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| <b>In the Chair:</b>                                | Cllr. D. Dunne, Leas-Chathaoirleach  |
| <b>Members Present:</b>                             | Cllr. M. Fitzgerald, Cllr. I. Goldsboro, Cllr. K. O'Meara  |
| <b>Apologies:</b>                                   | Cllr. K. Bourke, Cathaoirleach   |
| <b><u>Attending from</u></b>                        |  |
| <b>Carrick on Suir MD</b>                           | Mr. B Beck, A/Director of Services; Ms. M O'Gorman, Meetings Administrator; Mr. D. Power, A/District Engineer; Mr. P/ Farrell, Executive Engineer; Ms. H. Cahill, Staff Officer. |
| <b>Environment &amp; Climate Action Directorate</b> | Mr. Michael Moroney, Senior Executive Officer; Ms. Colette Moloney, Senior Executive Scientist   |
| <b>LAWPRO:</b>                                      | Ms. Ruth Hennessy, Executive Scientific Officer; Ms. Catherine Seale, Community Waters Officer.  |

### ***1.0. Welcome and Introduction***

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| <b>Item 1.1.<br/>Summons and Prayer:</b> | The summons was taken as read |
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### ***2.0. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Council***

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| <b>Item 2.1.<br/>Conflict of Interest Declaration</b> | None to record |
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### ***3.0. Consideration of Minutes***

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| <b>Item 3.1.<br/>Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27 March 2024</b> | The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 27 March 2024 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. K. O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro, and signed by the Cathaoirleach. |
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### ***4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations***

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| <b>Item 4.1.<br/>Environment &amp; Climate Action Directorate</b> | <p>The briefing report of Environment and Climate Action Directorate was circulated and taken as read.</p> <p>With Mr. Michael Moroney Senior Executive Officer, and Ms. Colette Moloney, Senior Executive Scientist in attendance, the following queries from the members were addressed:</p> <p><u>Cllr. K. O'Meara:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Queried whether there was any pre-approval process associated with application for septic tank grants given the financial impact on householders.</li></ul> |
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- Commended staff and voluntary groups engaged in Spring Clean-ups and deplored the volumes of rubbish retrieved from hedgerows during the course of same.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Suggested that further awareness campaigns were necessary along with increased enforcement for fly-tipping.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Questioned whether checks were ongoing to identify households' methods of waste disposal.
- Sought information in relation to responsibility for waste disposal in multi-unit residential situations – i.e. whether responsibility for disposal arrangements was the remit of the landlord or tenants in such situations.

In response, Mr. Moroney confirmed the position whereby investigations were ongoing in seeking to obtain evidence to support prosecution for fly-tipping. He also confirmed that most household checks carried out were a response to information leads and he assured that follow ups were undertaken until a satisfactory outcome was achieved. In the case of flats and apartments, situations varied according to terms of tenancy agreements, whether waste disposal was the remit of the landlord or of the tenant(s).

Dealing with the query on septic tank grants, Ms. Moloney indicated that there was no pre-approval process associated with same, and she recognised that this was a significant stumbling block for applicants. She undertook to refer the matter to the Department in an effort to effect change in this regard and stated that she would revert on obtaining a response.

**Item 4.2.**  
**LAWPRO attendance;**

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The Local Authority Waters Programme [LAWPRO] Briefing Note for Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District for April 2024 was circulated and taken as read.

Ms. Ruth Hennessy, Executive Scientific Officer attended, along with her colleague, Ms. Catherine Seale, Community Water Officer, and she outlined the position whereby LAWPRO (lead by Kilkenny County Council and Tipperary County Council) was established to examine why water quality failed to meet and was falling behind in terms of acceptable standards. She noted that only 33% of water courses in Tipperary were meeting standards as per EPA data, and LAWPRO's role was to co-ordinate actions of different contributing agencies nationally. Ms. Hennessy and Ms Seale gave a comprehensive update in relation to LAWPRO activities and responded to queries from the members.

Mr. Brian Beck, Director, acknowledged the support of LAWPRO in relation to ongoing works under RRDF-funded regeneration plan in providing practical solutions to reduce surface water; in particular, he referenced proposals incorporated at the Bog Field and at the Goldcrop Site respectively and welcomed the community grants that could leverage LEADER funding for suitable projects with the key theme of sustainability.

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**Item 4.3.  
District Engineer's  
Report**

The Schedule of Municipal District Works for April 2024 was circulated and considered by the members, with the District Engineer, Mr. Denis Power outlining progress to date under the various headings. The following matters arose:

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- o Sought estimated start date for works at Drangan school and Fethard Car Park respectively
- o Requested the engagement of contractor to jet drains and gullies at Drangan and Cloneen.

Cllr. K. O'Meara:

- o Commended the progress achieved to date on the roads programme and queried whether a list of proposed works under IPB funding could be presented for information purposes.
- o Noted that additional maintenance would result from completion of N76 works at Grangemockler and sought update on proposed measure to address flooding at this location
- o Sought update on (a) design and roll-out of safety improvement measures at Mullinahone, and (b) surfacing at entrance to GAA car park in the village.
- o Referred to commitment to carry out camera survey of 'The Spout' at Mullinahone and sought update in relation to same.

Cllr. I. Goldsboro:

- o Applauded the exceptional standard of roadworks carried out recently by contractors in her area.
- o Queried whether there was funding in place for provision of smart bins for villages
- o Queried whether 3-year roads programme would come before the Council for adoption ahead of the June local election
- o Requested the expansion of the car park at Fethard in view of intensification of activity in the area

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- o Complained that Uisce Eireann had already dug up the newly-laid surface on the N24 to repair a leaking watermain despite prior warning and engagement with that body. The new surface was now patched which he considered unacceptable in terms of reinstatement.

- Noted that there was a build-up of silt at N24 traffic islands and requested that TII be instructed to address along with outstanding tree-planting.
- Sought update in relation to flood relief works at Cregg Road.

Responding to issues raised, the District Engineer stated that -

- there was no date set for commencement of works at Drangan but that it would be scheduled on completion of roadworks programme.
- A contractor would be engaged to clear drains and gullies at Drangan and Cloneen as requested.
- A design was completed for safety improvement works and for entrance to GAA car park.
- He had engaged surveyor to survey at Mullinahone and would meet on-site with the Councillor in this regard.
- A specialist contractor was required to carry out surveying of 'The Spout' as it was deemed a 'confined space'
- He would examine the request for smart bins at the villages
- It was unlikely that a 3-year roads programme would be brought before the members prior to the local elections
- The Fethard car park was located in a special area of conservation [SAC] such that an EIAR report would need to be commissioned; a SUDS design (*sustainable drainage system*) could be incorporated to provide additional facilities at this location.

He further stated that he would follow up with regard to reinstatement of the N24, noting that he had requested a long-term measure of Uisce Eireann for this location. He assured that reinstatement proposals must meet certain standards of test compaction material prior to approval issuing. He also confirmed that he had met with landowners at Cregg Road where it was intended to introduce LAWPRO measures to address localised flooding at this location.

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

**CARRICK ON SUIR REGENERATION PLAN**

The Meetings Administrator circulated her report incorporating an update in relation to the Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan for Phases 1, 2 and 3. She also circulated an advertisement placed in the 'Irish Independent' on the 22 April 2024, commencing a public consultation on proposed traffic calming measures under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 to prohibit certain classes of vehicles from using Dillon Bridge, New Street and Main Street during the course of the works.

She noted that the process entailed consultation with An Garda Síochána, fire and ambulance services and other prescribed bodies such as TII (where the proposal is to be implemented on

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District Administrator's  
Report

a national road). Written submissions, representations and observations would be invited over a period of one month's consultation in relation to the proposed traffic calming scheme. On the closed of the consultation period, a report would be prepared and a workshop would be held with the members. This was duly noted.

#### CARRICK ON SUIR LOCAL AREA PLAN 2025 - 2031

The Meetings Administrator referred to impending Local Area Plan which was currently in the pre-draft stage for Carrick-on-Suir with a 4-week period of public consultation commencing on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** and ending on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – advertised in The Nationalist and Tipperary Star on 1 May 2024. This non-statutory consultation was effectively an information gathering element of the process (Stage 1) and an Issues Paper, setting out key questions and ideas concerning the Plan, would be provided to the members via email in advance of 7 May.

Mr. Fergal O'Donnell, A/Senior Executive Planner will contact the members individually in this regard. She also informed that the Planning Policy team would also be hosting an information evening in the Carrick-on-Suir library from 3-7pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Before the LAP would be published in draft form in autumn, it was intended that the Planning Policy team would provide workshops for elected members explaining the LAP processes, and the role and requirements of elected members throughout the process. This was noted.

**Item 4.5.  
General Municipal  
Allocation 2024**

#### GMA Community Grants 2024

A report containing District Administrator's recommendation was circulated to the members relating to the Community Grants Scheme 2024. With 39 applications received by the closing date, she recommended the award of grants varying from €375 to €1,000, and totalling €29,370 out of a total budget of €30,000 as adopted by the members at the February 2024 monthly meeting. Following consideration by the members,

It was proposed by Cllr. K. O'Meara, 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 grants totalling €29,370 be and are hereby approved for payment in respect of Community grants to the following recipients:*

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General Municipal  
Allocation 2024 -  
COMMUNITY GRANTS  
SCHEME 2024

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| Ard Alainn Residents Committee           | €1000.00 |
| Ballingarry Albion FC                    | €900.00  |
| Ballingarry GAA Club                     | €800.00  |
| Ballingarry Camogie Club                 | €800.00  |
| Ballingarry Parish Field                 | €800.00  |
| Ballingarry Community Café               | €500.00  |
| Ballingarry Community Centre             | €500.00  |
| Ballingarry Tidy Towns                   | €800.00  |
| Ballingarry Historic & Journal           | €500.00  |
| Ballyneale Community Field CLG           | €800.00  |
| Ballynonty Community Group               | €800.00  |
| Castle Court Residents Committee         | €1000.00 |
| Castle Heights Residents Committee       | €1000.00 |
| CJ Kickhams Mullinahone GAA Club         | €1000.00 |
| Carrick-on-Suir & District Angling Assoc | €500.00  |
| Clairin Residents Association            | €480.00  |
| Cloneen Sports and Social Club           | €800.00  |
| Cluain Ard Residents Association         | €375.00  |
| Fethard Junior Park Run                  | €1000.00 |
| Fethard Regional Community Sport CLG     | €800.00  |
| Fethard Tennis club                      | €1000.00 |
| Fethard Tidy Towns                       | €800.00  |
| Galteemore Kickboxing Club               | €800.00  |
| Glengoole Millennium Comm Res Centre     | €900.00  |
| Glengoole Tidy Towns                     | €800.00  |
| Lissadell Residents Association          | €800.00  |
| Manor Close Residents Association        | €750.00  |
| Moyglass Tidy Villages                   | €800.00  |
| Mullinahone Tidy Towns                   | €800.00  |
| Old School Community Centre              | €765.00  |
| Orchard Crescent Residents Assoc         | €500.00  |
| Slieve Ardagh Mining Group               | €500.00  |
| Slieve Ardagh Rural Dev Group            | €800.00  |
| Slieveardagh Mining Book Committee       | €500.00  |
| Carrick-on-Suir Patricks Day Committee   | €800.00  |
| The Spout Maintenance Group              | €600.00  |
| Carrick-on-Suir Utd                      | €800.00  |
| Realta Special Needs Sports Club         | €1000.00 |
| Mullinahone FC                           | €1000.00 |
| Moyglass Tidy Villages                   | €800.00  |

**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.  
D.E. Order 37103** Delegated Employee's order 37103 relating to the issue of casual trading licence to Carrick-on-Suir Development Association for operation of Farmers' Market at Heritage Centre, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary, was circulated and noted.
- Item 5.2.  
D.E. Order 37540** Delegated Employee's order 37540 relating to licence issued to Sadler's Restaurant, Fethard under Section 254 of Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for erection of fingerpost signage, was circulated and noted
- Item 5.3.  
D.E. Order 37541** Delegated Employee's order 37541 relating to licence issued to The Carraig Hotel, Main Street, Carrick-on-Suir under Section 254 of Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) for use of public road for outdoor dining, was circulated and noted.

**6.0. Correspondence**

- Item 6.1.** The Meetings Administrator indicated that there were no items for consideration under this heading.

**7.0. Notices of Motion**

- Item 7.1.  
Motion no. 2807** Motion no. 2807 was proposed by Cllr. D. Dunne, and seconded by Cllr K. O'Meara:
- "That this Council conducts speed surveys on the following approach roads; Dungarvan Road to Carrick beg – Waterford Road from Portlaw to Carrick beg and St. John's Road."*
- The Meetings Administrator circulated a report which stated that the surveys would be carried out as requested. Cllr. Dunne expressed satisfaction with the response  
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- Item 7.2.  
Motion No. 2808** Motion no. 2808 was proposed by Cllr. D. Dunne, and seconded by Cllr. M. Fitzgerald;
- "That this Council fixes the ongoing flooding issue affecting Manor Close housing estate in Carrickbeg, which has been going on for years."*
- The Meetings Administrator circulated a report which stated that the matter would be investigated with a view to resolving this issue. Cllr Dunne expressed his satisfaction with the response while noting that the issues was a legacy issue, left unresolved by the developer.  
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**Item no. 7.3.**  
**Motion No. 2809**

Motion no. 2809 was proposed by Cllr. D. Dunne, and seconded By Cllr. M. Fitzgerald.

*"I call on this Council to look for a dedication fund (outside of the general housing maintenance fund) to deal with mould and dampness in our district housing stock."*

The report circulated by the Meetings Administrator noted that issues of mould and dampness came within the scope of normal housing maintenance, and regrettably there was no alternative funding source available to the local authority in addressing such matters.

Cllr. Dunne expressed disappointment with the response while Noting that his motion was more appropriate to the Plenary Council/Housing Directorate. His underlying intention was to secure a new protocol whereby an independent surveyor would be retained to examine individual properties and make the appropriate recommendation(s) for remediation in such instances.

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**Item 8.1.**

There were no items for consideration under this heading.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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District Administrator.



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23 May 2024