any issue they wished to have addressed in order to ensure satisfactory response and to make best use of the time allotted.</li> <li>• Indicated that with the migration of non-domestic water accounts to Irish Water now completed, a dedicated telephone number – 1850 778 778 -was established for queries relating to billing, in addition to the email address <a href="mailto:business@water.ie">business@water.ie</a>. He undertook to investigate whether there was a similar dedicated line for domestic billing queries.</li> <li>• Explained how work orders issued to Council staff and were closed out according as they were completed on the ground. He was surprised to hear that work orders were closed out on the system when not actually completed and he undertook to investigate further.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Item 3.3. District Engineer's Report</b></p>	<p><b>Three-Year Multi-Annual Programme – Road Improvement Carrick on Suir Municipal District 2022-2024</b></p> <p>Following on from Zoom workshop which took place on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021, a revised 3-year Multi-Annual Programme for Road Improvements in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District was circulated and considered by the Council in the context of forthcoming budget preparation for 2022, with Mr. Liam Brett, Senior Engineer, Road Transportation and Infrastructure in attendance.</p>

**It was proposed by Councillor K. Bourke, seconded by Councillor I. Goldsboro and unanimously agreed to adopt the 3-year multi-annual programme for road improvement for the period 2022-2024.**

The following matters were raised and addressed;

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- Requested that where funding allowed, consideration be given to applying DBM instead of 'wetmix' where possible.

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Given the long timeframe within which regional roads would be upgraded under the programme, he suggested that a letter should issue to the Minister seeking additional funding to improve these key arteries within the district.

In response, Mr. L. Brett, Senior Engineer, thanked the Members for their input, noting that it was a most important step to agree a schedule. He acknowledged the Councillors' comments and stated that the Roads directorate would continue to push for additional funding and endeavour to undertake works earlier each year in order to avail of any extra funding that would come on stream. In this regard, he noted that the Council was successful in the past and would also exploit any opportunities under the Active Travel and Climate Change banners.

The District Engineer, Mr. W. Corby informed the meeting that in relation to proposed N24 contract, T.I.I. had agreed to cover the costs of additional repair works to mains and investigations were underway. With much work being done in the background, it was likely that the contractor would not commence work until the New Year; in any event, it would not be optimum to start before Christmas.

He noted that surface dressing projects were completed with the excepting of road markings to be applied. He informed that with works to be carried out at Clashnasmuth, Ahenny, a road closure would be required, commencing on the 18<sup>th</sup> October.

On further consideration, the following matters were raised and addressed by the District Engineer, Mr. W. Corby.



Cllr. I. Goldsboro:

- Sought update in relation to hedge-cutting programme, referring in particular to the bad bend at Lisnagaul N.S., and at Killough Quarry in the vicinity of the N8 under-bridge
- Enquired on that status of proposed works at Killenaule.
- Queried re status of pedestrian crossing at Ballingarry.
- Queried whether the next person on the list would be included in a scenario where an applicant withdrew from the Local Improvement Scheme.
- Enquired whether there was a budget to address the surfacing required at Drangan near the school
- Sought update in relation to repairs to bridge at Fethard
- Reported the concerns expressed by the community in Fethard in relation to overgrowth at the river and whether Japanese knotweed was being treated.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Welcomed the imminent road markings programme
- Requested that the provision of a footpath be investigated at St. Mary's Cemetery in the vicinity of the nuns' graves.

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Enquired re. timeline for results of Community Improvement Scheme.
- Requested that footpaths at Fethard Street, Mullinahone be given priority
- Indicated that the Tidy Towns group in Mullinahone were engaged in cleaning up the river and required expert advice on how to proceed.
- Requested that businesses be notified in advance of the forthcoming diversion to take place during N76 upgrade, given that this will have a major impact on business.

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- Expressed concern that Japanese knotweed had also been identified along the Clashawley River
- Referred to certain persons approved for inclusion in the L.I.S. in Cloneen, and stated that they would be happy to make up the additional cost associated with applying DBM rather than 'wetmix'.

	<p>In response, Mr. W. Corby District Engineer,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Stated that in relation to the C.I.S., there were 8 applications being processed and with over 200 applications on hands, the allocation would not be known until 2022;</li> <li>➤ He informed that a land dedication agreement was negotiated since July in relation to Killenaule and he was currently negotiating a tender for the works.</li> <li>➤ Undertook to meet with Tidy Towns group in Mullinahone in relation to the river clean-up</li> <li>➤ Explained that the difficulty in getting contractors was the reason for the delay in replacing footpaths in Fethard.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Item 3.4. District Administrator's Report:</b></p>	<p>Local Live Performance Programming Scheme Carrick on Suir &amp; Cahir</p>
	<p>The District Administrator referred to email notice which issued on the 16<sup>th</sup> September from the Arts Officer Ms. Melanie Scott in relation to the live performance of the Irish Chamber Orchestra with Katie Holmes and Jimmy Smyth headlining events at Ormond Castle on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September, supported by local artists Martin Murray &amp; Friends. The outdoor event would be staged at the castle courtyard and the tickets would be confined to 150 socially distances patrons.</p> <p>This was noted.</p>
	<p>Community Grants Scheme</p>
<p><b>Item 3.5. General Municipal Allocation:</b></p>	<p>A report and recommendation in relation to payment of Community Grants was considered by the Members.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. K. O'Meara, seconded by Cllr., I. Goldsboro and resolved in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 and being of the opinion that it</p>



<p><b>Item 4.O. Chief Executive/ Delegated Employees Orders</b></p> <p><b>Item 5.O. Items of Correspondence:</b></p>	<p>is desirable to do so to promote the interests of the local community and having regard to the recommendation of the District Administrator that grants under the Community Grant Scheme be awarded to the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ballylynch Coming Together Group €400</li> <li>Cappanagarrane Horse Rescue €1,000</li> <li>Fr. Tirry Park, Fethard €500</li> <li>Ballingarry Community Centre €1,000</li> <li>Árd Álainn Residents Committee €1,000</li> </ul>
	Tidy Towns Grants Scheme
	<p>A report and recommendation in relation to payment of Tidy Towns Grants was considered by the Members.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. K. O'Meara, seconded by Cllr., I. Goldsboro 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 of the District Administrator that a grant of €1,000 each under the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme be awarded to the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dualla Tidy Towns</li> <li>Mullinahone Tidy Towns</li> <li>Clashnasmuth Tidy Towns Association</li> <li>Ballynonty Tidy Towns</li> <li>The Commons Tidy Towns</li> <li>Ballingarry Tidy Towns Association</li> <li>Moyglass Tidy Village</li> </ul>
	Chief Executive/Delegated Employees Orders
	None for consideration
	Items of Correspondence
	None for consideration

**Item 6.0.  
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Cllr. K. O'Meara raised the issue of impending closures of the bank in Fethard and proposed that a letter would issue to the Minister requesting intervention to have the decision reversed.

Referring to the serious impact on the town and surrounding villages, the Cathaoirleach seconded the proposal, stating that the communities would not accept the decision.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro indicated that there were similar closures in Callan, with its knock-on effect on the communities in Mullinahone, particularly with regard to the negative impact on older persons who did not have transport; she concluded that it was important to make their voices heard.

This concluded the business of the meeting (15:45)



District Administrator

28 October 2021



Cathaoirleach