

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 23 OCTOBER 2025.

In the Chair:	Cllr. D. Dunne
Members Present:	Cllr. M. Brennan, Cllr. A. Goldsboro, Cllr. K. Bourke, Cllr. M. FitzGerald
Apologies:	None
<u>Attending from</u>	
Carrick on Suir MD	Mr. B Beck, Director of Services; Ms. M. Cox, District Administrator; Mr. M. Scully, District Engineer; Mr. W. Morgan, A/Staff Officer, P. Henehan, A/Ass. Staff Officer, S. Dunne, Clerical Officer, Mr. K. Malone, Senior Engineer.
Finance Directorate	S. O'Callaghan, Financial Management Accountant;
Other Attendees	Donal Doyle – Tipp FM Aileen Hahessy – The Nationalist Newspaper Eoin Kelleher (Online) – The Irish Independent

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 25 September 2025	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 25 th September 2025 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. M. FitzGerald, seconded by Cllr. K. Bourke, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
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4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.1. Draft Budgetary Plan 2026:	<p>The Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 was circulated and considered by the Councillors.</p> <p>With S. O'Callaghan, Financial Management Accountant and in attendance, the following queries from members were addressed:</p> <p>Cllr. K. Bourke:</p>
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- Query regarding GMA figure staying same as last year, noting that in recent years there has been an increase on this figure by 15%.
- Additionally, noted that this year homeowners had to review their Local Property Tax and resubmit their details to 2030. This should be ground for the GMA figure should be increased.

S. O'Callaghan:

- Advised there has been a very small increase from LPT and this can be discussed at workshops for budget.
- Noted that some LPT is used in the Town & Village development Fund.

Proposed: Cllr. M. FitzGerald

Seconded: Cllr. A. Goldsboro

**Item 4.2.
District Engineer's
Report:**

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

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked Mr. M. Scully and outdoor workers for works in Cloneen. Advised that locals are very happy with works completed.
- Query if a low-cost scheme could be considered for Moyglass school as parents are very concerned with the safety of the road, he noted some parents were recently on Tipp FM to express their concerns. The road opens to a wide section but it is near school and there have been many incidents of speeding and dangerous driving.
- Query regarding drainage scheme for Mullinahone, drains are not able to keep flooding at bay as the drains are blocking.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Wanted to acknowledge the work of Mr. D. Power who recently left the Carrick MD. He also thanked Mr. M. Scully and staff for all their hard work.
- Query regarding the gullies on Dillon Bridge. Some are blocked and during heavy rain there is a lot of surface water which causing issues for pedestrians.
- Noted that during the works on O' Mahony Avenue double yellow lines were temporarily added to Mill Street while traffic was diverted. Requesting these be removed as they were only supposed to be there for duration of works. Now local residents cannot park outside their own homes and recently a local teacher was ticketed as parked there.

- Concerned regarding pedestrian crossing on Main Street Carrick-on-Suir, claims the distance from the parking spaces to the crossing is incorrect. Said the law states there should be 15m between the parking space and the crossing. Cllr. K. Bourke asked if true and can this please be reviewed.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Thanked Mr. D. Power for his work over his time in Carrick MD.
- Reiterated the difficulties relating to speeding and traffic calming measures at Moyglass school. He has met with engineers at the school and disappointed that nothing has been done. Regrets that parents had to go on Tipp FM to voice their concerns. Has been out himself to see the traffic and there are several HGVs also using road.
- Reported incident at manhole lifting in Killenaule on Sunday Night. Men in an unmarked white van were seen lifting the manhole cover and when residents asked what was happening they said they were carrying out a survey, but they had no evidence they were genuine. Resident contacted Cllr. M. Brennan and the Gardaí. It was confirmed that the workers were genuine. Asked if letter can be sent to residents before such surveys in the future.
- Query regarding the battery theft at the speed signs. Mentioned that at the last Tipperary County Council Meeting he told that engineers at a county level were not aware of the issue.
- Concerned with the sulky racing. He has videos of cars damaged and has been tracking where the races are starting. He intends to bring forward a motion regarding how to stop the racing at the next meeting.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Query regarding report, it mentions there are drainage works upcoming in Sweet Auburn, asked if it was Manor Close, the neighbouring housing estate.
- Noted there was substantial money spent to tackle the growth at the Old Bridge and now it has grown back causing damage. There is also ivy growing at the New Bridge and wants to know if this can be cut away and what measures can be implemented to permanently remove the growth.
- Concerned as Mill River is blocked with both debris and growth. An engineer has reviewed and there is potential for flooding. Very concerning as the winter approaches, this is quite evident above the John Street Depot. Residents very nervous of the potential flood.
- Query on private houses that are derelict in estates. How long are people given to sort the issues? In St. Nicholas

Park neighbours are very concerned with over growth and a particular house falling down. Wants to know what Council can do to rectify issues. Also noted a 4-bed house in private ownership in Dunbane that has been empty several years while people are crying out for houses.

- Thanked outdoor staff cleaning foliage around town following the stormy weather.
- Concerned regarding the illegal dumping in Carrick-on-Suir. Strand Lane has been fixed as local public house has installed CCTV but asked if something can be done in a black spot in Carrick Beg where persistent dumping occurs.
- The orange clothes bank in New Street Car Park has been removed and the area looks much cleaner.
- Noted lighting issues in town, the N24 on Pill Road the lights were gone almost 3 weeks, not all back but very dangerous for pedestrians. Asked if these can be fixed.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Wants to support Cllr. D. Dunne regarding the house in St Nicholas Park. Advised that he has reported issue in past and the DA of the day advised nothing could be done about it. Also, regarding the house in Dunbane, a neighbouring house was for sale but potential buyers pulled out of the sale due to the derelict house. The council should be able to get issues with derelict houses sorted and if they cannot then Government should be contacted and encouraged to give Councils such powers
- Agreed with issues on public lights. The new LED street lights in Collins Park are causing issues. The estate is now darker than when the old ones were installed. Asked that an investigation completed as residents are concerned.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald

- Wanted to wish Mr. D. Power well in his move.

Cllr. M. Brennan

- Queried when the Safe Routes to School Project for Killenaule National School would be commencing.

Mr. M. Scully replied:

- Noted the road safety and speed issues are reviewed on case by case basis to see what can be done to slow drivers and increase safety. There is a very tight budget, but the behaviours of drivers need to be reviewed too.
- Welcomed positive feedback in Cloneen.
- Will be meeting with representatives of Moyglass school to review the safety issues. Reiterated that council cannot fix all the issues at once there are many road safety issues need to be reviewed. Noted there is wider issue of driver behaviour on road and speeding.

- Drainage Mullinahone was reviewed earlier this year. There is a specific improvement grant that has been applied for. In the meantime, the first step is to try to relieve surface water.
- The outdoor staff in Carrick-on-Suir monitor Dillon Bridge, and other areas of the town. They are keeping on top of the cleaning the gullies but he will remind them to be vigilant.
- Will review the double yellow lines in Mill Street, he was not aware of this issue.
- Regarding the pedestrian crossing on Main Street, he is aware of the constraints but it is not clear what the specific bye laws are regarding Main Street parking. He can arrange for a road safety audit to review, he did note that the crossings on Main Street are stepped out which increases visibility. Apologised he cannot answer right now but will review the situation.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Said the particular constituent was with him for 1.5 hours expressing his concerns and wants this to be reviewed he noted there are particular issues when vans park the sightlines are blocked. Cllr. K. Bourke wants written reply for constituent.

Mr. M. Scully replying to the remaining queries:

- Advised that it was potentially Uisce Éireann who were surveying the Manholes. Noted that if Tipperary County Council are completing such surveys people will be made aware.
- Flashing beacon batteries being stolen has to be reviewed as it is a national issue. A review of alternative solutions is needed
- Regarding Sulky racing this is Garda issue.
- Will confirm which estate have drainage works completed.
- The growth on bridges and blockage of Mill River cannot be cleared immediately. Due to protected species in river there are to EU regulations to be followed. This means there is limit on what works can be completed to clear growth and unblock the river. Before any clearing can be carried out an Environmental Impact Assessment is needed. He acknowledged the importance of designated conservation areas but there has to be a solution to help alleviate issues.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Acknowledged the response regarding clearing growth at the bridges and Mill River but noted that works were completed several years ago. He is looking for larger debris to be cleared from Mill River, there are pallets that he is asking to be cleared. Recalled there was very severe

flooding in past and elderly residents were affected. He does not want to see elderly residents being carried out of their homes. He is also looking for trees to be cut back.

Mr. M. Scully:

- An Environmental Impact Assessment is needed for all works on the river, this includes spraying knotweed and cutting branches, wishes this was not the case.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Agreed with Cllr. D. Dunne comments. Noted that a past report listed Mill River is a major contribution to flooding in Carrick-on-Suir. Asked if works can be completed under Emergency Flood Relief Scheme as it is a reoccurring issue. Wants to minimise the impact of future flooding.

Mr. M. Scully:

- Noted that the constraints on what the Council can do are set by legislation.
- Asked that lighting issues be logged on the DeadSure system.

Mr. K. Malone:

- There is a specific contractor who works for the DeadSure system. Acknowledged there are ongoing issues with the LED lights and ESB needed to reconnect them. Noted that the Contractor has to work with the ESB and rely on the ESB to fix those issues. Will raise issue with contractor regarding the intensity of the Collins Park lights.

Mr. M. Scully:

- Noted that this scheme is being managed by the active travel section and that he would follow up with them for a proposed commencement date.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Asked if there could be meeting with Council, Gardaí and other bodies to see what can be done for the Sulky Racing.
- Also advised that since the new group was set up to replace the Joint Policing Committee there have been very few meetings and this is concerning.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Acknowledged that the Safety measures outside schools take time and there are budgetary concerns. Suggested that funding be set aside specifically for the issues perhaps a better alternative for these type of signs in rural areas could be found.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked Mr. M. Scully for answering questions and acknowledged that some of the issue raised are Gardaí issues.

Mr. M. Scully

- Asked members to keep reporting safety issues as the Council will work to try and resolve

**Item 4.3.
District Administrator's
Report:**

The Meetings Administrator circulated a comprehensive report incorporating updates in Carrick MD and Ms. M. Cox responded matters arising as follows:

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Ms. M. Cox for the report and acknowledged her work in refurbishing the Town Clock. Noted it is looking very well.
- Expressed delight to see the €984,000 and thanked Mr. B. Beck and his team for their work in securing the funding.
- Acknowledged Senator Goldsboro for going to the Minister and ensuring funding would be allocated.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald

- Echoed the sentiments of Cllr. K. Bourke regarding the funding.
- Noted how great the L'Étape event was. As Leas Cathaoirleach it was a pleasure to be invited and get involved on the day. Hope it will return to Carrick-on-Suir again, two years in a row would be a great boost for the town.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Repeated the sentiments regarding the €984,000 funding and said great things will be happening in Carrick-on-Suir in the future.

Cllr. A. Goldsboro

- Congratulated Mr. B. Beck on getting funding for Carrick-on-Suir.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Acknowledged the work of the Fianna Fail Minister and Senator Goldsboro in ensuring the funding.
- Noted the iconic status of the Town Clock and how great it is to see it being fixed
- Also congratulated the L'Étape team for their work and the set up and clean up. Special mention of the Junior race that happened on Saturday before the race and the wonderful atmosphere around Carrick-on-Suir.

Mr. B. Beck replied:

- Acknowledged staff in Carrick MD. They work very hard for Carrick-on-Suir and the funding would not have been secured if they had not worked so tirelessly.
- Also thanked members for their work and pushing for Carrick-on-Suir to have a bright future, acknowledged the work of Senator Goldsboro.
- Remarked that he is hugely committed to Carrick MD. He has a long-term commitment to Carrick-on-Suir and District. Very exciting future and intends to be here to see it true together.

Ms. M. Cox

- Thanked Cllr. K. Bourke, Town Foreman, OBK Construction, Canavan Clockmakers and the local electrician who worked to get the Town Clock fixed. There is still a lot of work needed inside and will continue to push for funding.
- Noted that securing the €984,000 has been a team effort that included members and Senator Goldsboro.
- The L'Étape organisers said they received a real welcome from the town, they loved the window displays and Carrick-on-Suir will always welcome them back.

**Item 4.4.
General Municipal
Allocation:**

Ms. M. Cox:

- The November meeting is scheduled too close to turning on of Christmas Lights and wishes to ensure the allocation of funds in advance. Noted that not all groups have applied for lights yet but wants to support groups that have and will apply.

Proposed: Cllr. M. Brennan

Seconded: Cllr. M. FitzGerald

Unanimous support

**Item 4.5.
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.

None

6.0. Correspondence

Item 6.1.

None

7.0. Notices of Motion

Item 7.1.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Received a reply regarding the Primary Care Centre, Carrick-on-Suir and the Diabetic Clinic. Deputy McGrath got reply on October 09, 2025 advising that the Diabetic Services are gone permanently due to limited availability at the Primary Care Centre. For now, they have moved to Cashel and Tipp Town. Noted this is more bad news for Carrick-on-Suir.
- Asked for support in contacting the Minister to reverse decision as Primary Care Centre provided Diabetic services for up to 20 miles away not just for Carrick-on-Suir but for people in Co. Kilkenny and Co. Waterford too.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Seconded this suggestion.
- Mentioned that it was promised when Hospital closed that Diabetic Centre would be located there and now they are gone.
- There is adequate space at the Health Centre.
- Wants to dispel rumours following an anonymous face book post that St. Bridgets is becoming an IPAS centre. Also, wants to encourage people to put their names out there when making such suggestions.

Unanimous support

8.0. Any Other Business

Item 8.1.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Congratulated Tipperary on being named 5th on the Lonely Planet best places to visit.
- Thanked Mr. D. Power for his time in Carrick MD.
- Congratulated Fethard on its population increase making it an official town.
- Wished all the Presidential candidates well in the upcoming election and encouraged people to vote and not to spoil their votes.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (15.13)



District Administrator



Cathaoirleach

27th November, 2025

