

Minutes of November Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Monday 24th November, 2025 at 11.00 a.m.

Members Present: Councillor Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach
Councillor Micheál Anglim
Councillor Declan Burgess
Councillor Liam Browne
Councillor John Crosse
Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan
Councillor Máirín McGrath
Councillor Andy Moloney
Councillor Marie Murphy
Councillor John O’Heney
Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

Officials Present: Mr. Damien Ginty, District Director
Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator
Mr. James Murray, Senior Engineer
Mr. Tim Kilmartin, Area Engineer
Mr. Michael Begley, Administrative Officer
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer

Cultural Services/Libraries & Biodiversity

Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian
Ms. Melanie Scott, Arts Officer

Economic, Community, and Rural Development

Ms. Sheevaun Thompson, Administrative Officer
Ms. Martina Ryan, Social Inclusion Manager, STDC
Ms. Kathleen Prendergast, Economic Development Officer

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Roger Kennedy, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the November meeting. Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator, commenced the meeting with the meeting prayer.

1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

2.1 Minutes of October Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 21st October, 2025

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District October meeting held on 21st October, 2025 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor John Crosse and seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess.

Matters arising from the minutes

Councillor Declan Burgess referred to his Notice of Motion in relation to Asian Hornets, which pose a significant risk to our bees, pollinators and biodiversity and asked if his Motion had been referred to the Environment Section and the Biodiversity Officer. Councillor Liam Browne referred to a question he raised on the Wallors Lot Working Group.

Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator confirmed that the Notice of Motion was referred to the Environment Section and the Biodiversity Officer and in their response they confirmed that there will be measures in their Plans for the control of invasive species like the Asian Hornet. Mr. Damien Ginty, District Director referred to the question raised by Councillor Browne which was received this morning and he confirmed that with respect, the officials have to be given an opportunity to consider the comprehensive list of questions.

The Cathaoirleach referred to the best wishes that were extended to all the Tidy Towns groups at the last meeting and wanted to acknowledge that two Golds and two Bronze medals were awarded to towns and villages in this District. He also wanted to recognise that all entries increase their marks this year.

3.1 Consider Director of Services' Report on Proposed Taking in Charge of Dun Uisce, Farranlahassery, Cahir, Co Tipperary.

The taking in charge of Dun Uisce, Farranlahassery, Cahir, Co Tipperary was approved on the proposition of Councillor Andy Moloney seconded by Councillor Michael Anglim.

3.2 Cultural Services/Libraries & Biodiversity Report

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Damien Dullaghan and Ms. Melanie Scott, Arts Officer to the meeting. Mr. Damien Dullaghan thanked the Cathaoirleach and the Members for the opportunity to address them. Mr. Dullaghan highlighted the events which took place to celebrate Heritage Week, Culture Night and their biggest event of the year, Book Week. He also advised the Members that there would be a more detailed report on Book Week presented at the next Plenary meeting. Ms Melanie Scott confirmed that Rossmore NS, Shronnell NS, Lisvernane NS and SN Bhríde in Donaskeigh benefited from The Artist in Primary School Scheme. This Scheme is supported by the Arts Council and facilitates a professional artist providing 50 hours on a collaborative project in the school and this ensures that everyone has access to the Arts. Ms Scott highlighted the Professional Artist Development Programme/ Community Arts Project and wanted to thank the Leas Cathaoirleach, Councillor Murphy for officially launching the

exhibition on Friday, 14th November. The Basking -the Nursery is a continuation of Tom Meskell's Basking Exhibition. Three local artists received training from Tom Meskell during the 10 days he built the exhibition at the 6s & 7s Gallery in Tipperary Town and she confirmed that the exhibition will be open until the 19th December.

The Cathaoirleach noted that the exhibition has been very well received and Councillor Ryan (Shiner) confirmed that it was an amazing experience and recommended that anyone who visits lies underneath the basking shark. Councillor Murphy thanked Ms. Scott and Mr. Dullaghan and agreed with Councillor Shiner (Ryan). Councillor Liam Browne thanked the team for the range of activities and events which are held in Cashel Library. Councillor Andy Moloney as Chair of the SPC for Community, Culture and Library Services also thanked the team and complemented the great vision of the team. He also wanted to acknowledge that work has commenced on the proposed library in Cahir. He noted that this building was to be knocked and he thanked Ned O'Connor for his vision and that it will be a huge boost to the people of Cahir.

In response, Mr. Dullaghan thanked the Members for their positive comments and noted that the work at Cahir Library is progressing, however they required support for funding for the 20,000 books which will be required to stock the library because the capital funding will not cover this cost.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Damien Dullaghan and Ms. Melanie Scott and their teams for all the good work done.

3.3 Consider the allocation of additional Festival & Events Grant Scheme 2025.

On the proposition of Councillor John O'Heney, seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy, the additional grant applications for Festival & Events Grant Scheme 2025 were agreed as follows:

No.	Name	Address Town	Proposed 2025
1	St Pauls Community Council	Community Council Christmas Lights Event	€400
2	Golden Tidy Towns	Senior Citizen Christmas Party	€300
	Total		€700

3.4 Consider the allocation of additional Tidy Town Grant 2025.

On the proposition of Councillor Andy Moloney, seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy, the additional grant application for Tidy Towns Grant 2025 was agreed as follows:

No.	Name & Address	Proposed 2025
1	Rossadredhid Tidy Villages, Bansha, Co Tipperary	€500
	Total	€500

3.5 Nomination of Elected Member to Cashel Town Centre First Team

Councillor John Crosse proposed Councillor Declan Burgess to sit on the Cashel Town Centre First Team and this was seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy. Councillor Micheál Anglim proposed Councillor Roger Kennedy to sit on the Cashel Town Centre First Team and this was seconded by Councillor Andy Moloney. Councillor John O’Heney proposed Councillor Liam Browne to sit on the Cashel Town Centre First Team and this was seconded by Councillor Máirín McGrath.

3.6 District Engineer’s Report

Mr. Tim Kilmartin, Area Engineer referred to the report circulated with the Agenda and advised the Members that most of the works have been completed.

Councillor Ryan (Shiner) referred to the ongoing issue with public lighting at Canon Hayes and Avondale and understood that a cable had been damaged. She requested that a light tower be provided and if it could be confirmed if the issue is linked to the capital project. She confirmed that she spoke to Michael Tierney and thanked the team for resolving the issue with public lighting at James Connolly Park. Councillor Burgess referred to the new LED lighting which was installed in Cashel and the comments he has received in relation to how dark they are and there are safety concerns. He also referred to the PLEEP system and if ESB are carrying out upgrades or maintenance work, a contractor is not permitted to work anywhere in the District, which he stressed was a huge inefficiency. Councillor Crosse also wanted to support Councillor Ryan (Shiner) and noted that significant progress had been made on the Cashel Road public lighting. He noted that there is concern in relation to public lighting and he can’t see that the Council is getting a better service from the new contractor. He stressed that the public needs to feel safe. Councillor O’Heney also supported Councillor Crosse and Ryan (Shiner). Councillor Anglim asked when will the LIS Scheme be open for applications. Councillor McGrath and Hanna Hourigan also supported Councillor Burgess in relation to public lighting and the concerns in relation to the PLEEP system.

Councillor Marie Murphy updated the Elected Members on the recent meeting with the TII in relation to the Districts priority projects. Priority 1: N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction & Oola Transport Project. Councillor Murphy noted that Members wanted the Tipperary Town section to be prioritised, however she received advice that this was not advisable because it may dilute the need for the

larger project to be completed. Priority 2: N24 Waterford to Cahir. N24 - Preferred Transport Solution. Councillor Murphy advised the Members that she emphasised the need for this project to go ahead and highlighted the need for the N24 upgrade from Carrick to Limerick Junction. She referred to the road being 1% of Tipperary's road network but 25% of the road deaths this year. She stressed that over €10 million has been wasted and there are 7 homes in Limbo as the preferred corridor is through them. She also stressed that there are 2,200 landholdings sterilised indefinitely. Councillor Murphy requested that the TII provide funding to progress this project to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Priority 3: Safety measures on the N74 at Kilfeacle. She noted that the design is being progressed on this project therefore she took the opportunity to raise Priority 4: Culverts in the Skeheenarinky/Burncourt area. She advised the Members that when the M8 was built there were numerous culverts put in in the Skeheenarinky/Burncourt area to take the runoff of water from the Galtees. However, a number of these culverts are now blocked with silt, stone and sand and are not fit for purpose and this has the potential to undermine the good works done by Tipperary County Council. She requested the TII to inspect these culverts as soon as possible, and any maintenance works required done in a timely manner. She confirmed that Conor Fitzgerald from TII advised that these culverts are inspected once a year and there is a lot of small boulders, silt, sand etc coming from the Galtee mountains. He also confirmed that 2 of the main culverts were cleared during the summer of 2025. Councillor Murphy advised that she has spoken to Pat O'Neill who will liaise with Conor Fitzgerald of the TII.

In response, Mr. Kilmartin confirmed that the issue with the public lighting will be referred to Michael Woulfe and noted that Al Read Electrical have been working to address the issue. Mr. James Murray agreed to check the specification in the contract for the LED lighting to ensure that they meet the requirements. Mr. Murray also agreed to establish if the issue with the public lighting at Canon Hayes and Avondale if it relates to the capital works project or is a local issue. He also agreed to check the open date for the LIS Scheme.

Councillor Crosse referred to a leak at the traffic lights at Main Street/Davis Street getting worse again and requested an update. He noted that there was a bit of uncertainty between whose responsibility it was but noted that Tim Kilmartin is aware of it. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) also supported Councillor Crosse on this issue and noted that this is similar to the public lighting, is it snagging or Al Read Electrical. She requested that this be clarified and if a timeline could be provided. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) thanked Councillor Murphy for the update from the TII meeting and noted that Tipperary Town was the driving force on the N24 project and asked that once funding is approved and construction starts if the Tipperary Town section could be prioritised. Mr. Damien Ginty, District Director noted that the N24 project is an essential project and will provide economic and social benefits to Tipperary Town, County Tipperary and East Limerick but pressure needs be kept on the TII.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Engineering team.

3.7 District Administrator's Report

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda.

Councillor Moloney requested that the painting scheme be advertised earlier to allow property owners time to secure a painter to carry out the work. Councillor Burgess requested that the Municipal District host a workshop in relation to the painting scheme because the current scheme is not efficiently run. He also asked for a discussion in relation to the Christmas lights and that the funding be increased to €7,000 per town because no town can deliver Christmas lights for €5,000. He referred to the Tipperary Samhain Festival and other Halloween events and asked that Halloween be considered a significant event similar to Christmas and St Patrick's Day. Councillor McGrath agreed that the painting and enhancement scheme should be reviewed and perhaps more money should be given to fewer applicants which would allow property owners to do more than painting. Councillor Moloney wanted to thank the Council in relation to the work at the Inch Field, retaining the Green Flag and the clean up work which was required after the recent flooding. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) referred to the Samhain Halloween event and stated that it wasn't about the event but the reputation of the town. She noted that successful events restore the good will of the community. The Cathaoirleach congratulated everyone involved and also complimented everyone in Cashel and Cahir who also ran very successful events.

Mr. Damien Ginty, District Director advised the Members that the District would look at the advertising the scheme early and there was no issue with having a workshop to discuss it further. In relation to the Christmas lights the Municipal District provides a contribution and could not commit to a budget. He noted that this is a very sensitive week with big decisions to be made if the Member want to spend money.

3.8 Economic, Community & Rural Development Report

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Sheevaun Thompson, Administrative Officer, Ms. Martina Ryan, Social Inclusion Manager, STDC and Ms. Kathleen Prendergast, Economic Development Officer to the Meeting.

Ms. Thompson and Ms. Ryan made a presentation to the Members on the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme 2024-2028 (SICAP). This program provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion at local level. The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Thompson and Ms. Ryan for the presentation.

Ms. Prendergast made a presentation in relation to the LOVE Tipperary Gift Card which was launched in November 2024 and can be used in 300+ local businesses across Tipperary. There were €250,000 sales in the first year and there is no commission to be paid by the merchant. She also confirmed that it makes a great gift for Christmas and the money spent stays in Tipperary which supports jobs.

Councillor Declan Burgess thanked the team and commended the initiative which has been a huge success and is a great collaboration between the Tipperary County Council and County Tipperary Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Crosse acknowledged the good news story. Councillor Moloney asked if there was a minimum spend and if the card is reusable. Councillor McGrath congratulated everyone involved including Carmel Weston, County Tipperary Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Hanna Hourigan thanked Ms. Thompson, Ms. Ryan and Ms. Prendergast for the presentations. She acknowledged that the SICAP Programme is doing great work. Councillor Murphy also thanked the ECRD team for the presentations.

In response, Ms. Prendergast commented that they have recognised the need to have the card reusable and it is something that they will be looking at for 2026.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Economic, Community & Rural Development team.

4.1 Votes of Congratulations

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- Annacarty Tea Rooms on celebrating 10 years in business.
- Cahir Tidy Towns on the Cahir Inch Field retaining the Green Flag for another year.


5.1 Letter from Elizabeth Manasergh

Noted

6.1 Any other business appropriate to a meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD arising with the permission of the Cathaoirleach.

The Cathaoirleach thanked everyone and advised the Members that the December Municipal District meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th December, 2025.

This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.

Signed/  Dated/ 16/12/25
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 16/12/2025
District Administrator

