

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 11.00 a.m. IN TOWN HALL, PARNELL STREET ON WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**Present:**

Councillor Michael Murphy, Mayor  
Councillor Pat English  
Councillor Niall P. Dennehy  
Councillor Siobhán Ambrose  
Councillor John Fitzgerald  
Councillor Richie Molloy

**In attendance:**

Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services  
Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer  
Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator  
Ms. Georgina O'Loughlin, Assist. Staff Officer

**Also in attendance:**

Mr. Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Shane Grogan, Administrative Officer  
Mr. Daniel Roche, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Margo Hayes, Administrative Officer

**Item 1.1 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest**

Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

**Item 2.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, as presented, were proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. Pat English. Both Cllr. Niall Dennehy and Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose both requested an amendment to the minutes and these were agreed.

**Matters arising:**

- Cllr Siobhán Ambrose welcomed the upcoming meeting in June where the 6 preferred routes for the N24 Cahir/Waterford will be brought before Members.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked whether additional staff have been appointed to progress the digital hubs.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose requested an update on the provision of card payments on the parking meters.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose requested an update on lighting for Hopkins Lane.
- Cllr. Niall Dennehy requested a copy of the correspondence attached to the Agenda and was provided with same.
- Cllr. Niall Dennehy asked if there was any update on the Town Bus Service.
- Cllr. Niall Dennehy queried how long more the footpath in Irishtown will be closed.
- Cllr. Pat English requested that Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian provide an update on the taking over of the Clonmel Graveyards Website.

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- Cllr. Pat English requested that a letter issue to Irish Water requesting a meeting with Members.
- Cllr. Pat English asked for an update on the Tree Strategy.
- Cllr. John Fitzgerald asked for a update on traffic calming for Clerihan National School.

**Response made as follows;**

- Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator confirmed that there is no update on Digital Hub, the tender is currently with Clonmel Business Park Limited.
- The provision of card payments on the parking meters was raised at a recent Roads meeting however there is no further update.
- There are plans to resume the Town Bus Service however no update on when this will happen.
- Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator will contact Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian for an update on the graveyard site.
- A letter already issued to Irish Water and a Workshop is arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> April at 10a.m. by zoom.
- Tree Strategy meeting is arranged for next week with Roisin O'Grady, Heritage Officer.
- Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer advised that it is planned to provide lighting in Hopkins Lane this year however he needs to apply for funding from Nenagh for same as the Public Lighting funds he has are for repairs of existing lighting.
- Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer confirmed that works are being done on the building in Irishtown and it is envisaged that the footpath will be reopened next month.

**Item 3.1 Attendance of Representatives from Directorate Housing**

Mr. Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer, Mr. Shane Grogan, Administrative Officer and Mr. Daniel Roche, Executive Engineer referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Housing Directorate.

**Key issues in the briefing note included:**

- Housing Construction
- Capital Assistance Scheme Voluntary Housing
- Housing Grant Allocations 2022
- Energy Efficiency Works
- House Purchases 2022
- Housing Loan Applications
- Tenant Purchase Scheme
- RAS and Leasing 2022
- HAP & HAP Place Finder Service 2022
- Housing Applicants and Vacant Houses
- Offers of Tenancy
- Approved Housing Applicants

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**The following queries were raised to the briefing note by members:**

- Cllr. Pat English queried what the completion dates for the current houses under construction are?
- Cllr. Pat English requested an update on the number of homeless persons and voiced concern at the lack of accommodation.
- Cllr. Pat English queried if ongoing supports will be provided to the Syrian community.
- Cllr. Michael Murphy requested that Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services, engage with Mr. Jonathon Cooney, Senior Engineer, in relation to the naming of Prior Park Grove as it will cause significant confusion given there are already a number of different Prior Park estates. He confirmed that he had engaged with the Developer on this matter and they are willing to reconsider the name.
- Cllr. Michael Murphy asked who do members of the public in Clonmel liaise with to offer their assistance with the Ukrainian Resettlement Programme.
- Cllr. Richie Molloy raised the issue of HAP Clients being of the opinion that they are not being considered for vacancies.
- Cllr. Richie Molloy raised the issue of people with little or no I.T. Skills facing difficulty with the CBL Website. He also cited that many people are finding the Customer Service Desk Automated System difficult before getting to speak to someone.
- Cllr. John Fitzgerald queried if there could be a joint approach with Citizens Information in relation to assisting clients with CBL.

**Members' queries were addressed as follows;**

- Mr. Sean Lonergan advised Members that Choice Based Letting (CBL) was being introduced on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and advertisements have been placed in Local Press & Radio Stations. Letters will issue shortly to all approved applicants given them their User ID and password to gain access to the CBL Website. He requested Members to spread the word to their constituents. He confirmed that the CBL Website is very simple to navigate and contains tutorials and a FAQ section. Staff in all the Municipal Districts and Libraries will be available to assist anyone having difficulty with same.
- In relation to Ballyclerihan, delivery is expected end of quarter 4 in 2022.
- In relation to Prior Park and Glenconnor, Mr. Daniel Roche, Executive Engineer, will revert back when he has the dates.
- There are currently 29 persons in emergency accommodation of which 8 to 10 are Housing First and the remainder are Front Door Service. The Housing Section have an integrated approach to Homeless Services and a lengthy discussion was held at the recent Plenary Meeting outlining all the supports and efforts being carried out to assist the homeless. It was acknowledged that lack of supply is an ongoing issue however all targets set out by the Department have been exceeded on every occasion.

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- Ms. Sinéad Carr, Town Manager, advised that our target for Housing for All Programme 2022-2026 has already been exceeded. She confirmed that from 2023 onwards much needed 1 and 2 bed units will be delivered.
- Ms. Sinéad Carr, Town Manager, acknowledged the amount of work put into getting CBL up and running and it is hoped it will bring down out current refusal rate which at present is between 23-25%.
- There is ongoing work with the Department in relation to the Ukrainian Resettlement Programme. Members of the public can contact Red Cross with any proposals for housing families or using vacant units.
- Ms. Sinéad Carr, Town Manager, agreed to liaise with Mr. Jonathon Cooney, Senior Engineer, in relation to the naming of Prior Park Grove.
- Ms. Sinéad Carr, Town Manager will raise the issue of the automated system with Customer Services.
- The Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme has been a huge success and acknowledged the support of the broader community. A meeting was held in February and supports will continue. The CLO's are also engaging with the families.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer, Mr. Shane Grogan, Administrative Officer and Mr. Daniel Roche, Executive Engineer for their attendance and report.

**Item 3.2 Attendance of Representatives from Directorate Community & Economic Development**

Ms. Margo Hayes, Administrative Officer referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Community & Enterprise Directorate.

**Key issues in the briefing note included:**

- Community/LCDC
- Initiatives – healthy Ireland, Age Friendly, Healthy Communities
- Syrian Resettlement Supports
- Sports
- Tourism
- Broadband
- Economic Development

**The following queries were raised to the briefing note by members:**

- Cllr. Pat English welcomed the Syrian Food Fair which was organised by the Tipperary Refugee Resettlement Programme and he stated that it was a great success.
- Cllr. Pat English welcomed the allocation of €36,000 under the Community Activities Fund which is going to 34 groups in Clonmel and said that they make a great difference to these groups.
- Cllr. Pat English welcomed that Jigsaw are actively seeking an outreach centre in Clonmel.

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- Cllr. Pat English commended Tipperary Tourism PR's coverage of Clonmel on Channel 5.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose acknowledged the work of Roisín Maher the Director of "Finding a Voice" Concert which was a huge success.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked Margo when the Rapid Committee Meetings will be recommencing?

**Members' queries were addressed as follows:**

- Ms. Margo Hayes, Administrative Officer advised members that C&E have a good database of community sources in the County which will assist the Ukranian Resettlement Programme
- SICAP have employed a Migrant Worker for the South who will focus on the Syrian Community and Ms. Mary Anne Hayes the Social Prescribing Officer in the resource centre also assists the Syrian Community.
- Rapid Committee is being superseded by Healthy Communities Project and a staff member is to be appointed soon.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Margo Hayes, Administrative Officer for her attendance and report.

**Item 4.1 Report of District Administrator**

The District Administrator's report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

**Queries raised by the members were as follows:**

- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose requested an update on the CCTV application?
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose queried the commencement date for this years Painting & Enhancement Scheme?
- Cllr. Pat English asked if contact had been made with the owners of Clonmel Arms?
- Cllr. Pat English requested an update on Dowd's Lane.
- Cllr. Pat English queried if Members will get to see the Suir Island Bridge/Gardens submission before it goes to An Bord Pleanála?
- Cllr. Pat English requested a date for the next Standing Orders Meeting?
- All members acknowledged the great work and significant budget put into this year's very successful St. Patrick's Day Parade.

**Queries raised by the Members which Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator responded to were as follows;**

- J&N Security Consultants have been engaged to survey the existing and proposed cameras and their report is expected within the next month. The application will then be submitted to the Gardai under current Legislation.
- There is no date confirmed for the commencement of the Painting & Enhancement Scheme.

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- A number of attempts have been made to contact the owners of the Clonmel Arms however they have been unsuccessful.
- Once the final plans for Suir Island Gardens are available they will be brought to Members before they go on public display for Part 8.
- The submission for Suir Island Bridge will be brought to Members before it goes to An Bord Pleanála.
- Ms. Sinéad Carr, Town Manager, advised that C&C would be co-financing the initial design of Down's Lane which will be put forward under the URDF.

**Item 4.4 Consideration of Schedule of Proposed District Works 2022**

It was agreed to take this item before 4.2. The Mayor welcomed Mr. Kieran Malone, A/Senior Engineer. Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer advised Members that all budget reports together with maps will be presented to them at the April meeting.

**Queries raised by the Members were as follows:**

- Cllr. Pat English asked if anything was taken out of revised Discretionary Improvement Works that needs to be highlighted?

**Queries raised by the Members which Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer responded to were as follows**

- The rear laneway at Anne Street was taken out of the Discretionary Improvement Works as Irish Water are carrying out works on the sewers and mains. The Boreen in Glenconnor has also been taken out as Irish Water are replacing the mains and lead piping.

The Discretionary Improvement Works was proposed by Cllr. Pat English and seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose.

**Item 4.2 Report of District Engineer – Roads Programme**

The District Engineer's report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

**Queries raised by the Members were as follows:**

- Cllr. Michael Murphy acknowledged the work on the street cleaning and asked are there next steps such as repainting sign posts in the Town Centre and the provision of Belly Bins in a number of locations?
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, asked can Eoin request the T.I.I. to clean the road signs and refresh the paint at the junction on the N24 bypass.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose requested that the paint on the speed cushions on the Marfield Road be touched up as it is difficult to see at night.
- Cllr. Pat English requested an update on the OPW Marfield Lake works.
- Cllr. Pat English requested an update on the pedestrian crossing on the Davis Road?
- Cllr. Pat English asked if a date has been finalised for Rathronan Cross?

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- Cllr. Pat English asked a date has been finalised for the resurfacing works on the Dungarvan road?
- Cllr. Pat English asked for a date for the safety works in Mocklerstown?
- Cllr. Pat English queried if a date has been agreed for the works between Rathronan Cross and the Halfway Bar?
- Cllr. Richie Molloy requested Eoin to contact the T.I.I. to request them to inspect the N24 opposite Clonmel Celtic FC where substantial water gathers after heavy rainfall.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose requested an update on the gates in O'Neill Street.
- Cllr. Pat English raised concerns about the slopes at the pedestrian crossing on the Heywood Road.

**Queries raised by the Members which Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer responded to were as follows**

- A letter will issue to the T.I.I. requesting them to clean the road signs and refresh the paint on the N24 bypass however they will likely not respond. There have been instances where Eoin has had to arrange works from our own budget which is €12,000 for the entire N24 which is extremely limited.
- The speed cushions in Marlfield are a 50Km Zone which many drivers exceed however the paint will be re-examined.
- A speed survey will be carried out on the Coleville Road to determine if the recent measures have had an impact.
- The Pedestrian Crossing on the Waterford Road would need to be done under Discretionary Improvement Works and the funding is not available to include it this year.
- The resurfacing of the Dungarvan Road will be done in the Summer after sewage works are done on William O'Brien Street.
- Budget has been sought for safety improvement works at Mocklerstown and when it is received a design will be prepared.
- Signage poles and chevrons will be in place at the Halfway House to Rathronan bend in the next few weeks. An application for LIS through the Department for further measures will be made in October.
- Kieran Malone, A/Senior Engineer advised that a design team is in place for the OPW works at Marlfield Lake.
- Eoin will request Mr. Tim Murphy, Executive Engineer, to revert regarding the gates in O'Neill Street.
- The slopes at the pedestrian crossing on the Heywood Road are satisfactory and will not be reviewed.

**Item 4.3 Report of District Engineer – Housing Voids Programme**

The District Engineer's report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

- No issues were raised.

**Item 4.4 Consideration of Schedule of Proposed District Works**

This item was taken prior to Item 4.2

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**Item 4.5 Consideration and Adoption of General Municipal Allocations (GMA) 2022**

The GMA report 2022 had been circulated to Members with the agenda and was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. Richie Molloy, and agreed by all

**Item 4.6 Consideration of Tipperary Festival and Events Grant Scheme 2022 and approval of "Community" category grant awards**

The Tipperary Festival and Events Grant Scheme 2022 report had been circulated to Members with the agenda and was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald, and agreed by all.

**Item 5.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**

This item was noted.

**Items 6.1 to 6.6 – Notices of Motions**

**Motion 2379 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

That under Clonmel Borough District Council's roadworks programme that consideration is given for the resurfacing of the two last sections of Highfield Grove from house numbers 8 to 15 and from 21 to 34.

**Reply:**

The District Engineer has inspected these locations and is familiar with this situation on the ground. Unfortunately, this NOM cannot be considered for the 2022 Roadworks Programme, (RWP). However, it will be considered as part of the 2023 RWP, or indeed as part of the Development Contributions Levies for this year 2022.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English.**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2380 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

That under Clonmel Borough District Council's roadworks programme that consideration is given for the re- surfacing of the final section of road network in Ballingarrane (ref my previous motion).

**Reply:**

The District Engineer has inspected this location and is familiar with this situation on the ground. Unfortunately, this NOM cannot be considered for the 2022 Roadworks Programme, (RWP). However, it will be considered as part of the 2023 RWP, or indeed as part of the Development Contributions Levies for this year 2022.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English.**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2381 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

That under Clonmel Borough District Council's Roadworks Programme that consideration is given for re-surfacing of the section of road network in



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Lisronagh starting from Taylor's Boreen into and including sections of the Churchview Estate.

**Reply:**

The District Engineer has inspected these locations with Councillor Ambrose and is familiar with this situation on the ground. Unfortunately, this NOM cannot be considered for the 2022 Roadworks Programme, (RWP). However, it will be considered as part of the 2023 RWP, or indeed as part of the Development Contributions Levies for this year 2022.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald.**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2386 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English**

That Clonmel Borough District look at resurfacing sections of the roads in Carrigeen/The Wilderness Clonmel under the 2022 Road Works Programme.

**Reply:**

The District Engineer has inspected this location and is familiar with this situation on the ground. Unfortunately, this NOM cannot be considered for the 2022 Roadworks Programme, (RWP). However, it will be considered as part of the 2023 RWP, or indeed as part of the Development Contributions Levies for this year 2022.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose.**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2387 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English**

That Clonmel Borough District look at removing the large amount of rubbish in the green area to the rear of Saint Joseph's Terrace, Elm Park, Clonmel.

**Reply:**

The District Engineer has stated that there is no green area to the rear of St. Joseph's Terrace. The only green area that he is aware of at this location is the back garden of the private bungalow located between House Nos. 18 & 19, and illegal dumping is taking place on this site as it is visible from a public place.

If indeed this is the area being referred to then the DE will pass on the Notice of Motion to the Environment Section so that they can investigate and report back to Councillor English with recommendations.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald.**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2388 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English**

That Clonmel Borough District request the Minister for Health to recognise the urgent need to return acute inpatient psychiatric beds to Tipperary University Hospital, Clonmel.

**Reply:**

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If the Members agree, I will contact the Minister for Health in relation to the urgent need to return acute inpatient psychiatric beds to Tipperary University Hospital, Clonmel.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose.**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Item 7.1 – Correspondence**

No correspondence was noted.

**Item 8.1 – Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

A vote of congratulations was issued to Ms. Rachel Blackmore on her historic Gold Cup win at Cheltenham.

**Item 9.1 – Any other business**

- Date for next Community Safety Committee meeting, the Mayor asked Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator to liaise with him after the meeting to arrange a suitable date.
- The Mayor asked Members to note the following dates for the diaries:-
  - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Mayoral Reception for Clonmel Tidy Towns.
  - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Mayor Reception for Kilsheelan Tidy Towns.
  - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Civic Reception for Banna Cluain Meala.
- Cllr. Pat English asked to convene a date for a Standing Orders Committee meeting. The Mayor advised that there is no requirement for a meeting as a significant revision was done recently.

Signed:   
**Mayor of Clonmel Borough District**

Date: 20/4/22

Signed:   
**District Administrator**

Date: 20/4/2022