

In the Chair: Cllr. M. Fitzgerald

Members Present: Cllr. D. Dunne, Cllr. M. Brennan, Cllr. A. Goldsboro

Apologies: Cllr. K. Bourke

Attended from

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, Mr. K. Malone, Senior Engineer.

Housing Directorate Ms. B. Ryan, Ms. H. Butler, Mr. S. Lonergan.

Other Attendees Aileen Haheesy – The Nationalist Newspaper

1.0. Welcome and Introduction

Item 1.1. Summons and Prayer: The summons was taken as read

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

Item 2.1. Conflict of Interest Declaration

None to record

Item 2.2 Election of Leas Cathaoirleach

Cllr. D. Dunne was elected, being proposed by Cllr. M. Brennan, and seconded by Cllr. A. Goldsboro.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked his proposers, stating that it would be an honour and a privilege to serve as Leas Cathaoirleach of Carrick MD.
- Thanked Cllr. A. Goldsboro for allowing him to take the position.
- Said that he had fulfilled this role previously, and he looking forward to working with his fellow councillors again as all the councillors in Carrick MD work together, leaving politics aside.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Stated that he was looking forward to working with Cllr. D. Dunne in his capacity as Leas Cathaoirleach.
- Took the opportunity to welcome Cllr. A. Goldsboro, commenting that Carrick MD is renowned for getting on

with business and leaving politics aside to work together as a group.

- Said that if Cllr. A. Goldsboro needs any help; he and the other councillors are only a phone call away.

Mr. B. Beck:

- Congratulated Mr. D. Dunne on his election as Leas Cathaoirleach.
- Welcomed Cllr. A. Goldsboro to the team, stating that she should feel free to contact any of the team if she needs assistance.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Welcomed Cllr. A. Goldsboro to the team, stating that he admired her coming onboard at such a young age.
- Congratulated Cllr. D. Dunne on his election as Leas Cathaoirleach.

3.0. Consideration of Minutes

Item 3.1. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27 February 2025

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 27th February, 2025 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dunne and seconded by Cllr. M. Brennan and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.1. Attendance of Housing Directorate and consideration of report

With Ms. B. Ryan, Ms. H. Butler and Mr. S. Lonergan in attendance, the report was briefly read for the benefit of Cllr. A. Goldsboro. Following on from this, the following queries were addressed:

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked the directorate for their comprehensive report.
- Acknowledged how busy the Housing Directorate is, dealing with varied issues such as homelessness, tenants in situ etc.
- Referring to the report, he stated that it mentions 47 housing units being built, but noted that 22 of these are already built and allocated, so they should no longer be in the report.
- Commented that 47 new units for the district is not that many, as there are currently 375 applicants on the district's housing list, with only 19 vacant houses.
- Asked if the figure for applicants for the district is the same as last year, as he would be hoping that it should be decreasing as the number of applicants gradually levels out.
- Commented that 2 schemes were allocated in the district recently so it was disappointing that it made no dent in the figures.
- Stated that the housing grant scheme was fantastic and it was brilliant to see that the Council had gotten the go

ahead to spend up to 70% of the 2024 budget at this stage.

- Queried if there had been a rollback on the fossil fuel boilers, as he had heard that existing fossil fuel boilers could be replaced.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Requested a breakdown of the list, especially for transfer applicants, and the length of time applicants were on the list.
- Stated that he often received queries from constituents in Killenaule, looking for updates on the list, and commented that there seemed to be very little communication with applicants apart from sending on their CBL login.
- Noted some worries he had about the 9 to 9 accommodation being provided in Clonmel, stating that someone in the 9 to 9 had brought some issues to him, and he had seen videos of a party atmosphere with drinking and loud music.
- Stated that he had also heard stories about drug dealing in the 9 to 9 as well as security being driven out, and said that not all the occupants of the 9 to 9 are in the throes of addiction.
- Said that he had raised this issue at the Housing SPC and mentioned the videos and photos in his possession. The feedback he had received was that it is not an issue.
- Commented that he still had concerns about its operation, e.g. what happens if someone gets sick and needs medical attention.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Asked if the funds received from customers paying back loans from the Tenant Purchase scheme go back into the housing budget, or generally back to council funds.
- Asked for an update on the Poulmaleen site in Faugheen.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Asked for an update on the land at Coolnamuck commenting that it was a prime site, asking for a Master plan for Housing/ Planning for this site, if one exists.
- Said that he is on a sub-committee for the 9 to 9, and while he acknowledged there were some issues, noted that they are dealing with complex people and the 9 to 9 is the first step into the system.
- Stated that prior to the 9 to 9 opening, there were 20- 50 people in the former Clonmel Arms site squatting- this created a homelessness issue when this site was cleared.
- Commented that the 9 to 9 is better than nothing, and that they had previously looked at hostels but these were a no go.

- Said that the 9 to 9 was a halfway house and that the process for homeless clients was often that they entered the system using the 9 to 9, then got accommodation through Own Front Door and finally got a council tenancy.

Responding, Ms. H. Butler:

- Said the 9 to 9 facility is a difficult service, helping people with complex needs, such as drugs and mental health issues, and is a way to get rough sleepers off the streets.
- Said that the 9 to 9 has CCTV, as well as security staff with body cams.
- Said that the turn around of bedrooms in the 9 to 9 is on a night by night basis.
- Stated that there are also cleaners on site, and that the number of incidents is very low.
- Said that there is currently an application in to extend to some day services also.
- Confirmed that the 9 to 9 has substance abuse and health care workers who check in with occupants.
- Commented that it can be a shock to some occupants on entry, but that it is an entry point to the system.
- Said that at present, 15 people are using the 9 to 9 facilities rather than being on the street.
- Referring to the breakdown of figures, confirmed that these can be sent on.
- Said that in relation to CBL, there is a huge amount of people bidding on each property, making it impossible to update all bidders. People can ring in for more information.

Responding, Ms. B. Ryan:

- Said that she will have to revert in relation to where the funds from the Tenant Purchase Scheme go.
- Re housing grants and the Department rolling back on fossil fuel boilers, she hadn't heard about this and would have to investigate further. Was under the impression that the replacement boilers would have to be either reconditioned or second hand.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Referring to housing applicants and the three different criteria being used, is one prioritised more than the others?
- Commented that some applicants have a housing need and are from the local area and on the housing list with a while but others may be prioritised on CBL (others not from the locality)- he often gets queries from constituents about this.

Responding, Ms. H. Butler:

- Stated that the allocation team look at the basis of need first- needs such as disability, homelessness, overcrowding will be given priority over someone just being from the area.
- Said that if the housing need is the same, the person from the locality will get the house.
- Stated that time on the list is the third priority when allocating.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Asked if it would be possible to get an email confirming this?

Responding, Ms. H. Butler:

- Yes, that will be done.

Commenting, Mr. S. Lonergan:

- Commenting on the number of housing units, said that a site with 15 units in Killenaule is at Stage 1 approval, with new sites constantly being sought.
- Referring to the site in Faugheen, said that this is with the vacant homes team.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Sought to clarify that this is the vacant site adjacent to Sliabh na mBan View in Faugheen?

Responding, Mr. S. Lonergan:

- Confirmed that yes, that is the aforementioned site.
- As regards Coolnamuck master plan, stated that he would have to get back to his team and get an update, but that he understood that some works were needed for this to proceed.

Item 4.2. District engineer's report

The Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2025 was circulated by Mr. D. Power, A/ District Engineer and examined by the members.

Following discussion of the programme, the following issues were raised by the Councillors and addressed by Mr. Power.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Asked for an update on Harley Park as the road is being cleared at the moment, with bends being taken out of the road to allow wind turbines to come through.

Mr. D. Power:

- Stated that a contractor was doing these works, not that council, and that Mr. P. Farrell, Executive Engineer, had met with the contractor.
- Confirmed that the bends will be taken out of the road in order to prepare for transporting the turbines.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Asked if it would be possible to hold off resurfacing this road, until the turbines had been transported?

Responding, Ms. D. Power:

- Said that the reinstatement of the road would be mandatory for the contractor.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Stated that as a cost saving exercise, why put down a new surface only for it to be damaged by the turbines passing through, which he understood were due in a few weeks.

Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Said that he would check the start date of the resurfacing works and that it could possibly be after the turbines are due

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Commented that remedial works post the turbines being transported may damage the road.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Queried if we can keep the bends out of the road after the turbines as they are quite bad bends- is the land being temporarily given over to TCC or is it a land purchase by TCC?

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Sought an update on the N24 snag list.
- Asked for an update on when Irish Water works on combined sewers will commence- a new surface may be needed if areas are to be dug up again.
- Commented that there is a reported leak on Pill Road with 2 weeks, and still no action by Irish Water to remedy this, expressing his frustration with Irish Water's failure to reinstate Pill Road after earlier works.
- Referring to St Marys Cemetery, complimented the outdoor staff on their works trimming back trees there, but said that the cemetery appears to be rapidly running out of space.

- Said that dumping in Carrick on Suir is on the increase, with the problem coming back to the Council to resolve.
- Stated that the bins in the district are often filled with household rubbish, including nappies.
- Said it was essential each household pay for bins, which should lead to no dumping.
- Noted the cost and staff hours involved in recent clear up efforts to get rid of wardrobes, mattresses and black bags dumped around the town.
- Commented that the second - clothes market had collapsed with Dublin City Council having to bring in an emergency contractor to empty their clothes banks- asked if we need to block up our clothing banks?
- Referring to the can banks, asked if these can also be removed if they cease to be used due to the new circular economy? May result in people scavenging in them looking for cans to return.
- Queried if we could write to the contractors refusing permission for the bank, and when they were removed it would free up the area.
- Commented that the bring banks at the Fairgreen were another blackspot with CE scheme and council staff constantly cleaning them.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Stated that the can bins would still be used for food cans, as many people are methodical recyclers and do not want them in their own bin.
- Said that it would be better to remove the clothes banks completely as people will dump their clothes at them if they are left there, creating a litter zone.
- Returning to Harley Park, said the spend of €357k is a lot for a road that may get damaged fairly soon.

Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Said that the issue with the turbines may be more complicated as it was his understanding that their transport may happen in phases.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Said that to his knowledge the licencing for the transportation was with the Gardai and that it would take place over a 6 – 8-week period.
- Asked about the Cloneen/ Fethard Road R692- asked what the estimated date of completion of the resurfacing would be as preparation work was currently underway.
- Referring to the left-hand side of the road leaving Fethard towards Clonmel, asked if there was drainage funding available for this to reduce flooding on the road.

- Referring to Jesuits Walk and the funding application, said he understood it didn't meet the criteria- would ORIS funding be an option?

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Asked if Mr. D. Power could explain the LIS scheme?

Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Said that the LIS scheme is for private roads, e.g. laneways.
- Said there must be two or more landowners, with no gate on the road, i.e. it should be open to the public.
- Stated that works can also be done on amenity roads, e.g. having a burial ground will give more points.
- Said that the contribution was capped at €2,400 per property, with a minimum of two landowners.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Commented that it would be August before these schemes would open.
- Said that there had been talks about the LIS criteria being changed by the Department.

Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Confirmed that yes, there were talks of changes to the scheme and this is why it was closed at present.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Said that there was the possibility of 1 agricultural entity on the road being a qualifying criteria, which should increase the scope and make more landowners eligible.

Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Said that the overall aim would be to do a few LIS a year, but noted that 1 can take the whole budget.

Item 4.3 District Administrator's Report

The Meetings Administrator circulated a comprehensive report incorporating an update in relation to the Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan for Phases 1, 2 and 3. She also reported on the EU Just Transition Fund Riverside Regeneration Programme. She also discussed the Public Consultation Phase of Proposed Material Alterations to the Carrick on Suir Draft Local Area Plan 2025-2031, currently open for submissions up to 31 March and the Public Consultation for New Rural Development Policy. She also gave updates on the Mid Tipperary Low Carbon Community, 2025 Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition and Greenways Funding. Following on from this she reported on the successful St Patricks Day event.

Mr. B. Beck:

- Stated that a Category 2 RRDF application had been lodged for the Goldcrop site, with a decision due before the summer.
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme had been launched, with ERCD to run workshops on this and information would be advertised on the tipperarycoco website.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked the Meetings Administrator for a comprehensive report, commenting that the funding for the greenway was great news and would hopefully progress the project to the next stage.
- Thanked council staff for the Patricks Day parade, as well as the Patricks Day Parade Committee and Explore Carrick, stating that it was a successful event and very well attended.
- Said that the positive effects of the RRDF were plain to see around Carrick, commenting that it was easy to focus on negative things, but the positive effects of the RRDF were great to see.
- Stated that as a result of the RRDF, Carrick was going in the right direction and looking very well which was sure to attract in more tourists.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Said that the St Patrick's event was a great success due in no small part to the hard work of the staff driving it on.
- Said that he really enjoyed it himself and that he had encourage people from villages around the district to come to it.
- Commented that he thought it was very successful having it on the Sunday, as it suited people and the car park being closed with the amusements/events in it was a nice extra.
- Said that it was fabulous to see the completed Black Tom sculpture and the L'etape jersey going around the town on floats.

**Item 4.4
General Municipal
Allocation**

A report/recommendation was circulated by the Meetings Administrator in relation to the 2025 General Municipal Allocation in the sum of €163,707 along with the Town & Village Renewal Fund of €48,104. Following consideration of the report, it was proposed by Cllr. D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. M. Brennan, AND RESOLVED

"That the General Municipal Allocation of 2024 in the sum of €163,707 along with the Town & Village Renewal Fund of €48,104 be assigned to the projects and community initiatives as set out on the schedule hereunder;

ORIS Measure 1_Mullinahone Pocket Park	€3,000
ORIS Measure 3_ Blueway widening 2023	€50,000
Drangan/Cloneen Enhancement Projects	€20,000
Ballingarry Community Development Projects	€20,000
Killenaule/Moyglass/Ballynonty Projects	€20,000
CCTV Carrick-on-Suir	€20,000
Town Clock	€10,000
Fairgreen Playground	€10,000
Community Grants	€31,311
Community Festivals	€11,500
Municipal Festivals	€4,000
Christmas Lights	€12,000
	€211,811

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Commented that it is great to see €211k going back into the District
- Said that we will really be getting "bang for buck" in the district, noting the spend of €50k on Blueway widening, saying that this as well as the proposed Greenway/Blueway link will mean more tourism in the area.

**Item 4.5
Assistance of bodies
under Section 66 of local
Government Act, 2001**

A report and recommendation in relation to disbursement of legacy supports was circulated and considered by the members.

Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr. D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. A. Goldsboro **AND RESOLVED**

"In accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and being of the opinion that it is desirable to so do, to promote the interests of the local community, and having regard to the recommendation from the District Administrator, that

payments totalling €61,900.00, be and are hereby approved in respect of grants to the bodies set out in the schedule hereunder:

Sean Kelly Sports Centre	€60,000
Carrick on Suir Brass Band	€1,900

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

- Item 5.1.** DEO No. 41600- Section 254 Licence- Scaffolding & Hoarding Licence for 49 William Street, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary.
- Item 5.2** DEO No. 41603- Legal proceedings re unpaid fixed offence notices.

6.0. Correspondence

- Item 6.1.** None

7.0. Notices of Motion

- Item 7.1.** None

8.0. Any Other Business

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

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Congratulated Cllr. M. Fitzgerald on his family pub, The Thatch, winning Munster Pub of the year 2025.
- Also took the opportunity to congratulate Mr. W. Morgan, on his horse, Bambino Fever, winning at Cheltenham.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked Cllr. Brennan, stating that he was delighted as it was a great achievement.

Mr. W. Morgan:

- Also thanked Cllr. Brennan.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Commented that LAWPRO and Carrick on Suir MD were invited to National Biodiversity Awards for the project in the Bog Field.
- Noted that while we did not win on this occasion, it was nice for our work to be recognised and the work has

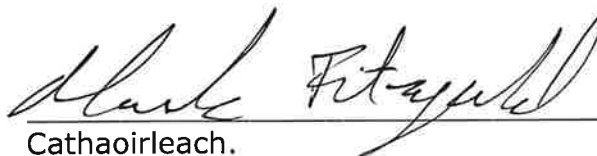
turned what was once a derelict site into a beautiful walkway.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald

- Thanked all attendees and then closed the meeting

This concluded the business of the meeting (15.07pm)


District Administrator.


Cathaoirleach.

24th April, 2025