

**Minutes of the July Monthly Meeting of the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held in the District Chamber, New Street, Carrick on Suir at 14:00 on the 28 July 2022.**

**In the Chair:** Cllr. D. Dunne.

**Members present:** Cllr. K. Bourke, Cllr. M. Fitzgerald, Cllr. I. Goldsboro.

**Apologies:** Cllr. K. O'Meara: Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Services:

**In attendance:**

**Carrick on Suir MD.** Mr. Pat Slattery, Director of Services: Ms. Marie O'Gorman, District Administrator: Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer: Ms. Emma Creighton, Assistant Staff Officer:

**Environment and Climate Action** Ms. Marion O' Neill, Senior Executive Officer: Mr. Ruairí Boland, Senior Executive Engineer: Ms. Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer:

**Directorate:**

**Culture/Library Services** Ms. Anne Marie Brophy, Senior Executive Librarian.

**Directorate:**

***Welcome and Introduction***

**Item 1.0.**

**Summons and Prayer.**

The summons was taken as read.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. D. Dunne extended warm wishes to Mr. Pat Slattery, Director of Services, attending on behalf of Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Services who was on annual leave. He conveyed congratulations to Mr. Slattery on his impending departure from the local authority and recalled and thanked him for his dedicated service to Carrick on Suir Municipal District and in his previous role as Town Manager of Carrick on Suir Town Council.

The Cathaoirleach also extended congratulations to Ms. Liz McGrath (*in her absence on leave*) on her recent promotion and thanked her for her assistance and courtesy during her time in Carrick on Suir, wishing her well in her new post.

The Members in turn wished to be associated with tributes to Mr. Slattery and Ms. McGrath respectively.

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

**Item 2.1.**

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

On the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, it was agreed to suspend standing orders to allow the virtual attendance of staff members and members of the press.

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**Item 2.2.**

**Conflict of Interest Declaration.**

None to record.

***Consideration of Minutes:***

**Item 3.1.**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 16 June 2022.**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 16 June 2022 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**Item 3.2.**

**Minutes of the Annual held on 16 July 2022.**

The minutes of the annual meeting held on the 16 June 2022 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. K. Bourke and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

**Item 3.3.**

**Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 18 June 2022- Death of Former Councillor Jim Drohan.**

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 18 June 2022 on the death of former Councillor Jim Drohan, were adopted on the proposal of K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

***Consideration of Reports and Recommendations***

**Item 4.1.**

**Environment and Climate Action Directorate.**

A report outlining the activities of the Environment and Climate Action Directorate was circulated and taken as read. With Ms. Marion O'Neill, SEO, Mr. Ruairi Boland, SEE and Ms. Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer in attendance, the following items were raised and discussed;

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Sought information in relation to current contracts for clothes banks, by way of clarifying ownership of purple coloured bring bank located at Cloneen. Concerns expressed that there was a build-up of bags at this location with nobody servicing same, and a danger of vermin infestation.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Conveyed his congratulations to the Environment Section on their prompt action and recent detection and issue of €150 fines of

persons engaged in disposing household waste in litterbins in Carrick on Suir.

Ms. O'Neill, in response, stated that she would investigate ownership of the relevant bring bank and revert directly to Cllr. Fitzgerald in this matter. She also informed the meeting of the plan to roll out the information trailer throughout the district in September with advance promotion of the initiative to take place. This was noted.

**Item 4.2.**  
**Culture/Library**  
**Services and**  
**Fire/Emergency**  
**Services**  
**Directorate**  
**Directorate.**

A report outlining the activities of the Culture/Library Services was circulated and taken as read. With Ms. Anne Marie Brophy, Senior Executive Librarian attending on behalf of County Librarian the Members were updated in relation to various initiatives undertaken within the Carrick on Suir Municipal District.

The Members conveyed their deep appreciation of the extensive engagement and services provided by the Libraries and Cultural Directorate.

**Item 4.3.**  
**District**  
**Engineer's**  
**Report.**

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*Schedule of Municipal District Works - July 2022*

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The Schedule of Municipal District Works July 2022, was circulated by Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer, outlining progress to-date on all maintenance and capital projects underway in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District.

The news of the signing of contracts (*the previous day, Wednesday 27 July*) with GLAS Civil Engineering Limited for the N76 Grangemockler Village Scheme and the N24 Carrick on Suir Pavement Strengthening Scheme was warmly welcomed. Mr. Corby noted that the Grangemockler Scheme was scheduled to commence on Tuesday 02 August and the Carrick on Suir N24 scheme to commence 2-3 weeks later. He welcomed the development which would see 3.5km of roadway upgraded from Clonmel Road to Three Bridges. While disruption associated with these works was inevitable and unavoidable, the contractors were very reputable and the town would derive enormous benefit in the long run from this contract, scheduled to run for 18 months.

In addition, there were further projects underway at Rocklow Road and The Valley, Fethard, the former completing on Friday 29 July and surfacing of the latter commencing after the builders' holidays. Testing underway also at Quinlan's Cross, Dualla to identify suitable safety measures and also for Mocklershill to Kilconnell under the Safety Improvement category.

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A number of factors taken into consideration would see the resurfacing works at New Street, Carrick on Suir postponed – inflationary pressures resulting in significant cost increases, and the clash with the N24 contract which would generate traffic conflict were the main concerns.

Mr. Corby advised noted that Suir Plant were due to commence works on widening the Blueway from Miloko to Arrigan's Boreen and it was intended to bring NTA Active Travel Projects to Part 8 as soon as possible – namely, the Railway Station to Carrick on Suir Town Centre Scheme, and the Carrickbeg Scheme respectively.

Following consideration of his report, Mr. Corby responded to queries raised by the Members as follows:

Cllr. I. Goldsboro:

- Sought update in relation to traffic calming proposals for Killenaule Schools and at Ballynonty.
- Concerned about the overgrowth of hedges on rural road, queried whether priority could be given to cutting back particularly at junctions.
- Queried status of provision of public lights at Killenaule and Ballynonty and the timeframe for delivery of same
- Stated that footpaths at Ballingarry were in hazardous condition and requested they be given attention.
- Requested that works to bridge at Ballingarry lower – R691 – be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Welcomed the signing of contracts for N24 and N76 the previous day and acknowledging the difficulties and disruption presenting with same, he nonetheless expressed the hope that householders and business persons alike would be patient, and he called for a plan to be put in place to minimise the disruption.
- Noted that Grangemockler residents were under the misapprehension that provision of a waste water treatment plant was in the pipeline and were concerned that the new road would be damaged at a future date when a treatment plant eventually got the go-ahead.
- Complimented the District Engineer for his efforts in bringing about joined-up traffic management for the 'All Together Now' Festival at Curraghmore during the coming bank holiday weekend.
- Requested that the event signage placed on the eastern lane going southward at Parkside/Garda Station be relocated as it was causing an obstruction at its current location.

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**Engineer's**  
**Report**

- Welcomed news of award of contract to local competent contractor, Suir Plant for Blueway widening.
- Expressed concern at the presence of 'honey fungus' at Castle Park which resulted in recently-planted trees having to be removed. He queried whether the disease was associated with the specimen of trees supplied and whether the local authority had any come-back with the supplier? He was most anxious that trees would be replaced at this location as soon as possible given their important proximity to the Ormond Castle.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Welcomed proposed provision of public lights at Cloneen and queried whether same could be in place for winter.
- Sought update on NTA project from Cloneen to Kilbury cul-de-sac.
- Requested that CLÁR works be completed before end of school holiday to avoid mayhem
- Requested that commuters be given information on daily starting and finishing times for N76 works
- Referred to recent 'near miss' at Old Post Office, South Lodge on the N76 and sought information on what measures would be taken to mitigate risks, and specifically if TII would fund a feasibility study for same.
- Noting the presence of concrete post and rail fencing on the N76, queried whether there were plans replace same on a phased basis.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Stated he was honoured to be present at the signing of N24 and N76 major contracts with GLAS Engineering which he warmly welcomed.
- Sought update in relation to provision of interval signage (markers) at the Blueway.
- Reiterated his request for provision of bin at Carrickbeg
- Welcomed the impending Part 8 for Carrickbeg Active Travel Scheme.

Responding to these queries, Mr. Corby indicated that Phase 1 of works at Killenaule School were completed with widening at Bailey Street and installation of new bus bay, and that funding was still available with more works in the pipeline. He undertook to examine the issue at Crosscannon.

Mr. Corby also informed that hedgecutting activity was limited during summertime owing to environmental constraints and with co-operation of landowners the matter would be examined.

He undertook to contact the Roads Section Public Lighting division in relation to queries concerning provision of public lights and revert. He



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also confirmed that traffic calming projects were included in the Roads Programme and would be carried out in due course and stated that he would endeavour to address the Drangan works before schools reopened in September. He also indicated that he would endeavour to address bridge remediation at Ballingarry in the current year.

Addressing issues raised in connection with the impending contract works at Carrick on Suir and Grangemockler, he indicated that a Resident Engineer would be appointed with the responsibility of managing the co-ordination with other contracts running concurrently (such as Gael Scoil project at Carrick on Suir). While he was not aware of the status of proposals for sewerage treatment facilities at Grangemockler, he undertook to check the position.

The District Engineer outlined that there had been much co-ordination among the Councils, Gardaí and Traffic Management Group retained for the All Together Now Festival and he expected that there would be significant pressure on Carrick on Suir on the following day (Friday 29<sup>th</sup>).

Mr. Corby stated that he was aware of the presence of 'honey fungus' at Castle Park and of the difficulties dealing with same. He agreed to investigate the matter thoroughly.

He also undertook to bring the issues associated with the junction at South Lodge to the attention of TII and clarified that there were 9-10 locations identified on the N76 where concrete fencing needed to be removed and 2-3 of those were completed. These works required the Council to obtain agreement with landowners and he stated that he would continue to exert pressure on landowners involved.

**Item 4.4.**  
**District**  
**Administrator's**  
**Report**

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*HSE Disability Services Accessible Parking Campaign*

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The District Administrator informed of communication received from Ms. Ann Bradshaw of HSE Disability Services in relation to proposed 'Accessible Parking Campaign' which would take place throughout the South Tipperary towns during the month of August. The initiative to take place in association with An Garda Síochána, the Carrick on Suir Business Association and the local authority, would be rolled out in Carrick on Suir on Friday 26 August, 2022. This was noted.

**Item 4.5.**  
**General**  
**Municipal**  
**Allocation**

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The District Administrator indicated that there were no items for consideration under this heading.

**Item 4.6.**  
**Assistance of**  
**Bodies under**  
**Section 66 of**  
**the Local**  
**Government Act,**  
**2001.**

*Burial Ground Grants Scheme.*

The District Administrator informed that a further application for Burial Ground Grant was recently finalised and she recommended the award of a grant of €600 respectively in the case of Red City, Fethard Burial Ground and Sacred Heart Church Burial Ground, Killusty.

It was proposed by Cllr. I Goldsboro, 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 of the District Administrator, that grants in the sum of €600 be and are hereby approved for payment in respect of Red City Fethard Burial Ground and Sacred Heart Church Burial Ground, Killusty."

*Chief Executive's/Delegated Officers' Orders*

**Item 5.1.**

The District Administrator indicated that there were no items for consideration under this heading.

*Correspondence*

**Item 6.1.**

The District Administrator indicated that there were no items for consideration under this heading.

*Notices of Motion*

**Item 7.1.**  
**Notice of Motion**  
**2443:**

In view of apologies received from Cllr. K. O'Meara for his unavoidable absence, it was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro and unanimously agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the September 2022 monthly meeting.

*Any Other Business*

**Item 8.1.**

**School**  
**transportation for**  
**special needs**  
**children**

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. I. Goldsboro described the inadequate prevailing arrangements for school transportation for special needs children within the Department of Education. She called for support for her proposal that the Carrick on Suir Municipal District Councillors would write to the Minister

seeking the urgent appointment of a senior officer to be assigned to the co-ordination of transport arrangements within the Department as a matter of urgency, in order that vulnerable special needs school children and their parents would not be faced with chaotic and stressful transportation issues on resumption of school term in September.

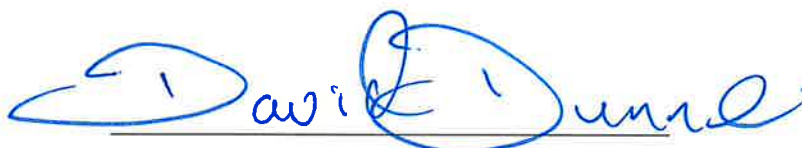
Following discussion on the matter, the motion was seconded by Cllr. K. Bourke and unanimously agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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District Administrator



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22 September 2022