

In the Chair: Cllr. D. Dunne

Members Present: Cllr. M. Brennan, Cllr. K. Bourke, Cllr. M. FitzGerald, Cllr. A. Goldsboro.

Apologies:

Attending from Carrick on Suir MD Mr. B Beck, Director of Services; Ms. M. Cox, Meetings Administrator; Mr. M. Scully, District Engineer; Mr. K. Malone, Senior Engineer; Ms. S. Holloway, A/ Staff Officer, Mr. PJ Henehan, Acting A/Staff Officer.

Housing Directorate Mr. S. Lonergan, Ms. G. Barry, Ms. B. Ryan.

Other Attendees

Donal Doyle – Tipp FM
Aileen Haheesy – The Nationalist Newspaper
Katie O Donovan- Irish Independent - Online

1.0. Welcome and Introduction

Item 1.1. Summons and Prayer: The summons was taken as read

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

Item 2.1. Conflict of Interest Declaration None to record

3.0. Consideration of Minutes

Item 3.1. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 5 March 2026 The minutes of the February monthly meeting held on the 5th March 2026 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. M. FitzGerald, seconded by Cllr. A. Goldsboro, and signed by the Cathaoirleach.

4.0. Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

Item 4.2. Attendance of Housing Directorate consideration of report Ms. G. Barry circulated a comprehensive report and taking it as read, opened the floor for questions.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked the directorate for their report

- Requested some more detail regarding the housing developments at Gort an Oir, Fethard and Sliabh Alainn Drangan, querying when they will be ready to hand out keys.
- Asked re the last page on their report- would there funding mechanism for smaller villages with no sewage treatment capacity if a developer was willing to use modular treatment plant system allowed by planning, as in would Housing be open to option these as council houses?
- Commented that school numbers dropping in villages and will continue to do so unless houses are built.

Cllr. A. Goldsboro:

- Thanked Housing for their detailed report
- Stated that she is aware a number of houses in Carrick MD are being earmarked for a retrofit and asked if she could have the list of properties emailed to her?

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Housing for their report
- Raised an issue about Housing loan applications noting that while 9 applications were received only 1 application was valid, which was alarming.
- Asked what the issue is for this- is the housing application too complicated, or is there another reason for this?

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Thanked Housing for their report
- Requested an update on the number of tenants who had received Notice to Quit from their landlord.
- Also requested an update on the number of RAS tenants who had received Notice to quit, commenting that he was dealing with a RAS tenant at the moment where they received a text about the sale of the house/ NTQ which was completely wrong.
- Sought an update on the Coolnamuck site from Mr. S. Lonergan, stating that it was important that we progress any serviced sites.
- Said that the housing figures for Carrick MD stood at 340 applicants which includes transfers- wished to know if a monthly breakdown would be provided so it would be apparent if the figures were increasing/ decreasing.
- Commented that the Homeless section was extremely busy at the moment.

Responding. Ms. G. Barry:

- Said that as regards Cllr. M. FitzGerald's query re modular sewage treatment systems, she would ask the Senior Executive Engineer and revert to him with more details.

- Stated that there was 1 Housing Loan approved, with some others in progress. Housing loan applications may be refused for a number of reasons, such as the tenant not being in situ long enough, if their income is low so they don't have sufficient repayment capacity.
- Emphasised that many of the rules governing housing loans are set at national, rather than local, level.
- Confirmed that she will email the breakdown of Notice to Quit numbers for RAS and HAP tenants to Cllr. D. Dunne.
- Said that re the numbers on Carrick MD's housing list- there were 340 now, and in March 2025 there were 375. This equated to a drop of 10%.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Sought to clarify that the number was 375 in March 25, giving a drop of 35 applicants.

Responding, Ms. G. Barry:

- Stated that yes, this is correct.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Commented that a lot of houses had been built and that it was disappointing that the list was only down by 35 applicants.

Responding, Mr. S. Lonergan:

- Said that the housing development at Gort an Oir was an AHB development, but that he understood they had been engaging with Uisce Eireann to clear up some outstanding issues
- Commented that he understood that they had gotten promising news in this regard lately, but with no exact date yet.
- Said that the houses in the development in Drangan were finished internally, but that there had been a boundary issue with neighbouring property. Planning Permission had to be resubmitted to rectify, waiting on this to resolve before houses can be allocated.
- Committed to send on the list of houses for retrofit to Cllr. A. Goldsboro.
- Said that the Coolnamuck site is with architect being considered. Noted that the site may not be all social housing, all options are being explored.
- Encouraged the councillors to contact him if they knew of any potential sites which may be suitable for Housing development.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Mr. S Lonergan for his update on the Coolnamuck site, stating that the issue was going on since 2014/ Carrick UDC days.

- Commented that his understanding of the Coolnamuck site was that a decision was needed on the masterplan and also the other side of river had to be considered eg approach road from Clonmel. The need for a third bridge also needed to be considered, and the possibility of diverting traffic from Dungarvan into the third bridge

Responding, Mr. S. Lonergan:

- Said that there have been some changes to the handling of the site, and will have to revert with more details.

Cllr. D. Dunne:

- Said that inspections of council houses had commenced, as part of planned maintenance- commented that this was a great idea instead of waiting until house given back.
- Stated that unfortunately some of his constituents were upset about the way the inspection approached- engineer pointing out things like missing fire blanket, you made x change without permission etc.
- Commented that he did not think this was the purpose of these inspections and asked for clarity, as all tenants in the estate were ringing asking why inspections were being carried out. Should be done in right manner.
- Said that some of these tenants had spent money on their houses albeit not be in the correct manner, and that these inspections had the potential for causing people to not cooperate if they focussed on these issues.

Responding, Ms. G. Barry:

- Requested that Cllr. D. Dunne revert to her with name of estate and I will look into it.
- The current housing inspections focus on stock condition & try to identify any maintenance needed in the future.

DD:

- Thanked Housing for attending and for their report.

Item 4.2. District Engineer's Report

The District Engineer circulated his report and gave a brief outline of the schedule of works from the current budget allocations, noting that it is not finalised but is more populated than it was last month. There will still be more schemes to come, but works should be finalised in full for next meeting.

Road Improvement works currently ongoing- Roadstone have completed their list of works. Lagan & Murphy works in situ at present. Confirmed that we should be finished road improvement works after Easter and that surface dressing may commence then depending on the availability of the machinery yard. Mr. M. Scully then took questions as follows:

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Thanked Mr. M. Scully for his report.
- Spoke about the Uisce Eireann works in Carrick On Suir saying that he had praised workers when they were on New Street for their efficiency, work conditions etc but more recently there had been some teething issues with their works.
- Stated that Carrick on Suir had effectively ground to a halt last Friday with traffic congestion because of UE Traffic Management system which was not fit for purpose at Greystone Street. For the first few days stop/go was ok but when works moved up to the roundabout there was mayhem.
- Commented that this is not a blame game, but can this not happen again, and that prior to any works a proper Traffic Management system must be put in place.
- Said that he had received a number of complaints from people, businesses and private citizens who found the traffic chaos very frustrating, but also accepted the work was necessary provided an effective Traffic Management plan be used in future.
- Said that the stop/ go at the roundabout prevented traffic from going onto the n24 in the Clonmel direction, and also caused a bottleneck of traffic coming into Carrick from Clonmel on N24.
- Requested that TCC speak with contractor in future as regards any planned traffic management.
- Queried if Uisce Eireann have a Road Opening Licence (ROL) in place for these maintenance works, as required.
- Queried what conditions were attached to ROL and how was the fee for the ROL set.
- Queried whether the same rules apply to UE as apply to private individuals applying for ROL, e.g. lodgement of monies as bond beforehand.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Thanked Mr. M. Scully for report
- Queried the National Transport Authority circular re funding, requesting more detail on Kilvemnon & Poulacapple
- Asked about a section of footpath o/s Abbey Church Fethard which has deteriorated, noting that elderly people use this footpath, and an area outside the Abymill also

needs attention, commenting that these are the final sections in Fethard needing attention.

- Asked if the current situation with Middle East inflation/ war would affect the process that contractor had tendered, or were the contractors locked into the price they had offered at the start of the process.

Cllr. M. Brennan:

- Thanked Mr. M. Scully for his efficiency in responding to his queries and for all of his emails offering clarity on issues raised by the him to date.
- Queried Killenaule primary school, asking if this would be addressed in the active travel scheme outside the school, and requested that if this was not the case, can something be done as the road there is deteriorating badly.
- Followed up on some flooding issues, mentioning the L2110 at Coalbrook where there was still some water accumulated, and asked when works will commence.
- Referring again to the L2110, stated that the adjoining landowner had been allowing TCC to leave water into land, and by way of recompense would like the concrete footpath extended up to his garage door.
- Asked when the flashing warning lights at Ballytarsna and Ballinure NS will be replaced?
- Requested that the disabled parking space at Fethard be repainted, as it is difficult to find disabled parking there when the town is busy.
- Asked for an update on street light outages in Fethard & Killenaule
- Asked if the footpath at Abbey church Fethard- is in the 2026 Schedule of Works.
- Asked if something could be done at the R692 Burke Street as there were 2 accidents there last 2 weekend-a building is blocking the viewpoint- can we do anything to alleviate this?

Cllr. D.Dunne:

- Commented that Carrick MD works well together but Uisce Eireann needs to play its part & give notice of works also.
- Said that Friday was the perfect storm as there was a large funeral as well as the usual shopping etc.
- Stated that he went to Super Valu that morning and spoke to the manager, who had been facilitating Uisce Eireann by allowing them to park their work vans in the SV car park to prevent them blocking traffic.
- Asked about St Johns Terrace- the road was tarmacked less than 10 yrs ago and was gone in sections now.

- Queried what is the lifetime of tarmac jobs, is there a warranty on these and is TCC getting value for money.
- Stated that he was concerned about this as he would not like to see TCC spending money on jobs that don't last.
 - Requested that a "no right turn" sign be installed at the under the rail bridge at the end of the junction to Collins Park/ St Johns Terrace.
 - Asked if we can write to Glassco asking them to power wash the bottle banks on the N24 at Pill Road.
 - Commented that there were massive tyre marks in grass and at Ash Park, on the N24, and asked if we can do something to address this issue.

Responding, Mr. M. Scully:

- Commented that all the points raised in relation to the traffic delays associated with the Uisce Eireann works were fair.
- Said going forward with Traffic Management, there will be a further disruption over the coming years as the RRDF works are implemented and that TCC will have to be strong with contractors.
- Stated that he aimed to achieve a consultation process with contractors, councillors and TCC for future large-scale Traffic Management in the town, and would be checking in with the business owners also to ensure traffic was flowing ok.
- Explained the process of applying for a planned maintenance Road Opening Licence (ROL) – this is an online system and the MD do not set the charges.
- The contractor applies for a ROL- fees are calculated at application stage, set into a bond which the contractors pay into. TCC then sign off on a licence if happy with the reinstatement works. Long term damages bond held for some years after works complete, and this bond can be called on if any issues arise.
- Said that the safe routes to schools programme was looking at implementing works at the schools in Poulacapple and Kilvenmon and he would pass the proposed designs on to Cllr. Fitzgerald.
- Said that the footpath at the Abbey church in Fethard will be included in footpath works for 2026.
- Said that road works programme was tendered as a framework for county and the prices were locked in at that stage. Noted that we are more than halfway through the programme Before the prices increased. Stated that he might be concerned if we still had works ongoing into August but because we have gotten through a large portion of the road works programme ahead of the price increase, we were not at as much risk.
- Stated that if the price of oil remains high, it could present problems for next years programme.

- Stated that his intention is to leave the Active Travel works at Killenaule NS proceed and then to go in and surface the road after these works are complete.
- Re the flooding at Coalbrook- waiting for waters to subside and then will excavate drain. Haven't engaged with landowner, will when works are ongoing and look at what works the landowner is requesting.
- The issues with the flashing lights at schools are ongoing- with the batteries being stolen and that a county wide solution to the matter is required.
- Once the Road Programme is finished, committed to refreshing the line painting in Fethard.
- Suggested that all light outtages are reported through the Deadsure app and if there was any long term outtages to follow up with Michael Tierney in the lighting section.
- Confirmed he will inspect Burke Street, Fethard with a view to finding a suitable remedy to the issue.
- Said that re the surface at St Johns Terrace, notwithstanding warranties we would certainly not have much hope in getting a contractor back 10 years after the tarmac had been laid.
- Noted that it was worrying if the tarmac had deteriorated so much after 10 yrs, but a number of factors came into play such as volume/ type of traffic.
- Said that materials in the tarmac on estate roads would not be same standard as used on higher trafficked roads

Cllr. D.Dunne:

- Asked for clarity, was Mr. M. Scully referring to the depth of material?

Responding, Mr. M. Scully:

- Stated that no, the material itself would be different.
- Said he will look at getting a sign put in at the former cattle mart/ railway bridge.
- Committed to chase up with bottle banks/ Glassco.
- Confirmed that an application has gone into TII to block where islands/ grassy verge was being torn up pm the N24 at Ashpark.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Queried how much money would be in the Uisce Eireann bond for the Mains Installation works in Carrick Town.

Responding, Mr. M. Scully:

- Said that he would have to check, he wouldn't know figures off the top of his head.

**Item 4.3.
District Administrator's
Report:**

The Meetings Administrator circulated a comprehensive report incorporating updates on the RRDF, EU JTF, and Goldcrop project. The Meetings Administrator also updated elected members on the pending works to the Town Clock, opening date of the Carrick MD community grant scheme, CLAR, and the Community Centre Investment Fund. Details were also provided on the proposed variation to the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 which is available to view in COSMD offices and open for submissions until 20th April 2026

Mr. B. Beck:

- Stated that an Expression of Interest is being prepared for €1m re EU JTF START Programme for partial Goldcrop demolition. This will tie in with the Masterplan, and no match funding is required.
- The application will require engagement with Pobal & South Eastern Regional Assembly.

Cllr D. Dunne:

- Commented that this was great news.

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Agreed that this was great news, and a sign of all the hard work that goes into applications.
- Asked if there was a ballpark figure for how much to clear the Goldcrop site fully?
- Asked if an archaeologist will be required to clear the site as it is the town centre and near Ormond castle?

Responding, Mr. B. Beck:

- Stated that a large amount of cost would be the removal of asbestos, and examine any contaminants in ground.
- Confirmed that we will comply with all planning conditions, including an archaeologist if necessary.
- Commented that the correct disposal of contaminants would be the most serious/ expensive.
- Said that he would hope to have contractor on site this year to commence demolition.

Item 4.4.

General Municipal Allocation

A report and recommendation in relation to The Festival & Grants Scheme for 2026 was considered by the Councillors.

It was proposed by Cllr K. Bourke , seconded by Cllr. A. Goldsboro and unanimously agreed to allocate budgets to support community initiatives and projects as follows-

Community Festivals	• Ballynonty Community Festival	€1,800
	• Tractors & Tudors	€2,500
	• Glengoole Christmas Festival	€1,000
	• Glengoole Music Event	€1,300
	• Slievenamon Day	€400
	• Little Village Mullinahone	€1,800
	• St Patricks Day Parade	€1,000
Municipal Festivals COSMD Contribution	• Clancy Brothers Music & Arts Festival	€2,500
	• Fethard Sports Day	€500
	• Fethard Community Heritage Festival	€1,000
	• Ras na mBan	€4,500

Item 4.5. Assistance of Bodies under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001- Burial Ground Grants 2026

A report and recommendation in relation to 50 Burial Ground Grants Scheme applicants for 2026 was considered by the Councillors.

We had 1 new application, the new Lawn cemetery in Fethard and commensurate funding was being extended for this cemetery.

Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke, and seconded by Cllr. M. FitzGerald 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 €50,000, be and are hereby approved in respect of grants to burial ground committees set out in the schedule hereunder."

Ahenny Carrick on Suir Burial Ground	€1000.00
Ballinalacken Glengoole, Burial Ground	€1000.00
Ballingarry Church Graveyard	€1000.00
Ballyneale Parish Graveyard	€1000.00
Ballinure Burial Ground	€1000.00
Calvary Graveyard	€1000.00
Carrick on Suir Workhouse Restoration	€1000.00
Cloneen New Burial Ground	€1000.00

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Cooleagh Fethard Burial Ground	€1000.00
Crohane Burial Ground	€1000.00
Crosscannon Killenaule Burial Ground	€1000.00
Dualla Cemetery	€1000.00
Dualla Burial Ground	€1000.00
Everardsgrange Burial Ground	€1000.00
Famine Graveyard	€1000.00
Grangemockler Parish Graveyard	€1000.00
Holy Trinity Fethard	€1000.00
Isterkiernan Mullinahone Burial Ground	€1000.00
Killaghy Mullinahone Burial Ground	€1000.00
Killmaclough Fethard Burial Ground	€1000.00
Kilballyherbery Burial Ground	€1000.00
Kilmurray Carrick on Suir Burial Ground	€1000.00
The Immaculate Conception Graveyard	€1000.00
Kiltinan Fethard Burial Ground	€1000.00
Kilvemnon Mullinahone Burial Ground	€1000.00
Lanespark Burial Ground	€1000.00
Lismolin Burial Ground	€1000.00
Magoury Drangan Burial Ground	€1000.00
Modeshill Mullinahone Burial Ground	€1000.00
Magorban Parish Council	€1000.00
Nun's Graveyard	€1000.00
Assumption Graveyard	€1000.00
Old Ballingarry Burial Ground	€1000.00
Peppardstown Fethard Burial Ground	€1000.00
Rathcoole Fethard Burial Ground	€1000.00
Raheen Graveyard	€1000.00
Red City Fethard Burial Ground	€1000.00
River Street Killenaule Burial Ground	€1000.00
St. Johnstown Killenaule Burial Ground	€1000.00
St. Joseph's Ballingarry Burial Ground	€1000.00
St. Mary's Churchyard, Killenaule	€1000.00
St. Mary's Drangan Burial Ground	€1000.00
St. Michael's Church Graveyard	€1000.00
St. Patrick's Churchyard Faugheen	€1000.00
Woodhouse Burial Ground	€1000.00
Templemichael Graveyard	€1000.00
Tullamaine Fethard Burial Ground	€1000.00
Moyglass Graveyard	€1000.00
Lawn Cemetery Fethard	

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Commented that it was great to see money going up in 2026 for this grant as it will help support the burial ground committees completing their works.

Item 4.5.

Assistance of Bodies under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001- Tidy Town Grants 2026

The members considered a report and recommendation in relation to 18 no. Tidy Towns groups who had applied for support under the 2026 Tidy Towns Support Grants for Carrick on Suir Municipal District Accordingly it was proposed by Cllr. M. Brennan and seconded by Cllr. A. 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 €12,750, be and are hereby approved in respect of grants to Tidy Town Committees for 2026 as set out in the schedule hereunder."

Ahenny Tidy Towns	€375.00
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	€375.00
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
Moyglass Tidy Villages	€750.00
The Commons Tidy Towns	€750.00

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Asked is it fair to give everyone the same amount? As some Tidy Towns areas are small, some areas are bigger.

Responding. Ms. M. Cox:

- Commented that this has always been the way this grant scheme is administered. The budget comes from Environment. This is an initial amount, with more being awarded after the Tidy Town awards based on points awarded.
- Noted that we could change sliding scale later in the year if this suits?

Cllr. K. Bourke:

- Said he would be willing to revisit it later in the year.

Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

- Said that some of the larger areas have TCC and CE schemes helping, which smaller towns don't. Volunteers are doing all the work in the smaller towns and the grants are of a small amount and not worth changing.
- Stated that the smaller villages may put in more voluntary hours per week than larger areas- villages like Drangan, Cloneen all really need the money.

Responding. Ms. M. Cox:

- Commented that we knew we would have to review awards amounts later in the year anyway, as the gains being made by the Tidy Town groups will eventually stagnate.
- Encourage all resident groups to apply for the community grant which will open in the coming weeks and be circulated via the elected members, PPN and last years recipients
- Agreed to review later in the year.

**Item 4.5
Assistance of bodies
under Section 66 of 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. D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr. K.Bourke **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 €61,900.00, be and are hereby approved in respect of grants to the bodies set out in the schedule hereunder:

Sean Kelly Sports Centre	€60,000
Carrick on Suir Brass Band	€1,900

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

Item 5.1. DEO No. 32797-Appointment of Punch & Partners as PSDP for Goldcrop

6.0. Correspondence

Item 6.1. None

7.0. Notices of Motion

Item 7.1.

Notice of Motion No. 3119 M Brennan:

"I am calling on Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District to carry out a speed survey on the approach roads to Mullinahone".

Proposed: Cllr. M. Brennan

Seconded: Cllr. A. Goldsboro

RESPONSE:

Mr. M. Scully:

- Committed to undertake a speed survey in the village of Glengoole

Item 7.2.

Notice of Motion No. 3120 M Brennan:

"I am calling on Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District to carry out a speed survey on the R689 through the village of Glengoole".

Proposed: Cllr. M. Brennan

Seconded: Cllr. A. Goldsboro

RESPONSE:

Mr. M. Scully:

- Committed to undertake a speed survey in the village of Mullinahone

Item 7.3.

Notice of Motion No. 3120 M Brennan:

"I am calling on Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District to maintain and cut back any junctions where vision is obstructed by overgrowth of grass and hedges to facilitate clear view for road users"

Proposed: Cllr. M. Brennan

Seconded: Cllr. M. FitzGerald:

RESPONSE:

Mr. M. Scully:

- Requested that Cllr. M. Brennan revert with list of areas of concern and that these areas will be inspected and trimmed.

8.0. Any Other Business

Item 8.1.

None

This concluded the business of the meeting (15.01).

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MARCH MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CARRICK ON SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE DISTRICT CHAMBER, NEW STREET, CARRICK ON SUIR AT 14:00 ON THE 26TH MARCH 2026.


District Administrator


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23rd April, 2026

