

Minutes of April Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Monday 27th April, 2026 at 11.00am

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 Swords, District Engineer
Mr. Tim Kilmartin, Executive Engineer
Mr. Frank Cussen, Project Engineer
Mr. Michael Begley, Administrative Officer
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer
Planning Directorate
Ms. Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Ciaran O’Shea, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Shane Grogan, A/Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Teresa Kiely, Administrative Officer

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Leas Chathaoirleach for chairing the workshop and advised that he had been invited to the launch of the National Conference on Stroke which was taking place in Cashel Palace Hotel with 300 delegates. The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Roger Kennedy, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the April meeting. He proposed a vote of sympathy on the passing of Paddy Hoare and acknowledged his 41-year career with Tipperary County Council and thanked him for his 28 years’ service with Tipperary County Council Fire Service in Cashel. He also wanted to thank everyone who took part in the Guard of Honour at his funeral. 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 March Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 23rd March, 2026

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District March meeting held on 23rd March, 2026 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Marie Murphy seconded by Councillor Micheal Anglim.

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

3.1 Planning Directorate Report

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner, Mr Ciaran O'Shea, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Shane Grogan, A/Senior Executive Officer and Ms Teresa Kiely, Administrative Officer. The report was taken as read and the planning team were available for questions.

Ms Conway informed the Members that the closing date for submissions on the Variation of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 was the 20th April and 114 submissions were received, with 27 of those relating specifically to the Municipal District and a further circa 55 raising general County wide issues. The Chief Executive's Report will be circulated by the 15th May and there will be a workshop on the 22nd May to discuss the report. The Variation will be presented to the full Council on the 8th June. In the event that material alterations are required, then there will be a further public consultation period and the Variation presented for adoption at the September meeting of the full Council. The Variation will come into effect on the date that it is made.

Ms Conway also informed the Members that 11 submissions were received during the consultation period for the Residential Zoned Land Tax (2 in this District). Determinations will be made by the 30th June, 2026 which can be appealed to An Coimisiun Pleanala by 1st August, 2026. Payments for 2026 are due by 23rd May, 2026.

Councillor Burgess asked if the workshop prior to the considering the Variation would be held at Plenary or Municipal District level. He also requested an update on taking in charge applications particularly Ashwells Hills, Deerpark, Cashel and he noted that CCTV surveys were carried out in December 2025 by Uisce Eireann. He noted that this District has the largest number of DPIs in the County and asked if there was any agreement reached by the working group. Councillor Mairin McGrath referred to the Variation and noted that a workshop at District level would be beneficial and also asked for an update on taking in charge in relation to Gleann Beag, Newcastle. Councillor Liam Browne referred to the recent planning exemptions announced permitting habitable structures in back garden and asked what resources will be needed in planning. He also sought clarification on the Variation and asked if it is only to change zoning to residential. Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) sought an update in relation to Monard and the working

group. She also sought an update in relation to the Part 8 for Ballypaudeen. Councillor Marie Murphy also supported Councillor Burgess and McGrath that the Variation workshop should be held at District level. She also asked would a Section 5 be required for the construction of a habitable unit in the back garden. Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan thanked the Planning team. Councillor Roger Kennedy asked if changes to planning legalisation have been put in place.

In response, Ms Conway confirmed that after the meeting she will put a request in for a District specific workshop. She confirmed that the scope of the Variation is to identify additional lands for residential zoning. She clarified that revision to Class 3 exemptions would include a habitable structure, however they are awaiting guidance. Ms Conway confirmed an application for an EIA Screening determination for Ballypaudeen was submitted to An Coimisiun Pleanala, however it was deemed invalid on the 23rd March and the Chief Executive report will be issued to the Elected Members shortly.

Mr. Ciaran O'Shea confirmed that there is no mechanism in place for DPI estates, however this is a nationwide issue. Mr O'Shea confirmed that he is part of the steering group, together with the Department of Housing and Uisce Eireann. He informed the Members that he meets with Uisce Eireann monthly and they have developed a matrix looking at different issues. He confirmed that Uisce Eireann has completed CCTV surveys at Glenn Beag, Newcastle, The Steeples, Dualla Road and Greenfields, Cashel and these estates are being prioritised. He also confirmed that he has received a valid application for taking in charge for Ashwell Hills, Deerpark, Cashel and a Section 82 Notice has been sent to the property owner. He noted that there are 10 DPI estates in Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD and 20 in the County. He advised that further information has been sought in relation to Castle Yard, Newcastle, Ballyporeen.

Ms Conway advised the Members that there will be a workshop with the Members in relation to Ballypaudeen before the meeting.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Planning Section staff.

3.2 Consider the additional application under Festival & Events Grants 2026

On the proposition of Councillor Marie Murphy, seconded by Councillor Máirín McGrath, the additional Festival & Event Grant Scheme 2026 application was agreed as follows:

Municipal Grant Allocation			
No.	Applicant	Festival / Event	Proposed Grant
1	Rhododendron Walking Festival Roam, Respect, Protect	Exploring Trails & Creating Awareness	€3,500
		Total	€3,500

3.3 Consider the Tidy Towns Grant Allocations

On the proposition of Councillor John Crosse, seconded by Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner), the Tidy Towns Grant Allocations 2026 were agreed as follows:

TIPPERARY-CAHIR-CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT		
TIDY TOWNS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GRANTS 2026		
NO.	NAME	Allocation 2026
1	Aherlow Road Residents Association	€650
2	An Duiche Residents Association	€750
3	Ardfinnan Tidy Towns	€2,000
4	Ardmayle Heritage Group Tidy Towns	€1,200
5	Ballylooby Community Council Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€1,200
6	Ballyporeen Community Council	€1,200
7	Bansha Tidy Towns	€1,200
8	Boherlahan Tidy Villages	€1,200
9	Burncourt Community Council	€1,200
10	Cahir Tidy Towns	€5,000
11	Cahir Youth Tidy Towns	€650
12	Caiseal Na Ri, Cashel	€750
13	Cappawhite Tidy Towns	€1,200
14	Cashel Tidy Towns	€5,000
15	Clogheen Tidy Towns	€1,200
16	Clonoulty Tidy Towns	€1,200
17	Crescent Court Residents Association, Cappawhite	€650
18	Cullen Tidy Towns, Cullen, Co. Tipperary	€1,200
19	Donohill Tidy Towns	€1,200
20	Duhill Community Council	€1,200
21	Dun Chormaic Residents Association	€700
22	Dundrum Tidy Towns Association	€1,200
23	Emly Tidy Towns, Emly	€1,200
24	Goatenbridge Tidy Towns	€1,200
25	Golden Tidy Villages, Golden	€1,200
26	Grange Tidy Towns	€1,200
27	Highfield Residents Association	€650
28	Kilmananagh Residents Association	€650
29	Kilross Tidy Towns	€1,200
30	Lattin Tidy Town, Lattin	€1,200
31	Murgasty Residents Association	€650
32	Monard Tidy Towns	€1,200
33	New Inn Tidy Towns	€1,200
34	Newcastle Tidy Towns	€1,200
35	Rocksprings Residents Association, Kilross	€650
36	Rockview Residents Association, Cashel	€750
37	Rockwood Residents Association, Cashel	€700

38	Rosemount Residents Association, Cahir	€650
39	Rossmore Tidy Towns	€1,200
40	Summercove Residents Association	€700
41	The Rhododendron Walking Festival	€650
42	The Steeples Residents Association	€650
43	Thomastown Tidy Towns, Thomastown	€1,200
44	Tipperary Town Tidy Towns	€5,000
45	Woodlawn Residents Association, Cashel	€650
46	Rossadrehid Tidy Villages	€1,200
	TOTAL	€58,500

However, Councillor Liam Browne proposed that the allocation be given further consideration given the cost of grass cutting. Councillor Burgess also raised concern in relation to the allocation for Residents Associations being reduced, however agreed in principle with the tiered categories. Councillor Murphy suggested that an additional category be introduced next year for smaller villages because there are currently 24 villages in category 3. Councillor Moloney requested an insurance scheme for groups.

3.4 District Engineer's Report

Mr James Swords, The District Engineer updated the Members on the Roads Programme. He confirmed that the RI is almost complete, they are currently prepping for the RM and two of the bridge works are complete. He circulated the Development Levies for approval and on the proposition of Councillor John Crosse, seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess they were approved.

Councillor John Crosse thanked the District Engineer and his team for all their work. Councillor Mairin McGrath referred to the ongoing footpath improvements on the Mitchelstown Road, Cahir and asked when it would be completed. The District Engineer confirmed that this work is being completed with Safety Improvement funding on a phased basis and noted that the small gap would be completed with additional funding early next year.

The Cathaoirleach thanked all the engineering staff, the GSSs and their teams for their work.

3.5 District Administrator's Report

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda and the District Administrator advised that he would take the report as read and was available to take questions.

There were no questions.

4.1 Councillor John Crosse (Ref ID 3135)

That the signage in Tipperary Hills be refreshed and upgraded to keep dog owners and dog walkers informed of their responsibility while availing of the Tipperary Hills amenities.

Reply

Subject to the approval of the Members, the MD will survey the signage requirement and should any additional or new signage be required, the District will explore any extra funding opportunities to complete same.

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

4.2 Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan (Ref ID 3136)

I request that the roads engineer would inspect the road at Ironhills, Cappawhite in the interest of road safety. There is very poor visibility as you approach from the Maunvaun side and from the Glassdrum side opposite. There has been two accidents there recently and I would ask that this could be looked at to ascertain if there are any measures that can be taken to prevent further accidents taking place.

Reply

Whilst the junction is currently well marked with sufficient warning signage, the Municipal District will inspect the area to assess whether signage or road marking can be further improved.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

5.1 Votes of Sympathy

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

- Paddy Hoare, Lacey Square, Cashel, Co Tipperary
- Michael Fuller, Clonpet, Tipperary Town, Co Tipperary
- Ronan Loughnane, Cluain Doire, Templemore, Co Tipperary

5.2 Votes of Congratulations

There was no vote of congratulations.

6.1 Any other business

There was no other business.

This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.

Signed/ Roger Kennedy Dated/ 25/5/2026.
Cathaoirleach

Signed/ Anselm Mc Gowan Dated/ 25/5/2026.
District Administrator