

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING,
HELD AT 11.00 a.m. IN TOWN HALL, PARNELL STREET ON WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH, 2023**

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

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. Georgina O'Loughlin, Assistant Staff Officer

Also in Attendance: Ms. Cora Morrissey, Senior Executive Officer, Housing
Mr. Shane Grogan, Administrative Officer, Housing
Ms. Deirdre Flannery, Senior Staff Officer, Housing
Mr. Robert Johnston, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing.
Ms. Margo Hayes, Administrative Officer, Community &
Economic Development (By Zoom)
Ms. Cliona Maher, Clonmel Junction Arts Festival
Ms. Theresia Guschlbauer, Applefest
Mr. Simon Molloy, Clonmel Busking Festival.

Item 1.1 Zoom Protocol

The Mayor confirmed with the Elected Members and Members of 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 informed the Meeting that Councillor Pat English will be excused from the Meeting when the allocation of funding under the Tipperary Festival and Events Grant Scheme 2023 is being discussed.

Item 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 21st December, 2022.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 15th February, 2023, as presented, were proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. Pat English and agreed by all.

Arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Item 4.1 Attendance of Representatives from Housing Directorate

Ms. Cora Morrissey referred to the district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Housing Directorate.

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the timeframe for the minor repairs on 19 vacant houses to be carried out. She queried whether works will be by council staff or contractors.

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- Members requested details on the number of Notices to Quit currently in Clonmel Borough District.
- Members queried if the Council has the option to purchase the property for the tenant.
- Councillor Fitzgerald requested clarification on the stream of funding available and queried what is the exact directive from the Minister for Housing regarding tenancy under the HAP Scheme.
- Councillor English sought clarification on the clear directive from Government in these situations and also asked for an update on the number of houses to be retrofitted.
- Councillor Ambrose requested clarification regarding refurbishment costs of private houses and if these costs are taken into consideration when purchasing properties.

Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows:

- In relation to Notices to Quit issued to HAP/RÁS tenants, Cora Morrissey stated that, where possible, the Council can purchase the property. Council technical staff will recommend on suitability for purchase.
- Ms. Morrissey confirmed that there are 65 Notices to Quit coming into effect countywide to date in 2023 and that 14 properties are currently being purchased. She stated that the condition of the house is considered before letting it out to tenants.
- Ms. Morrissey also stated that the Council actively engages with people once a Notice to Quit has been issued and will assist them in trying to find alternative accommodation
- Robert Johnson, Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that 17 vacant properties are currently with the District for repair.
- In relation to the energy retrofitting, Mr. Johnson stated that 15 houses have been selected in Clonmel Borough District for retrofit in 2022. He confirmed that the tender is currently being finalised and it is hoped to put it out to tender to appoint a Contractor in the next month with the intention of having this work fully completed and signed off by the end of the year.
- Mr. Johnson stated in relation to the retrofit for 2023 that the Borough District has been contacted to put a list of properties together as it is hoped to progress the Scheme for 2023 in advance even though Department Approval will be needed for the correct allocation.
- Councillor Pat English concurred with Councillor Ambrose and thanked everybody in Housing Section for all the work carried out.

PRESENTATION – HOUSEHOLD RENT.

Ms. Deirdre Flannery, Senior Staff Officer, Housing gave a presentation on household rents - in terms of income, arrears and any issues arising.

Ms. Flannery stated that all local authority tenants are charged rent in line with the Differential Rent Scheme 2018. She went through the broad details of the Household Rent Scheme with members and confirmed that tenants can pay their rent through various methods of payment.

In relation to tenants in arrears, Ms. Flannery confirmed that prosecuting through the courts is a last resort. Tenants are contacted to ensure engagement with staff and an agreement is entered into. She confirmed that all tenants are treated equally with rent being charged in accordance with their household income.

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Questions raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor English sought clarification on the number of hardship cases
- Councillor English asked if the Carer's Allowance is included as income in determining household income
- Councillor Ambrose requested clarity on how the situation is handled if tenants do not notify the Housing Section of change in income.
- In relation to the arrears figure, Councillor Murphy asked how we compare with other Local Authorities of similar size and what is the hope of collecting these arrears.
- Councillor Murphy asked for an example of individual arrears and for the number of tenants who have been prosecuted through the Court System.
- Councillor Fitzgerald stated the importance of engaging with tenants and asked if the arrears are impacting on basic repairs to houses.

Queries raised by the members were responded to as follows:

- Ms Flannery confirmed that there were 70 hardship cases countywide in the last 2 years.
- Ms Flannery confirmed that Carer's Allowance is included for rent determination purposes.
- Ms Flannery stated that all tenants are made aware that any income change needs to be notified to Housing Section. She confirmed that statements are issued twice a year and it is highlighted on these statements to notify the Rent Section regarding details of income change. There is also a full rent review every 2 to 3 years.
- Ms Flannery stated that there were 48 Tenancy Warnings issued with 2 being brought to Court. She confirmed that an agreement was reached before the court date.
- In relation to increase in rent arrears, Ms Flannery confirmed that the increase was due to non-declared income and when notified, the rent was backdated in accordance with date income changed. She stated that in all cases tenants were being engaged with and afforded every opportunity to reduce the outstanding arrears.
- In relation to housing repairs, Ms Flannery stated that there is no issue with repairs being carried out for any tenant in arrears who is engaging with the Council in terms of agreement to repay arrears, but property repairs will be affected if the tenant breaks their repayment agreement.
- Sinéad Carr informed the meeting that there was a 97% collection rate until rent review was carried out. In this situation, Ms. Carr stated that there is a choice to proceed to court or have engagement between the tenant and the council to reduce the arrears.

Councillor English thanked Ms Flannery and her Team for engaging with tenants and not going down the route of legal proceedings and he acknowledged the hard work being carried out by the Rents Section.

Item 4.1 Attendance of Representatives from Directorate Community & Economic Development.

Ms. Margo Hayes referred to the district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Community and Economic Development Directorate.

Questions raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor Murphy highlighted the lack of an E.U. Affairs Officer. He requested information on where the Council stands with this appointment stating that it is an important role as it leads to success in obtaining E.U. Funding.

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- Councillor Murphy also stated the importance of representatives from Tipperary County Council attending the conference being organised in Athlone on 19th April regarding opportunities at European Level.
- Members asked the C & E Section to look at the concept of launching an electric bikes scheme in Clonmel stating that it would be of huge benefit from a tourism point of view.
- Councillor Ambrose concurred with Councillor Murphy regarding the appointment of an E.U. Affairs Officer stating that this person would be full time working on grants that could be availed of in Tipperary.
- Councillor Ambrose wished Caroline Rice, Tourism Development Officer well in her new appointment, acknowledged the work of Simon Howe, Broadband Officer on his report on the National Broadband Plan, and highlighted the work of Margo and Fiona Crotty on their work in relation to the Tipperary Age Friendly Alliance and developing the Action Plan.
- Councillor Fitzgerald also complimented Councillor Murphy on the work he did in relation to the expansion of routes in relation to the bus service in the town.
- Councillor Pat English requested an update in relation to migrant integration in the Community and in relation to the Community Support Fund, he stated the he was delighted to see local groups being funded.

Queries raised by the members were responded to as follows:

- In relation to the Community Activation Fund, Ms Hayes asked the Councillors to promote this grant which is similar to the Community Enhancement Grant. There were 150 grants allocated this year with Clonmel Borough District receiving 10 grants. The maximum grant is €2,500 with the minimum grant being €500. This grant helps groups with capital and running costs.
- In relation to the Electric Bike Scheme, Ms Hayes stated that she will talk to Stephanie O'Callaghan, Sláinte Care and that it will require interdepartmental groups taking collaborative action. Other Local Authorities where this scheme has been implemented will have to be looked at.
- In relation to the E.U. Affairs Officer, Ms Hayes stated that she will follow up on same and acknowledged the great work done by Michael Moroney when he was in this position.
- Margo confirmed that there are currently 820 Ukrainians in the County and that Housing is the lead Section on this. She confirmed that there is an Emergency Community Resilience Fund in operation which supports communities that are housing Ukrainians to put support structures in place to help them.

Item 5.1 Report of District Administrator

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

Questions raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor Ambrose thanked Carol Creighton, District Administrator, Ger Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Housing and Outdoor Staff and all involved with the recent visit of Minister Darragh O'Brien to Clonmel.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the new CCTV cameras being installed in the town and acknowledged the work of Ms Creighton, Michael Moroney and Anthony Coleman in achieving this. Councillor Ambrose requested an update regarding the timeline for installation.

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- Councillor Ambrose requested an update regarding the opening of the Regional Sports Hub to the public enquiring whether the playground and skateboard park can be utilised once the works are completed or will it be after the official opening.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for confirmation that there are elements of a sensory or disability nature included in the playground.
- Councillor Ambrose acknowledged the work of Gillian Flynn, A/Senior Executive Officer and Paddy Crowley, Senior Engineer in securing funding of €908,000 under the Active Travel Scheme.
- In relation to Suir Island, Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the timeline for completion of the works once a contractor has been appointed.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the expansion of the Bus Service as outlined by the NTA and requested an update in relation to the timeline for this service to be up and running.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the works to be carried out at Marlfield Lake as outlined in the District Administrators Report.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the timeframe regarding the move of the Motor Tax Office to the Town Hall.
- Councillor Ambrose requested that the front door and the railings of the Town Hall be painted.
- Councillor Ambrose proposed that an in-camera meeting be held with the Elected Members and the owners of the Clonmel Arms Hotel and the CEO of Remcoll to discuss future proposals in relation to these two areas.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the timeframe for the installation of the new equipment in Mulcahy Park.
- Councillor Ambrose thanked the District Administrator for her work in securing a meeting with representatives from Iarnród Éireann stating that the timetable is not fit for purpose and that the service needs to be upgraded.
- Councillor English welcomed the news from the NTA regarding the expansion of the bus service and thanked the District Administrator for all her work and acknowledged the work of Councillor Murphy also regarding the expansion.
- Councillor English welcomed the CCTV Cameras and requested an update on the funding of same.
- In relation to Market Place and the Clonmel Arms Site, Councillor English concurred with Councillor Ambrose stating that these sites were eyesores on the landscape of the Town. He stated that pressure should be put on the owners and on the owners of other buildings in the town to bring the buildings up to standard by applying derelict building fines on them.
- Councillor English requested an update on the completion of works on the inside of the Military Chapel at Kickham Barracks.
- Councillor English stated that the Sports Hub is a big plus for the town and requested an update on the management and maintenance of same noting with sadness the vandalism that had occurred there recently.
- Councillor English stated that he had been approached by the residents of Northfields, Boherduff and Fairfields regarding the boundary fencing and requested that this fencing be looked at in terms of long-term security.
- Councillor English welcomed the appointment of the Consultants in relation to the Tree Strategy and queried why the report will not be completed until September.
- Councillor English welcomed the lighting in Hopkins Lane.

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- Councillor Murphy thanked Councillor Ambrose in relation to her work regarding the visit of Minister Darragh O'Brien.
- Councillor Murphy thanked the District Administration for her work in relation to the Town Bus Service stating that it is very positive news for the town.
- Councillor Murphy welcomed the appointment of the consultants for the Tree Strategy but stated that it is important that the Elected Members be offered an opportunity to have an input into the Strategy.
- Councillor Murphy asked the District Administrator to convene a meeting with the Borough District, Environment Section and other sections involved to discuss the introduction of an Electric Bike Scheme.
- Councillor Murphy stated that the Sports Hub is a fantastic sports facility for the town but stated that the governance of same is very important and that there should be a clear understanding of who is responsible for the day-to-day operation and the overall operation of security. Councillor Murphy asked that the District Manager convene a meeting with the Management Board in relation to this.
- Councillor Fitzgerald acknowledged the work by the District Administrator in trying to engage with the owners of Market Place and highlighted the importance of security at these locations.

Queries raised by the members were responded to as follows:

- In relation to CCTV, the District Administrator informed the meeting that it will be another 4 to 6 weeks before the procedure is signed off by the Garda Commissioner. She confirmed that it will be towards the end of September/October before the installation is complete. The District Administrator confirmed that the Department of Justice have confirmed funding and that she will be applying for same with seed funding also coming from Clonmel Borough District Funds. In relation to the operational funding of same going forward, the District Administrator stated that she will report back to the Elected Members when she has a costing on same.
- The District Administrator informed the meeting that the Council is waiting on TUS to officially hand over the Sports Hub to the Council and that the opening of the playground will happen once the Sports Hub has been officially launched. The District Administrator stated that there will be an on-site qualified Sports Manager and that TUS will be managing the usage.
- The District Administrator confirmed that there will be an official working group formed and that TUS will be managing the usage and on-site security and will link back with the Elected Members and the Working Group. The District Administrator confirmed that TUS is looking at security along the frontage of the campus and next to Housing Estate.
- In relation to the playground, the District Administrator stated that sensory and disability items have been confirmed by the Design Team.
- In relation to the skatepark, the District Engineer confirmed that this needs to be completed.
- In relation to the Bus Service, the District Administrator confirmed that the NTA will meet with the Elected Members with a plan of routes and a concrete timeframe for when the service will be up and running.
- The District Administrator confirmed that the land at Marlfield Lake was being secured under the Town and Village Renewal and had been transferred by the owners to the Council to enhance the amenity of the lake

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- The District Administrator stated that she will highlight the painting of the railing and the front door of the Town Hall to Jonathan Cooney, Senior Engineer.
- In relation to Market Place, the District Administrator confirmed that the owners are engaging with the Planning Section and have entered into pre-planning talks. She confirmed that they have also have employed a new Architect.
- The District Administrator stated that she is meeting with the owner of the Clonmel Arms Hotel on Thursday, 16th March and suggested that she will update the Councillors on this meeting prior to an invite being issued to the owner to attend a meeting with Elected Members.
- The District Administrator confirmed that Iarnród Eireann are willing to meet with the Elected Members to discuss plans for the Clonmel Train Service. This meeting to be organised within the next 2 weeks.
- In relation to Suir Island, the District Engineer stated that it is anticipated that the work will go out to tender in Quarter 2 stating that the Council is currently waiting on finalised documents from the consultants which will then be reviewed before going to tender. It is anticipated that the works will be completed within 6 months.
- The District Engineer confirmed that as the disability swing in the playground at Mulcahy Park was not being used that a decision has been taken to remove and replace with a wheelchair trampoline. He stated that the frame of the swing will be retrofitted into another piece of equipment.
- The District Engineer stated that a timeline for the new equipment has not been finalised as the supplies need to be finalised and also stated that equipment in the sensory play area will be looked at and if funding available, it may be updated.
- In relation to the Tree Strategy, the District Administrator stated that six locations have been chosen by the Consultants and confirmed that they will meet with the Elected Members and Town Forum Groups or any interested Agency who would like to be part of the engagement process.
- In relation to the Electric Bike Scheme, the District Administrator stated that she has been working with Community and Enterprise in relation to the Age Friendly Bike Scheme being proposed for Clonmel and will see if the two schemes can be amalgamated.

Item 5.2 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:

- Councillor Ambrose queried whether the funding of €30,000 is sufficient to carry out the works at the entrance to St. Patrick's Cemetery.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update regarding the need for Part 8 for the extension of the Cemetery.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the Active Travel Funding and requested an update on the timeframe for the rollout of traffic calming measures at the Gaelscoil and Loretto School.
- Councillor Ambrose requested that the specific details in relation to the recent survey carried out at Ballybeg to Castleblake be forwarded to her and also requested an update on the chevrons to be inserted.
- In relation to the bend at Rathronan, Councillor Ambrose highlighted the numerous accidents that have taken place at this location and requested that it be emphasised to the Department the need for funding under the Safety Schemes.

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- Councillor Ambrose requested that the Ballybeg exit on the bend as you leave Clerihan be looked at in terms of road safety.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the E.V. Charging Points for Clonmel and asked that Michael Tierney, Roads Section come to the next Meeting to give update.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the discussions with Waterford County Council on linking the Blueway to the Greenway and asked for an update on these discussions.
- Councillor English requested an update on the timeframe regarding works commencing on site at St. Patrick's Cemetery and shared concern regarding the expansion of the Cemetery.
- Councillor English requested an update on the Rathronan crossroads.
- Councillor English requested an update regarding the problems with the gates at Sheehy Terrace/Comeragh Drive and also the gates at the Gordon Street Carpark onto O'Neill Street.
- Councillor English requested an update on Part 8 in relation to the Pedestrian Crossing at the Gaelscoil.
- Councillor Murphy requested that the following items be followed up as works were to be completed at the end of 2022 per previous Notices of Motion: -
 - Signage and road marking at Powerstown Road Cul-de-Sac house no's 9 – 18
 - Low Bridge Sign at Barn
 - Speed ramps to be installed at Dromaird Crescent
- Councillor Murphy requested that additional signs and road marking from the Borough District's own resources be provided on the approach road to Castleblake.

Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows:

- In relation to St. Patrick's Cemetery, the District Engineer stated that he has asked the Consultant to prepare drawings and once these are received prices will be sought for the works.
- The District Engineer confirmed that the original documents have been located in relation to St. Patrick's Cemetery and does allow for expansion. The District Engineer estimated that with the removal of the hedge line it will allow for 3 double rows of graves and confirmed that this will be progressed in the coming months.
- In relation to the traffic calming measures at the Gaelscoil and Loretto School, the District Engineer stated that he will ask Gillian Flynn to provide an update on same.
- In relation to survey at Ballybeg to Castleblake, the District Engineer stated that he will forward details of the survey to Councillor Ambrose. He stated that he will look at the bend again and see if funding can be reallocated for different works at the same location to improve road safety.
- In relation to the Junction at Ballybeg, the District Engineer confirmed that he will follow up on same.
- In relation to the bend at Rathronan, the District Engineer stated that the Council was not successful in obtaining funding from the RSA as there were no records of accidents on file. He confirmed that if not allowed to spend any money on Ballybeg he will query if this money can be diverted to improve road safety at Rathronan.
- At the request of Councillor Ambrose and Councillor English, the District Engineer to follow up with Gardai to see what incidents were reported to the Department regarding road safety incidents at Rathronan as there were 2 fatalities on this road in previous years.

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- The District Engineer confirmed that he will ask Michael Tierney to attend the next Meeting to provide an update on E.V. charging points in the town.
- In relation to the Blueway link to the Greenway, the District Engineer and James Murray stated that they will follow up on same and provide an update.
- The District Engineer stated that he will see if the works at Rathronan Crossroads can be completed while other road improvements are being undertaken on roads in the area. The District Engineer to look for a quotation for these works and the timeframe for these works will depend on the cost of the works.
- In relation to the gates at Sheehy Terrace/Comeragh Drive and Gordon Street/O'Neill Street, the District Engineer stated that a report has been received in relation to both sets of gates and will have to be looked at. He confirmed that he will prioritise these works with a view to getting the repairs done as quickly as possible.
- The District Engineer stated that he will follow up on works regarding previous Notices of Motion submitted.
- The District Engineer stated that he will follow up with Emma Ryan regarding safety improvement works at Rathronan and Castleblake.

Item 6.3 Report of District Engineer – Housing Voids Programme

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

- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the turnaround time regarding the 17 vacant houses requiring minor repairs and asked for clarification on whether these works will be carried out by Council Staff or outside Contractors.
- Councillor English concurred with Councillor Ambrose and stated that the works should be carried out speedily in order to bring the houses up to standard for letting.

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

- The District Engineer stated that a lot of the works were carried out by the Council's own staff but some works may need to be contracted out depending on the nature of the work involved.
- The District Engineer confirmed that the timeframe for such works is 4 – 8 weeks depending on the works required.
- The Manager clarified that major works to be carried out go to the Housing Section for repair and minor works are carried out by the Borough District.
- James Murray stated that the 17 vacant houses currently under repair account for 1.5% of the overall housing stock and that it would be very ambitious to see less than this.

5.4 Consideration of Schedule of Proposed District Works 2023.

The Schedule of Proposed District Works 2023 was proposed by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Ambrose.

5.5 L-65072 Ballyglasheen Road – 2024 Road Improvements Programme

- James Murray informed the Meeting that the Ballyglasheen Road was identified for works in 2024 on the Road Improvement Works Programme in error. He stated that as this road is a Tertiary Road, works cannot be progressed under the Road Improvement Works Programme. He stated that this road which comprises of approximately 18 houses on the route needs comprehensive intervention and will be listed on the upcoming C.I.S. Scheme for funding which is the appropriate scheme to fund works on Tertiary Roads.

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Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor Michael Murphy requested clarification on why this road was being withdrawn at this late stage when the Roads Programme was previously adopted by the Councillors.

Queries raised by the Members which Mr. James Murray, Senior Engineer responded to were as follows:

- James Murray stated that he was only in the role since December, 2022 and when an internal review of the Roads Programme was being undertaken, the error was noticed.

Councillor Murphy requested that his objection to the withdrawal of this road from the Road Improvement Works Programme be recorded in the Minutes. This was seconded by Councillor English.

5.6 Consideration of Tipperary Festival and Events Grant Scheme 2023 and approval of “Community” category grant awards.

Prior to this item being discussed, the three groups who receive significant funding under the above scheme were invited by the Manager to give a presentation to the Members to highlight the benefit of the funding to their group and outline the benefits of same to the town. The three groups in attendance were:-

- Cliona Maher, Clonmel Junction Arts Festival,
- Ms. Theresia Guschlbauer, Clonmel Applefest
- Mr. Simon Molloy, Clonmel Busking Festival.

The Councillors thanked the three groups for their presentations stating that it is great to see so many events being organised encouraging people into Town.

At this stage Councillor Pat English excused himself from the Meeting and Councillor Ambrose stepped in to chair the Meeting.

The Report as circulated with the Agenda was noted.

The Report was proposed by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Ambrose.

Councillor English returned to resume chairing the Meeting.

5.7 Consideration and Adoption of General Municipal Allocations (GMA) 2023.

The report as circulated with the Agenda was noted.

The Report was proposed by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Ambrose.

Item 6.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 10th March, 2023

None.

Items 7.1 to 7.10 – Notice of Motion

Motion 2564 was proposed by Councillor Michael Murphy

That Clonmel Borough District would initiate a full review of the various pedestrian crossings for the entire length of Frank Drohan Road from the Cahir Road Roundabout to the Moangarriff Roundabout. Existing crossings are dangerous and require significant upgrading. Over recent decades there has been considerable residential growth north of Frank Drohan Road, indeed planning permission has been granted for additional development. Many residents have made representations directly to me about their genuine fears in crossing Frank Drohan Road, in particular for young children. As well as the upgrade of existing crossings, any review should

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consider the provision of a pedestrian flyover, also taking into account the new Sports Hub, which is scheduled to open shortly. I request that this full review be initiated as soon as possible and that the result of the review be notified to the elected members not later than 31 May 2023.

Reply:- The pedestrian crossings on the Frank Drohan Road are known as Uncontrolled Crossings and are common on national routes (such as the N24) where priority is given to traffic, thereby ensuring as far as possible, the smooth flow of vehicles on a heavily trafficked road. Any upgrading of these crossings or indeed the consideration of a flyover would need to be done in consultation with our colleagues in the Roads Capital Office. The District Engineer shall liaise with the Roads Capital Office and assess what options are available in this regard.

This Motion was discussed and James Murray stated that a full review from the Moangarriff Roundabout to the Cahir Road Roundabout needs to be undertaken and that an assessment made to see if an application can be made for funding under the Active Travel Scheme.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor English

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2565 was proposed by Councillor Murphy

That the Council would top the trees along the Bypass as you approach the Cashel Road Roundabout at the earliest opportunity, those same trees that are causing a significant nuisance to residents living along Ardgaoithe Drive - (Reference my previous NOM in this regard, these works were to be completed in the 2022 Programme

Reply: Under Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976 it is an offence to cut or fell trees from 1st March to the 31st August, unless the trees are creating a road safety hazard. In this instance I don't believe this to be the case. In the meantime these trees will be assessed and as necessary will be scheduled for trimming and topping next Autumn.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2566 was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy

That Clonmel Borough District trim back the hedges bordering St Patricks Cemetery on the N24 as it's making it difficult for pedestrians due to the amounts of briars in the hedge at present.

Reply: Under Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976 it is an offence to cut vegetation growing on a hedge from 1st March to the 31st August, unless the vegetation is creating a road safety hazard. I am assuming that Cllr Molloy means Davis Road and not the N24. The District Engineer will review the hedge and where it appears to be causing a road safety hazard along Davis Rd, will arrange for it to be trimmed back.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2567 was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy

That Clonmel Borough District review the settings on the traffic lights at the Queen Street/Cashel road junction as the present timing sequence is causing a lot of issues for motorists exiting Cashel Street

Reply: The District Engineer is aware of the current issues with these lights. The town foreman has been actively engaging over the past couple of weeks with an external contractor to review the software, identify the issue(s) and rectify as a priority. Cllr Molloy will be notified when the issue has been rectified.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING,
HELD AT 11.00 a.m. IN TOWN HALL, PARNELL STREET ON WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH, 2023**

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2568 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District look at providing a footpath from Mountain View Estate, Marlfield to the Cross Road at Patrick's Well, Marlfield to cater for the large amount of people who use this road for pleasure walking every day.

Reply: The L3288 from Patricks Well Crossroads to Mountain View housing estate is an average width of 5 metres, therefore a 1.8m footpath cannot be accommodated without acquisition of private property adjacent to the road. The acquisition of same, along with the scale of the proposed works would lend this proposal to a capital works scheme, and as such is beyond the scope of the CBD municipal works programme. The District Engineer shall liaise with his counterparts in Active Travel and request that they revert to Cllr English on this NOM.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2569 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District look at widening the roadway into the existing green area opposite houses No. 5 and No. 6 St. Bernadette Terrace, Old Bridge in the interest of safety of all road users.

Reply: It appears that the issue at this location is cars parking either side of the road, thereby restricting the road width. The District Engineer will need to assess the parking practises at this location at various times of the day and evening before reverting with a solution.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2570 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District replace the damaged footpath at Mountain View Park, Rosegreen, in the interest of the safety of people using the footpath.

Reply: This footpath will be assessed by the District Engineer and depending on its condition and funding availability, will be included in the 2023 footpath repair programme.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2576 was proposed by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose

That under the Council's Roads Programme that consideration is given for the re-surfacing of sections of the Lavalley road in Clerihan as parts of it are in a very bad condition

Reply: This road will be assessed by the District Engineers and depending on its condition and funding availability, may be considered for the 2023 Road Works Programme.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Pat English

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2577 was proposed by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose

That under the Council's Roads Programme that consideration is given for the re-surfacing of sections of Ard na Greine

Reply: This road will be assessed by the District Engineers and depending on its condition and funding availability, may be considered for the 2023 Road Works Programme.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy

The reply to the motion was noted.

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Motion 2578 was proposed by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose

That under the Council's Roads Programme that consideration is given for the re-surfacing of the road in Kilcash from Kilcash Castle down as far as the main road (N76)

Reply:- This road will be assessed by the District Engineers and depending on its condition and funding availability, may be considered for the 2023 Road Works Programme.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy

The reply to the motion was noted.

Item 8.1 Correspondence

No correspondence was noted.

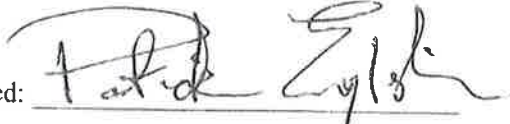
Item 9.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

A vote of sympathy was issued to Ms. Anne Marie Buck, 293 Mountain View, Elm Park, Clonmel on the recent passing of her Son, Darius. R.I.P.

Item 10.1 Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Signed:



Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Dated:

19th APRIL 2023.

Signed:



District Administrator

Dated:

19th April 2023.

