

Minutes of January Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Monday 26th January, 2026 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 Roads Engineer
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer
Mr. Michael Begley, Administrative Officer
Mr. Tim Kilmartin, Executive Engineer
Mr. Pdraig Franklin, Executive Engineer
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer
LAWPRO
Ms. Ruth Hennessy, Catchment Manager
Darragh Kelly, Community Water Officer
Environment & Climate Change Directorate
Mr. Denis Holland, Senior Engineer
Mr. Fergal Condon, Administrative Officer

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Roger Kennedy, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the January. He thanked Councillor Marie Murphy, Leas Cathaoirleach Ms Marie Murphy for chairing the December meeting on his behalf. The 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 December Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 16th December, 2025

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District December meeting held on 16th December, 2025 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor John Crosse and seconded by Councillor Liam Browne.

Matters arising from the minutes

Councillor Liam Browne requested that the reference to the “butchers roundabout” be removed from the minutes.

3.1 Environment & Climate Action Directorate

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Denis Holland, Senior Engineer and Mr. Fergal Condon, Administrative Officer, Environment & Climate Change Section to the meeting. Mr. Holland thanked the Members and referred to an error in the report that was circulated with the agenda, in particularly the burial grounds referred to are in the Nenagh District.

Councillor John Crosse sought an update in relation to the Solohead Graveyard and also congratulated the team on the work to cap the historic landfill at Lake Road, Tipperary town. He noted that there is a lot of public interest and it would be appreciated if the public were provided with information in relation to the work and what the end goal in the process will be.

Councillor Marie Murphy sought clarification in relation to the farm inspection and noted that 362 “first time” farm inspections have been completed and an additional 53 follow up inspections. Councillor Murphy asked what is the background, the criteria being used and where are the target areas. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) also sought an update on the Solohead burial ground and asked if Environment has any remit to deal with roosters which are used for fighting being kept in backyards. She noted that the Housing Section were previously able to deal with roosters in council houses, however she is referring to roosters being kept in private houses. Councillor Browne referred to the recent meeting of the Environment & Climate Action SPC on Wednesday 10th December where the proposed wording for the proposed new Section 3.2 of the 2022 Byelaws was discussed and asked if this referred to his recent Notice of Motion. He also asked what is Environment's position with leakage from a DPI which is not taken in charge. Councillor Michael Anglim thanked Mr Holland for securing ground for the burial ground in Ardfinnan.

In response, Mr. Holland confirmed that a site in Solohead had been identified and is owned by a local co-op who recently completed a merger and is now known as Arrabawn Co-op. The merger has delayed the transfer and also a site has to be provided for a playgrounds. He confirmed that once the sale had been finalised, the Council can apply for Part 8, which it is hoped will happen in the next few months. Mr Holland informed the Members that the Remediation of the Landfill involves putting an engineered cap over the landfill site in Tipperary town. He confirmed that this is a retrospect step done under waste licence. The EPA applied to An Coimisiún Pleanála to carry out the work and the Council

has sought funding to rehabilitate the site. In relation to the farm inspection, the EPA has been conscience of deteriorating water quality and in 2023 funding was made available to local authorities. Tipperary County Council has recruited 5 dedicated staff were recruited under the National Agriculture Inspection Programme (NIAP) to carry out a risk based inspection plan using lists provided by the Department of Agriculture in particular catchments. Every farmer in a targets area will be notified that an inspection will take place and if there are any issues a follow up inspection will be carried out. Mr. Holland noted that farmers are very cooperative and that the IFA are also liaising with farmers and farm communities. Regarding the roosters, Mr Holland asked is there housing planning compliant, otherwise would consider the issues an animal welfare issue. Mr Condon confirmed that the matter should be raised with the Department of Agriculture or the ISPCA. In relation to the SCP meeting there was two Notice of Motions raised in relation to the Burial Ground Byelaw which were being discussed by the SPC. Mr. Holland confirmed that sometimes there are difficulties trying to identify the responsible person and some developers are in receivership however if it is affecting drink water it is a matter for Uisce Eireann.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Holland and Mr. Condon and their team.

3.2 Local Authorities Waters Programme (LAWPRO)

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Ruth Hennessy, Catchment Manager and Darragh Kelly, Community Water Officer, LAWPRO to the meeting. Ms Hennessy thanked the Cathaoirleach and the Members and made a presentation on the work being carried out by LAWPRO and the Farming for Water EIP which is administrated from Heffernan House in Tipperary Town.

Councillor John O’Heney referred to the smaller grants and asked if it would be available for educational signage. He also referred to the recent water quality statistic and in particular the condition of the River Ara. He asked what work is being done by LAWPRO to improve the river. Councillor Liam Browne stated that the Council has a responsibility and asked what they are doing in relation to Golden. Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan welcomed Darragh and asked for an update on the treatment plant in Dundrum. Councillor Kennedy referred to the Citizen scheme projects and the Giant Hogweed which is being treated but noted that there are still pockets of Hogweed that hasn’t been treated. He also noted that Tipperary county has double the inspection points as Kilkenny or Wexford.

In response, Ms Hennessy apologised for the typo in the report and confirmed that the smaller grants cover a wide range of projects including signage, holding events and groups starting out. In relation to the River Ara, Ms Hennessy confirmed there are 5 points of inspection, 4 are moderate and 1 is poor. She noted that the section down stream of Bansha has improved and there is a lot of scrutiny on Tipperary Co-op. She confirmed that LAWPRO are liaising with

the ASSAP team who are working with farmers in the catchment to make applications for EIP. They have also been working with farmers in Donohill and Aherlow. She referred to the Better Farming for Water Campaign development by Teagasc which is being launched this week. This is a network of agriculture stakeholders in the area providing information on sustainability and improvements. Ms Hennessy confirmed that Golden is one of the sections where there has been no change and she is not aware of an update in terms of a treatment plant. In relation to Dundrum she confirmed that one of the tributaries has improved and one has declined. She confirmed that the Environment inspections is all part of a programme providing information and support.

Regarding the pockets of Giant Hogweed that haven't been treated she confirmed that they may not be able to extend funding but there may be other funding opportunities. Ms Hennessy advised the Members that she will share both her and Darragh Kelly's contact details.

Councillor Murphy asked what is causing the condition of the River Dwag to deteriorate and Ms Hennessy advised that the reason is unknown but it is something that they will be monitoring. Regarding the river inspection points Ms Hennessy confirmed that Tipperary would have more rivers than Kilkenny or Wexford and has one of the most dispersed monitoring network after County Cork and Donegal.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Hennessy and Mr. Kelly and the LAWPRO team.

3.3 District Engineer's Report

Mr. James Swords, District Engineer referred to the report circulated with the Agenda and advised the Members that they are waiting on their allocation and hoped to bring the Schedule of Municipal Works to the Members at the February meeting. He confirmed that the LIS applications are open and the closing date is the 13th February, 2026.

Councillor Declan Burgess referred to the recent Active Travel funding announcement and acknowledge the funding for the development measure for Golden village. He referred in particular to the Cashel to Cahir Greenway and noted that €400,000 has been spent to date, however there is no design and route selected. He requested a progress report. Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan referred to LIS application forms in other local authorities which are not as complicated as the Tipperary form. She asked if there are two people on the road and one is farming, how much land does that second household require. It was confirmed by the Members that it is 1 hectare. Councillor Crosse support Councillor Burgess in relation to the bottleneck in Golden and requested that a framed walkway be constructed inside the wall of the existing bridge which will make it safer for pedestrians. Councillor Browne acknowledged Active Travel funding for capital projects, however also sought funding for

maintenance. He referred to huge investment in a Clonmel project and also that the High Kings Loop requires maintenance. Councillor John O’Heney referred to the CIS scheme and asked when will the Members be advised of the successful applicants. He also supported Councillor Browne and asked if the District has enough staff because the current team are under a huge amount of pressure. Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) advised that she has been tracking Active Travel allocations for the last 6 years and Tipperary Town has got no money since 2021 which is a significant disadvantage. She advised that there has been no one named project and it is not acceptable when you see the spread across the County. She confirmed that she does not understand when she sees good projects being submitted. Councillor Anglim supported Councillor O’Heney in relation for the need for additional outdoor staff. Councillor Moloney asked how many are on the LIS and CIS at the moment and advised that it should be made clear to applications that there is an approved list therefore there is a delay in having the work carried out. He also requested that the patching unit be used more often within the District. Councillor Roger Kennedy confirmed that the CIS scheme closed last year. Councillor Máirín McGrath expressed her frustration at the €3,000 allocation for the Super Valu roundabout in Cahir and the safer schools allocation. Councillor Hanna Hourigan referred again to the LIS form and the question in relation to the present of a gate and that an applicant is required to sign a declaration that the gate would be open. Councillor Crosse supported Councillor Ryan (Shiner) in relation to Active Travel and referred to the investment in the River Ara Walkway and Tipperary Hills and the requirement for maintenance. Councillor Murphy asked when the Councillors will be provided with a list of successful applicants and requested that they should get longer than 10 days’ notice.

In response, the District Engineer confirmed that any proposal in relation to the bridge in Golden would be a matter for the TII because it is a national route. However, the funding approval for the Project Development Measure for Golden Island will allow for options to be considered in relation to a pedestrian bridge across the river. Mr Swords advised the Members that he will request an update in relation to the Cashel to Cahir Greenway. The District Engineer confirmed that he will request that someone in Roads Nenagh would provide a point of contact to offer advice in relation to the LIS scheme and agreed with the Members that when an application is approved there is an expectation that the work will be carried out immediately. He also agreed with the Members in relation to the lack of funding for projects which has been raised with the NTA and that the District could do with additional staff. He confirmed that a workshop will be held in relation to the Schedule of Municipal Works and he will request confirmation from Active Travel in relation to Super Valu roundabout and safer schools initiative. Mr James Murray confirmed that he will request Active Travel to present to the Members and noted that maintenance costs including staff come from our own funds. He noted that the Council previously received funding for IPB and discretionary funds under Active Travel, however this is no longer available. He also referred to problems across the county in relation to recruitment and the Council is always trying to recruit and fill vacancies as quickly as possible.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the District Engineer and his team.

3.4 District Administrator's Report

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda and he was available to take questions.

Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) refereed to the public consultation for Tipperary County Parking Bye-Laws 2026 and the mechanism for making a submission. Mr James Murray confirmed the legalisation states that a submission has to be made by post and he advised that he will get a specific email set up and the submission period will close on Friday, 27th February, 2026. Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan referred to CRMs made and asked that she would receive updates when matters have been addressed. Mr Swords confirmed that the CRMs are reviewed monthly and James Murray advised the Members that it is important that the Members engage with the CRM system. Councillor Murphy confirmed that 6 Councillors are trialling the My COCO app and the Cathaoirleach, Councillor Kennedy confirmed that CRMs are referred to the appropriate person and it is important that the elected member is informed when the work is completed. Councillor Moloney confirmed that Cahir St Patrick's Day Parade will take place on St Patrick's Day at 12.00 and everyone will receive an invitation. Councillor Liam Browne referred to parking in Cashel particularly in Wesley Square Cashel and requested that there is greater enforcement. He also requested that consideration be given to Age Friendly and Child & Parent spaces and that there would be an awareness campaign. The Cathaoirleach referred to the public consultation period which is open for the Tipperary County Parking Bye-Laws.

4.1 Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders

The orders were noted.

5.1 Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations

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

- DJ Gleeson, Avondale Crescent, Tipperary Town
- PP O'Dwyer, Rossacrowe, Annacarthy, Tipperary
- Brian Crowley, Dunmanway Road, Bandon, Cork
- Very Rev Fr Jim Egan, Knockavilla Donaskeigh Parish

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- Tipperary Golf Club Women's on winning the All Ireland Junior Cup
- Claudine McGrath and Fidelma Nugent, Rockwell Music Academy, Cahir on winning the Royal Irish Academy of Music Composition Competition and they will have a piece published in the next year RIAM Grade 2 Piano Album

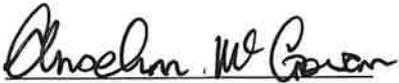
6.1 Correspondence

Councillor Marie Murphy assumed that the County Council would have an alternative mechanism of contacting Uisce Eireann other than using the general support desk email. She also referred to the Boil Water Notice for Ardfinnan being lifted on the 29th December and asked if the District received confirmation that the Boil Water Notice was lifted. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) also asked if there was a higher level means of communicating with Uisce Eireann. Councillor Liam Browne stated that the public should be advised of water issues and at present it seems to be the same stock answer to questions. The only interest that Uisce Eireann have in County Tipperary is taking water from the Parteen basin to go to Dublin. Councillor Murphy advised that from 2014 to 2019 every 3 months she and her colleagues in the Clonmel/Cahir area was given the opportunity to attend a clinic where you could ask specific questions of Uisce Eireann and only 2 of the 9 Councillors turned up. She also noted that there will be a vast amount of knowledge and experience lost when staff working with Uisce Eireann will return to the Council.

Mr Damien Ginty, District Director advised that all local authorities have specific functions and roles and to be clear Uisce Eireann are a separate utility company. Following the last meeting the District Administrator sent correspondence and their response was including in the agenda. Councillor Marie Murphy again raised that as public representatives the lack of communication is something that has to be raised with the executive of Uisce Eireann.

This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.

Signed/  Dated/ 23/2/26
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District Administrator

