

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING,
HELD AT 11.00 a.m. IN TOWN HALL, PARNELL STREET ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH MAY, 2022

Present: Councillor Michael Murphy, Mayor
Councillor Niall P. Dennehy
Councillor Siobhán Ambrose
Councillor John Fitzgerald
Councillor Richie Molloy
Councillor Pat English

In Attendance: Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services
Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator
Ms. Emma Ryan, Executive Engineer
Ms. Marie O'Donnell, Staff Officer

Also in Attendance: Mr. Jonathan Cooney,
Mr. Kieran Ladden
Mr. Pat Holland, Administrative Officer
Mr. John Fogarty, Executive Engineer

Item 1.1 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest

Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

Item 2.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 18th May, 2022

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 20th April, 2022, as presented, were proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald and agreed by all.

Matters Arising:

- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked that the District Administrator revert back to the roads section in relation to the dual payment machines for parking? and ask if Clonmel could be the lead in driving this project forward.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked if there is any update with provision of CCTV in Clonmel?
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose referred to the digit hub roll out and asked if the Clonmel Business Group updated the District Administrator?
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked why the entire outside of the Town Hall was not been painted?
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked if there was any update on Market Place?
- Cllr. Pat English referred to his notice of motion regarding a meeting with the IDA which had not been put forward at the last meeting in his absence and asked if the District Administrator would now write to IDA and request same?
- Cllr. Niall Dennehy enquired as to whether there was any update on the town bus service in Clonmel that he raised at a previous meeting?
- Cllr. Niall Dennehy asked the District Administrator if there was any financial aid from NAMA in relation to dereliction around the town?
- Cllr. John Fitzgerald welcomed the installation of ramps at Clerihan National School currently. However, some residents are not happy with the location of some ramps and can this be looked in to by the District Engineer?

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Response made as follows;

- In relation to the dual payment machines the District Administrator explained that there was a system in operation currently where people could avail of online payment option. The cost to change over any machines currently that don't have dual payment facility already disabled will cost up to €5,000 per unit.
- In relation to the CCTV the consultants are in the process of finalising the report for costing in relation to the replacement of existing cameras.
- There is no update on the Digital Hub.
- The District Administrator has stated that he will look in to the possibility of painting the Town Hall.
- The District Administrator confirmed that he would write to the IDA on behalf of the Members as agreed by all, the wording "failure" was agreed to be dropped from the composition of the letter.
- The District Administrator will engage with the bus operator in Clonmel to find out what the issue is in resuming a local bus service.
- Mr. Adam Coffey, Executive Officer will revert to Cllr John Fitzgerald in relation to the speed ramps at Rosegreen.

Item 3.1 Attendance of Representative from Directorate Planning

Mr. Jonathan Flood, District Planner and Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Environment Directorate.

Key issues in the briefing note included:

- County Development Plan
- Urban Regeneration and Development Fund
- Rural Regeneration and Development Fund
- Clonmel 2030
- Historic Structure Fund 2022
- Taking in Charge
- Planning Applications

The following queries were raised to the briefing note by members:

- Cllr. Pat English enquired about the 41 submissions received in relation to the County Development Plan and asked when would that report be put to the members?
- Cllr. Pat English asked if the LIT Sports Hub and Kickham Barracks were on schedule and if there was any impact to them in relation to the rising costs nationally on materials and labour?
- Cllr. Pat English, Cllr. Niall Dennehy and Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked if there were any timeframes available for the Kilsheelan Cluster Housing going for sale?
- Cllr. Niall Dennehy asked if Tipperary County Council were impacted by the ongoing An Bord Pleanála enquiry?
- Cllr. Niall Dennehy asked the planning section if members of the public in the town of Clonmel were aware that the Clonmel Development Plan is now being replaced by an Area Plan?

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- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked when the commencement of the Clonmel Area Plan will commence?

Members' queries were addressed as follows:

- In relation to the CE report on material amendments will be circulated to all members on the 27th May, 2020 for consideration. It is hoped that the adoption of the Plan will be scheduled for the July Plenary Meeting.
- Both LIT Sports Hub and Kickham Barracks developments are currently on schedule. Guidelines from the Department in relation to costs will issue shortly. As both projects are almost complete it should not impact them.
- A design team were appointed in January 2022 working through development detail designs on the Cluster Housing in Kilsheelan, and anticipated this will be completed by Q2, 2023. No timeline available for when sites would be available to purchase.
- Ms. Sinead Carr, Town Manager stated that the National Development Structure set targets for regional structure, regional structure set targets for county structure and that structure set targets for the towns including Clonmel so nothing has changed.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Jonathan Flood, District Planner and Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer for their attendance and report.

Item 3.2 Attendance of Representative from Directorate Water Services

Mr. Pat Holland, Administrative Officer and Mr. John Fogarty, Executive Engineer referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Water Services Directorate.

Key issues in the briefing note included:

- Irish Water Investment Plan 2020-2024
- Irish Water Infrastructure Projects for County Tipperary
- Clonmel Town and Rural water supply scheme
- Investment Plan Portfolios
- Networks Portfolio Delivery (Water & Wastewater)
- Irish Water National Water Resources Plan
- Irish Water Small Towns and Villages Programme
- Non-Domestic Water Charges
- Council Workshops with Irish Water
- Water Sector Transformation

The following queries were raised to the briefing note by members:

- Cllr. Pat English asked if Irish Water are on track with timelines for Glanary plant feeding to Poulmagunogue plant and plans to bring in the Monroe supply?

Members' queries were addressed as follows:

- The Glenary Plant upgrade is due update to disinfectant programme they are not going to extend it in to Poulmagunogue. In relation to Monroe Irish Water have completed their borehole surveys.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Pat Holland, Administrative Officer and Mr. John Fogarty, Executive Engineer for their attendance and report.

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Item 4.1 Agree date for AGM proposed for Thursday 30th June, 2022

This was proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose and seconded by Cllr Pat English

Item 5.1 Report of District Administrator

The District Administrators Report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

Queries raised by the members were as follows:

- Cllr. Pat English asked if there was any update on the tree strategy for Clonmel?
- Cllr. Pat English ask if there was any timeline for funding under the URDF?
- Cllr. Pat English asked if the District Administrator can write to the Minister Burke again, this time face to face in relation to the mental health service and lack thereof in the town of Clonmel?
- Cllr. Niall Dennehy enquired in relation to residential parking permits in the town of the Clonmel for residents of a property that have 2 cars, can we not allow 2 permits currently only 1 permit per household, it seems unfair?
- Cllr. Niall Dennehy asked if the Travellers who are currently parked up on the side of the Road towards Marlfield had previously been housed?
- Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose asked if there was an update on the grant to upgrade the playground equipment in Mulcahy Park?

Queries raised by the Members which Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator responded to were as follows;

- The District Administrator confirmed that he is currently in the middle of drawing up the bones of a strategy, then get the involvement from interested groups and get them to advise what should and shouldn't be included in the strategy. Then after that get a consultant to put the strategy together.
- The call 2 for the URDF hasn't been advised yet, indications is that it will be approx Q3, 2022.
- The District Administrator will write to the Minister in relation to mental health as requested.
- The major issue with residential permits is that there is currently not enough parking on some streets for households with one car never mind two cars and if they park on another nearby street they are pushing the problem on to that street.
- It was confirmed that the Travellers that are currently parking illegally on the Marlfield to Knocklofty road had previously been housed.
- There is no update on the Mulcahy Playground, the District Engineer can advise at a later point on same.
- On the proposal by Cllr. Pat English and seconded by Cllr. Richie Molloy the District Administrator will write to the Minister in relation to the mental health services in Clonmel and ask for a physical meeting.

Item 5.2 Report of District Engineer – Roads Programme

Ms. Emma Ryan, deputising for the District Engineer circulated the District Engineer's report to Members with the agenda.

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

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- Cllr. Pat English asked what safety measures are being proposed at the bad junction from Moklerstown to Clerihan as €39,000 was allocated to those works?
- Both Cllr. Pat English and Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked if there was any update on the proposed entrance to St. Patrick's Cemetery?
- Cllr. Pat English confirmed that there has been very positive feedback about the Marlfield road traffic calming measures however, the traffic from Ardfinnan into Marlfield is travelling very fast can this be looked in to in regards further speed cushions?
- Cllr Pat English requested an update on the OPW Marlfield Flood Alleviation Scheme?
- Cllr. Pat English looked for an update on the works to be carried out at Rathronan Cross.
- Cllr. John Fitzgerald referred to drainage works done at Kilcash and asked if the material left behind from these works can be cleared?
- Cllr. Pat English also referred to Tullamaine Castle near castle and asked if surface dressing can be put on road beside the castle which is a cul de sac.
- Cllr. Richie Molloy asked if there was an update to his notice of motion at a previous meeting regarding speed cushions at Heywood Drive.
- Cllr. Richie Molloy asked about the cutting of grass in estates and have the Council reduced the amount of cutting that they are doing currently?
- Cllr. Michael Murphy asked if the Clerk of Works could keep a close eye on works carried out by utility companies after reinstatements from road openings.
- Cllr. Michael Murphy referred to a previous notice of motion in relation to erection of signage as you travel in to Cashel Street and turn left in to William Street, lots of HGV vehicles getting caught there. Signage to confirm no HGV's would help this situation.

Queries raised by the Members which Ms. Emma Ryan, deputising for District Engineer responded to were as follows:

- The safety measures at Mocklerstown will be dealt with by Mr. Adam Coffey recently appointed Executive Engineer. Currently he is seeking prices for permanent VMS signs.
- An update on the upgrade works to the entrance at St. Patrick's Cemetery will be provided by Mr. Adam Coffey.
- Query in relation to Marlfield traffic calming from the Ardfinnan side is a matter for Mr. Adam Coffey and concerns will be passed on to him in relation to same.
- An update on the OPW Marlfield Alleviation Flood Scheme will be furnished by Mr. Michael Scully and furnished to all in the coming days.
- Works at Rathronan will be followed up with the District Engineer.
- Ms. Emma Ryan confirmed that she will be responsible for having the materials cleared at Kilcash that were left behind after recent works carried out there.
- In relation to surface roadworks being carried out at Tullamaine Castle, they wont form part of the works for this year however, Ms. Emma Ryan will look in to a patching unit in the interim.
- The issue of speed cushions at Heywood Road will be brought to the attention of the District Engineer.

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- In relation to the cutting of grass, currently there is a "no mow may" initiative being rolled out across the country to help pollinators.
- Road openings are dealt with through road opening licence procedure, we have been tracking across the county any temporary re-instatements and any that are not up to standard are being followed up for various issues.
- Signage for HGV's will be followed up with the District Engineer.

Item 5.3 Report of District Engineer – Housing Voids Programme

The District Engineer's report was circulated to Members with agenda.

- No issues were raised.

Item 6.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 13th May, 2022

The item was noted.

Item 7.1 to 7.4 – Notice of Motion

Motion 2415 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy

That a section of road at Tullahea South Lodge in the Clonmel District, Eircode E32K658, is considered for resurfacing having regard to it's very poor condition.

Reply:

We will consider this road L-6515-0 for the 2023 RWP programme.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Siobhán Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2424 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

Following the recent announcement by the Department of new sewerage scheme grants can we get confirmation from the Department as to whether Killusty, Ballypatrick or Moangarriff in the Clonmel District could be eligible for new sewerage schemes under this grant?

Reply:

If agreed by the Members, a letter will be issued to Irish Water in relation this issue.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Michael Murphy.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2425 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose

That Clonmel Borough District Council investigates the possibility of improving the junction at the Silversprings roundabout on the Waterford Road in order to make it easier for motorists and cyclists accessing this junction from Silversprings Road. The speed of the traffic coming from the town side into this junction can make access into this junction from Silversprings Road very difficult. In addition, as part of these studies can we also review the access road from St. Patrick's Road onto the Silversprings Road? These improvement works should also be explored under schemes like the Active Travel Scheme which promotes cycling and walking as this junction services a large residential area and is near both St. Patrick's Cemetery and Mulcahy Park. There are two children's Playgrounds in Mulcahy Park and the park itself is also located alongside the recently internationally accredited Blueway which is very popular with both walkers and cyclists and a result improvement works at this junction should be considered under all schemes.

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Reply:

We have appointed Sweco Ireland to develop a design to improve the cycling facilities on Davis Road from Moangariff to Anglesea street. This scheme includes the Silversprings roundabout and Moangariff roundabout. They have just started to look at the scheme therefore it will take some time to work through the options and develop a preferred layout.

The preferred layout will be brought before the members in advance of any planning

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2428 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

That Clonmel Borough District Council investigates the possibility of upgrading the Moangariff Roundabout in conjunction with schemes like the Active Travel Scheme which promotes cycling and walking initiatives. This area is a popular walking and cycling area and in addition to significant housing developments nearby this junction is also near St. Patrick's Cemetery and Mulcahy Park which contains two playgrounds and runs alongside the recently accredited Blueway. I would appreciate if upgrading works at this junction could be explored.

Reply:

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The preferred layout will be brought before the members in advance of any planning application.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Item 8.1 Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

Item 9.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations


- A vote of sympathy was issued to the family of the late Mary Cleary, Croan Upper, Coleville Road, Clonmel.
- A vote of sympathy was issued to the family of the late Brendan Daly, Glenaleamy, Silversprings, Clonmel.
- A vote of sympathy was issued to the family of the late Maeve Davies, Upper Gladstone Street, Clonmel.
- A vote of sympathy was issued to the family of the late Patrick Cashin, 57 College Avenue, Clonmel.
- A vote of sympathy was issued to the family of the late Francis Delaney, Ballyboe, Clonmel.

Item 10.1 Any Other Business

None.

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Signed: 

Dated: 15/06/2022

DEPUTY Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Signed: 

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District Administrator