

In the Chair:	Cllr. K. Bourke
Members Present:	Cllr. D. Dunne, Cllr. M. Fitzgerald, Cllr. I. Goldsboro Cllr. K. O'Meara
Apologies:	Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services
<u>Attending from Carrick on Suir MD</u>	Mr. Anthony Coleman, Director of Services, deputising for Mr. Brian Beck; Ms. M O'Gorman, Meetings Administrator; Mr. D. Power. A/District Engineer; Mr. <u>Paul Farrell, Executive Engineer</u> ; <u>Ms. Helen Cahill, Staff Officer</u>
Housing Directorate:	Mr. Shane Grogan, A/ Senior Executive Officer; Mr. Shaun Lonergan, Executive Engineer
Planning Directorate	Ms. Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner (attending virtually); Mr. <u>Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer</u> ;
Roads Directorate:	Mr. Kieran Malone, Senior Engineer.

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 22 February 2024:	The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 22 February 2024 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.
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4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.1. Attendance of Housing Directorate:	<p>With Mr. Shane Grogan, A/SEO and Mrs. Shaun Lonergan, E.E. in attendance, the Housing Services report for March 2023 was taken as read. Mr. Grogan addressed the following matters raised by the members.</p> <p><u>Cllr. D. Dunne:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ In context of recent provision of serviced sites at Boherlahan, he requested if consideration could be given to similar provision at Coolnamuck lands, Carrick on Suir, given that there is demand for same, particularly from middle-income families.○ Notwithstanding the recent activity in relation to allocation of local authority houses in the Carrick on Suir MD, he noted no
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significant reduction in the numbers of applicants on housing lists and requested if there was anything that elected members could do to support the Council's efforts in securing government funding.

- Noting that applicants for transfer were included in overall numbers of applicants for social housing, he suggested that figures were somewhat 'skewed' by the inclusion of HAP tenants and requested if an exercise could be carried out to identify/exclude the latter numbers.

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Concurred that there were few opportunities for middle income households seeking to provide/acquire housing and requested that serviced sites be examined for Mullinahone.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Commended the €6.6million secured for housing grants in 2023 with €2.5million secured for adapting local authority units.
- Sought clarity in relation to data on tenant purchase loans, particularly where a number of applications were deemed 'invalid'.

Mr. Shane Grogan, A/SEO, noted that sites at Boherlahan were the first of their kind in the country with 15 applications on hand. Effectively, the scheme was being piloted at this location and could be considered for all areas on lands, either in Council ownership on lands acquired for that purpose. While there were no restrictions per se, however, there was a significant challenge in the cost of bringing sites to market, where they needed to be pitched at €30,000. He undertook to examine the Coolnamuck site as requested.

Mr. Grogan noted that numbers of housing applicants had not reduced appreciably in spite of the significant number of new houses acquired in the District. He attributed this to the recent changes in qualifying criteria arising from increased household income limits introduced in regulations in 2023. Effectively, while the net need was reducing, the gross need was increasing and it was hoped to make a significant dent in those numbers in the coming year.

Responding to the query in relation to tenant purchase loans, Mr. Grogan clarified that those applications deemed 'invalid' did not mean that they were 'refused', but was more likely that some documentation was outstanding. He outlined the difficulty in obtaining adequate documentation to meet the requirements of the Housing Agency who were obtaining credit ratings for applicants from all over the country; he suggested that the process was streamlined inasmuch as it could be, but applying to a government agency was a slow process.

Item 4.2.
Attendance of Planning Directorate

The briefing note of the Planning Directorate was taken as read and Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Caroline Conway attended to address the following queries from the members.

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- Sought update in relation to the Residential Zoned Land Tax, in view of recent court challenge
- Queried status of DPI development at Slieveardagh, Grangemockler.

Cllr I. Goldsboro:

- Queried status of taking-in-charge application for Oakwood Estate, Ballingarry and DPI development at Glengoole North, New Birmingham and at Dualla Heights, Rathclough.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Requested reports concerning the positions with developments at Clúain Áird, Fethard and at Drangan.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Noted the position with regard to Slieveardagh, Grangemockler and queried whether a new planning permission was sought/required for the development of 36 units at Greenhill Village, Carrick on Suir.
- Referred to the imminent expiry of waiver on development charges and queried whether the initiative would be extended.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Queried the timeframe for review of the Carrick on Suir Local Area Plan.
- Sought clarification in relation to taking in charge application for Castle Park, Carrick on Suir.

In response, Ms. Caroline Conway SEP addressed queries under her remit. She outlined the position with regard to the Residential Zoned Land Tax with the 2023 scheme closed out. She noted that the 2024 RZLT was deferred for 1 year and would therefore take effect from 1 February 2025.

Referring to development levies she confirmed that the waiver applied to permissions issued between 25 April 2023 and 24 April 2024 where developments were completed by the 31 December 2025 deadline. She also informed that a letter had issued to the Department seeking an extension to the waiver, on foot of a notice of motion from another Municipal District.

With regard to the Local Area Plan for Carrick on Suir, Ms. Conway indicated that background work had commenced with the

intended final plan coming into effect in Q.1_2025. She undertook to clarify and notify the members of the exact timetable of workshops and public consultation associated with the Carrick on Suir LAP. She also undertook to review the planning situation at Greenhill Village and to revert directly to Cllr. Dunne in that regard.

Mr. Kieran Ladden SEE noted that an application for taking in charge related to a *cul de sac* at the western end of Castle Park (nos. 26, 27 and 28). However, given that the 3 properties involved were provided on foot of three separate planning applications, they did not meet the criteria for the taking in charge application. However, he noted that there was a provision under the Roads Act 1993 to declare the road a public road under Section 11 of the Act, and that was a matter for the Roads Directorate.

In relation to ongoing development at Greenhill Village, Mr. Ladden indicated that discussions had taken place in relation to wayleaves which were outside the control of the local authority. As a consequence, a proposal was awaited regarding service diversions which will be a developer-led application.

Dealing with the taking-in-charge application for Oakwood, Ballingarry, Mr. Ladden informed that there was no objection from Uisce Éireann to the proposal and it required consideration from colleagues in the Roads Directorate.

There were technical issues outstanding at Cluain Áird, Fethard and at Drangan, preventing progress at those locations.

In relation to DPI developments, Mr. Ladden noted that applications to the department received approval in two cases where the wastewater treatment plants had capacity. He informed that a working group was established in the department to develop a policy and guidelines for dealing with legacy issues, such as obtained at Slieveardagh-Grangemockler, Glengoole North-New Birmingham and at Rathclough Dualla. He confirmed that a letter issued recently to the department seeking to ascertain the position with regard to same.

**Item 4.3
District Engineer's
Report**

A revised Schedule of Municipal District Works for March 2024 was circulated by Mr. Denis Power, A/District Engineer and examined by the members,

Mr. Power went through the various elements of the schedule, noting that the roads programme was underway. He suggested that when the 'red road' allocation was forthcoming, it was his intention to upgrade some 800m of road at Upper Currasilla and

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District Engineer's
Report**

that the proposal to incorporate Lower Waterford Road at Glanbia, was intended to support the Active Travel Scheme delivered in Carrickbeg, which would be finished in the coming week. With Cláirín Bridge replacement underway, he stated that the project was due to finish by 16 May next. In the meantime, the Active Travel team would commence work on the Killenaule project.

The A/District Engineer stated that correspondence would issue to participant in the Community Improvement Scheme, while allocations were awaited for Local Improvement scheme and public lighting budgets. He requested that the members would nominate their projects under the rate vacancies (€7,310/5 = €1,462 respectively).

With the inclusion of a budget of €156,774 for the 2024 development levies he proposed to apportion to the following projects: Drangan School €75,000: Watergate Street and Fethard Car Park €45,000: Footpaths at Moyglass €18,774: and €18,000 to Mullinahone GAA.

Following discussion of the programme, the following issues were raised by the Councillors and addressed by Mr. Power.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro:

- Requested the inclusion of Boulea Hill for attention in the programme
- Sought replacement of directional signs travelling from Urlingford to Glengoole, Ballingarry and The Commons respectively.
- Queried current status of Public lighting provision.
- Commended the provision of flashing signs at Copper which were having the intended effect of slowing down traffic.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Declared his support for proposal to upgrade road at Upper Currasilla under red roads programme
- Requested inclusion in red roads programme of Cloneen-Fethard road in the vicinity of right turn back for Crampscastle.
- Welcomed the drainage works carried out at Tubber, Cloneen.
- Requested traffic calming between church and school at Cloneen in vicinity of pedestrian crossing where there was a recent 'near miss'.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Requested update in relation to drainage issue at Cregg Road
- Sought update on status of Blueway-Greenway connection project
- Welcomed the proposal for road upgrade at Glanbia, Carrickbeg, noting the improved parking situation arising from recent commission of new car park.

- Suggested that footpaths should be surveyed and addressed in the same manner as 'red roads'.
- Welcomed the imminent Cláirín Bridge replacement.

Cllr. K. O'Meara.

- Commended the 'proactive' drainage works carried out during the course of the past year now seeing the benefits accruing from same
- Noted that resurfacing carried out at Mullinahone was not carried out to a satisfactory standard and required attention some 3 years later
- Highlighted pothole outside Brett's Hardware, Mullinahone that required attention
- Sought update in relation to N76 snagging items, noting that flooding issue was still outstanding
- Queried whether design was in place for Safety Improvement Scheme at Clonmel Road, Mullinahone.

Cllr. K. Bourke

- Commended the excellent work carried out to the route at Árd Mhuire-St. Nicholas Park used as diversion route during N24 improvement works.
- Complained that students were parking their private cars in parking spaces adjacent to schools on Pill Road which were intended for householders/residents.

Mr. Denis Power, A/District Engineer responded to queries raised, and undertook to refer to Housing Section and Roads Section respectively to obtain responses in relation to items under their remit, and thereafter to convey directly to the members.

Having considered the updated Schedule of Municipal District Works for March 2024, it was proposed by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara and unanimously agreed to adopt same.

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

The Meetings Administrator circulated her report incorporating updates on the following matters which were noted;

- RRDF Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan.
- Cathaoirleach Awards to be held on 8 May at 8:00pm at Comeragh College – reminded that nominations were awaited in order to finalise arrangements
- Mayoral Reception to be held on Sunday 7 April at 1:00pm at the District Office for visiting amateur musician group and entourage from Michigan USA.
- Circulated details of Increased Cost of Business Grant introduced by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and

Employment which was open for applications online at www.tipperarycoco.ie until 1st May 2024.

- Informed of appointment of Ms. Máiréad Winters to the role of EU Transition Fund Activator and circulated details of impending information evenings to take place for interested persons at Roscrea (10 April), **Carrick on Suir on the 15 April from 6:30 to 8:30 pm** and at Thurles (23 April).

**Item 4.5.
General Municipal
Allocation 2023**

A report and recommendation in relation to disbursement of GMA allocations for Festivals and Events was circulated and considered by the members,

Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to award grants for festivals and events to the following recipient groups;

Community Festivals €5,000 Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballynonty Community Festival €1,100 • Explore Carrick on Suir €1,200 • Glengoole Christmas Festival €550 • Glengoole Music Event €550 • Slievenamon 1848 Monster Meeting 176th Anniversary Event €800 • Way Down Under €800
Municipal Festivals €9,000 Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clancy Brothers Music & Arts Festival €5,500 • Fethard Sports Day €1,000 • Fethard Community Heritage Festival €2,500

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

A report and recommendation in relation to disbursement of legacy supports was circulated and considered by the members.

Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne **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 from the District Administrator, that payments totalling €61,100.00, be and are hereby approved in respect of grants to the bodies set out in the schedule hereunder."

SCHEDULE

• Sean Kelly Sports Centre	€54,200
• Carrick on Suir Brass Band	€1,900
• Carrick on Suir Development Association	€3,500
• Carrick on Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee	€1,500

Item 4.6.1.

Assistance of Bodies under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001 – BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEES:

The members considered a report and recommendation in relation to 49 no. burial ground committees' application for burial ground grants received in 2024.

Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzgerald, 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 from the District Administrator, that payments totalling €33,200, be and are hereby approved in respect of grants to burial ground committees set out in the schedule hereunder."

SCHEDULE

Ahenny Carrick on Suir Burial Ground	€600.00
Ballinalacken Glengoole, Burial Ground	€800.00
Ballingarry Church Graveyard	€600.00
Ballyneale Parish Graveyard	€600.00
Ballinure Burial Ground	€800.00
Calvary Graveyard	€600.00
Carrick on Suir Workhouse Restoration	€600.00
Cloneen New Burial Ground	€800.00
Cloneen Old Burial Ground	€600.00
Cooleagh Fethard Burial Ground	€800.00
Crohane Burial Ground	€600.00
Crosscannon Killenaule Burial Ground	€800.00
Dualla Cemetery	€600.00
Dualla Burial Ground	€600.00
Everardsgrange Burial Ground	€600.00
Famine Graveyard	€800.00
Grangemockler Parish Graveyard	€600.00
Holy Trinity Fethard	€600.00
Isterkiernan Mullinahone Burial Ground	€800.00
Killaghy Mullinahone Burial Ground	€800.00
Killmacclough Fethard Burial Ground	€800.00
Kilballyherbery Burial Ground	€600.00
Kilmurray Carrick on Suir Burial Ground	€600.00
The Immaculate Conception Graveyard	€600.00

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	Kilvemnon Mullinahone Burial Ground	€800.00
	Lanespark Burial Ground	€600.00
	Lismolin Burial Ground	€800.00
	Magoury Drangan Burial Ground	€600.00
	Modeshill Mullinahone Burial Ground	€600.00
	Magorban Parish Council	€600.00
	Nun's Graveyard	€600.00
	Assumption Graveyard	€600.00
	Old Ballingarry Burial Ground	€800.00
	Peppardstown Fethard Burial Ground	€800.00
	Rathcoole Fethard Burial Ground	€800.00
	Raheen Graveyard	€600.00
	Red City Fethard Burial Ground	€600.00
	River Street Killenaule Burial Ground	€800.00
	St. Johnstown Killenaule Burial Ground	€800.00
	St. Joseph's Ballingarry Burial Ground	€800.00
	St. Mary's Churchyard, Killenaule	€600.00
	St. Mary's Drangan Burial Ground	€600.00
	St. Michael's Church Graveyard	€600.00
	St. Patrick's Churchyard Faugheen	€600.00
	Woodhouse Burial Ground	€600.00
	Templemichael Graveyard	€600.00
	Tullamaine Fethard Burial Ground	€800.00
	Moyglass Graveyard	€600.00

**Item 4.6.2.
Assistance of Bodies
under Section 66 of the
Local Government Act,
2001 – Tidy Towns
Support Grants 2024.**

The members considered a report and recommendation in relation to 17 no. Tidy Towns groups who had applied for support under the 2024 Tidy Towns Support Grants for Carrick on Suir Municipal District

Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne, **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 from the District Administrator, that payments totalling €12,750, be and are hereby approved in respect of grants to Tidy Town Committees for 2024 as set out in the schedule hereunder."

Item 4.6.2. cont'd/
Assistance of Bodies under
Section 66 of the Local
Government Act, 2001 –
Tidy Towns Support Grants
2024.

SCHEDULE

Ahenny Tidy Towns	€750.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Association	€750.00
Ballinure Community Group	€750.00
Ballyneale Tidy Towns	€750.00
Ballynonty Tidy Towns	€750.00
Carrick on Suir Tidy Towns	€750.00
Clashnasmuth Tidy Towns	€750.00
Cloneen Tidy Villages & Graveyard Committee	€750.00
Drangan Tidy Towns Committee	€750.00
Dualla Tidy Towns	€750.00
Fethard Tidy Town & Killusty Community Council	€750.00
Faugheen Tidy Towns	€750.00
Glengoole Tidy Towns	€750.00
Grangemockler Tidy Towns	€750.00
Killenaule Community Enhancement Association	€750.00
Mullinahone Tidy Towns Association	€750.00
The Commons Tidy Towns	€750.00

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

Item 5.1. None
D.E. Orders:

6.0. Correspondence

Item 6.1. The Meetings Administrator circulated correspondence from the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment containing press release and details pertaining to the Increased Cost of Business Grant 2024. This was noted.

7.0. Notices of Motion

Item 7.1. None

8.0. Any Other Business

Item 8.1. The Cathaoirleach referred to correspondence commenced on foot of notice of motion no. 2246 with the Garda Commissioner concerning staffing levels at Carrick on Suir Garda station noted that there was still no response. Deploring the disrespect on the part of Garda authorities towards the Municipal District, he proposed that a further strongly-worded letter would issue by way of follow-up. He cited cases where person were travelling to other centres such as Clonmel and Mooncoin to avail of passport services and outlined some of the difficulties associated with same experienced by customer.

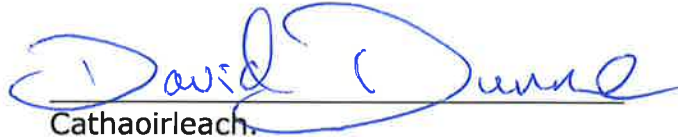
The proposal was seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne concurring with the sentiments. He cited as an example that during the course of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the management of traffic had to be carried out by unauthorised persons, which was totally unacceptable, and quite possibly illegal.

He noted that there were two Clonmel-based Gardaí in attendance on the day which was gratefully acknowledged, albeit totally inadequate for the numbers of participants involved and spectating on the day.

This concluded the business of the meeting. [10.17]



District Administrator.



Cathaoirleach.

25 April 2024

