

**Minutes of the September 2022 monthly meeting of the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District held in the District Chamber, New Street, Carrick on Suir at 14.00 on the 22 September 2022.**

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

**Members present:** Cllr. K. Bourke, Cllr. I. Goldsboro, Cllr. K. O'Meara.

**Apologies:** Cllr. M. Fitzgerald

**In attendance:**

**Carrick on Suir MD.** Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Services: Ms. Marie O'Gorman, District Administrator: Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer: Ms. Helen Cahill, Staff Officer: Ms. Emma Creighton, Assistant Staff Officer:

**Planning**

**Directorate:** Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer

**Water Services** Mr. Jonathan Flood, A/Senior

**Directorate:**

Mr. John Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer

***Welcome and Introduction***

**Item 1.0.**

**Summons and Prayer.** The summons was taken as read.

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

**Item 2.1.**

**Suspension of Standing Orders;** It was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro and agreed to suspend standing orders to permit the meeting to be conducted in a hybrid manner with some participants and members of the press attending remotely.

**Item 2.2.**

**Draft Carrick on Suir Municipal District Standing Orders Regulating the Proceedings of the Municipal District Councillors.** The draft Carrick on Suir Municipal District Standing Orders Regulating the Proceedings of the Municipal District Councillors was circulated and considered, incorporating amendments to Standing Orders, 6, 11 and 71 respectively were adopted unanimously on the proposal of Cllr. I. Goldsboro as seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara.

**Item 2.3.**

**Conflict of Interest Declaration.** None to record.

***Consideration of Minutes:***

**Item 3.1.**

**Draft Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on the 28 July 2022.** The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 28 July 2022 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

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**Item 3.2.**

**Draft minutes of the Standing Orders Committee meeting held on 28 July 2022.**

The minutes of the Standing Orders Committee meeting held on the 28 July 2022 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

***Consideration of Reports and Recommendations***

**Item 4.1.**

**Planning Directorate.**

A briefing report outlining the activities of the Planning Directorate was circulated and taken as read. With Mr. Jonathan Flood inadvertently unavailable, Mr. Kieran Ladden presented the proposal to take in charge the housing estate at Mill Crescent, Carrick on Suir along with the associated procedure for declaring the roadway at John Street, Carrick on Suir to be a public road. Arising from the report Mr. Ladden clarified matters raised by the Councillors as follows;

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Sought update in relation to the Slieveardagh Housing Estate at Grangemockler reiterating his concern that works underway with the present N76 Grangemockler Pavement Improvement Scheme would be disturbed at a later stage when DPI scheme was finally approved.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro:

- Referencing estates at Dualla Heights and at Glengoole North, she queried their status as DPI developments

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Sought clarification on the timeframe for taking estates in charge in the context that problems usually emerged long after the dwellings were occupied and a bond expired. The present proposal before the Councillors in relation to Mill Crescent, Carrick on Suir was a relatively new development although constructed to a high standard and he was surprised that the matter was coming before the Council at such an early stage.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Noting that a 'live' application was currently on hands for a further housing development at Greenhill Village, he sought information on the timeframe for roads and services to be taken in charge.

Responding to above queries, Mr. Ladden confirmed as follows-

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- Irish Water had commissioned a report from consultants Ryan Hanley in relation to the Slieveardagh (Grangemockler) DPI and that this report was currently with the Department for consideration.
- In relation to DPI estates at Dualla Heights & Glengoole he confirmed that these were the subject of ongoing liaison with the department and he would advise members in due course as to the next steps.
- The introduction of 2014 regulations requiring the appointment of an Assigned Certifier for every development, providing a level of quality assurance with a full suite of inspections documented and certified throughout the build, along with presence of Irish Water engineers on-site; hence the process for taking in charge was substantially streamlined and expedited with an absence of legacy issues that previously prevailed.
- In relation to Mill Crescent, it was necessary to consider the declaration of (part of) John Street as a public road simultaneously with the taking in charge process in order to deal with a technical difficulty associate with the latter process and the matter was listed for consideration accordingly.
- The Council was in discussion with the developer of (part of) Greenhill Village in seeking to rectify infrastructural defects, and ensuring that easements and rights of way were in place and this process was ongoing.

**4.1.**

*Attendance of Mr.  
Jonathan Flood,  
A/Senior Executive  
Planner;*

With Mr. Jonathan Flood, A/Senior Executive Planner having joined the meeting (virtually) discussion took place in relation to areas of the planning briefing document not already examined, and he clarified matters raised by the Councillors as follows;

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Queried whether there was any policy or consideration contained in the County Development Plan for persons seeking to 'downsize'
- Sought information as to the quantity of residential-zoned land in ownership of the Council within the Carrick on Suir MD and whether there were plans to deliver 'cluster housing' such as provided some time ago at Kilsheelan.

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- Sought clarification as to which development plan would prevail for assessing planning applications, in the absence of an adopted Local Area Plan.
- Expressed concern that enforcements cases referred to An Bórd Pleanála had not been adjudicated for over 12 months.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Referring to recently-introduced legislation which provided for a levy on vacant residential-zoned land, and the ongoing survey underway to identify those lands, he queried whether local-authority-owned lands would be liable to such tax.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Referring to the Local Area Plan to be prepared for Carrick on Suir, he suggested that most residential development would take place between Kilonerry and Cregg Roads. He was concerned that these lands were not being developed and urged that a Master Plan be drawn up that would incorporate an Active Travel Scheme.

In response to issues raised, Mr. Flood stated that,

- The Local Area Plan for Carrick on Suir was scheduled for 2023
- There was no specific policy within the Development Plan dealing with 'downsizing': confirmed that any such proposal would be considered on a case-by-case basis. There was nothing to preclude landowners from making such application.
- Confirmed that there were no schemes in place to provide cluster sites. However, he understood that there was a government scheme imminent to support the introduction of clusters in villages, allowing Councils to release sites at approx. €30,000 below market value.
- In relation to the 'cluster scheme' at Kilsheelan, he stated that consultants were finalising a design and the scheme would go to tender shortly.
- Where a local area plan was not yet in place, Mr. Flood confirmed that any planning decision would have regard to policies contained in the current Town plan until such time as the LAP is completed.
- Stated that he would clarify whether criteria for levying tax on vacant residential-zoned lands included lands in ownership of the local authority and revert in this regard.

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- Stated that there was a small number of open enforcement cases outstanding and it was intended to progress those cases.

The Director's report dated 05 September 2022 relating to proposed taking in charge of Mill Street Crescent, Carrick on Suir was duly circulated and considered by the Councillors. Arising from same,

**Item 4.2.**

**Taking in Charge of Mill Street Crescent, Carrick on Suir.**

**It was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne and RESOLVED,**

***"that pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, and being satisfied that the roads are of public utility, and having considered the financial implications for the local authority and any submissions made, it is hereby ordered that the roads serving the housing estate known as Mill Crescent, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary be declared public roads. In addition, any open spaces, ar parks, sewers, watermains and service connections with the attendant grounds of the development are taken in charge, as outlined in red on the map annexed to the report which was on public display during the prescribed period and contained in the Director of Services Report to Members for the September 2022 Carrick on Suir Municipal District Meeting."***

A report compiled by the Director of Services for Roads, Transportation and Infrastructure dated 09 September 2002 relating to the proposed declaration to be public road at John Street, Carrick on Suir, was circulated and considered. Arising from same,

**Item 4.3.**

**Declaration of a road to be a public road at (part of) John Street, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary.**

**It was proposed by Cllr. D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. K. Bourke and RESOLVED,**

***"that pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act,1993, this Municipal District hereby agrees to declare the road serving the area known as John Street, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary comprising 100m in length from the south eastern edge of the Mill River to the entrance gates of the Mill River Business Park to be public as per the map which was on public display during the prescribed period and as outlined in the Director of Services' Report to the Members dated the 09 September 2022"***



**Item 4.4.**  
**Water Services**  
**Directors**

With Mr. John Crowley Senior Executive Engineer in attendance, the Councillors considered the contents of the briefing document circulated. Mr. Crowley indicated that the bi-annual workshop arranged by Irish Water would be held shortly and he hoped to have a date for same imminently.

He also referred to recent operational issues in the Carrick on Suir District noting that there was much work underway at Crottys Lake with a team of divers engaged at the intake. The supply to Carrickbeg was being reviewed to resolve ongoing issues on a long-term basis. He noted that the provision of a treatment plant for Grangemockler was included under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan with works due to be completed by 2025.

Mr. Crowley addressed queries raised from the floor as follows;

Cllr. I. Goldsboro:

- Sought update in relation to ongoing issues at Coalbrook, Killenaule, Laffinsbridge, Burnchurch, Ballinure, Moyglass and Silverfort.
- Queried the timeframe for the Council's 'disengagement' from its Service Level Agreement with Irish Water.
- Conveyed her sincere thanks to Mr. Joe Burke, Water Caretakers and staff for their attention during recent outages.
- Queried whether the Irish Water Workshop would involve the full Council or would be confined to Carrick on Suir MD?

Cllr. K. O'Meara

- Complimented the Water Services staff who were prompt with disseminating information.
- Deplored the lack of communication from Irish Water during recent water outage at Killenaule, where tankers were on the ground before anyone knew there was a problem.
- Suggested that Irish Water workshops were a waste of time. They tended not to be minuted with actions identified and assigned. He requested that future workshops would take such a format.
- Expressed concern that some recent billings issued by Irish Water contained wrong information, with incorrect meter readings and mistaken quantities incorporated and stated that this was unacceptable.
- Referring to the pavement improvement scheme underway at Grangemockler and unsuccessful efforts to co-ordinate the provision of water services at design stage simultaneously – he

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indicated that residents will be very upset if the road surface is dug up at a later date.

Cllr. K Bourke:

- Reiterated his thanks to Water Services staff.
- Criticised the lack of communication from Irish Water.
- While he was aware that water levels were very low throughout the summer period, nevertheless, he stated that those customers on higher ground suffered intolerably throughout the summer months.
- Expressed concern at the high charges levied on Sean Kelly Sports Centre since Irish Water took charge; he stated that there were 2 water metres commissioned at this location and that bills had been estimated since 2016, whereas Tipperary County Council had made concessions given the public service nature of a privately-run facility.

Cllr. D. Dunne

- Concurring with his colleagues' criticism, he assured that there was no reflection on Tipperary County Council staff who had been tremendous.
- Outlined a recent incident where supply to a local nursing home with 50 residents in place, was cut off and neither he nor its management could get any information from Irish Water. Ultimately, the local Fire Service was called via 999 emergency number and water was provided from its tender. He also stressed that the Tipperary County Council Water Services Engineer did his utmost to provide assistance in this instance during his down time and he expressed his appreciation in this regard.
- Queried whether proposed works to Lingaun would impact supply; reiterated the importance of advance communication to stakeholders.
- Queried whether there was anything being put in place to increase capacity for new housing, given that we were struggling to supply existing customers?
- In view of the disastrous track record to date with Irish Water's communication, he spoke of major fears when Tipperary County Council was no longer involved post-January 2023.

Responding to issues raised, Mr. Crowley stated as follows;

- Noting that pipework serving Coalbrook was for the most part in poor condition, a scheme was being modelled with a view to

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- supplying this area from the Fethard RWS subject to the outcome of an evaluation of the impact on other areas.
- A dramatic increase in demand in the county had a knock-on effect in other areas. Coolbawn booster pump station came under pressure to keep the area at Moyglass supplied.
  - Irish Water were aware of the situation and were seeking a solution.
  - He confirmed that the proposed workshop would be held with each individual municipal district and while he was not aware of its format, he stated that the relevant people would be in attendance from the billing section to answer questions.
  - He undertook to bring comments in relation to communication to the attention of Irish Water
  - Noting that there had been a recent upgrade of non-domestic meters, this may have caused some of the difficulties with the tallying of bills
  - In relation to Carrickbeg, he confirmed that Irish Water was looking at the whole network to ascertain whether a larger area of Carrickbeg could be supplied from Lingaun with the installation of a booster pump, subject to evaluation of impact on other areas.
  - Referring to the situation pertaining at Grangemockler, he confirmed that a stand-alone solution was under consideration and therefore not relying on existing treatment plant at Slieveardagh. He further confirmed that IW was aware of the road works scheme at this location.
  - With regard to operations post-Service Level Agreement in 2023, he indicated that these matters were not yet ironed out and once there was clarification he would revert to the Councillors.

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*Schedule of Municipal District Works (September 2022)*

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**Item 4.5.**  
**District Engineer's**  
**Report.**

The Schedule of Municipal District Works (September 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.

He stated that GLAS Engineering Ltd were on-site at Grangemockler and Carrick on Suir and all notifications had gone to the public. With regard to the latter, he stated that there would be 2 lanes open to traffic on the Pill Road for as long as possible. It was not intended to reduce to one lane unless absolutely necessary.

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



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Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Requested immediate reinstatement of road markings on pedestrian crossings respectively at Well Road, Greenside South and at Garda Station which he considered urgent and a serious health and safety issue.
- Suggested that criteria for release of a contractor's bond should require relining in tandem with reinstatement.
- Queried when tarmac contractor was commencing in Carrick on Suir at rear of garage. Since N24 works commenced, this slip road is used more frequently and needs to be surfaced.

Cllr. K. O'Meara

- Conveyed well wishes to Jim St. John on his recent retirement as General Services Supervisor and commended his communication skills and great work in the role.
- Welcomed the commencement of pavement improvement works at Grangemockler but lamented the fact that Irish Water would probably dig it up in 2023.
- Requested timeframe for reinstatement of Pocket Park in Mullinahone.
- Sought timeframe for public lighting to be turned on at Glendarragh and Blackthorn Walk, Mullinahone.
- Requested that repairs to speed display signs in vicinity of school at Mullinahone outstanding for past three years.
- Queried when outstanding works would be carried out to Ballylanigan Bridge.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro

- Paid tribute to Mr. Jim St. John, G.S.S., on his recent retirement.
- Sought update in relation to provision of public lighting at The Commons N.S., at Crosscannon and at Cois Abhainn, Ballynonty
- Speed display signs urgently needed at Moyglass and Laffansbridge
- Commended the provision of pedestrian crossing at Ballynonty and noted that other villages with the support of An Garda Síochána were seeking similar measures.
- Noted that a scheme for Killenaule was at design stage but queried whether it would extend to the school.
- Requested clarity on provision of speed platforms within the Carrick on Suir MD, such as those which were provided at Marlfield and Clerihan villages.

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Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Welcomed the commencement of N24 contract and commended efforts to maintain 2 lane traffic movements where possible.
- Expressed concerns of inadequate parking facilities for buses within the N24 design, particularly with increased demand arising from introduction of free school transport; requested that this matter be re-examined, possibly with a view to providing a drop-off point or alternative scheme that could incorporate an Active Travel element.
- Noted that a new model of sweeper was being trialled and urged its purchase or rent.
- With the Marina in full focus recently with traditional fire lit on Kenny's flag, he stated that flotsam/debris was cleared by locals at short notice. The item generated good publicity for the town which was most welcome.
- Referring to budget provision for Japanese Knotweed project, he queried the location of these works.
- Reported fault on public lighting at N24 including those associated with pedestrian crossing.
- Requested that updated notification to issue with updated details relating to the Blueway widening works

Responding to these matters, Mr. Corby indicated that

- He would instruct with regard to relining of pedestrian crossings where markings were faded or removed.
- Confirmed that the slip road to rear of garage on N24 would be prioritised, noting that Contractor was awaited
- The works carried out at the pocket Park in Mullinahone were under contract to the Housing Section and he had referred this matter appropriately and would follow up
- Confirmed that Roads Section had resolved all outstanding issues with provision of public lighting at Glendarragh and Blackthorn Walk, Mullinahone and the completion of same was included on ESB schedule.
- Appreciated that there was delay with repairs to speed display signs and agreed to expedite where possible.
- Committed to follow up with Machinery Yard in relation to sign cleaning at Crosscannon and other locations.
- Noted the concerns around provision of traffic calming schemes and undertook to discuss possible projects with NTA project team with a view to progressing same.

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- With regard to Killenaule, he stated that this was a 2-phase project and he was looking to come up with a better idea for parking, possibly widening the laneway opposite the secondary school.
- Mr. Corby suggested that there was a case to prioritise measures for Glengoole with much work required at this location.
- Referring to the request to re-examine bus parking provision on the N24, he indicated that there was no opportunity at this stage to re-design and no budget to acquire additional lands for bus park. He noted that a consultation took place some 2 years previously during the Part 8 planning process with meetings/discussions having taken place with the schools' management in an effort to provide off-road set-down areas within the school curtilage for buses; regretfully, they were not willing to accommodate this proposal. He concluded that at this stage that it was the remit of the schools and bus companies, collaboratively to address this issue, rather than the responsibility of the local authority.

With Tipperary County Council's annual meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland scheduled to take place shortly, the Roads Section requested that the Councillors would specify their priorities for listing on the agenda for that meeting. Following discussion of same, the following items were put forward by the Councillors for inclusion.

**4.5.1.**

**T.I.I. Annual Meeting 2022 - CoSMD priorities for Agenda**

|            | <b>Carrick on Suir MD</b> |   |
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| Priority 1 | N76                       | Traffic calming at Poulacapple N.S. Traffic calming at Poulacapple N.S.   |
| Priority 2 | N76                       | Safety measures/sight-line improvements required to junctions at Glenbower and South Lodge respectively.  |
| Priority 2 | N24                       | Measures to address the absence of cycling facilities within the design of pavement improvement scheme currently underway at Carrick on Suir and the need to provide similar facilities west of Carrick on Suir |

**Item 4.6.**

**District Administrator's Report**

The District Administrator's report incorporating updates on projects and initiatives underway in the Carrick on Suir MD was circulated and considered by the Members who welcomed news in relation to the following;

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- Non-statutory public consultation launched on the joint initiative with Waterford County Council to provide feasibility study on Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden Greenway
- Commencement of Part 8 Planning process associated with Active Travel Scheme connecting Carrick on Suir Railway with the town centre on display until 7 October at 4:30pm. It was noted that closing date for receipt of submissions/observations was 4.30pm on Friday 21 October 2022
- Commencement of Part 8 Planning process for further Active Travel Scheme to replace Cláirín footbridge, on display up to Friday 20 October and closing for submissions/observations at 4:30 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- Approval by the Plenary Council of Part 8 Planning consent on 12 September 2022 for Littleton Labyrinth shared walking and cycling route to be funded under Just Transition Fund.
- Introduction of C&ED Section's Christmas Retail Support Scheme available online for Chambers of Commerce, trade associations, Community Groups, Craft Markets, Farmers Markets etc., and closing on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- Carrick on Suir MD's Seasonal Window Display Initiative will offer a €100 grant to participating applicants on a 'first-come-first-served' basis and will be run with both on-line and hard copy applications.

**Item 4.7.  
General Municipal  
Allocation.**

*Carrick on Suir Community Grants Scheme 2022*

The District Administrator's report was circulated and considered by the Members noting that there were 3 applications on hand seeking funding under the Community Grants Scheme 2022

Following consideration of same, it was proposed by Councillor I. Goldsboro, seconded by Councillor K. O'Meara AND RESOLVED ***"that 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 be awarded to the community groups set out in the following schedule;"***

**Item 4.7. cont'd/  
General Municipal  
Allocation.**

| SCHEDULE                               |        |
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| <i>Killenaule Playground</i>           | €2,000 |
| <i>Strand Theatre, Carrick on Suir</i> | €500   |

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*Ballingarry Community Centre*

*€4,900*

**ENHANCEMENT  
PLANS FOR  
VILLAGES**

Following further discussion in relation to the management of available resources under the General Municipal Allocation, Mr. Brian Beck, Director, indicated that he had requested the Planning Department to prepare a brief for procurement of Consultants to formulate enhancement plans for villages within the District; he envisaged that with monies put aside on a rolling basis from the GMA towards advancement of plans for shovel-ready projects under Active Travel, Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme, Town and Village Renewal Scheme and other similar funding streams, it would provide much-needed boost to the areas involved. Initially, the villages of Ballingarry, Killenaule, and Mullinahone are identified for enhancement.

This initiative was warmly welcomed by the Cathaoirleach and Councillors

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

The District Administrator stated that there were no matters for consideration under this item

***Chief Executive's/Delegated Officers' Orders***

**Item 5.1.**

Delegated Officer's Order no. 30978 dated the 028 August 2022 relating to issue of Section 254 Licence for placement of outdoor tables and chairs on the public footpath at Main Street, Carrick on Suir to Mr. Patrick Hogan for the period 03/05/2022 to 02/05/2023 was circulated and noted

**Item 5.2.**

Delegated Officer's Order no. 31044 dated the 15 August 2022 relating to issue of Section 254 Notice to NBI Infrastructure DAC for erection of 2 no. timber poles and associated cables for provision of broadband at Ballynamona, Ballyneale and Marian Avenue Carrick on Suir was circulated and noted.

**Item 5.3.**

Delegated Officer's Order no. 31077 dated the 17 August 2022 relating to acceptance of quotation in the sum of €2,556.50 (excl. VAT) from Dive and Marine Specialist Contractors Ltd., for removal of waterborne debris at Carrick on Suir Marina, was circulated and noted.



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- Item 5.4. Delegated Officer's Order no. 31168 dated the 24 August 2022 relating to issue of Section 254 licence to Martin Gannon of Marty's Pantry, Sean Kelly Square for the period 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 for placement of tables and chairs on the public footpath at Sean Kelly Square, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary was circulated and noted.
- Item 5.5. Delegated Officer's Order no. 31288 dated the 08 September 2022 relating to the appointment of Caherclough Tarmacadam Ltd as Project Supervisor Construction Stage for 2022 Carrick Town Works at Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary was circulated and noted.
- Item 5.6. Delegated Officer's Order no. 31290 dated the 08 September 2022 relating to the appointment of Caherclough Tarmacadam Ltd as Project Supervisor Construction Stage for 2022 CIS works at Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary, was circulated and noted.

**Correspondence**

- Item 6.1. Correspondence to Ms. Norma Foley, T.D., Minister for Education dated 09 August 2022 was circulated and noted.

**Notices of Motion**

- Item 7.1. Notice of Motion 2443

The following notice of motion was tabled by Cllr. K. O'Meara:

*"That in the interest of safety, that Carrick on Suir MD looks at the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the Clonmel Road out of Mullinahone, where the new footpath works were completed on the village side of the approach from Blackthorn Walk Estate, and to amend the white line marking to a solid white line from the estate through to the village centre. Many children from the estate have started walking to school since the provision of the new footpath and a number have flagged safety concerns with speed of traffic whilst attempting to cross to the footpath on the other side."*

The motion was proposed by Cllr. K. O'Meara, and seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne.

A report was circulated in response to same which stated as follows;

The Mullinahone active travel project funded by the NTA has been a great enhancement to the Village and in particular the Clonmel Road providing a much-needed footpath for people living along the road and the residents of Blackthorn Estate as well as people walking. It

must be acknowledged that the project could not have been delivered without the support of the residents and landowners along the route. An "uncontrolled" crossing point was provided at the most appropriate location and within the 50km zone, and designed in accordance with best practice guidelines. There are good sightlines available for pedestrians including school children to see vehicles coming and vice versa for drivers to see pedestrians. Speeding and the enforcement of the speed limits at this location is a matter for An Garda Síochána but a speed survey will be undertaken to establish the facts. A site inspection to review the current road markings on site will be undertaken also.

Cllr. O' Meara welcomed the Active Travel funding in this case, notwithstanding that lighting was still awaited. Noting the District Engineer's reply in this case, he stated that he did not accept it as such measures were in place in many other villages. Cllr. I. Goldsboro expressed her support for her colleague's motion.

### ***Any Other Business***

#### **Item 8.1.**

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. I. Goldsboro sought support for her proposal that a letter would issue from the Carrick on Suir Municipal District to Minister Mr. Eamon Ryan, T.D., seeking to have a review carried out into billing and charging mechanisms currently in place so as to exclude community, charitable and voluntary organisations from the requirement to pay standing charges. Such charges, against a background of energy providers' unprecedented profiteering and constantly increasing tariffs, must be paid from fund-raised resources from within respective communities among supporters who are already struggling with inflationary pressures. She considered this to be intolerable and wholly unjust. She also cited cases where voluntary organisations were being charged supplementary levies in circumstances where they were not using (enough) units of energy, on top of standing charges, PSO levy and VAT which she considered indefensible and contrary to all advice to conserve energy. She requested that the Minister would review this as a matter of urgency, and asked that the members of the press, present at the meeting would highlight the issue in their respective publications.

Seconding the motion, Cllr. D. Dunne thanked his colleague for raising the matter referring to the fact that some GAA clubs were withdrawing from playing matches at night in order to save energy, yet were being charged standing charges nonetheless. He

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reiterated the criticism of club members and supporters effectively paying on the double in maintaining support for their clubs along with meeting their own ever-increasing expenses.

The motion was passed unanimously.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

[15:59]



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach

27 October 2022