

<b>In the Chair:</b>	Cllr. D. Dunne
<b>Members Present:</b>	Cllr. M. Brennan, Cllr. K. Bourke, Cllr. M. FitzGerald, Cllr. A. Goldsboro.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mr. M. Scully, District Engineer.
<b><u>Attending from</u></b> <b>Carrick on Suir MD</b>	Mr. B Beck, Director of Services; Ms. M. Cox, Meetings Administrator; Mr. K. Malone, Senior Engineer; Ms. S. Holloway, A/ Staff Officer, Mr. PJ Henehan, Acting A/Staff Officer.
<b>Planning Directorate</b>	Mr. C. O' Shea, Ms. T. Kiely. Mr. F. O' Donnell.
<b>Other Attendees</b>	Donal Doyle – Tipp FM Aileen Hahessy – The Nationalist Newspaper Katie O Donovan- Irish Independent – Online Aaron- Munster Express

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

<b>Item 1.1.</b> <b>Summons and Prayer:</b>	The summons was taken as read
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### ***2.0. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Council***

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

<b>Item 3.1.</b> <b>Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	The minutes of the March monthly meeting held on the 23rd March 2026 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. M.FitzGerald, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
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### ***4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations***

<b>Item 4.2.</b> <b>Attendance of Planning Directorate consideration of report</b>	Ms. T. Kiely, attending on behalf of the Planning Directorate, indicated that she would take their comprehensive report as read and opened the floor to questions.  Cllr. M.FitzGerald: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commended staff on all work done liaising with businesses &amp; individuals on the Built Heritage Scheme,</li></ul>
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noting that the amounts awarded to Tipperary were the third highest in country.

Cllr K. Bourke:

- Raised an issue on Main St Carrick-on-Suir- the former Tir na nOg licenced premises which went on fire some years ago and now only the front of the premises remains.
- Stated that he is calling on Planning to immediately act as the site is dangerous and an accident waiting to happen.
- Commented that as a building contractor himself, he has examined the building and concluded that the front wall is ready to collapse.
- Can TCC and/or Planning act immediately, possibly to reduce the front wall down to a safe level.
- Sais that this is an emergency situation and needs to be treated as such.

Cllr.D. Dunne:

- Seconded Cllr. K. Bourke's statements on this issue.

Cllr. A. Goldsboro:

- Wished to echo Cllr. M.FitzGerald's comments.

Cllr.D. Dunne:

- Asked if there is a briefing yet from the Department on how the proposed modular cabins/ builds will operate, or was a policy in place yet?
- Stated that some people in these modular builds are currently under enforcement orders, which is very unfair now given the proposed change in rules.
- Requested some clarity on whether outstanding enforcement orders be paused pending this new policy being embedded?

Cllr K. Bourke:

- Commented that his understanding on any of these "backyard" developments, is that these builds must comply with planning, building regulations, energy rating requirements etc., noting that some existing ones may not tick these boxes.

Ms. T. Kiely:

- Commented that Mr. F. O' Donnell had researched this query (Tir na nOg), so he would be better placed to answer this question.
- Said that no guidance had come form the Department on modular homes yet, so Planning are still waiting clarity on this issue.

Responding, Mr. F. O' Donnell:

- Confirmed that he had spoken with colleagues re Tir na nOg, and it was his understanding that several sections of TCC were actively engaging with the prop owners as it was privately owned.
- Recognised the need for immediate action and said that he will impress upon colleagues after the MD meeting & will update afterwards.

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Commented that Planning deals with dereliction, while Environment deals with dangerous structures.
- Emphasised the need to be conscious that Planning work with dereliction, they will also escalate the property to be flagged as a dangerous structure if necessary (with Environment). Dangerous structure route may ultimately be a quicker resolution.

Cllr K. Bourke:

- Thanked Mr. B. Beck for his response but noted that he had flagged this a few weeks ago and would be poor consolation to public, if injury occurs, if no action is taken- commented that TCC need to step up and act.

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Accepted this point but stressed that legislation must underpin any action taken by TCC.
- Stated that TCC is obliged to follow legislation, if the legislation is not complied with and TCC staff enter private property & carry out work TCC will be liable.
- Noted that the relevant sections of TCC are aware of this issue and working on it to find a solution.

Cllr K. Bourke:

- Apologised for the over and back on this issue but commented that in an emergency, if Uisce Eireann need access to a water line to make a repair, Uisce Eireann do need paperwork.
- Stated that this is an emergency and may result in injury, noting that constituents are coming into his office complaining that they cannot walk on this section of path.

Cllr.D. Dunne:

- Commended Cllr. K. Bourke for a well-made point.
- Queried the progress on taking in charge of Greenhill Village housing estate, which is currently being held up by wayleaves.
- Asked how is it possible that 2 new housing estates had been built there recently, if the estate entrance not taken in charge?

Responding, Mr. C. O' Shea:

- Stated that Planning had met with the developer who owns the entire estate and confirmed that Planning do have a plan for Taking in Charge the whole estate.
- Said that there is currently another development being built in this estate, and when this is complete TCC intend to take all in charge.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Welcoming this as good news, asked were the issues resolved?

Responding, Mr. C. O' Shea:

- Yes, works on BE resolved.

Cllr.D. Dunne:

- Thanked Mr. C. O' Shea for his response and asked if there was an update on the Slieve Ardagh estate in Grangemockler.

Responding, Mr. C. O' Shea:

- Said that this is a Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure (DPI) estate and there is no national policy for TIC these estates.
- Confirmed that he is on the steering committee with Uisce Eireann and looking at what would be involved take over these estates.
- Commented that there is a lot of work in determining what is needed to take in charge DPI estates but that this is being worked on now.

Cllr.D. Dunne:

- Thanked Mr. C. O' Shea, commenting that it is good to know that progress is underway.

#### **4.2. Proposed taking in charge of Cluain Ard estate, Fethard**

The Director's report dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 relating to the proposed taking-in-charge of Cluain Ard, Fethard was duly circulated and considered by the Councillors. Arising from same,

It was proposed by Cllr. M.FitzGerald, seconded by Cllr K. Bourke and **RESOLVED:**

"That pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, and being satisfied that the roads are of public utility, and having considered the financial implications for the local authority and any submissions made, it is hereby ordered that the road serving the housing estate known as

- Cluain Árd, Cashel Road, Fethard be declared a public road. In addition, any open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections within the attendant grounds of the development are taken in charge, as outlined in red on the attached map, which was on public display during the prescribed period and the Director of Services Report to Members for the April 2026 Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Meeting”.

Cllr. M.FitzGerald:

- Commended Planning for work done, noting that this has been a complicated estate to take in charge with lots of work going on with many years dealing with issues such as trying to track down owners, great to see this.
- Commend Planning again for the work which was done behind scenes with Uisce Eireann to resolve wayleave issue, stating that the letter from Superintendent also helped.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- apologised on behalf of Mr. M. Scully for his absence, noting that Mr. K. Malone was in attendance to take questions.

**Item 4.2.  
District Engineer's  
Report**

The Senior Engineer circulated the report and gave a brief outline of the schedule of works from the current budget allocations, noting that works are going well. Mr. K. Malone then took questions as follows:

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Mentioned a single vehicle accident which had occurred on Bailey St Killenaule stating that he had visited street a few weeks ago and thought the surface was poor.
- Said that he was unsure if the surface played a part in the accident, but the car flipped over.
- Asked about the possibility of getting a temporary surface to improve this street, stating that he had requested this already as the road was near the school and he was getting frequent requests from constituents about it.
- Commented that the R689 Killenaule road was in a bad state, with contractors working on it again last week having dug out more connections and there are more markings on the road today.

- Noted that he had Replaced 2 tyres on jeep myself less than 4000 miles stating that it was likely that the bad road surface was to blame.
- Asked that TCC make repairs on this road, saying that the car which flipped was possibly the first of more accidents, stating that the surface of the road was horrendous.
- Noted that works had been planned for Main Street, Carrick on Suir which was in bad condition and expressed hope that the same would happen for Bailey Street, Killenaule.
- Asked if the ongoing fuel price increases would have an impact on future works, noting that the CE had made statement re cutbacks in services due to fuel price increases- queried which services would be affected and why?
- Asked if there was an update on the issue of a shortage of engineers in TCC?
- Stating that he knew that the District Engineer was under pressure and asked do we have more staff coming and also did letter relating to this go out to CE?

Cllr. D. Dunne:

Stated that the proposed letter was not sent to the CE.

Cllr K. Bourke:

- Commented on the Old Bridge Carrick-on-Suir weight restriction, stating that the 3.5 tonne limit is constantly being breached. Said that he had caught a rigid delivery truck driver crossing it and challenged the driver, and was verbally assaulted, unfortunately failing to get the registration number of the vehicle.
- Stated that something needs to be done, perhaps a height restriction barrier on North Quay side of bridge.
- Asked if it was possible to reinstate height restriction barrier to allow only cars & small vans across, to protect bridge.
- Requested an update on footbridge at Killonerry are we working with KCC to get funding for a solution, noting that summertime is coming and it is a popular spot for walking and recreation?

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Asked about the public cul de sacs which are under the remit of TCC, as some badly need patching.
- Said that he had requested patching for 6 or 7 different cul de sacs a few times, one man with an Air B & B was getting bad reviews due to poor surface on his road.
- Said that we are in middle of the road programme but can we get patching unit out to repair these cul de sacs.

- Queried the Modeshill road going in the direction of Boulea as there was 1 pothole on it which was approx. 9 inches deep, this will need backfilling before it is patched.
- Commended the great work with the Road Programme thus far, saying that yesterday he was disappointed re Ballinard Road, as he thought the road would be done in 1 stretch and had said as much to the residents.
- Stated that he was fighting for this road to be repaired with a long time as Shareridge had damaged it and he had been making representations on behalf of residents. Said that he took pride in his job and didn't try to piggyback on anyone else's work, noting that others were piggybacking on works at Cluain Ard & Ballinard.
- Stated that accusations which were levelled at him that another elected member put Ballinard on roads programme- this was upsetting when he had fought for this particular road since 2021.

Cllr. A. Goldsboro:

- Asked for a timeline for when the Ballingarry/ Commons road will be repaired.

Cllr. M.FitzGerald:

- Noting that the bottle banks have been cleaned and all are looking well, commenting that sometimes it's the small victories.

Cllr. M.Brennan:

- Commented that he hasn't piggybacked on anyone's work but noted that he will respond to any contacts made to him by constituents and as he was contacted re Ballinard road, he had to raise it as an issue-it wasn't an attempt to take credit for anything.

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Commenting on the accident at Bailey Street and noted that while he did not have sufficient details on the incident, he appreciated that the road surface may have played a part.
- Stated that the surface on the R689 has come up as an issue before, Mr. M. Scully will consult Uisce Eireann on this as TCC don't have the budget to do extra work and therefore will wait on Uisce Eireann to reinstate this road.
- Said that as regards the increasing fuel prices- TCC are as much in the dark as everyone else.
- Said that if any contractors wish to raise their rates, they will be tied into the original contract amount unless they can meet the price adjustment clause requirements. This

puts an onus on the contractor to prove their case re any price increase, and if they fail to do so, they will stick with the agreed schedule.

- Noted that he cannot speak for the HR section but that requests for staff have gone in, commenting that to his knowledge interviews are ongoing, waiting on panels to be set up so tis certainly not for lack of trying. Committed to follow up with HR.
- Stated that there is a 1-way system on a bridge in Nenagh with a similar issue to the Old Bridge in Carrick on Suir. Asked AGS to do spot checks in Nenagh and will try to do the same for Carrick on Suir. Said he would have to check the history of the barrier.
- Said that there was no update on Killonerry footbridge- it will be discussed at the joint MD Meeting. And also Monday next Mr. M. Scully will meet the KCC engineer at Killonerry bridge.
- Stated that patchers will be out again, cost implication if they work on the cul de sacs but, if possible, they will hit a few places in one go, will talk to Mr. B.O’Keeffe & Mr. A. Fox re locations.
- Commenting on Ballinard Road- said that while a delay with machinery yard possible, but it should be done as on roads programme, works may also be weather dependent.
- Said that Mr. B. O’ Keeffe will revert with a timeline for the Ballingarry/ Commons road.
- Stated that as Carrick MD is in the first year of a 3 yr RP, new roads cannot be added into the programme without extra funding. If conditions deteriorate, we will have to revisit next year again, hopefully will be able to deliver 3 year programme as intended.

Cllr. M.FitzGerald:

- Said that he understands the logistics of surfacing roads and noted that it was a pity having to go on the defensive about pending works, rather than promoting job well done.
- Stated that he would never wish to stop an elected member representing people, commending Cllr. M. Brennan for doing a great job. Commented that he just wanted to clarify the body of work he put into the road at Ballinard.

Cllr.D. Dunne:

- Queried the procedure for filling deep potholes- do we cut a square and fill it or just patch, as if we squared off it would last longer?

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Stated that this depends on the severity/size potholes. If early-only patching is required. If big/ deep- need to look at this option of squaring. Usually, it may be the case to start with patcher & see how long this will buy us.

**Item 4.3.  
District Administrator's  
Report:**

The Meetings Administrator circulated a comprehensive report incorporating updates on the RRDF, EU JTF, and Goldcrop project. The Meetings Administrator also updated elected members on the pending works to the Tow Clock, opening date of the Carrick MD community grant scheme and CLAR. Photographic updates were providing of some of the road programme works around the district, and also of the bring banks which were cleaned by Environment.

Cllr. M.FitzGerald:

- Thanks Ms. M. Cox for a comprehensive report commending TCC staff for work done – great to see photos of bottle banks, great that whole county will be done, noting that this will make a difference for upcoming Tidy Towns competitions.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

Requested an update on the repair of the Town clock- asking if there was a date set for the clockmakers to call, saying it was a shame it was working and now it's not. Noted that constituents were asking him and he had no update.

- Asked about the Goldcrop site- stating that many people put in submissions and still don't know what's happening. Queried who decides on design of this after all the survey & feasibility studies are completed?

Cllr. A. Goldsboro:

- Commended TCC on great work done this month.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Wished to echo Cllr. A. Goldsboro's words

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Stated that he walked around St Nicholas church, commenting that the new works look great
- Asked about the possibility of saving kerbstones, with a view to reusing them around Carrick -on-Suir as they are historic.
- Commented that the Bring banks look great, but it would be preferable if Glassco had done the work. Noted that the bring banks being clean would act as a dissuader for people dumping at them.

Responding, Ms. M. Cox:

- Noted that considerable work went into co-ordinating the repair of the Town Clock, need to confirm availability of scaffolder for OBK to come and get chime working. Their Original plan was this week, will follow up with them again.
- Said that many submissions were put in on the Goldcrop site, great response and all details will form a masterplan which will go out in May for further consultation. Needs to be finished by June. Masterplan will be a planning document as Part 8 planning is required and will consider all submissions.

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Stated that Carrick MD was awarded 1.25m RRDF Category 2 funds to retain design team for Part 8 public realm works for the Goldcrop site and was about to go to tender for a design team.
- Said that how we deal with other realising the design, be it a private contractor/ state body, we will see who is interested in this.
- Said that public realm will be next step and that he will want to discuss proposal with you all. Masterplan will be higher view of site; design team will look at it specifically.

Clr K. Bourke:

- Thanks Mr. B. Beck for his response but said that he was still unsure.
- Asked who wins the contract for the design- how do they work, and will the design itself be based on suggestions? or will the design team be given all submissions to consider and come back with a proposal also asking who would make the final decision.

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Confirmed that consultants are doing up a report on the submissions, rather than handing over individual submissions, and will try to finalise masterplan concepts as to what element goes where.

- Said that this will then be handed over to the design team who interpret this in terms of Part 8 planning, access route, public realm, public/ community spaces etc.

Cllr K. Bourke:

- Said thanks, and asked what he can tell constituents?

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Stated that the Masterplan will identify potential uses of site (various), but the Masterplan is not statutory, TCC is not obliged to follow it through.
- Said that before this is finalised it will go out on public consultation again so people can comment on it, then TCC will meet with councillors for feedback, then we can proceed once agreed.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Asked if there was a delay in the proposed upgrades to the CCTV in Carrick on Suir town?

Responding, Ms. M. Cox:

- Said that this is a complex issue and Carrick MD are working with An Garda Siochana on a Joint Controller Agreement for the system.
- Noted that an independent broadband connection for the scheme had been installed today and that Carrick MD is moving as fast as possible on it as it involves working with external agencies and hoped that the like for like replacement CCTV system would be in action next year.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanks Ms. M. Cox for this positive news

Cllr K. Bourke:

- Said he had to bring up the TG4 Cois na Siuire programme which was fantastic and did great promo for the county.
- Stated that last night Carrick-on-Suir was in it, commending Kevin Power, for speaking so well, and Lonan Bourke, who was featured as owning the oldest menswear shop in Ireland.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Agreed that it was great, thanking Cllr. K. Bourke for bringing it up.

