

**Minutes of March Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 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  
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer  
Mr. Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer  
Mr. Shane Grogan, Administrative Officer  
Mr. Daniel Roche, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Marie Phelan, Tourism Development Officer

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The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan, opened the meeting by saying that the people of Ukraine are in our thoughts during this very difficult time. 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 March Municipal District meeting.

**1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest**

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

**2.1 Minutes of February Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District February meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Roger Kennedy seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

## **Matters arising from the minutes**

Councillor Burgess confirmed that he required clarification in relation to West Meadow, Boherlahan not Dundurn as reflected in the minutes of the previous meeting. He also raised the issue of speeding in Cashel town and referred to two incidents in the town centre over St Patrick's weekend, which related to speeding and a pedestrian was knocked down by a car. He reiterated that this was a serious issue and requested that the council write to the superintendent to raise concerns around speeding particularly Clonmel Road and Cahir Road. Council Kennedy supported Councillor Burgess and suggested it should be listed as an agenda item at the next Community Safety Committee meeting. Councillor Fitzgerald requested an update in relation to Rock Springs, Kilross. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested an update in relation to the Bye Laws on the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in a Public Place.

### **3.2 Housing Directorate Report**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer, Mr. Shane Grogan, Administrative Officer and Mr. Daniel Roche, Executive Engineer, Housing Section to the meeting. The report was taken as read and the Housing Section team were open to any questions.

Councillor Marie Murphy requested a breakdown of Tipperary Cahir Cashel approved applicants and vacant houses. Councillor Kennedy noted that there were teething problems with the new Choice Based Letting System that was launched on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Councillor Moloney requested that the standard for reletting houses be relaxed and referred to a previous motion he had in this regard. Some houses are boarded up and remain vacant for long periods of time, when basic repairs could be carried out when the tenant is in situ. Councillor Burgess welcomed the SPADE housing units at Ashwell's Lot, Deerpark Road which are nearing completion. He asked if the Local Authority is engaging with the HSE to provide more housing like this model. He also welcomed, Belmont Park Housing Association's announcement in relation to securing funding for a house at Deerpark Road, Cashel to provide independent living for disabled users and Tuath Housing Association funding approval for the construction of 40 units at Waller's Lot in Cashel. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested clarification in relation to the Tenant Purchase Scheme and noted that the same question in relation to whether elderly applicants can apply for tenant purchase was asked at the recent plenary meeting. Councillor Hanna Hourigan raised a query in relation to Choice Based Letting and if approved applicants had access to several property types including private rented properties. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) noted that 8 applications were approved for Tenant Purchase Scheme and questioned if this money is used to purchase more council housing. Councillor McGrath requested that the timeframe for expression of interest in CBL properties could be extended given that there were so many issues with applicants logging in and receiving log in details.

Sean Lonergan acknowledged the comments made in relation to Choice Based Letting, however a decision was made to launch the programme rather than taking extra time to fine tune the system. Over 3,000 letters were sent out to inform applicants of the new system and provide user names and login details. He noted that with any new IT solution there will be teething problems, however they were all addressed by 3.45 p.m. on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March by OpenSky who provided the system. All Councillors were notified by email that there was an issue and again when the issue was resolved. He confirmed that this is stage 1 of Choice Based Letting and 7 properties are available on the system at present. There have been 2,500 hits on the system and bids on all 7 properties, therefore two-thirds of housing applicants have engaged. All properties must be designated for CBL by the Director and every Monday a list of properties is discussed including Local Authority/Long Term Leasing/AHB/RAS properties. Properties which are designated for the disabled, travellers or homeless are not eligible for CBL. Approved applicants who log into the system have access to see every house that's available and no one will be disenfranchised. Mr Lonergan stated that they are happy with the engagement so far and it is the way forward. In relation to Councillor Moloney's query it was recently addressed at the plenary meeting and it was noted that there was a minimum cost of €7,500 on reletting repairs. The Housing Authority is not permitted to allocate a house if it does not meet the minimum private rented standards. The Housing Authority must ensure that all houses meet this standard and meet an applicant's housing need. In relation to Approved Housing Bodies, Shane Grogan confirmed that the Council is engaging with approved housing bodies to meet the need of persons with a disability in accordance with the Council's Disability Strategy. The Council chairs a quarterly AHB Forum to ensure that the Council's expectations are met to prevent homelessness. The AHBs come back with proposals and depending on the level of funding required, this will determine the Council's nomination rights to the specific development. In relation to Councillor Ryan's (Shiner) query regarding the recent amendments to the Tenant Purchase Scheme, the Council is waiting on further details from the Department and the monies received on Tenant Purchase goes into the General Housing Fund. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) queried the type of properties on Choice Based Letting because one property is a one-bedroom property above a betting office. Mr. Lonergan clarified that RAS properties will be on CBL but no HAP properties will be available. Councillor Fitzgerald requested clarification on the tenant purchase scheme. Does a tenant need to be a tenant of the house they are purchasing for 10 years or a tenant of the Council for 10 years? In accordance with the income guidelines an OAP wasn't allowed to buy their house and the clause excluding any council house that was adapted was not going to be sold to the tenant. If there was no longer a disabled person in the house could the adaptation be removed to allow them to purchase the house. Mr. Grogan acknowledged that Councillor Fitzgerald had a good point, however they would need to seek clarification from the Department. Councillor Hanna Hourigan asked if an applicant was approved for a one-bedroom and there were no one-bedroom properties available would they have an opportunity to bid on a two-bedroom property. She asked why some applicants could see some properties and other applicants could see different properties. Councillor

Kennedy advised that the expiry date of the houses that went on display last week was today (28<sup>th</sup> March) and asked if it could this be extended. Mr. Lonergan confirmed that they were due to meet Opensky again and acknowledged that all IT systems have glitches and they should all be resolved as soon as possible. The issues that arose last Friday were resolved by 3.45 p.m. All the letters to the housing applicants issued on the same day so all applicants should have received their user name and password. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested that when you click on a property that it should be clear what type of property it is, whether it's Local Authority/Long Term Leasing/AHB/RAS. The Cathaoirleach thanked the housing team and the staff for their time and acknowledged that they are an extremely busy section.

### **3.2 Community & Economic Development**

The Cathaoirleach thanked Pat Slattery who was available to take any questions. Mr. Slattery firstly wanted to remind everyone that Munster Vales was hosting a Community Engagement Networking event on Wednesday evening, March 30th at 6.30pm in Ardfinnan Community Centre. Mr. Slattery also wanted to remind the members that the closing date for CLAR and ORIS applications is April, 2022. Councillor Murphy welcomed the €198,000 funding towards a digital hub in Ballyporeen.

### **3.3 Update from Tipperary Tourism**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Marie Phelan, Tourism Development Officer to the meeting. Ms Phelan advised Members that she would be making a short presentation on Tipperary Tourism and Tipperary Destination Recovery Taskforce and she would then be open to any questions. The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms Phelan for her presentation. Councillor Moloney commended Ms Phelan and the team and acknowledged that they had really stepped it up and changed direction since Covid. He noted that there have been several good news stories from the district in the last few months, including Cahir Castle winning the European Film Commissions Network (EUFCN) Location Award 2021, the huge numbers to the area in the last week for St Declans Way Walk and of course the Royal visit. Mr. Moloney asked how we now build on this going forward. The Royal Visit was a great day for Cahir town and particularly for Cahir Comhaltas and Cahir Trad Fest. During the filming at Cahir Castle there were medieval flags flown on the castle and everyone noted how nice they were and that the OPW should be asked to consider flying flags or at least fly the Irish flag. He also asked if something could be done to improve the surface to provide greater disability access to the Swiss Cottage. He congratulated everyone on the work that went into organising the Royal visit and it was a huge success. Councillor Burgess thanked Ms Phelan for her presentation and agreed with Councillor Moloney. He noted that clearly Ms Phelan has a passion for tourism. He requested if the OPW would consider opening Dominic's Abbey, Cashel to the public particularly during summer months. It's disappointing to see tourists looking in through a locked gate. He acknowledged that the Royal visit was a fantastic opportunity to promote

Tipperary and he asked if a promotional video could be developed. Councillor Fitzgerald acknowledged the success of the Royal visit and thanked Ms Phelan for her wonderful presentation. He noted that we were playing to our strengths including promoting castles, horse industry, craft food and the Suir Blueway but wondered if we could do more to develop angling tourism. He stated that there is a huge interest in angling and it is not promoted in Tipperary. There are fishing groups restocking salmon and trout and it is an undiscovered gem in Tipperary. He wanted it noted that he was in no way criticising the work already done but asked if there is an opening for fishing and noted that busloads of people travel to Cork to fish the Blackwater. Councillor McGrath stated that the Tipperary Tourism introductory packages for community groups was a huge opportunity for communities and membership was keenly priced at €25 for the year. She wanted it noted that Tipperary Tourism's social media content is top quality and that there are posts throughout every weekend giving people at home great ideas on what to do and where to go. The exposure Tipperary received during the Royal visit was great and she thanked the District Administrator and his team. She asked if the interactive map launched by Tipperary Tourism was the same as the one that the Munster Vales launched the previous week and she congratulated Ms Phelan and the team. Councillor Marie Murphy acknowledge the phenomenal work carried out by Tipperary County Council in preparing for the Royal visit. She acknowledged the partnership with Kildare County Council and Kildare Failte to develop an equine tourism experience. She congratulated Aisling O'Donovan who was recently named the Tipperary Rose of Tralee for 2022 and that Tipperary would be partnered with the Philadelphia. She also acknowledged that the Rock of Cashel has been listed as a tour stop on the Rose of Tralee tour of Ireland prior to the festival weekend. Councillor Murphy noted the fantastic exposure Tipperary is receiving from being named on Condé Nast Traveller as One of the Best Holiday Destinations for 2022 and in Forbes Magazine as one of the 10 Coolest Places to Go in the next 10 years. In reference to the Royal visit she wanted to thank Anthony Coleman, Ger Walsh and Inspector Mark Allen for their work and noted that Tipperary Food Producers couldn't ask for better publicity and it will bring great rewards. Councillor Anglim thanked Ms Phelan for her presentation and her passion for Tipperary. Councillor Moloney wanted to remind the members of the St Declan's Way public information meeting at 8.00pm tonight in Cahir House Hotel. In response Ms Phelan thanked Councillor Fitzgerald for his suggestion regarding angling tourism. She also confirmed that the Munster Vales interactive map is a different map. In relation to Councillor Murphy comments, Ms Phelan clarified that Tipperary will partner with the Philadelphia Rose Centre which will provide opportunities to promote Tipperary as a place to visit, live and work. She confirmed that Tipperary LEO already have established connections with various business groups in Philadelphia, so this partnership will allow Tipperary Tourism to build on that relationship to our mutual benefit. The Rose Tour will come to county Tipperary for a full day and overnight taking in Suir Blueway Tipperary, Rock of Cashel and the Equine Heritage at Fethard. This will provide excellent promotional opportunities both domestically and internationally across various media platforms including profile during the RTE Rose of Tralee show in August. The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms Phelan.

### 3.4 Consider the Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2022

On the proposition of Councillor Marie Murphy, seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy, the Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2022 allocations were agreed as follows:

<b>TIPPERARY FESTIVAL &amp; EVENTS GRANT SCHEME 2022 - TIPPERARY- CAHIR - CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</b>			
<b>COMMUNITY GRANTS</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>FESTIVAL / EVENT</b>	<b>Proposed Grant</b>
1	Donohill & District Soccer Club	Donohill Festival of Soccer	€700
2	Burncourt Community Council CLG	Burncourt Annual Pumpkin Festival	€1,800
3	Cahir Development Association CLG / Cahir Tidy Towns	Cahir St. Patrick's Day Festival	€1,500
4	Cahir Development Association CLG / Cahir Tidy Towns	Taste of Cahir / Funday Sunday	€2,000
5	Cahir Development Association CLG / Cahir Tidy Towns	Cahir Christmas Retail	€1,500
6	Knockavilla Community Council	Multeen Players Drama Production	€1,000
7	Tipperary Chamber of Commerce	Tipperary Town St. Patrick's Day Parade	€1,500
8	Tipperary Chamber of Commerce	Tipperary Town Christmas Lights Event	€1,000
9	TIRD	The Three Bees of Biodiversity	€1,000
10	Tipperary Chamber of Commerce	Summer Markets	€1,000
11	Tipperary Chamber of Commerce	Zombie Hunt at Halloween	€1,000
12	Golden Tidy Towns	Commemoration and presentation of a Salmon Sculpture on the banks of the River Suir in Golden	€1,000
13	Hillwalking Community Radio Group	The Ramble	€400
14	The Forge Players	The Forge Players Annual Drama	€1,000
15	Rockwell Music Academy	Storytelling in Music	€1,000
16	Cahir Comhaltas Trad Fest Committee	Cahir Comhaltas Trad Fest 2022	€2,000
17	Cappawhite Community Council	Cappawhite St. Patrick's Day Parade	€750
18	Glen of Aherlow Failte Society	Glen of Aherlow Walking Festival	€750
19	Friends of the Playground Cahir	Scare in Cahir 2022	€1,000
20	Solohead Parish Heritage Group	Solohead Parish Heritage Events	€500
21	New Inn Festival	New Inn Festival	€1,000
22	The Rhododendron Walking Festival Committee	Petticoat Loose Spooktacular Halloween Hike	€1,500
23	The Rhododendron Walking Festival Committee	Solstice Winter Walk	€1,000

24	Galtee Walking Club	Slievenmuck Marathon & Galtee Challenge	€1,000
25	Caislean Nua Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann	Trad Fest on the Suir	€800
26	Light up the Plan	Light up the Plan	€1,000
27	Grange Community Council	Grange Field Evening	€800
28	Youth Work Ireland Tipperary	Tipperary Youth Pride	€1,000
29	Annacarty/Donohill Active Retirement	Trathnona Bealtainne	€500
30	Aherlow Kilross Community Council Clg	Aherlow Kilross Community Christmas Market	€750
31	Knockmealdown Active	St. Declan's Walking Way Event	€1,000
32	Bansha Show Society	Bansha Agricultural Show	€1,000
33	Cappawhite GAA Club	Cappafest	€1,000
34	Mountain Lodge restoration group - BCC	BCC Mountain Lodge Suaimhness sna Coillte	€1,000
35	Duhill Community Council	Celebrate our Place	€750
36	Ballylooby Community Council	Ballylooby Day	€1,000
37	Ballylooby Community Council	Ballylooby St. Patrick's Day	€500
38	Cahir Social & Historical Society	Summer Festival at the Castle	€1,200
39	Tipperary Excel Heritage Ltd	Young at Heart Festival	€1,500
40	County Tipperary Ryan Youth Orchestra	Youth Orchestra Celebration Concert Event	€1,200
41	Cashel St. Patrick's Parade	Cashel St. Patrick on the Plaza	€1,500
42	St. Paul's Community Council	Vee Valley festival	€1,500
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>€44,900.00</b>
	<b>MUNICIPAL GRANTS</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>FESTIVAL</b>	<b>Grant</b>
1	Cashel Arts Festival	Cashel Arts Festival	€14,000.00
2	Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee	Third Tipperary Brigade Festival	€3,000.00
3	Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Thiobraid Árann	Fleadh Cheoil Thiobraid Árann 2022	€7,000.00
4	Ballyporeen Community Council Ltd	Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival	€5,000.00
5	The Rhododendron Walking Festival Committee	The Rhododendron Walking Festival 2022	€5,000.00
6	Ardfinnan Ballybacon Grange Newcastle Gun Club	Winter Wonderland at the Duck Ponds	€2,000.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>€36,000.00</b>
	<b>Overall Total</b>		<b>€80,900.00</b>

### 3.5 Consider the Tidy Towns Grant Allocations 2022

On the proposition of Councillor John Crosse, seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess, the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2022 allocations were agreed as follows:

<b>TIPPERARY-CAHIR-CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</b>		
<b>TIDY TOWNS &amp; RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GRANTS 2022</b>		
	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ALLOCATIONS</b>
1	Aherlow Road Residents Association	€1,500.00
2	An Duiche Residents Association	€1,000.00
3	Ardfinnan Tidy Towns	€2,500.00
4	Ballyporeen Community Council	€1,200.00
5	Ballylooby, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€900.00
6	Bansha Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
7	Burncourt Community Council	€1,200.00
8	Cappawhite Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
9	Cahir Tidy Towns	€5,000.00
10	Cashel Tidy Towns	€5,000.00
11	Caiseal Na Ri Residents Association	€1,000.00
12	Clogheen Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
13	Clonoulty Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
14	Donohill Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
15	Goatenbridge Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
16	Golden Tidy Villages, Golden	€1,200.00
17	Grange Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
18	Highfield Residents Association	€600.00
19	Kilmananagh Residents Association	€1,000.00
20	Kilross Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
21	Murgasty Residents Association	€1,000.00
22	New Inn Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
23	Rossmore Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
24	Summercove Residents Association	€1,000.00
25	The Steeples Residents Association	€1,000.00
26	Tipperary Town Tidy Towns	€4,500.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€41,400.00</b>

### 3.6 Consider the Burial Ground Grant Allocations 2022

On the proposition of Councillor John Crosse, seconded by Councillor Michael Fitzgerald, the Burial Ground Grant Allocations 2022 were agreed as follows:



<b>Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District</b>		
<b>Burial Ground Grant Allocations 2022</b>		
	<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Allocations</b>
1	Ardfinnan Burial Ground Committee	€935.00
2	Ballinacourty Burial Ground	€935.00
3	Ballinatemple Burial Ground	€887.00
4	Ballydrennan Burial Ground	€665.00
5	Bansha Old Burial Ground	€887.00
6	Blessed Sacrament Golden	€735.00
7	Cahir Abbey Burial Ground	€735.00
8	Cahir New Burial Ground	€935.00
9	Cahir Quaker Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
10	Cappawhite Old & New Burial Ground	€1,822.00
11	Cashel Cathedral Burial Ground	€887.00
12	Cullen Graveyard Committee	€735.00
13	Dangan-Dargan Burial Ground, Golden	€735.00
14	Derrygrath Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
15	Duhill Burial Ground, Duhill, Cahir	€887.00
16	Emily Old/New Burial Ground Committee	€1,600.00
17	Garranlea Burial Ground Committee	€665.00
18	Hollyford Burial Ground Committee	€935.00
19	Kiladriffe Burial Ground	€735.00
20	Kilcommon Cemetery, Cahir	€665.00
21	Kilfeacle Burial Ground	€887.00
22	Kilshane Burial Ground	€735.00
23	Knockgraffon Burial Ground	€735.00
24	Loughkent Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
25	Loughloher Burial Ground Mtce Committee	€735.00
26	Monard Church of Ireland Burial Grounds	€665.00
27	Mullough Abbey Burial Ground Committee	€665.00
28	Neddans Graveyard Ardfinnan	€665.00
29	New Inn Graveyard Parish Committee	€887.00
30	Newcastle New Burial Ground Committee	€665.00
31	Newcastle Old Burial Ground Committee	€887.00
32	Old Church Street Cahir	€887.00
33	Old Donohill Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
34	Protestant Burial Ground, Ardfinnan	€665.00
35	Rossmore Church Grounds, Rossmore	€665.00
36	Shanrahan Burial Ground Maintenance	€1,552.00
37	Shronnel Graveyard Committee	€665.00
38	Solohead Burial Ground Committee	€887.00

39	St John the Baptist Graveyard, Cashel	€665.00
40	St. John the Baptist Graveyard, Clonoulty	€665.00
41	St. Johns Famine Graveyard, Tipperary	€665.00
42	St Mark's Famine Graveyard, Cashel	€665.00
43	St Mary's Church of Ireland Tipperary Town	€665.00
44	St Senan's Burial Ground Committee	€935.00
45	St. Mary's Church Dundrum	€665.00
46	St. Paul's Churchyard, Cahir	€735.00
47	St. Senan's BG Dundrum Co. Tipperary	€935.00
48	Tubrid Burial Ground, Cahir	€735.00
49	Templenoie Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
50	Tullaghmeelan Graveyard Committee	€735.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€40,967.00</b>

### 3.7 District Engineer's Report

James Swords, District Engineer, updated Members on the Roads Programme. He confirmed that most of the restoration improvement (RI) works were completed, however the planned works in Boherlahan and Donaskeigh would be postponed until the Summer when the schools would be closed. The Restoration Maintenance works will commence in May/June. Councillor Murphy acknowledged the work at Kilganny and asked when the bridge will be reopened. Mr. Swords confirmed 2 to 3 weeks. Councillor Crosse circulated photographs of recent damage to Lisvernane Bridge and requested immediate emergency works. He read a letter on behalf of residents in Lisvernane who are being seriously affected. The bridge leads to a cul-de-sac serving 5 families and the bridge parapet has collapsed. On the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022, a dairy farmer was informed by Tipperary Co-op that they would not be crossing the bridge to collect his milk because it was a serious health and safety risk. This will seriously affect his milk collection and income. He is also in the process of building and construction is at a standstill because suppliers won't cross the bridge. Councillor Crosse requested that this issue be given immediate priority. Councillor Burgess requested an update in relation to the lights at the Old Road, Cashel and also noted that the long-awaited extension to Friar Street Car Park is scheduled to be completed in Q1 2023 but asked when will the work start. He also asked when will the speed limit review be carried out. In relation to the feasibility study for a cycle lane from Cahir to Cashel he asked if there was funding available for planning stage. Councillor McGrath thanked Mr. Swords for the work to Kilganny Bridge and acknowledged that money was received from the Department to cover the cost but asked how much the Council received. Councillor Fitzgerald supported Councillor Crosse in relation to Lisvernane Bridge and noted that Paddy Crowley previously met with residents and it was agreed that the bridge would need to be widened because trucks are now wider and property may need to be acquired. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) referred to a previous Notice of Motion in relation to the Cashel Road Roundabout – Bansha Road requesting that ramps be put in because

it is a busy road used by walkers doing the looped walk and kids going to the Gael Scoil. Councillor Fitzgerald supported this because the houses are very near the road and its dangerous for residents coming out their front door. Councillor Hanna Hourigan also supported this. Councillor Black also supported the need for speeding measures because a resident's car was recently damaged by a speeding car. Councillor Anglim referred to the Cahir Road into Ardfinnan Road known as the new line and requested that the trees be trimmed and topped to provide better sightlines.

In response Mr. Swords confirmed that they are aware of the damage to Lisvernane Bridge and funding has been secured for a redesign, but this will take time. In the interim handrails are being made and will be fitted in the coming days. A design solution will take time, but the Council appreciates the urgency. Mr. Swords agreed to follow up with Airtricity in relation to the lights at the Old Road, Cashel. He confirmed that the Council received €101,000 from the Department for the works to Kilganny Bridge. In relation to Councillor Ryan's (Shiner) query in relation to speeding at Bansha Road. A traffic survey was completed, and it did record incidents of speeding. This information has been forwarded to the Roads Section who will work with TII to find a solution to the speeding. As a temporary solution the council could look at relining the road. He also agreed to follow up with Roads section in relation to the speed limit review. The trees on the Cahir Road into Ardfinnan were previously cut by the Tidy Towns.

Councillor Crosse stated that he understands the Council's position in relation to Lisvernane Bridge, however railings won't help the residents and a solution will have to be found immediately. Councillor Crosse stated that he had also been contacted by Eamon English of the IFA because this issue will have to be resolved. Mr. Swords stated that he is trying to avoid closing the road. Councillor Anglim confirmed that the trees in Ardfinnan are too big now to be cut by the Tidy Towns.

### **3.8 District Administrator's Report**

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda. He advised the members that in relation to the Bye Laws on the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in a Public Place that he has been in contact with the Gardai. In relation to Councillor Burgess' previous query regarding a waiver of fees for outdoor dining table licences in 2022 the District Administrator confirmed that he has contacted the Department and has been advised that this matter is still with the Minister. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) advised with the weather improving that it is important to reach agreement on the Bye Laws. The Cathaoirleach wanted to extend her thanks to the District Administrator, the District Engineer and to the District Director on behalf of the elected members for all the work on the Royal visit. Mr. Coleman wanted to also acknowledge the work of the OPW, An Garda Siochana, the Community Groups, Tidy Towns and Tipperary Foods Producers Network. He confirmed that it was great to see all the community groups acknowledged for their work and it was a great opportunity for the Tipperary Foods Producers.

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

The orders were noted.

#### **5.1 Councillor Tony Black (Ref. ID 2393)**

That the council examine Redmond Square, Tipperary Town for footpath improvement works. The footpaths are in the same condition as those that were deemed in need of replacement on O'Connell Road and Dillon Street.

#### **Reply**

This section of footpath will be assessed and considered for inclusion in future footpath replacement works.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner).

#### **5.2 Councillor Tony Black (Ref. ID 2394)**

That the council examine Arravale Terrace, Tipperary Town for footpath improvement works. This stretch of footpath is in very poor condition and is certainly a trip hazard.

#### **Reply**

The condition of the footpaths will be assessed and considered when planning footpath repair locations for the town.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner).

#### **5.3 Councillor Tony Black (Ref. ID 2395)**

That the council would repair the speed ramps in James Connolly Park, Tipperary Town and assess them to see if they are in need of replacement. They are constantly in a state of disrepair and it is an ongoing issue for residents and motorists alike.

#### **Reply**

The condition of the ramps will be assessed and any repairs carried out when funding is available.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

#### **5.4 Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref ID 2396)**

That this Municipal District inspect road no. L-8208, which is in urgent need of a long-term sustainable upgrade. Temporary repairs have been carried out by the local authority, but parts of the road are deteriorating rapidly. Over 24 houses and working farms are along this road. The road is also used as a short cut from the N24 Barronstown Cross to access the N74 Cashel Road (bypassing Tipperary Town).

## **Reply**

The L-8208 is not included on the three-year Restoration Improvement Programme. The Area Engineer has been made aware of the location and will continue to patch the road until an appropriate funding source is obtained to carry out road strengthening works.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan.

Councillor Ryan (Shiner) noted that this road is not on the 3-Year Roads Programme and it is being used as a bypass for Tipperary Town which is a pity. She stated that patching is not a solution and the road is beyond surface dressing. Mr. Swords confirmed that there may be drainage funding available next year and there is a significant cost in resurfacing 4 km of road. Councillor Fitzgerald supported the motion and stated that it is an important link between Cashel and Limerick Junction because everyone wants to avoid the congestion in town. He asked if it is possible to amend the 3-year programme at the end of this year. The District Engineer confirmed that there may be options in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year and if there are drainage issues the works could be done with drainage funding. Councillor Crosse asked if there were any other funding streams available given that Tipperary Cahir Cashel was the biggest district with the largest road network. He also confirmed that there was a previous agreement with Aidan Finn in 2012 when the top section of the road was surfaced, that the remainder would be finished, and he gave his full support to the motion. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked if they could focus on the 4 sections which are particularly bad. Councillor Black also supported the motion. The District Engineer confirmed that if funding was available the road would need to be resurfaced.

## **6.1 Votes of Sympathy**

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

- Willie O'Neill, Bansha West, Bansha, Co Tipperary

## **6.2 Votes of Congratulations**

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- Cahir Comhaltas for successfully showcasing Irish traditional music on a worldwide stage during the Royal visit on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

- Brú Ború Heritage Centre for successfully showcasing Irish traditional music and dance on a worldwide stage during the Royal visit on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022
- Cashel Comhaltas for successfully showcasing Irish traditional music on a worldwide stage during the Royal visit on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022
- Cashel Community School Choir for their performance at the Rock of Cashel during the Royal visit on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022
- Cahir Tidy Towns on the recognition they received for their work and service to the community during the Royal visit on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022
- Cahir Development Association on the recognition they received for their work and service to the community during the Royal visit on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022
- Cahir Men's Shed on the recognition they received for their work and service to the community during the Royal visit on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

### **7.1 Road Safety Working Together Group**

The District Administrator advised the Members that correspondence was received from Marcus O'Connor, Director of Roads and Transportation in relation to the Road Safety Working Together Group. Councillor Fitzgerald stated that it was disappointing that the Working Together Group does not include elected members.

### **8.1 Any other Business**

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/ 25/04/2022  
Cathairleach

Signed/  Dated/ 25/04/2022  
District Administrator