

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District
held in the Council Chamber, District Office, New Street, Carrick on Suir at
2:00pm on the 28 March 2022.**

<i>In the Chair:</i>	Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald
<i>Members Present:</i>	Cllr. Kieran Bourke, Cllr. D. Dunne, Cllr. I. Goldsboro, Cllr. K. O'Meara
<i>Apologies</i>	
<i>In Attendance:</i>	
<i>From Carrick on Suir Municipal District:</i>	Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Services Ms. Marie O'Gorman, District Administrator Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer Ms. Liz McGrath, Staff Officer
<i>Housing Directorate:</i>	Mr. Shane Grogan, Administrative Officer Mr. Seán Lonergan, Administrative Officer Mr. Daniel Roche, Executive Engineer
<i>C & E Directorate/and Tipperary Tourism CLG:</i>	Ms. Marie Phelan
<i>Planning:</i>	Mr. Jonathan Flood

Welcome and introduction

<i>Item 1.1.</i>	
<i>Summons and Prayer.</i>	The summons was taken as read.

Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Council.

<i>Item 1.2.</i>	
<i>Suspension of Standing Orders</i>	It was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara and agreed to suspend standing orders to allow attendance of officers by means of 'Zoom'
<i>Item 1.3.</i>	
<i>Conflict of Interest Declaration.</i>	None to record.
<i>Item 2.1.</i>	
<i>Minutes of the</i>	The minutes of the Joint meeting of Carrick on Suir MD and Piltown MD held on the 02 February 2022 at Rhu Glen Hotel,

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Joint Meeting of Carrick on Suir MD and Piltown MD dated 02 February 2022.

Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. K. Bourke and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Item 2.2.

Minutes of the Monthly meeting of Carrick on Suir MD held on the 24 February 2022.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 24 February 2022 at the Council Chamber, District Office, Carrick on Suir were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. I. Goldsboro, seconded by Cllr. K. O'Meara and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 3.1. Update by Housing Directorate.

A housing briefing report was circulated with the agenda and taken as read. The meeting was attended by Messrs. Shane Grogan, Administrative Officer, Seán Lonergan, Administrative Officer and Daniel Roche, Executive Engineer who responded to queries raised by the Members as follows:

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Sought update in relation to rollout of Choice Based Letting Scheme, in context that many of his constituents were unable to access the system owing to technical difficulties and suggested that the rollout should be suspended, pending the resolution of those technicalities. He was also concerned at the possibility that those bids would be lost.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Queried whether there were any plans for the Department to increase income thresholds for eligibility for social housing and HAP.
- Referring to recently commissioned new housing application form, he asked what additional information was requested of applicants? And if some applicants were using the incorrect version, how would their applications be affected?

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald:

- Sought update in relation to the retrofit programme

Item 3.1. cont'd/ In response, Mr. S. Lonergan stated that the rollout of the CBL system encountered initial difficulties on Friday 25 March when the software was inadvertently not changed from 'testing' mode to 'live' mode. However, those technicalities were ironed out by 15:46 that afternoon and he was satisfied that 100% of clients could now access the system. In addition, the 7 properties offered in the initial round would be held for a further 7 days. He noted that 15% of clients who were initially unable to complete their bids, had had their data captured and that information was included in the process; he stated that for any future bids, clients encountering difficulties could present to the District Offices or the Civic Offices for assistance.

He noted that of approx. 3,500 housing applicants in Tipperary, some 3,007 applicants had logged on to the system, representing 85% of the total. Compared with Cork City & County Council who commissioned the system earlier, he stated that it took over a year to achieve 85% engagement.

In relation to new housing application form, he confirmed that stocks of previous versions were removed from all offices he indicated assistance would be provided to applicants required to submit additional information. The new version incorporated information in relation to members of the travelling community and other items.

Mr. S. Grogan stated that as yet, there was no indication from the Department of its intention to revise income thresholds for eligibility for social housing or housing assistance payments.

Mr. D. Roche undertook to revert with update on rollout of retrofit programme.

Item 3.2.

***Update from C& E
Directorate.***

A report on the activities of the Community & Economic Development Directorate was circulated, its contents noted and taken as read. Ms. Marie Phelan attended virtually for the purpose of addressing any queries or clarifying matters for the elected Members. There were no issues arising.

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Item 3.3.

**Tipperary
Tourism CLG –
Annual
Presentation.**

Ms. Marie Phelan, Tourism Development Officer, attended the meeting virtually for the purpose of delivering her presentation. However, with technical issues preventing the display of same, it was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. M. Fitzgerald and agreed to defer the matter to the April monthly meeting.

Item 3.4.

**Part 8 Planning
Process – Old
Post Office
Digital Hub 2021.**

**Part 8 Process: Digital Hub at Old Post Office
Carrick on Suir (Protected Structure)**

The report of the Chief Executive pertaining to the proposed development of a digital hub at the Old Post Office, Main Street, Carrick on Suir, (*Protected Structure R.P.S. 1.17*) was circulated with the agenda on the 21 March 2022. Mr. Jonathan Flood, A/Senior Executive Planner attended the meeting and outlined its contents. Noting that there was one submission received from Mr. William Foley, he discussed the Chief Executive's response as outlined in Section 9 of the report.

Mr. Foley suggested that part of the premises would better serve the town were it to be used as a sports memorabilia museum; he noted that the building itself was of historical importance to the town and that part of it could be used to showcase the talent that Carrick possessed in cycling and GAA, with linkage developed with this use and the Tudor Artisan Hub.

The points raised were duly noted; however, the proposed use of the building as a business hub required the entirety of the building floorspace and it was not possible to incorporate the alternative use as suggested. Furthermore, such suggested use did not form part of the uses planned for the building and no change was recommended arising from consideration of the submission.

It was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne and RESOLVED

"To proceed with the development as recommended in the Chief Executive's report, subject to the following conditions;

Item 3.4. cont'd.

- (1) *That all groundworks associated with the development to be undertaken under the supervision of a licensed archaeologist. Any recommendations of the archaeologist or National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage regarding the works be adhered to.*
- (2) *The recommendation and mitigation measures outlined under the Architectural Heritage Impact Statement to be implemented in full."*

Following consideration of the report there voted as follows;

In favour

Cllr. K. Bourke
Cllr. D. Dunne
Cllr. M. Fitzgerald
Cllr. I. Goldsboro
Cllr. K. O'Meara.

Against

The motion was adopted unanimously.

Item 3.5.
District
Engineer's
Report.

Roads Programme 2022

A draft Roads Programme 2022 was circulated and considered at a Councillors' workshop earlier, attended by Mr. Liam Brett, Senior Engineer, Mr. Willie Corby, District Engineer and Mr. Denis Power, Executive Engineer, incorporating proposals to expend €14,175,426 in 2022 under the various categories.

It was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, seconded by Cllr. I. Goldsboro and unanimously adopted for 2022 and welcomed by all the Members as a fair and balanced distribution of the allocation for the current year.

It was also agreed that the Members would convey their suggestions for expending a rates budget of €7,310 incorporated within the plan.

Item 3.6.
District
Administrator's
Report:

3.6.1. Taking in Charge – Fethard Town Park footpath

The District Administrator noted for information purposes that a proposal to take in charge the footpath at Fethard Town Park was published in 'The Nationalist' issue dated 17th

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March 2021. Documentation associated with this process was on public display at the District Office, Carrick on Suir from Monday 21 March 2021 to Friday 29 April 2022. Any observations or submissions in relation to this matter were to be made in writing to Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services, Road Transportation and Infrastructure not later than **Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 12:00 noon**. She advised that the matter would come before the Members for consideration and adoption at the May or June monthly meeting.

3.6.2. – Community Grants Scheme 2022

The meeting was informed that the Community Grants Scheme for Carrick on Suir MD opened for online applications on the **14th March 2022** and would close on the **14th April 2022**. The District Administrator outlined the details of the scheme and anticipated that there would be 2 scheduled payment dates for the scheme – 24th June and 30th October respectively - in an effort to streamline and simplify the process. She concluded by confirming that where any group encountered technical difficulties, the MD would accept a paper application in such circumstances. This was noted.

**Item 3.7:
General
Municipal
Allocation
Update.**

3.7.1. Festivals and Events Grants Scheme 2022

A report was circulated with the agenda and considered by the members in relation to applications for funding received and adjudicated for the 2022 Festivals and Events Grants Scheme 2002.

It was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, 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 €16,900 under the District Festival and Events Scheme be made as follows;

Ballynonty Community Festival	€2,500
Fethard Community Heritage Centre	€2,500
Coolmoyne & Moyglass Vintage Club	€2,500
Kickham Country Weekend Committee	€2,500

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Brewery Lane Theatre & Arts Centre	€700
Carrick on Suir St. Patrick Day Festival	€1,000
Clancy Brothers Music & Arts Festival	€5,200*

**€2,700 of this allocation is funded from TCC Arts budget*

Cllr., D. Dunne conveyed sincere thanks to the Council for its support to the very successful St. Patrick's Day event that took place in Carrick on Suir.

Application for financial support- Cloneen Sports & Social Club.

3.7.2. Cloneen Sports & Social Club

The District Administrator outlined details of representations received on behalf of the Cloneen Community Sports and Social Club to the effect that legal difficulties relating to the manner of their corporate structure and legal title irregularities associated with their sports complex, presented obstacles to their securing funding to further develop their facilities. The costs associated with rectifying these matters was in the order of €3,600 and she recommended that a grant be allocated for this purpose from the General Municipal Allocation 2022.

Having considered the matter, the elected members agreed that the application was worthy of support; accordingly, 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 a grant of €3,600 be awarded to Cloneen Sports and Social Club."

Item 3.8.

Assistance of Bodies under Section 66 of the L.G. Act. 2001.

The District Administrator indicated that there were no matters for consideration under this heading.

Chief Executive/Delegated Officers' Orders

Items 4.1. and 4.2:

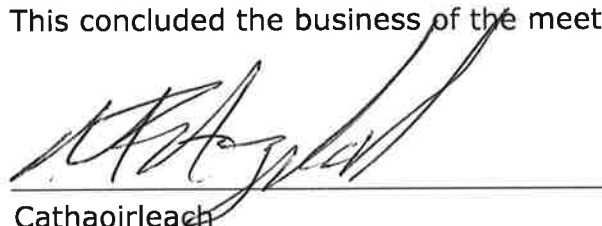
Delegated Officers orders 29157 and 29256 respectively were circulated and noted.

Correspondence

Item 5.1.

Email correspondence from Mr. Tony Musiol, Chairman of Carrick on Suir Tourism and Economic Development Act outlining its intention to provide support for Ukrainian refugees that may arrive in Carrick on Suir, was duly noted.

This concluded the business of the meeting. (15:16)



Cathaoirleach

28 April 2022



District Administrator