

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CARRICK ON SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE DISTRICT CHAMBER, NEW STREET, CARRICK ON SUIR AT 14:00 ON THE 18 DECEMBER 2025

In the Chair: Cllr. D. Dunne

Members Present: Cllr. M. FitzGerald, Cllr. K. Bourke, Cllr. M. Brennan, Cllr. A. Goldsboro (via Zoom).

Apologies:

Attended from Mr. B. Beck, Director of Services Ms. M. Cox, Meetings Administrator; Mr. M. Scully, District Engineer; Ms. S. Holloway, A/Staff Officer, Mr. PJ. Henehan, A/Assistant Staff Officer.

Carrick on Suir MD Mr. B. Beck, Director of Services Ms. M. Cox, Meetings Administrator; Mr. M. Scully, District Engineer; Ms. S. Holloway, A/Staff Officer, Mr. PJ. Henehan, A/Assistant Staff Officer.

Housing Directorate Ms. H. Butler, Ms. D. Flannery, Mr. S. Lonergan.

Planning & Development/Emergency Service Directorate Mr. S. Grogan, Ms. C. Conway.

Other Attendees Aileen Hahesy – The Nationalist Newspaper
Katie O' Donovan, 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. None to record
Conflict of Interest Declaration

3.0. Consideration of Minutes

Item 3.1. The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 27th November, 2025 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke and seconded by Cllr. M. FitzGerald, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27 November 2025

4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.1. With Ms. H. Butler, Ms. D. Flannery and Mr. S. Lonergan in attendance, the following queries from the members were addressed:
Attendance of Housing Directorate and consideration of report

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked the directorate for their comprehensive report.

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- Asked if there was an update on the Slieve Alainn turnkey estate in Drangan, and when TCC would be ready to give keys to new tenants.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Requested an update from Ms. H. Butler on the winter beds initiative.
- Asked for an update on the TCC site at Coolnamuck.

Responding, Mr. S. Lonergan:

- Stated that the plan had been for tenants to be in situ in the new estate in Drangan in 2025 but there was a delay, currently with Irish Waters making sewage connections, and there are other site works still ongoing also.
- Said that he would expect a completion date and the end of February or start of March.
- Commented that as regards the site at Coolnamuck, the architect was currently looking at the master plan for the site and that he would expect that alternative arrangements would be drafted for the site.
- Said that as regards to Affordable Housing, there was no approval for TCC yet for an Affordable Housing site, and that he would anticipate that the site may be sued for Social Housing.

Responding, Mr. H. Butler:

- Said that as regards the Winter Beds Initiative, there were 5 beds for rough sleepers in Clonmel, and 10 beds for rough sleepers in Nenagh.
- Said that an email would be issuing today as regards winter cover/ staffing arrangements etc.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Asked about the illegal occupancy of council houses and if there had been any update, commenting that Ms. D. Flannery will be aware of the specific case and that he had raised it at Housing SPC.

Responding, Ms. D. Flannery:

- Said that she is aware of the individual case but is unable to discuss it specifically here.
- Said that there are two different types of illegal occupancy-the first type is squatters who have no relationship whatsoever, and this type of illegal occupant may end up in court eventually.
- The other type of illegal occupant is those trying to make a succession claim, but are not entitled to remain in the house- this may also end up in court.

- Noted that it takes time to secure evictions and that Housing are working on cases with their solicitor to further this aim.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Commented that he appreciates that Housing are doing a difficult job, but anti-social behaviour in the property by the illegal occupant is very distressing for neighbours, some of whom are TCC tenants and asked Housing to try to expedite this case, as it is ongoing with 2 years now.

Responding, Ms. D. Flannery:

- Acknowledged Cllr. K. Bourke's frustration and said that she would give him a detailed update after the meeting.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked the Housing Directorate for attending, wishing them a happy Christmas and commenting that theirs is not an easy job and their effort is very much appreciated.
- Commended the Winter Beds scheme, stating that nobody will be living in a tent for Christmas who does not wish to be there.

Item 4.2. Attendance of Planning & Development Directorate/Emergency Services and consideration of report

Ms. C. Conway took the report as read, and informed the members that as Mr. C. O' Shea was on annual leave today, any questions for him will be noted and he will respond to them afterwards in writing.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Commented that he cannot speak highly enough of Mr. C. O' Shea, as he is always available and reverts to any queries quickly and efficiently.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Wished the Planning Section a happy Christmas, noting that it is a busy section dealing with many tricky issues.

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Took the opportunity to inform the members that there will be a Planning Workshop before the Council meeting, on the topic of Variation of the County Development Plan.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Asked if this workshop would be different to the workshop the members had attended already on variation of the County Plan.

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Said that this workshop would be specific to the Carrick-on-Suir municipal district area.

Item 4.3. District Engineer's Report

The Schedule of Municipal District works for December 2025 was circulated, and considered by the members, with Mr. M. Scully, Senior Executive Engineer, commenting that the bulk of works being undertaken at the moment are drainage and reactive maintenance works. He said that while we had an Orange weather event in recent weeks, there were no major issues in the District. He also stated that New Street had been resurfaced this month. The following matters arose:

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Mr. M. Scully for a comprehensive report.
- Requested that the temporary yellow lines which had been painted on John Street & New Street by Glas during N24 maintenance works be addressed, as the residents want them removed. Stated that he knows this is an inherited issue but it is one he would really like to have fixed.
- Said that there were some atrocious potholes in Abbey Road, Carrick Beg and noting that each District was receiving €100k budget, asked if this could be used to resurface Abbey Road as the patching is not lasting here anymore.
- Asked if 2 potholes at the gates of The Friary in Carrick Beg could be filled as they may cause an accident.
- Commented that Abbey Road has a large volume of heavy milk trucks going past regularly as well as tractor.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Asked for a follow up on the commencement of footpath works in Drangan, stating that he knows the works are weather dependent.
- Asked about Irish Water upgrade programme in Killenaule, noting that all the road surfaces there had been resurfaced in recent times and enquired whether they would have to be reinstated to the same standard.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Stated that he had been driving the night before, passing through 2 districts and noted that the salter truck was out- said that there was no salt spread between Thurles and The Ragg and on the road between Ballynonty and Killenaule and asked why, noting that Killenaule had been sprayed prior to the funeral this week.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Agreed with Cllr. Bourke on the need for resurfacing Abbey Road, saying that the new surface on New St was making the poor surface on other roads more noticeable.
- Said that he was worried to hear Cllr. Fitzgerald's query about Irish water reinstatement works as the N24 in Carrick at Pill Road still had not been reinstated after leak repair works.
- Said that TII had also found fault in other reinstatement works which had been undertaken by this contractor in Carrick- asked why most companies are held to a high standard of reinstatement while others are not.
- Queried about Killonerry bridge, asking if Mr. M. Scully could clarify if it is our District, and if so can we lobby to reinstate.
- Implored people not to use the bridge as it is a danger.
- Asked if it is within the remit of Kilkenny County Council, could it be repaired under some sort of Greenway initiative as it is a link between Tipperary & Kilkenny.

Responding, Mr. M. Scully:

- Referring to the temporary double yellow line son John St and Mill St, said that the lining contractor had been instructed to burn these off, but also said that it was his view that some of the double yellow lines would have to be retained for a road safety viewpoint. Hoped that the work would be done as quickly as possible.
- Said he is aware that Abbey Road gets lots of HGVs and he will consider it for 2026 works.
- Commented that patching is only a temporary fix and will not last long in areas of high traffic.
- Confirmed that the footpaths in Drangan are on the 2026 Roads programme, but with no exact date yet.
- As regards reinstatement, said that a high standard of reinstatement would be required for the works in Drangan, once Irish Water works are completed- reinstating like for like.

- Said that salting routes were the remit of the machinery yard, and that he cannot answer this question now but will certainly revert later to Cllr. Bourke with details.
- Said that the Irish Water works were an ongoing issue for all districts.
- Stated that the works in Carrick town were done by Irish Water contractors.
- Explained that in the case of a roads opening licence being required for Irish Water Capital Works, they are granted and conditioned by us and the contractors are held to a bond.
- Said that, the emergency repair of a water mains were undertaken by legacy Council Irish Water employees- and they believe that they don't need a road opening licence to commence works and therefore reinstatement is often done to a poor standard.
- Noted that these works were causing issues around the county as reinstatement works were not good enough.
- Commented that this issue was out of reach of the District at the moment but it is being investigated at a higher level.
- Said that he understands that Killonerry/ Tinvane pedestrian bridge is the remit of Kilkenny County Council but said that he understands that it is an issue which affects people in our district so it is Tipperary County Council's priority that the bridge be repaired as soon as possible.
- Confirmed that he will continue to liaise with Kilkenny County Council to find a resolution, saying that he thinks a full replacement will be needed and stated that at present we have the bridge closed off as best we can.

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Said that Irish Water reparation works are a national issue, and the problem is control over third party contractors as it is a grey area if staff are 50/50 Council and Irish Water, as there is no need for a road opening licence.
- Said this was being examined by LGMA and Irish Water at present.
- Stated that they were close to an agreement, but that they had been at this stage with the past 12 months.
- Hoped the issue would be resolved in 2026 and that road opening licences would be required.
- Said that this was a retrospective attempt to resolve some legacy issues but he was confident they would be resolved in 2026 and we will then have a better control over contractors.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked Mr. K. Malone for his frank answer.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Asked about the footpath at the top of New Street as you turn onto Main Street, saying that there had been particularly shabby repair work here by contractors who used cold fix tarmac on concrete footpaths.
- Said that 2 stop cocks on footpath beyond Tuohys dentist protrude about an inch out of the ground, and that there are similar ones in other areas, asking who would be responsible in the event of a claim, TCC, Irish Water or the contractor who did the works.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Commented that Cllr. K. Bourke made an excellent point about liability.
- Asked if a road opening licence will be required when the bipartisan structure of TCC and Irish Water ceases.
- Said that he dislikes seeing taxpayer money wasted and noted that a pause had been put on a scheme in Cloneen as the road would be dug up for cabling for a windfarm- asked if Irish Water check the area as we could put off pending works if necessary.

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Said that he was hopeful that co-operation and notification of works would be better going forward, and it was his intention that we will have notice of works and TCC will be able to plan pending works with Irish Water.
- Said that emergency works currently had wriggle room in the roads opening licence procedure whereby they escaped the full rigour of the process.
- It was intended that in 2026, works would be better managed between Irish Water and TCC, with Irish Water engaging in the roads opening licence process.
- Said that the problem with extending/postponing works, means that there is a possibility that the funding for works will be lost.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Stated that he had been part of a delegation who had met with the Minister for Transport and put a case forward for more funding for roads maintenance on the N24.
- Said that the response had been a positive one.
- Said that the problem cannot be constantly pushed onto rates payers and LPT payers.

- Said that the regeneration works on the N76 and N24 were great, but maintaining the new areas was expensive.
- Said that the meeting was successful and he wished to thank Minister Ryan O Meara, Senator Goldsboro, Mr. M. Murphy and Mr. S Healy TDs, as well as Ms. S. Carr.

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Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Queried who was responsible for insurance on footpaths.

Responding, Mr. M. Scully:

- Stated that he would revert with an answer on this.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Requested that he revert as soon as possible as it is an important issue and TCC should not be responsible for the shoddy work of a contractor.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked Mr. M. Scully for all his work done during the year.

**Item 4.4
District Administrator's
Report**

The Meetings Administrator circulated her report incorporating an update in relation to Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan for Phases 1, 2 and 3. She also reported on EU JTF Regeneration works, and works being done to Fairgreen Playground. She updated members on the TCC Festival & Event funding for 2026, as well as the Local Enhancement Programme 2026. She presented highlights of the Fethard Christmas Festival and the Tractors & Tudors event in Carrick on Suir.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Ms. M. Cox for her comprehensive report, asking when the date for delivery of the final sculpture for Castle Park will be?
- Noted that windows had been delivered for the Digital Hub at lunchtime, and that the project was coming along nicely.
- As regards the Goldcrop site, he said that Brewery Lane theatre group were worried about the asbestos removal causing dust in the theatre and asked that the contractor be mindful of this.
- Commented that it was great to see all of the good news contained in the District Administrator report.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked staff and community groups in the District for all the hard work that went into the Tractors & Tudors event, stating that he had a family event himself so he unfortunately missed it.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Thanked staff and the various community groups for all their hard work, both for the Tractors & Tudors festival, and also the Fethard Christmas Festival.
- Stated that it was a pity that some of the events were on the same day, and congratulated all those involved again.

Cllr. A. Goldsboro:

- Echoed the other councillors in expressing their thanks for all the work of the staff, and volunteers, behind the scenes.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked all those involved in both festivals, and thanked Mr. P. Henehan for his contribution to the Fethard Festival.
- Said that he agreed with Cllr. M. Brennan, that the only drawback was that some of the events clashed, and it would be nice if there had been the opportunity to attend them all.
- Said that the Christmas Tractors were now in their 12th year, and the Bikers Toy Run in their 2nd year of coming to Carrick on Suir and that he was delighted to be involved in both.
- Said that the Beat Fleet did an excellent job of lighting up Main Street, and also commented that there was a great atmosphere in Fethard during their festival.

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Wished to echo the sentiments of all the councillors, thanking Ms. M. Cox for the vast amount of work she put in, as well as the other staff, the businesses of Carrick on Suir including the businesses on the Main Street for their support.
- Said that as regards the removal of the asbestos, this will be done by a specialised firm who will have a comprehensive method/plan in place as asbestos removal is hugely regulated, and all the relevant standards will have to be met with even stricter standards coming in 2026.

- Confirmed that the contractor will do the asbestos disposal carefully and properly, being mindful of the location.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Requested an update on the next sculpture in Castle Park?

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Asked what the next sculpture will be?

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Stated that the sculpture itself will be a surprise but will be as impressive and historically significant as Black Tom, and will be placed on the opposite side to Black Tom.

Responding, Ms. M. Cox:

- Said that the delivery of the new windows for the Digital Hub/ Old Post Office was great news.
- Said that the Tractors & Tudors event was a spectacle to behold, with 1300 bikes lining the castle grounds on the day, and 50 tractors in New Street Car Park that evening.
- Thanked Explore Carrick on Suir, the Fire Service, OPW, all the businesses, COSBA and staff as their cooperation truly made the event what it was.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Mentioned the invitation which had been extended to the councillors earlier in the day to attend the new Mulligans Pharmacy and Café which had opened at Ashpark- as he attended himself he was very impressed with the project and applauded the creation of 22 new local jobs.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanks Cllr. D. Dunne for bringing this up, noting that he had been critical of the derelict site in autumn 2024 and had been critical of the property owners as action was needed due to squatters and anti-social behaviour on the site.
- He did note that after this discussion, a phone call had been made to the property owner and work had started on the site in the New Year, with works having finished now.
- Stated that while he felt he couldn't attend the official opening, he applauded Mr. Mulligan, firstly for securing the derelict site the day after the phone call was made and secondly for the huge investment in Carrick on Suir, with the creation of 22 jobs, a 7-day

pharmacy, a café and drive through facilities for both, and wished him all the best with the venture.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Said that the creation of 22 jobs is great news for Carrick on Suir, as it is difficult to keep jobs in small towns and congratulated all those involved in the venture.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Wished Mulligans all the best, stating that the job created were great news and the site looks very impressive.

Cllr. A. Goldsboro:

- Wished Mulligans all the best with the new premises, stating that she was sorry she was unable to attend but she will certainly call in at a later stage, and noted that the 22 jobs created was great news.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Stated that he was delighted to have been asked to cut the ribbon on the new premises, and said that it was great news for the town as a rising tide will lift all boats.
- Said that he appreciated Cllr. K. Bourke's honesty in calling out the issue and that he was right to put it on the record as Mr. Mulligan will appreciate this.

Item 4.5
General Municipal Allocation

None

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

None

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

Item 5.1. None

6.0. Correspondence

Item 6.1. The Meetings Administrator circulated correspondence received from the Minister of Health in response to the Notice of Motion re the suspension of diabetes services in the Primary Care Centre, Carrick on Suir.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Stated that he is happy with this response, as it differs from the response which had earlier been received by Deputy McGrath- he noted that the phrase "temporarily moved" was used, and he was happy to focus on the word "temporarily".
- Said that he would be happy to give the Minister for Health an opportunity to move the services back in 2026, if as stated it was due to staff shortages.
- Said that he would propose that they accept the letter at the moment, and if the services had not resumed by March 2026 he would propose writing to the Minister again.
- Noted that the impact was not just being felt in Carrick on Suir, but in surrounding areas also, reaching into Co. Kilkenny and Co. Waterford.

Proposed: Cllr. K. Bourke, and seconded by Cllr. M. FitzGerald.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Said that he is happy to second this proposal and happy to take the letter at face value.
- Said that he agrees that they will approach the Minister in March 2026 if there is no change to the situation, as this would be how long he is prepared to class it as a temporary arrangement for.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Said that he completely agrees that they hold off until March 2026 and commented that the diabetes services provided in the Primary Care Centre are essential services.
- Commented that he saw mental health services being removed from other towns and that these services were difficult to get back so it is important to monitor the situation.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Said that he agrees with Cllr. K. Bourke's stance, saying that while it was confusing that different

responses had been received on the issue, if the lack of spaces/ staff was the issue he was willing to accept this and monitor the situation.

- Said that the Minister for Health was only in the job for 1 year so at present he is willing not to play politics at the MD meeting and to wait until March 2026 to take further action if needed.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked the other councillors for supporting him, and said that the services now left in the new Primary Care building were the very same services which were going on in the older smaller buildings before they were demolished.
- Said that it was questionable that there was no clinical space in the new bigger building when the exact same services had been carried out in the smaller, old buildings.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Said that it was important that the Minister be held to account and that he would be standing up for his constituents, also noting that the issue of St Brigid's hospital was not going away

7.0. Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion No. 3072 Cllr. M. Brennan:

Item 7.1.

"I am calling on Carrick on Suir Municipal District to install appropriate traffic calming measures on the R691 in Ballinure, and to extend these calming measures to Ballinure National School".

RESPONSE:

Ms. M. Cox:

The District Engineer will undertake a safety inspection of the area in question to assess what engineering interventions might assist in improving the safety on this section of road, but it is noted that Speeding Enforcement is a matter from An Garda Siochana.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Brennan, and seconded by Cllr. M. FitzGerald.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Stated that with a new pre-school opening in February the numbers at Ballinure school would be even higher.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Said that he is happy to second this notice of motion as traffic calming is needed at the school, and also said that enforcement is an issue.

- Said that after the road tragedies last week, people's mindsets were different and were wondering what is being done wrongly, noting that the District only has limited funds to deal with the issue.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Said that the road at Ballinure NS was a main link road between Cashel and Kilkenny, and was a busy road with house entrances at the edge of the road which effects visibility meaning that the speeding issue posed more of a risk.

Item 7.2.

Notice of Motion No. 3073 Cllr. M. Brennan:

"I am calling on Carrick on Suir Municipal District to take-in-charge the Slieveardagh Car Park in Killenaule".

RESPONSE:

Ms. M. Cox:

The District Engineer notes that Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District do not have the resources to manage or maintain the parking facilities at Slieveardagh Carpark in Killenaule.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Brennan, and seconded by Cllr. K. Bourke.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Said that this could be a missed opportunity, and said that the car park as it is can be poorly lit in places with the disabled spot obscured by bottle banks.
- Stated that people use the car park and walk into town, and the car park is well facilitated with 2 charger spots and 2 disabled spots, and noted that the car park is being offered at no expense.

8.0. Any Other Business

Item 8.1

Any other business arising with the permission of the Cathaoirleach

Mr. B. Beck:

- Mentioned the expansion of the Vacant Property Grant to include vacant units over shops, to bring them back into residential use.
- Said the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant had been extended to 2030 with the vacant space above shop grant being available up to €140,000.

- Stated that the aim of the vacant space above shop grant was to bring the upstairs back into residential use, while maintaining the commercial use on the ground floor.
- Said that there would be advice available free of charge on this grant scheme.
- Confirmed that a grant of up to €95,000 will be available where one residential unit is made, an extra €20,000 where 2 residential units are being created and an extra €20,000 available where 3 or more units are made.
- Noted that this funding represented a huge opportunity to bring property back into residential use, and said that as it had only been announced in the last few days the details were still being fine-tuned.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Said that this grant was fantastic news and he could think of a few people immediately who would be interested in applying.
- Noted that in 2024 an information night had been held in the Carraig Hotel for the original Vacant Property Grant, and asked if a similar night would be held for this expansion of the scheme?

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Asked if office space would count for this grant?

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Confirmed that office space does count as commercial.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Asked if protected structures are included in the grant scheme?

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Confirmed that protected structures are eligible and there are other grants available for Built Heritage.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Mentioned the briefing that had taken place at the Planning SPC, and commended the Planning team and Fire Services for this briefing.
- Said that it was vital knowledge was shared especially for fire safety as it can make projects more achievable.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Said that while it is a great idea, his wife was reared on the main Street and not a lot of shop owners live above their shops anymore.
- Also asked if all of the vacant properties are filled where will they park their cars, while also noting that he wasn't

expecting an answer to these questions now, and was just putting the thoughts out there.

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Said that a full analysis on on street parking had not been done but that car parking at present seemed satisfactory and the likelihood is that most residents only park their cars overnight, when more spaces are available on street anyway.
- Stated that if he had 5-15 applications for Carrick on Suir he would be satisfied with that as he was not expecting the numbers applying to be huge and a lot of the premises have large yards to the rear also.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked Mr. B. Beck for the information provided.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Commented that perhaps Mr. S. Grogan of the Town Centre First team could explore opening the laneways in Carrick on Suir up for access to the rear yards.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Said that the provision of housing would be very welcome and that the point Cllr. K. Bourke made about the provision of parking was also a valid one.
- Stated that there was a problem with sub-standard rental accommodation and that he hoped that the grants would ensure that the works done would be to a high standard.
- Said that this is the model in other EU countries and offered mobility of renting to renters due to the availability of different types of properties.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Commented that the sub-standard properties mentioned will not qualify for the grant as they are already occupied.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Said that this was correct, and that as many rental properties are sub standard he would not wish to see new rental properties being the same.

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Said that 640 properties had been brought back into use using the Croí Conaithe scheme which had been very successful to date and the work was being done by local builders which was beneficial to the community.
- Said that the aim of the Town Centre First team was to focus on the issues affecting the main towns in the

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county, as well as rejuvenate them, and that this scheme would be helpful in achieving this goal.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked all for attending including the press, and wished all attendees a happy and safe Christmas.

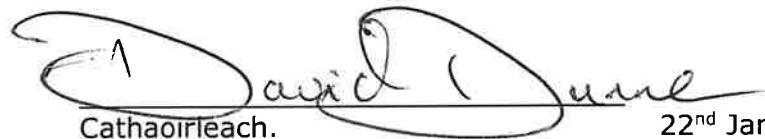
Mr. B. Beck:

- Thanked all the elected members for their support for what had been a successful year, stating that the job would not be done without their support and assistance in making tough decisions.

This concluded the business of the meeting (15.37)



District Administrator.



Cathaoirleach. 22nd January, 2026

