

In the Chair:	Cllr. K. Bourke
Members Present:	Cllr. D. Dunne, Cllr. M. Fitzgerald, Cllr. I. Goldsboro, Cllr. K. O'Meara.
Apologies:	Ms. Elaine Cullinan, Economic Development Officer, ECRD.
<u>Attending from Carrick on Suir MD:</u>	Mr. B Beck, A/Director of Services; Ms. M O'Gorman, Meetings Administrator; Mr. D. Power. A/District Engineer; Ms. H. Cahill, Staff Officer;
Finance:	Mr. Mark Connolly, Head of Finance.
Roads:	Mr. Liam Brett, Senior Engineer, Roads Transportation & Infrastructure.
ECRD:	Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services, ECRD.

1.0. Welcome and Introduction

Item 1.1. Summons and Prayer:	The summons was taken as read
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2.0. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Council

Item 2.1. Conflict of Interest Declaration	<i>In compliance with Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, the Cathaoirleach declared his interest in relation to item 4.3. on the agenda, thereby stating his intention to absent himself from the Chamber for the duration of consideration of proposal to take-in-charge the roads and services at Mill House Park, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary.</i>
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3.0. Consideration of Minutes

Item 3.1. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 31 October 2023	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 28 September 2023 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
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4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.1. Budgetary Plan 2024	The Draft Budgetary Plan 2024 was circulated and considered by the Councillors. Mr. Mark Connolly, Head of Finance indicated that the proposed discretionary General Municipal Allowance was the apportionment of €953,680 (<i>derived from €603,680 increase in Local Property Tax as per Council's decision of September 2022 in addition to baseline provision of €350,000</i>), on the basis of the 2022 Census of population. In the case of Carrick on Suir Municipal District, the ratio applied was 20,191:167,895 which equated to €114,689.
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Mr. Connolly stated that the proposed budgets were indicative figures only in the context that the allocations were not yet notified from the Department in relation to the following headings;

	Indicative Expenditure 2024 €	Current Year Information 2023 €
Housing and Building –		
Housing Maintenance including pre-letting repairs and voids	1,111,335	1,111,335
Road Transportation and Safety		
Road Maintenance, repair and improvement	6,527,233	6,527,233
Environmental Services		
Burial Grounds maintenance, Street Cleaning and Litter Initiatives	371,408	371,408
Recreation and Amenity		
Maintenance of Amenity Areas	180,467	180,467
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare		
Flood Relief	15,210	15,210

Arising from consideration of the above, the draft budgetary plan was unanimously adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, on the proposal of Cllr. I. Goldsboro, and seconded by Cllr. M. Fitzgerald.

**Item 4.2.
Consideration of
Tipperary Framework
Local Economic and
Community Plan
2024 – 2029.**

The Framework Local Economic and Community Plan [LECP] for the 6-year period 2024 – 2029 was circulated and taken as read.

Mr. Brian Beck presented the draft Framework LECP setting out objective and actions needed to promote the economic development and local community development in the county for the 6-year period 2024 to 2029. He outlined the level of consultation that had taken place with 218 persons participating in public information sessions, 5 online submissions received, 15 written submissions put forward and very significant online engagement from 1567 people via social media platforms. Much of the data informing the strategy was taken from Census 2022 culminating in the inclusion of high-level actions under community, climate action and economic headings.

In the ensuing discussion, matters raised included-

- Welcome for the Town Centre Initiatives
- Need for retail strategy to assist and support current businesses

- Need to promote traditional retail sector rather than large supermarkets that have a detrimental effect on town centre shops
- Negative effect of locating supermarkets on outskirts of towns with free car parking
- Whether the supermarkets were rated for car parks
- The impact of online shopping and changing buying patterns, with grocery deliveries necessitating a renewed focus on hospitality and tourism sector

Mr. Beck responded to the above issues, and elaborated on how various actions would be assigned to specific groups for delivery. He expanded on the many tourism projects underway such as Greenway-Blueway Connection, the Lingaun Valley, the signage strategy for Ormond Castle and other initiatives being delivered under Just Transition Fund such as the CoSTEDC application for fit out of the Heritage Centre, tracks and trails such as Littleton Labyrinth – connecting into New Birmingham, and Horse & Jockey, with the recently-appointed Tourism Officer focussing on increasing the profile of tracks and trails, as cases in point. He clarified that Bórd na Mona were assigned responsibility for tracks and trails by Fáilte Ireland under Just Transition Programme and would be handling the administration of same. He pointed out other initiatives that would support small businesses and referred to the new digital hub that would deliver 26 spaces for enterprise.

The Director outlined the next steps to be taken in the process for the new LECP as, (i) finalising the draft (ii) making appropriate amendments (ii) presenting it to the SPC (iv) Listing for adoption at the December Plenary Council meeting (v) submission of adopted plan to the Department (vi) Publication of LECP 2024-2029.

**Item 4.3.
Proposed Taking in
Charge of Mill House
Park, Carrick on Suir.**

Cllr. K. Bourke, Cathaoirleach. vacated the chamber and Cllr. D. Dunne, Leas-Chathaoirleach assumed the chair.

The Director of Services Report to Members on proposed taking in charge of Mill House Park, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary was circulated and considered by the members. Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr. K. O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. M. Fitzgerald, AND RESOLVED

"That pursuant to the provision of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993 and being satisfied that the roads are of public utility, and having considered the financial implications for the local authority and any submissions made, it is hereby ordered that the roads serving the housing estate known as Mill House Park, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary be declared public roads. In

addition, any open spaces, car parks, sewers, watermain and service connections within the attendant grounds of the development are taken in charge, as outlined in red on the map furnished, which was on public display during the prescribed period and contained in the Director of Services Report to members for the October 2023 Carrick on Suir Municipal District Meeting."

**Item 4.4.
District Engineer's
Report**

The Schedule of Municipal District Works for October 2023 was circulated and discussed.

The District Engineer gave an overview of the report, informing that works were in train to replace windows and doors in 40 local authority houses and that contract works were ongoing at 3 dwellings requiring major refurbishments.

He noted that the contract for Phase 1 of the RRDF was signed in the previous week (24/10/2023) and advised that the contractor would commence on-site in November. In the meantime, the design team was progressing with detailed design for Phase 3.

Having updated the members in relation to national primary maintenance, the N24 works, the N76 Grangemockler pavement improvement scheme, surface dressing programme, 'red roads' programme, projects for Castle Heights, Killonerry service road, tree maintenance programme, Gortnaclogh Bridge, public lighting, drainage works, climate change works, Active Travel, he informed that Cláirín Bridge was anticipated to commence in Q.1 of 2024. This gave rise to the following matters;

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald

- Conveyed his thanks to Mr. Paul Farrell, E.E. for his attendance on site at Ballinard Road, Drangan in relation to works commissioned by Uisce Éireann. He requested that the area would be included in the next roads programme.
- Ongoing drainage issue at N76 Grangemockler.

Cllr. D. Dunne

- Welcomed the roll-out of the retrofit programme
- Complimented the Active Travel Scheme at Carrickbeg
- Welcomed the proposal to address the deficiency in raised table at Castle Heights
- Sought update in relation to remediation of diversion route during the N24 works
- Expressed concern at the number of bins installed on the N24, particularly in relation to their ongoing servicing and the placement of benches at the end of Kickham Street.

- Voiced his concern that light was blocked on the N24 by overgrown branches on trees
- Welcomed the proposal for Killonerry Road.
- Expressed relief that the recent heavy rainfall did not result in flooding; requested that the Mill River be examined to ascertain if any alleviation measures were required.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro

- Queried timeframe for return of contractor to bridge at Ballingarry
- Complimented footpath works at The Commons.
- Requested that traffic calming measures (rumble strips) be installed at Mairead's Cross and Copper Cross to slow down traffic
- Queried whether applications were lodged under ORIS (Lough Dhoire Bhille), Town and Village Renewal and Just Transition Fund.
- Requested that outstanding repair to flashing speed signs be attended to at Killenaule.

Cllr. K. O'Meara

- Queried whether contractor was appointed to carry out climate adaptation works at Killaghy, Mullinahone
- Sought update in relation to rates money project at Mullinahone GAA
- Queried timeframe for shortlisting of applications for Community Improvement Scheme
- Queried whether there were schemes in planning for Active Travel Scheme.
- Referred to ongoing flooding on footpath at Grangemockler following the TII contract works.
- Reported that trees were blocking light from lighting columns at Mullinahone required maintenance.
- Sought update in relation to Town Centre Enhancement plans
- Sought update in relation to speed control measures agreed as a result of notice of motion 2443 of July 2022.
- Agreed that Máiréad's Cross and Copper Cross required traffic calming measures

Cllr. K. Bourke

- Commended the works to N24 but criticised the lack of consultation between TII designers and the MD in relation to provision and future servicing of bins
- Sought update on provision of car park at Carrickbeg
- Expressed concern that road drains on Waterford Road were not being maintained.
- Requested traffic calming measures be implemented at the approach from Portlaw Road to Dillon Bridge; furthermore, he stated that a pedestrian crossing was required to bring pedestrians safely from the steps (at Boherbuí) to Dillon Bridge.

- Expressed concern that ESB works to 'underground' cables in the vicinity of Suirside Veterinary Clinic would interfere with the adjoining pumping station.
- Queried whether it was intended to make the North Quay 'one-way' to traffic.
- Requested that railings would be installed on the footpath on the right-hand side of the road (travelling eastwards) at the overhead railway bridge at Pill Road, to match those installed on the left-hand side

Responding to several of the above queries, Mr. Power, District Engineer,

- Undertook to check whether Ballinard Road, Drangan required a further phase of works.
- Informed that he would get in touch with his TII contact in relation to addressing the flooding issue at N76 Grangemockler.
- Indicated that he would arrange for trees to be pruned where they were blocking light.
- Invited the Members to bring any potential window/door replacements to the attention of Mr. Paul Farrell, E.E. and they would be investigated and added to the list as appropriate to be done in rotation.
- Clarified that most of the bins provided on the N24 by way of the TII contract would be removed and relocated as necessary to more appropriate areas.
- He confirmed that he had an impending meeting with Fisheries Ireland to discuss appropriate measures for managing the Mill River the following day.
- Indicated that he required to check the timeframe for final works to bridge at Ballingarry.
- Noted that driver feedback signage was to be erected at Killenaule and Drangan
- Undertook to examine options for traffic calming at Máiréad's Cross and Copper Cross respectively.
- Confirmed that a Low-Cost Safety Scheme application was submitted for Mullinahone arising from recent speed survey.
- Informed that a shortlisting process was underway for Community Involvement Scheme [CIS]
- Undertook to refer the Grangemockler footpath issue to the Road Engineer responsible for the N76 contract
- Confirmed that barriers were ordered for Gortnaclogh Bridge
- Agreed to refer the matter of drain cleaning at Waterford Road to the GSS for attention.
- Agreed to examine appropriate traffic calming measures for Portlaw/Tramore Road.
- Confirmed that the Council received advance notice of planned power outages and a generator was on standby to meet the need in the event of a power cut to ensure continuity of operation of flood scheme pumps.

- Clarified that there were no plans at this time to make the North Quay 'one-way' to traffic.
- Confirmed that a second set of railings was installed at Pill Road at overhead railway bridge so that railings were now insitu at both sides.

Addressing queries in relation to Outdoor Recreation and Infrastructure Scheme [ORIS] the Meetings Administrator confirmed that 3 projects were successful at evaluation and put forward to the Department for approval in due course;

- Measure 1 - Mullinahone Pocket Park (Phase 2)
- Measure 2 - Lough Dhoire Bhille Enhancement Works
- Measure 3 - Blueway Widening and signage improvement

She further clarified that the MD team had extracted potential projects from the Town Centre First & Village Enhancement Plans commissioned earlier in the year, with a view to lodging funding applications under Town and Village Renewal Scheme [TVRS]. However, with unanticipated changes to the scheme parameters in the current year, the proposed projects did not fit the new criteria and it would be necessary to seek funding from Town Centre First and elsewhere to deliver those objectives, as options became available.

The Meetings Administrator also informed that the proposal to purchase land from Tírlán was the subject of an application for funding under Town and Village Renewal Scheme [TVRS], which application was successful at evaluation stage and forwarded to the DRCD for approval. She elaborated in response to a query that Tírlán rejected the Council's proposal to lease the land for the purposes of the Active Travel Scheme for Carrickbeg in 2022/23. However, the Council was now pursuing a purchase option, the objective of the TVRS application.

Mr. Liam Brett, Senior Engineer, clarified that a decision on the Local Improvement Scheme [LIS] was anticipated in January or February 2024.

**Item 4.5
District Administrators
Report:**

The District Administrator's report was circulated and noted. It incorporated updates in relation to

- (a) the RRDF Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan project
- (b) the Halloween Strategy, circulated under item 6.1.
- (c) The proposed Tidy Towns Award to be arranged in the coming weeks to commend the efforts of the 13 Tidy Towns Groups from the Carrick on Suir Municipal District, entered in the National Tidy Towns Competition held on the 6th October 2023. A recommendation to distribute €15,400 remaining budget was considered under Item 4.7. hereunder.

**Item 4.6.
General Municipal
Allocation 2023**

The meetings Administrator indicated that there were no items for consideration under this heading.

**Item 4.7.
Assistance of Bodies
under Section 66 of the
Local Government Act,
2001:**

Having considered the report and recommendation of the Meetings Administrator in relation to the achievements of the 13 National Tidy Towns Competition entrants from the Carrick on Suir Municipal District, it was proposed by Cllr. D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro,

AND RESOLVED

"In accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001, and being of the opinion that it is desirable to so do, to promote the interests of the local community, and having regard to the recommendation of the District Administrator, that grants totalling €15,400 be and are hereby approved for payment in respect of Tidy Towns Grants to the 13 successful entrants in the 2023 National Tidy Towns Awards, in proportion to the year-on-year improvement."

Name of Group	Amount awarded
Moyglass	€2,000
Faugheen	€1,500
Grangemockler	€1,300
Ballingarry	€1,200
Fethard	€1,200
Mullinahone	€1,200
Killenaule	€1,000
Ahenny-Clashnasmuth	€1,000
Drangan	€1,000
Cloneen	€1,000
Ballynonty	€1,000
The Commons	€1,000
Ballyneill	€1,000

5.0. Chief Executive's / Delegated Employee's Orders

**Item 5.1.
D.E. Order 35784**

Delegated Employee's Order No. 35784 concerning the institution of legal proceedings for unpaid fixed offence notices was noted.

**Item 5.2.
D.E. Order 35488**

Delegated Employer's Order no. 35488 related to the appointment of Malachy Walsh as Integrated Design Team for the Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan, was duly noted.

**Item 5.3.
C.E. Order 35840**

Chief Executive's Order No. 35840 relating to the appointment of GLAS Engineering Ltd. as contractor for Phase 1 of the Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan, was noted by the Members.

6.0. Correspondence

Item 6.1.

The Environment and Climate Action Halloween Protocol 2023 was circulated for the information of the Members and duly noted.

7.0. Notices of Motion

Item 7.1.

None

8.0. Any Other Business

Item 8.1.

None

This concluded the business of the meeting.

[15:12]



District Administrator.



Cathaoirleach.

23 November 2023

