

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2022 MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CARRICK ON SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN  
THE DISTRICT CHAMBER, NEW STREET, CARRICK ON SUIR AT 14:00 ON THE 15 DECEMBER 2022

<b>In the Chair:</b>	Cllr. D. Dunne
<b>Members Present:</b>	Cllr. K. Bourke, Cllr. M. Fitzgerald, Cllr. I. Goldsboro, Cllr. K. O'Meara.
<b>Apologies:</b>	None
<b>Attending from- Carrick on Suir MD:</b>	Mr. B Beck, A/Director of Services; Ms. M O'Gorman, Meetings Administrator; Mr. W Corby, District Engineer; Ms. H. Cahill, Staff Officer; Ms. S. Holloway, Assistant Staff Officer.
<b>C &amp; E D Directorate:</b>	Ms. Marie Phelan, Tourism Development Officer.
<b>Active Travel Team:</b>	Ms. Gillian Flynn, A/Senior Executive Engineer.
<b>Planning Directorate:</b>	Mr. Jonathan Flood, A/Senior Executive Planner.

### ***1.0. Welcome and Introduction***

<b>Item 1.1. Summons and Prayer:</b>	The summons was taken as read.
<b>Item 1.2. Minute Silence:</b>	With the sad news received of the untimely death of Private Seán Rooney, killed while on duty in The Lebanon, the Cathaoirleach called for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

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

<b>Item 2.1. Conflict of Interest Declaration</b>	None to record
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### ***3.0. Consideration of Minutes***

<b>Item 3.1. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 24 November 2022.</b>	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 24 November 2022 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
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### ***4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations***

<b>Item 4.1. Report of Community &amp; Economic Development Directorate.</b>	With the attendance of Ms. Marie Phelan, Tourism Development Officer on behalf of the C&ED Directorate, the report circulated with the agenda was taken as read. A number of issues were discussed and clarified as follows;
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Cllr. K. O'Meara

- Welcoming the allocation of €95,000 for provision of digital hub at Mullinahone, Councillor K. O'Meara sought support of the Municipal District with its experience of establishing similar facilities at Carrick on Suir.
- Queried the timeframe for commencement of CCTV scheme at Fethard.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Welcomed the €400,000 allocation under Town and Village Renewal Scheme Building Acquisitions Measure which facilitated the purchase of the Goldcrop site by the Council.

Responding to the above, Ms. Phelan undertook to revert with the information pertaining to Fethard CCTV directly to Cllr. O'Meara. The Meetings Administrator advised that the Joint Controller Agreement was executed for the purposes of data control associated with this facility and returned to the Garda authorities.

**Item 4.2.:**

**P8/22/04 - Part 8  
Planning Consent-  
Carrickbeg Active Travel  
Scheme 2022.**

With Ms. Gillian Flynn, A/Senior Executive Engineer from the Active Travel Team in attendance along with Mr. Jonathan Flood, A/Senior Executive Planner, the members considered the contents of the Chief Executive's report circulated on the 13 December 2022 in relation to the *Carrickbeg Active Travel Scheme 2022* prepared in accordance with Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2001 (as amended).

Having considered the plan in detail and having regard to concerns expressed in relation to the provision of pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the Mothel Road junction, Mr. Jonathan Flood confirmed that the manner of control of the pedestrian crossing – whether it be 'controlled' or 'unregulated' – did not materially affect the screening process associated with the Part 8 Planning procedure.

In that context it was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke and seconded by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. D. Dunne,

*"That having considered the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 for the Carrickbeg Active Travel Scheme 2022, the Carrick on Suir Municipal District hereby decides that*

*the proposed development be carried out in accordance with the Chief Executive's Recommendation, subject to the amendment that the proposed pedestrian crossing incorporated in the scheme, shall be a 'controlled crossing' rather than an 'unregulated crossing'.*

The Meetings Administrator conducted a roll call in respect of the motion and there voted as follows;

Record of voting	For	Against
Councillor K. Bourke	For	
Councillor D. Dunne	For	
Councillor I. Goldsboro	For	
Councillor K. O'Meara	For	

The Meetings Administrator duly deemed the motion to be carried unanimously.

**Item 4.3:**  
**P8/22/06 - Part 8**  
**Planning Process-**  
**Railway to Town Centre**  
**Carrick on Suir Active**  
**Travel Scheme 2022:**

The Chief Executive's Report in relation to the *Carrick on Suir – Railway to Town Centre – Active Travel Scheme 2022* prepared in accordance with Section 179 (4) (a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2001 (as amended) was circulated on the 13 December 2022 and considered by the Members

Mr. Jonathan Flood, A/Senior Executive Planner, outlined the details of the submissions received during the course of the statutory public consultation which ended on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022, and the Chief Executive's response thereto, along with his recommendations regarding same. Following discussion of the scheme, the Councillors expressed concern in relation to the flood mitigating measures contained in the proposed 'raised table' at the junction of Cregg Road and Parkside, and requested that the design team would re-examine the engineering solution to take account of adjoining houses with lower floor levels where householders had installed their own pumping paraphernalia and had no flooding insurance owing to prevailing ground conditions. The Meetings Administrator indicated that the 6-week statutory timeframe in which councillors must decide the matter, commenced on 13 December 2022 with the circulation of the Chief Executive's report, and would end on 23 January 2022. The Act provided for Councillors (i) to decide the proposed development to be carried out as recommended in the chief executive's report unless the councillors, by resolution (ii) decided to vary or modify the development otherwise than as

recommended in the chief executive's report, or (iii) decided not to proceed with the development.

In that context it was noted that the matter would require either a special meeting to be convened not later than 23 January 2023 to finalise the matter, or alternatively, that the January monthly meeting be brought forward with this item listed on the agenda for decision.

***Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne, and unanimously agreed to postpone consideration of the matter to a date to be agreed and arranged by the Meetings Administrator.***

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

Noting that the roads programme was substantially completed for 2022, Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer, outlined progress to date on various schemes, noting that the N24 works would be postponed temporarily and resume after the Christmas break. He noted that with the Roads Capital section managing the N24 project on behalf of TII, it was important to emphasise that it would fall to that section to manage advertising and communications pertaining to same, rather than his department. He responded to issues raised by the Councillors as follows;

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Conveyed his thanks for the reinstatement of road markings at pedestrian crossings and at Lower Ballylynch and for all his assistance throughout the year.
- Welcomed the abundance of projects ready to commence in Carrick on Suir though qualified his comments with the need for careful management and co-ordination of those works to minimise disruption to business and residents over a protracted period.

Cllr. K O'Meara:

- Expressed gratitude to the District Engineer for having postponed his retirement in view of the prevailing staffing situation within the Municipal District
- Sought update on application for additional funding to address recent flood damage in the rural areas.
- Queried the completion date for the N76 contract works at Grangemockler

- Queried whether IPB funds for footpath reinstatement would be expended early 2023
- Queried timeframe for carrying out speed survey at Mullinahone as indicated in report to his recent notice of motion.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro:

- Expressed her thanks to the District Engineer and outdoor staff for their diligence and attention during recent weather emergencies.
- Noted that a further crash at Máiréad's Bridge caused additional damage.
- Requested update on provision of traffic calming at Killenaule.
- Requested that grit piles be provided in villages so that schools businesses and householders could avail of same during cold weather events – suggested that GAA Car parks would be a suitable venue for same.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Expressed appreciation for the proposed inclusion of Killenaule in Active Travel Scheme Phase 2.
- Requested update on proposed speed survey for the road connecting Faugheen with Lisadobber, the subject of concern to local residents owing to behaviour of motorists.
- Sought update on provision of litter bin at Carrickbeg
- Suggested that winter salting should be extended to include footpaths in the manner of such services provided in Northern Ireland.
- Reported that parts of the road had perished at Collins Park where tarmac was laid over concrete, and requested urgent attention to same.

The District Engineer informed that having submitted application for additional funding to cover the costs of remediating recent flood damage, the department sought photo evidence to support same and this data was now compiled. He intimated that the OPW would be required to design and fund flood alleviation measures at Grangemockler.

Mr. Corby accepted that the co-ordination of roads and regeneration projects would require difficult decisions to be made in many instances in relation to traffic management noting that



there was good progress on the N24 project since September to date.

He anticipated that the N76 Grangemockler pavement improvement scheme would finish early in the new year and indicated that the drainage issue at this location was being monitored.

Mr. Corby stated that IPB-funded works would commence with Suir Plant at the end of January and referring to the recent crash at Mairéad's Bridge, he confirmed that the matter was under investigation as to its cause, and indicated that the Overseer was currently arranging for scaffolding to be put in place.

He clarified that the traffic calming proposed for Killenaule schools would be included in phase 2 of the Active Travel Scheme. He undertook to examine the provision of 'grit piles' for general public use as suggested, noting that gritting was carried out in the urban areas during the Christmas period. He further undertook to progress speed survey at Faugheen-Lisadobber and to examine the road at Collins Park, Carrick on Suir. Mr. Corby concluded by confirming that the litter bin for Carrickbeg would be provided when the Active Travel works were underway at that location.

**Item 4.5.  
District Administrator's  
Report:**

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**TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME 2022**

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The District Administrator provided update in relation to the national Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022 circulating the listing of projects provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Where it related to the Carrick on Suir MD, she referred to the allocation of €95,000 to Mullinahone Community Centre for development of community digital hub, and the €400,000 allocation towards purchase of the Goldcrop site at Castle Lane/North Quay, Carrick on Suir, for tourism. Cultural, recreational and retail use.

Cllr. K. O'Meara welcomed the allocation for Mullinahone and was requested assistance to the group from the MD for his community group embarking on this exciting project.

Referring to the acquisition of the 'Goldcrop' site, the District Administrator informed the members that the €400,000 allocation funded the purchase of the majority (0.918 ha) of the 2.7-acre

site. The remaining portion of the site comprising of old stone grain store adjacent to Dillon Bridge, was the subject of compulsory purchase under the Derelict Sites Act 1990. The public consultation associated with same required display of the notices in the District Office at New Street and at Civic Offices, Clonmel, along with service and publication of notices under Section 15 of the Act. This advertisement was contained in the current week's (today's) 'Nationalist' issue dated the 15 December 2022. Objections/submissions from any owner, lessee or occupier in relation to the proposal were required to be submitted in writing to the Director of Services Climate Action and Environmental Services at Civic Offices, Clonmel, not later than 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. She clarified that this exercise under the Derelict Sites Act was merely a means of perfecting title to the specific portion of the site (0.1746ha).

Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Services congratulated the Mullinahone Community Group on securing funding for their digital hub and assured Cllr. O'Meara of the availability of support.

Referring to the Goldcrop site where the purchase was recently finalised, Mr. Beck clarified that while the Council's legal advisors were happy with the vendor's title to the grain store portion of the site, a vesting order established under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 would provide a simple title for any future purchaser or developer.

This was noted and welcomed by the Councillors.

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#### CARRICK ON SUIR REGENERATION PLAN [RRDF]

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The District Administrator notified that official notification of the €14.39million grant from the Department of Rural and Community Development was received on 12 December 2022. It was intended to communicate with Residents Associations, clubs and businesses to inform them of the phasing of proposed works according as the project developed and to utilise the [www.yourcarrickonsuir.ie](http://www.yourcarrickonsuir.ie) website and social media platforms to keep citizens informed of progress throughout. In addition, she and her colleague, Helen Cahill, were the nominated contact persons to field and respond to queries from members of the public in relation to the project and contact details would be incorporated for easy access by the public.

At the request of the members she agreed to provide a schedule of works for their information as the earliest possible date. The Director added that communication with residents and business would be a vital component of the project.

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SUMMER SLIABH NA MBAN EVENT - 16 JULY 2023

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The Meetings Administrator circulated information on the proposal to commemorate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Monster Famine Meeting attended by some 50,000 people at Slievenamon and held on the 16 July 1848 which agitated for the halt of the famine and the ceasing of export of food. The background literature outlined the collaborative undertaking by Lingaun Valley Tourism Group, Kilcash, Cloneen, Killusty, Fethard, Mullinahone and other villages around the mountain and informed that a meeting would take place at a venue to be confirmed on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 for parties interested in establishing sub-committees in order to plan the event.

It was envisaged that this would be an annual event and an opportunity to celebrate folklore and traditions of the area, and provide a tourism offering thus exploiting the iconic mythical Slievenamon brand. Further details would issue early in the new year and she urged support for the event from the elected members. This initiative was warmly welcomed by the members.

**Item 4.6.**  
**General Municipal**  
**Allocation 2023**

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The Meetings Administrator indicated that there were no items for consideration under this heading.

Responding to a query from Cllr. K. Bourke, she confirmed that the available provision was exhausted in the previous month's allocation of community grants providing support for Christmas lighting schemes.

**Item 4.7.**  
**Assistance of Bodies**  
**under Section 66 of the**  
**Local Government Act,**  
**2001:**

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The Meetings Administrator indicated that there were no items for consideration under this heading.



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

**Item 5.1.  
C.E. Order 32177**

C.E. Order no. 32177 dated the 29 November 2022 relating to compulsory acquisition of Derelict Site at Dillon Bridge/North Quay, Carrick on Suir was circulated and noted and related to item 4.5. above as previously discussed.

While welcoming this particular development, Cllr. K. Bourke referred to the need to pursue the issue of derelict sites generally within the district. Referring specifically to the Glanbia complex at Carrickbeg, he deplored its condition which he deemed an 'eyesore', particularly unacceptable in view of the multi-billion-euro nature of the company involved, and the location of their property opposite the public marina.

In response, the District Engineer indicated that the Council was in discussion with the company who were supportive of the Council's plans for the area and negotiating with their own members in reorganising their business model to accommodate the Active Travel Scheme parking provision, for which planning consent just issued (at this meeting).

He also pointed out that Glanbia was co-operating with the Council in relation to the Bog Field project and it was important to acknowledge same.

The Director, Mr. Brian Beck assured the Councillors that the issue of dereliction was of utmost priority to him and his staff and a matter about which he was most passionate. Noting that levies applied under the Derelict Sites Act would generate revenue for the local authority to address the issue in a tangible way, he further stated that with the amount of funding supports available under Town Centre First Initiatives (Croí Cónaithe etc.) affordability was no longer an excuse for any owner of a derelict property.

**Item 5.2. -  
Delegated Officer's  
Order 32166**

Delegated Officer's Order no. 32166 dated the 28 November 2022 relating to the appointment of KSN Project Management Consultants for detail design of retrofit and the management and procurement of a contractor to deliver the Digital Hub at the Old Post Office at 43 Main Street, Carrick on Suir was circulated and duly noted.

### 6.0. Correspondence

- Item 6.1.** The Meetings Administrator indicated that there were no items for consideration under this heading.

### 7.0. Notices of Motion

- Item 7.1.** The Meetings Administrator indicated that there were no items for consideration under this heading.


### 8.0. Any Other Business

- Item 8.1.** None for consideration.

This concluded the business of the meeting. [15:01]



District Administrator.

  
Cathaoirleach.

19 January 2023.