

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING,  
HELD AT 11.00 a.m. IN TOWN HALL, PARNELL STREET ON WEDNESDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**Present:** Councillor Pat English, Mayor  
Councillor Siobhán Ambrose  
Councillor Niall P. Dennehy  
Councillor Michael Murphy  
Councillor Richie Molloy  
Councillor John FitzGerald

**In Attendance:** Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services  
Mr. James Murray, Senior Engineer  
Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator  
Mr. Roger Noonan, District Engineer  
Ms. Mary Irwin, A/Staff Officer  
Ms. Marie O'Donnell, Staff Officer

**Also in Attendance:** Mr. Michael Moroney, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services,  
Mr. Michael Scully, A/Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Fiona Crotty, Administrative Officer

**Item 1.1 Zoom Protocol**

The Mayor confirmed with the media joining the meeting by Zoom that they could see and hear all other Members.

**Item 2.1 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest**

Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

The Mayor opened the Meeting by expressing a Vote of Sympathy to the family, friends and colleagues of Private Sean Rooney, tragically killed in the Lebanon and stated that a Book of Condolence is open for signing in the Civic Offices, Clonmel as well as online. A minute silence was observed. The Mayor also wished a speedy recovery to Trooper Shane Carney who was seriously injured in the same attack. Felix Grant from Clonmel who died in active service in the Congo in 1960 was also remembered.

The Mayor congratulated Marie O'Donnell on her recent promotion, thanked her for all her work while in Clonmel Borough District and he also welcomed Mary Irwin and James Murray to the team in the District.

**Item 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, as presented, were proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. Niall Dennehy and agreed by all.

**Matters Arising:**

- Cllr. Niall Dennehy thanked everybody associated with the erection of the Christmas Lights in the Town complimenting them on a beautiful job as did all the Councillors. Cllr. Ambrose also thanked Carol Creighton and Liz McGrath for organising the different Christmas Events held each weekend in the town on the run up to Christmas.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked for an update on Iarnród Eireann.

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- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked if there was any further update on St. Patrick's Cemetery
- In relation to the upgrade of Mulcahy Park Playground, Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose looked for an update on the equipment being provided for those with disabilities.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose also asked that playground equipment in the new playground on the By-Pass cater for those with disabilities.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked for an update on the footpaths in Ballypatrick and Kilcash
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked for an update on the lights in Hopkins Lane.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose thanked the Mayor, Members, Manager and District Administrator for facilitating the recent Meeting with the new Chief Superintendent.
- Cllr. Ambrose asked the District Administrator for an update on the CCTV Cameras.
- Cllr. Ambrose also thanked Roger Noonan and Adam Coffey, Executive Engineer for the new signage erected in Clerihan, Ballybeg and Rathronan.
- Cllr. Ambrose thanked Gillian Flynn for her work in relation to the works being carried out on the new pedestrian crossings at the Gaelscoil.
- Cllr. Pat English also concurred with Cllr. Ambrose in relation to Iarnród Eireann requesting a letter be sent to the Minister for Transport.

**Response made as follows;**

- In relation to Iarnród Eireann, the District Administrator confirmed that she had written to the Minister for Transport, Eamonn Ryan, requesting a meeting regarding upgrades and developments for Clonmel.
- The District Administrator confirmed that she has been in contact with an Electrical Contractor in relation to a proposal for lighting at Hopkins Lane and is expecting to receive a quotation from him within the coming days with a view to having works completed in January/February.
- In relation to the update on the installation of CCTV, the District Administrator confirmed that the proposed works have gone for public consultation with information on same in the Library and online. The public consultation is running until the 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 after which the application on the full scheme will be submitted to Dublin.

**Item 4.1 Town Centre First; Clonmel – Update by Michael Moroney, Project Regeneration & Development Officer**

Mr. Michael Moroney, Senior Executive Officer presented The Town Centre First document for adoption. He detailed key issues relating to the Town Centre Project Regeneration.

He stated that the Action Plan is designed to encourage people to make positive choices to use Clonmel Town Centre and is a roadmap to what Clonmel can become. The Action Plan is designed to make Clonmel:-

1. An Attractive Town Centre by putting people first and making good use of the multiple public space that is available e.g. the plaza.
2. An active economic tourist area through revitalised derelict buildings and by supporting musical and cultural groups throughout the District.
3. Accessible to all modes of transport, particularly, cyclists and pedestrians and to provide adequate car parking to support a vibrant town centre.

Mr. Moroney concluded by stating that the Action Plan is not a static Plan and can be examined by way of bi-annual reporting.

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

- Cllr. Ambrose proposed the document acknowledging the work done on this Project by Mr. Michael Moroney as well as the Town Manager, Ms. Sinead Carr, the District Engineer, Mr. Roger Noonan and previous staff who have worked on this project.
- Cllr. Molloy seconded the proposal to adopt the Plan, welcoming it and thanking Mr. Moroney for a very comprehensive report.
- Cllr. Fitzgerald welcomed the Plan but raised a query regarding Derelict Sites, two in particular being the Clonmel Arms Hotel and the Market Place Development which are privately owned. He believes that works will not be undertaken without tax incentives being provided to property owners to facilitate such works.

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

- Ms. Sinead Carr said she agreed that tax incentives as well as other initiatives would be required in the town in order to move properties on, however, she also noted that there has been a positive reaction from property owners on a number of the new initiatives and grants being offered currently by the Council.

**Item 5.1 Attendance of Representative from Directorate Community & Economic Development**

Ms. Fiona Crotty, Administrative Officer referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Community & Economic Directorate.

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

- Community Enhancement Programme (CEP)
- Joint Policing Committee
- Quality of Life – Sláintecare Healthy Communities
- Consultation with Children and Young People
- Cancer Care Support
- Local Regeneration Project
- Quality of Life Period Poverty & Hygiene Security Campaign
- Quality of Life Mental Health Week
- Quality of Life Tipperary Age Friendly
- Tipperary Tourism
- Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC)

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

- Cllr. Pat English thanked Ms. Fiona Crotty for her comprehensive report and the excellent work of the Community & Enterprise Directorate over the last year. All members concurred with the Mayor complementing the work carried out.

**Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows;**

- No response required.

**Item 6.1 Report of District Administrator**

The District Administrators Report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

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

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- Regarding her earlier comments on the Christmas Lights, Cllr. Ambrose also wanted to acknowledge the other private companies who contributed financially towards the Christmas Lights.
- Cllr. Dennehy asked whether the District Administrator had received any notification from Central Government to increase the fixed charge for parking fines as the private operators operating the speed vans had doubled their charges from €80 to €160. He stated that it is important for the Councillors to be made of aware of any changes to the fixed penalty charge issued by the Traffic Wardens.
- Cllr. Dennehy also queried whether these private parking companies are exempt from the payment of rates or other charges. Cllr. Molloy noted that the speed van was parked on numerous occasions at the Cashel Road near the railway crossing which was not an accident black spot. He stated that these vans were supposed to be parked at accident black spots. He queried whether a reply had been received from the Department in relation to query raised regarding the locations of these vehicles.
- Cllr. Murphy queried whether there was engagement between the Borough District and the private operator of these speed vans regarding their locations, as they seem to operate in many areas which are not designated accident black spots.
- Cllr. Murphy asked if there was any update on the lighting in the Gordon Street Car Park and also the temporary lighting in Hopkins Lane.
- Cllr. English agreed with his fellow Councillors regarding the positioning of the speed vans in the different areas of the town and asked the District Administrator to look into the matter.
- Cllr. English queried if there was any update from Remcoll on their plans for the Superquinn site and Market Place.
- Cllr. English asked if Irish Water had been written to regarding the maintenance and upgrade of Glenary/Poulavanogue Water Treatment Plants.
- Cllr. English queried how different groups can apply to use the Sports Hub Facility.
- Cllr. English welcomed the completion of Part 8 for the Suir Island Gardens and asked if works will commence in quarter 2 of 2023 as scheduled.
- Cllr. English also welcomed the Tree Strategy for Clonmel.

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

- The District Administrator confirmed that she will raise the issue of the location of the speed vans with the Superintendent and see if the Borough District can have an involvement in positioning these vans where the problem areas are.
- In relation to the Christmas Lights, an advertisement was going into the paper detailing all the various events that took place and highlighting the different sponsors of same.
- In relation to Gordon Street Car Park, the District Administrator stated that the lighting needs to be fully upgraded and a subcontractor is coming in to look at this. The District Engineer confirmed that the gate going from O'Neill Street to the Gordon Street Car Park will be repaired and a Contractor will be appointed early in the New Year to carry out these repairs. There will also be a CCTV camera installed on the gate.
- In relation to the parking charges implemented by the Traffic Wardens, the Manager stated that a note will issue to all Councillors of the parking charges and when they were implemented.
- In relation to the old Superquinn building the District Administrator confirmed that Jonathan Flood, Planning Section has met with the Managing Director of the Market Place properties and a meeting has been set for January with a view to looking at proposed new designs.

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- In relation to Irish Water, the District Administrator confirmed that she had written to Irish Water but not in relation to Glenary and Poulavanogue specifically but in relation to all the outages in the town and that no response has been received to date.
- In relation to the Suir Island Development, the District Engineer confirmed that works were on schedule and that the Councillors would be informed if this changes.
- In relation to the Tree Strategy, the District Administrator confirmed that the Consultant's Report has been received which has yet to be reviewed.
- The District Administrator confirmed that it still has to be finalised how the Sports Hub will be managed but that there is a committee in place to oversee this.

**Item 6.2 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. Dennehy complimented the work done on the hedge cutting in the town.
- Cllr. Dennehy queried the protocols involved for the laying of double yellow lines and the placing of bollards on the top of Slievenamon Road/Ard-na-Gréine.
- Cllr. Michael Murphy requested that Silversprings Road be prioritised for a speed survey to establish if there is an issue with speeding in the area.
- Cllr. Fitzgerald asked if bulbs can be replaced overhead Pedestrian Crossing on O'Connell Terrace/Entrance to the Greyhound Track.
- Cllr. Fitzgerald asked if there are proposals to install litter bins at Kickham Barracks Plaza.
- Cllr. Molloy asked if the hedge at Kickham Street Car Park could be trimmed as it is obstructing views.
- Cllr. Molloy asked if the lights could be replaced on the Pedestrian Crossing as you come off the Fethard Road Roundabout heading to Tesco.
- Cllr. English asked for an update on the gates on the laneway in Dillon Street.
- Cllr. English asked for an update on the Cluster Housing in Kilsheelan
- Cllr. English queried if there was any update on the road at Rathronan Cross.
- Cllr. English asked if there was any update on Gashouse Bridge.

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

- In relation to the flashing lights, the District Engineer confirmed that they were being installed and he would come back with a date when confirmed in the New Year.
- The District Engineer confirmed that funding is available for provision of new equipment in Mulcahy Park and quotations have been sought from three providers and confirmed that a wheelchair friendly trampoline was part of the quotation sought. In relation to the playground at LIT new equipment was also being provided.
- The footpaths at Ballypatrick have been completed and it is hoped to have the footpaths sorted in Kilsheelan early in the New Year. Further quotations need to be sought for these works.
- The District Engineer is going to follow up on St. Patrick's Cemetery. A survey on the existing ground has been carried out.
- The District Engineer will come back to Cllr. Dennehy in relation to the works on Slievenamon Road.

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- In relation to the query raised on Silversprings Road, the District Engineer is going to follow up to see if the survey's have been carried out and if they haven't he will arrange same.
- The District Engineer stated that he will arrange to have the query logged on the lights at the Pedestrian Crossing as raised by Cllr. Fitzgerald and he will follow up on it.
- In relation to the erection of litter bins at Kickham Barracks, the District Engineer confirmed that there were 3 or 4 bins there already but that it will continue to be monitored.
- The District Engineer is going to arrange to have the hedge cut at Kickham Street Car Park.
- The District Engineer will look at the Pedestrian Crossing near Tesco and follow up to see if there is a valid reason for it not being operational.
- In relation to the gates at Dillon Street, the Borough Engineer will follow up on same.
- The Manager is going to get an update from the Planning Section in relation to the Kilsheelan Cluster Housing.
- In relation to the Rathronan Crossroads, the District Engineer is hopeful to get a Contractor to complete the work subject to funding.
- The District Engineer confirmed that works on the gashouse bridge have been completed.

**Item 6.3 Report of District Engineer – Housing Voids Programme**

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

- No issues were raised.

**Items 7.1 Marlfield Flood Alleviation Plan**

Michael Scully presented his report on the Marlfield Flood Alleviation Plan to the Members. Michael stated that the OPW and Tipperary County Council are putting together flood response plans. He stated that these are being prepared in consultation with the residents and that it is hoped to commence construction in 2024.

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

- Cllr. English thanked Mr. Scully on such a comprehensive report stating that it will be very beneficial to the area.
- Cllr. Dennehy stated he would like to see if the hydro-electricity pump could be reinstated.
- Cllr. Ambrose queried whether a similar Flood Relief Scheme Model used in Clonmel to warn of flooding could be used in Marlfield.
- Cllr. Ambrose queried whether funding is fully ringfenced from OPW.

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

- Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services, stated that more exploratory investigation needs to be done and that there are a lot of issues still to be addressed. He stated that they will be looking at the Flood Relief Scheme Model for Clonmel but that the Flood Relief Scheme for Marlfield will be different as the lake floods much quicker than the River Suir. He also confirmed that the OPW are fully committed to the Scheme and will fund the eventual Model.

**Item 8.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**  
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**Items 9.1 to 9.6 – Notice of Motion**

**Motion 2514 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy**

That a section of the road from Shanbally back towards Annsfort in the parish of Lisronagh is considered for resurfacing under the 2023 Area Roadworks Programme having regard to it's extremely poor condition.

**Reply:**

The L6501 will be considered for resurfacing in 2023 under the Roadworks Programme subject to funding and prioritisation of roadworks schemes. In the meantime we will endeavour to carry out localised short term repairs.

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

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

**Motion 2523 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy**

Having regard to the safety of pedestrians traversing Mitchell Street, in particular its treacherous condition during wet weather, that the Council would replace this red paving at the earliest opportunity. (Note my previous Motion on this matter).

**Reply:**

The replacement of the paving on Mitchell St forms part of the Clonmel Urban Design Scheme. Detailed design for this scheme is complete and it is TCC's intention to apply for funding for this scheme as part of the next funding round of the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF). This funding round (Call 3) is anticipated in early 2023.

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

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

**Motion 2526 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy**

That the Council would reinstate the "Yellow Box" at the exit of the Regal Centre onto the Waterford located beside the Showgrounds Shopping Centre

**Reply:**

This will be reviewed early in the new year and will be reinstated if deemed necessary.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Richie Molloy**

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

**Motion 2530 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

Following representations from parents and in the interest of safety I am asking the Council's Roads Section to explore the possibility of inserting a pedestrian crossing in addition to some form of traffic calming measures on the Coleville Road outside the Loreto Secondary School.

**Reply:**

TCC Active Travel section are currently developing proposals for this immediate area as part of the Safe Routes To School Scheme. These proposals include a controlled pedestrian crossing, a raised speed table and lane width reduction. It is anticipated that this scheme will be submitted for Part 8 planning in Q1 2023

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

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

**Motion 2531 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

In welcoming the completion of the first phase of the Kickham Barracks Project I am again asking that Clonmel Borough Council explores the possibility of establishing a Military

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Museum within the Kickham Barracks site under the future phases of this project. This Military Museum would be a wonderful tribute to all of the men and women who served in Kickham Barracks until its closure in 2012 in addition to it being a wonderful resource for future generations where they could view military memorabilia and learn all about the wonderful military history of Clonmel. (Ref my previous motion on this issue).

**Reply:**

The Kickham Barracks Master Plan provides for the comprehensive re-development of the Kickham Barracks site into a Creative, Educational and Civic Quarter for Clonmel and the Council are currently working with a number of active stakeholders which have development needs in Clonmel i.e. Technological University of the Shannon (TÚS), Tipperary Educational Training Board (TETB); An Garda Síochána & OPW and which are incorporated within the Master Plan for the site.

The Master Plan does identify a limited number of buildings on the site that could be used for other uses, such as, the existing Church Building which has, to date, facilitated ad-hoc events in relation to festivals etc. In the longer term, it is envisaged that the Church will be used for various performance display and exhibition purposes, both for stakeholders within the site, and for other interests within the wider community. Both the internal arrangement of this building, and its location at the edge of the Civic Plaza make this a very versatile building, with a variety of possible uses and the Council has recently entered into a licensing arrangement with South Tipperary Arts Centre (STAC) in relation to the future management of this particular building.

The magazine buildings located to the north of the Church buildings (referenced as Site 4 on page 34 of the Master plan) are defensive in nature, with limited openings to the surrounding edges. The Master plan does suggest that they could equally operate as a more 'inward looking' building, to tell the story of the existing military heritage of the site. A Kickham Barracks military museum could be developed, with historical photos, artefacts, and the story of the barracks. Preliminary interest has been expressed by the Defence Forces Ireland Oglaiġ na hÉireann in relation to the development of such a project on the site, however, the identification of capital funding and the future management of the building would need to be explored further.

Phase 1 of the Master Plan has recently been completed and the Council's priority is now to progress Phases 2 & 3 of the Master Plan in relation to the construction of the new Garda Station and the development of the new shared connected College of the Future campus by TETB and TÚS. The site for the new Garda Station has been transferred to the OPW who are currently progressing this project through planning and design stage, however, the design stage for the new college has only recently been given approval and until such time as the detailed design and the final footprint for the new College of the Future is finalised, it is not possible to indicate with any certainty what buildings or space will be available for other uses.

The interest in developing a facility to tell the story of military activity on site is noted for future consideration in the context of the further development of the Kickham Barracks site following the completion of the new Civic Garda Station and the new integrated College of the Future and the Council is prepared to explore options with Oglaiġ na hÉireann or other similar type organisations in relation to the development of a facility which will enable the story of the military heritage of the Kickham Barrack site to be told.

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

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



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**Motion 2532 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

That following representations from local residents that Clonmel Borough District in the interest of safety erects gates/fencing in Elm Park at both ends of the laneway behind house numbers 29 to 34 and beside house numbers 28 and 35.

**Reply:**

Mr Roger Noonan confirmed that he would get a response to this motion and would issue reply on same at the next meeting. He apologised that the response was not attached for today's meeting.

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

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

**Item 10.1 Correspondence**

No correspondence was noted.

**Item 11.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

A vote of sympathy was issued to the O'Donnell Family on the death of their father, Billy O'Donnell.


A vote of sympathy was issued to McDonald Family on the death of Tom McDonald.

A vote of congratulations was issued to Sean Tobin on winning the Antarctic Ice Marathon.

A vote of congratulations was issued to John Laste on winning the National Road Walking Title.

**Item 12.1 Any Other Business**

Cllr. Pat English proposed to accord a Civic Reception to the Franciscan Friars in recognition of their service to the many generations of Clonmel people. This was agreed by all the Councillors. Cllr. English also proposed to accord a Civic Reception to the Credit Union who in 2023 will be in existence in Clonmel for 60 years. All the Councillors agreed with this proposal.

Signed:   
**Mayor of Clonmel Borough District**

Dated: 18/01/2023

Signed:   
**District Administrator**

Dated: 18/01/2023

