

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 11.00 a.m. BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> JAN, 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. Marie O'Donnell, Staff Officer  
Ms. Georgina O'Loughlin, Assist. Staff Officer

**Also in attendance:** Ms Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer  
Mr. Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian

At the outset the Mayor of Clonmel, Cllr. Michael Murphy welcomed all in attendance. On a sombre note the Mayor along with the support of all the Members requested a minutes silence after the District Administrators prayer. A minute silence was observed by all in memory of Ms. Aisling Murphy from Tullamore, Co. Offaly who recently lost her life tragically which sent the whole country into shock. A murder investigation is currently ongoing by An Garda Síochána.

The Mayor welcomed the latest news in relation to the easing of Covid19 restrictions in conjunction with the news that we are coming out of the worst of the pandemic and things are looking bright. He also expressed his sincere gratitude to the community and the businesses of Clonmel in their very generous contribution to the Mayoral Fund for 2021. He was delighted to be able to nominate local charities who were beneficiaries of the fund.

Cllr. Niall Dennehy commented in relation to the physical meetings of the District and all members were in agreement that going forward with easing of Covid19 restrictions that this would be favourable. Cllr. Dennehy also asked that the District Administrator request from the Department the list of restrictions and guidelines that took place during the course of Covid19.

**Item 1.1 Remote meeting protocol**

The Mayor confirmed with each Member that they could see and hear all other Members.

**Item 1.2 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest**



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

**Item 2.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, as presented, were proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. Pat English, and agreed.

**Matters arising:**

- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose welcomed the completion of Shelmadens Lane and asked if there was any update on Hopkins Lane in relation to lighting.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose thanked Mr. Anthony Fitzgerald, Local Enterprise Office for his work on the digital hub.
- In relation to the URDF application Cllr. Pat English asked for an update in particular phase 2 of Kickham Barracks,
- Cllr. Pat English asked when were the Council scheduled to start works on the Town Hall.
- Cllr. John Fitzgerald requested that the temporary closure of the laneway at Moran's Pub which is accessible by the public be extended as the anti-social behaviour that had previously taken place there is now gone during the hours of the night-time closure. Businesses in the area are extremely happy with the current closure measures.

**Response made as follows;**

- Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator confirmed that the Town Hall, as per his report included with the agenda, states that the Council are awaiting a date from the Coppersmith. Mr. Roger Noonan, Executive Engineer has confirmed that the works should commence by mid-February.
- Mr. Eoin Powell stated that in relation to Hopkins Lane and the lighting matter it will be given consideration.
- Mr. Eoin Powell referred to the laneway beside Moran's Pub and agreed with the temporary closure of the laneway and was well aware of the impact it was having on reducing the anti-social behaviour in that laneway. Members agreed that the laneway closure, if proposed to be closed full time, would have to go through correct statutory process. Cllr. Pat English stated that he would not be in favour of closing the laneway full-time as the laneways play an important role in the history of the town.
- Ms. Sinead Carr, Town Manager confirmed that the Council are still awaiting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> call for funding in relation to the URDF. The Council will undertake an additional economic supplementary report to be included with the application. It is understood that it will Q2 before the next call is made. Members will be advised once a date is set.



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The Mayor was aware that a request to take item 3.2 before 3.1 was made before the meeting and asked all members if they were in agreement with same. It was Proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose and seconded by Cllr. Niall Dennehy and agreed by all.

**Item 3.2 Attendance of Representatives from Directorate Culture and Library Services/ Fire & Emergency Services**

Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Community & Economic Development Directorate.

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

- Library Activities – covid19 restrictions: update
- Tipperary Studies
- Arts Service
- Heritage Service
- National Biodiversity action plan
- Creative Ireland Programme

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

- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose stated that live performances, the whole arts department had been affected by Covid19, programmes been changed and re-arranged and new initiatives as alternatives, she acknowledged all the hard work involved.
- Both Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose and Cllr. Pat English asked for an update on the Clonmel Library.
- Cllr. Pat English enquired in to the Clonmel Graveyards website set up by a local man in Clonmel, the information was a great asset. In relation to Tipperary Studies taking over the initiative from Mr. Eamon Crowley and the hard work that he has put in to the website. What is the update?
- Cllr. Pat English asked if there would be an exhibition in relation to Irish Civil war?

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

- Mr. Damien Dullaghan confirmed the good news to members that they are about to finalise the design team for tender. He confirmed that he has the funds internally to appoint a design team and they will bring full design for part 8.
- It was confirmed that an update for the Clonmel Graveyards would be sought and would revert to members on same.
- Mr. Dullaghan was of the understanding that there would be an Irish Civil War exhibition to continue on after the success of the recent War of Independence exhibition.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, for his attendance and report.



**Item 3.1 Attendance of Representatives from Directorate Environment & Climate Change**

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

- Infrastructure and maintenance
- Control of dogs
- Control of horses
- Derelict Sites
- Litter enforcement
- Public Awareness
- Energy Week
- Anti-Dumping Initiative 2021
- Litter Infrastructure Support Grant Scheme 2021
- Civic Amenity Sites
- Environmental Protection
- Complaints

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

- Cllr. Pat English requested an update in relation to the work that will be carried out at the entrance of St. Patrick's Cemetery?
- Are the figures in relation the horses for the County or Clonmel and what happens those horses when seized?
- Cllr. Pat English asked what is the update with the installation of Big Belly Bins in Clonmel?
- Cllr. John Fitzgerald asked the Directorate when would the Spring Clean happen in 2022?
- Cllr. John Fitzgerald identified illegal dumping that was taking place on Love Lane on the Cashel Road. Could this be looked in to by the Environment Section?
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked if the Council are continuing to check with household members how they are disposing of their household waste?

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

- Ms. Marion O'Neill confirmed that in relation to the 18 horses that were seized by the Council they were figures for Clonmel only. The horses are sent to a pound in Cork and where they are rehomed if no owner comes forward with relevant paperwork to claim.
- No date has been decided currently in relation to the Spring Clean.
- The council will look into the illegal dumping at Love lane.
- When Council get continuous reports of illegal dumping in a certain area that would trigger the council to do checks on householders in the area to determine how they are disposing of waste. This is ongoing.





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- Mr. Ruairi Boland confirmed that funding was allocated to carry out the works at the St. Patrick's Cemetery.
- Mr Eoin Powell confirmed that the capital budget received was to last for the full year, any works will be done late Summer. Works will consist of a sandstone entrance with low level walls and railings.
- Ms. Orla Kelly confirmed in relation to the Solar Bins also know as Big Belly Bins, a competition was held for the tendering of the bins and the Environment section have been working closely with the Clonmel Borough District in relation to where the bins should go.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Ms Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer and Mr. Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer for their 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 and Cllr. Pat English asked if there was any update in relation to the CCTV since the last District meeting?
- Cllr. Pat English asked if there was a tree strategy for the Clonmel Borough District?
- All members agreed that the recent washing of the streets in Clonmel had been a positive initiative for the town.

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

- In relation to the CCTV one of the main reasons there are delays is that there is new legislation going through the Dail in relation to CCTV and we cannot progress until same has been passed. It is currently at Committee stage at the Dail
- We are looking at developing the tree strategy by consulting internally in the initial stages and then go to tender to appoint a consultant to carry out a survey, hoping for a tree strategy in Q2, 2022.

**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 Pat English referred to his previous notice of motion in relation to street lighting in Glenconnor and St Josephs, Elm Park did the District Engineer get time to look in to these?
- Cllr. Pat English looked for an update on the speed survey, traffic count for Rathronan crossroads(L3279).
- Cllr. Pat English requested an update from the TII in relation to the roundabout at the Frank Drohan road/Heywood road area, junction is extremely difficult to navigate.



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- Cllr. Pat English and Cllr. John Fitzgerald referred to accidents that are occurring between Rathronan Cross and the Halfway Bar measures need to be put in place to improve road safety.
- Members expressed the frustration and dismay at the recent announcement that the section of the N24 from Cahir to Waterford is not going ahead currently for funding reasons, all members agreed that it was a hugely important piece of infrastructure that would benefit both Clonmel and the surrounding areas.
- Cllr. Michael Murphy confirmed that he was currently in the process of drafting a letter with the District Administrator and District Manager as Mayor of Clonmel in relation to the N24, in particular the need for the decision to be reversed. The letter will issue to the Minister shortly.

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

- The District Engineer confirmed that the issue of street lighting in both Glenconnor and Elm Park will be put down on the list for the next roads meeting for consideration as part of the discretionary improvement works.
- The speed survey at Rathronan cross will not be able to be carried out for a few weeks, our equipment is currently on loan to Tipp-Cashel-Cahir MD.
- Pedestrian crossing near Loretto will be looked at shortly.
- The District Engineer confirmed that he was in the Clonmel Borough District since 2017 and he only knows of 2 accidents in the area near Rathronan cross and they have happened in the last few months. The accident that happened recently, when speaking with fire officer in charge he confirmed that the accident was caused due to excessive speed.
- District Engineer confirmed that he was also disappointed with the recent news in relation to the N24.
- Ms. Sinead Carr, Town Manager confirmed that the N24 by-pass is a critical piece of strategic infrastructure not just for Clonmel but for the County and the region. It is important that we continue to push on the matter as a priority for the Government.

**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 5.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**

This item was noted.

**Items 6.1 to 6.9 – Notices of Motions**

**Motion 2300 was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy.**



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That Clonmel Municipal District erect new signage indicating the names of the names of the various Council car parks in Clonmel as there is a lot of confusion amongst the public as to the correct name of the car park.

**Reply:**

The District Engineer has inspected each of the Car Parks, and although it probably should be known by the public at large as to which car park is which, he has noted that there are no signs erected at any of the car parks to inform the public as to the names of same. Therefore, the erection of signs at each of the car parks will be considered for inclusion in the Development Improvement Works Programme for 2022.

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

**This was agreed by all members.**

**Motion 2330 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy.**

Following on from my previous Notice of Motion in January 2021, that the relatively small section public laneway to the rear of Junction Cafe back towards Eldons is considered for resurfacing in this year's Area Roadworks Programme.

**Reply:**

This lane was to be resurfaced in 2021, however, for various reasons this work was not completed. As a result, this laneway will be resurfaced in 2022, and as such will be included on the List of Discretionary Improvement Works for 2022.

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

**This was agreed by all members.**

**Motion 2331 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English**

Following on from my previous Notice of Motion in January 2021, that the laneway to the rear of house numbers 1-12 in Anne Street is considered for resurfacing in this year's Area Roadworks Programme

**Reply:**

This lane was to be resurfaced in 2021, however, for various reasons this work was not completed. As a result, this laneway will be resurfaced in 2022, and as such will be included on the List of Discretionary Improvement Works for 2022.

However, as far as I'm aware at this time, Irish Water have proposals for a full renewal/replacement of the existing sewerage network in this lane. That being the case this laneway will only be resurfaced after IW have completed their works for same. I have yet to clarify as to the exact nature and timeframe for their works.

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

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

**Motion 2332 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy**



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Whilst welcoming the long terms plans for the reimagining of the public realm around the core town centre prime retail area, in the short term that the Council would carry out works to enhance the existing public realm. Such works could include (but not be limited to), power washing of footpaths, repairs to footpaths where urgently needed (to eliminate trip hazards), cleaning of road gullies, painting of sign posts, removal of graffiti from public places and any other works which would enhance the town centre in the short term.

**Reply:**

The District Engineer is aware that these types of works to enhance the centre of Clonmel Town in the short term is a priority for Cllr. Murphy during his term as Mayor. As such, and depending on the budget for same, all of the above typical maintenance tasks will be carried out in 2022 as requested. In that regard it is worth noting that the Council recently carried out the power-washing of the footpaths in O'Connell Street and have received many positive comments in relation to same.

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

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

**Motion 2333 was proposed by Cllr. Niall Dennehy**

That the National Asset Management Agency advise this Borough District of the total value of All Accounts (not individual) transferred to NAMA from this Borough District since it's inception in 2009 to date, with an up-to-date statement of all monies re-invested in this Borough District during the same period.

**Reply:**

If agreed by all Members. a letter will issue to the National Asset Management Agency, seeking the information outlined in the Notice of Motion.

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

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

**Motion 2335 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English**

That Clonmel Borough District Council provide additional street lighting at the Shopping Area in Elm Park, Clonmel, to curtail anti-social behaviour in the area

**Reply:**

The District Engineer has inspected this location at night and noted that 3 No. existing lights within about 40 metres either side of the shopping area would benefit from being upgraded, and it is proposed to do this. Also, the existing light directly across the road from the shops is currently not working, and this will be repaired. In addition, it is noted that the poles on the opposite side of the road are too far apart, and as such an extra pole will need to be installed.





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The Borough have a very small budget as regards public lighting and this is for the maintenance of existing poles only, e.g., poles that are in a very poor structural condition and in need of immediate repair, a pole that has been knocked down by a vehicle, and upgrading existing light heads, etc.. Therefore, funding will have to be found from another source through the Nenagh Offices for the new pole.

The shops are set back about 10 metres from the back edge of the existing public footpath, and this is the darkest area measuring about 10m x 40m in length. All of this area is in private ownership and as such it is not the responsibility of the Council to light up this area, as the Council are only responsible to light up the public roads and footpaths. For this particular set-back area to be lighted properly the shop owners would need to install one or two low level 6m high lighting columns.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose  
The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2337 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

That Clonmel Borough District Council contacts Irish Water regarding Kilcash village and the surrounding area requesting that they replace the old 800m 2inch Asbestos concrete water main in the centre of the village with a 4 inch polyethylene water main. This is causing too frequent outages in the village and the surrounding area. Furthermore, if Irish Water could also confirm as to whether they intend to put a a PH dosing system on the Kilcash supply or indeed whether Irish water intend changing the villages current water supply from Kilcash due to ongoing issues with the supply especially with the school and if the water supply in the future will be sourced from Tullahea? The current frequency of water disruption in the village is not acceptable.

**Reply:**

If agreed by all Members. a letter will issue to Irish Water requesting the replacement of 800m of 2inch Asbestos/concrete water main in the centre of the village with a 4 inch polyethylene water main.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.  
The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2338 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

That under future road programmes that Clonmel Borough District Council re-surfaces sections of the road at Rathduff Upper.

**Reply:**

Councillor Ambrose has asked that sections of this road be resurfaced. However, the 3 Year Resurfacing Programme for 2022 to 2024 has already been agreed by the Councillors last year, and as such this road cannot be considered for resurfacing.



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However, after inspecting this road the District Engineer has noted that, while it is not in a poor enough condition for resurfacing it is nonetheless in need of surface dressing. As such this road will be considered for inclusion in the 2022 Surface Dressing Maintenance Programme.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy  
The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2339 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

That Tipperary County County would again contact the National Roads Authority regarding the dangerous speed of motorists on the N76 in particular the section of road between Ballypatrick Cross to Mayladstown and in turn seek the provision of some kind of traffic calming measures to address this issue. Residents living on this section of the road are afraid that there will be a fatality on this section of the road due to the excessive speed of motorists.

**Reply:**

If agreed by all Members. a letter will issue to the National Roads Authority for their attention and reply.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.  
The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Item 8.1 – Correspondence**

Correspondence was noted.

**Item 9.1 – Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

A vote of sympathy was issued to the family of the late William Morrissey, Marlfield Road, Clonmel.

**Item 10.1 – Any other business**

No other business was discussed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
**Mayor of Clonmel Borough District**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

16/2/22

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
**District Administrator**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

16/2/22

