

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District
held at District Chamber, Carrick on Suir at 2:00pm on the 26 May 2022

In the Chair: Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald

Members Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Cllr. D. Dunne,

Present: Cllr. I. Goldsboro (attending remotely), Cllr. K. O'Meara

Apologies

In Attendance:

***From Carrick on
Suir Municipal
District:***

Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Services
Ms. Marie O'Gorman, District Administrator
Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer
Ms. Máiréad Winters, Assistant Staff Officer
Ms. Emma Creighton, Assistant Staff Officer

***From Planning
Directorate:***

Mr. Jonathan Flood, A/Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer.

***From Water
Services
Directorate:***

Mr. John Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer.

Welcome and introduction

Item 1.1.

***Summons and
Prayer.***

The summons was taken as read.

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

Item 2.0.

***Conflict of
Interest
Declaration.***

None to record.

Item 2.1.

***Minutes of the
Monthly
meeting of
CoSMD held on
the 28 April
2022:***

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 28 April 2022 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

**Item 3.1.
Planning
Directorate**

A briefing document outlining activities of the Planning Directorate pertaining to Carrick on Suir Municipal District was circulated and taken as read. Mr. Jonathan Flood, A/Senior Executive Engineer and Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer attended and addressed issues raised by the elected Members as follows;

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Sought clarification in relation to the legal position on placement of log cabins and mobile homes on properties in the context of prevailing housing crisis.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Sought the view of the planning authority in relation to employment of pumping stations for residential developments

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Sought update in relation to the Slieveardagh development at Grangemockler.

In response, Mr. Flood indicated that it was 'exempt development' to keep a mobile home within the curtilage of a dwelling for a period not exceeding 9 months only. While acknowledging the difficulties facing some households, nonetheless he stated that planning permission was required for mobile homes outside of the 9-month limit and for development of log cabins.

Mr. Flood noted that a gravity approach to wastewater was favoured over the use of pumping stations which tended to be troublesome and were really a last resort. He deferred to Mr. Crowley, attending on behalf of Water Services Directorate, who confirmed the position and further stated that developers were encouraged to conduct pre-construction enquiries with Irish Water in relation to such matters.

Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer, confirmed that the Slieveardagh estate was part of an application for funding for DPI developments along with estates at Rathclough, Dualla and Glengoole North, New Birmingham. He stated that Ryan Hanley Consultants had carried out a technical assessment and produced costings for resolution of these matters and

their report was currently with the Department awaiting sanction.

Mr. Ladden further noted it was intended to publish notices shortly in relation to taking-in-charge of Mill Crescent and John Street, Carrick on Suir; he stated that in relation to 2 or 3 estates in Fethard, difficulties presented in securing wayleaves required alternative efforts and they were seeking alternative powers under health and safety legislation as a two-pronged approach to dealing with last obstacles to their taking in charge.

Item 3.2.
Water Services
Directorate:

Mr. John Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer attended on behalf of Water Services Directorate. His report as circulated was taken as read. Mr. Crowley addressed issues raised by the elected Members as follows;

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Referring to the recent boil water notice issued for Carrick on Suir, he conveyed his thanks to Mr. Crowley and his colleagues in Water Services for their assistance in obtaining information from Irish Water whose lack of communication he considered to be 'shambolic'.
- Noting that householders at O'Mahoney Avenue were approached by contractors providing backyard services on behalf of Irish Water, seeking consent to access their properties, he suggested that IW would do better to inform Councillors locally who could assist in this exercise.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Expressed his thanks to Mr. Crowley and Water Services colleagues for their assistance in the past number of weeks. As an example of Irish Water's poor communication, he noted that on the 13th May with the issue of a boil water notice for Carrick on Suir, it took until the 11:00 am news bulletin on Tipp FM for broadcast of Irish Water's press release, which he considered deplorable and a serious breakdown in communication.
- Referring to the reduction in water levels at Crotty's Lake, and in the context of climate change, he indicated that the infrastructure was seriously problematic. But moreover,

he considered that Irish Water's failure to get the message across meant that misinformation was rife on social media.

Cllr. K. O'Meara,

- Referred to similar poor communication in relation to recent outage at Ballinure and Dualla. He understood that leaks happened, but there was no communication in relation to the provision of measures such as water tankers.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro:

- Referring to the Ballinure outage, she queried whether there was any possibility of applying for funding to address the deficiencies.
- Noting that there were similar difficulties at Grallagh, Kilcarney, and ongoing problems at Arbour Hill, Foulkstown Ballinure, she queried whether these areas were included in any programmes under consideration for funding.

Mr. Crowley indicated that he would convey the Members' concerns to Irish Water in an effort to seek improvements in their disseminating information and in relation to the provision of backyard services.

Referring to the Boil Water Notice which came into operation on 13 May, he stated that this measure was purely precautionary and that water was fully compliant at all times. He also outlined the position where so many water mains were in poor condition such that repairs carried out at one location caused further breaks once supply was restored.

He undertook to check the position in relation to Ballinure and revert to the Councillors in this regard.

Item 3.3.
District
Engineer's
Report:

An updated Schedule of Municipal District Works (May 2022) was circulated and considered by the Members, who directed the following queries to the District Engineer;

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Referred to the recent works carried out by Irish Water in Carrick on Suir and pointed out the inadequacies in their

traffic management plan and suggested that lessons must be taken when the impending N24 contract got underway.

- Queried where reports of dangerous trees on private land should be directed.
- Reiterated his request for provision of a bin at Carrickbeg
- Sought provision of intermittent signage on the River Suir Blueway, so that in the event of an accident or incident, emergency services could be notified easily of its locus.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Sought update on commencement of N24 works.
- Queried the process relating to reinstatement and the release of bond where contractors carry out reinstatement works in unsatisfactory manner.

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Conveyed his thanks to the District Engineer for having arranged works to the wall at Killaghy Burial Ground.
- Requested assistance to Tidy Town Group at Mullinahone engaged in a clean-up of the river.
- Requested that prior notice would issue to residents and businesses in advance of N76 works at Grangemockler

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Requested that attention be given to footpaths at St. Patrick's Place, Fethard, in view of hazard to elderly residents.

Mr. Corby, District Engineer, noted the comments and responded as follows;

Agreeing that the Traffic Management Plan employed by Shareridge left a lot to be desired and they were instructed to reorganise. Adjustments implemented by the company greatly improved the situation and certainly, those lessons would be brought to bear when the N24 contract got underway. Notwithstanding, it was important that preliminary repairs were carried out by Irish Water prior to roll out of the bigger contract and also, an opportunity for householders to avail of backyard services in timely fashion.

He noted that where dangerous trees were brought to his attention he would follow up with notices under the Roads Act.

He stated that he had not forgotten the request but indicated that the provision of a litter bin would be reviewed as part of the Active Travel Scheme for Carrickbeg currently at design stage.

Mr. Corby stated that most of the Blueway was situated within the Clonmel Borough District area and he informed that an application for funding was submitted under the Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme [ORIS] to provide improved signage and historical information signage; it was anticipated that a decision on the application would issue at the end of 2022.

Referring to reinstatement following Shareridge's contract with Irish Water, he noted that there was no agreed deadline in place currently and that the contractors were not on site on some days. However, he stated that he would apply pressure to finish up and that good quality reinstatement would be required.

Mr. Corby undertook to assist with the river clean-up at Mullinahone.

Concluding his report, the District Engineer clarified that a Resident Engineer would be appointed for the N24 and N76 roadworks schemes respectively and with their scale, they would be difficult to manage and would require co-operation from all stakeholders.

Item 3.4
District
Administrator's
Report:

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2021/2022

The District Administrator's Report outlining the details of the Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2021/2022 was circulated and considered by the elected Members. It was noted that of 50 applicant properties included in the scheme, some 36 buildings were upgraded at a cost of €120,500 with grants totalling €56,700 approx. paid at the closing of the scheme on 30 April 2022.

This was noted and welcomed by the Members.

Item 3.5.
General
Municipal
Allocation
Update:

Community Grants Scheme 2022

A report containing a recommendation on the payment of grants to 27 community groups totalling €22,528 was circulated and considered by the elected Members.

It was proposed by Cllr. K. O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne and RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 and being of the opinion that it is 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;

Dualla Community Association	€1,000.00
Castle Heights Residents Association	€1,000.00
Carrick on Suir Former Workhouse Cemetery Restoration Group	€1,000.00
Castle Court Residents Association	€1,000.00
Cloneen Sports & Social Club	€1,000.00
Killenaule GAA Club	€1,000.00
Cluain Ard Residents Association	€300.00
Old School Community Centre, The Commons	€756.00
Ard Alainn Residents Committee	€1,000.00
Ballylynch Community Coming together group	€1,000.00
Clairin Residents Association	€475.00
Manor Close Residents Association	€770.00
Carrick on Suir Juvenile Athletic Club	€500.00
Cluain Cregg Residents	€600.00
Carrick United AFC Limited	€1,000.00
St. Patrick's GAA Club, Cloneen	€1,000.00
Men's Shed Mullinahone	€250.00
Ballingarry Community Sportsfield Committee	€1,000.00
Killenaule Community Enhancement Group	€374.00
Carrick On Suir & District Angling Association	€500.00
Galteemor Kickboxing Fethard	€1,000.00
Strylea Residents Association	€1,000.00
Millennium Resource Centre	€1,000.00
Ballynonty Community Group	€1,000.00
Carrick Swan Hurling Football Club	€1,000.00
Grangemockler Community Sportsfield	€1,000.00
Cappanagarrane Rescue	€1,000.00

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General
Municipal
Allocation
Update:

Presentation by Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services

Mr. Brian Beck presented a report outlining proposed projects for the Carrick on Suir Municipal District in the context of its GMA, against the background of national policies and plans, and the framework of those funding streams requiring contributions from the local authority. He outlined the manner

of delivery of projects from Phase 1 – initiation and concept; to Phase 2- Development; and Phase 3- delivery.

He noted that of the 12 projects funded in County Tipperary, 3 were delivered under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund [URDF] and 9 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund [RRDF] both streams established under the National Development Plan.

Total funding secured to date in the Carrick on Suir MD amounted to €3.6million, of which €3.1m was allocated to Fethard Town Park with 25% match funding provided by the Council. Some €487,500 was secured under the Category 2 RRDF funding stream to carry out the public consultation and design element of the *Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan – A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter* again with 25% minimum match funding applied.

A category 1 application under the RRDF was submitted in April 2022 with a total project cost of €17,989,387. This would require match funding of €3,597,878 which was a significant commitment from the Council.

Examples of applications made in Carrick on Suir Municipal District were outlined as follows;

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

- €100,000 for Bog Field Carrickbeg requiring match funding of €10,000 - funded
- €110,000 project at Ballingarry requiring €5,500 match funding (not successful)
- New applications being put forward in 2022, 2023 and 2024

Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme

- 2019 application for Suir Blueway improvements - €137,000 funded, requiring €13,700 plus additional monies to complete
- 2021 application for Suir Blueway improvements costing €200,000 with €20,000 match funding required
- 2022 application for Jesuits' Walk, Fethard costing €200,000 with €20,000 match funding required
- 2022 application for Carricmaclear Amenity Improvement costing €30,000 with match funding of 10% required
- Potential 2023 applications being examined.

Just Transition Fund

- Littleton Labyrinth Project at a total project cost of €780,000 requiring 15% match funding (€117,000)

Other projects requiring finance included-

- Carrick on Suir CCTV 2022/2023
- Active Travel 2022 and 2023 – development, design costs and additional works which may be outside of the works funded
- Streetscape and Shopfront Enhancement Scheme
- Burial Grounds
- Regional Enterprise Development Fund
- BCPs and Public WiFi (5 in Carrick on Suir MD)
- New Greenway connection between River Suir Blueway and Waterford Greenway – grant funding of 4100,000
- CLÁR – examples being €50,00 to Ballingarry Playground; additional monies required for completion. Drangan school traffic calming €30,000 – match funding €1,500
- Tourism
- Progress derelict sites activation.

Mr. Beck went on to outline the challenges facing delivery of these projects, referring to the impacts on supply chains of the pandemic, Brexit and the war in Ukraine; increased construction costs inflation; contractual claims and compensation costs; site supervision costs; new agreement by funding Department in relation to cost overruns; stricter controls by funding Departments (decision gates to overcome); value engineering requiring reassessment and reduction in scope of works; reduced availability of contractors and design teams; increases in project costs having a knock on effect on our match funding inputs; reduction in competitive tenders resulting in reduced value for money.

In concluding his presentation, Mr. Beck spoke of URDF and RRDF supporting transformational regeneration and rejuvenation projects in context of Covid-19 recovery which were increasingly important in terms of being a catalyst for economic and social renewal in our towns. For Carrick on Suir Municipal District, the objectives were

- to maximise opportunities under those funding streams
- to continue to make bids and application for future funding, and
- to commit to developing additional longer-term projects

The presentation was warmly welcomed by the Members who

- commended the proactive approach undertaken,
- noted the benefits accruing to business,
- noted that the objectives went towards addressing the issue of dereliction,
- commended the equal distribution of projects and benefits across the board within the District and
- the reality in relation to the requirements around match funding.

The Cathaoirleach commented that with this presentation, the elected members were clearly able to demonstrate the benefits arising from the Local Property Tax and he thanked Mr. Beck accordingly.

Item 3.6

Assistance of Bodies under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001

3.6.1. Burial Ground Grant Scheme

A report and recommendation circulated by the District Administrator outlining the 44 valid applications received under the Burial Ground Grant Scheme 2022, was considered by the Members.

It was proposed by Councillor K. O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne, AND RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 and being of the opinion that it is 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 to the following Burial Ground Committees

Ahenny Carrick on Suir BG	€600.00
Ballinalacken Glengoolie BG	€800.00
Ballingarry Church Graveyard	€600.00
Ballinure BG	€800.00
Ballyneale Parish Graveyard	€600.00
Calvary Graveyard	€600.00

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Carrick on Suir Workhouse Restoration	€600.00
Cloneen New BG	€800.00
Cloneen Old BG	€600.00
Cooleagh Fethard BG	€800.00
Crosscannon Killenaule BG	€800.00
Dualla BG	€600.00
Everardsgrange Burial Ground	€600.00
Famine Graveyard Carrick on Suir	€800.00
Grangemoockler Parish Graveyard	€600.00
Holy Trinity Fethard	€600.00
Isterkiernan Mullinahone BG	€800.00
Kilballyherbery Burial Ground	€600.00
Killaghy Mullinahone BG	€800.00
Killmacclough Fethard BG	€800.00
Kilmurray Carrick on Suir BG	€600.00
Kiltinan Fethard BG	€600.00
Kilvemnon Mullinahone BG	€800.00
Lanespark BG	€800.00
Lismolin BG	€600.00
Magoury Drangan BG 2022	€800.00
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Modeshill Mullinahone BG	€600.00
Mogorban Parish Church	€600.00
Newtown Graveyard	€600.00
Nun's Graveyard	€600.00
Old Ballingarry BG	€800.00
Peppardstown Fethard BG	€800.00
Raheen Graveyard	€600.00
Rathcoole Fethard BG	€800.00
River Street Killenaule BG	€800.00
St. Johnstown Killenaule BG	€800.00
St. Joseph's Ballingarry BG	€800.00
St. Mary's Churchyard, Killenaule	€600.00
St. Marys Drangan BG	€600.00
St. Michael's Church Graveyard	€600.00
St. Patrick's Churchyard, Faugheen	€600.00
Templemichael Graveyard	€600.00
Tullamaine Fethard BG	€800.00

3.6.2. Tidy Towns Grants Scheme 2022

A report and recommendation circulated by the District Administrator outlining the 16 applications received under the

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Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2022, was considered by the Members.

It was proposed by Councillor K. O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne, AND RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 and being of the opinion that it is 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 to the following Tidy Towns Groups-

Ahenny Tidy Towns	€750.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Association	€750.00
Ballinure Community Group	€750.00
Ballyneale Tidy Towns	€750.00
Ballynonty Tidy Towns	€750.00
Clashnasmuth Tidy Towns	€750.00
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
The Commons Tidy Towns	€750.00

Chief Executive's/Delegated Officers' Orders

- Item 4.1.** Delegated Officer's Order 29721 relating to appointment of Cooper Fencing Ltd was circulated and noted.

Correspondence

- Item 5.1.** Letter dated 03/05/2022 from Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer Kilkenny County Council Lead authority in N24 Waterford to Cahir Project, circulated and noted

- Item 5.2.** Flyer published by TII concerning consultation on National Cycle Network from 04/05/2022 to 07/06/2022 circulated and noted.

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Item 5.3.

Press release on Community Centre Investment Fund dated 09/05/2022 issued by Department of Rural and Community Development circulated and noted

Any Other Business

Item 6.1.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne and resolved to hold the Annual General Meeting of Carrick on Suir Municipal District on Thursday 16 June 2022 at 1:00pm., followed by the June monthly meeting at 2:00pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (15:33)



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach

16 June 2022

