

In the Chair: Cllr. D. Dunne

Members Present: Cllr. M. FitzGerald, Cllr. K. Bourke, Cllr. M. Brennan, Cllr. I. Goldsboro

Apologies:

Attended from

Carrick on Suir MD Mr. B. Beck, Director of Services; Ms. M. Cox, Meetings Administrator; Mr. M. Scully, District Engineer; Mr. W. Morgan, A/Staff Officer, S. Holloway, Assistant Staff Officer, Mr. D. Power, E/Engineer, Mr. C. O' Shea, S/ Engineer.

ERCD Directorate Ms. V. Kavanagh, Ms. V. O' Donnell.

Culture & Library Directorate Mr. D. Dullaghan, Ms. M. McMahon, MS. D. Scally.

Other Attendees Katie O Donnell – Irish Independent.
Eamonn Wynne – The Nationalist Newspaper.
D. Doyle, Tipp FM.
A. Magorrian, journalist.

1.0. Welcome and Introduction

Item 1.1. The summons was taken as read.
Summons and Prayer:

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

Item 2.1.
Conflict of Interest Declaration None to record

3.0. Consideration of Minutes

Item 3.1. The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 22nd May, 2025
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 22 May 2025 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke and seconded by Cllr. M. FitzGerald and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.1. With Ms. M. Winters attending via Zoom, a comprehensive
Attendance of Tourism Activator and consideration of report report was delivered. The following queries arose:
Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked Ms. M. Winters for a comprehensive presentation, stating that the Littleton project looks amazing and the funds coming into the district for various projects is very exciting.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanks for the comprehensive presentation, and echoed Cllr. D. Dunne's sentiments- it all looks amazing.
- Commented that its great to see and wondered if tour routes will be going through the district going forward, noting that neighbouring towns get high tourist numbers and we could explore untapped potential in villages around the district, like Fethard which is Ireland's second oldest medieval town.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Ms. M. Winters for the presentation, noting the impressive work contained therein.
- Said that at a visit to Washington in 2016, they were trying to promote the Tipperary brand there so it was now amazing to see the amount of grants being approved, such as €350,000 for the Heritage Centre and a pending grant of €300,000 for the Carraig Hotel.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Again commended Ms. M. Winters for her good work, stating that all money coming into the district was appreciated and that the Feasibility for the Littleton Bog Experience looked amazing.

Item 4.2. Attendance of ERCD and consideration of report

Ms. V. Kavanagh highlighted some key items on the report which had been circulated to the members, including the LEP grants funded by Department of Rural & Community Development and the press release circulated, with 90% of the applications being approved. The Community Recognition Fund was also announced with €50,000 being announced for playground equipment for Carrick on Suir. The Age Friendly Exhibition was very successful with over 800 attendees.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked ERCD for their comprehensive report.
- Commented that it was great to see all the background work being done for the grants, stating that the public are not aware of the work that goes into the grant schemes.
- Stated that the end product was always work the work put in.

Item 4.3 Attendance of Cultural & Library Directorate and consideration of report

Attending, Mr. D. Dullaghan took their report as read, and took the opportunity to introduce Ms. D. Scally, the new Staff Officer in Carrick on Suir library. He also mentioned the Bealtaine programme which went very well and said that there was a lot of events held in Carrick on Suir during this programme.

Also in attendance, Ms. M. McMahon stated that she is currently working with Ms. S. Cleary and Mr. F. Scott Magee on the Tides of Time project, to look for material for the mural, which is planned for Heritage Week, and will be on the walls of Tirlan in Carrick Beg. Ms. M. McMahon also mentioned the new exhibition opening in the Museum, "Unleash the 80s" which is being planned in conjunction with Limerick College of Art & Design, TUS and Clonmel Junction Festival. It centres on Vincent Hanly, presenter of MTUSA. MS. M. McMahon also mentioned a new programme in conjunction with Youth Partnership which aims to tap into an unrealised market for the Museum, 10- 24 year olds.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked Mr. D. Dullaghan for a comprehensive report.

Cllr. K. Bourke :

- Complimented the Directorate on their work, stating that he was looking forward to the exhibition as he enjoyed MTUSA stating that it was very much ahead of its time.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Echoed the sentiments of Cllr. Bourke, commending the directorate on their work and wishing MS. D. Scally the very best of luck in her role, noting that Carrick on Suir library was always very creative and had an excellent schedule of events.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Commented library that the Community Garden in Carrick on Suir was progressing very well, and also noted that there were plenty of activities planned in Carrick on Suir library.
- Stated that he was also looking forward to the exhibition in the Museum.

Item 4.4. District Engineer's Report

Having considered the updated report circulated for June 2025, the District Engineer, Mr. M. Scully and Mr. D. Power responded to the matters arising as follows:

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Took the opportunity to welcome Mr. M Scully to his first Municipal District Meeting as District Engineer, commenting that he looked forward to working with him.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Also took the opportunity to welcome Mr. M. Scully to his role as District Engineer.
- Congratulated Mr. Power on the work done during his tenure as District Engineer.
- Queried the situation with public lighting as he found he was unable to log faults with lights recently and wondered did all issues with public lighting have to go through the local authority.
- Asked if Mr. M. Scully was happy with N24 snagging, noting that some of it had been done well but there were still issues like cracked pavements.
- Commented that at the recent workshop he had raised the issue of roads in housing estates, noting that Mill Park in Grangemockler was especially bad, gone beyond patching as it had not been worked on with 40 or 50 years.
- Stated that he found the fact that there was no funding for road networks in housing estates from central government shocking as property owners pay LPT and are entitled to proper roads.
- Following on from this, requested that Mr. M. Scully cost the works in Mill Park to see if we can fund it.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Agreed with Cllr. K. Bourke, commenting that perhaps we need to lobby central government on this issue as funds are badly needed.
- Welcomed Mr. M. Scully to his role, and commended Mr. D. Power on the works completed during his tenure.
- Asked about Cloran Old- Boherboy Section 2-asked if Section 2 which would involve taking out a double S bend and drainage works be completed before year 2?

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Welcomed Mr. M. Scully, echoing Cllr. Bourke and Cllr. FitzGerald's sentiments.
- Commented that re roads in housing estates, it's not just Mill Park, there are plenty of other housing estates affected.

Cllr. A. Goldsboro:

- Congratulated Mr. M. Scully on his new role and welcomed him to Carrick MD.

Cllr.D. Dunne:

- Also thanked Mr. D. Power for work completed during his tenure.
- Asked about reinstatement after Irish Water works, noting that mains works were taking place around the town centre and that roads were currently in poor condition around the town centre.
- Stated that reinstatement works must be done properly and that he did not wish to single out one contractor but a lot of the works involved would have been carried out by Irish Water.
- Said that part of the road opening licence should be to ensure that works are reinstated to the same standard.
- Agreed re the roads in Mill Park, and said that there were other housing estates affected also.
- Mentioned that sections of Marian Avenue are poor, and that one section in Collins Park has also deteriorated.
- Commented that it is unfair to use LPT funds for this purpose and that government funds are needed.

Responding, Mr. M. Scully:

- Stated that the issue of roads in housing estates was a nationwide issue and that he intended to visit Mill Park and the other affected housing estates.
- Stated that the council as a whole will have to find a way to address this and that a solution has to be found, possibly needing to be addressed at a higher level.
- Said that re the N24, the maintenance period is still in process and that all snags must be completed, saying that he will add cracked pavements to his list for checking.
- Said he will follow up with Roads Capital on status of snags list.
- Agreed 100% re the reinstatement of roads, confirming that the Engineering Section will do all in their power to ensure full reinstatement including monitoring contractors.

Responding, Ms. M. Cox:

- Stated that re public lighting the Deadsure app can be used to report lighting issues across the whole country, and you can also escalate issues at the CSD desk if they are already reported.
- Commented that if the problems are persistent, they can be brought to the attention of the Roads section of the council.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Stated that even when the lighting issues are reported, they can be incredibly slow to be fixed, noting an elderly

woman in Fethard who is waiting for 2 months to have the light outside her front door fixed.

Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- Commented that previously there were two contractors maintaining public lighting in Tipperary, but there was now only one, contributing to some of the delays.
- Stated that the PLEEP project is also causing some delays.
- Said that he will highlight some of the issues with Mr. M. Tierney.

Responding, Ms. M. Cox:

- Stated that Mr. M. Tierney is very helpful and noted that there may often be larger works to be undertaken when public lighting is not being repaired.

Item 4.5 District Administrator's Report

The Meetings Administrator circulated a comprehensive report incorporating updates on the following issues in Carrick on Suir:

- Regeneration Plan for Phases 1, 2 and 3.
- Also reported on the EU Just Transition Fund Riverside Regeneration Programme.
- Updated on funding and proposed works on Town Clock.
- Updated on applications received to date on Community Grant scheme.
- Informed members of funding received for refurbishment of Fairgreen playground.
- Updated on grant awarded to Carrick-on-Suir Heritage Centre from Private & Community SME Scheme.
- Informed members of upcoming events – the Ormond Castle Markets and L' etape.
- Commented that recent, ongoing and proposed works in the district by the council will amount to €33 million including Fethard Town Park, RRDF, EUJTF, ORIS, Bog Field, CRF, Playgrounds, Active Travel, TCF & TVRS funding. Furthermore, looking at recent and planned investment by agencies such as Uisce Éireann, TII, NBI, HSE and the ETB, this amounts to a further €55 million investment in the district.

Commenting, Mr. B. Beck

- Noted that there has been an overall planned and ongoing spend in the District of €88 million over the last few years, when District spending as well as spending on projects like Irish Water, TII, Gaelscoil, broadband and the ETB are considered.
- Paid tribute to the Cathaoirleach and his colleagues, as their decisions made this possible through the approval of match spending, and also commended the staff.

- Stated that the public often wonder what the Council do, and that it was commendable that Carrick MD has achieved this high level of projects with no extra staff apart from Mr. C. O' Shea working 3 days a week, which proves the high efficiency and work ethic of the staff.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Mr. B. Beck and stated that a lot of this work was down to him and his team, stating that his presence was a breath of fresh air as he was full of ambition and drive for the district.
- Noted that the approval of match funding was only part of the story, and that works achieved to date was a credit to Mr. B. Beck and his staff.
- Queried if there was a start and finish date for Phase 2 in Chapel Street as residents were anxious about this.
- Congratulated Ms. M. Cox on the Town Clock, commending her for getting the funding across the line and in a short period of time, and gave thanks on behalf of the people of Carrick.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Complimented Ms. M. Cox and Mr. B. Beck stating that it was fantastic to see the works done and the amount being spent, noting that not many districts have this much funding.
- Echoed Cllr. K. Bourke's sentiments that Mr. B. Beck needs to be thanked also for the works done.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Echoed the sentiments of his colleagues re Ms. M. Cox and Mr. B. Beck, noting that it was Ms. M. Cox's first year in the role and her achievements were already visible.
- Stated that it would be nice to see a knock-on effect in the villages from the RRDF in Carrick-on-Suir town.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Wished to echo all these sentiments, referring to Mr. B. Beck and noting that not all heroes wear capes.
- Commented that in his first day as Cathaoirleach, seeing the amounts of funding coming into the district was very impressive.
- Stated that the role of a Councillor was very difficult as there is a lot of negativity which these days is amplified by social media.
- Stated that the people posting negative things on social media about Carrick should listen to these amounts of funding coming into the district, stating that the Fairgreen playground would be updated and made more accessible

with some of these funds meaning that the work is worthwhile.

- Said that the Littleton Labyrinth was mind blowing and would no doubt have a ripple effect to the other villages.
- Noted that things don't just happen overnight and it was amazing too see so many projects being done on time and in budget, representing tremendous value for money.

Responding, Ms. M. Cox:

- Commented that she anticipated that phase 2 within 2 months and asked Mr C O'Shea to confirm.

Responding, Mr. C. O'Shea:

- Stated that the tender process would first have to be completed, but that he anticipated the works could start in early August, with the contract being for 12 months.
- Confirmed that the company awarded the contract would have a representative to deal with householders and property owners and any queries which may arise.

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Confirmed that the contract documents would make operable periods very clear, to minimise any potential disruption to householders and property owners.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Commended this idea, stating that it was forward thinking and should enable Carrick MD to get ahead of any potential negativity.

**Item 4.6
General Municipal
Allocation**

None

**Item 4.7
Assistance of bodies
under Section 66 of local
Government Act, 2001**

Ahenny Tidy Towns	690
Ard Alainn Residents Committee	390
Ballingarry Albion FC	690
Ballingarry Community Sportsfield	690
Ballingarry Tidy Towns	690
Ballyneale Community Field CLG	690
Ballynonty Community Field	400
Carrick on Suir & District Angling Club	690
Carrick on Suir AC Roadrunners	690

Carrick on Suir Handball Club	400
Carrick on Suir Junior Athletic Club	690
Carrick on Suir Mens Shed	685
Carrick on Suir Triathlon Club	690
Carrick on Suir UTD	690
Carrick Swan Hurling Football Club	690
Castle Court Residents Association	480
Castle Heights Residents Assoc	480
CJ Kickhams Mullinahone GAA Club	690
Clairin Residents Association	385
Cloneen Tidy Villages	570
Cluain Ard Residents Assoc	400
Cluain Cregg Residents Assoc	385
Coalbrook Tidy Towns	300
Faugheen Tidy Towns	580
Fethard & Killusty Community Council	690
Fethard Convent Hall	690
Fethard GAA	690
Fethard Mens Shed	670
Fethard Regional Community Sport CLG	690
Fethard Tennis Club	690
Glengoole Hall Committee	690
Glengoole Tidy Towns	390
Grangemockler Community Sportsfield	690
Killenaule Community Enhancement	690
Killenaule Moyglass Ladies Soccer	690
Linguan Valley Tourism Group	200
Lissadell Residents Associaton	480
Manor Close Residents Assoc	480
Mens Shed Mullinahone	400
Millenium Resource Centre	600
Moyglass Sports & Leisure	690
Mullinahone Community Playground	690
Mullinahone Tidy Towns	570
Nano Nagle Womens Group	590
Orchard Crescent Residents	390
Realta Special Needs Sports Club	690
Sliabh Ardagh Rural Dev	690
Slieve Ardagh Mining Group	690
St Francis Paupers Cemetery	690

St Nicholas Boxing Club	690
St Patricks GAA	690
Strylea Residents Assoc	385
Tipperary Fethard Scout Group	690

It was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. M. Brennan 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 from the District Administrator, that grants totalling €34,810 be and are hereby approved for payment in respect of Community grants to the above recipients.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Commented that it was great to see the funds going to the many worthwhile groups.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Commended the staff and the new online system, stating that any of the groups that he had contact with found the MD staff very helpful with any queries they had.

Responding, Ms. M. Cox:

- Stated that the online system had worked very well, and that we had the option of paper applications for anyone who requested them.
- Noted that once the application is started by a group, the district staff can edit it and help them get the application completed.
- Said that the online system is also more climate friendly than using paper.

5.0. Chief Executive's / Delegated Employee's Orders

- Item 5.1.** DEO No. 42587 Scaffolding Licence at 4/5 New Street
- Item 5.2** DEO No. 42746 Scaffolding Licence at Pill Road
- Item 5.3** DEO No. 42789 S254 Licence for Aroma Café for outdoor dining at Westgate
- Item 5.4** DEO No. 42822 Scaffolding Licence at Carrick Street, Mullinahone

6.0. Correspondence

- Item 6.1.** None

7.0. Notices of Motion

Item 7.1	None
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None

8.0. Any Other Business


Item 8.1	None
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None

Any other business arising with the permission of the Cathaoirleach

This concluded the business of the meeting (15.11pm)

Marie Cox
District Administrator.


Cathaoirleach. 24th July, 2025

