## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE APRIL MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CARRICK ON SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE DISTRICT CHAMBER, NEW STREET, CARRICK ON SUIR AT 14:00 ON THE 24 APRIL 2025

In the Chair:

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald

**Members Present:** 

Clir. D. Dunne, Clir. M. Brennan, Clir. A. Goldsboro, Clir. K.

Bourke.

**Apologies:** 

None

**Attended from** 

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. P. Farrell

Carrick on Suir MD

Mr. K. Malone, Senior Engineer.

**Planning Directorate** 

Ms. T. Kiely, Mr. S. Grogan, Mr. F. O' Donnell, Ms. C. Conway.

**Other Attendees** 

Marie FitzGerald, Tusla. Domhnall Doyle- Tipp FM.

Joe Hawkins- Community Activist.

#### 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.

Identification of all participants and

attendees

In person and virtually

Item 2.2 Conflict of Interest Declaration

None to record.

#### 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 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dunne and seconded by Cllr. M. Brennan and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

#### 4.0 Appointment of Members to Committees or Boards

#### Item 4.1 Nomination of Representative from Carrick MD to Corporate Policy Group

Cllr. M. FitzGerald was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, and seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne.

#### Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

• Thanked the other councillors for his nomination. Note the representative will rotate with each Cathaoirleach for the duration of this Council

#### 5.0 Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

# Item 5.1. Attendance of Planning Directorate and consideration of report

With Ms. T. Kiely, Mr. S. Grogan, Mr. F. O' Donnell and Ms. C. Conway in attendance, their comprehensive report was taken as read.

#### Ms. C. Conway:

- Commented that as regards the Taking in Charge of estates, Mr. K. Ladden has been allocated to Projects, meaning that the Executive Engineer role is vacant.
- Indicated that she would take note of any queries in this area and revert with answers as soon as possible.

#### Cllr. K Bourke:

- Stated that while he was disappointed that Mr. K. Ladden was moving on, he wished him all the best.
- Requested that Mr. S Grogan revert to the members with any changes being made to the plan after the workshop, commenting that he was keen to see the Local Area Plan get approved.

#### Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

 Gave his well wishes to Mr. K. Ladden, commenting that he had always been excellent to deal with.

## Item 5.2. Attendance of Tusla and consideration of report

Attending on behalf of Tusla, Ms. M. FitzGerald gave a comprehensive report, discussing the importance of foster care in Ireland, the process involved in becoming a foster parent and the supports available for families.

#### Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked Ms. M. FitzGerald for a comprehensive report, stating that Tusla do amazing work with children.
- Asked if there is an emergency, will the child always be removed from the situation?

#### Responding, Ms. M. FitzGerald:

 Stated that yes, in the case of an emergency the child will always be removed from the home, it just may be a case where the child will have to travel further to be placed in a foster home.

#### Item 5.3 District Engineer's Report

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

#### Cllr. D.Dunne:

- Thanked Mr. D. Power for a comprehensive report.
- Enquired about the new crossing points on the road at Mullinahone as constituents had been asking what they were.
- Brought up the issue of littering at clothes and bottle banks again, asking why the council were absorbing the cost of the clean-up and stating that cameras were needed.
- Said that he had received some complaints about the conditions of roads around the town centre, noting that some repair jobs had been done prior to the Patricks Day Parade but stating that more work would be needed before L'etape.
- Asked for an update on the N24 snag list, saying that he
  is aware that the roundabouts need to be redone, but
  that there are a number of other outstanding issues such
  as the water pooling at the house at Clairin hill.
- Asked if the water pooling issue would be tended to, and commented that there were a number of other issues which may be small but also needed to be completed.

#### Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Echoed Cllr. Dunne's sentiments re the water at Clairin hill but stated that he thought the issue may not be a Glas snag.
- Said that there was a speed bump at this location which was always there, but that a gap between the ramp and the footpath had been filled with tarmac, blocking off the drain, meaning TCC were responsible, not Glas.

#### Cllr. M. Brennan:

 Stated that many gully traps around towns and housing estates were blocked with residue, and asked if staff could clear these as required to prevent flooding.

#### Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

 Mentioned a property owner who had previously been flooded 7 times and had been liaising with former Cllr. K.

- O' Meara- asked if we can arrange a meeting with the property owners again, noting that the issues were being caused by a road crossing with a pipe nearby.
- Commented that there were issues with cars speeding in a number of the villages in the district, and that he would be raising this at the meeting with AGS also.
- Stated that the road through Cloneen is a rural road with lots of traffic, and it would be preferable not to have an accident on it, noting that many other villages are similar.

#### Cllr. D. Dunne:

 Said that the leak on N24 had finally been marked by Uisce Eireann for repair, saying that the road will have to be fully reinstated following on from any works undertaken by them.

#### Responding, Mr. D. Power:

 Stated that the new crossing in Mullinahone is an uncontrolled crossing, meaning no right of way for pedestrians.

#### Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

 Commented that there is a similar uncontrolled pedestrian on Killenaule road to Fethard, stating that these usually work for a while but that it could be confusing for pedestrians as to whether they have right of way or not.

#### Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Confirmed that he would ask Environment for cameras for the clothes/ bottle banks in the district.
- Stated that as regards the town centre roads, the RRDF will take care of these, with any necessary works by Uisce Eireann taking place beforehand.
- Said that he would email Mr. O. Tierney for an update on the snag list, and that the roundabouts would be remedied at start of May, commenting that the snag list was still very much active.
- Confirmed that he will look at Clairin hill and assess what can be done.
- Requested that Cllr. Brennan send in CRMs with the locations of the blocked gullies on them.
- As regards the property owner in Killaghy whose house had previously been flooded, confirmed that he would book in some time to arrange a meeting with this property owner.

#### Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

 Said that there was a 16"- 18" dyke on the left-hand side of the road where the property in Mullinahone is situated, noting that there was a 9" pipe which was blocked and not doing much for drainage.

#### Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Said that he is reluctant to move all the issues to one side of the house in Mullinahone.
- As regards traffic calming measure, noted that An Garda Siochana could be asked about this at their meeting, stating that the safety route to schools programme is closed at this stage.

#### Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Requested a full pedestrian crossing at Comeragh College, as the chair of the Board of Management, and noted that the principal of the school had previously submitted a request.
- Stated that it was difficult for students to cross the N24 at lunchtime with the current configuration, as it is an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing with no right of way for pedestrians.
- Said that this request had previously been brought to Mr.
   O. Tierney, and wanted to know if there was a reply or an update on this.

#### Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Confirmed that the request had been passed to Mr. O. Tierney who had intended to bring it to TII.
- Stated that he would chase this up with Mr. O. Tierney for an update.

With funding for "Red Roads" from own funds in the amount of €50,872 confirmed, Mr. D. Power proposed that these funds be spent on LP-1403-1 at Cathanganstown.

This was proposed by Cllr. M. Brennan, and seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne.

With the inclusion of a budget of €191,309 for the 2025 development levies Mr. D. Power proposed to apportion to the following projects: Mullinahone footpaths €50,000, Drangan footpaths €36,000: Glengoole footpaths €65,000: Footpaths at Moyglass €40,000.

This was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke and seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne.

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.

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### District Administrator's Report

- Also reported on the EU Just Transition Fund Riverside Regeneration Programme.
- Circulated details of the Carrick MD community grant scheme, and also Tipperary Sports Partnership Funding 2025.
- Reported on the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2025, currently open for Expressions of Interest.
- Informed members of the Carrick MD Painting & Enhancement Scheme 2025, due to open shortly.
- Reported on CLAR Scheme 2025, open for Expressions of Interest until 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
- Informed members of the public consultation phase on the proposed additions to the Carrick on Suir record of protected structures which is open until 6<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Clir.K. Bourke:

 Commented that for the Painting Scheme, the businesses must be rates compliant, but noted that it had worked very well in the past.

#### Ms. M. Cox:

- Stated that it would be quite important to have the town looking well for upcoming events such as L'étape, and that the engineer would be would be talking to business owners in the town centre in relation to this.
- Commented that the overall €75,000 grant expenditure proposed for 2025 would have a significant, positive effect on the district area.
- Said that as regards the areas qualifying for CLAR, these are marked clearly on the map supplied in the DA report.
- Confirmed that the public consultation on the record of protected structures was opening today, and that the preceding workshop with Planning was on this.
- Said that a Book of Condolences for Pope Francis was opening in the district office on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

#### Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Said that from looking at the first page of the District Administrator report, it was amazing to see all the progress in the district area, saying that it was very transformative.
- As regards Clár, stated that he was aware that Drangan tennis Club would have an application it, and intended to reach out to Faugheen/ Newtown to see if they would propose any projects.
- Commented that Measure 1 of Clar was very broad this year, meaning that it could attract a number of projects.

#### Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Said that he completely agreed with Cllr. M. FitzGerald's comments re the transformative work done as part of the RRDF in Carrick on Suir.
- Queried whether the grants are being advertised?

#### Responding, Ms. M. Cox:

 Confirmed that the grants have been advertised on website and social media channels.

#### Mr. B. Beck:

- Stated that C & E hosted webinars on Clár, where interested parties could ask questions- if anyone missed out they can contact C & E staff.
- Agreed with the comments re the transformative work taking place in the district, stating that it was a credit to staff.
- Commented that the RRDF project was showing great value for money as staff were being financially prudent in its completion.
- Said that the new Gaelscoil being constructed, the district is looking better than it has done in many years.
- Emphasised the importance of continuing to move forward in this regard.

#### Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

 Reverting to Clár, asked if there had been a review of Clar since 2014, stating that if there hadn't been we could explore the possibility of writing to the Minister for a review of the areas.

#### Responding, Ms. M. Cox:

 Stated that she would endeavour to find out whether a full review had been carried out; and then the decision could be made to write to the Minister as appropriate.

Item 5.5 General Municipal Allocation None

Item 5.6.1 Assistance of bodies under Section 66 of local Government Act, 2001The members considered a report and recommendation in relation to 49 no. burial ground committees' application for burial ground grants received in 2025.

#### Burial Ground Grants 2025

Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr. D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. M. Brennan, 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  $\in$ 33,200, be and are hereby approved in respect of grants to burial ground committees set out in the schedule hereunder."

Ahenny Carrick on Suir Burial Ground	€600.00
Ballinalacken Glengoole, Burial Ground	€800.00
Ballingarry Church Graveyard	€600.00
Ballyneale Parish Graveyard	€600.00
Ballinure Burial Ground	€800.00
Calvary Graveyard	€600.00
Carrick on Suir Workhouse Restoration	€600.00
Cloneen New Burial Ground	€800.00
Cloneen Old Burial Ground	€600.00
Cooleagh Fethard Burial Ground	€800.00
Crohane Burial Ground	€600.00
Crosscannon Killenaule Burial Ground	€800.00
Dualla Cemetery	€600.00
Dualla Burial Ground	€600.00
Everardsgrange Burial Ground	€600.00
Famine Graveyard	€800.00
Grangemockler Parish Graveyard	€600.00
Holy Trinity Fethard	€600.00
Isterkiernan Mullinahone Burial Ground	€800.00
Killaghy Mullinahone Burial Ground	€800.00
Killmaclough Fethard Burial Ground	€800.00
Kilballyherbery Burial Ground	€600.00
Kilmurray Carrick on Suir Burial Ground	€600.00
The Immaculate Conception Graveyard	€600.00
Kiltinan Fethard Burial Ground	€800.00
Kilvemnon Mullinahone Burial Ground	€800.00
Lanespark Burial Ground	€600.00
Lismolin Burial Ground	€800.00
Magoury Drangan Burial Ground	€600.00
Modeshill Mullinahone Burial Ground	€600.00
Magorban Parish Council	€600.00
Nun's Graveyard	€600.00
Assumption Graveyard	€600.00
Old Ballingarry Burial Ground	€800.00
Peppardstown Fethard Burial Ground	€800.00
Rathcoole Fethard Burial Ground	€800.00
Raheen Graveyard	€600.00
Red City Fethard Burial Ground	€600.00
River Street Killenaule Burial Ground	€800.00
St. Johnstown Killenaule Burial Ground	€800.00

St. Joseph's Ballingarry Burial Ground	€800.00
St. Mary's Churchyard, Killenaule	€600.00
St. Mary's Drangan Burial Ground	€600.00
St. Michael's Church Graveyard	€600.00
St. Patrick's Churchyard Faugheen	€600.00
Woodhouse Burial Ground	€600.00
Templemichael Graveyard	€600.00
Tullamaine Fethard Burial Ground	€800.00
Moyglass Graveyard	€600.00

Item 5.6.2 Assistance of bodies under Section 66 of Local Government Act 2001- Tidy Towns Grants 2025 The members considered a report and recommendation in relation to 18 no. Tidy Towns groups who had applied for support under the 2025 Tidy Towns Support Grants for Carrick on Suir Municipal District

Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr. D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. K. Bourke , **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  $\[ \in \] 12,750$ , be and are hereby approved in respect of grants to Tidy Town Committees for 2025 as set out in the schedule hereunder."

Ahenny Tidy Towns	€375.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Association	€750.00
Ballinure Community Group	€750.00
Ballyneale Tidy Towns	€750.00
Ballynonty Tidy Towns	€750.00
Carrick on Suir Tidy Towns	€750.00
Clashnasmuth Tidy Towns	€375.00
Cloneen Tidy Villages & Graveyard Committee	€750.00
Drangan Tidy Towns Committee	€750.00
Dualla Tidy Towns	€750.00
Fethard Tidy Town & Killusty Community Council	€750.00
Faugheen Tidy Towns	€750.00
Glengoole Tidy Towns	€750.00
Grangemockler Tidy Towns	€750.00
Killenaule Community Enhancement Association	€750.00
Mullinahone Tidy Towns Association	€750.00
Moyglass Tidy Villages	€750.00
The Commons Tidy Towns	€750.00

#### Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

 Commented that the Tidy Town grants make a huge difference to the committees annually.

Ms. M. Cox:

 Stated that there was now an IPB insurance support available to Tidy Towns groups, noting that it was for groups named "Tidy Towns" which was causing a few teething problems which could be remedied.

#### Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

 Said that some of the teething issues were caused by the name of the organisation which could be an easy fix.

#### Cllr. D. Dunne:

 Asked if the organisation must be called "Tidy Towns/ Tidy Villages"?

#### Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

Confirmed this was the case.

#### Responding, Ms. M. Cox:

- Stated that this was the case and it was to ensure IPB were only insuring Tidy Towns groups.
- If the groups are doing other activities, they can continue insuring themselves if they feel it is more suitable.

#### 6.0 Chief Executive's / Delegated Employee's Orders

Item 6.1.

DEO No. 41846- Casual Trading Licence for Carrick on Suir Farmers Market

#### 7.0 Correspondence

Item 7.1.

None.

#### 8.0 Notices of Motion

None

Item 8.1.

#### 9.0 Any Other Business

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

None.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald

• Thanked all attendees and then closed the meeting

This concluded the business of the meeting (14.55pm)

District Administrator.

22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2025

