

Minutes of December Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Tuesday 20th December 2022 at 11.00am

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

Officials Present: Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator/Director
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer
Mr. James Murray, Senior Roads Engineer
Mr. Paul Farrell, Executive Engineer
Mr. Tim Kilmartin, Executive Engineer
Mr. Frank Cussen, Executive Engineer
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer
Community & Enterprise Directorate
Ms. Kathleen Prendergast, Administrative Officer

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 Micheál Anglim, welcomed everyone to the December Municipal District meeting.

1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

2.1 Minutes of November Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 28th November, 2022

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District November meeting held on 28th November, 2022 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor John Crosse seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

3.1 Community & Economic Development

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Kathleen Prendergast from Community and Economic Development Section who was available to take any questions. Councillor Burgess referred to the Community based CCTV Scheme and was

disappointed that the largest district in the county does not have any community CCTV. He thanked Ms Prendergast and her team for securing €50,000 in Town & Village Renewal funding for a remote working hub in Cashel, given the increased interest in remote working. Councillor Annmarie Ryan (Shiner) referred to a recent Joint Policing Committee meeting where it was noted that there is no CCTV in the towns of Tipperary, Cahir and Cashel and there is a need in the larger towns. She also wanted to thank C&ED for the shop local campaign. Councillor Black also referred to the Joint Policy Committee meeting and noted that CCTV is an asset for Gardai and gives communities a sense of security. He also wanted to thank C&ED staff for all their work. Councillor Michael Fitzgerald noted that the report at the end of 2022 was a reflection on a successful year and a tribute to the people from the county. He wanted to acknowledge Minister Heather Humphries who has taken a particular interest in Tipperary and noted that he always made the argument that Tipperary is at a disadvantage because we have no cabinet minister. He noted that it is important to thank the people for the funding and he noted that the money will come once a project is shovel ready. Councillor Kennedy noted that we currently have two great Ministers for Rural Ireland in Malcolm Noonan T.D., Minister of State for Heritage & Electoral Reform and Jack Chambers T.D., Minister of State for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media. He thanked C&ED staff for the 40-page report on their wide scope and range of activities. It shows that Tipperary County Council is involved in many aspects of people's lives including the Munster Vales, Sports Partnership, Age Friendly and Tidy Towns. He requested an update on the progress on bringing fibre-to-the-home. He noted that Tipperary was listed as a starter area. He also wanted to compliment Tipperary County Council on the amount of shared underground telecommunications infrastructure being installed. Councillor Hanna Hourigan wanted to thank Ms Prendergast and the team for the report and congratulated her on the work. Councillor Crosse and Councillor McGrath wanted to be associated with the comments. Councillor Murphy thanked Ms Prendergast for the report. In relation to the broadband in Cahir, she asked if the 3,180 properties surveyed had been connected, which was planned to be completed by December 2022. It was agreed by the members to send letters to Malcolm Noonan T.D. and Jack Chambers T.D. thanking them for the funding allocations and their continued support for rural Ireland. It was also agreed to send a letter of congratulations to Leo Varadkar who is due to take over as Taoiseach.

In response Ms Prendergast confirmed that the issue of CCTV was discussed at the Joint Policing Committee and a review is to be undertaken examining the cost of maintenance and operation of current systems in place. Any communities interested in developing a scheme need to be aware of the costs associated with installing it and the going maintenance. In relation to the grant awarded under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme she confirmed that a feasibility study will commence in the new year. Regarding Councillor Kennedys query in relation to fibre-to-the-home she agreed to revert with details later. She confirmed that there are 30,349 premises in the NBP Intervention area in County Tipperary and to date 86% of the premises have been surveyed to the end of 2022. 60% of premises will have works commenced by the end of 2022 and 98% by the end of

2023. 70% of the premises will be completed by the end of 2024. Regarding Councillor Murphy's query in relation to broadband in Cahir she agreed to revert to the members. Ms Prendergast thanked the members and agreed to pass on their thanks and congratulations to the rest of the C&ED Team. She wished all the members a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2023.

3.2 Consider additional funding allocations under the Festival & Events Grant Scheme 2022

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Fitzgerald, seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess, the additional Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2022 allocations were agreed as follows:

FESTIVAL & EVENTS GRANT SCHEME 2022			
TIPPERARY- CAHIR - CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT			
No.	Applicant	Festival / Event	Proposed Grant
1	Knockmealdown Active	Knockmealdown Active 10 th Anniversary Event	€700
2.	New Inn Festival Committee	Mary Doyle Memorial Run	€250
3.	New Inn Tidy Towns	New Inn Christmas Lights Event	€800
4.	St. Pauls Community Council	Clogheen Christmas Party Event	€800
5.	Cashel King Cormac's & Cashel Rugby Club	Tipperary Fittest Superstars	€1,800
6.	Newcastle Community Council	Christmas Lights Event	€2,000
		Total	€5,630

3.3 District Administrator's Report

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda and the members were informed that the Part 8 for Youth Training Centre at Dan Breen House will be advertised in the next week with a submission period open until 20th February 2023.

Councillor Kennedy asked if there was any update on whether the outdoor dining waiver would be extended. He wanted to compliment Anthony Coleman on the amount of work achieved in 2022, the amount of work ongoing and the amount of work planned. Councillor Burgess also wanted to thank Mr. Coleman and he asked if there will be a report on the Interpretative Centre in the new year. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) thanked Mr. Coleman for his great work including his involvement in the Task Force. She also asked if the display period for the Part 8 would be extended because of the Christmas break. She also requested an update on the Bye-Laws for the Regulation and Control of Consumption of

Intoxicating Liquor. Councillor Black thanked Mr. Coleman for his hard work and also requested an update on the bye-laws, which would be a benefit to the town. Councillor Murphy thanked Mr. Coleman and asked if many expressions of interest had been received for causal trading bays and if the district would still accept applications.

In response the District Administrator confirmed that no guidance has been received from the department in relation to extending the waiver for outdoor dining. Regarding the Interpretative Centre in Cashel he confirmed that a new steering group had been formed with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland which is chaired by Tipperary County Council. It is hoped that this group will be able to provide an update in the new year. The District Administrator confirmed that draft Bye-Laws for the Regulation and Control of Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor had been sent to the Council's solicitor to obtain legal advice with a view to making the draft bye-laws available for public consultation early in the new year. The District Administrator wanted to thank the members for their support and acknowledged the team approach in the Municipal District with support from other directorates across the district. He acknowledged the funding received to date and the challenges that brings to deliver projects with such a significant work programme.

3.4 District Engineer's Report

James Swords, District Engineer, updated the Members and confirmed that a large volume of work was completed, thanks to Tim Kilmartin, Paul Farrell and Richard Power. He also wanted to thank the Councillors for their input and support throughout the year.

Councillor Burgess thanked the engineering, roads and outdoor staff. In particular he thanked them for the works in Boherlahan which is a great example of supporting rural areas by installing new infrastructure while also slowing down traffic in the village. Councillor Crosse thanked the District Engineer and requested an update on the River Ara Walkway. Councillor McGrath thanked the District Engineer and his team and it was great to see everything on the work programme at nearly 100% completed. She acknowledged the work of the team given the extremely cold weather over the weekend. She noted that national and secondary roads are included in the salting programme but requested that school bus routes be included. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) also thanked the team and noted that the River Ara Walkway was expected to be open before Christmas. She also referred to the recent meeting with the TII and requested an update in particular relating to the Bansha Road. Councillor McGrath referred again to the salting programme and referenced the significant investment in active travel projects and she requested if there was any provision for salting footpaths. Councillor Fitzgerald referred to the L3102 signs at Kilmoyler Cross on the N24 leading to Kilmoyler Church and Tooreen which are blocking sightlines to the left. Councillor Hanna Hourigan thanked and team and appreciated the amount of work accomplished. Councillor Kennedy thanked everyone in the roads team and

in particular the staff on the ground. He referred to a time when we were once accused of not getting the maximum out of staff. However, Council staff now take pride in the work, highlighting the Green in Cashel and the work to improve the visibility at the entrance to Castlegreen Estates.

Councillor Black thanked the District Engineer and all his staff who go out of their way to do work and he commended them on their work on the footpaths around the town. Councillor Murphy also thanked the District Engineer and his team for all the work carried out in 2022. She referred to a previous Notice of Motion requesting that cats' eyes be replaced/upgraded on the N24 between Cahir and Tipperary and thanked him for the great work. She asked if he knew if the same would be done from Derrygrath to Cahir. Councillor Kennedy refer to the completed works in Boherlahan and noted that it will allow for continued improvement with the new car park that the community are planning to build.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Micheál Anglim, firstly wanted to update the members of the recent meeting with the TII regarding the priority projects for the district including the N24, Knockagh Roundabout and Bansha Road. TII advised that they would have to secure funding but traffic calming and safety measures would be prioritised.

In relation to Councillor McGrath's query regarding the winter maintenance programme, James Murray, Roads Engineer confirmed that there is 5,800 km of national, regional and local roads in County Tipperary and 20% of this road network is salted which would be more than other counties. There are constraints with the Working Time Act and there is no capacity in the current system without significant additional funding. Regarding salting footpaths, it is national policy to support active travel, however additional funding will be required for salting footpaths. Councillor Crosse welcomed James Murray back to Tipperary County Council. He referred to a recent meeting with Marcus O'Connor when he confirmed that there are significant salt stocks in place, however when he looked for salt, the regional road from Tipperary to Nenagh had been removed from the programme. Councillor Crosse also requested that schools be prioritised. Councillor Kennedy referred to the dangerous footpaths in the 3 major towns, last Saturday morning due to the extreme weather conditions and asked if the municipal district is equipped to salt the footpaths. The District Engineer confirmed that a small gritter would be required for the footpaths however, the district doesn't have the resources. He confirmed that there would be an overspill from the salter driving passed on the footpaths. Councillor Anglim confirmed that last Saturday was the perfect storm and would have been significantly worse if it was a weekday with schools open. The District Engineer confirmed that the surfacing at the River Ara Walkway was completed yesterday evening and the park will be open to the public Thursday evening. Regarding the sign at Kilmoyler he confirmed that this has already been brought to the attention of TII. Councillor Moloney referred again to the extreme weather events of last Saturday morning and in particular to whether or not playgrounds should be opened during weather warnings and suggested that the Council together with the playground

committees should review the playground policies. The District Administrative acknowledged Councillor Moloney's query and he agreed to speak with Community and Economic Development Section to ensure a consistent approach across the Council.

4.1 Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders

The orders were noted.

5.1 Councillor Roger Kennedy (Ref. ID 2521)

That this Municipal District install 30km signage at McCann Street junction on Abbeyside and at Cathal Brugha Street junction on Upper Friar Street in the interest of safety.

Reply

Tipperary County Council is awaiting new national guidance on speed limits. Following that guidance Tipperary County Council will run a speed limit review process. The location can be considered as part of this next review process.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess. Councillor Kennedy noted that he understood that all residential areas were under 30 km/h. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked when will the review process commence and the District Engineer confirmed that once guidance from the Department is received the Roads Section in Nenagh will be responsible for the review. Councillor Fitzgerald referred to a similar a matter that was raised at a Housing SPC and referred in particular to new legalisation known as "Jake's Law".

5.2 Councillor Annmarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref ID 2527)

That this District examine and upgrade the existing pedestrian crossings at the Murgasty/Rosanna Road Junction, (Tipperary Town) to include road markings, safety signage and improved railings. This junction operates as a busy school crossing serving St. Anne's Secondary School, St Joseph's National School and the Monastery National School.

Reply

The District has purchased railings for this location with the intent of upgrading the junction at the next significant school holiday period with suitable weather conditions. It is hoped that works will take place during the Easter holidays in 2023.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Fitzgerald. Councillor Black requested that dropped kerbs and tactile paving be included in the design.

5.3 Councillor John Crosse (Ref ID 2528)

That the footpath out to the Donohill roundabout Tipperary Town be extended further out past Eamon Ryan (Cooper's) house.

Reply

Tipperary County Council will consider this when submitting any appropriate future funding applications such as Active Travel Programme.

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

5.4 Councillor Tony Black (Ref ID 2529)

That this council would examine the area at the side of 44 and 45 Glenview Square, Tipperary Town with a view to removing some of the built-out area to provide residential parking.

Reply

The District will assess the area with a view to improving parking provision.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Fitzgerald.

6.1 Votes of Sympathy

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

- Maura Fogarty, Mountain View Drive, Cahir, Co. Tipperary
- Joan Buckley, Emmet Street, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary
- Kathleen Lyons, Ballyluskey, Drangan, Co. Tipperary.

6.2 Votes of Congratulations

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- Tipp FC U14 Ladies who won the Tipperary Cup on the 29th November.
- Marie Phelan who will be leaving Tipperary County Council to take up her new position with Kilkenny County Council.
- Ameer-Leigh Murphy Crowe on being awarded the Women's World Series top try scorer for 2022 and earning her 50th cap for Ireland at the Sevens World Series in South Africa.
- Denis Lynch on his continued success both nationally and internationally in show jumping.
- Stevie O'Donnell, 49 St Michael Avenue, Tipperary Town for being short listed in the Community Worker category of the Irish Volunteer Awards.

7.1 Any other Business

Councillor Kennedy asked if there were any plans to hold a civic reception in 2023 given that receptions were suspended during Covid. Councillor Fitzgerald advised that this was a matter for the Cathaoirleach.

The District Administrator advised the Members that he recently met with the British Ambassador who wanted to acknowledge the warm welcome that was extended to His Royal Highness Prince of Wales at the time and his wife the Duchess of Cornwall when they visited Tipperary earlier in the year.

The Cathaoirleach wanted to thank the members and officials for all their help and support throughout 2022 and to wish everyone a very happy Christmas. The District Administrator also wanted to wish everyone a happy Christmas.

This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.

Signed/  Dated/ 23-1-23
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 23/01/23
District Administrator