

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CARRICK ON SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE DISTRICT CHAMBER, NEW STREET, CARRICK ON SUIR AT 14:00 ON THE 27 NOVEMBER 2025.

In the Chair:	Cllr. D. Dunne
Members Present:	Cllr. M. Brennan, Cllr. A. Goldsboro (Zoom), 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, S. Holloway A/ Staff Officer, E. Collins, Clerical Officer, Mr. K. Malone, Senior Engineer.
Cultural & Library Directorate	Mr. D. Dullaghan.
ERCD Directorate	Ms. S. Thompson, Ms. M. Ryan.
Other Attendees	Donal Doyle – Tipp FM Aileen Hahessy – The Nationalist Newspaper Katie O’ Donovan – 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 23 October 2025	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 23rd October 2025 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. M. Brennan, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
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4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.2. Attendance of Cultural and Library Directorate & consideration of report	With Mr. D. Dullaghan in attendance, the report was taken as read. Mr. D. Dullaghan took the opportunity to highlight the Community Garden, which was a collaboration with the Mens’ Shed, and was a huge success in Carrick-on-Suir. The following queries from members were addressed:
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Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Commented that the Community Garden is a wonderful project, adding that it makes sense to see the collaboration with the Mens' Shed as they are nearby in the old Comeragh College. Said that the biodiversity in the lawns at the library are a wonder to behold.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Wished to echo Cllr. K. Bourke's sentiments, stating that the library is really the heart of Carrick-on-Suir, and the community garden will help the town in future Tidy Town competitions.

**Item 4.1.
Attendance of ERCD
Directorate and
consideration of
presentation**

Ms. S. Thompson of ERCD and Ms. M. Ryan of STDC gave a comprehensive presentation on the SICAP programme 2024-2028. The following queries from members were addressed:

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked Ms. M. Ryan and Ms. S. Thompson, congratulating them on their work which he said was much needed in the area.
- Stated that the results of their work were visible, most notably Bridgewater House. He commented that you never hear of the positive stories with new arrivals to the country, and that Carrick on Suir is definitely an example of a success story in this instance.
- Noted that some of the refugees had moved to other cities on gaining residency status, and some had in fact they returned to Carrick-on-Suir as they appreciated the local community so much.
- Commented that Bridgewater House has produced 2 doctors, and many more of the residents have gone to college.
- Said it was lovely to see many of the Bridgewater House residents becoming involved in the community and playing GAA.
- Said that RAPID was a vital service in its day, as was STDC currently.
- Stated that without the support of STDC and other vital agencies, disadvantaged areas will become ghettos.
- Emphasised the importance of working with community groups, and wished STDC the very best of luck going forward.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked both attendees for their comprehensive presentation, and wished to concur with Cllr. D. Dunne.
- Stated that Carrick-on-Suir is an example of the good work STDC do.

Cllr. A. Goldsboro:

- Thanked both attendees for all their hard work and their presentation, noting that the presentation shows all the hard work that they are doing.

Ms. M. Cox:

- Noted that with the incoming Community Garda, there was an opportunity for an inter-agency network to develop.
- Asked if STDC were aware of the new social enterprise in Fethard, the community café.

Ms. M. Ryan:

- Stated that they were aware of the Fethard Community Café and it is in their 2026 programme.

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

The District Engineer, Mr. M. Scully commented that the list of works for November showed the long list of 2025 works completed to date. He noted that there were a couple of footpath works still pending, but that mostly the crews are doing maintenance and reactive maintenance at the moment. Taking the November works report as read. Mr. M. Scully responded to the following queries:

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked Mr. M. Scully for his work done on Boherboy Bridge.
- Noting that the second section of Cloran Road was done this year, and asked if the double S bend on the road would be earmarked for removal in 2026.
- Asked if there was any update on LIS funding.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Said that there were a couple of roads around Carrick on Suir town that needed re surfacing, and asked when these roads will be done, stating that he is aware budgets are tight but roads are deteriorating.
- Commented that it was great to see the patching unit in Carrick on Suir today.
- Asked if we were expecting any extra money from IPB for footpaths, or any Active Travel money for 2026.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Thanked Mr. M Scully for his report and for all works done to date.
- Stated that it was his first time seeing the patching unit in Carrick-on-Suir, and hopes to see them active again in the New Year.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Commented that for 2026 Department of Transport funding of €350 million in Active Travel money had been announced, and he asked about the possibility of extending the footpath from the N24 up to the door of the Sean Kelly Centre using such funding.
- Stated that in a housing estate in Drangan there were 2 households where children walk to school and commented that the GAA pitch there could be used for an Active Travel scheme.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Asked for an update on the Old Bridge after a recent hit, stating that the existing barriers were getting in the way of traffic.
- Said that the sub stations in the town park had been vandalised with graffiti, done using industrial paint, and asked if we could write to ESB to get these cleaned as they are an eyesore and visible from the N24.
- Requested an update on the lights which are currently out on the N24, and have been for a couple of months.
- Echoed Cllr. K. Bourke's sentiments regarding the roads in the town centre, stating that we are currently under pressure due to Uisce Eireann works and that people were becoming impatient, noting that an agreement had been reached between COSBA, TCC and Uisce Eireann to stand down the works for a period during December.
- Queried the works on the N24, noting that the contractor was taking up the surface again and asked if the surface had failed tests.
- Mentioned a favourable meeting with TII with a view to getting a pedestrian crossing at Comeragh College.
- Commented on the N76 which was re done near Grangemockler, noting that when the contract is up it will fall to the district, and asked where funding for this will come from.
- Urged Central Government to step up in this regard, noting that roads are being re-done and new parks being installed and it is then falling to local county councils to maintain them with no extra funding.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Said that with regards to the power sub stations, the Lions club have done great work painting wildlife on sub stations in Deerpark Close & Tanners Gate, turning them into artwork, and asked if this could be done in the town park also.
- Asked if we could ask the Lions Club who did the artwork for them, and how much it cost.

- Complimented Ms. M. Cox on her work at reaching an arrangement between Uisce Eireann and COSBA as regards road closures, stating that we are lucky to have a District Administrator who engaged actively with Uisce Eireann as pressure was exerted on the councillors, saying that she was available 24/7. And thanking her for all her hard work to solve a tricky situation.

Responding, Mr. M. Scully:

- Said that re the funding streams available, Mr. K. Malone would answer this question.

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Stated that re the LIS- there would be a new call out in early 2026 for this, and that we await confirmation from the Department on funding.
- Noted that as regards the ongoing patching works, additional funding was ringfenced specifically for this.
- Said that Active Travel money came from National Transport Authority, and as Paddy Crowley was now in Planning, and Active Travel funds would be coming in through Planning.
- Stated that as regards IPB money for footpaths, while we had received funds the last few years, 2025 was the last year and we have made the case to IPB for more funds.

Responding, Mr. M. Scully:

- Said that he was aware of the bends and would look at these as they prepare for 2026 Roads Programme.
- Requested that Cllr. M. FitzGerald bring the issue of footpaths in Drangan and at the Sean Kelly Sports centre to him to be assessed, and he would pass it to Active Travel.
- Said that the Old Bridge had been struck twice and they were having no luck in finding the culprit, with a view to recouping costs. Survey has now been done on the Old Bridge and funding must be secured in order to appoint a contractor to complete the works.
- Agreed that the ESB boxes being painted is a great idea, and said he will follow up with ESB.
- Said that re the re surfacing works on the N24, the road looked fine but that lab testing of the material used had failed, so TII were insisting on that section of the road being re surfaced.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Commented that the derelict house in Dunbane which had been discussed at last month's meeting was now gone to sale agreed.
- Said that re the derelict house in Woodland Heights, some work had to be done by Roads crews to tidy back some of

the overgrowing trees and push them back into the property so they were no longer a hazard to pedestrians.

**Item 4.4.
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 tender requests for works planned in Fairgreen playground.
- Updated on Tidy Town Awards night 2025.
- Gave a reminder of the Christmas Retail grants which had been awarded.
- Informed members of the upcoming Christmas events across the entire District.
- Informed members of upcoming event-the Tractors & Tudors festival taking place on 13th December.

Following on from her comprehensive report, the following queries were addressed:

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Took the opportunity to echo Cllr. K. Bourke's words to Ms. M. Cox and thank her for her efforts in negotiating a resolution to the Uisce Eireann road closures on behalf of COSBA.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked Ms. M. Cox for all the work gone into her report, noting that the Tidy Town Awards was a great night and that there was great work involved in organising it.
- Commented that the Tidy towns and other community groups were the unsung heroes in the community who were generous with their time, and that this community spirit was great to see.
- Complimented Cloneen in particular on their points increase, noting that it is difficult to keep up the increase and that the help & support from TCC helps.
- Requested a digital copy of the listing of Christmas events in the district.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Stated that the Tidy Town Awards night was a great night and that he wished he had been able to stay longer.
- Said that it was great to see all the upcoming festive events, noting that colossal work had been done in communities to achieve these in recent weeks, such as Fethard Tractor run which had increased in size since last year.

- Commented that it was a pity that Killenaule Tidy Town group hadn't attended the Awards night but that he will try to push the event a bit more with them next time.

Cllr. A. Goldsboro:

- Wished to echo the sentiments of Cllrs. FitzGerald and Brennan.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Again wished to echo all these sentiments, noting that the Christmas events represented a huge investment in the local community and encouraged people to shop local wherever possible, as these events are planned in order to drive footfall into towns & villages.

**Item 4.5.
General Municipal
Allocation**

None

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

Item 4.6.1

Tidy Town Awards: a sum of €16,900 recommended to be distributed thusly among the participating groups who increased their marks year on year in the Tidy Towns competition:

Name of Group	Marks 2024	Marks 2025	Increase	Amount awarded
Carrick on Suir	315	335	20	€2,000
Cloneen	340	358	18	€1,600
Ballingarry	319	334	15	€1,300
Faugheen	225	240	15	€1,300
Killenaule	310	324	14	€1,250
Ahenny_Clashnasmuth	235	247	12	€1,150
Ballyneale	318	329	11	€1,100
Ballynonty	231	242	11	€1,100
Moyglass	264	275	11	€1,100
Drangan	336	345	9	€1,000
Grangemockler	230	238	8	€1,000
Mullinahone	318	326	8	€1,000
Fethard	309	315	6	€1,000
Glengoole	0	283	New	€1000

Proposed: Cllr. M. FitzGerald, and seconded by Cllr. M. Brennan.

Item 4.6.2

The members considered a report and recommendation in relation to 5 no. business's application for painting and enhancement grants received in 2025, totalling €2,124:

Fethard & Killusty Muintir Council	€300.00
The Junction	€500.00
Carrick on Suir Credit Union	€500.00
Walsh's Garage	€500.00
OK Cycles	€324.00

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Queried the proposed grant to a financial institution.

Responding, Ms. M. Cox:

- Stated that Carrick on Suir Credit Union had enquired about installing and maintaining a flower planter outside their building, we explained we could not but then informed them about the Painting & Enhancement Grant.
- Said that uptake was slow on the grant this year, TCC would have preferred another business applying but there was none forthcoming.
- Explained that we may omit this application if preferable, but if we do so the money will be lost to the District.

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Explained that this would not be normal practice but the planter will indeed enhance the town.
- Stated that a huge amount of work had gone into trying to spend this grant money in the town and the 2 options are either to hand back the money, or to spend it in the town.
- Commented that the funding proposed won't fully cover the cost for the business, but that the proposed planters will enhance that part of Greystone Street, visible from the N24.
- Said that hopefully there will be more money available next year so that the scheme can be expanded upon.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked Mr. B. Beck for his clarification.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Queried if the grant amount being offered can be adjusted?

Responding, Ms. M. Cox:

- Stated that the grants being given are half the value of the business's spend, up to a maximum of €500.
- The two lower amounts being approved were because the CE scheme in Fethard and OK Cycles had smaller projects and spent slightly less money.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Stated that while he understood Cllr. K. Bourke's concern, he will nonetheless propose the grants as Ms. M. Cox and Mr. B. Beck both make valid points on how the grants will enhance the town.
- Commented that it was an awkward situation, and that he would not like to be putting any other businesses off applying for the grant funding.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Said that as he understood it the grant monies being offered were so small, they wouldn't paint a business.
- Said that it was the first time he ever saw a financial institution qualify for a grant and queried if this could be looked at going forward.
- Thanked Ms. M. Cox for her explanation, and noted that he understood the purpose of the grant was to enhance a building or streetscape.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked Cllr. K. Bourke for his valid point, but felt that Ms. M. Cox and Mr. B. Beck had adequately explained the situation.

Proposed: Cllr. M. FitzGerald, and seconded by Cllr. M. Brennan.

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. Notice of Motion No. 3062 Cllr. M. Brennan:
"I am calling on Carrick on Suir Municipal District to install appropriate calming measures within the town of Fethard on the

R689 on both approach roads inside the 50km from Killenaule and Clonmel”

Proposed: Cllr. M. Brennan

Seconded: Cllr. M. FitzGerald

RESPONSE:

Ms. M. Cox:

The District Engineer has noted that there are existing traffic calming measures in place on the approach from Killenaule. Cllr. Brennan is requested to provide any additional details he may have regarding specific locations of concern, the types of speeding behaviour observed. This information will assist us in focusing our review and determining the most appropriate traffic-calming measures for the R689 approaches into Fethard.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Said that the traffic calming measures in situ are not adequate, and that residents feel the traffic is dangerous as the cars are not slowing down until they are well into Fethard.
- Stated that it was an accident waiting to happen.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Acknowledged Cllr. Brennan’s effort in bringing the issue up and said that it had been discussed at the meeting with An Garda Siochana also, who were looking at doing a speed survey in the area.

Responding, Mr. M. Scully:

Stated that he would encourage the members to press the issue of a speed survey with An Garda Siochana

Item 7.2.

Notice of Motion No. 3063 Cllr. M. Brennan:

“I am calling on Carrick on Suir Municipal District to install appropriate traffic calming measures on the L2303 at Moyglass National School”.

Proposed: Cllr. M. Brennan

Seconded: Cllr. M. FitzGerald

RESPONSE:

Ms. M. Cox:

- The District Engineer indicates that Cllr. Brennan attended a site meeting to discuss safety measures at Moyglass National following last month’s meeting, proposals for these measures are currently being drafted and will be circulated before an appropriate funding stream for the works can be selected.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Commented that while he was happy to second the motion, he also acknowledges that it is his understanding that works are pending on the road near this national school.

Item 7.3.

Notice of Motion No. 3064 Cllr. M. Brennan:

"I am calling on Carrick on Suir Municipal District to install appropriate calming measures in the village of Killenaule".

Proposed: Cllr. M. Brennan.

Seconded: Cllr. M. FitzGerald.

RESPONSE:

Ms. M. Cox:

- The District Engineer notes that safety upgrade works are planned for Killenaule for 2026.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Commented that the entry point to Killenaule from Fethard was especially dangerous as it was downhill and cars tended to speed.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Stated that he was happy to support this Notice of Motion, also noting that there is a great safety project planned for Killenaule next year.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Complimented Cllr. M. Brennan on these Notices of Motion, but also noting that the issues therein had all been raised previously, and speeding through villages was excessive, and co-operation with Gardai is very much needed.

Mr. M. Scully:

- Promised that a speed survey would be done on the Fethard side of Killenaule.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Said that when travelling downhill into Fethard the speed signs are blocked with trees, and asked if these can be cut back also.

8.0. Any Other Business

Item 8.1.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Wished all the best to Mr. W. Morgan who was moving onto another role in TCC, and thanked him for all the support he has given the elected members in the past year.
- Congratulated Ms. S. Holloway on her promotion to A/ Staff Officer.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Wished Mr. W. Morgan the best of luck in his new role in TCC
- Congratulated Ms. S. Holloway on her new role.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Wished Mr. W. Morgan all the best in his new role in TCC, thanking him for all his help and support in the past year.
- Welcomed Ms. S. Holloway into her new role.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Stated that it had been great working with Mr. W. Morgan in the past year, as it had been his first year in the council.
- Congratulated Ms. S. Holloway on her new role.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (15.44)


District Administrator


Cathaoirleach

18th December, 2025