

**Minutes of July Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District  
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted  
remotely on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at 11.00 am**

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

**Officials Present:** Mr. Pat Slattery, Director of Services  
Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator  
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer  
Mr. Paul Farrell, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer  
**Environment & Climate Change**  
Ms. Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer  
Mr. Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer  
**Culture/Library Services/Fire & Emergency Services**  
Ms. Ann-Marie Brophy, Senior Executive Librarian  
Ms. Melanie Scott, Arts Officer

**Apologies:** Councillor Micheál Anglim, Cathaoirleach

The Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Michael FitzGerald, opened the meeting by apologising for the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Micheál Anglim's absence. 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 except Councillor Anglim. The Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Michael FitzGerald, welcomed everyone to the July Municipal District meeting.

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Roger Kennedy, seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

## **2.2 Minutes of June Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2022**

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District June meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Roger Kennedy seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess.

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

There were no matters arising.

### **3.1 Environment & Climate Change Directorate**

The Leas Chathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer, Environment & Climate Change Section to the meeting. Ms. Kelly referred to the report circulated with the agenda and highlighted a number of public awareness initiatives including National Food Waste Recycling Week. To mark this, the Section held free cookery demonstrations and workshops on reducing food waste. To promote segregation of food waste, free food caddies were distributed to attendees. Also due to the success of the Play it Again Musical Instrument Project, it has been decided to continue collecting instruments. To date, 31 instruments have been refurbished and made ready for use. Staff from the Environment Section also attended the Tipperary Age Friendly event in Thurles and Clonmel Show to promote environmental awareness. Pre-tenancy training was provided to 7 new council tenants. The section also continues to promote the "Enjoy the Scene & Keep it Clean Initiative" at The Vee, Tipperary Hills and The Glen of Aherlow by encouraging people to bring their rubbish home.

Councillor Kennedy thanked Ms Kelly and asked for confirmation on whether the 974 dog licences were issued in the County or in this District. In relation to derelict sites he also requested clarification on the difference between a Section 8(2) Notice and a Section 8(7) Notice under the Derelict Sites Act. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) also had a similar question regarding the Derelict Sites Notices. She also asked if the 20 household waste surveys carried out was by knocking on doors. She noted that there is a particular issue in Tipperary town with illegal dumping and feels there would be a better reaction by knocking on doors. Councillor McGrath acknowledged the Play it Again Campaign and thanked Ann Marie Clifford for all her help. She advised that Caisleán Nua Comhaltas had benefited from the scheme and it is great to see young people learning a new instrument. Councillor Murphy had a query in relation to the Certificates of Authorisation which have been submitted to the EPA for Dundrum and Knocklofty historic landfills. Councillor Moloney thanked Ruairi Boland for liaising with the parish priests in Cahir and acknowledged the work being done on the cemetery. Councillor Kennedy referred to the Litter Infrastructure Support Grant Scheme and asked how the solar powered compact bins are working.

In response, Ms. Kelly confirmed that a Section 8(7) is a Notice of Entry on the Derelict Sites Register and a Section 8(2) is a Notice of Intention to Enter a property on the Derelict Sites Register. A Notice of Intention specifies works required to be carried out within a specified time period to prevent a property being registered on the Derelict Sites Register. She confirmed that they try to engage with property owners early to prevent further action. However, if a property owner fails to engage, the property will be placed on the register. Ms Kelly confirmed that in relation to the Household Waste Surveys, physical checks are being carried out and letters are issued to houses unoccupied during the day. However, there are limited resources and the team operates countywide and targets black spot areas. Ms Kelly thanked Councillor McGrath for the positive feedback and she advised Councillor Murphy that she will get Kieran McKenna, Executive Engineer to respond directly to her query. The solar powered compacting bins send an alert once they are full, therefore they are not routinely collected. They can take 6 times a normal bin when full and they are a sealed unit. The 974 dog licences issued relate to this district only and in September the Dog Warden will be running a campaign promoting the necessity to have a dog licence. Councillor Moloney suggested that both dog licences and bin receipts could be checked on the one day and Ms Kelly agreed to consider this suggestion.

The Leas Chathaoirleach thanked Ms Kelly and her team for all their work.

### **3.2 Culture/Library Services Directorate**

The Leas Chathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Ann-Marie Brophy, Senior Executive Librarian and Ms. Melanie Scott, Arts Officer, to the meeting and acknowledged the great news that the Rock of Cashel has been included in the new World Heritage Tentative List. Ms. Ann-Marie Brophy confirmed that she was delighted that the Rock made the short list, however there is more work to be done. She also wanted to highlight some of the Library Service work including the Bealtaine Festival launched in May in partnership with the Arts Council. It was officially launched on the 5<sup>th</sup> May in the Excel Theatre by Councillor Maire Murphy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council and as part of the event Eanna Ni Lamhna gave a talk and walking tour around Tipperary town. On the 11<sup>th</sup> June, the Library Services celebrated Cruninniu Na nOg with events in Cashel and Thurles.

Ms. Melaine Scott, Art Officer wanted to acknowledge the work of Roisin O'Grady, Program Director and all the team members involved in the Bealtaine Festival. The Tipperary Artist in Primary Schools Scheme gave pupils in 8 schools the opportunity to work with a professorial artist. There were 2 schools in the Tipperary Cahir Cashel District, New Inn and St John the Baptist, Cashel. The scheme encourages pupils to be creative at an early stage. She also highlighted Creative Places Tipperary which will be led by Youth Work Ireland Tipperary. She advised the members that the County Museum will be running a number of summer camps to encourage children to engage in history. She also wanted to advise members of the Programme of Recordings that the museum is working on

which will form part of the Civil War Exhibition which will open in September/October.

Councillor Kennedy wanted to be associated with the comments in relation to the Rock of Cashel and congratulated everyone on the work that has been done at both County and District level. He also wanted to highlight the Aleen Cust Centenary Conference which is taking place over two days, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August at Mountbellew Agricultural College to commemorate Aleen Cust, the first female vet in Ireland. Councillor Burgess thanked the team and noted that it was exciting news for Cashel and a significant step and he looks forward to the next stage. Councillor Hanna Hourigan acknowledged her former colleague Tom Wood who is very passionate about the Rock gaining World Heritage Status. Councillor Moloney requested an update on when the library will reopen in Cahir. It has been closed for 5 to 6 weeks and the public need to be kept informed. Councillor McGrath supports Councillor Moloney in relation to the library in Cahir. Councillor McGrath also wanted to commend Rockwell Music Academy for their recent event in Cahir.

The Leas Chathaoirleach noted the good news stories in all the principle towns within the District and he wanted to thank everyone within these communities who enhance and revitalise these communities. We should never be slow to promote the good things that are happening, and everybody needs to play their part. He said Cahir is becoming a mecca for films and he thanked Ms. Brophy and Ms. Scott and their respective teams. In relation to Councillor Moloney's query Ms Brophy advised that they expect an update on Thursday in relation to when the library in Cahir will reopen. However, they expect a reduced level of service will be available as a temporary measure and apologised for the inconvenience.

### **3.3 District Engineer's Report**

Mr James Swords, District Engineer, updated Members on the Roads Programme. He confirmed that most of the surface dressing will be completed in the next 4 to 6 weeks. At present a lot of active travel footpath works are ongoing including Donaskeigh.

Councillor Murphy requested an update on a joint Notice of Motion she had with Councillor Anglim on the traffic calming measures at Clogheen given that children will be back in school in September. Councillor McGrath requested that the Council write to TII to clarify whose responsibility it is to maintain grass verges. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested an update on her Notice of Motion requesting a bus shelter on the Link Road. Councillor McGrath also requested an update on the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction. Councillor Black requested an updated on the speeding measures on the Bansha Road. Councillor Crosse referred to a previous Notice of Motion he had on this matter. Councillor Hanna Hourigan also supported measures to prevent speeding needed on the Bansha Road because residents are finding it very difficult. Councillor Burgess has concerns in relation to pedestrianisation at the Back of the Pipes and notes that this forms part of the

Part 8 proposal for the Cashel Public Realm which is on public display at present. He also wanted to highlight difficulties motorists have exiting Castlegreen estates. He wanted to thank Robert Johnston for all his work and is looking forward to working with Richard Power. He also requested an update in relation to the next stage on the Section 38 in Boherlahan given that the schools will be back in September. Councillor Kennedy wanted to concur with Councillor Burgess in relation to exiting Castlegreen Estates because sightlines are restricted by the boundary fence and there is an issue with speeding traffic. Councillor Kennedy also wanted to concur in relation to the issues faced by residents on the Bansha Road, Tipperary Town. He noted that it was difficult for motorists exiting from the Carrowclough junction due to advertising signs obstructing the view. Councillor Kennedy wanted to commend the outdoor staff on the work done to date.

In response Mr. Swords advised that a traffic survey was carried out in Clogheen and a design is being progressed. He confirmed that TII is responsible for clearing vegetation around signs and the Council cut dangerous junctions to improve sightlines. The Active Travel Team are working on plans for a bus shelter as part of the improvement works for N24. In relation to Bansha Road a meeting has been scheduled with TII who will carry out a speed survey. The Road Capital Section will produce a design and as part of this a survey will be completed. However, this work will take some time. Mr. Swords advised Councillor Burgess that he wasn't aware that there was an issue at the Back of the Pipes but he will arrange to have it investigated. He also agreed to liaise with the landowners adjacent to the entrance at Castlegreen estates. In relation to the Section 38 for Boherlahan, submissions can be submitted up to and including 2<sup>nd</sup> August and it is hoped that a contractor will be on site by the end of August. It was noted that the schools will be back and the timing is unfortunate but the disruption will be managed. Councillor McGrath commented that the money for hedge cutting will have to increase because there has been a number of near misses. Mr. Swords added that the traffic calming measures for Bansha Road will include providing increased footpath and parking.

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

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda. The District Administrator advised the members that Tipperary Town Revitalisation Strategy and Action Plan to 2035 will be launched on Wednesday. It is an ambitious plan developed over the past eighteen months through public and stakeholder consultation.

The Strategy and Action Plan is a long-term plan which puts forward 100 actions, however significant progress has been made already. Some of the developments already underway through the work of the Task Force and its partners include the development of the Tipperary ENGINE Digital Hub, proposals to develop a Youth & Further Education and Training Centre, and the redevelopment of 'The Plan' and 'The Hills'. The Task Force also hopes to lead a community murals programme

later this year and will shortly go to tender to develop a business case for a food incubation hub in the town, along with assisting Canon Hayes Recreation Centre through a major infrastructural development in the coming years. The Task Force are also a key partner in a major arts programme called Creative Places that was awarded to Tipperary Town by the Arts Council recently, the programme will see an investment of approximately €500,000 in the arts and creative sector in the town over the next three years. The District Administrator also advised that An Bord Pleanála made a decision to refuse the Strategy Housing Development for Wallors Lot Cashel on two grounds – firstly that the proposed development does not provide for the future expansion of the GAA grounds which forms part of the Cooper’s Lot Master Plan and secondly the board wasn’t satisfied that adequate information had been submitted in relation to recurring flooding. The District Administrator advised that this is now an opportunity for the owners and developer to engage with the local authority and Cashel King Cormac’s GAA.

The Leas Chathaoirleach congratulated everyone who worked on the Tipperary Town Revitalisation Strategy and Action Plan to 2035. He noted that it is very ambitious and there has been a lot of challenges, but it will bring pride back to Tipperary. The Plan’s focus is very positive, and he wanted to thank Pat Slattery, Anthony Coleman, the chairperson Carmel Fox and Councillor Annemaire Ryan (Shiner) and noted that this is a blueprint for the future. Councillor Crosse officially proposed the plan and noted that it was a long time in the making and was a huge collaboration between Jobs 4 Tipp, Tidy Towns, Chamber of Commerce and the Task Force who are the driving force. He referred to the great work already done including Tipperary ENGINE and the River Ara walkway which will link to the Glen of Aherlow. He referred to the work commenced at the Glove Factory and the housing development on the Dundrum Road. He advised that focus is now needed on Tipperary Racecourse and Dan Breen House. Councillor Fitzgerald seconded the proposal.

Councillor Burgess thanked the District Administrator for the update in relation to Wallor’s Lot and noted that work on the Masterplan for the area is so important. He referred to the proposed plan for the improvement at the Kiln/Ladyswell Street and asked if they could be placed on public display in Cashel Library. He also asked for an update on the site selection process for Cashel visitors’ centre and upgrade of Bishop’s Walk which is an important link between The Rock vital and the town centre. He also referred to bins at the Rock which are overflowing at weekends and it is not good for tourism. He wanted to thank Tony Higgins and Paddy Hoare who recently retired for their great work and asked for an update on their replacements. Councillor Murphy asked if the District had received many applications for Section 254 licences from National Broadband Ireland.

In response the District Administrator confirmed that he will arrange for the Section 38 plans for Ladyswell Street to be put on display in Cashel Library. In relation to the visitors centre for Cashel he confirmed that there is an interagency group working on this and the first priority was to identify suitable sites. He advised that this work is commercially sensitive and will not be made public. In

relation to the Bishop's Walk project consultations are ongoing with the National Monuments Service to ensure work is compliant with licences and works will be progressing in the coming months. The issues with the waste collection at the Rock will be addressed. He confirmed that 5 applications had been received from National Broadband Ireland, however most of the work has been completed because this district was one of the first in the county to have new infrastructure installed.

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

The orders were noted.

#### **5.1 Councillor Andy Moloney (Ref. ID 2450)**

That this council give an update on progress of a previous motion for roundabout or improved road layout at the SuperValu Junction in Cahir.

##### **Reply**

Tipperary County Council is in the process of appointing a consultant to assess and design the junction.

Councillor Moloney advised that this was previously raised at Clonmel District meetings in relation to speeding traffic from Mitchelstown Road and to take traffic off Barrack Street. This motion was seconded by Councillor Máirín McGrath.

#### **5.2 Councillor Andy Moloney (Ref ID 2451)**

That this council contact Tipperary Local Link to provide a service between Ardfinnan and Cahir to meet connecting National Bus routes and doctors' services.

##### **Reply**

Subject to the approval of Members the Municipal District will write to Tipperary Local Link in relation to this matter.

Councillor Moloney advised that people from Ardfinnan have to go to Clonmel or Mitchelstown to get a bus to Cahir. This motion was seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy and she requested the permission of Councillor Moloney to amend the wording of the motion to include Clogheen to create a loop because it also has no direct link to Cahir. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) advised the members that the Local Link Committee is meeting on Friday and suggested that a letter issue immediately in order that they have it prior to their meeting. This was agreed by the members.

#### **5.3 Councillor Roger Kennedy (Ref. ID 2452)**

That the Municipal District insert an underground pipe at the road at Charterslands, Emly to prevent flooding at the house of Dan O'Reilly E34 YE86.

### **Reply**

The Area Engineer will carry-out an inspection of the area to determine an appropriate drainage solution. Should works be deemed necessary the location will be submitted for a drainage grant next year.

Councillor Kennedy confirmed that pipes in a neighbouring property are blocked and water runoff is going directly into the property. He confirmed the overseer is aware of it. This motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Fitzgerald.

### **5.4 Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref. ID 2453)**

That this Municipal District assess safety concerns in relation to Curtin's Cross, Kilshane. At present it is very difficult to access the N24 from the Mountain Road (L8214) particularly turning right towards Kilshane as visibility is very poor on that side. This leads to vehicles having to risk pulling out onto the busy N24 in an attempt to assess whether the road is clear.

### **Reply**

This junction was sent to Roads Section earlier this year for inspection/funding under the TII HD 17 Road Safety Scheme. The motion has also been sent to reinforce the need for inspection of the location.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Fitzgerald who noted that this was a safety issue and asked why we need the permission of the TII to cut back ditches.

### **5.5 Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref. ID 2454)**

That this Municipal District carry out an assessment of the safety measures in Monard village with the aim of upgrading the zebra crossing to a pedestrian lights system. At a recent plenary meeting (Feb '22) the Director of Roads stated (in relation to my query re Monard school crossing) that it is not the policy of the council to employ any further school wardens but that the Local Authority could examine the possibility of installing a stop light on demand system.

### **Reply**

Any alteration to this crossing must be designed and agreed with the TII. Your motion has been sent to them for consideration.

Councillor Ryan (Shiner) advised that this has been an issue since she was first elected and she highlighted that this is a serious safety concern. This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse and he suggested that a car park at the school may alleviate problems.



## **5.2 Councillor Andy Moloney (Ref ID 2455)**

That the Tipperary Road roundabout in Cahir be readvertised under the roundabout sponsorship scheme as it's a complete eyesore and needs landscaping.

### **Reply**

The Municipal District will consider advertising the Tipperary Road roundabout in Cahir as part of the Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme but any alterations at this location will need to be agreed with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

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

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

- Barry O'Carroll, Ladyswell Street, Cashel, Co. Tipperary
- Paddy Ryan, Kilshenane, Cashel, Co. Tipperary
- Stanislav Kadlecik, c/o Cahir Depot
- John Daly, 7 Lios Mhuire, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary
- Eileen Thornton, Ballyheens, Dualla, Co. Tipperary
- Joan Morrissey, Lisakyle, Cahir, Co. Tipperary

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- John Kiely and the Limerick Senior Hurling Team on becoming the 2022 All Ireland Senior Hurling Champions.
- Robert Johnston on his new appointment as Senior Executive Engineer in the Housing Section

## **7.1 Any other Business**

The Leas Chathaoirleach thanked the members and advised them to enjoy the break because as local councillors, families suffer by not being available and it is important to take some family time.

He also advised the members that it is Pat Slattey's last District Meeting because he is leaving the local authority after 24 years dedicated service. As area manager no one knew the area better, he was a pleasure to work with and he wanted to wish him and his family well. The members thanked Pat for his service.

The District Administrator on a personal level and on behalf of all the District staff wanted to thank Pat for his support and guidance through some challenging times including the pandemic. He noted that this is the largest district in the County and he will be a great loss to the District and the Council.

Mr Slattery thanked the members and staff and said it was a pleasure to work in Tipperary.

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

Signed/ Michael Anglin Dated/ 26/09/22  
Cathaoirleach

Signed/ Anthony Cole Dated/ 26/09/22  
District Administrator