

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING,  
HELD AT 11.00 a.m. IN TOWN HALL, PARNELL STREET ON WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2023**

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

**In Attendance:** Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services  
Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator  
Mr. Roger Noonan, District Engineer  
Mr. Eamonn O'Connell, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Mary Irwin, A/Staff Officer  
Ms. Georgina O'Loughlin, Assistant Staff Officer

**Also in Attendance:** Ms. Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer, Environment and  
Climate Action.  
Ms. Clare Lee, Climate Action Co-Ordinator

**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 confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

The Mayor welcomed Eamonn O'Connell, Executive Engineer and wished him well in his role as Project Officer on the new URDF Project. The Mayor also wished Clare Lee well in her new role as Climate Action Co-Ordinator.

**Item 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.**

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, as presented, were proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. Niall Dennehy and agreed by all.

**Arising from Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**Item 4.1 Attendance of Representatives from Environment and Climate Directorate**

Ms. Orla Kelly referred to the district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Environment and Climate Directorate.

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

- Councillor English welcomed the Burial Ground Maintenance Grant and Tidy Towns Grant and thanked the Environment Section for their involvement in this.
- Councillor English requested an update on the timeframe involved in the preparation of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan.

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- Councillor English requested an update in relation to the action being taken in relation to Derelict Sites in the town.
- Councillor English welcomed the National Stop Food Waste Day which was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- In relation to the Household Waste Survey, Councillor English queried if the survey will be expanded and asked how the 33 households who were not compliant can become compliant.
- Councillor Ambrose raised the issue of dog fouling in the town and asked that a campaign be run to highlight this issue. She also asked if dog fouling specific bins will be increased in the town or whether the use of standard bins will be encouraged.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on the number of dog fouling fines issued in Clonmel.
- In relation to Horse Pick Ups, Councillor Ambrose noted that the number of pick ups had reduced and queried if specific action was taken to reduce these numbers.
- Councillor Ambrose queried the charge which has been introduced in the Recycling Centres for the disposal of paper and asked if this was introduced as part of a National Directive.
- Councillor Ambrose queried the effectiveness of the use of the drones in identifying people dumping.
- Councillor Molloy concurred with Councillor Ambrose in relation to the dog fouling issue and requested that if the Council are still providing the dog fouling bags that this be highlighted to the Public.
- Councillor Dennehy asked if there was a specific person formally acting as Park Warden in relation to the anti-social behaviour occurring in public areas.

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

- Clare Lee confirmed that the Draft Climate Action Plan will be prepared by late September/October and must be adopted by late 2024.
- In relation to Derelict Sites, Orla Kelly stated that an Engineer visits the Site and sends report to the Environment Section. If the property is deemed to be a Derelict Site, a Notice is sent to the owner requesting that works be carried out to render the property non-derelict. If these works are not carried out, the formal process will be followed.
- In relation to the Household Waste Surveys, Ms. Kelly stated that households who are non-compliant will be issued with fixed payment notice and in the event of non-payment will be issued with court proceedings.
- Ms. Kelly stated that it is difficult to enforce proceedings in relation to dog fouling as this would need to be witnessed by an authorised person and the owner of the dog would need to be traced. She confirmed that the issue of dog fouling will continue to be promoted by staff when attending events with the Environment Awareness Trailer.
- In relation to the disposal of dog foul, Ms. Kelly stated that public bins can be used and that stickers will be placed on bins to highlight this. This will also be highlighted on social media.
- Ms. Kelly confirmed that mutt mitts are still being provided by the Council and that this will be highlighted to the Public.
- In relation to the reduced number of horse pick-ups, Ms. Kelly stated that the number of complaints has reduced but that all complaints when received are investigated.
- Ms. Kelly stated that the drones are very useful where areas are hard to access and they are being used for enforcement proceedings.

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- Ms. Kelly stated that there is not a Park Warden currently employed by Tipperary County Council. Ms. Sinéad Carr stated that an overall community initiative is needed to try and resolve anti-social behaviour and that a meeting has been held recently with other agencies and community groups to try and resolve the issue.
- In relation to the charge for disposal of paper in the Recycling Centres, Ms Kelly is going to check and forward a reply.

The Mayor thanked Ms Kelly and Ms Lee for their attendance at the meeting and for the great work being undertaken by the Environment and Climate Action Directorate.

**5.1 Burial Ground Grants 2023.**

The grants were proposed by Councillor Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald and agreed by all.

**5.2 Tidy Towns Grants 2023.**

The grants were proposed by Councillor Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald and agreed by all.

The Mayor thanked all the Committees for their great work and commitment to both the maintenance and upkeep of the graveyards and the maintenance of the Towns and Villages.

**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:**

- Members requested an update on the official opening of the Sports Hub, the skateboard park security on site and the appointment of the Sports Hub coordinator.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the timeframe for the completion of work on the Playground at Mulcahy Park and on the Sensory Playground.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the detailed design being progressed for works at Abbey Street.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on the sign-off by the Garda Commissioner on the CCTV Installation and welcomed the works being undertaken in the interim.
- Members requested that the owners of the Clonmel Arms Hotel and Market Place attend a meeting to update them on their proposals for these sites
- Councillor Ambrose asked if another date has been set for the Meeting with Iarnród Eireann.
- In relation to Suir Island, Councillor English requested an update in relation to the submission of documents to An Bord Pleanála.
- Councillor English welcomed the funding obtained under Active Travel and requested that the Councillors be updated on the works being undertaken with this funding.
- Members welcomed the upgrading of the town bus service by the NTA and requested clarification on the timeline for the commencement of this service and an update on the routes.
- Councillor English asked if the Consultants had advised regarding a timeframe and preferred route for the works on the Marlfield Flood Alleviation Scheme and whether the input of the residents and Elected Members will be sought in relation to same.
- Councillor English welcomed the acceleration of the Questum Centre at Ballingarrane to Part 8 stating that it will be a welcome development for the Town.

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

- In relation to the Regional Sports Hub, the District Administrator stated that the Skateboard Park has been completed and a soft launch will take place prior to the official launch in June. She stated that the Sports Manager has not yet been appointed.
- In relation to security, the District Administrator stated that TUS will be responsible for the security and fencing at the site. She stated that she will provide further updates at the next meeting.
- In relation to the playground at Mulcahy Park, the District Engineer stated that the quotations have been received and that the Contractor will be appointed next week. He stated that once this happens he will be able to provide an update on the progress of the installation of the equipment.
- In relation to the Bus Service, the District Administrator stated that there have been very positive background talks with the NTA regarding a more enhanced service. Once this has been finalised the NTA will meet with the Elected Members to provide details on the number of buses and the routes.
- In relation to CCTV installation, the District Administrator stated that she has had no update on the signoff by the Commissioner but that the civils & connection point preparation works will continue with the Consultants.
- In relation to the site at Market Place, the District Administrator stated that progress is being made and that the owners, Remcoll are now in consultation with the Planning Section regarding building designs.
- In relation to the Clonmel Arms Hotel the District Administrator stated that a Section 3 Notice was going to issue from the Environment Section to the property owners this week.
- The District Administrator stated that a meeting is being planned within the next 2 weeks with Iarnród Eireann.
- In relation to Suir Island, the District Engineer stated that the Consultants have been instructed to lodge the application with An Bord Pleanála. He will clarify the timeframe on this at the next meeting.
- In relation to works being undertaken with the funding obtained by the Active Travel Team, the District Engineer to arrange for the team to come to the meeting to provide an update on this.
- In relation to the Flood Alleviation Scheme at Marlfield, the District Administrator to contact Michael Scully, A/Senior Executive Engineer to provide an update on these works.

**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:**

- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on the Pedestrian Crossing at the Loretto School and the Gaelscoil.
- Members asked for an update on the timeframe involved for the extension of St. Patrick's Cemetery and asked for an update regarding the plans for the works on the entrance.
- Councillor Ambrose asked if an update had been received from the local Gardai on the number of accidents at the bend in Rathronan as these figures were needed to strengthen the case for improvement works at this site under the Road Safety Schemes.

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- Councillor Ambrose requested that a sign be erected at the Ballybeg Junction to highlight the turnoff at the Junction.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on the additional parking at Slievenamon.
- Councillor Ambrose requested that the flashing lights on the Pedestrian Crossing in Rosegreen be fixed as not all of them were working.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the outstanding footpath works and planting in Rosegreen.
- Councillor Fitzgerald asked if surface dressing could be carried out at Killurney Cross/Clonacody, on the Link Road to the Lavally Road and at Tullamaine leading to Moorstown.
- Councillor Fitzgerald requested an update on the installation of the light at Clerihan National School as the second speed ramp cannot be installed until the light is erected.
- Councillor Fitzgerald requested that the yellow hatched box in Irishtown be remarked.
- Councillor Fitzgerald requested that a new litter bin be installed in Rosegreen Village.
- Councillor Molloy requested an update on the entrance to Ardgaoithe Estate.
- Councillor Molloy requested an update on the cutting of the briars on the footpaths heading to St. Patrick's Cemetery from Davis Road.
- Councillor English requested an update on the resurfacing and kerbing at Rathronan Cross.
- Councillor English stated that the surface dressing at the road junction between Rathronan Cross and Cashel Road is in a very poor condition and requested that this be looked at to improve the safety of the road.
- Councillor English asked if the Draft Clonmel Local Transport Plan will be available for the public to view and comment on.
- Councillor English requested an update on the completion of the safety works at Ballybeg Bend.
- Councillor English requested an update on the gates at Sheehy Terrace and O'Neill Street/Gordon Place.

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

- In relation to the pedestrian crossing at the Gaelscoil/Loretto School, the District Engineer stated that he will follow up on same.
- The District Engineer stated that extension works were ongoing at the moment at St. Patrick's Cemetery and confirmed that the hedgeline has been removed which will facilitate 3 double rows of plots.
- In relation to works on the entrance to St. Patrick's Cemetery, the District Engineer stated that a consultant has been appointed and is preparing drawings which should be ready within the next week. Once the drawings are received, the next step will be to seek quotations and once received to progress the works.
- The District Engineer stated that he has emailed the Local Garda Station and is awaiting feedback on number of incidents on the bend at Rathronan.
- In relation to the bend at Ballybeg Junction, the District Engineer stated that he will arrange for a sign to be erected indicating the concealed entrance.
- The District Engineer stated that he will follow up on the ORIS Funding and update Councillor Ambrose in relation to parking at Slievenamon.
- The District Engineer stated that the Lavally Road was on the Road Maintenance Programme and the link road will be looked at and works will be carried out if in a dangerous condition.

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- In relation to Killurney Cross to Clonacody the District Engineer stated that he will liaise with Adam Coffey, Executive Engineer and arrange to have this road placed on a list for repair and if the works cannot be completed this year will be on the Programme for next year.
- In relation to Cul-de-Sac at Tullamaine, the District Engineer stated that he will follow up with Adam Coffey.
- In relation to the installation of the light at Clerihan National School, the District Engineer stated that he will follow up on same.
- The District Engineer stated that he will arrange to have the yellow box at Irishtown realigned.
- In relation to the entrance at Ardgeeha, the District Engineer stated that he will discuss with the Active Travel Group to see if there is potential to put in a more user friendly junction to be done in conjunction with the project on the N24.
- In relation to the hedges at St.Patrick's Cemetery, the District Engineer stated that a request has been sent to the Park's Department to have the briars cut back.
- In relation to the works at Rathronan Crossroads, the District Engineer stated that the Road Improvement Schemes will commence next week and it is anticipated that this will be a 4 – 5 week programme.
- In relation to road surface at Rathronan Cross to Cashel Road, the District Engineer to follow up and carry out inspection.
- The District Engineer stated that he will liaise with the Active Travel Group in relation to the Clonmel Local Area Transport Plan and report back to the Members.
- In relation to the completion of the road safety works at Ballybeg Bend, the District Engineer stated that he will look at this site and see what improvements need to be carried out.
- In relation to the gates at Sheehy Terrace and Gordon Place/O'Neill Street, the District Engineer stated that he had received the quotes for this work and it is hoped to appoint a contractor to carry out these works as soon as possible.
- In relation to the installation of litter bin in Rosegreen, the District Engineer stated that he is meeting with the Rosegreen Tidy Towns Group within the next two weeks and will review after the meeting.
- In relation to the outstanding footpath repairs and planting works in Rosegreen, the District Engineer stated that the Active Travel Team have to complete the footpaths before the planting can be done.

**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.

**Item 7.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2023**

The Orders as circulated with the Agenda were noted.

**Items 8.1 to 8.8 – Notice of Motion**

**Motion 2582 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

Following an on site visit with residents and one of the Council's Engineers, I am asking that due to an increase in the number of dumping and burning of waste incidents in the vicinity of both the tennis courts and around the pitch area that this Council in consultation with residents

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from the Wilderness, Carrigeen and Oakland Drive Estates in addition to other organisations in this area looks at drawing up an overall plan for this large open area.

**REPLY:**

Clonmel Borough will liaise with the residents and the Environment Section in relation to a plan for this space. In the meantime Environment Section have submitted an application under the Anti-Dumping Initiative for this specific location and they await response in relation to funding. If funding becomes available, the Borough will work in collaboration with Environment Section and the residents to get the project completed.

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

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

**Motion 2583 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

That this Council in conjunction with its other partners within the Kickham Barracks site explores the possible funding streams available for the construction of 3rd level student accommodation within the Kickham Barracks site. The construction of student accommodation within this site would not only offer reasonable priced accommodation to current and future students but in addition it would also free up existing rented accommodation around the town.

**REPLY:**

The full footprint of the area in Kickham Barracks has not yet been finalised in terms of the ETB and Garda Station requirements. When this has been identified and secured, we will then be in a better position to see what space remains. At this point, discussions will follow in relation to the use of this remaining space and, if suitable, the Student Accommodation can be included in the potential uses.

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

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

**Motion 2584 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

That under the Council's ongoing pavement works that consideration is given for the replacement of the sections of footpath in Marlfield from the crossroads at St. Patrick's Well down as far as the turnoff for Marlfield Lake.

**REPLY:**

It is intended that this footpath be replaced as part of the 2023 roadworks programme.

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

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

**Motion 2585 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy**

That the Council would prune and cut back the trees located in the green area as you enter Bianconi Drive from the Heywood Road at the earliest opportunity.

**REPLY:**

The Parks Supervisor will assess these trees on the ground with the District Engineer and shall report back on a decision prior to the May council meeting.

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

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

**Motion 2586 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy**

Improve pedestrian safety at the exit of Raheen College onto the Raheen Road, in particular at the uncontrolled crossing. The absence of any railing/bollards makes it extremely dangerous for students as they wait to cross the road.

**REPLY:**

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The District Engineer has assessed this on site. There is already in place a low wall inside the pedestrian gate to impede the flow of students exiting. It is not practical to erect a railing outside the gate on the footpath as this will prevent direct access to the pedestrian crossing and will force students to walk along the road edge to reach the pedestrian crossing, or worse, encourage them to cross the road at an incorrect location.

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

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

**Motion 2590 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English**

That Clonmel Borough District provide a speed Ramp/Speed Cushions on the approach Road to Ely's Shop on the Old Bridge in the interest of safety

**REPLY:**

Cllr English and the District Engineer looked at this location previously in 2022 and reached agreement on this proposal. These works will form part of the 2023 Works Programme.

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

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

**Motion 2591 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English**

That Clonmel Borough District re-insert onto to it's 2023 Road Improvement Programme Local Road L65072, the existing road is in a very poor condition.

**REPLY:**

The L65072 is a tertiary road. This road was inserted in error into the 2022 - 2024 Roadworks Programme and was subsequently removed, as it is TCC's policy that road improvement works on tertiary roads are implemented through the CIS Scheme. Clonmel Borough District do not intend reinserting this road into the 2022 - 2024 Roadworks programme.

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

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

**Motion 2592 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English**

That Clonmel Borough District request Irish Water to look again at upgrading the existing Water Plants at Glenary and Poulavanogue in the interest of maintaining a water supply for the people of Clonmel and surrounding areas and to insure a water supply for future Housing and Industrial Developments.

**REPLY:**

If the members of Clonmel Borough District agree to this Notice of Motion, Clonmel Borough District will refer the contents of same to Irish Water for a response.

**The Motion was supported by Councillor Ambrose and Councillor Fitzgerald.**

**It was agreed that a Motion be sent to Irish Water to be raised at the Meeting to be held with the Elected Members and Irish Water on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.**

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

**Item 8.1 Correspondence**

The correspondence as circulated with the Agenda was noted.

**Item 9.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

A vote of sympathy was issued to Ms AnneMarie Cosgrave and Family, The Arch, Marlfield, Clonmel on the recent passing of her husband, Noel, R.I.P. and to Mrs. Margaret Brosnan and Family, Anfield, Chestnut Drive, Clonmel on the recent passing of her husband, Tony.




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Congratulations were extended to the Chief Executive and Staff on the recent LAMA Awards which is the 1<sup>st</sup> time these awards have been held outside of Dublin.

**Item 10.1 Any Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

Signed:   
**Mayor of Clonmel Borough District**

Dated: 17/05/2023

Signed:   
**District Administrator**

Dated: 18/5/2023

