

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 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 JANUARY 2026.

In the Chair:	Cllr. D. Dunne
Members Present:	Cllr. M. Brennan, Cllr. K. Bourke, Cllr. M. FitzGerald
Apologies:	Mr. M. Scully, Ms. A. Goldsboro
<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. B. O' Keeffe Executive Engineer; Mr. A. Fox, Executive Technician Ms. Shirley Holloway, A/Staff Officer.
Environment Directorate	Mr. M. Moroney, Ms. C Moloney.
LAWPRO Directorate	Ms. M. Morrissey, Mr. D. Kelly
Other Attendees	Donal Doyle – Tipp FM Aileen Hahessy – The Nationalist Newspaper Katie O Donovan- 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 18 December 2025	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 18 th December 2025 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. M. Brennan, seconded by Cllr. M. FitzGerald, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
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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: Cllr. M. FitzGerald:
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- Asked what is the procedure for people who wish to report on water quality/ concern of contamination?

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Asked what is the follow up after the various household waste checks that have been done, and requested an update on same.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Commented that since the removal of clothing banks there was a marked decrease in the amount of littering left at bring banks, with most of the littering now just being the cardboard boxes that people were using to carry their glass to the bring banks.
- Asked where the clothes bank waste is being directed to now?
- Mentioned the case of a person who had come to him looking for help as a neighbour was dumping heavy bags of food waste into her garden and she could not afford CCTV- is there anything we can do to help this person?

Responding, Ms. C. Moloney:

- Said that as regards the water quality reporting, anyone can make a report, and request follow up details, but that the details released to the public may vary due to the nature of the type of data being held.

Responding, Mr. M. Moloney:

- Said that the details being requested are not really about privacy but would be more in the nature of what chemicals, e- coli etc show up after tests are carried out.

Responding, Mr. M. Moroney:

- Said that following household waste surveys, which can be done by post or in person, if proof of household refuse collection is given, all is ok
- Stated that if no proof is provided there will be a follow up by the Environmental Enforcement Officer. This may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice, the individual may be requested to sign up to household waste collection, and the last step would be court.
- Noted that last year produced the first successful prosecution in court.
- Agreed that the removal of the clothing banks had made a huge difference to littering at the bring banks.
- Commented that he thinks that most of the material would be diverted to civic amenity sites and charity shops, but it will be the next few months that will truly show where the material is going.
- Said that in the case of the tenant mentioned by Cllr. Dunne, the Environmental Enforcement Officer can liaise

with the Tenant Liaison Officer in this case to check if there is any identifiable information in the rubbish.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Mr. M. Moroney for the updates, commenting that he was surprised that last year was the first successful prosecution, as he was aware of dozens of households without any waste collection.

Responding, Mr. M. Moroney:

- Said that this was the first successful prosecution but there had been numerous other successful actions in the past including the issue of fixed penalty notices.
- Said that if the offender was a council tenant, the first step in dealing with them would be through the tenancy agreement.
- Commented that the whole process is about evidentiary proof but that the first successful prosecution served to test the waters for what was to come.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Said that the completion of the extension to Calvary cemetery was noted as being "imminent" in the report, and asked when exactly this would be?

Responding, Mr. M. Moroney:

- Stated that he expected it would be complete by end Q1 2026.

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

Ms. M. Morrissey introduced the new Community Water Officer, Mr. D. Kelly, and then presented a comprehensive report outlining LAWPRO's projects completed year to date. Following on from this, some queries arose:

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked MS. M. Morrissey for her presentation, and asked what the main quality factors they were seeing arising in areas where quality was declining?
- Stated that he had reported a concern about water quality in Drangan, and that he would like to see the results of the testing.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Said that last year Cllr. J. Ryan had raised concerns re the quality of the River Suir in Thurles, and enquired as to whether this would have an effect on the quality of the water in the river downstream also.

- Mentioning the presentations, said that it was disappointing to see the water quality worsening in some areas and asked what local authorities can do to make the water quality of rivers and streams better?

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Asked about nature-based solutions, such as the Bog Field in Carrick Beg, asking who maintains such solutions once they are embedded
- Echoed Cllr. K. Bourke's concerns as to why water quality is worsening?

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Queried the funding monies, noting that while €4 million in funding was available to Tipperary, less than 10% had been paid out and asked if the process is slow?

Responding Ms. M. Morrissey:

- Stated that she can revert with statistics about the decline in water quality in the Anner region.
- Said that while she wouldn't know the results of the water testing in Drangan off-hand, she will try to get answers if available.
- Said that the River Suir downstream will be affected by water quality in Thurles, as the water quality issues will affect the whole catchment area of the river by degrees.
- Stated that the water quality in the upper Suir was noted to be worse.
- Said that one thing which can help to improve water quality is the local authorities, LAWPRO, farmers, Teagasc and the EIP working together and sharing resources.
- Said that a lot of work is being done by all of these stakeholders but that the results are not always instant.
- Stated that the responsibility for maintaining the nature-based solutions like with the local authority once installed, but noted that there is a LAWPRO fund which can be applied for of up to €100,000 per local authority to support this.
- Said that the pressures still remain the same across the board for water quality, but that she can revert with more details.
- Commented that as regard the EIP funding there was a high level of applications for Tipperary but that not all had been paid out yet, noting that some of the measures would be seasonally dependent.
- Confirmed that there was up to the value of €50 million in applications received.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Commented that it was good news that quality of water in the River Suir downstream was better, citing the recent visit to the marina in Carrick on Suir of a pod of dolphins, and said that it was good to hear that the quality of the water could have attracted them here.

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

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Indicated that Mr. M Scully was giving his apologies, and that in his absence, Mr. K. Malone, Mr. B. O' Keeffe and Mr. A. Fox were attending to take questions.

The Schedule of Municipal Works for January 2026 was circulated and considered by members. The Following issues arose:

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Took the opportunity to commend the outdoor staff for their quick action to help with the threat of flooding in several areas in the District on Tuesday morning due to surface water.
- Mentioned 2 areas for follow up- The Ass's Turn, Mullinahone and the entrance to Drangan from Cloneen, where there were 2 fields full of water and the gullies were not sufficient, and they were causing flooding in the village.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Asked about reparation works for the R689, as Uisce Eireann works in early August has left the road in a bad state, noting that the road was regularly used by an agricultural contractor who is currently unable to use it.
- Said that there is a large divot on this road approximately 10 inches wide and the road is now flooding.
- Mentioned that there has been an issue with the traffic lights at the Uisce Eireann works on R689 outside Killenaule, with the light being stuck on red on one side, but that this has been dealt with.
- Asked about the diversion route, on the Cashel Road into Fethard as the extra traffic was damaging this road and queried if the potholes could be fixed.
- Commented that on the whole, the standard of work on the R689 was poor.

- Said that on one of the sub roads, pipes were still blocking the entrances to houses, and queried if these pipes could be removed.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Asked what the process was for placing a double yellow line where there hadn't been one before, asking if a bye-law is required?

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked the staff for their trojan work on Tuesday morning, when there was an unprecedented amount of rainfall and the quick action of the staff saved several houses from flooding.
- Noted an accident outside Miloko yesterday, and an accident outside St Brigid's hospital on Saturday which caused delays for over 2 hours, and asked what the emergency plan is for diversions?
- Queried if our overseers have contact numbers for GSSs in Kilkenny or Waterford Councils, as he noted that if there is a fatality, the road is treated as a crime scene with no entry allowed for many hours, necessitating a diversion.
- Ask where the responsibility for running the stop/ go system at the scene of an accident falls?
- Mentioned 2 signs for Ormond Castle at approach roads to Carrick, and asked if the old photo of the Castle on these signs can be changed.
- Asked about manhole covers, as they tend to drop over time and queried who is responsible for this, is it the company who does the ducting or is it the County Council?

Responding Mr. Kieran Malone:

- Stated that re the Ass's Turn and the junction at Mullinahone-this will lie with Mr. B. O' Keeffe but he will check available funding as there might be some climate action funding available.
- Said that re R689- Mr. M. Scully is well aware of the issues here and had spoken to Uisce Eireann about the fault with the lights.
- Stated that as regards the road condition of the R689, the GSS will check and patch if needed.
- Commented that while works are ongoing on R689, there will continue to be issues which we will try to sort in the interim, but any issues will be remedied at the end of the works.
- Said that patching will be an option for the diversion routes which are deteriorating.

- Said that as regards the pipes being left outside people's properties, he will talk to the contractor about them being removed.
- Stated that for double yellow lines, the relevant bye-laws must describe their location, and usually if the double yellows are an extension of existing double yellows, it is okay to add them on, but if they are completely new, an amendment to bye-laws will be required.
- Commented that when it comes to any traffic accidents, the priority is to get the vehicle/s out of the way as soon as possible, but when the existing road network is being used, this may lead to a short- term backlog.
- Said that while our GSSs may not have all of the numbers of the GSSs in the neighbouring counties, they would have had interactions with a lot of them already and would be easily able to reach out to others if necessary.
- Stated that the control of the stop/go system would depend on who is first at the scene- if it is the gardai first on the scene, the gardai will control it, or it may be the emergency services who are first on the scene.
- Said that if forensics are necessary, a longer period of closure may be required, in which case they may request the assistance of the council.
- Said that as regards the responsibility for manholes, usually whoever installs them, maintains them- so it could be TCC, Eir etc and all companies will be working to their own standard details.

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Stated that all fire personnel are trained in Stop/ Go procedures and can do this.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Asked who makes the call on who will man the stop/go?

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Said that whoever is in command of the scene will make the call, if they have enough staff themselves they may do it alone, if it is for a longer period they may contact TCC.

Responding, Ms. M. Cox:

- Said that there is an active steering group set up, composed of OPW and Explore Carrick on Suir, and they are considering these signs for Ormond Castle, with the options being either wrapping the existing signs or getting entirely new signs with up dated photo.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Mr. K. Malone for his response re the double yellow lines, stating that he guessed they had to be embedded by bye laws.
- Said that the temporary double yellow lines installed by GLAS were removed on Mill Street but had been left on John Street, and people who parked in these areas could now get a ticket but that the ticket would be invalid in law, saying that this was a situation that cannot be allowed continue.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Asked for some clarity on the state of the R689, querying if there were an accident on the road which was proven to be caused by the poor surface, who would be liable, Uisce Eireann, Shareridge or TCC?

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Commented that this stretch of the R689 was proving to be quite problematic for motorcyclists.

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Stated that if there was an accident on the R689, the assessors would decide liability.
- Commented that if works were underway on the road at the time of the accident, it is usually the fault of the contractors, but that all the stakeholders may be tied in to any pending litigation.

At this point, the schedule of Municipal District works was ratified, being proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, and seconded by Cllr. M. FitzGerald.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Said that he is happy with the roads programme, but asked about road L5405 in Ballinure which was marked to be done in 2024 but works had still not commenced- could Mr. M. Scully follow this up?

Responding, Mr. K. Malone:

- Asked if this road was to be done under LIS scheme?

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Yes, it was meant to have been done under the LIS programme.

Cllr. K. Malone:

- Confirmed he would follow this up with Mr. M. Scully to check if the road had been marked for the LIS scheme, and would revert back to Cllr. M. Brennan with the details.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Asked how often are roads assessed, as this is the second year of the current road programme?

Responding, Mr. A. Fox:

- Said that this would depend on the allocation of funds.
- Stated that if more money is required for a 2026 road, it may be moved into 2027; also stated that if there are new roads which suddenly deteriorate, more funds may be sought to remedy these.

**Item 4.4.
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 by end Q3 2026.
- RRDF Phase 2 – Road closures on Chapel Street & William Street to commence earliest February 3rd.
- RRDF Phase 3 – works are going well completion due Q1 2026. Front of building almost complete, landscaping at rear due to commence pending weather conditions.
- EU JTF- Project A, The Arches has moved to planning design with part 8 documents being finalised
- Project B- Goldcrop feasibility & concept design- preliminary survey results published and project is progressing to completion end Q2 2026 including full report analysing all aspects of the site.
- Fairgreen playground- contractor appointed and equipment arrival delayed but expected in coming weeks for work to commence immediately.
- Festivals and events funding-Closing date for TCC grant applications is 5th February 2026.
- Local Enhancement Programme-Applications for funding for small scale projects for community groups is invited, closing date is 26th January 2026.
- Local Improvement scheme (LIS) is open for applications for years 2026/2027, closing date for applications is 6th February 2026.
- Consultation for TCC Parking Bye Laws is open, bye laws and maps are available for inspection at the MD offices and submissions are accepted up until 27th February 2026.

Mr. B. Beck:

- Added that €4m had been earmarked for the county for Active Travel, with €500,000 of this being specifically for bus stops.
- Said that there was also more money for the project linking the Greenway with the Blueway, noting that Waterford CoCo seem to have the capacity to get more involved, and took the opportunity to thank the Oireachtas members for the support.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Ms. M. Cox for her comprehensive report, noting that he had huge concerns re the updates on the RRDF initially, but there was no need for him to worry, as Ms. M. Cox and the contractors were liaising with all the public/ property users as required.

Cllr. D. Dunne

- Thanked MS. M. Cox for her report, stating it was great to see the windows being installed at the Old Post Office.
- Appealed to the public to come into the District Office to view the draft parking bye laws and engage with the process.
- Said that this was very important as Carrick was the only town n the district with pay and display parking.
- Stated that the draft bye-laws proposed numerous changes and that it was very important for the public to either view them in person, or check them out on the website.
- Stressed the need to get the zoning right, as there were complaints from residents of some areas about long term parking, but if the zoning was changed these residents would need resident permits.
- Emphasised that the draft bye laws also proposed increasing the cost of a resident permit from €12.30 to €40.
- Implored the public to contact councillors, or make submissions with any concerns and to engage with the consultation process rather than complaining on social media when the consultation phase had closed.
- Complimented the news on the Greenway connection to the Blueway, stating that this project would be a game changer for the area.

**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

None

Item 5.1.

6.0. Correspondence

Item 6.1. None

7.0. Notices of Motion

Item 7.1. None


8.0. Any Other Business

Item 8.1. Cllr. D. Dunne thanked all for attending, staff and media.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (15.01)



District Administrator.



Cathaoirleach

5th March, 2026

