

**Minutes of February Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District hosted in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and held remotely on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 11am**

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**Members Present:** Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan, Cathaoirleach  
Councillor Micheál Anglim  
Councillor Tony Black  
Councillor Declan Burgess  
Councillor John Crosse  
Councillor Michael FitzGerald  
Councillor Roger Kennedy  
Councillor Máirín McGrath  
Councillor Andy Moloney  
Councillor Marie Murphy  
Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

**Officials Present:** Mr. Pat Slattery, District Director  
Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator  
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer  
Mr. Paul Farrell, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer  
Ms. Anne Marie Devaney, A/Senior Executive Planner  
Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning  
Mr. Denis Holland, Senior Engineer, Water Services

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Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator, commenced the meeting with the meeting prayer. He called the roll and confirmed that all the Municipal District members were present at the meeting. The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan, welcomed everyone to the February Municipal District meeting.

**1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest**

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

**2.1 Minutes of January Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District January meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Maire Murphy seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

## **Matters arising from the minutes**

Councillor Burgess requested an update on the following issues: awareness campaign on dog fouling, public lighting at the Old Road and the Kiln, Cashel and the proposed speed survey at Clonmel Road, Cashel. Councillor Murphy requested an update on when the speed data check would be carried out at the school in Clogheen following her joint motion with Councillor Anglim last March. Councillor Anglim supported Councillor Murphy on her request and also wanted an update on the junction at the old co-op in Ardfinnan and stated that speeding is a serious issue in all our towns and villages. He also noted that 5 speed ramps had been recently installed in Marlfield village and this measure should be considered in our district. The District Administrator advised that he had been in contact with the Environment Section regarding the awareness campaign. The District Engineer confirmed that both speeding issues in Cashel have been referred and they are awaiting prices and a source of funding. In relation to speeding issues a number of speeding data check were being carried out to get more information and to prioritise speeding measures, if necessary. Currently considering a low-cost safety scheme to redesign the junction near the old co-op site in Ardfinnan. He clarified that Marlfield village is not on a regional road, therefore speed ramps are appropriate.

### **3.2 Planning Directorate Report**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Anne-Marie Devaney, A/Senior Executive Planner and Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning to the meeting. Ms. Devaney took the report as read and was open to any questions.

Councillor Burgess asked if West Meadows Estate, Dundrum was nearing completion and residents would welcome a successful outcome. In relation to The Steeples, Cashel, Councillor Burgess has received representations which highlighted issues with lighting and footpaths. There is a section to the front of the Caiseal Na Ri development which, during the construction was being used as a depot by the developer and the Residents Association would like to see it tidied up because the hoarding has fallen, and it is becoming a dumping ground and a risk to children. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested an update on Glen Court, Emly and asked if there is a site resolution process with Irish Water. Councillor Murphy queried when applicants would receive an update on the status of their Historic Structure Fund applications. Councillor McGrath asked if all applications for the Historic Structure Fund go to the Department or if they are first shortlisted by the Planning Section. There is a significant underspend on the DPIs with Irish Water. She queried if Irish Water can be contacted to request that this money is used for taking-in-charge of estates. This was proposed by Councillor Mairin McGrath and seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

It was agreed by the members to take Councillor Fitzgerald's Notice of Motion at this stage because it relates to taking-in-charge and both the Planning and Water Services Directorates were at the meeting.

## **5.2 Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald – Notice of Motion (Ref. ID 2357)**

Tipperary County Council resolves to support and assist in a practical and meaningful way the continuing efforts of Mr. Terence Coskeran, Rocksprings, Kilross, Tipperary, Co. Tipperary to have this estate taken in charge, the bond released and the issues with Irish Water sorted out satisfactorily.

Mr Coskeran has received no help or assistance from any of the relevant agencies since he applied to Tipperary County Council in 2016 to have the estate taken in charge, as per the terms of his planning permission. Mr. Coskeran continues to honour his commitments for the past six years, which is a long time beyond what the parties to the planning permission envisaged. Therefore, I appeal to this council to prioritise this matter immediately.

### **Reply**

*Tipperary County Council is aware of the sequence of events in relation to the taking-in-charge of Rocksprings, Kilross. As part of the taking-in-charge process, the Council has been in direct engagement with Irish Water in relation to the issues referred to in the Notice of Motion, which relate to the existence of developer-provided wastewater infrastructure (DPI) on the site, i.e. a wastewater treatment plant. The Council also recognises the commitment shown by the developer in ensuring that the wastewater treatment plant continues to be operated and maintained satisfactorily.*

*It must be acknowledged that the DPI serving Rocksprings is one of many such DPIs throughout the county. The Council, working in partnership with Irish Water, is anxious to resolve the outstanding issues associated with the operation and maintenance of these facilities and regularly reviews progress on same with Irish Water.*

*In light of this Notice of Motion, the Council will engage further with Irish Water in relation to the resolution of the DPI-related issues, in general, and to progress the taking-in-charge of Rocksprings, in particular. The proposer of the Notice of Motion will be kept informed of developments as they unfold.*

Councillor Fitzgerald expressed the frustration felt by Terence Coskeran and the residents of the 5 houses in Rock Springs, Kilross. He appreciated that every estate has issues with developers and ownership. Rock Springs, Kilross is an estate with 5 houses which was build in 2005 and the developer who resides in the estate completed the development and complied with the planning. He agreed that the Council could take a strip of land to widen the R662.

Councillor Fitzgerald had a letter from Niamh Redmond, private secretary to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien which confirms that the issue is provided for under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act and is a reserved function. Therefore, the decision of taking in charge is an issue for the elected member. Councillor Fitzgerald stated that, Mr. Coskeran in compliance with his planning permission put in his own sewerage

system because he was informed there was no capacity in the sewerage scheme serving the other housing development in Kilross. It now makes no sense that Irish Water now will not agree to taking the system in charge because it is privately owned. It is very unfair on Mr Coskeran and that a bond of €12,500 is still being held. The developer maintains the roadway, lighting and green areas and 6 years after submitting his application for taking in charge the issue still remains unresolved. Councillor Fitzgerald requested that this issue be prioritised as there is capacity in the Kilross sewerage scheme to take 5 extra houses. The motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

Councillor Crosse supports the motion that this estate should be taken in charge. The Motion was also supported by Councillor Kennedy and he stated that in 2019 money was allocated by the Department to deal with DPIs and understood this was an annual fund and that Tipperary has 50% of all DPIs in the country. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) also supports Councillor Fitzgerald's motion. Councillor Anglim supported the motion saying the developer has done everything required.

Councillor Murphy fully supported the motion referring to the discussions in Clonmel with Joe MacGrath, CE and Ger Walsh, SEO. She confirmed that she spoke to Terence Coskeran regarding a letter he received from the Council confirming that taking in charge would be progressed. Councillor McGrath also supported the motion after speaking with Terence Coskeran at the weekend. Councillor Moloney stated that this seemed to be an open and shut case and this developer has done everything required. Councillor Black also supported the motion and confirmed that Deputy Martin Brown and Sinn Fein Housing Spokesperson Eoin Ó Broin are aware of the issue. Councillor Hanna Hourigan concluded that the developer could do no more and the matter should be resolved.

Denis Holland, Senior Engineer Water Services empathised with the Councillors and advised that the developer provided infrastructure (DPI) in general is the responsibility of the Councillors to take in charge. However, on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 this changed and now an estate can't be taken in charge without the consent of Irish Water where there is DPI i.e. wastewater, drinking water, connection to public system or pumping station. It becomes an environmental and public health issue. He appreciated that Mr. Coskeran has maintained the development and referred to a Notice of Motion on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 regarding Irish Water. The policy guidelines are issued by the Department and in July 2019 under the Site Resolution Programme, Tipperary County Council made submissions. In relation to Rock Springs the expert panel recommended no funding be allocated because it is premature pending engagement with Irish Water. Councillor Crosse thanked Mr. Holland and he recommend that the motion be passed to Irish Water to put pressure on them to engage to find a solution. Councillor Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Holland and appreciated the support from the other Councillors. He said it is now time for common sense and he did not want to affect every other estate.

Mr. Ladden addressed the meeting on behalf of Anne Marie Devaney who had left the meeting. He confirmed that the applications for Historic Structure Fund are with the Department and it usually takes a month for a response. He also confirmed that the Tipperary Cahir Cashel District has the most DPIs of any other District and an evaluation report was forwarded to the expert panel recommending that 3 estates be taken in charge; An Chuirt and Inis Grove, Monard and Dun an Oir, Donaskeagh. Irish Water has appointed Hanley Consulting Engineers to carry out a survey and this is underway and with the Department by Q2. It was recommended last year that West Meadows, Boherlahan would be taken in charge, however it is necessary for the public notice to be re-advertised. In relation to Caiseal Na Ri he agreed to engage with the developer. In relation to the Steeples, Cashel they are engaging with the receiver and interested parties to acquire and complete the remainder of the estate. Any further planning permission will condition that the defects of the entire estate be addressed. In relation to Glen Court, pre-planning meeting is required for revised planning application to complete estate. A full technical assessment was carried out and there has been no engagement to date. Councillor Fitzgerald informed the meeting that he met a group of residents at The Steeples and another developer would be interested in finishing the estate. Meeting planned with receivers who are anxious to discharge their current liability and the new developer would be required to seek planning permission to complete the development.

Councillor Ryan (Shiner) clarified in relation to Glen Court that by purchasing this estate the developer would accept liability and the Council should engage with the new owner.

### **3.2 Water Services Directorate Report**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Denis Holland to the meeting and he confirmed that he would take any questions the Councillors may have.

Councillor Burgess thanked Mr. Holland that the Golden-Kilfeacle Boil Water Notice had been lifted. He highlighted an issued affecting Shanbally, Windmill, Cashel rural who are experiencing a high level of disruption and poor water quality. He was of the opinion that there is an issue with the pipes and Irish Water should use their underspend on investment and upgrading. He also requested an update on progress on the Springmount Station. Councillor Murphy thanked Mr. Holland for the report on the condition of the Cahir and Clogheen services. She also requested an update on the issue with Lois Mhuire, Clogheen. Mr. Holland confirmed that he is aware of the issue and unfortunately there are similar issues throughout the county and Irish Water have limited resources. Councillor Murphy advised that the issue in Lois Mhuire Clogheen is a long-standing issue to a common drain. Councillor Andy Moloney raised an issue where Irish Water left a 6-foot square opening on a newly tarmaced driveway of a private household two years ago and failed out carry out reinstatement works. Councillor Moloney confirmed Colin Cunningham was aware of it. Mr. Holland

confirmed that he is aware of this particular issue and it seems to be a county wide problem.

### **3.3 Consider the Schedule of Municipal District Works**

James Swords, Senior Engineer presented the road program for 2022 and he confirmed that there has been an increase on last years budget however this will be eliminated by inflation. On the proposition of Councillor Marie Murphy, seconded by Councillor John Crosse, it was resolved,

*"That in accordance with section 103 of the Local Government Act 2007, as amended by section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014,*

*a. the Draft schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 as presented, be and is hereby adopted, and*

*b. where relevant, that any subsequent changes of the schedule necessitated by either an inability to proceed with certain works or by emergency repairs elsewhere may be implemented subject to notification to the members as soon as may be and that the works so deferred may be considered for inclusion in the Schedule for the next financial year*

Councillor Moloney raised a concern in relation to the condition of some of the town roads and mentioned Barrack Street, Cahir. He asked if town roads are covered under Public Realm or separate funding.

Mr Swords advised that RI will start in the next two weeks and surface dressing in the summer months. He also confirmed that town roads are covered under the RI Program and there is also funding available through active travel. Councillor McGrath mentioned previous concerns she raised in relation to Barrack Street and that HGVs were causing issues for residents. She also asked for an update on Kilganny Bridge. Mr Swords confirmed that recent work on Barrack Street has made it more awkward for HGVs, however most drivers are following a sat nav. He agreed to make contact with local haulage firms to ask them to avoid Barrack Street. He confirmed that work on Kilganny Bridge is due to start shortly.

Councillor Anglim requested more ramps in towns and villages and it is a serious road safety issue. The referred to ramps in Ballyporeen and they are required in Ardfinnan at the junction of the Old Coop to Goatenbridge because it is a busy junction. Mr Swords agreed to examine this issue and a realignment of the junction could be done under a low cost safety scheme.

Councillor Murphy asked when the work on Kilganny Bridge will start and when will it be open to the public. Paul Farrell, Executive Engineer confirmed it is due to commence in 2 weeks and should take under 2 months to complete and resurfacing will be required after that. The Coakleys Cross to Kilganney Road will be resurfaced before the work to Kilganny Bridge is completed and it is scheduled for the end of April.

### 3.4 Consider Draft 2022 General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

On the proposition of Councillor John Crosse, seconded by Councillor Mairin McGrath, the Draft 2022 General Municipal Allocations 2022 were agreed as follows:

#### **TIPPERARY-CAHIR-CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT G.M.A. 2022**

| <b>Type of Grant</b>                                     | <b>Central Budget Allocations 2022</b> | <b>GMA Breakdown 2022</b> | <b>Total</b>    |
|--|--|---------------------------|-----------------|
| EU CHARTER MEMBERSHIP                                    | €450                                   |                           | €450            |
| EU CHARTER YOUTH EVENT CASHEL (EU Budget Contribution)   | €7,500                                 | €7,000                    | €14,500         |
| FESTIVAL & EVENTS GRANT SCHEME - MUNICIPAL               | €8,200                                 | €40,000                   | €48,200         |
| FESTIVAL & EVENTS GRANT SCHEME - COMMUNITY               | €2,700                                 | €35,000                   | €37,700         |
| CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CASHEL TOWN                           | €5,000                                 |                           | €5,000          |
| CHRISTMAS LIGHTING TIPPERARY TOWN                        | €3,850                                 | €1,150                    | €5,000          |
| CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CAHIR TOWN                            |  | €5,000                    | €5,000          |
| PAINTING ENHANCEMENT SCHEME CASHEL TOWN                  | 1,439                                  | €3,000                    | €4,439          |
| PAINTING ENHANCEMENT SCHEME TIPPERARY TOWN               | 1,439                                  | €3,000                    | €4,439          |
| PAINTING ENHANCEMENT SCHEME CAHIR TOWN                   | 1,439                                  | €3,000                    | €4,439          |
| PAINTING ENHANCEMENT SCHEME VILLAGES                     |  | €7,000                    | €7,000          |
| TIPPERARY TOWN TWINNING                                  | €3,000                                 |                           | €3,000          |
| CAHIR TOWN TWINNING                                      | €1,000                                 |                           | €1,000          |
| MUNICIPAL DISTRICT TIDY TOWNS GRANTS                     | €58,000                                |                           | €58,000         |
| CASHIEL TIDY TOWNS - Special Project                     |  | €4,000                    | €4,000          |
| TIPPERARY TIDY TOWNS - Special Project                   |  | €4,000                    | €4,000          |
| CAHIR TIDY TOWNS - Special Project                       |  | €4,000                    | €4,000          |
| MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BURIAL GROUNDS GRANTS                 | €58,000                                |                           | €58,000         |
| CONTRIBUTION TO CANON HAYES RECREATION CENTRE            | €40,000                                | €0                        | €40,000         |
| C.J. KICKHAM BAND CONTRIBUTION                           | €635                                   |                           | €635            |
| ST. PATRICK'S BRASS BAND, CASHEL CONTRIBUTION            |  | €300                      | €300            |
| CONTRIBUTION TO RAPID TIPPERARY TOWN                     |  | €1,500                    | €1,500          |
| CONTRIBUTION TO TIPPERARY TOWN REVITALISATION TASK FORCE | €30,000                                | €30,000                   | €60,000         |
| DISTRICT TOWN & VILLAGE RENEWAL PROJECTS & SCHEMES       |  | €75,000                   | €75,000         |
| DISTRICT PLAYGROUNDS & AMENITY AREAS                     |  | €28,684                   | €28,684         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>  | <b>€222,652</b>                        | <b>€251,634</b>           | <b>€474,286</b> |

### **3.5 District Administrator's Report**

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda. The District Administrator informed that members that the Council had been successful with their Town & Village Renewal application for the Tipperary Hills and had been allocated €500,000. Councillor Hanna Hourigan thanked Mr Coleman. Councillor Fitzgerald also welcomed the announcement and it will revitalise and regenerate the Tipperary Hills. He confirmed that the application for the Islands, Golden was unsuccessfully on this occasion. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) thanked the Council and the Task Force for the application and its great collaboration between all the stakeholders. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested an update before the summer following a Community Safety Committee meeting in relation to the Bye Laws on the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in a Public Place. Councillor Cross and Councillor Black also agreed with previous speakers in relation to the funding announcement for the Hills and it will be great for the town and the surrounding areas.

The District Administrator confirmed that there would be engagement with community groups and stakeholders. He expressed his disappointment that Golden was unsuccessful, however there were two successful projects in this District, The Hills and €190,000 for a Digital Hub in Ballyporeen. Councillor Fitzgerald also referred to burial grounds and if there was funding available to maintain disused burial grounds. In most cases the gates are locked and they are becoming overgrown, but they continue to attract visitors who are looking to discover their past. He referred to Thomastown Graveyard in particular and asking if a council employee could cut the grass once a year.

Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested again that the Council contacts An Garda Siochana in relation to the Bye Laws on the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in a Public Place. In response to Councillor Fitzgerald's query he was informed that there is limited resources and staff capacity. It was suggested that they contact other local groups or organise a CE Scheme for Golden.

### **3.6 Cashel Public Realm**

The District Administrator advised Members that pre-planning consultation with residents and business owners in Cashel had taken place and the next step is to formalise the project and seek Part 8 planning approval.

Councillor Burgess thanked all the officials and consultants for their work on the project and the public for their engagement to date and proposed that the project proceed to a Part 8 planning process in order for the public to have their say on the draft plans. Councillor John Crosse seconded this motion.

Councillor Burgess also referenced the significant private investment in the town with the re-opening this week of the Cashel Palace Hotel. Further public investment will also give a boost to the town. Councillor Hanna Hourigan also welcomed the developments in Cashel.



### **3.7 Vacant Houses**

Councillor Murphy asked if the vacant houses figures could be further broken down to indicate how many vacant houses are in Cahir. Mr. Swords confirmed that major refurbishment represents 1% of our housing stock. Councillor Moloney stated that some houses could be vacant for 2 years and he asked who requires the current refurbishment specifications, the Minister or the local authority. Perhaps the Council could look at renovating houses after the tenant has been allocated or consider requesting tenants to do some of the work themselves. There are currently 210 on the list for Cahir and vacant houses in Barnora Crescent. Questions also have to be asked of people who are leaving houses with an average refurbishment cost of €17,000. Councillor Hanna Hourigan stated that we are at an all-time crisis in housing and she is currently dealing with 6 homeless families because their landlords sold the properties and there is nothing available in Tipperary town or Cashel. There are currently empty Council houses in Cappawhite awaiting minor repairs. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) agreed with Councillor Moloney and Councillor Hanna Hourigan and asked how quickly houses awaiting minor repairs could be turned around. Councillor Murphy queried if there is a Council policy regarding refurbishment standards prior reletting houses and that this matter should be discussed at the Housing SPC and any concerns regarding insurance and standards. Councillor Crosse agreed with the previous speakers and feels some of the delays are related to Covid. Councillor Hanna Hourigan stated that this is a housing issue and there was no housing representative at the meeting.

### **4.1 Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders**

The orders were noted.

### **5.1 Councillor Annmarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref. ID 2356)**

That this Municipal District meeting examine and install the correct speeding deterrents on the Dundrum Road along the stretch of road just before the roundabout at Rossmore Village. Controlling the speed of drivers using this road is crucial to provide a safe environment for those exiting Rossmore Village and for the pedestrians who use the walkway into town.

### **Reply**

The Municipal District will carry-out an inspection of the area to examine appropriate traffic control measures in-line with Tipperary County Council is Traffic Calming Policy. Should traffic control measures be deemed necessary an appropriate funding source would then need to be secured to carry out any identified works.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Tony Black.

### **5.3 Councillor Annmarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref. ID 2364)**

That this district install more effective speed ramps by the Gaelscoil, Tipperary town. The traffic calming ramps, on the Murgasty Road by Saint Anne's School and the Monastery, run the full width of the road and work as very effective speeding barriers. Similar speed ramps would be appropriate on the Knockanrawley Road to the Gaelscoil. Speeding and traffic have increased with the completion of the new housing estate and the growth of the school.

#### **Reply**

The ramps and speed cushions in the area will be assessed and enhanced if required.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Tony Black.

### **5.4 Councillor Marie Murphy (Ref ID 2370)**

That the Galtycastle Road, Skeheenarinky, Cahir up to King's Yard, Knocknagattee, Kilbehenny would be resurfaced as soon as possible.

This road is used as access to King's Yard by people coming to the area to go Hillwalking in the Galtees and is also used by the emergency services such as the South East Mountain Rescue Association (SEMRA) when the need arises.

As the road to King's Yard is entirely within the remit of Tipperary County Council I'm asking this municipal district to explore all funding options available to get this road resurfaced.

#### **Reply**

A funding application was made under Climate Change to advance works in this area. TCC have been notified in recent weeks that this application was successful so works will commence in this area in 2022.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Mairin McGrath.

### **5.5 Councillor Marie Murphy (Ref. ID 2371)**

That this municipal district would write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) requesting that they replace/upgrade the 'cats eyes' on the N24 between Cahir and Tipperary town.

#### **Reply**

A request has been sent to the TII to assess the 'cats eyes' on the N24 between Cahir and Tipperary Town.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Mairin McGrath.

## **5.6 Councillor Marie Murphy (Ref. ID 2372)**

That the bridge on the county bounds at Barnahown, Araglin, Co. Tipperary and Gortnaskehy, Araglin, Co. Cork be surveyed, and all necessary repairs carried out as a matter of urgency.

The bridge is on the eastern side of Eircode P61 EE68

### **Reply**

Works are ongoing at present. All necessary repairs will be complete in Q1 2022.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

## **5.7 Councillor Declan Burgess (Ref: ID 2375)**

To ask the Library Service to consider setting up a toy library in our District. The toy library model has been successfully rolled out in other counties. It provides significant benefits to social inclusion, environmental protection and gives provision of a new community amenity.

### **Reply**

The Library Service has held discussions with an interested stakeholder about the possibility of setting up a toy library in the county. This individual has approached the Library Service as both a parent and a teacher. The Library Service is currently assessing different toy libraries in Cork City and Monaghan to ascertain the most appropriate model for Tipperary. Once this assessment is complete, it is intended to pilot the toy library in one Branch Library. It is also planned to hold a toy drive shortly in order to build up a stock of toys.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Ann Marie Ryan (Shiner).

## **5.8 Councillor Declan Burgess (Ref: ID 2376)**

I am requesting the Municipal District to undertake some work that would enhance the existing public realm in the town centre. Works should include power washing of plaza area, back of the pipes and footpaths around core retail area. Also to clean out road gullies that need attention in the town.

### **Reply**

The areas mentioned will be assessed and enhancement works considered on a needs basis. The cleaning of road gullies is carried out on a regular basis throughout the year.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

## **5.9 Councillor Tony Black (Ref: ID 2377)**

That this council will replace the existing spaced speed ramps in Canon Hayes Park, Tipperary Town with full ramps. Vehicles are positioning themselves to drive over the existing ramps without reducing speed. This road has seen an increase in traffic levels in the last number of years and it is the wishes of the residents that the ramps be replaced as a safety measure.

### **Reply**

The existing speed cushions will be assessed in relation to dimensions and number. If it is felt that additional or alternative sizing is not sufficient full ramps will be considered.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

## **5.10 Councillor Tony Black (Ref: ID 2378)**

That this council complete the footpath upgrades on Dillon Street and O'Connell Road in Tipperary Town in this calendar year. One side of each street was completed in 2021 and the job so far is impressive. The completion of these footpath works for the other side of each street would be beneficial from a safety perspective and also from a public realm perspective.

### **Reply**

Both these locations will be considered for upgrade when planning footpath works for 2022.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

## **6.1 Votes of Sympathy**

A vote of sympathy was extended on the death of the following:

- Philomena Bradshaw, Cullen Village, Cullen, Co Tipperary
- Philomena Croke, Regaile, Thurles, Co Tipperary

## **6.2 Votes of Congratulations**

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- Mark Fitzell on his recent television appearance on Nationwide promoting his books – Many Faces of Cashel.
- Johnny Fogarty on his recent television appearance on Nationwide promoting his models of landmark buildings in Cashel town.
- OPW staff of Cahir Castle on winning the European Film Commissions Network (EUFCN) Location Award 2021.

- Best wishes to Cashel Palace Hotel on their official opening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022.

## 7.1 Charter of European Rural Communities

The District Administrator advised the Members that correspondence was received from the Charter of European Rural Communities advising that given restrictions had been lifted that a meeting will take place from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, to Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April in the Czech Republic. Councillor Fitzgerald proposed that the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Hanna Hourigan should attend on behalf of Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District. This was seconded by Councillor Crosse.

## 8.1 Any other Business

Councillor McGrath stated that the exterior lighting at Cahir Castle is outdated and needs upgrading so that it can be lit up for significant events. She is recommending that the District write to the OPW to request them to consider upgrading the exterior lighting.

Councillor Burgess referred to the 254 licences for outdoor dining and asked if the Council would consider waiving the annual fee for 2022. The District Administrator advised that this was a national waiver from the Department up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. However, he would request clarification.

**This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.**

Signed/  Dated/ 28/03/2022  
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 28/03/2022  
District Administrator