



## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

**Present:** Councillor Seamus Hanafin Cathaoirleach, presided.

Councillors Noel Coonan, Shane Lee, Michéal Lowry,  
Eddie Moran, Jim Ryan, Peggy Ryan, Sean Ryan  
and Michael Smith.

**Also Present:**

Eamon Lonergan	District Director
Thomas Duffy	District Engineer
Jim Ryan	Executive Engineer
Sharon Scully	District Administrator
Orla McDonnell	Staff Officer

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone back to the first Municipal District face to face meeting in a significant period of time. He stated that the face to face meetings allow them to run more efficiently, however hybrid meetings will also be accommodated going forward and a proposal to amend the Standing Orders to allow for hybrid meetings will be put forward at the March Municipal District Meeting.

The Cathaoirleach thanked all the Council outdoor staff for their hard week during the previous week of very inclement weather. A vote of sympathy was extended to the family of Billy Kinsella, the Wexford County Council employee who was killed while working during Storm Eunice.

### 1. **Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest**

There were no Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest raised at the Meeting.

### 2. **Adoption of Minutes**

It was proposed by Councillor S. Ryan, seconded by Councillor M. Lowry and resolved:

"That the Minutes of the January 2022 Monthly Meeting which was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

### 3. **Update from Planning**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Marie Ryan, Senior Executive Planner and Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer who were in attendance via Zoom for this item. A Planning Briefing Note was circulated to the Members in advance of the Meeting.



The Report covered the following :

- County Development Plan
- Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)
  - \* Thurles Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme – Phase 1
  - \* Thurles Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme – Phase 2
- Rural Regeneration Fund (RRDF)
  - \* Templemore Town Hall Cultural and Enterprise Centre
  - \* Thurles Market Quarter
- Thurles Town Centre Renewal Strategy
- Conservation Grant Schemes 2021/2022
  - \* The Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2022
  - \* The Historic Structure Fund 2021
- Taking-in-Charge Update – February 2022
  - \* Developments being assessed by Planning Section or in Site Resolution Process with 3<sup>rd</sup> Party
  - \* DPI Developments
  - \* Status Update
- Enforcement Proceedings in 2021

Workshops with Members in relation to the Draft County Development Plan are currently ongoing.

Under URDF funding snagging work on Phase 1 Liberty Square is ongoing.

Under RRDF funding detailed design revisions are taking place on Templemore Town Hall. Tenders have yet to be assessed and it is anticipated that the duration of works will be approximately 18 months. Tender approval for Market Quarter has been received from the Department.

Work is currently ongoing with the developers for the taking-in-charge of 2 main housing estates in Thurles, namely Ashgrove and Caisleán Cuirt. A Section 11 has yet to be carried out on the private road outside Caisleán Cuirt and Airtricity are currently carrying out inspections there.

The Members raised the following queries:

- Have the issues in relation to unmarked junctions and lighting in Ashgrove Estate, Thurles been included in negotiations with the developer for the taking-in-charge of the estate.
- Following on from the tremendous work on Liberty Square, Thurles would it be possible to liaise with the owner of the Castle (located at the bottom of the Square) in relation to the lighting up of the Castle so that it could become a focal point for the Square.
- Following the closure of the Post Office in Liberty Square, Thurles in September 2019 An Post stated that they would address the issue of the vacant building. Can the MD write to An Post requesting that they



address the building which has become an eyesore as it falls into a poor state of repair?

- When is the Section 11 on the private road outside Caisleán Cuirt expected to be finalised so that it can then be taken-in-charge.
- When is the anticipated completion date for the snagging works on Liberty Square Phase 1?
- As Tipperary County Council do not have a Conservation Architect to liaise with and advise, it is very difficult for various groups to apply for grants under the Built Heritage and Investment Scheme.
- Would Planning Section be willing to meet with the Solar Energy Project Committee, which is a subcommittee of Templemore Development Association, to discuss the proposed solar farm for Templemore. It is hoped that Templemore could be considered the pilot town for the country.
- What is the update in relation to the taking-in-charge of Cluain Doire and Orchard Court housing estates in Templemore.
- Has Oakdale Estate in Templemore been taken-in-charge as there are still some outstanding works to be done.
- What is the update in relation to the Part 8 for the filling in of The Mall, Templemore.
- Will construction works on the proposed Templemore Civic Plaza commence in Q2 2022 as previously anticipated.
- Are there only 2 applications outstanding in relation to estates to be taken-in-charge within the MD.
- There continues to be ongoing issues with dereliction in the MD and action needs to be taken to get these properties back in use.
- What is the update in relation to the proposed Painting Scheme for Liberty Square, Thurles.

Replies to queries raised was as follows:-

- Meetings have taken place on site with the developer of Ashgrove Estate, Thurles. Snagging is now complete apart from the lighting which is currently being addressed in conjunction with the ESB.
- There are a number of minor defects, such as assessment of infrastructure and lighting, to be addressed before Caisleán Cuirt, Thurles can be taken-in-charge.
- The issue of junctions within Ashgrove Estate, Thurles arises due to the estate being a combination of an old and a new estate. The old estate will form part of the site resolution plan going forward.
- Cluain Doire, Templemore is a DPI (Developer Provided Infrastructure) estate which makes taking-in-charge more difficult. Irish Water have not yet announced its next tranche of DPI's to be taken-in-charge. There are currently 22 DPI estates in Tipperary, all of which must first go through the DPI process before they can be taken-in-charge. In relation to Cluain Doire, the developer has recently gone into examinership which is complicating the issue.



- A section at the back of Oakdale Estate, Templemore has been taken-in-charge.
- Orchard Court, Templemore is a DPI estate. The estate has been surveyed and it will come under the Department Site Resolution Process.
- There are currently 10 applications for taking-in-charge within the MD; of which 6 are DPI's. Of the four remaining Ashgrove and Caisleán Cuirt, Thurles are currently being examined and the remaining two cannot be progressed at present.
- The Planning Office would welcome discussions with Án Post to examine proposed plans for the building.
- While the Council do not have a Conservation Architect appointed, it does engage the services of Architect Michael O'Boyle on a retainer to provide information and expertise when required.
- In relation to the Solar Energy Proposal being put forward by Templemore Development Council, the Planning Office would be very interested in the right development in the right place and would welcome discussions on the Project. Pre-planning details would be required and would need to be assessed.
- The Town Centre First Policy has been published to address the regeneration of towns. Thurles Town Plan will follow on from the County Development Plan and will assist in identifying what buildings are in use and what are vacant.
- The Painting Scheme for Liberty Square, Thurles will be progressed.
- There is one year to complete the snagging on Liberty Square, Thurles.
- It is anticipated that The Mall, Templemore will go to Part 8 next month.
- The proposed Templemore Civic Plaza development has been impacted by significant increased costs. Revised designs are now being progressed. Although the works will not now go to construction in Q2 2022, there is no risk to the Project.

#### **4. Update from Water Services**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Gerry Robinson, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Services who was in attendance via Zoom for this item. A Water Services District Briefing Note was circulated to the Members with the Agenda in advance of the Meeting. The report outlined the following:-

- Irish Water Workshop
- Irish Water Capital Investment Plan (CIP) 2020 – 2024
  - \* Infrastructural Projects
    - Roscrea Sewerage Scheme
    - Thurles Sewerage Scheme
  - \* Networks Portfolio Delivery
  - \* Source Rationalisation programme
  - \* Irish Water Capital Delivery programme
- Irish Water Accounts Billing



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Gerry stated that Consultants are to be appointed for construction stage of Roscrea and Thurles Drainage Area Plans.

Investigation of the Ragg to Rathmoy water mains will be commencing shortly.

A contractor has been appointed in respect of Source Rationalisation and works in Two-Mile-Borris and the Horse and Jockey are expected to commence within the next few months.

The Members thanked Gerry for his Report and raised the following issues:-

- Following works on a Group Water Scheme in Rossestown some months ago the road has been left in a very poor state by the Contractor. The edge of the road is very rough and the road is narrower now from what it was prior to the works. Can Irish Water contact the contractor to come back and undertake remedial works.
- When is the Source Rationalisation Programme expected to commence. There are currently outages at Curraheen, Horse and Jockey every second week.
- Can Water Services write to Irish Water in relation to the non-availability of a direct contact telephone number in relation to water outages after 5 p.m.
- Have any works been undertaken on the storm drains to deal with the issue of flooding in Friar Street, Butler Avenue, Thurles and affected surrounding areas during times of very heavy rain.
- Irish Water need to actively engage with Tipperary County Council in relation to outstanding works in Cluain Bán Housing Estate, Roscrea.
- It is unacceptable that, following recent flooding issues in Glencarrick housing estate, Roscrea where the developer has gone into liquidation, residents were advised by Irish Water to engage the services of a plumber to fix the leak.
- Following the last Workshop with Irish Water, Members were advised that any anomalies in billing accounts would be resolved very soon, however this does not appear to be the case as some accounts are still not resolved.

Replies to queries raised were as follows:-

- The issue in relation to the poor state of the road at Rossestown, following works on a Group Water Scheme, will be referred to Rural Water.
- In relation to the Group Rationalisation Scheme, the contractors will be granted the road opening licence within the next month or thereabouts. The Group Rationalisation Scheme will not assist with the outages





currently being experienced in Curraheen, Horse & Jockey as they are being fed from a different source.

- The issue in relation to the Out-of-Hours contact number for Irish Water has previously been raised with Irish Water. Water Services will raise the issue with them once again.
- A meeting is due to take place between Water Services and Roads Section in the near future and the issue of flooding in Friar Street, Thurles and surrounding areas will be examined.
- Interim works have been undertaken in Cluain Bán housing estate, Roscrea and Irish Water are currently examining the situation.
- Water Services will examine the issue at Glencarrick housing estate, Roscrea and bring to the attention of Irish Water.
- Any issue in relation to the billing of a specific account should be referred directly to Gerry to be resolved.

## **5. District Engineer's Report**

The District Engineer's Report was circulated to the Members in advance of the Meeting. The Members raised the following issues:-

- There are concerns in relation to parking outside the school at the Ragg and speeding on this road.
- The R501 at Priory Demesne is in a very poor state of repair and requires attention.
- Dromard Beg has been impacted by heavy traffic and the road is in a poor state of repair.
- Inane Road, outside Roscrea, is in a poor state of repair and requires attention.
- Resurfacing works required at Gortnagoona, down as far as the bridge, as the road is in a poor state of repair and requires attention.
- The bad bend, as you go up towards Camblin, needs to be addressed.
- There are still some outstanding issues on Market Square, Roscrea, that need to be addressed following the recent refurbishment works. There is a lack of bins in the area and the cones need to be removed. It is important to ensure that all snagging is up to scratch.
- Can drainage issues on the N62 Horse and Jockey to Thurles South be addressed when the TII are undertaking road safety improvement works in this area.
- Is there any national scheme currently available that would permit the upgrading of back entrances to Council houses?
- Will the section of footpath outside Ryan's funeral home be included as part of the improvement works on Slievenamon Road, Thurles?
- Can the MD write to the Department of Agriculture in relation to the number of dead and abandoned horses in the District? The problem appears to be getting out of control in rural bog lands and needs to be addressed.
- Could an audit of signage within the District be undertaken to address the issue of a number of estates not having 30km signage in place and



some Villages missing signage. Following completion of the audit signage could be purchased in bulk.

- Will contracts for the tendering process of grass cutting be forthcoming as the grass cutting season is approaching.
- As the majority of dead horses in the MD are not microchipped, can the MD ensure that the law requiring the microchipping of animals is adhered to in an attempt to address the issue.
- A footpath and/or street lighting is needed on the Ragg to Ballycahill Road that is within the 50km speed zone.
- Some gullies on the Ragg to Ballycahill Road are completely covered over and need to be cleared.
- Are there plans afoot to include a pedestrian crossing at the Ragg National School in the plans for the area.
- Illegal dumping and people dumping bags of rubbish at bins needs to be addressed.
- There has been significant damage caused to the road verge on the Holycross to Galbertstown Road following the use of heavy machinery on the road. There is significant flooding on this road also.
- Can the MD write to Bord na Móna also in relation to the issue of horses found in bog lands within the MD. There are currently 25 horses that are starving on bog land owned by Bord na Móna.
- Consultation with the national school in Inch Village should be considered to assist with proposed road safety works in the Village.
- What is the update in relation to the upgrade of the footpath in Ballycahill graveyard. This issue has been on the Programme for a considerable length of time.
- Can gullies be installed to address the issue of flooding on Patrick Street, Templemore where residents and customers of three business premises cannot get out of their cars due to the high level of flooding in the vicinity.
- There is a blocked culvert in Dromard Beg that needs to be addressed. This is a very busy road as it connects Kilkenny and Templetuohy.
- There is a serious issue with road safety at Harry Wall's Cross on the Templemore to Ragg Road that needs to be addressed. The landowner will co-operate in addressing this issue.
- The footpath at the top of Bank Street, Templemore, close to Main Street is in a poor state of repair and needs to be examined.
- There is an extension ongoing for approximately 7 to 9 months in a Council owned property on Railway View, Templemore. Works appear to have ceased and the house is currently left in a dangerous way.
- The issue of water lodging at the roundabout on the N62 at McDonald's restaurant, Roscrea needs to be examined.
- Is there a plan in place for the maintenance of Market Square, Roscrea?
- Can the shores in Kennedy Park, Roscrea be examined to address the issue of flooding in the area? The shores in this area are in fact soakpits, which only have a specific lifespan and this is the cause of the water lodging.



- Can the issue of an overgrown hedge on the left-hand side on the approach road to Roscrea town from Templemore be addressed as it is creating a dirty image as you approach the town.
- The provision of public lighting in areas outside the 50km speed limit zone was recently raised as a Notice of Motion at the MD Monthly Meeting and the issue needs to be re-examined. Public lighting in similar situations has been installed in both Nenagh and Clonmel within the last twelve months. The two roads out to Dew Valley Meats and Thurles Sorting Office were examined last December by Roads Capital and no response has issued to date. Both of these roads and the Mill Road, which will be part of the Thurles Walking Route, need to be considered for public lighting.
- Does the County Council plan of upgrading all public lighting to LED lighting include housing estates or does it refer to on-street lighting only?
- Do the MD intend to install a double yellow line outside the GP Surgery on Slievenamon Road, Thurles as it can be difficult to exit the surgery following the new road layout and traffic lights in this vicinity.

Replies to queries raised were as follows:-

- The issue of installing a double yellow line outside the GP surgery on Slievenamon Road, Thurles to address the difficulty of exiting the surgery will be discussed with TII under the planned Slievenamon Road Improvement Works.
- The issue of public lighting provision outside 50km speed zones will be referred to Roads Capital again as it is ultimately their decision.
- The issue of flooding on the N62 at the McDonald's restaurant roundabout, Roscrea will be raised again with the TII.
- There is currently no maintenance plan in place for Market Square, Roscrea. The MD have a designated person to empty the bins and the gullies are examined occasionally. The MD currently do not have the funding to have a full-time maintenance plan in place for Market Square.
- The issue of shores flooding in Kennedy Park, Roscrea will be referred to the Executive Engineer for the area.
- In the event of overgrown hedges on private property that are causing a health and safety issue, the MD will issue a notice to the landowner. However, if the overgrown hedge is creating an eye-sore but is not a health and safety concern then it is not a priority issue for the District.
- The issue of a blocked culvert at Dromard Beg will be referred to the Executive Engineer for the area.
- The 3-year Road Works Programme for the MD has been agreed, however, if there are any serious road issues that need to be addressed, they should be brought to the attention of the MD prior to the scheduled Workshop on the agreed Roadworks Programme.





- The drawings to address the road safety issue at Harry Wall's Cross on the Ragg to Templemore Road are complete. Talks with landowners are currently ongoing.
- The issue with the footpath in Bank Street, Templemore will be examined.
- The District Administrator will examine the issue in relation to the Council house in Railway View that has been left in a dangerous condition since improvement works ceased, and revert directly back to Councillor Coonan.
- Design drawings have not yet been prepared in respect of road safety works at the Ragg. Consultation with relevant stakeholders will take place as part of the design process.
- The issue of dumping within the MD is an ongoing problem, however the MD will continue to work with the various communities in an attempt to tackle the issue.
- The issue of the poor state of the road from Holycross to Galbertstown will be referred to the Executive Engineer for the area.
- Can Councillor Ryan inform the District Engineer in relation to the specific location of the flooding on the N62 Horse and Jockey to Thurles Road before the issue can be examined further.
- There is currently no funding stream available to tackle the issue of back entrances.
- The footpath outside the Funeral Home on Slievenamon Road, Thurles will be included as part of the improvement works on Slievenamon Road.
- The District Administrator will write to both the Department of Agriculture and Bord na Móna in relation to the issue of starving and dead horses on bog lands in the MD.
- The tenders for grass-cutting have been issued.
- Snagging has yet to take place in Market Square, Roscrea. There are still cones in situ that will be removed. New bollards installed were requested by property owners. The MD are anxious to finalise Market Square and have informed the Consultant.
- The issue of flooding outside three business premises on Patrick Street, Templemore will be examined.
- The issue regarding the poor state of the R501 at Priory Demesne is included on the Programme of Works and will be examined.
- The District Administrator will liaise with Roads Executive Engineer to seek clarification on whether the upgrading of all lighting to LED lighting applies to on-street lighting only or does it include lighting in housing estates.
- The hedge cutting season will finish on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Location details of overgrown hedges can be given directly to the District Administrator who will write to the landowner. However, the MD will not have much influence on the landowner if the overgrown hedges are not causing a health and safety issue.
- Works on the Mill Road will be starting this coming week. The works are part of the planned looped walk for Thurles.



## 6. Update on District Project Pipeline Plan

An updated report on Capital Project for the MD was circulated to the Members in advance of the Meeting, as outlined in the table below:-

Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles Phase I	Project completed. Next Phase - Snagging and Final Account												
Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme Phase II	Consultant appointed for the Part 8 process. Topographical Survey, Archaeological Survey, Tree Survey and Heritage Impact Assessment - all completed.												
Proposed Market and Extension to Farm building	Tender documentation for the engagement of an external Design Team due back mid-February.												
The Littleton Labyrinth Phase 1	Councillor Workshop completed. Agree Scope, Programme, Costings and Procurement Method for Construction Works with Bord na Móna. Part 8 application to be submitted.												
Holycross Tourism Centre	Application under RRDF was made in July 2021. Funding application was unsuccessful for the detailed design for development of multi-purpose facility with tourism at its core in order to boost rural economic development.												
Templemore Town Hall Cultural and Enterprise Centre and Civic Plaza	Finalise detailed design following meeting with Consultative Group.												
Gantly Road 'Age Friendly Neighbourhood'	Part 8 application commenced January 2022.												
Roscrea Enhancement Pan	Review of previous Plans and Reports. A Stakeholder Engagement plan is to be developed to identify and prioritise projects and locations in the Town.												
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The District Director stated that the MD Project Manager has not yet been replaced. He stated that Roscrea was successful in being selected as one of 27 towns around the country under the Town Centre First Policy. The Policy focuses on dereliction, vacancy and revitalising towns. A Master Plan will be developed for Roscrea in consultation with local groups. The Master Plan will unlock future funding applications.



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The Members raised the following queries:-

- Do the loading bays in Liberty Square, Thurles both have to be allocated for all day loading?
- When will the Part 8 for Littleton Labyrinth proceed.
- Can the MD prepare costings of all consultancy fees paid by the Municipal District on Capital Projects for 2021?
- Can the Community Growing Scheme that is planned for Thurles town be extended to Templemore town also?
- Can the proposed Town Regeneration Officer be based in Roscrea town?

Replies to queries were as follows:

- One of the loading bays must allow for all day loading to facilitate deliveries. It is intended that the second loading bay will be a designated loading bay up to 12 noon pending agreement from local traders.
- There is a slight delay in going to Part 8 on the Littleton Labyrinth due to a land ownership issue. The MD are currently in talks with Bord na Móna in relation to same.
- The Community Growing Scheme can indeed be extended to Templemore town, however a plot of land will have to be available for the Scheme.
- The District Engineer explained that the MD do not have the resources to advance the Project Pipeline without Departmental URDF and RRDF funding. Consultants can be engaged for either design stage or construction stage or both. The District Engineer explained that the MD are currently working beyond capacity, budgets have to be spent and spent wisely and the MD could not, on its own, deliver the level of projects as identified in the Project Pipeline.
- There will be one town Regeneration Officer appointed for each County and the MD have no say in the appointment.

## **7. Dates to be set for Community Safety Meetings 2022**

It was agreed that the Community Safety Meetings for 2022 would be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the months March, June, September and December at 10.00 a.m.

## **8. Agree Date for April MD Meeting**

As the scheduled date for the MD April Meeting is Easter Monday, it was agreed that the April MD Meeting will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 at 10.30 a.m. provided that the meeting is not clashing with any other District Meeting on this date.



## **9. Contributions to Sporting clubs – Youth Involvement/Female Participation – closing date for noting**

It was noted that the closing date for Contributions to Sporting clubs – Youth Involvement/Female Participation is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

## **10. Contributions to Residents' Associations for Estate Enhancement Works – closing date for noting**

It was noted that the closing date for Contributions to Residents' Associations for Estate Enhancement Works is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

## **11. Notice of Motion**

Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Ryan ID 2363

“Due to the recent and worrying increase in the attacks on female walkers and joggers, I am calling on this District council to install CCTV cameras and public lighting in all our parks and walkways.”

Reply to Notice of Motion was as follows:-

As funding for CCTV projects is not eligible for an application under URDF and RRDF, funding for the capital expenditure element of the project, along with ongoing maintenance costs of the scheme, must now be identified.”

Councillor Ryan stated that his Notice of Motion referred to the entire Municipal District. He stated that CCTV is of no use without appropriate lighting and asked if public lighting would be installed in the River Walkway in Thurles as it is used by people in the early evening during Winter when it is dark.

The District Engineer stated that Tipperary County Council are restricted from putting in lighting adjacent to the river under a Fisheries Directive.

## **12. Correspondence**

### **Joint Drainage Committee for the River Goul**

The District Administrator stated that Kilkenny County Council have agreed to form a joint Drainage Committee for the river Goul in conjunction with Tipperary and Laoise County Councils. However, no meetings are currently scheduled as Kilkenny County Council presently do not have any funding towards the Drainage Committee.



### **13. Votes of Congratulations / Sympathy.**

Votes of Congratulations were extended to:-

- District constituents who were members of the UL Fitzgibbon cup winning team:
  - Bryan O'Mara - Holycross Ballycahill (Team Captain and Man of the Match)
  - Ciaran Connolly - Loughmore Castleiney
  - Gearoid O'Connor - Moyne Templetuohy
- District constituents who were members of the MTU Kerry team who won the Ryan cup on Sunday 20th February
  - Patrick Bourke, Ballyboy, Upperchurch, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
  - Dean Carew, Gortahoola, Drombane, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
- The Ursuline and Presentation Secondary Schools, Thurles on qualifying for the Junior A's and Junior B's All Ireland Camogie Finals respectively.

Votes of Sympathy were extended to:-

- The family of Maria Fogarty, Roskeen, Drombane, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.
- The family of Anthony Gooney, Butler Avenue Thurles.

### **14. Any Other Business.**

- Councillor P. Ryan stated that the traffic congestion in Liberty Square, Thurles last Friday evening during a teenage disco was outrageous as people were stuck in traffic for a considerable length of time and better traffic management is needed to deal with traffic congestion in such situations.
- Councillor N. Coonan stated that the 22<sup>nd</sup> February is the Centenary of the founding of An Garda Síochána and has requested that the MD hold one of the monthly meetings in the Templemore Garda College to acknowledge the excellent community work undertaken by An Garda Síochána during lockdown and also in recognition of the commitment of Chief Superintendent Derek Smart to the District and the realisation that Thurles might lose its Chief Superintendent to Ennis.
- The MD Civic Awards, which were suspended for the last two years due to Covid-19, will now proceed for 2022. The issue will be further discussed at the March Monthly Meeting.

SIGNED: 

CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.

SIGNED: 

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.



