

**Minutes of July Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 11am**

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**Members Present:** Councillor Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach  
Councillor Micheál Anglim  
Councillor Tony Black  
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. Dave Carroll, A/District Director  
Mr. Michael Begley, Administrative Officer  
Mr. James Murray, Senior Roads Engineer  
Mr. Tim Kilmartin, Executive Engineer  
Mr. Richard Power, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer  
**LAWPRO**  
Mr. Anthony Coleman, Director of Service  
Mr. Fran Igoe, Regional Co-Ordinator  
**Environment & Climate Change Directorate**  
Mr. Michael Moroney, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Kieran McKenna, A/Senior Executive Engineer  
**Planning and Roads Capital**  
Ms. Lauren Butler Ryan, District Planner  
Ms. Louise Farrell, Executive Engineer

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The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Declan Burgess, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the July meeting. Mr. Michael Begley, Administrative Officer, commenced the meeting with the meeting prayer. He called the roll and confirmed the attendance of the Municipal District members.

**1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest**

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

**2.1 Minutes of Annual Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Marie Murphy, seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

## **2.2 Minutes of June Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2023**

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District June meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor McGrath seconded by Councillor Maire Murphy.

### **Matters arising from the minutes**

Councillor Michael Fitzgerald referred to his motion regarding erecting a boundary between Oliver Plunkett Park and Rockview Estate. He noted that it was agreed to discuss the matter with the relevant resident's associations and he asked if this issue has progressed. Mr. Power, Executive Engineer confirmed that they will contact the relevant parties. Councillor Marie Murphy requested an update on when the works will commence in the playground in Clogheen. Mr Begley confirmed that Brown Brothers Site Services have been contracted however they are unable to commence work on site until September.

### **3.1 Local Authorities Waters Programme (LAWPRO)**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Anthony Coleman, Director of Service and Fran Igoe, LAWPRO to the meeting. Mr. Coleman thanked the Cathaoirleach and advised the Members that LAWPRO is a shared service between Tipperary and Kilkenny County Council. He advised that LAWPROs role is to study the data from testing which is carried out by the EPA, Inland Fisheries, National Parks & Wildlife etc, identify issues and raise awareness. They work with state agencies, schools and communities to find solutions to improve the water quality. He advised that a new Community Water Officer, Catherine Seale had recently been appointed. He informed the Members that Ireland has been set a target to achieve good water status by 2027 and at present we will not achieve it. He also advised that LAWPRO had recently secured €50 million funding from the Department of Agriculture to provide support to farmers to limit the impact agriculture is having on water quality. This project will also require the recruitment of 20 extra staff over a 5 year period to manage the project and this will be funded with an additional €10 million from the Department of the Environment. Mr. Coleman handed over to Mr. Fran Igoe, who made a presentation to the Members on the work being done by LAWPRO at present.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the LAWPRO team for the very informative presentation. Councillor McGrath thanked Mr. Coleman and his team for the presentation and expressed concern at the 46% drop in Tipperary's water quality. She highlighted Uisce Eireann's role and the lack of capacity in water treatment systems. She referred to Newcastle and Golden and the fact that no plan is in place and therefore no further development can take place. She noted that it is

affecting our tourism particularly fishing tourism. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) acknowledged that it is a massive challenge and thanked the team for the presentation. Councillor Fitzgerald agreed with the previous speakers and he referred to well attended meetings held in Golden in relation to the lack of treatment facilities. He stated that Uisce Eireann have no interest in the development of rural villages and are only interested in larger towns. He stated that the problems in Golden are having a negative effect of tourism including kayaking and fishing. He stated that the County Council needs to take more responsibility and the lack of facilities is holding back development and investment. Councillor Moloney referred to recent flooding and in particular run off from the mountain. He asked if LAWPRO had approached Coillte. Councillor Murphy thanked LAWPRO from the presentation and welcomed the funding announcement. She referred to the presentation and noted that agriculture and forestry are not the only groups to blame and referred to Uisce Eireann and Local Authorities. Councillor Crosse stated that the improvement of water quality should be prioritised and he recommended that the Council should lobby Uisce Eireann and the Members should give any support they can. Councillor Anglim thanked Fran Igoe for pioneering to keep our waters cleaner. He noted as a farmer, the agriculture sector has done a lot to maintain water quality, however raw sewage into the river is not acceptable. He stated that communities like Newcastle and Golden want to develop but they can't and further pressure should be put on Uisce Eireann. Councillor Kennedy acknowledged the presentation and the maps over a 10 year period and noted the improvements in Aherlow. However, he felt it was wrong to blame agriculture and forestry and pressure should be put on Uisce Eireann. The Cathaoirleach wanted to express his disappointment that the water quality had deteriorated.

In response Mr. Colman confirmed that LAWPROs role was not to enforce and that there are many agencies like local authorities, the EPA, Inland Fisheries and National Parks and Wildlife who have enforcement powers. He advised that LAWPRO works with communities, analyse the science and data and from this agriculture and forestry are the main contributors to poor water quality. There is a target to achieve good or high-water quality by 2027 and based on the current data the country will not achieve this and therefore will face fines. Mr. Coleman advised that every sector is contributing to poor water quality, however agriculture is the biggest which is due to the significant increase in the dairy herd since the quota system was abolished. He advised that LAWPRO has been working with farming organisations who recognise the issues and that measures need to be put in place. In relation to treatment plants, LAWPRO is engaging with Uisce Eireann regarding Golden and Newcastle and other areas in Tipperary. He also confirmed that forestry are also engaging and there are protocols in place regarding run off from mountains and sediment which is impacting quality. He highlighted the need to reduce flow coming down, otherwise, there will be more boil water notices and more disruptions. Mr. Igoe stated that their objective is to work with the EPA and they have 3000 sampling points to identify if the issues related to sediment, nitrates or phosphates etc. He advised that it is important to highlight amenity areas and tourism areas, however Uisce Eireann have

advised that they have a limited amount of money. He advised that LAWPRO are solution focused and in order to help farmers, basic measures may be required. He also advised that they have been working with Coillte and the Department of Agriculture and it is important to change how forestry is felled. He highlighted that there is no Ranger in the south of the county. Councillor Crosse asked what actions are farmers required to take and what would benefit. Councillor Hanna Hourigan asked if there were rangers in other counties and Councillor Murphy expressed concern that no one replaced the recently retired ranger. Mr. Igoe advised that all farms will be different but examples could be having a smarter buffer, plant trees etc. Councillor Anglim referred to a workshop due to be held with Uisce Eireann on the 19<sup>th</sup> September and he requested that the Municipal District write to Uisce Water before the meeting to highlight Golden and Newcastle as a top priority. Mr Coleman thanked the Members.

### **3.2 Environment & Climate Action Directorate**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Michael Moroney, S.E.O., and Mr. Kieran McKenna, A/E.E., Environment & Climate Change Section to the meeting. Mr. Moroney referred to the report circulated with the agenda and was open to any questions, however he did want to highlight the Mattress Amnesty which was open tomorrow.

Councillor Murphy thanked the Environment team for the report and requested details in relation to the derelict site which was removed from the list. She also welcomed the funding for the Roadside Anti Litter Campaign and recalled a similar system piloted by Anthony Wynne at the Vee. She also welcomed the 3 day Mattress Amnesty and asked if it could be extended. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) thanked Mr. Moroney for the report and requested a breakdown of the derelict sites and where they are located. She appreciated that the emphasis is to work with the owners of derelict properties, however referring to the former Super Valu site in Tipperary Town, she requested a timeline for issuing a Notice. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) highlighted the recent announcement in Killarney in relation to the use of reusable cups and suggested a similar campaign could be introduced in Tipperary Town. Councillor Murphy asked what is the difference between the derelict site notices. Councillor Moloney asked if the Roadside Anti Litter Campaign had been costed and if it is a specialised machine. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested an update on the household waste survey and is the number of inspections increasing. Councillor Burgess requested a breakdown on the locations of the household waste survey which have been carried out. He also noted a rise in dog fouling and requested a new dog fouling campaign. He referred to the 25 litter fines which were issued and requested further details of their locations. Councillor Murphy wanted to thank and compliment Daniel Murray on being so proactive and wished him well in his new role.

In response Mr. Moroney confirmed that a Section 8 (2) Notice is issued in relation the Councils intention to enter a derelict site on the register and allows the property owner 4 weeks. Depending on the level of engagement from the

property owner, the Council may issue a Section 8 (7) confirming that the property has been placed on the Derelict Site Register. He advised that there are cases where they have difficulty trying to ascertain ownerships of a property therefore they issue a Section 11 Notice. Mr. Moroney advised the Members that he will provide a breakdown on the derelict sites and also on the litter fines. Mr. Moroney advised that the Mattress Amnesty is not a cheap initiative and therefore the scheme is subject to funding. He also thanked the Members for their comments in relation to Daniel Murray and will pass them on. In relation to the Roadside Anti-Litter Initiative, it is a pilot, testing a piece of machinery which has been used in other local authorities. Whilst it is probably not the ideal time given the growth on the hedgerows but the funding has to be spent in the next 6 to 8 weeks. A recent dog fouling campaign has been initiated on social media. He also confirmed that the use of reusable cups is on the agenda and the environment section is actively encouraging people to use reusable cups. He advised the members of the government proposal to introduce a levy in the spring of next year and any initiative needs to be embraced by all retailers. Councillor Burgess referred to Dublin City Council's recent social media campaign on dog fouling and asked if the environment section could consider something similar. Mr. Moroney also advised Councillor Ryan (Shiner) that he will follow up in relation to Super Valu.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Moroney and Mr. McKenna and their team and suggested taking his Notice of Motion ID 2651 now because it relates to climate change issues.

### **5.6 Councillor Declan Burgess (Ref ID 2651)**

That this Municipal District outline any plans to install water refilling stations, as part of public realm upgrades. Other local authorities have installed these stations at tourist sites in their areas and have proved very successfully. This is also a great climate action initiative combating the use of single use plastic.

#### **Reply**

This Municipal District will investigate the feasibility and sustainability of including water refilling stations in any future project.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy.

### **3.3 Consider the Grant Allocations for 2023 Painting Enhancement Scheme Villages**

Councillor Marie Murphy asked if the Scheme could be extended to include other areas of the village and it was agreed that it would be considered. On the proposition of Councillor Marie Murphy, seconded by Councillor Andy Moloney, the Clogheen Painting Enhancement Grant Scheme 2023 allocations were agreed as follows:

**Clogheen Village Streetscape & Building Façade Scheme 2023**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Grant 2023</b>
1	Gerard & Paula Flynn	Main Street Clogheen	€300
2	Gerard & Paula Flynn	Main Street Clogheen	€300
3	Mary O'Sullivan	Main Street Clogheen	€300
4	Martin Keating	Lower Main Street Clogheen	€300
5	Mary O'Sullivan	Main Street Clogheen	€300
6	Mary O'Sullivan	Main Street Clogheen	€300
7	Mohammad Wasim	Haque Villa, Lower Main Street, Clogheen	€300
8	Pat Bourke	Main Street Clogheen	€300
9	PJ Noonan	Main Street Clogheen	€300
10	PJ Noonan	Main Street Clogheen	€300
11	PJ Noonan	Main Street Clogheen	€300
12	Mohsin Khan	Main Street Clogheen	€300
			<b>€3,600</b>

Councillor Michael Fitzgerald asked if it is possible to include applications from outside the designated area of the Scheme and it was agreed that it would be considered. On the proposition of Councillor Michael Fitzgerald, seconded by Councillor John Crosse, the Golden Painting Enhancement Grant Scheme 2023 allocations were agreed as follows:

**Golden Village Streetscape & Building Façade Scheme 2023**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Grant 2023</b>
1	James McCarthy, Principal	Golden National School	€300
2	Sean O Halloran	Bridge Kebabs & Takeaway	€300
3	Sean O Halloran	The Bridge House	€300

4	Darren Moloney	Main Street	€300
5	Liam Blake	The Bridge	€300
6	Sandra & Joseph Egan	Main Street	€300
7	Noreen Lonergan	3 Pearse Park	€300
8	Aine McSweeney	Main Street	€300
9	James Lawrence	Main Street	€300
10	Stephanie Lawrence	Derelict House, Golden Tidy Towns Main Street	€300
11	Stephanie Lawrence	Old Co-Op Golden Tidy Towns	€300
12	Anne Currivan	Main Street	€300
13	Billy Toohey	The Golden Inn, Main Street	€300
	<b>Total</b>		<b>€3,900</b>

### **3.4 Consider Part 8 for the Knockagh Pavement Improvement Scheme**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Lauren Butler Ryan, Planning Section and Ms. Louise Farrell, Roads Capital to the meeting. Ms. Butler Ryan presented the Chief Executive's Report and confirmed that there were two submissions, TII and Uisce Eireann. Councillor Moloney proposed the Part 8 as presented, however expressed his disappointment that we don't have the scope to extend the project and requested details of the project timeline. The Part 8 was seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy. Ms. Farrell advised that they will now commence work on the tender documentation and works are expected to commence in Quarter 1 next year.

On the proposition of Councillor Andy Moloney, seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy it was resolved:

*"That pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended and having considered the Chief Executive's Report dated 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, the Members of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District hereby resolve to proceed with the Part VIII of the Proposed Development - N24 Knockagh Pavement Improvement Scheme, Knockagh, Knockmorris and Rathmore, Cahir, Co. Tipperary."*

### **3.5 District Engineer's Report**

James Murray, Senior Roads Engineer referred to the report circulated with the Agenda and was open to any questions.

Councillor Murphy requested an update in relation to Knockane bridge in Ballylooby. She also stated that she has been trying to engage with Uisce Eireann in relation to a depression outside the Courthouse in Clogheen and has been unsuccessful. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested an update in relation the Limerick Junction patch and thanked the Roads team for the work on the Red Roads. She also requested an update in relation to the ORIS projects for the Tipperary Town to Limerick Junction Walkway and the Development Measure Soloheadbeg to Limerick Junction Greenway and Water Park. She also asked if there would be any safety measures following the recent fatal accident at Ballykisteen.

In response, Mr. Murray confirmed that the works to Knockane Bridge would be completed by the end of September and he also agreed to follow up on the road depression in Clogheen. Regarding the Limerick Junction patch he confirmed that it is a small traffic island at the Racecourse on the N24 and they are constantly engaging to leverage more funding. Mr. Murray also agreed to provide an update to the members of the ORIS projects. In relation to the recent accident he confirmed that they have met with the Gardai and they are awaiting the report. Councillor Murphy noted that work had commenced on the footpaths in Ballylooby and she wanted to thank Paddy Crowley. Councillor McGrath referred to the recently opened CIS Scheme, however expressed her concern at the short time frame given how difficult it is to get communities together due to the summer holidays. Councillor Hanna Hourigan supported Councillor McGrath on this and enquired about the possibility of an extension. Councillor Burgess requested an update in relation to Barronstown Cross and Mr. Murray agreed to contact Roads Capital for an update.

### **3.3 District Administrator's Report**

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda and there were no questions from the Members.

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

The orders were noted.

### **5.1 Councillor Tony Black (Ref. ID 2625)**

That this Municipal District carry out improved traffic calming and safety measures on all approach roads into Tipperary Town. While I understand the enforcement of speeding laws is within the remit of An Garda Síochána, Tipperary County Council has a pivotal role to play in the process of ensuring the highest



safety standards possible to protect motorists and pedestrians alike. If the funds are unavailable at present, I request that all avenues are explored to secure funding to carry out these works that could potentially save lives.

### **Reply**

Tipperary County Council are constantly carrying out speed surveys on approach roads to our towns and villages. These surveys are analysed and a design completed in line with the Councils Traffic Calming Policy if speeding is identified. Following that the locations are submitted for any available funding schemes if traffic calming measures are required. Extra consideration will be given to the approach roads to Tipperary Town when carrying out surveys in the coming months.

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

### **5.2 Councillor Andy Moloney (Ref ID 2634)**

That this Municipal District make Barrack Street, Cahir a 3 tonne limit with exception for emergency services and deliveries as residents complaining about plaster cracks from vibrations on trucks using shortcut when alternative is available above it.

### **Reply**

Tipperary County Council will consider further design improvement options for the northern end of the street before progressing to a formal weight restriction.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Mairin McGrath.

### **5.3 Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref. ID 2648)**

That this Municipal District identify suitable locations for a public campervan park in each of the main towns: Tipperary, Cashel and Cahir, and explore all options to deliver on this service in the near future.

### **Reply**

There are currently 7 privately run, caravan and camping parks in County Tipperary and 5 are located within Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District. These have facilities such as water, sewerage and electricity supply and operate in accordance with a grant of planning permission. The designation of short term parking spaces in towns, without these facilities could give rise to nuisance and noise issues.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Mairin McGrath.

#### **5.4 Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref. ID 2649)**

That this Municipal District write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland and ask them to carry out sufficient temporary resurfacing works from the junction of O'Brien Street to the Cashel Road roundabout. Until the delivery of the proposed N24 bypass, Tipperary town main street must continue to facilitate thousands of weekly vehicle movements (including HGV & LVG), therefore the road surface needs to be adequately maintained.

#### **Reply**

Tipperary County Council are liaising with TII regarding this issue on a regular basis. It is hoped that a satisfactory solution can be progressed in the near future.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Tony Black.

#### **5.5 Councillor Declan Burgess (Ref ID 2650)**

Following the speed survey conducted for the Dualla Road in Cashel. Can management outline their plans to install relevant traffic calming measures here.

#### **Reply**

The District will review this speed survey and determine an appropriate approach to resolving the issue.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy

#### **5.6 Councillor Declan Burgess (Ref ID 2651)**

That this Municipal District assess the footpaths in Oliver Plunkett Park. They are in a bad state of repair and it's important to source appropriate funding to carry out these works.

#### **Reply**

Sections of footpath in Oliver Plunkett Park are due to be replaced later this year.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan

#### **6.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

- Ignacy Sokoluk, Ballywalter, Dundrum, Co Tipperary
- Ronan Dwyer, Croughatour, Ballylooby, Co Tipperary
- Mick Kenneally, Glenacunna, Ballyporeen, Co Tipperary
- Martin Ryan, Kilcommon Cross, Kilcommon, Co Tipperary

## 6.2 Votes of Congratulations

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- John Kiely, Manager of the Limerick Hurling Team on winning the 2023 All Ireland Hurling Final
- Tipperary Junior Camogie Team on winning the Glen Dimplex All Ireland Junior Semi Final and wish them best of luck to them in the final
- Clonoulty Rossmore on winning a record eighth West Tipp Senior Hurling Title in a row
- Claire O'Connell, Emly Co Tipperary who swims with Kingdom Masters Club in Kerry and won 6 European gold medals at the European Masters Swimming Championship in Finland
- Eire Óg Annacarthy Donohill GAA on winning the West Senior Football championship


## 7.1 Correspondence from the Munster Rugby Team


Noted

## 8.1 Any other Business

There was no other business.

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

Signed/  Dated/ 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2023  
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.  
District Administrator

