

In the Chair:	Cllr. K. Bourke
Members Present:	Cllr. K. O'Meara; Cllr. D. Dunne attending virtually
Apologies:	Cllr. M. Fitzgerald; Cllr. I. Goldsboro.
<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;
ECRD Directorate	⇒ Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services
Road Directorate	⇒ Mr. Liam Brett, Senior Engineer, attending virtually

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	None to record
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3.0. Consideration of Minutes

Item 3.1. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 23 November 2023	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 23 November 2023 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
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4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.1. Report of ECRD Directorate	<p>The December 2023 Report of Economic, Community and Rural Development report for Carrick on Suir Municipal Directorate was circulated and taken as read. Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services responded to queries raised arising from the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Circulation of Tipperary County Council's Draft CCTV, along with presentation to the Community SPC on the previous day (13/12/2023), gave rise to debate about the assertion contained within that CCTV was "<i>an option of last resort</i>". Mr. Beck undertook to examine context around the concept of 'last resort', while noting that the <u>Community</u> CCTV Scheme was not <i>a monitored tool</i> and was not intended to serve as a substitute for on-the-ground policing.○ The delivery of targets for the roll-out of Broadband in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District.
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**Item 4.2.
District Engineer's
Report**

The *Schedule of Municipal District Works -December 2023*, was circulated and considered by the Members. The A/District Engineer outlined progress in relation to management of housing 'voids' with 2 properties requiring major renovation, 6 dwellings undergoing minor repairs and 3 units available for letting. He noted that the N24 Pavement Improvement Scheme would be ongoing into 2024 and that the N76 Improvement Scheme was at snagging stage. An extract from the Quarterly Roads Capital Management Report pertaining to Carrick on Suir MD was also circulated and noted.

The A/District Engineer confirmed that the national primary and national secondary ordinary maintenance programmes were now complete along with the patching works. He noted that some flood damage works would be attended to at Rocklow Road, Fethard and that works at Mairead's Cross would be completed by the following week. He confirmed that the Active Travel Cláirín Bridge Replacement would be carried out in 2024. Mr. Power responded to issues raised by the councillors as follows;

Cllr. D. Dunne

- Conveyed sincere thanks to the outdoor staff for their exceptional speedy response to flooding at Markievicz Terrace the previous week, attributed to the breakage of a pipe on a private site, which was unfortunate and regrettable.
- Noted that bins provided via the N24 contract were still insitu and sought update in relation to same.
- Sought information as to type of trees planted along the N24, citing the possibility of future problems with uprooting of adjacent footpaths, which should be avoided.
- Queried whether delays in carrying out repairs to faulty street lighting was in any way connected to works on the N24.

Cllr. K. O'Meara

- Sought update on funding application for safety scheme at Mullinahone.
- Queried what plan was in place to examine infrastructure at The Bull's Hole, Mullinahone.

Cllr. K. Bourke

- Joined in commending the response of the outdoor staff to flooding event at Mill Street arising from unbelievably bad weather on the day and damage caused to a pipe on a private site; notwithstanding same, the Council's crew attended in appalling conditions until midnight and were back on duty the following morning at 07:30.

**Item 4.2. cont'd/
District Engineer's
Report**

- Thanked the District Engineer for his efforts in resolving public lighting issue at New Street; however, he expressed his dissatisfaction with the response time of the contracted company.
- Paid tribute to the A/District Engineer for a job well done, having taken up the mantle in Q.2 of this year.

Mr. Power responded to matters raised, undertaking to,

- Convey councillors' compliments to the outdoor staff.
- Confer with the Road Engineer responsible for the N24 contract in relation to (a) removal of bins on the N24 and (b) to ascertain the type of trees incorporated in the landscaping scheme. He noted that the contractor was responsible for maintenance for a two—year period after completion but that the costs associated with ongoing maintenance would need to be examined with a view to seeking additional budget for the future upkeep.

The A/District Engineer also noted that,

- The delays in repairing various public lighting faults were attributed to internal staffing issues with the maintenance company. He also noted that there were only 2 such providers dealing with this type of work which compounded the problem, but those delays were not associated in any way with works to the N24.
- A decision on applications for low-cost safety schemes was anticipated in Q.1_2024.
- The examination of 'The Bull's Hole' at Mullinahone would require a specialist machine and he undertook to progress this matter in 2024.

**Item 4.4.
District Administrator's
Report:**

Update on Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan

The Meetings Administrator circulated her report including an update on the Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan. She noted that GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd were scheduled to break for Christmas on the following day, 15 December 2023 and to resume work on phase 1 on the 2nd January 2023. This was noted.

She also noted that detailed design of phase 2 of the plan – *Chapel Street, part of William Street, and Castle Lane – Dillon Bridge portion of the North Quay* - was progressing well and anticipated that this project would go to tender in early 2024.

**Item 4.4. cont'd./
District Administrator's
Report:**

With detailed design currently being developed for fit-out of the Old Post Office as enterprise and digital hub, it was also expected to go to tender in early 2024.

Commencement of Part 8 Planning Procedures

The fifth RRDF Category 1 call announced by the Minister for Rural and Community Development was the impetus for the commencement of 2 no. statutory Part 8 Procedures to authorise the proposed developments that will form an application for funding with a deadline of **8 February 2023**.

The Meetings Administrator circulated copies of the newspaper advertisements published in 'The Nationalist' newspaper on the 30 November 2023 and 7 December 2023 respectively for public consultations associated with the following proposed developments;

- **The Quay (Goldcrop site), Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary** closing on 5th January 2024 with submission or observations due not later than 16:30 on **22 January 2024**.
- (*Townparks*) **Chapel Lane and Stable Lane, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary** closing on 12 January 2024 with submission or observations due not later than 16:30 on **29 January 2024**.

Within that timeframe to complete the statutory processes, she advised that a special meeting of the Council would be required to consider the Chief Executive's report during week commencing 3rd February 2024. This was noted.

Cllr. D. Dunne stressed the importance of the public engaging with the statutory consultations at an early juncture, noting that documentation was available to view at the District Office on request from the staff. He requested that that the media present would encourage their listeners and readers to engage.

Update on Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden Greenway

The Meetings Administrator circulated an update provided by the Active Travel Team in relation to the proposal to connect the Suir Blueway with the Waterford Greenway. She noted that this report was circulated to elected members of Waterford City and County Council and to the members of Piltown Municipal District.

With Phase 0 – Scope and Pre-Appraisal and Phase 1 Concept and Feasibility concluded, the next step was to finalise the feasibility report and secure formal approval from TII to proceed to Phase 2 – Options Selection.

It was anticipated that public consultation to include workshops with the members, a number of in-person consultation events at locations within the study area, along with radio/newspaper advertisements would take place in March-April 2024 to present route options. She undertook to keep members informed of these developments.

**Item 4.5.
General Municipal
Allocation 2023**

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

**Item 4.6.
Assistance of Bodies
under Section 66 of the
Local Government Act,
2001.**

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

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

Item 5.1. None for consideration.

6.0. Correspondence

Item 6.1. None for consideration.

7.0. Notices of Motion

Item 7.1. None for consideration.

8.0. Any Other Business

Item 8.1. None for consideration.

This concluded the business of the meeting. [14:23]

District Administrator.

Cathaoirleach.

25 January 2024