

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held at
2:00pm on the 24th February 2022**

<i>In the Chair:</i>	Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald
<i>Members Present:</i>	Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Cllr. D. Dunne, Cllr. I. Goldsboro, Cllr. K. O'Meara
<i>Apologies</i>	Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Services
<i>In Attendance:</i>	
<i>From Carrick on Suir Municipal District:</i>	Mr. Karl Cashen, Director of Services (<i>Deputising</i>) Ms. Marie O'Gorman, District Administrator Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer Ms. Liz McGrath, Staff Officer
<i>Planning Directorate:</i>	Mr. Jonathan Flood, A/Senior Executive Planner Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer
<i>Water Services Directorate:</i>	Mr. John Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer

Welcome and introduction

<i>Item 1.1.</i>	
<i>Summons and Prayer.</i>	The summons was taken as read.

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

<i>Item 1.2.</i>	
<i>Conflict of Interest Declaration.</i>	None to record.

<i>Item 2.1.</i>	
<i>Minutes of the Monthly meeting of CoSMD held on 27 January 2022</i>	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 27 th January 2022 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

<i>Item 3.1.</i>	
<i>Planning Directorate:</i>	<p>The Planning Briefing Note for February 2022 was circulated and taken as read. Mr. Jonathan Flood, A/Senior Executive Planner and Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer attended the meeting and addressed the following matters:</p> <p><u>Cllr. K. Bourke:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Requested information on the Planning authority's role/input into the licensing of waste disposal facility at Carrick on Suir which was licensed until 2026.

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Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Queried whether it was possible for the Council to take the portion of Greenhill Village in charge in view of the Council's recent acquisition of all 14 units at Hazel Close.
- Sought update in relation to taking in charge of estate at Slieveardagh, Grangemockler.

Cllr. K. O'Meara

- Queried whether a person making a submission on an application which was subsequently withdrawn before a decision issued, was entitled to a refund of his fee?
- Sought update in relation to the DPI resolution process at Slieveardagh, Grangemockler.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Questioned how many DPI [Developer Provided Infrastructure] sites were experiencing issues with wayleaves.

Mr. Flood responded to the issues hereunder as follows:

- Indicated that the Environment Section handled waste licence applications under a legislative code which was separate entirely to the planning code. However, the planning authority was required to assess each application on the basis of its probable impact on the Lower River Suir Special Area of Conservation and other environmental considerations. He undertook to revert directly to Councillor Bourke to clarify the matter further.
- Undertook to examine the planning regulations to clarify the circumstances where a person making a submission would be entitled to a refund of the fee.

Mr. Ladden responded to further issues as follows;

- Informed the meeting that there were 22 problematic DPIs [Developer Provided Infrastructure] in the county, which were subject to the Department's DPI resolution process. He anticipated that there would be a call for another tranche of 6 estates to be identified for inclusion in the process in 2022 and confirmed that it was intended to engage with Irish Water shortly in this regard.
- Referring to the DPI estate of Slieveardagh, Grangemockler, he noted that the sewerage treatment plant was desludged at this location in the past few days; he stated that the Council was actively involved with Irish Water as part of a DPI resolution process in relation to this estate and another at Rathclough North, Dualla. A Consultant was engaged to produce a detailed technical and financial report which would be forwarded to the Department for review in Q.2, 2022.

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**Water Services
Directorate:**

The Water Services District Briefing Note of the 24th February 2022 was circulated and taken as read. Mr. John Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer attended the meeting and addressed items raised as follows;

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Referred to correspondence from Irish Water to a customer who was experiencing low water pressure and struggling to resolve the matter with the utility for months. The breakdown in communication meant that the customer had engaged a contractor privately and was unable to decipher whether s/he should continue with that arrangement or disengage the contractor.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Referred to difficulties he encountered in obtaining response to email correspondence from Irish Water, particularly in relation to the circumstances surrounding the issue of Boil Water Notices in Carrick on Suir recently. He considered the absence of response as an elected representative to be unacceptable.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro:

- Sought information on plans to remediate ongoing outtages at Moyglass, Foulkstown Ballinure and other villages in her area.

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Queried the selection criteria for inclusion in IW Small Towns/Villages Programme, noting that there were no settlements in the Carrick on Suir MD included in same. He referred specifically to the need for such infrastructure at Grangemockler. He suggested it would be preferable for Tipperary County Council to identify villages for inclusion rather than Irish Water.

Responding to these issues, Mr. Crowley outlined the following;

- In seeking to address customers' complaints, Irish Water sought to identify if the problem lay outside or inside the householder's boundary. If the difficulty arose from within the private property, the owner would be offered a 'first-fix' solution and a contractor would be appointed by Irish Water. In relation to Councillor Bourke's specific representation, Mr. Crowley undertook to obtain a report and timeframe and to revert to Councillor Bourke directly on the matter.
- Referring to the recent boil water notice, Mr. Crowley explained that the situation arose after a sustained dry period at Lingaun intake had caused high turbidity. This in turn

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caused other difficulties at the plant requiring consultation with HSE and IW; instruction followed that a boil water notice be issued until matters were resolved satisfactorily. A shut-down valve was installed to address future such events and further improvements would be undertaken also.

- Responding to issue of obsolete pipework causing outtages at Moyglass, Foulkstown Ballinure and other villages, he indicated that Water Services was in discussion with Irish Water seeking to lessen these occurrences.
- He advised that Irish Water was directly responsible for selecting settlements for inclusion in Small Towns/Villages Programme noting that the programme was geared towards upgrading existing infrastructure as opposed to initial installation of such infrastructure. He also noted that Irish Water was fully aware and assessing the situation at Grangemockler and he was hopeful of a positive outcome.

***Item 3.3.
District Engineer's
Report:***

Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer reported on the upcoming works in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District, dealing with the following matters;

- The TII-funded N24 upgrade through Carrick on Suir was progressing, and was shortly going to tender. He anticipated that a contractor would be appointed and on the ground by May and continue for 3½ months duration. It was intended to employ the patching unit in advance of this contract, in order to carry out €30,000-€40,000 worth of patching on the N24.
- Indicated that detailed discussions were ongoing with Irish Water in relation to replacement of obsolete watermains on the N24 by Shareridge (contractor). Works would take place from Circle K filling station, along Seán Treacy Park towards Davin Park GAA pitch. In addition, a new watermain would to be laid along a short section of the N24 at the Old St. Joseph's VEC (new Gaelscoil site), past the mini-roundabout to the start of Greystone Street. He noted that 'Back Yard Service' (BYS) pipes were to be disconnected from the rear of properties at Sean Treacy Park with new supplies to be offered from front. Irish Water intended to commence works immediately after St. Patricks weekend (Mon 21st March) and intended to be completed by end of April/early May ahead of the N24 Contract works. All efforts would be taken to minimise the inevitable disruption.

He also noted that similar works would be required at a later date to address the deficient pipework at Main Street and Barrack Lane in advance of proposed public realm contract..

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- Reported that a consultant was appointed to design a new bridge at Cláirín.
- Informed that a draft Road Programme would be listed for consideration at the March 2022 monthly meeting, and suggested that a Members' workshop should be arranged in advance of same.

A number of issues were raised by the Members and addressed as follows:

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Welcomed the imminent start of N24 contract in May
- Queried the amount of funding from TII allocated to the Carrick on Suir Municipal District in 2022.
- Questioned whether there would be engagement with businesses/CoSBA and other stakeholders in relation to the replacement of watermain by Irish Water.
- Expressed concern that road markings on the mini - roundabouts at either end of O'Mahoney Avenue had faded and posed a danger to motorists. He had email confirmation that markings would be applied in the current week and questioned whether this work was on schedule.
- Commended work carried out by tree surgeons and queried whether trees at St. Mary's Cemetery would be pruned in the current week.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Welcomed completion of tree pruning works carried out to the satisfaction of all concerned.
- Conveyed his deep appreciation of outdoor workers engaged in vital works during Storm Eunice, particularly in view of the sad fatality that occurred with the tragic loss of Wexford County Council's employee killed on duty by a fallen tree.
- Commended the valuable contribution made by CE Scheme participants to the town of Carrick on Suir.
- Stated that the maintenance of Town Parks was a credit to the teams, providing a vital resource to citizens particularly during the Covid Pandemic.
- Sought update in relation to provision of signage on the River Suir Blueway.
- Sought information on timeframe for installation of signage at Lingaun Valley/Knockroe.
- Requested that consideration be given to closing off co-owned lanes to the rear of St. Nicholas Park and Árd Mhuire to secure same. He referred to recent survey undertaken which indicated across-the-board support for such measures.
- Requested that consideration be given to providing 'chevron' or 90-degree parking spaces at Kickham Street in view of the impending increase in demand from residents of the

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apartment block currently under construction and his information that a further planning application was to be submitted for additional apartments in the area. He spoke of complaints from residents at Árd Mhuire of cars being parked at this location all day.

- Expressed concern in relation to report of watermain to be replaced on the N24 and sought assurances that customers involved would be informed in advance and that the elected members be updated in due course.
- Welcomed the news of a new footbridge for Cláirín.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Sought report in relation to the request for patching unit employed recently at Grangemockler to divert to Currasilla on completion, in view of its close proximity to the Grangemockler workplace.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro:

- Commended outdoor staff for the diligent work in all weathers dealing with blocked and overflowing drains.
- Queried whether extra staff were employed during the winter season
- Sought report on when lights in place at Ballingarry pedestrian crossing would be commissioned
- Sought update into repairs of bridge parapets, outstanding for some time and some of which were in hazardous condition.
- Sought update on examination of surface at Ballingarry Creamery
- Welcomed works carried out at Ballingarry school.
- Expressed concerns at driver behaviour leading to speeding on rural roads, noting that the Gardaí didn't appear to have resources to police these areas
- Queried why ramps were not installed in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District while other Districts appeared to go ahead and install such measures.
- Noted that lights were still not connected at The Commons NS
- Requested update in relation to ORIS [OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME] applications on hand.
- Referring to the necessity for EV chargers, queried whether plans in were place to install same at rural villages.

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Welcomed commencement of N24 works at Carrick on Suir.
- Sought update in relation to provision/repair of speed sign at Mullinahone
- Requested that contractor be instructed to carry out repairs to wall at Killaghy Cemetery

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- Conveyed appreciation for installation of footpaths at Fethard Street, Mullinahone and indicated that some wall caps needed replacement or reinstatement.
- Suggested that a review of schools and villages should be carried out to identify deficiencies and adopted a united approach to addressing those issues over a period
- Referred to culvert at Rocks Road constructed some 40 years ago in consultation with the OPW and requested a survey of same to ascertain whether it was still fit for purpose.
- Sought update in relation to casual trading pitch at Fethard

In response to the above matters, the District Engineer confirmed

- That €3million was allocated to the N24 project for 2022.
- That €1,010,000 was allocated to the N76 works at Grangemockler
- That Irish Water would be advised to engage with business, residents and other stakeholders likely to be affected by the watermain replacement works.
- That road markings at O'Mahoney Avenue would be attended to in the current week
- That trees at St. Mary's Cemetery were scheduled for attention in the current week.
- That he would follow up the request for provision of distance information signage on the Blueway.
- That consideration would be given to erecting gates to the rear of Árd Mhuire and St. Nicholas Park but informed that the legal procedure for extinguishing a right of way was protracted and complex.
- That the issue of changing the parking layout at Kickham Street could be considered in the context of (a) the review of Parking Places Byelaws to be commenced and (b) the Part 8 planning consent for Kickham Street
- That he would investigate the matter of reassigning the patching unit to Currasilla and revert to the Cathaoirleach directly

Item 3.4.
District
Administrator's
Report:

Choice based Letting

The District Administrator advised that with 'Choice-based Letting' being rolled out by Housing Section on a county-wide basis, commencing in March 2022, it was intended to install a terminal in the District Office shortly to facilitate housing applicants submitting their 'bid' in response to offers of tenancy.

Carrick on Suir Municipal District Tidy Towns Awards 2021

The meeting was informed that the Carrick on Suir Municipal District Tidy Towns Awards would be held at Cloneen Community Centre on Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7:00pm. Proceedings would take the format of a 'Seminar' chaired by the

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Cathaoirleach, with Kilsheelan Tidy Towns Group sharing their advice and experience to the assembled committee representatives.

The District Administrator indicated that official invitations would issue in the coming days.

Virtual Dignity at Work Councillors' Workshop

Referring to the Dignity at Work Councillors' Workshop which took place online on the 25th January last, the District Administrator informed that the seminar was recorded and for any Councillor who was unable to attend on the day, s/he could contact Mr. Ger. Walsh, S.E.O. Corporate Services directly to access this resource.

Item 3.5. General Municipal allocation Update:

It was noted that the Community Grants Scheme for Carrick on Suir MD funded through the GMA each year, would open online in the following week.

Item 3.6.: Assistance of Bodies under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001:

A report circulated by the District Administrator referring to budgetary provision affording financial support to Carrick on Suir Brass Band, Carrick on Suir Development Association (CoSDA) and to Sean Kelly Sports Centre, Carrick on Suir was considered by the elected Members.

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 was desirable to do so to promote the interests of the local community, and having regard to the recommendation of the District Administrator, that grants be awarded as follows

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| • Carrick on Suir Brass Band | €1,900 |
| • Carrick on Suir Development Association | €5,000 |
| • Sean Kelly Sports Centre | €60,000 |

Chief Executive's/Delegated Officers' Orders

Items 4.1.

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Delegated Officers Orders were circulated and noted as follows;
29028 dated 17 February 2022

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28858, 28794 and 28793 dated 7th February 2022 respectively.

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Correspondence

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**LAWPRO
Press Release**

A press release advertising the registration arrangements for online meetings on water quality and the Draft River Basin Management Plan in Tipperary was circulated and noted.

Any Other Business

Item 6.1.

Vote of sympathy:

**Billy Kinsella
(William)- late of
Ballythomas Hill,
Gorey,
Co. Wexford**

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne, condolences were extended to his wife, and son, his extended family and work colleagues - of Wexford County Council's employee Billy (William) Kinsella, tragically killed on duty during Storm Eunice on the 18th February

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***Vote of sympathy:*
Kathleen Cullinan
(Kate) - late of
Roaring Spring Road,
Clonmel,
Co. Tipperary.**

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne, condolences were extended to Ms. Margaret O'Malley, Assistant Staff Officer at Carrick on Suir Municipal and to her extended family, bereaved on the death of her mother Kathleen on the 22nd February last.

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***Vote of sympathy:*
Pleva, Ivan,-
late of Westgate,
Carrick on Suir,
Co. Tipperary;
formerly of Slovakia**

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. K Bourke, condolences were extended to the parents, brother, fiancée and extended family bereaved on the death of Ivan Pleva.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (15:44)



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach

28 March 2022.

