

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MAY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CARRICK ON SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE DISTRICT CHAMBER, NEW STREET, CARRICK ON SUIR AT 14:00 ON THE 28TH MAY 2026.

<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>Attending from 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>Environment Directorate</b>	Mr. D. Holland, Ms. S. Scully
<b>LAWPRO</b>	Mr. D. Kelly, Mr. F. Igoe
<b>Other Attendees</b>	Donal Doyle – Tipp FM Aileen Haheesy – The Nationalist Newspaper Katie O’ Donovan- Irish Independent – Online Aaron Kent- Munster Express

**1.0. Welcome and Introduction**

<b>Item 1.1. 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. Conflict of Interest Declaration</b>	None to record
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**3.0. Consideration of Minutes**

- Item 3.1. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 23rd April 2026**
    - The minutes of the April monthly meeting held on the 23rd April 2026 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr M. FitzGerald, seconded by Cllr. K. Bourke and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
- Matters arising:**
- Cllr. K. Bourke:
- Raised issue re dangerous structure on Main Street Carrick-on-Suir, commenting, stating that he had received no official updates on the matter from any section of TCC.
  - Said that Environment are attending the meeting and have jurisdiction in area, noting that the hoarding was extended to safeguard cars & pedestrians but that this was still not good enough.

- Stated that this is a serious dangerous structure, TCC need to step up and act even though the building is in private ownership, and he understood that it was proving a minefield to identify the owners at moment.
- Stressed the need to take down the front wall of the building as it will fall otherwise and called on Environment to answer his questions?
- Said that he got the information through a newspaper correspondent, nobody from TCC reverted to inform him.
- Said that he was an elected member and had raised it out of concerns for safety.
- Commented that with the upcoming Clancy festival & RRDF efforts are being made to promote the town and yet a dangerous structure is left in the middle of Main St.
- Called on TCC to revert to elected members with their plan for this dangerous building.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Echoed Cllr. K. Bourke's sentiments, disappointed that there was no update but Environment might be able to provide one.
- Noted that hoarding was extended for safety but resulted in the loss of a disabled parking spot and 1 more parking spot.
- Said that with Cllr. Bourke's experience in the building sector, he appreciates that this is a very dangerous structure.

Responding, Mr. D. Holland:

- Said that he took on board comments and suggestions of the elected members.
- Confirmed that Cllr. Bourke is correct responsibility for a dangerous structure does rest with Environment, per the Local Government Sanitary Services Act 1964.
- Stated that like any dangerous structure primary responsibility to make non dangerous rests with the property owners, and that TCC have been engaging actively with the owners of this property and had extended the hoarding.
- Conscious of the concern re public safety and noted that the area is also an area of architectural conservation, apologising that nobody had updated Cllr. Bourke and committed to keep elected members informed going forward.
- If engagement with the landowners proves no fruitful outcome, Environment can impose a statutory notice making them carry out works to render building non dangerous.
- If the landowners do not comply with the statutory notice TCC can enter and do works, probably demolition. TCC will have the authority to recover costs incurred from

owner. Must be sure legal proceedings are robust & correct.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Mr. D. Holland but said that he is still not satisfied, even though he understands that TCC must operate within the relevant legislation in progressing this case.
- Said that TCC had moved onto on that site 5/6 years ago and demolished part of it, it was a public house that went on fire. TCC demolished building leaving only the front wall.
- TCC also wrapped PVC on gable end and put lathes on it, as it was starting to crumble & damage other building.
- Since then owners have done nothing- queried how long do we continue engaging with owners, as TCC has a duty of care to pedestrians and car owners.
- If the building comes down serious damage will ensure to person, and asked if TCC would have a duty of care to pedestrians and motorist?
- The current measures are not enough and the front of building needs to come down, going to and fro with the landowners is not good enough

Responding, Mr. D. Holland:

- Said that he could take this onboard, noting that TCC are currently engaging with the landowner but that this
- legal route is slow and costly if pursued.
- Acknowledged the elected member's genuine concern & risk to public.

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Stated that he respected Mr. D. Holland's response and his knowledge of the workings of the council.
- Mentioned a similar situation previously, a building at Westgate, the owner was in a nursing home and TCC had to make building safe. Said that nobody would object if we need to find budget to prevent death.

Responding, Mr. D. Holland:

- Stated that he accepted this.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Stated that you couldn't put a value on someone's life and that he himself had always stepped up to support TCC's budgetary spending.
- Said he had a fair idea of costs and felt it wouldn't break any budget.

Responding, Mr. D. Holland:

- Accepted this but stated that the legal process still costly and slow before intervention is allowed happen.

Cllr. David Dunne:

- Thanked Mr. D. Holland for his response, noting that dealing with dangerous structures was very problematic, due to ownership issues as well as protected structures.

#### **4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

##### **Item 4.1. Attendance of Environment Directorate and consideration of report**

With Mr. D. Holland and Ms. S. Scully attending, the report was taken as read and the floor opened to any questions.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked Environment for a comprehensive report, commending them on the opening of Fethard lawn cemetery which was a lovely evening.
- Asked about the criteria for applying for the private well grant scheme, stating that some people in Slievenamon still use spring water but might be interested in applying for this.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Referring to the Connawarries site in Carrick Beg which was used as landfill per an agreement with the landowner and then backfilled- requested an update on what the future plan for this site is.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Complimented staff on work in St Mary's cemetery, stating that he was blown away by the standard of work as all the rubbish is gone and nobody is dumping flowers anymore.
- Asked when the Part 8 planning for the new section is anticipated?
- Asked if St Mary's will be one way when the new section is in use? Thought that for Health & Safety this would be a good idea- two-way system now can be dangerous.

Responding, Mr. D. Holland:

- Said that re private well, we can do an update to members in relation to this as it often comes up at District Office level.
- The criteria must be satisfied, domestic use only, for a principal private property, house must be 7 years old and in position where no public water supply available.
- Noted that there is no means test, and that any well must meet standards. Stated that he will send update to the elected members regarding the scheme.
- Stated that re St Mary's cemetery, they were some good points well-made and will be taken on board, The Part 8

will be due in the next couple of months and will incorporate revised traffic control arrangements as the entrance very narrow as it is in situ since 1915.

Responding, Ms. S. Scully:

- Re the Connawarries Certificate of Authorisation application, the EPA requested further information which was returned in Feb 2025.
- Noted that recent correspondence from EPA indicated that a decision would be due before end of summer, hopefully we will know more than.
- Said that the application is to remediate the landfill by putting a cap on it and returning it to grass.
- Committed to sending an update to all members in next few days.
- When capping complete, there will be an options report on long term usage of land and stated that she will send update on remediation proposals to elected members in the next few days.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Noted that their report mentions 2 reports of loose horses in COSMD, with 3 being seized, and 3 rehomed.
- Said that it was expensive being involved in these types of clean ups and noted that previously they had the name of a person in the Tipp Horse Owners Association who could contact the owner of a loose horse, reducing pickups.
- This is getting back up and running again, should reduce no of pick ups
- Welcomed the litter enforcement- 7 fines, 12 Fixed penalty notices which were good to see, noting that these offences usually come in spikes.
- Said that there was an issue now with people using dog fouling bins as litter bins. Emphasised to the public that these are not for litter, especially at Sean Haly Park where there was a big belly bin quite near the dog fouling bin.
- Encouraged the public to use bins correctly.
- Noted a number of incidents recently when black bags were dumped in laneways- 1 lane was cleaned twice. There is a cost involved, people should be aware of this.
- Stated that compliance is the aim rather than fining and appealed to people to stop dumping household rubbish incorrectly.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Referring to Tir na nÓg queried if considering fact that TCC moved onto site & did remediation- have we by our actions left ourselves exposed responsibility to liability caused by further deterioration on the site?

Responding, Mr. D. Holland:

- Said that he is not fully familiar with the works which were undertaken.
- If someone took an action, they will have to prove TCC left works dangerous/ unsafe, and that he would doubt that any intervention by TCC would have left it dangerous.
- Commented that it is more likely that ensuing events since then may have rendered building dangerous?

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Stated that he will write to IPB Chair, telling him the condition of building and expressing concerns.

Responding, Mr. B. O' Keeffe:

- Stated that blocks were fitted at the back of the hoarding, which improved hoarding from what it was.
- Blockworks will fall within hoarding, not fall out on street, meaning that the safety of public improved.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Mr. B. O' Keeffe for his update stating that he should have had this information already.

Responding, Mr. B. O' Keeffe:

- Stated that he could not be confident it is safe, but it is certainly improved from where it was.

Responding, Mr. D. Holland:

- Pointed out that the relevant legislation uses the terminology "non dangerous" not safe.

Responding, Ms. S. Scully:

- Updated as regards the Community Climate Action Fund-1 application was successful from COSMD-Brewery Lane Theatre Group.

LAWPRO:

With Mr. D. Kelly and Mr. F. Igoe in attendance, the members were updated on several issues including water quality in the area and Farming for Water.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Stated that great work was being done by LAWPRO behind scenes and that it was impressive to see collaborative work by multiple agencies, great to see farmers engaging with LAWPRO also.
- Asked what a catch crop is.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

**Item 4.2.  
Attendance of LAWPRO  
and consideration of  
report**

- While he welcomed the announcement re based nature-based solution wastewater treatment plant in Grangemockler, he said that he would have concerns re the effect on Lingaun water supply in Carrick-on-Suir if not properly managed.
- Commented that shad fish are back in river, asking people fishing to please release them safely.

Responding, Mr. F. Igoe:

- Agree that it was great to see the farming community engaging with LAWPRO.
- Re catch crop: after farmer harvests cereal, potatoes etc, the ground can be bare, and the idea is to plant up with something that can absorb moisture from the soil thereby reducing the movement of sediment.
- The European Innovation Project (EIP) involves planning plant species that take up nitrogen from soil and working with farmer to improve the quality and nutrient balance in farm.
- Said that shads are returning due to a drop in phosphorous in some areas which was having a positive impact on fish.
- Reducing phosphorous helps the river Suir while reducing nitrogen helps the sea and work as a whole society to help issues.
- Said that he would have similar concerns re the nature-based wastewater plant, it will be monitored closely. There are only a few others in operation, including one in Annestown.
- Said that it would certainly be an improvement on the system that was currently in place and that it would have to be monitored closely.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Stated that he would be very dubious about Irish Water's capacity to monitor and would be worried that water quality will be affected.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Stated that the existing plant in Annestown was built by community, Irish Water then took over.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

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

**Item 4.3.  
District Engineer's  
Report**

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Asked if we could do a traffic speed survey in Faugheen village to see if traffic calming measures are needed.
- Said that he was worried to see video of Coolbawn to Lismoylan road, where the tar was liquid during the recent hot weather as the surface failed.
- After the surface dressing last year all the grit went off it, leading to puddles of tar. Said that the tar and chip is for resistance. Stressed that this road will have to be surface dressed before winter as if there is no grip on the road it will be lethal before winter.
- Asked if we are in trouble funding wise with patching units as he has several requests- and is wondering if we need to take patching units off road due to budget constraints?
- Queried what will happen next winter if they don't get to do works as they will be needed if there is adverse weather.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Echoed Cllr. M. Fitzgerald's sentiment re the Coolbawn to Lismoylan road. Asking if this can be rectified?
- Gave some photos to Mr. K. Malone of depressions in the R689-took measures of potholes stating that you cannot drive on road over 50km.
- Stated that contractors shouldn't get more work without fixing this road as the standard of work was atrocious, commenting that they need guidelines for opening roads. This road is a natural traffic calming measure as it's so bad.
- Referring to the flooding on L2110 at Ballingarry said that he felt that his rep on this was completely ignored. Said that the constituent was told to deal with another councillor not Cllr. M. Brennan- which he objected to as he is here to deal with all constituents.
- Asked would we be getting "Welcome to Killenaule Ballingarry Ballynonty Fethard" sign as the Glengoole one is up.
- Asked if there was a start date for the Active Travel works in Killenaule
- Fethard housing estates which had 20,000 allocated- which estates were receiving funds?
- Asked for a speed survey on the R691 at Ballingarry.
- Commended the work on the Jesuits Way walk in Fethard-great workmanship
- Referring to Irish Water said that after the first 2 days of hot weather last week, several areas had restrictions on their water supply with no water all day.
- Said that it is difficult to get info from Irish Water-is there a way to get more updates/ information?

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Backed Cllr. M. Brennan re Irish Water, as he had no water since Sunday morning.
- Was getting updates via text, 2/3 texts per day, stating they were doing essential works but the deadline for the return of water kept being pushed out.
- Previous night had to ring the emergency number as there was no water in Cregg, water back in 1.5 hrs. Found out that a sluice valve had been turned off by Irish water doing works and they failed to turn it back on.
- Said he had to get in heating contractor, took 2 hours to bleed house of all airlocks, and his pump is brand new.
- While his water came back it is off again now.
- Agreed we should be paying for water if it is a proper service.
- Said that we need to disband Irish Water - they are a sham, should be gone.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Agreed re Irish Water issues- said he has a contact there, but she has no info re these outages.
- Stated that as a public rep its embarrassing when people have more info than us.
- They put water butt at Faugheen and Sladagh during the outage- vulnerable people were left with no water- the outage affected a 20km radius.
- Said that there was a bad leak on Wilmor road, still leaking & Irish Water left 13 leaks in that area.
- Noted another permanent leak on N24, asking would water charges have improved system?
- Encouraged his other elected members to speak as one, as the Irish Water response to members is a disgrace.
- Said that Irish Water provided no information and there is a need for a contact for people on the ground saying what is happening & estimated time.
- Commented that as an elected member it is very embarrassing to have no update.
- Proposed writing to Irish Water and invite them to a meeting, indicating his effort to give no more time to this topic as it is not really a TCC issue.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Said the elected members shouldn't write to Irish Water, as it is a waste of time.
- Said that he had been invited to Leinster house, as chair of SPC some years ago and had met Minister of Finance and relayed a query re Irish Water – Minister said I write cheques to fund Irish Water, no jurisdiction over them. Minister said you can write to Irish Water but won't expect response.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Agreed with these points, saying that he had signed up for updates from Irish Water and had received 8 notices today about Carrick District about outages- this is now a daily occurrence.
- No updates from Irish Water - different when TCC had jurisdiction. No accountability any longer, answerable to nobody.

Notice of Motion No. 3152 Cllr. D. Dunne:

"I am calling on Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District to replace the paving slabs on Kickham Street as they are all broken and causing a safety issue for pedestrians".

Proposed: Cllr. D. Dunne

Seconded: Cllr. K. Bourke

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Said that there were issues straight away when this paving enhancement scheme was completed.
- Some of the slabs were laid upside down, very thin and all broken now- the contractor was now gone, can TCC repair or replace the slabs with concrete over a few years as they are dangerous.
- Said that he had a constituent in his office with his hand bandaged from a fall there, which will result in claim.
- Stated he can remember when they were being laid, questioned materials and density of slab, was told by District Engineer at time they were ok.

**RESPONSE:**

The District Engineer has confirmed that footpath works on Kickham Street can be included as part of the programme of footpath works in Carrick-on-Suir but it is noted that due to current funding constraints, it cannot be guaranteed that all of Kickham Street will be done in 2026.

Notice of Motion No. 3153 Cllr. D. Dunne:

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"I am calling on Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District to consider the possibility of providing flashing speed feedback signs for some of the main approach roads to Carrick-on-Suir".

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Proposed: Cllr. D. Dunne

Seconded: Cllr. K. Bourke

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Said that he has been raising this with years with no results via four District Engineers at this stage.

- Asked has a speed survey been carried out, commenting that it was frustrating how Notices of Motion are put forward and then forgotten about.
- Noted that elected members can only follow up or enter again as a Notice of Motion again once 6 months has elapsed.
- Emphasised that something needs to be done ASAP- if the speed survey is done then An Garda Siochana can follow up with further measures if needed.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Agreed with Cllr. K. Bourke, especially on the Old Waterford Road where the speed is unbelievable.

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Commented that if the commitment is given to do a speed survey, it will be done.
- If not done, we will get them carried out, they should have been done, both historical requests and current requests.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Noted that TII had installed flashing speed signs on the N24 at Kilsheelan, so why not at Carrick-on-Suir?

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Said that funding from TII is needed for these road signs. There is an ongoing problem with power sources being taken from these signs, they are not perfect solution.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Asked if there are any historical speed surveys in these areas, and if so can the elected members get sight of them?

Notice of Motion No. 3154 Cllr. D. Dunne:

"I am calling on Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District to carry out a footpath survey in its towns and villages, as is done with roads, and bring forward a 3 year footpath programme to be agreed by the elected members."

Proposed: Cllr. D. Dunne

Seconded: Cllr. M. FitzGerald

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Commended the 3 year road programme as being very good and works well, stating that he would like to see this extended to footpaths as well.
- Small bits of work need to be done on footpaths that may cause claims- all over the District. All footpaths need to be considered, villages and towns. Engineers can prioritise via checks.

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Confirmed that a small amount of own funds being issued, dedicated to footpath repair in each district as IPB money dried up- Small enough pot of money. Encouraged all elected members to contact District Engineer for areas to consider.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Echoed Cllr. D. Dunne that the 3 year road programme works well, why not for footpaths.

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Faugheen speed survey will be done.
- Liquid road- Mr. B. O'Keeffe to survey with GSS to create a plan to remediate.
- Patching unit- there is ring fenced amount for each District Office for patching, inflation will affect this going forward so the same funds might not do as much as last year.
- Photos received, will pass on to Mr. M. Scully and Mr. B. O'Keeffe
- Acknowledge frustration with road, contractors know contents of reinstatement book. Will check road again.
- L2110- refer back to Mr. M. Scully.
- Welcome signs- refer to Mr. B. O'Keeffe

Responding, Mr. B. O'Keeffe:

- will check with Mr. A. Fox and revert

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Fethard Housing estate funding- Mr. B. O'Keeffe or Mr. M. Scully will confirm on his return.
- Confirmed that R691 speed survey will be done.
- Re Irish Water said that he has no more control than the elected members. Noted a better relationship with Irish Water re road reinstatement, new road engineers who are checking for us. Hopefully this issue will improve.

Responding, Mr. B. O'Keeffe:

- Re the Coolbawn Road, stated that he had met with Shareridge and reinstatement works start next week on the Coolbawn to Killenaule stretch. Anywhere water main was laid works will be reinstated

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Thanked Mr. K. Malone for his response. Said that some of these works have been done already but the ground didn't compress, still very dangerous.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Commented that the paving enhancement scheme in Carrick on Suir was great work, complimenting the greenery and pedestrian crossings.
- Said that certain parts of paving scheme have deteriorated beyond belief. Noted that he has concerns about the new block paving at North Quay- parts of other scheme slabs are rocking at moment.

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Said we need to check defects period of scheme for contractor- if outside this period TCC need to fix.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Commented that Mr. B. O’Keeffe highlighted this 12 months ago and the contractor failed to fix it.

Responding, Mr. B. O’Keeffe:

- Confirmed that this is correct, the snag list was done over a yr ago

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Said that at Robertos, cars drove across barriers causing footpath to break but the rest of the damage was caused by foot traffic only

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 Town Clock, uptake of the Community Grant scheme and the imminent LEAF grant scheme. Photographic updates were providing of some of the road programme works around the district.

**Item 4.4.  
District Administrator’s  
Report:**

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Queried when the Digital Hub would be completed, and what was the original timeline?

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Commended Ms. M. Cox on her comprehensive report and the work contained therein.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Echoed Cllr. M. Brennan’s sentiments re great work, great to see photos around the District.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Echoed these sentiments, noting the effort & maintenance that had gone in around the District. Asked the public not litter as the cleanup takes time & effort

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Acknowledged the work of the outdoor staff, stating that it was important to commend their effort.
- Digital hub was mean to be completed at the end of February. There was weather related issue due to wet conditions- outside work not possible.
- Noted some other issues affecting timeline also, but it is back on track now. There was also a delay with the lifts, 2 lifts are ordered for the property. Mentioned the possibility of organising a site visit for members to Digital Hub.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Wish Senator Goldsboro a speedy recovery as she is in hospital.
- Asked if it would be possible to add in votes of congratulations/ sympathy as an agenda item going forward?

**Item 4.4.  
General Municipal  
Allocation**

None

**Item 4.5.  
Assistance of Bodies  
under Section 66 of the  
Local Government Act,  
2001**

None

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

None

**Item 5.1.**

#### **6.0. Correspondence**

**Item 6.1.**

None

#### **7.0. Notices of Motion**

**Item 7.1.** None

### **8.0. Any Other Business**

**Item 8.1.** Setting of date for June Annual General Meeting

Following a short discussion, it was agreed that AGM would be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.

Clir. M. Brennan:

- Asked if there was an update on the issue of understaffing which had been affecting the MD?

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Executive Engineer Mr. B. Burke is starting next week.
- Ms. E. Keogh Project Engineer will be starting on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Ms. M. Cox:

- We also welcome back our summer student Ms. S. Reade on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

This concluded the business of the meeting (15.57).

  
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District Administrator

  
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Cathaoirleach

25<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

