

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District  
held via ZOOM at 2:00pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald

**Members Present:** Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Cllr. D. Dunne,  
Cllr. I. Goldsboro, Cllr. K. O'Meara

**Apologies** None

**In Attendance:** Mr. Brian Beck. A/Director of Services  
Ms. Marie O'Gorman, District Administrator  
Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer  
Ms. Liz McGrath, Staff Officer  
Mr. Shane O'Dwyer, Administrative Officer, C&ED.

**Welcome and introduction**

**Item 1.1.**

**Summons and Prayer.**

The summons was taken as read.

**Item 1.2.**

**Suspension of Standing Orders.**

It was proposed by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara and unanimously agreed to suspend standing orders to allow business of the meeting to be conducted remotely via Zoom.

**Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution**

**Item 1.3.**

**Conflict of Interest Declaration.**

None to record.

**Item 2.1.**

**Minutes of the Monthly meeting of CoSMD held on 18/11/2021**

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Carrick on Suir Municipal District held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

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**Item 2.2.  
Minutes of the  
Special Meeting  
of CoSMD held  
on 06/12/2022**

The minutes of the special meeting of Carrick on Suir Municipal District held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara and signed by the Cathaoirleach, subject to inclusion of amendment on page 2 to include *"significant additional cost as a result"* inadvertently omitted and thereby complete the following sentence in paragraph 2- *"He expressed concern that the process was open to challenge and to incurring significant additional cost as a result"*

**Consideration of Reports and Recommendations**

**Item 3.1  
Update from  
Community &  
Economic  
Development  
Directorate –**

Representing the Community & Economic Development Directors, Mr. Shane O'Dwyer, Administrative Officer attended, and referred to his report circulated with the agenda as taken as read. The following items were noted in relation to activities in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District.

- All 2018 Town & Village projects were closed; of note was the Carrick-on-Suir Heritage Centre which project benefitted to the tune of approximately €175,000.
- 2020 Town and Village Accelerated measures saw improvements to Stable Lane such as small capital jobs along with promotion of *SHOP LOCAL* and other smaller initiatives with grant funding of approximately €25,000.
- Also noted, were improvements to Ballingarry Community hall funded with grant of €25,000.
- Under this grant scheme, 8 BCP's [Broadband Connection Points] received funding of €40,000 to assist with kit-out and Moyglass in the Carrick On Suir MD was supported.
- For 2021 an announcement is awaited, but two projects have been submitted, namely,
  - Public Realm improvements to Ballingarry and-
  - Works at the Bogfield, Carrickbeg, Carrick on Suir.
- Under the 2021 Streetscape Enhancement Scheme, Carrick On Suir secured €181,000 and the scheme has been extended now past December until April to have

claims lodged with the Council (*and May for the Council to Claim from the DRCD.*)

- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS): Under the 2019 Scheme €110,000 was awarded for the opening of a new entrance to the Blueway at Seán Treacy Park, Carrick on Suir.
- In the last number of days €180,000 was secured under the 2021 scheme for widening of the Blueway near the Miloko factory to provide approximately 3km of 3metre wide pathway which was a great amenity for buggies and people with mobility aids, wheelchairs etc.
- CLAR - The 2019 Scheme at Ballingarry was recently completed and received funding of approximately €50,000.

The Members welcomed these developments and expressed their appreciation for the very many schemes and supports provided by the C&ED Directorate.

It was confirmed that the closing date for the Community Enhancement Programme [CEP] Grant was 17 December 2021.

Item 3.2.  
District  
Engineer's  
Report:

The monthly report on the Roads Programme 2021, substantially completed, was circulated and considered. Arising from same, the following matters were discussed and addressed by Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Conveyed his appreciation of outdoor staff and C.E. Scheme participants for their work throughout the year, and in particular during Storm Barra which passed off without major incident or injury.
- Sought update in relation to impending N24 works, noting that there were areas in very poor condition requiring intervention.
- Enquired as to status of Tree Maintenance Programme.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Communicated his thanks to the District Engineer, staff and Road Crews, particularly in view of the recent storm.
- Sought information in relation to Winter Salting Programme, in context of black ice conditions encountered recently at Lanespark in vicinity of Briquette factory.
- Referred to his recent attendance at TII workshop with other Cathaoirligh, where the intention was noted to go to tender shortly for N24 project with works to commence in Q.2 of 2022. He also noted that a landscaping scheme to provide traffic calming would be piloted at Grangemockler as a blueprint for all future schemes, which was noted and welcomed.
- Referring to N76 project and the need for safety measures at Poulacapple NS, he suggested that extra driver feedback signage would be desirable; he also questioned the feasibility of 2+1 carriageway at Glenbower.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro:

- Expressed her thanks to the District Engineer for his support throughout the year.
- Sought update in relation to proposed works at Killenaule.

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Complimented the report and commended the staff involved who were always available to assist the Councillors and public.
- Conveyed his thanks to the District Engineer for having commenced footpath works at Fethard Street, Mullinahone.

The District Engineer, in response, made the following points;

- Referring to Storm Barra, he noted that there were no injuries emanating from two serious events in the Carrick on Suir MD during the course of the storm – the first involved a tree falling on the bonnet of an oncoming car with a lady and her 2 children on board; luckily all escaped harm. The second incident involved a tree falling at Mullough, Carrick on Suir, which was suspended on telegraph wires and was removed with the assistance of the landowner.
- Informed that the Winter Salting programme was managed through the 'Ice-Cast' system by road engineers operating technology to identify the route each night for salting according to the information provided on ground temperatures and regretfully was outside of his remit.
- Outlined the position in relation to tree maintenance and undertook to revert with confirmation of the position.
- Advised that satisfactory progress was achieved with the landowner involved at Killenaule signed up to agreement; the project would carry into the new year and he stated that consultants would be engaged to provide a suitable design for the area to the front of the school.
- Referring to N76 project, he noted the Members' comments and stated that tendering could often take 3 to 4 months, thereby clarifying the timeframe and delays associated with same.
- Stated that he had inspected areas of the N24 in the vicinity of the CBS Pill Road and at O'Mahoney and informed that TII had made funding available to address settlement of trenches and manholes in advance of the contract. A contractor was lined up presently and remediation would take place, subject to the availability of asphalt.

**Item 3.3.  
District  
Administrator's  
Report;**

**3.3.1. Recommendation- Burial Ground Grant Scheme**

A report/recommendation was circulated and considered in relation to a proposed award of a grant under Burial Ground Grant Scheme.

It was proposed by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara and unanimously *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 of the District Administrator that a grant under the Burial Ground Grants Scheme be made to Magoury Drangan Burial Ground Committee in the sum of €800."*

**3.3.2. Recommendation- Tidy Towns Awards 2021**

A report/recommendation was circulated for consideration in relation to the disbursement of funds designed to reward Tidy Towns groups who had entered into the SuperValu-sponsored National Tidy Towns Awards Competition 2021. The recommendation took account of the increase in marks awarded to the respective groups along with the feedback contained in their adjudicator's reports.

Discussion followed 'in committee' in relation to the manner of equitable disbursement of available funding. It was suggested by the A/Director of Services, that all groups should receive €1,000; those groups who achieved 2% increase or more in their scoring to receive a further €1,000 and the outstanding performance of Ballingarry Tidy Towns Group to warrant an additional €1,500.

Upon resuming the meeting, it was proposed by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara 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 of the A/Director of Services that grants under the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme be awarded to groups included in the following schedule:*



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<b>Tidy Town Group</b>	<b>Grant Awarded</b>
Ballingarry	€3500
Cloneen	€2000
Drangan	€2000
Ballyneale	€2000
Killenaule	€2000
Mullinahone	€1000
Fethard	€1000
Dualla	€1000
Glengoole	€1000
Ahenny/Clashnasmuth	€1000
Faugheen	€1000

It was agreed that the Groups included in the schedule would be invited to a workshop to be held in early New Year to benefit from advice and experience of successful Tidy Towns Committee on the manner of presenting their applications in future.

It was also suggested that a workshop would be held among the Councillors to consider proposals for the management of the General Municipal Allocation going forward and the Acting Director urged the members to use that opportunity to bring forward their ideas in that regard.

**Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders**

**Items 4.1, 4.2,  
4.3, 4.4 and 4.5**

Delegated Officer's Orders 27958, 28165, 28168, 28181 and 28235 were noted by the Councillors.

**Items of Correspondence**

**Item 5.0.**

Email correspondence dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 15:33 from Irish Water emanating from invitation to Mr. Colin Cunningham to attend meeting with Carrick on Suir Municipal District Councillors on foot of notice of motion tabled jointly by Councillors Bourke and Dunne, was circulated and noted.

**Any Other Business**

**Item 6.0.**

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. I. Goldsboro conveyed her thanks to the staff of the Municipal District for their help and support throughout the year.

Conscious of local businesses' generosity to fundraising events throughout the year, Cllr. Goldsboro urged all present to 'shop local' and 'spend local' in return.

The Cathaoirleach echoed those sentiments and urged his fellow Councillors to spread the message on social media.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (15:00)



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach

27<sup>th</sup> January 2022