

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CARRICK ON SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE DISTRICT CHAMBER, NEW STREET, CARRICK ON SUIR AT 14:00 ON THE 25 SEPTEMBER 2025.

In the Chair:	Cllr. D. Dunne
Members Present:	Cllr. M. Brennan (Online), Cllr. A. Goldsboro, Cllr. K. Bourke, Cllr. M. FitzGerald
Apologies:	Mr. K. Malone
<u>Attending from</u>	
Carrick on Suir MD	Mr. B Beck, Director of Services; Ms. M. Cox, Meetings Administrator; Mr. M. Scully, District Engineer; Mr. D. Power, Executive Engineer; Mr. W. Morgan, A/Staff Officer, S. Dunne, Clerical officer.
Environment Directorate	Mr. M. Moroney
LAWPRO Directorate	Dr. F. Igoe, Ms. C. Moloney
PNN Coordinator	Ms. R. Smith
Other Attendees	Donal Doyle – Tipp FM Aileen Hahessy – The Nationalist Newspaper

1.0. Welcome and Introduction

Item 1.1. Summons and Prayer:	The summons was taken as read
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2.0. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Council

Item 2.1. Conflict of Interest Declaration	None to record
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3.0. Consideration of Minutes

Item 3.1. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 24 July 2025	<p>The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 24th July 2025 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. M. FitzGerald, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.</p> <p>The minutes of the annual meeting held on the 26th June 2025 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. A. Goldsboro, and signed by the Cathaoirleach</p>
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4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.1. Attendance of Environment Directorate and consideration of report	With Mr. M. Moroney in attendance, the report was taken as read. Following on from this, the following queries were addressed:
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Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Asked for more on details for Tipperary Tidy Up and for a confirmation on the dates it will be on.
- Additionally, he asked how people can get involved in this great initiative.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- He stated he has been vocal on recycling bins at the County Council meeting and asked if recycling centres (bottle Banks etc) and clean up around them is the responsibility of the Local Council.
- He also asked about waste collection permits and how waste is being disposed of. He noted that the blackspots for dumping are on the rise, or people are moving areas. He noted that there seems to be pattern of people dumping which is a big cost on Council.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Had a query on illegal dumping rurally on roads. He noted that he was recently alerted to a specific case of the dumping of white waste and household waste. When he inspected the waste, he found evidence identifying dumper but was told this could not be used. The property owners were also told evidence from bag was not usable. He asked if Councillors should report such instances to the Council or if can should submit identifiable waste themselves.

Responding, Mr. M. Moroney:

- The Tipperary Clean Up will be on the 10th – 12th of October and that advertisements are going out this week. Clean up kits and bags will be given out to groups as needed and then can be accepted back to amenity sites a week later, similar to previous scheme from last year.
- He also advised there will be a competition, with a cash prize, to encourage groups to partake in the event.
- In relation to recycling facilities. The service provider for textile banks is changing. The Environment team are working with the outgoing service provider getting older banks removed so that the new service provider can be set up.
- He also advised that bottle banks are emptied by a service but that the clean up around area is up to Council. He also noted that in many areas tidy town groups do this in conjunction with Council.
- A household waste survey in Tipperary proved to be positive as it led to the first successful prosecution, in Nenagh MD, for not correctly disposing of waste. It is hoped that this will set a precedence for the rest of the MDs.

- In relation to the illegal dumping of white waste and household waste he advised that the primary method for the admissibility of evidence must be from the Environmental Officer. He explained that where a member of public submits evidence they then have to provide a statement and would have to appear as witness in court for successful prosecution.
- He advised that the best course of action for councillors and members of the public is to contact the County Council who can then send an Environmental Officer to inspect the waste and try to identify the origin for successful prosecution.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- At a previous meeting he advised that bottles from the bottle banks are being crushed and just being used in road resurfacing. He wished to note that he recently discovered that there is company in Carlow who are taking crushed glass and turning it back into bottles.
- He also asked if raw material is paid for as with textile waste.

Responding, Mr. M. Moroney:

- Advised that there is rebate back to Local Authorities, however, it does not cover cost of collections or clean up.

**Item 4.2.
Attendance of LAWPRO
Directorate and
consideration of report**

F. Igoe presented a comprehensive report outlining LAWPRO's projects completed year to date. Following on from this, some queries arose:

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked F. Igoe for presentation. He asked how the nitrate levels affect the river further downstream.
- He also asked about the Farm Initiative and said it is great to see how working with farmers can come up with solutions in united way.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Asked if there is evidence that reed based solutions for sewage treatment work. He said he had seen conflicting reports online.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- He had a query about raw sewage and Uisce Éireann. He said he knows areas where sewage is entering the river

where it should not be. He asked if LAWPRO identify these areas and report them to Uisce Éireann or vice versa, and who do members of the public report them to.

Responding F. Igoe:

- The nitrate levels impact on downstream are limiting on Marine. Nitrates do not affect fresh water too much however in very high levels they can cause algae bloom as recently seen in Lough Derg. He met with the Minister at Clonmel Show and explained how in the River Suir nitrate levels are not issue but as water flows to Waterford it affects the marine life. Also, it can affect the fish e.g. Salmon moving from Marine to Fresh water and back.
- He said farmers are encouraged to reduce the use of nitrates so that the levels can be lowered. He explained that phosphorus is more of an issue in fresh water so they are also working on Nature Based Solutions to lower those levels.
- He said that there is a targeted approach to reducing the pollutants entering the water and not an open call, he asked the local representatives to encourage farmers to engage.
- He explained that when it comes to solutions for sewage they have to review the scale and management of the issue. They are working with Uisce Éireann on resolving raw sewage issued through public consultation and working with the EPA.
- Uisce Éireann are to have their own survey on treatments. He said LAWPRO will review at risk areas and look at data alongside the survey results to create local catchment hotspots. They also target farms that are identified. Additionally, they investigate public health risks caused by these issues and create ways to address such issues and how funding can be spent to address issues.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- He mentioned that he and Cllr. K. Bourke have concerns regarding Lingaun as most drinking water in Carrick comes from here.

Responding F. Igoe:

- He said there are examples of public, Uisce Éireann, managed water treatment centres / areas working well e.g. Kerry.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- He said he is concerned over Mullet, a kind of bottom feeding sea fish, who are feeding in the River Suir and asked if this indicates pollution.

Responding F. Igoe:

- He said Mullet are not concerning and that Dace would be more concerning. He said the Mullet could have come so far upstream if the river levels are low and that more saline would be in the water. He also mentioned that this could become more common with the rising sea levels.

Item 4.3.

Attendance of PPN Coordinator and consideration of presentation

Ms. R. Smith presented a comprehensive report on the Public Participation Network Tipperary, outlining its organisation, structure and what work it undertakes. Following on from her report she responded to the following queries:

Mr. B. Beck:

- He acknowledged the work and support from the PPN to encourage engagement with local community groups, and helping them to access the funding streams available to them. He said that the PPN helps groups to hear about funding and teaches how to access.
- He recognised the PPN's cooperation in mapping what is available, what facilities are available and creating a response to events e.g. Storm Éowyn this year.
- He said the PPN is available to all communities both rural and urban and all groups can be utilised across the MD / County. He also stressed the importance of the PPN.

Ms. M. Cox:

- Echoed Mr. B. Beck's sentiments and reiterated how important the PPN is.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- He thanked Ms. R. Smith and said it is great way for groups to access funding.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- He reiterated what others had said. He commented on how the PPN is often a link between groups and funding and it is important that groups can access it.
- He also acknowledged how groups he has been involved in have used services.

Responding Ms. R. Smith:

- She stressed importance of collaboration especially when an emergency response is required.

Cllr. A. Goldsboro:

- She agreed with the comments others had made.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- He said the PPN is important as it re-establishes the local level links between groups and people. He also echoed what others said and thanked Ms. R. Smith presentation.

**Item 4.4.
District Engineers
Report:**

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

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked Mr. M. Scully for the report. He said it is great to hear that funding will be cleared up for other projects next year.
- He is looking for update on Cloneen School regarding the road markings and signage.
- Asked if funding for pedestrian crossing in Drangan will be carry over into next year's budget.
- Looked for an update on the drainage issues in Mullinahone, in particular at, Isterkiernan graveyard.
- He commented that the Grangemockler Village scheme has been very beneficial and successful, but that parking in village centre causing issues. There are people parking cars on street and getting the Dublin Airport bus so they are leaving cars for an extended time, this means there is no place for locals, or passing lorries to pull in. He asked if signage be installed stating 1hr max parking, to discourage people leaving their cars there.
- He advised that there is a bridge near Cloneen that was recently hit so now there is a very dangerous drop at the side of it. A plastic barrier is in place but if another car were to have an accident there it would be very dangerous.
- He thanked the road crew for the new Welcome sign in Cloneen.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- He commented that he had asked that the public lighting Hazel Close be fixed. He spoke with Ciaran O' Shea who has been in contact with the developer and the provider of the lighting and has confirmed that new lighting will installed in coming days. He complimented Ciaran for this.
- He asked about clearing road gullies as we head into winter. He stressed that it is very important to keep these clean as it will reduce flooding especially in problem areas.

- He asked if there is an update on a new pedestrian crossing at Comeragh College. He recently spoke to the editor of Irish Cycle.com who was writing an article on the proposed crossing and was taken aback to learn that TII are not engaging.
- He contacted TII and to his shock discovered that no application gone to TII. He asked to be kept informed going forward.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Thanked Mr. M. Scully for his report.
- He hopes that the bridge in Fethard on the R689 will not be forgotten, and asked for bollard or other safety measure be installed, and for road to be cleaned.
- He also noted on going issues with speed signs in several towns and villages where batteries removed, asked what plans will be in place to replace these.
- He enquired if there are severe weather plans heading into winter.
- He also asked about resurfacing in housing estates and public lighting in Ballynonty.

Cllr. D. Dunne

- Noted that with the new housing developments happening in Greenhill Village there is a need to introduce new speed reducing measures on Killonerry road. He explained there is a substantial gap between speed ramps already in place.
- He said it is good to see Uisce Éireann working in Carrick-on-Suir but it is taking longer than expected with extended works happening in New Street and Bridge Street. He asked if New Street will be blocked completely to traffic and asked for clarity on the times works will be taking place.
- He expressed his happiness that the lights in Hazel Close are being fixed this week.
- He asked for an update on repairs to the damaged wall at the Old Bridge and the wall on Pill Road.
- He advised that many of the lights on Pill Road are out and that he has logged them on the website.

Responding, Mr. M. Scully:

- He advised they are working through all the bridge proposals and funding for 2026 and asked members to send in all information they have so it can be included. He also confirmed that the bridge in Fethard is included and will look at interim measures to improve safety.
- He said that he is working with the Road Supervisor to get new road markings and traffic signs for the school in Cloneen.

- He confirmed that the pedestrian crossing in Drangan will be included in the 2026 list of works and that the drainage issues in Mullinahone are being reviewed.
- He advised that he will have to investigate parking issues in Grangemockler. It will not be an immediate fix but will see what solution can be agreed.
- He expressed his pleasure about the Hazel Close lights, he said it is great to hear they are due to be back on.
- He agreed that regular maintenance of the gullies is crucial for keeping water off road and he will reinforce that with road crews to keep them maintained to alleviate flooding.
- He has agreed to keep Cllr. K. Bourke updated on the pedestrian crossing at Comeragh College. He is hoping for a positive solution.
- He confirmed that the bridge at Market Hill is on the list and he will submit it for 2026 funding.
- He acknowledged that there is an issue with batteries on speed signs across the county. He will see if there is an alternative solution as rural area face particular difficulties with batteries being stolen.
- He is aware that many people are concerned with severe weather. He said there is a Severe Weather Management Team set up and is happy to share plans from this team with members.
- He recognised that the resurfacing of estates is a persistent issue and that a solution needs to be found.
- In relation to speed reducing measures in Killonerry, he will review the issue and is happy to meet with Cllr Dunne to see what solutions can be implemented. He did note that speeding is an issue for the Gardaí.
- He explained that the Uisce Éireann works in Bridge Street have been delayed due to the discovery of archaeology. He noted that this is always a risk when excavation works take place in urban areas and will delay works. Hopefully the archaeological investigation will be completed as quickly as possible.
- When Uisce Éireann are working in the Town Centre, requests are always reviewed with hope for solution to minimise the disruption so often works happen at night.
- The Old Bridge damage is being reviewed. He advised that a structural engineer will have to inspect the bridge because of its age. Also the Council are trying to recoup costs from party who damaged bridge.

Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- He advised that the wall on Pill Road will be repaired but they are waiting for the Bank Holiday week when schools are closed.

- He advised the Uisce Éireann works in West Gate will be completed at night. And that the works in New Street will be during the day time but Uisce Éireann will be keeping the street open.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- He advised that the communication letter Uisce Éireann sent to residents is not clear

Responding, Mr. D. Power:

- He said he will follow up with Uisce Éireann to make sure the information is communicated properly.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald

- He said he wants to note the disgraceful actions of batteries being stolen on speed signs. He said everyone works hard to ensure safety and then they are stolen almost immediately. He acknowledged that when they are on they work. He also highlighted the criminal actions of stealing and damaging property and the high cost of repairs.

Cllr. D. Dunne

- Wanted to echo his unhappiness with the speed sign battery issue.
- He complimented outdoor staff for all works in town, Castle Field flowers and bee areas, painted seats / benches in the park.

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

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

- RRDF Phase 1 – the final sculpture is almost completed and it is hoped that it will be installed before year end for Tractors and Tudors Festival.
- RRDF Phase 2 – letters have been sent to successful and unsuccessful tenderers.
- RRDF Phase 3 – works are going well and hoarding outside the old post office has now been removed, just in time for L'Étape. The windows are not installed yet but the boards up will show the works and information on the County Museum.
- RRDF Riverside Regeneration Project – The Goldcrop site works are going to consultation and survey results are being processed. However, the results are delayed and will be presented before the October Meeting.
- RRDF – The works on the Town Clock were delayed due to nesting birds. However, two of clock faces are now working, the South facing face seems to be seized and professional clock repairer will be brought in to fix it and the chime.

- The Fairgreen Playground will have to be closed later in year for repairs. Once closed it is hoped that as much work as possible will be completed.
- An email has been sent to all members confirming Christmas lights funding scheme. It is hoped that the funding for Christmas Lights can be approved in the October meeting to give groups certainty planning their Christmas events, some of which happen in the last week in November. Also, the Christmas retail support grant will be available again this year. Any Christmas event that drives footfall will be entitled to apply for this grant, more information is on Tipperary County Council website.
- The Team Tipperary County Clean-up is launching this week. The QR code register is working and there is a competition that any voluntary group getting involved can enter.
- L'Étapé Ireland is happening this weekend. On Saturday events will be celebrated in Carrick-on-Suir including at the Ormond Castle and Brewery Theatre and Arts Centre.
- On Sunday the race will start in William Street at 9am. Currently, there are approximately 1,300 people registered but more registration available in village on day. Prizes will also be presented in the event village. All Councillors are welcome to attend.
- Ms. M. Cox highlighted the work Mr. M. Scully's team has completed recently including cleaning of Clairin Well, Strand Lane, the Castle Field bee conservation area, painting of the park benches.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald

- He asked if the date for Tractors & Tudors Festival has been set.

Responding Ms. M. Cox:

- Confirmed the Tractors & Tudors Festival will take place on Dec 13th 2025.

Cllr. D. Dunne

- He praised everyone who has participated in making Carrick-on-Suir look so great, shop windows, schools etc. in the build up to the L'Étape event this weekend.
- He also thanked all involved in the works.

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

None

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

Item 5.1. D.E.O No. 44109- 4 no Fingerpost Signs for Camphill Community, Carrick-on-Suir

Item 5.2. D.E.O No. 44119- Legal proceedings re unpaid fixed offence notices

6.0. Correspondence

Item 6.1. None

7.0. Notices of Motion

Item 7.1. 7.1 Notice of Motion 3035- Cllr. K. Bourke
"I am calling on Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District to write to the HSE asking them to restore full Diabetes services to the Primary Care Centre, Carrick-on-Suir"

Proposed: Cllr. K. Bourke.
Seconded: Cllr. D. Dunne.

Cllr. K. Bourke

- It was recently brought to his attention that the diabetic services are to be cut from the Primary Care Centre, Carrick-on-Suir. He noted that Deputy Butler called the area the St Brigid's Campus and had promised that the Diabetic services would be there.
- When he asked about why the Diabetic services would be taken away he was told it was due to lack of space. But he was advised that a Diabetic nurse would remain onsite only the Doctor was being removed.
- He expressed disappointed that this is yet another service being cut from Carrick-on-Suir mentioning the loss of services at the Garda Station and how the Courthouse was almost closed too.
- He is asking Council to write to HSE demanding that services be retained in the Primary Care Centre, Carrick-on-Suir.

Cllr. D. Dunne

- He advised that this is a very important motion, he noted the passion in Cllr. K. Bourke voice. He commented that they had worked together to save St Brigid's Hospital from closure.
- He said this is an attack on services in Carrick-on-Suir, and the status of town was being affected again. He said that it was wonderful service for town and asked how can building be full when many rooms not in use.

- He said the people of Carrick-on-Suir will stand up again fight. He expressed his hope to see hospital reopened again – for people of town.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald

- Expressed his support for this motion. He said he was not aware of the closure and thanked Cllr. K. Bourke for bringing it to his attention. He also noted how the risk of diabetes is on the rise and service will be needed even more in the future.

Cllr. M. Brennan

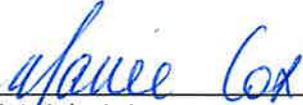
- Said he stands behind Cllr. K. Bourke to restore services to Primary Care Centre, Carrick-on-Suir.

8.0. Any Other Business

Item 8.1.

Cllr. D. Dunne thanked media for being here.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (15.53)



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach

23rd October, 2025