

In the Chair:	Cllr. M. Fitzgerald
Members Present:	Cllr. K. Bourke, Cllr. M. Brennan, Cllr. I. Goldsboro
Apologies:	Cllr. D. Dunne
<u>Attended from</u>	
Carrick on Suir MD	Mr. B. Beck, Director of Services; Ms. M. Cox, Meetings Administrator; Mr. D. Power, District Engineer; Mr. W. Morgan, A/Staff Officer, S. Holloway, Assistant Staff Officer.
Environment Directorate	Mr M. Moroney & Ms. Collette Moloney.
LAWPRO Directorate	N. Dundon, R. Hennessy.
Other Attendees	Katie O Donnell – Irish Independent. Aileen Hahey – The Nationalist Newspaper.

1.0. Welcome and Introduction

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

Item 2.1. Conflict of Interest Declaration	None to record
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3.0. Consideration of Minutes

Item 3.1. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 25 April 2025	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 25 th April, 2025 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke and seconded by Cllr. M. Brennan and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
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4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.1. Attendance of Environmental Directorate and consideration of report	With Ms. C. Moloney and Mr. M. Moloney in attendance, the following queries from the members were addressed: Cllr. M. FitzGerald: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanked the directorate for their assistance recently with Cloneen Burial Ground, noting that the issue there had
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been solved with the assistance of Ms. A. Brett and Mr. R. Boland.

Item 4.2. Attendance of LAWPRO and consideration of report

Mr. N. Dundon gave a comprehensive presentation on the Farming for Water initiative, whereby farmers can apply for funding support to introduce mitigation measures to avoid nutrient losses from soil to water.

Mr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked LAWPRO for the comprehensive report.
- Congratulated LAWPRO on their amazing work, stating that it was great to see TCC taking the lead in this regard.
- Thanked Ms. C. Moloney and Ms. G. Delahunty for assistance that had given him with some applications for farmers.
- Stated that the feedback he was getting from farmers was very positive, with farmers being very responsive and wanting to become more sustainable.
- Commented that his constituency was a rural area and the local farmers were very keen to get on board.
- Asked where the 70 ASSAP advisors are based?

Responding, Ms. R Hennessy:

- Said that the ASSAP advisors are based across multiple organisation, with Teagasc having 20 and co-operative societies having 30 advisors.
- Stated that the number of advisors working with co-operatives is expected to rise annually.
- Noted that there are also 5 river catchments based projects in situ, with each of these also having an ASSAP advisor attached.

Cllr.M. FitzGerald:

- Asked if LAWPRO could email him on their presentation, and their contact details.
- Commented that he would expect the scheme to be busy in rural areas.
- Questioned if farmers could apply for a TAMS grant, as well as this particular grant?

Responding, Ms. R. Hennessy:

- Stated that this grant was targeted at areas where it is known that agriculture is posing a particular problem for water quality.
- Said that while one measure cannot be double funded, if a farmer applies for TAMS and this grant for measures which are differing/ complimentary, these can be funded.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- So a farmer could potentially apply for a TAMS grant for a grain store, and a Farming for Water grant for a buffer zone?

Ms. R. Hennessy:

- Confirmed that this is correct.

Item 4.3. District Engineer's Report

Having considered the updated report circulated for May 2025, the A/ District Engineer, Mr. D. Power and Mr. P. Farrell responded to the matters arising as follows:

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Asked if the LIS scheme currently being worked on was applicants from 2024, or has the new scheme been opened?

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Confirmed that the 2025 LIS scheme is not open yet.

Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Stated that they are still using the old LIS list.
- Confirmed that the new scheme will be open in August.
- Said that more points will be given to people who have been on the scheme longer.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Said that guidance is still awaited on the new scheme, as there was talk of the scheme being widened.

Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Confirmed that this is yet to be confirmed but it does indeed look like this may change.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Asked if he could start taking applications from people at this stage?

Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Stated that applications would not be invited at this stage.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Stated that councillors could keep a list of people who were interested, and could contact them once the grant was open for applications.

- Said that they could encourage prospective applicants to get their folio numbers, and proof of farming, ready ahead of time.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Mr. D. Power and staff for their drainage works at Clairin.
- Enquired if there was an update form TII on his request for a pedestrian crossing at Comeragh College?
- Asked if councillors could start compiling lists for footpaths needing works, as some money had been received from IPB?

Cllr.M. FitzGerald:

- Commented that he would also have footpaths to add to the list for repair, but noted that he was sure council staff also had a list of priorities for these works.
- Commended Mr. D. Power and staff on work done to date, especially the HRA job done between Fethard and Cloneen.
- Asked about the possibility of traffic calming measures in Cloneen, as it is a strategic rural road and very busy with heavy machinery at this time of year.

Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Stated that as regards the pedestrian crossing at Comeragh College, TII did not deem this necessary, as TII don't account for schools as they are only open for 6 months of the year.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Stated that this argument doesn't hold water with him as there are pedestrian crossings at all the other schools, Comeragh College is the only school without a pedestrian crossing.
- Said that this issue is a huge concern for staff and management.

Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Stated that this is probably because the other schools and pedestrian crossings are located nearer the centre of town, but nonetheless he will push the issue with Mr. O. Tierney.
- Said that re the footpaths, he would welcome ideas, but acknowledged that he also has his own list.
- Re traffic calming, said that one scheme has been approved for funding under Safety Schemes, and that there simply won't be funds to do anymore.

- Confirmed that he intends to keep applying for funding for traffic management schemes annually.

Item 4.4 District Administrator's Report

The Meetings Administrator circulated a comprehensive report incorporating updates on the following issues in Carrick on Suir:

- Regeneration Plan for Phases 1, 2 and 3.
- Also reported on the EU Just Transition Fund Riverside Regeneration Programme.
- Updated on funding and proposed works on Town Clock.
- Updated on applications received to date on Community Grant scheme.
- Informed members of funding received for refurbishment of Fairgreen playground.
- Reported on available funding- Pilot place-based philanthropy projects and Heritage Week Scheme.
- Informed members of the public consultation phase on the proposed additions to the Carrick on Suir record of protected structures which is open until 6th June.
- Gave a comprehensive update on the Cathaoirleach Awards, held in Drangan Community Hall on 21st May, which were well attended, and a fantastic night of celebration.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked the Meetings Administrator for a comprehensive report, and said that he was very happy to see all of the public consultation being used, as it meant that people were being included in decisions and nothing was being done without the public being notified.
- Congratulated Ms. M. Cox and her team on this level of public consultation, noting that it is critical that we seek opinions of the public.
- Welcomed the funding received for the Town Clock and the planned work, stating that while it was a slow burn it would pay off.
- Welcomed the idea of seeing the Town Clock chime again, stating that he was glad TCC was taking responsibility for its upkeep while noting that the building was privately owned.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Echoed these sentiments and thanked Ms. M. Cox and her staff.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Complimented Ms. M. Cox on the Cathaoirleach Awards, saying that it was great to see the whole district coming together and there was a great atmosphere on the night.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Said that he concurred with these sentiments, and that the Cathaoirleach Awards was a great evening and very enjoyable.
- Stated that all the nominees were very deserving of the nominations.
- Commented that the Awards Night was very well presented and fantastically run, the plaques and certificates looked very well and congratulated Ms. M. Cox and her staff.
- Said it was fantastic too see the district brought together, noting that he had met a nurse in TUH this morning who had a great conversation at the Awards night with one of the Carrick River Rescue volunteers, saying that she was blown away by his 61 years of dedication to the cause.

Mr. B. Beck:

- Said he wished to acknowledge the community taking time to work with TCC, as the process of consultation involves taking the time to listen and understand the public.
- Encouraged the public to engage with all public consultations.
- Highlighted the different funding opportunities that the Meetings Administrator had mentioned, stating that while the funds may be small there are plenty of good opportunities.
- Stated that if any members/ public have queries about the grant schemes, they can contact the MD office and get assistance.
- Said that while the Cathaoirleach Awards recognised the work of 5 nominees, it was important to recognise all the others out there putting in great work for their communities.

MS. M. Cox:

- Thanked Mr. W. Morgan and Mr. PJ Henahan, for their hard work which ensured the success of the Cathaoirleach Awards.

Item 4.5
General Municipal None
Allocation

Item 4.6
Assistance of bodies None
under Section 66 of local
Government Act, 2001

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

Item 5.1. DEO 42323- S254 Licence for placement of outdoor dining for the Junction Bar, Carrick on Suir

Item 5.2 DEO 42328- S254 Licence for placement of outdoor dining at Marty's Pantry, Carrick on Suir

Item 5.3 DEO 42329- S254 Licence for placement of outdoor dining at Carraig Hotel, Carrick on Suir

6.0. Correspondence

Item 6.1. None

7.0. Notices of Motion

Item 7.1. **7.1. Notice of Motion 2983** - Councillors K Bourke, M Brennan, D Dunne, M Fitzgerald, A Goldsboro

"We are calling on the Tipperary County Council Plenary Council to write to the relevant department seeking support and additional investment for Waterford Airport."

Proposed: Cllr. K. Bourke. Seconded: Cllr. M. Brennan.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Commented that he had flagged this issue 9 months ago at the Joint MD Meeting.
- Said that investment in Waterford Airport is critical for the development for the south east region.
- Stated that while the airport is currently not fit for purpose, a small investment would make it operable again.

- Said that the extension of the runway, to make it accessible to Boeing 737s, was vital to develop the South East region.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Highlighted a recent Irish Independent headline which stated that Waterford Airport was neglected again as funding was announced for all the other regional airports, commenting that this summed up the situation pretty well.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Echoed Cllr. K. Bourke's sentiments, saying that Waterford Airport was vital to the South East region, and that he was disappointed that there was no funding available to it.
- Commented that Kilkenny County Council were working on a motion similar to Carrick MD's.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Stated that it would be ideal if the NOMs from both County Councils were received by the relevant department at the same time- strength in numbers.

8.0. Any Other Business


Item 8.1 Any other business arising with the permission of the Cathaoirleach


Setting of date for June Annual General Meeting

Following a short discussion, it was agreed that the members would agree this date among themselves after the meeting, and update the Meetings Administrator once agreed.

After this brief discussion, Cllr. M. FitzGerald closed the meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting (14.52pm)


District Administrator.


Cathaoirleach.

26th June, 2025