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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



New Policy/Strategic Issues - Infrastructure SPC meeting held on 28 February 2022

Policy Changes/Updates

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was held on 28 February 2022 and the following items were considered:

- Active Travel & Greenways Allocation 2022 – Presentation by Paddy Crowley, Acting Senior Engineer
- National Roads Allocation 2022 – Presentation by John Nolan, Senior Engineer
- Regional & Local Roads Allocation 2022 – Presentation by Liam Brett, Senior Engineer
- Pull in Bays
- Age Friendly Parking Spaces

The next meeting of the SPC is scheduled for 30 May 2022.

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Consultants Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council in August 2020 to complete Phase 1 to 4. Website launched in February 2021. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility was completed in April 2021.</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction.</u> Arup appointed on 22 October 2019 to complete Phase 1 to 4. Website launched in August 2020. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility completed in September 2020. Transport Options and Alternatives Public Consultation took place between 25 June and 6 August 2021.</p>	<p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2: Options selection commenced and options will be announced in early May 2022. Phase 2 is due to be completed in 2023. This will announce a Proposed Route Corridor and open a Public Consultation process on same.</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 2: Options selection commenced and is due to be completed in May 2022. This will announce a Proposed Route Corridor and open a Public Consultation process on same.</p>



Capital Programme 2022	Implementation of Programme	Progress schemes and draw down grant funding before end of TII financial year.
Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2022	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding. Notification of 2022 allocation is awaited.
Rural and Community Schemes (CIS, LIS, CLÁR)	Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department	<p>CLÁR 2022 – Measure 1 applications being compiled by District Engineers for submission to Department of Rural and Community Development.</p> <p>CLÁR 2021 projects being delivered in 2022 with an allocation of €104,000.</p> <p>2022 Community Involvement Scheme – schemes being offered in line with 2022 allocation of €983,400.</p> <p>2022 Local Improvement Scheme – 61 new applications received which are currently being assessed by District Engineers. 2022 allocation not yet notified.</p>
Consultation	Annual Meeting with TII was held on 3 rd December 2021	Continued consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.
Public Lighting	Public lighting policy adopted in May 2018	Implementation of policy ongoing.
Road Safety	Strategy adopted in June 2018	<p>A meeting of the Road Safety Working Together Group is scheduled for 27th April 2022.</p> <p>Tipperary County Council will develop a new Road Safety Strategy in 2022, following the launch of the Government strategy ‘Our Journey Towards Vision Zero’. Guidance awaited from the RSA.</p>



Department of Transport (DoT)

Tipperary County Council Regional and Local Roads Allocations 2022	
Restoration Improvement	€16,509,000
Restoration Maintenance	€2,546,500
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€2,001,500
Discretionary Grant	€4,789,500
Bridge Rehabilitation	€852,310
Specific Imp. Grants	€20,000
Strategic Regional and Local Roads	€150,000
Safety Improvement Works	€654,000
Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works	€875,000
Speed Limits (Housing Area Signage)	€7,075
Speed Limits (Rural Speed Limit Signage)	€5,600
Cycle Signs	€9,000
Training Grant	€129,500
Drainage Works	€1,192,053
Community Improvement Scheme	€983,400
PSCI: Survey Support	€44,000
Former National Roads	€450,000
Total Allocation	€31,218,438



2022 GRANT ALLOCATIONS
FOR NATIONAL ROADS

Tipperary County Council – National Roads Allocations 2022 (Initial)	
Improvement	Allocations 2022
National Primary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€20,000
Pavements incl. Safety Works	€4,500,000
Major Schemes	€1,025,000
National Secondary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€77,000
Minor Works	€500,000
Pavements	€1,900,000
Engineering Support for National Primary, National Secondary, and Pavement Design and Supervision	€300,000
Fencing Retrofit	€20,000
Total Improvement Allocations 2022	€8,342,000
Maintenance	Allocations 2022
Total National Primary Maintenance & Route Lighting	€362,457
Total National Secondary Maintenance & Route Lighting	€385,328
Engineering and Winter Support to the National Primary and National Secondary - Maintenance Programme	€88,300
Total Maintenance Allocations 2022	€836,085
Total TII Grant Allocation for National Roads	€9,178,085
Greenways	Allocations 2022
Cashel to Cahir Greenway	€90,000
Lough Derg Greenway	€100,000
Suir Blueway, Gas House Bridge – Suir Island	€250,000
Suir Blueway – Marlfield to Cahir	€100,000
Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link	€100,000
Total Greenway Allocation 2022	€640,000
Total TII Grant 2022	€9,818,085



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has now been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design and procurement for same is now underway with the preparation of tender documents.	Preliminary design is expected to commence after consultants have been procured and appointed in Q3 2022.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ road pavement improvement works ▪ addressing a number of road safety issues ▪ the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village ▪ the extension of footpaths to the speed limit on the Portumna side and to the R493 Terryglass Road on the Borrisokane side of the village ▪ public lighting improvements ▪ some public realm improvements. Feasibility work has been completed and the Preliminary Design stage has commenced. Land acquisition for footpath widening and extension works is currently underway. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design and procurement for same is now underway with the preparation of tender documents.	It is expected that preliminary design work will be completed in Q1 2023.
Thurles Municipal District		
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass	Route Selected in 2011 and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbying for it to be included in the next NDP.	Continue lobbying for scheme to be included in the next NDP.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The works consists primarily of planing and inlay work. Other works include the replacement of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs and public realm improvements. Consultants were appointed and design work commenced in 2018. The preliminary design is substantially complete.	Part 8 will be advertised in Q2 2022.



N62 Templemore approach roads (Roscrea Road)	This is the second of two schemes on the Thurles Road and Roscrea Road approaches to the town of Templemore. N62 Templemore (Roscrea Road) – This Scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 700m of road pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road on the northern approach to Templemore. The Scheme starts at the speed limit sign north of Templemore at the Circle K Garage and continues 700m to the south. Construction commenced in September 2021 and was substantially completed in December 2021.	Final snag items are being completed.
N62 Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 3.9km of pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road from Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South. The scheme is currently at preliminary design stage. Consultants were appointed in 2021 to complete the design and procure a Contractor to carry out the works.	This scheme will be ready to go to tender in Q2 2022. A small allocation was received from TII for the scheme in 2022 and a further allocation needs to be secured to commence construction of the scheme.
N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The scheme is at preliminary design stage.	The scheme is at preliminary design stage and it is anticipated that the scheme will go ahead in 2023.

Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. Design work is being undertaken by Tramore House Road Design Office and the Main Works tender is to be published in the coming weeks. Advance Works on watermain replacement on the Clonmel Road due to commence in March.	Publication for Tender Q2 2022.
N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening	This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village, improvements to footpaths, landscaping and pavement strengthening. Part 8 Planning was approved in July 2021. Tender documents are near completion and expect to advertise the Tender in Q1 2022.	Tender published 29 th March 2022. Next stage is assessment of Tenders during April/May.



Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
N74 Ballyhusty Realignment	This scheme involves the realignment of approx. 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. The Tender process is completed and TII have given approval to award the tender to Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Ltd. The Main Contract has commenced and will continue throughout 2022.	Contract management throughout 2022. Works ongoing on-site.
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme proposes a significant upgrade to the public realm through the centre of Tipperary town between Church Street and Cashel Road. The scheme is 1.6km in length and encompasses two national routes through the town, the N24 and N74. Part 8 for the scheme was passed in January 2021 and the Municipal District Council decided not to proceed with the N24 Main Street element of the scheme. The Fr Mathew Street element of the scheme is at final design stage. Funding is available in 2022 to commence construction.	It is anticipated that works will commence in July/August 2022.
N74 Golden to Knockroe Pavement Improvement Scheme	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.5km of pavement on the N74, located approximately 4km west of Cashel Town. The scheme is at preliminary design stage. Consultants were appointed in 2021 to complete the design and procure a Contractor to carry out the works. Design is substantially complete.	It is anticipated that subject to the availability of funding that construction on this scheme will commence in 2023.
N24 Ballydrehid Realignment	This scheme involves the preparation of proposals for possible improvements to the N24 at Ballydrehid. Feasibility report submitted to TII.	Awaiting TII response. It is expected that TII are awaiting the outcome of the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction design process in order to decide how this scheme will be delivered.
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. Draft Preliminary design report prepared, Draft Part 8 documents being prepared.	Complete preliminary design for submission to TII for approval, followed by Part 8 planning process in 2022.
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Clonmel Borough District		
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	This is a continuation to the east of the Clonmel Inner Relief Road to a point beyond the 60kph speed limit and is approximately 1.6km in length. This scheme involves traffic calming and the inclusion of improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities as well as road pavement strengthening. Preliminary Design is under way along with liaison with TII Road Safety engineers.	The Planning process will commence following obtainment of TII technical approvals in 2022.



Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	Part 8 procedures and preliminary design work is completed. The CPO was confirmed on April 16th, 2021 without modifications. Tender documents have been prepared for the appointment of a consultant to carry out the detailed design, procurement and supervision of the Works contract. Approval from the DoT to go to tender for consultants has been received and the tender was advertised on March 11th 2022.	It is anticipated that following this competition a consultant will be appointed in Q2 2022 and tender documentation for the works contract prepared by the end of 2022, with a contractor appointed and commencing work by Q2 2023 subject to final approval and DoT funding.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	Clare County Council is lead authority. Planning procedures and the Oral Hearing have been completed. Design was substantially completed in Q2 2020. A minor works contract for site clearance and laying a section of sewer is completed. Tenders for the works contract were received in November 2021. The works contract was awarded on February 16th, 2022 to John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. and commenced on March 16th 2022.	The scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	Thurles Inner Relief Road is a proposed local link between the N62 and the Mill Road. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction • a new priority junction with Mill Road and • 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access • 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir • public lighting • flood alleviation works along the River Suir. This scheme is on the NDP and DoT approval will be required to allow it to go to detailed design. Lidl has completed construction of a section of the road for access to new store.	Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition.



ROADS ADMINISTRATION

Admin / Licensing Process During 2022	Number
Roads Abutting Certificates Requested	190
Roads Abutting Certificates Issued	152
Abnormal Loads Permits Requested	55
Abnormal Loads Permits Issued	50
Road Opening Licence applications received YTD	273
FOI requests processed	11
AIE requests processed	0
Internal Roads Abutting Requested	2
Internal Roads Abutting Issued	2
Proposed Estates to go on Public Display for Taking in Charge Process	
West Meadows, Boherlahan	



CLÁR MEASURE 1

The Council, under CLÁR Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures made a submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development for funding for a number of projects in 2021. Three projects have received approval to proceed, Drangan NS, St. Brigid's NS Donaskeigh, and Carrig & Riverstown GAA & Community Car Park within a total allocation of €104,000. These projects are being delivered in 2022. Districts are currently compiling applications for revised CLÁR Measure 1 2022.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2022

The Local Improvement Scheme 2022 (LIS) closing date has now passed. 61 (new) applications have been received for consideration. The LIS Scheme applies to non-public accommodation roads. Projects must benefit two or more parcels of land owned or occupied by different persons or serve the public.

Applications from previous years which were not successful, have remained on file and will also be considered under the 2022 Scheme.

Copies of new applications are being issued to District/Borough Engineers to determine eligibility, and for costing and prioritisation purposes. Details of our allocation for LIS for 2022 are awaited from the Department of Rural & Community Development.

ROAD SAFETY

Tipperary Road Safety Section is completing a Post Plan Review on the Tipperary Road Safety Strategy 2018-2021, and beginning work on the new Strategy 2022 to 2030 with an Action Plan for Phase 1 2022-2024. Both of these are currently underway.

Since the beginning of 2022, three Road Safety Awareness campaigns have been undertaken. In January, a radio campaign took place highlighting a

number of different issues. In March, campaigns were held in relation to 'being safe, being seen' on the roads particularly when around agricultural machinery.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

A Public Lighting policy was adopted by the Council in May 2018. Public lighting queries are dealt with daily by the Roads Section, the Customer Service Desk and the Municipal/Borough Districts. SSE Airtricity is notified of the relevant queries and corrective action is taken as appropriate.

Tipperary County Council has responsibility for the management and maintenance of more than 17, 800 lights in the county and public lighting is one of the biggest users of energy in the Council's overall energy usage. Upgrading of lights to LED is ongoing.

The Council will continue to avail of external funding where same is available from SEAI, TII and EU funding for energy efficiency projects.

Tipperary County Council has completed the procurement process for Public Lighting Maintenance Contract and has signed a contract with SSE Airtricity for a period of two years with options to extend by two further periods of 12 months each.

Tipperary County Council has been notified that SSE Airtricity is in the process of rebranding and is changing its name to ENERVEO.

For the benefit of Members, the following are the options available to facilitate reporting of public lighting faults:

- **Internet: www.airtricitysolutions.com**
- **Internet: www.enerveo.com**
- **Phone: Airtricity Utility Solutions Call Centre – 0818 81 22 20**
- **Customer Services, Tipperary County Council - 0818 06 5000**

ROAD MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES PUBLIC LIGHTING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the RMO and 23 other local authorities has signed up to participate in a large-scale street lighting upgrade to LED. The primary aim of the project is to enable Local Authorities to reach their statutory energy efficiency target to be 50% more energy efficient by 2030.

The southern region project has gone out to tender and a Contractor is to be appointed shortly. The Eastern Region which Tipperary is part of has also gone out to tender with the responses now being assessed. Works are likely to begin in this area in late-2022.

INTERREG SMART SPACE PUBLIC LIGHTING PROJECT



Smart-Space aims to facilitate the uptake of smart lighting in small/mid-size towns to enhance energy-efficiency and reduce CO2 emissions.

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Energy Agency are partners in the Smart Space project along with three other European cities Saint-Niklaas and Ostend in Belgium and Middleburg in the Netherlands.

In Tipperary, the project is replacing 600 standard street lights with LED street lights. These new LED lights are equipped with smart technology allowing the Council better control over the light and can provide information on energy use. In some areas a pilot will be trialled where motion detectors will allow lights to dim down if there is no movement in the area and light up again once the system detects cars or pedestrians approaching. Another pilot

project will see street lights that can change colour for events being trialled in Liberty Square, Thurles.

The three areas chosen in Tipperary to take part in the project are Thurles, Clonoulty and Drangan.

The SMART-SPACE project is co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund under the transnational co-operation programme Interreg North-West Europe.

Installation of the 600 lights is now nearing completion. The testing and analysis of the system will be ongoing for several months.

www.nweurope.eu/smart-space

THE EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS 2021



The All Ireland Community and Council Awards are presented by IPB Insurance and LAMA. These awards recognise and celebrate community and councils working together. They provide a great opportunity to highlight and celebrate the work done within our communities, to reward our unsung heroes and recognise the contribution made to our lives.

Tipperary County Council has been shortlisted for the 2021 All Ireland Community and Council Awards, with the awards ceremony scheduled for April 2022.

The Interreg North West Europe (NWE) SMART-SPACE Project has been shortlisted in the Best Energy Smart Initiative. Tipperary has also been shortlisted for the Imagine – High Speed Broadband in the same category.

Best of luck to all involved in the project on behalf of Tipperary County Council, Tipperary Energy Agency and project Partners.

INCREASED PENALTIES FOR MOTORISTS WHO PARK ON FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS AND BUS LANES

Elected members should note that the Minister for Transport, Mr. Eamon Ryan T.D., has signed regulations doubling from €40 to €80 the fixed charge penalty for motorists caught parking on footpaths, cycle tracks and bus lanes. The new €80 penalties came into operation on 1 February 2022.

Minister Ryan said:

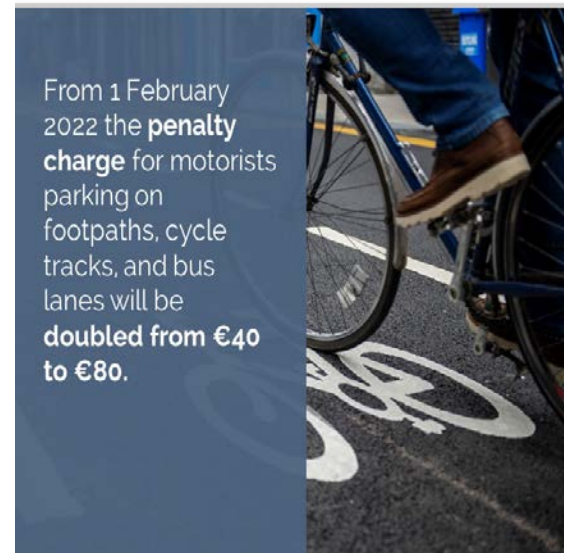
"I am very pleased to announce these increased penalties which will both promote active travel and encourage a more considerate use of road space. Parking on footpaths puts vulnerable pedestrians, such as wheelchair users and those pushing buggies, at significant risk by forcing them off the footpath and into traffic. Parking in bus and cycle lanes endangers cyclists and undermines State investment in sustainable public transport infrastructure. These increases should help improve the safety of all vulnerable road and footpath users, by creating a more effective deterrent to these specific forms of illegal parking."

Minister of State with responsibility for Road Safety Hildegard Naughton has welcomed the increases:

"Obstructing footpaths, bus lanes and cycle tracks can confront vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists, with particularly dangerous obstacles on busy roads, while also forcing tricky manoeuvres upon buses and cars who may be attempting to overtake such careless parking. These new penalties will

safeguard families and communities as they make use of our growing network of active travel infrastructure and will encourage more people to walk and cycle as Government invests almost €1 million per day on Active Travel projects across the country."

Tipperary County Council has implemented the increased penalties with effect from 1st February 2022, and carried out a media campaign including through our website and social media accounts.



BUS SHELTERS

An allocation of €156,176 has been received for Bus Shelter Enabling Works in 2022. The allocation is in respect of Ardfinnan, Borrisokane, Clonmel, and Springfort Retail Park, Nenagh.

Table A: Tipperary County Council

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2022 Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name	2022 Allocation
Tipperary County Council		
TCC/21/0002	Irishtown Walking and Cycling Route, Clonmel	€20,000
TCC/21/0003	Coleville Road Footpath Improvement Scheme	€150,000
TCC/21/0004	Abbey Rd to Marlfield Footpath Improvement Scheme	€50,000
TCC/21/0005	N52 Footpath/Cycle track Lighting Scheme	€110,000
TCC/21/0006	New/Improved Pedestrian & Cycle Schemes: Including works in Nenagh, Cashel, Cahir, Thurles & Roscrea	€560,000
TCC/21/0007	New Footpaths Package A: Including works in Killusty, Kilcash, Nenagh, Portroe & Newport	€30,000
TCC/21/0008	New Footpaths Package B: Including works in Cashel, Ballyporeen, Ardfinnan, Clogheen, Donaskeigh, Hollyford &	€270,000
TCC/21/0009	New Footpaths Package C: Including works in Castleiney, Loughmore, Upperchurch, Benamore & Thurles	€145,000
TCC/21/0010	New Footpaths Package D: Including works in Killenaule, Cloneen & Mullinahone	€400,000
TCC/21/0011	Footpath Improvements Package A: Including works in Cloughjordan, Cahir, Cashel, Tipperary Town, Ballagh,	€265,000
TCC/21/0012	Footpath Improvements Package B: Including works in Tipperary Town, Clogheen Village, Borrisoleigh, Roscrea &	€230,000
TCC/21/0014	Light Segregation Cycle Schemes	€250,000
TCC/21/0015	Low Cost Junction Tightening/Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	€90,000
TCC/21/0016	Low-Cost Permeability Measures	€80,000
TCC/21/0017	Safe to Schools Programme - Support Infrastructure	€100,000
TCC/21/0018	Transport Studies/Mobility Plans: Towns including Nenagh, Thurles & Clonmel	€530,601
TCC/21/0020	Fethard Walkway	€150,000



Active Travel Investment Grants: 2022 Allocations

Project Code:	Project Name	2022 Allocation
Tipperary County Council		
TCC/22/xxxx	N24 Cycle Scheme, Clonmel	€60,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Convent Road, Clonmel	€100,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	€50,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Cashel Road, Clonmel	€50,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Clonmel MD - Minor Footpath schemes	€280,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	€100,000
TCC/22/xxxx	R445 Nenagh Active Travel Scheme	€100,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Riverstown Active Travel Scheme	€215,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Ballina Active Travel Scheme	€50,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Nenagh MD - Minor Footpath Schemes	€180,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Ardfinnan Bridge	€220,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Supervalu Junction, Cahir	€20,000
TCC/22/XXXX	Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD - Minor Footpath Schemes	€400,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Bowes Corner Junction Improvement Scheme	€500,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Thurles MD - Minor Footpath Schemes	€180,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Clairin Footbridge	€100,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Carrick on Suir Active Travel Scheme	€80,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Carrick MD - Minor footpath schemes	€151,000



Active Travel Investment Grants: 2022 Allocations

Project Code:	Project Name	2022 Allocation
<u>Tipperary County Council</u>		
TCC/22/xxxx	Tipperary County Council Active Travel Office - Staff Costs	€350,000
TCC/22/xxxx	Cycle Parking	€50,000
Total:		<u>€6,666,601</u>

ACTIVE TRAVEL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2022

The Minister for Transport, Mr. Eamon Ryan T.D., has confirmed that the National Transport Authority (NTA) has allocated funds to Ireland's local authorities with a view to spending €289 million on walking and cycling infrastructure in 2022, €6.6 million of which is to be spent in County Tipperary.

The increased funding for footpaths and pedestrian improvements in towns and villages all across the county will result in a safer, healthier and more sustainable way for people to get about and enjoy their local area.

This investment in Active Travel is a great example of how our partnership with the National Transport Authority is benefitting communities across County Tipperary, creating a more attractive and safer local environment.

It will allow us to build on the success of the Council's 2021 Active Travel programme which delivered a wide range of improvements for our citizens.

With this funding from the National Transport Authority, Tipperary County Council will be able to deliver an ambitious Active Travel programme and a range of improvements for pedestrians and cyclists with some thirty-six new projects in towns and villages across Tipperary benefitting from this investment.

Active Travel works will include the construction of new footpaths to provide walking routes; safe routes to school created by providing footpaths and pedestrian crossings; improved connectivity between residential areas and schools and the creation of cycle paths.

GREENWAY PROJECTS

Tipperary County Council has secured an allocation of €640,000 from the TII in 2022 to progress feasibility studies for a number of proposed Greenways across the County.



Bus Shelters recently completed at Springfort Retail Park, Nenagh – Northbound





Bus Shelters recently completed at Springfort Retail Park, Nenagh – Southbound





PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
County Development Plan 2022-2028	Commenced	The Draft Plan was on public display for the period 30 th July 2021 to 15 th October 2021. 615 submissions were received. A Chief Executive's report on the submissions received was prepared and circulated to the Elected Members in January 2022. The Chief Executive's report on the submissions received was considered by the members on 14 th March 2022 where it was resolved to amend the Draft Plan accordingly and as further amended by the Members' amendments.	The Material Amendments will be published for public consultation for a 4 week period from Friday 1 st April 2022 to Tuesday 3 rd May 2022 inclusive. All observations or submissions received in relation to the Proposed Amendments during this time period will be taken into consideration before the making of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028.

<u>National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Tipperary Town Regeneration	Market Yard - Detailed Designs completed. Contractor appointed for the construction stage. Works commenced on 21 st . June, 2021. Works substantially completed in October, 2021. River Arra Walkway – Design team appointed and detailed designs completed. Final Business Case approved by the Department of Rural and Community	Market Yard – Works are completed and were officially opened by Minister Heather Humphreys in November, 2021. River Arra Walkway – Progress the purchase of the land required. Appoint contractor and commence works in June, 2022. River works to be completed between July



	Development with additional RRDF grant aid of €455,264. Tender validity period of most economically advantageous tenderer extended to 24 th . June, 2022. Construction of the bridge is completed under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.	and September in compliance with decision issued by An Bórd Pleanála. Complete project by year end.
Fethard Town Park	<p>(i) Phase 1 Groundworks and pitches were completed in January, 2022 and opened for use in February, 2022.</p> <p>(ii) Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works- The Final Business Case was approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development on 20th. December, 2021 together with additional grant aid of €403,445. Successful/Unsuccessful Letters issued to tenderers early January, 2022. Review and sign off on preferred tenderers insurances completed by IPB Insurances in February, 2022. Letter of Acceptance issued to most economically advantageous tenderer on 4th. March, 2022. Works commenced on 21st. March, 2022.</p>	<p>Phase 1 Groundworks and pitches are completed.</p> <p>(ii) Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works – Manage contract and complete works by April, 2023 in accordance with the current programme.</p>
Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza	Design team appointed. Consultative group established with ongoing meetings. Detailed designs presented to Consultative Group and revisions agreed. Ongoing meetings held with the design team to revise the detailed designs and Part 8 Planning to capture additional design elements deemed critical to the project.	Complete revisions to detailed designs. Complete Part 8 Planning process. Prepare tender documents and advertise for tenders for the construction stage. Assess tenders received and compile Final Business Case for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development. Appoint contractor and commence works in Q3 of 2022. Estimated programme duration for completion of works is 18 months.



<p>Thurles Market Quarter - Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers</p>	<p>Part 8 completed. Verification and Due Diligence Phase completed. Approval in Principle issued by the Department of Rural and Community Development together with additional funding of €549,270. Pre-Tender Approval for the design stage issued by the Department in February, 2022. Tender Documents for the engagement of a design team completed and Request for tenders advertised on e-Tenders in December, 2022. Pre-Tender Approval for the design stage issued by the Department in February, 2022 following receipt of Council submission. Assessment of tenders completed on 23rd March, 2022. Ongoing meetings being held with Mary Immaculate College and Thurles Farmers Market.</p>	<p>Issue Successful and Unsuccessful letters to tenderers in April, 2022. Arrange review and sign off on insurances of most economically advantageous tenderer by IPB Insurances. Issue Letter of Acceptance and appoint design team in Q2 of 2022.</p>
<p>Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan</p>	<p>Steering Group and Implementation Group established with ongoing meetings being held. Design team appointed. Significant public consultation undertaken. Market testing completed on preferred concepts. Feedback from Project Steering Group on Final report prepared on concept testing forwarded to the design team.</p>	<p>Complete concept development and preliminary designs in Q2 of 2022. Complete detailed designs by end of Q3 of 2022. Commence Part 8 Planning process in Q4 of 2022.</p>
<p>Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan-A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter</p>	<p>Design team appointed. Dedicated website in place and continuously updated. Preliminary design stage and Part 8 Planning have been completed with significant input from the public. Detailed designs at an advanced stage.</p>	<p>Complete detailed designs.</p>



<p>A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre – Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter</p>	<p>Cahir Market House Business Centre: – Part 8 Planning approved. Design team appointed. Preliminary Designs completed. Detailed designs completed.</p> <p>Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and Car Park: - Design team appointed. Preferred designs agreed. Part 8 Planning for the proposed car park site approved in December, 2021 with the public realm approved in January, 2022. Detailed designs completed for the proposed car park site. Purchase of two sites for the proposed car park is completed.</p>	<p>Cahir Market House Business Centre: – Part 8 Planning and detailed designs completed in accordance with the Category 2 approved project.</p> <p>Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and Car Park: - Complete detailed designs on the public realm which are at an advanced stage.</p>
<p>Kilsheelan - Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing & Low Carbon Planning</p>	<p>Verification and Due Diligence Phase completed. Approval in Principle issued by the Department of Rural and Community Development together with additional funding of €51,896. Pre-Tender Approval for the design stage issued by the Department in February, 2022. Design team appointed in January, 2022. Working Group established to develop a Serviced Sites Scheme for the sale of the sites.</p>	<p>Progress the development of a Serviced Sites Scheme. Complete detailed designs by end of Q2 of 2022. Commence works on site circa Q4 of 2022. Estimated completion of construction works by end of Q2 of 2023.</p>
<p>Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh</p>	<p>Funding approval of €1,208,847 announced by the Minister of Rural and Community Development on 6th. January, 2022. Verification Forms for the Due Diligence and Verification Phase completed and returned to the Department in January, 2022 and we await approval of this Decision Gate.</p> <p>Project Steering Committee and Project Delivery Group established and meetings are ongoing.</p>	<p>Complete Roles and Responsibilities document. Surveys, Preliminary Design & Masterplan preparation will be finalised by Q3 of 2022. The Planning process including Part 8 will commence in Q4 of 2022.</p>



	<p>Consultant appointed in March, 2022 to prepare tender documents for the procurement of a design team. Draft Project Charter, Risk Register and Task Schedule prepared.</p>	
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National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
<p>Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme-Phase 1 and Phase 2</p>	<p>Phase 1: -New Car Park off Liberty Square is completed. Phase 1 works which relate to the Eastern end of Liberty Square are substantially completed.</p> <p>Phase 2: -Proposed enhancement works relate to the Western end of Liberty Square and junctions of the approach roads. Scheme extents drawing completed. Extensive consultations held with other statutory bodies. Companies engaged to complete required surveys. Consultants appointed to prepare the Part 8 drawings and documentation and meetings are ongoing in regard to concept options.</p>	<p>Phase 1: - Complete snagging.</p> <p>Phase 2: - Complete all surveys required to advance the Planning process. Complete Part 8 Planning by the end of Q3 of 2022. Procure for design team and appoint design team circa Q4 of 2022.</p>
<p>Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration - Clonmel Regional Sports Hub and Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1</p>	<p>Regional Sports Hub – Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Contractor appointed and works began on site mid-August, 2021.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Phase 1 - Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Car park completed. Contractor appointed to develop the plaza and public realm enhancement works. Works commenced on site 10th. June, 2021.</p>	<p>Regional Sports Hub – Complete construction phase. Programme duration is approximately 12 months.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Phase 1 – Complete construction phase by August, 2022 as per the current programme timelines.</p>

<p>A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre</p>	<p>Project Steering Group meetings and District Delivery Group meetings are ongoing. Provisional Approval issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 25th. August, 2021. Project Financial Tables completed following in-depth review of costings and returned to the Department in September, 2021. Consultants procured and appointed to review and update the Preliminary Business Case which is at an advanced stage. Project Charter completed. Consultants appointed to prepare tender documents for the engagement of a design team. Request for Tenders under Stage 1 of the Restricted Procedure advertised on the Official Journal of the EU on 25th. March, 2022. Working Group established to develop a Communications Plan and branding for the Centre. Communications and Consultation Plan completed and approved.</p>	<p>Complete review and update of Preliminary Business Case and submit to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage early in Q2 of 2022. Obtain Approval in Principle from the Department under Decision Gate 1. Submit Project Brief and Procurement Strategy to the Department for approval under Decision Gate 2-Pre-Tender Approval. Assess tenders received for the engagement of a design team and appoint the design team.</p>
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PLANNING SECTION

County Development Plan

The Pre-Draft ‘Shaping Our Future’ consultation stage ran from 18th September to 16th November 2020. 190 submissions were received during the public consultation period, and were summarised and considered by the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive’s Report on submissions was issued to the Elected Members for their consideration on 15th January 2021. A Workshop with the Elected Members was held on 17th February 2021. The Chief Executive’s Report was considered at the March 8th Plenary Council Meeting whereby the Elected Members issued directions to the Chief Executive regarding the content of the draft Plan. The Draft Plan was issued to the Elected Members for their consideration on 3rd June 2021. 13 Workshops with the Elected Members were held over June and July 2021 to discuss the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan was considered at the July 16th Plenary Council meeting whereby the Elected Members agreed by resolution to put the Draft Plan on public display subject to amendments. The Draft Plan was on public display for the period 30th July 2021 to 15th October 2021. 615 submissions were received. A series of Workshops were held in February. At the plenary meeting of the Council held on 14th March 2022 the Elected Members resolved to amend the Draft Plan in accordance with the Chief Executive’s Report on the submissions received and as further

amended by the Members' amendments. The Material amendments to the Draft Plan have been published for a further period of public consultation of 4 weeks from Friday 1st April 2022 to Tuesday 3rd May 2022 inclusive. All observations or submissions received in relation to the Proposed Amendments during this time period will be taken into consideration before the making of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Project Implementation

The National Development Plan (NDP) 2018-2027 established four new funds to help drive the specific core priorities detailed in the NPF (National Planning Framework). These four funds included an Urban Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The following projects are currently being delivered.

Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel, which will re-imagine how civic, cultural, educational, enterprise and tourism uses can work together to regenerate and create a new role for the town. The project includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely: Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel – Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement. Funding was received for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are € 15,163,247 and URDF grant awarded is €10,594,961.**



Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. Funding was received in 2019 to undertake works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square and to develop a new car park off Liberty Square. Additional funding of €1m was secured in March, 2021 to undertake enhancement works to the Western end of Liberty Square and the junctions of the approach roads. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €10,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €5,390,291.**



A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh: -The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr's Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development, to new cutting-edge research on technologies, to incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland's first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include Public Realm and Amenity Enhancement to Friar Street Civic Plaza, Martyr's Road Town Park, Martyr's Road streetscape improvements, including cycleways. Funding was approved in March, 2021 under the Second Call for funding support from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €12,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €9,525,000.**



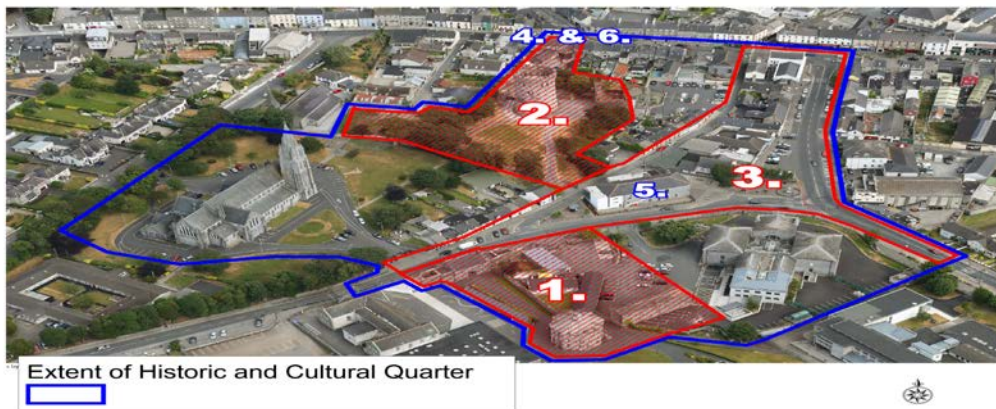
Sustainable Centre Of Excellence for Energy, Nenagh

Tipperary Town Regeneration - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It will include an upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area, linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre and, an 800 metre walkway along the River Arra, including two loop walks. Funding was approved in 2018 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €1,442,018 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,081,513.00.**



Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter - A Tourism-led Regeneration Plan

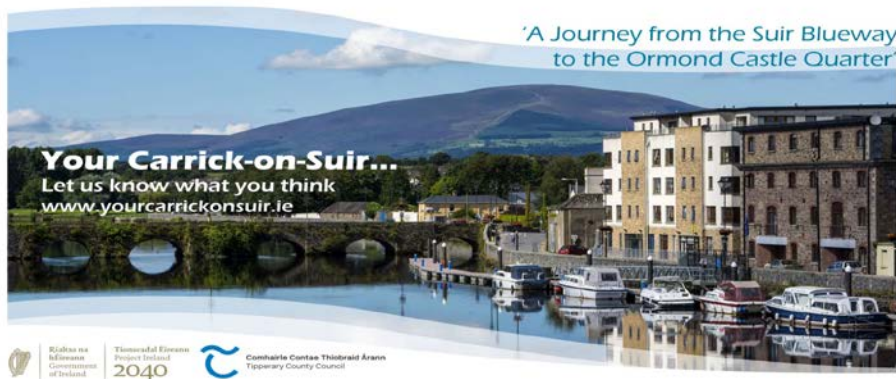
A Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within a context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €896,712 and RRDF grant amounts to €672,534.**



Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter'

Plan for the town, through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions, to build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (west) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter

(east) and thereby regenerate the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €487,500 and RRDF grant amounts to €365,625.**



A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre: Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter

A suite of measures that will re-vitalise Cahir's historic Square as a living-working quarter. The project will provide a dynamic town centre Square with a focus on pedestrian priority and civic space. The re-development will be focused around Market House, a flagship Business Development Centre based in one of the most historic buildings on the Square. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €986,354 and RRDF grant amounts to €663,362.**



Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration through Recreation, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion's Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated market space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers; will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors while also acting as a base for the MIC

Students' Union. Project was awarded RRDF Funding in April, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €3,825,700 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,443,130.**



Thurles Market Quarter

Kilsheelan – Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing and Low Carbon Planning

The project has been developed as a demonstrator scheme to show the practical implementation of Tipperary County Council’s ‘**Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing**’.

The guidelines include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be model for serviced site developments across the country and an initiative to revitalise villages in Tipperary and across the country. The scheme was subject to a Part 8 process, approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. Project was awarded RRDF Funding in April, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €670,833 and RRDF grant amounts to €603,750.**



Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh



Funding has been approved to prepare detailed designs and planning for the adaptive re-use of the former iconic 1940’s Rialto cinema into a modern digital and enterprise hub facility using best practice and appropriate modern architectural intervention to provide excellent office, collaboration and meeting spaces. The associated brownfield site will be master-planned to explore the potential for further digital and enterprise office space, the creation of a new streetscape along Emmet Place, the potential provision of town centre residential units and the delivery of a new public amenity heart in the town centre.

The Hub will be an exemplar sustainable, green, town centre regeneration project that will revitalize the town centre of Nenagh through the provision of much needed incubator enterprise space, public realm enhancement, improved permeability/linkages with existing streets and backland/infill development through planning for the delivery of town centre homes. The overarching aim and purpose of the proposal is to promote economic development and increase employment opportunities while preserving and saving a protected historic structure which was purchased by the Council in December, 2020. Project was awarded RRDF Funding in January, 2022. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €1,511,059 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,208,847.**

Conservation Grant Schemes 2021/2022

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2022** seeks to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas.

The scheme opened for new applications on the 1st December 2021 and closed on the 24th January 2022. Tipperary County Council have received 24 Applications. These applications will now be assessed by our Conservation Architect. The projects nominated for funding must be with the Department by the 11th February.

The **Historic Structure Fund 2022** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. The focus is on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public and will seek to:

- enable larger scale conservation works to be carried out on heritage structures which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- encourage the regeneration and reuse of heritage properties and help to secure the preservation of protected structures and/or historic-culturally significant assets; and
- support the investment of private capital in labour-intensive projects to conserve historic structures in public and private ownership for community use.

Inspections took place in early November and works were complete on all projects except the Tipperary Courthouse. This was delayed due to the appointment of a contractor but works have now commenced.

The scheme opened for new applications on the 1st December 2021 and closed on the 24th January 2022. Tipperary County Council have received 12 Applications. These applications will now be assessed by our Conservation Architect. The projects nominated for funding must be with the Department by the 11th February.

Any queries on the scheme can be directed to Fergal Condon, Staff Officer, Planning, Clonmel.

Town Walls

There are 4 towns currently members of the Irish Walled Towns network – Clonmel, Cashel, Carrick on Suir and Fethard. Membership is renewed annually by the Heritage Office.

Funding for conservation works and interpretation is offered annually by the Heritage Council (subject to competitive application), and the Council is responsible for annual maintenance of sections that have been subject to conservation works.

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/22 to 28/03/22

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	No. of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	95	91	4	0	0
Housing Development	8	8	0	1	0
NIA/EIA	1	1	0	0	0
Other Applications	190	186	4	1	0
Total	294	286	8	2	0

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 40 complaints received from the 1st January to the 28th February 2022. During this period 25 Warning Letters and 5 Enforcement Notices were issued.

Taking in Charge: Estates

Being processed	Taken in Charge in 2022	Advertised	New applications 2022
26	0	1	2

E-Planning

In association with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), Tipperary Planning Authority has completed the pilot of phase one planning portal <https://planning.localgov.ie>, which was the submission of planning applications online. Our percentage on online applications has increased from 29 % on the 25th January 2022 to 36 % of overall applications received up to and including Friday 25th March 2022. The feedback so far from agents has been positive. We have now commenced work with the LGMA and our third party providers on preparing for online submissions to planning files and part 8 applications to also go online. We aim to pilot this in quarter 2 of 2022. We continue to liaise with Galway County Council to assist them with pilot project. Once phase two has been piloted the online planning portal <https://planning.localgov.ie> will roll out nationally in three phases.



FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service

SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	<p>Finalising the Business continuity software package.</p> <p>Ongoing engagement with MW regional steering & working groups.</p> <p>-----</p>	Final workshop with supplier and delivery of the system – expect to complete in Q2 2022
Building Control	<p>Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.</p> <p>Onsite inspections ongoing</p> <p>-----</p>	Complete annual inspection programme for 2022 reaching Dept. guideline targets
Health & Safety	<p>Audit to ISO 45001 & 9001 completed in Jan 2022 – successfully certified to both standards</p> <p>New fire kit on test in two stations for January</p> <p>-----</p>	Procure two sets of Gold firefighting kit for all staff
Fire Safety	<p>Fire Safety Strategy prepared and signed off for delivery in 2022</p>	Commence primary schools programme.



CURRENT PROJECTS		
Project	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Cashel Fire Station	Shortlisting completed for new tender and final tendering process underway.	9 Contractors have been pre-qualified and have been invited to submit final tenders.
Roscrea Fire Station	Improvement works included in Department allocation.	Seek department approval to appoint design team – application currently with Department.
New appliances	Final design meeting held with Emergency One and TFRS	Signed contracts have been exchanged with Emergency One UK Ltd – significant delay (6-9 months) on delivery of the chassis to the supplier

ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES	To 28th March 2022
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	340
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	20
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	24
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	12
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	21
Number of Commencement Notices Received	126



Cahir Swiftwater & Flood Rescue Response

As part of Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service’s continued certification to ISO9001 for quality management Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service have provided a Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Response to the county since 2012, the need for such a response came from an assessment of our waterways by Rescue 3 (an internationally recognised leader in Swiftwater rescues). Since that date every firefighter and senior fire officer have received some level of water-based training in response to the class of water they are likely to encounter. Over the past number of years, we have seen and increase in calls of this type in certain areas of Tipperary therefor based on an assessment of the waterways around Cahir and the volume of calls



received a decision was made to provide an in-water response from Cahir Fire Station.

Firefighters from Cahir undertook an intensive swim assessment before being put forward to attend the 4-day Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technician course, delivered by our resident instructors. This level of training is intended for personnel who may be required to carry out rescues in a Swiftwater and Floodwater environment, this is a highly technical and advanced rescue in a very dynamic environment which leaves little or no room for error and therefore must only be performed by highly trained personnel within the Fire service.



The addition of a Swiftwater Rescue Team in Cahir not only provides the area with a faster response to water-based rescues it also brings our counties in water response to two SRT’s (Clonmel & Cahir) and 1 First Responders team (Carrick) which in turn strengthens our ability to protect the communities we serv





Civil Defence

Activities	COVID -19 Response
<p>Response</p>	<p>March 2022 has been one of the busiest months for Tipperary Civil Defence as we continue to provide support to the HSE in the fight against COVID 19 in the Vaccination Centre Clonmel and have resumed support and backup to the COVID test center Munroe. We also provide patient transport, participated in St Patrick Day celebration and were represented at both local and National events in reembrace to all who died during the pandemic.</p> <p>Tipperary Civil Defence also responded to a search for a missing person and was to the forefront of working with displaced person from the Ukraine as they arrived in our County. First aid and Ambulance cover was provided in both Cashel and Cahir for the Royal Visit.</p> <p>Training of our volunteers has also recommenced</p>
<p>Blood Transfusion Service</p>	<p>Volunteers continue to supply Meet and Greet and wellness checks for the Blood donation clinics at various location throughout the county. Most recent clinics in Clonmel Nenagh and Thurles</p>

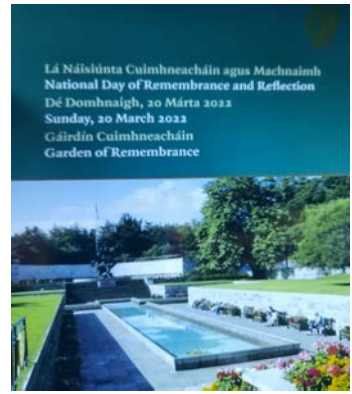
<p>Vaccination Centre Response</p>	<p>Since April 2021 Tipperary Civil Defence has aided the HSE with Meet and Greet and post vaccination observation in vaccination centers. Volunteers have been outstanding in their response to this activity request.</p> <div data-bbox="483 1234 951 1659" data-label="Image">  </div>
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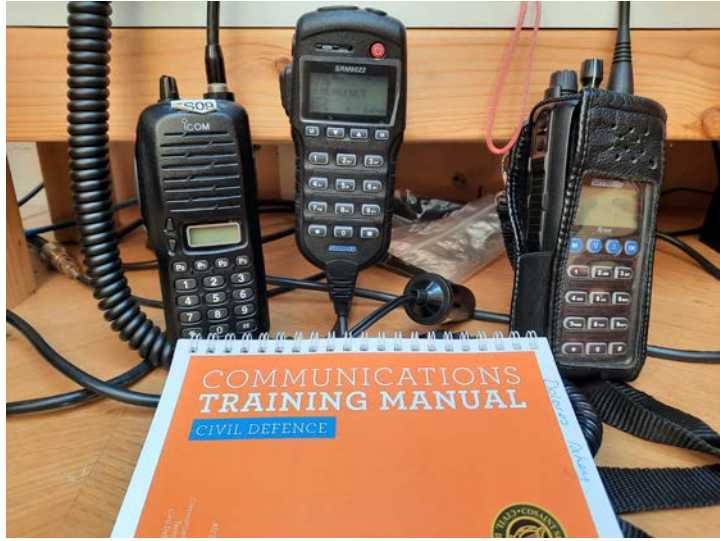
<p>COVID Test Centre</p>	<p>Due to the increase in COVID 19 infections and the demand for PCR tests we have once again been requested to assist the HSE in the preparation of testing kits. At the moment our volunteers are preparing over 1000 test kits per week in support of the HSE</p> 
<p>Patient Transport</p>	<p>Once again, we were in a position to transport a patient for essential treatment to an appointment in Waterford University Hospital. This lady had no alternative method of transport to her appointment.</p>
<p>Search for missing person</p>	<p>On Monday 14th March we received a call from the Garda in Thurles to seek assistance with the search for a missing person. We responded with ground search crews, the K9 and drone unit and our swift water team. Following meetings with Gardai a search plan was put in place. Over the coming days a multi-agency response to the search commenced and on site were the Garda K9 and Air support unit along with Garda dive team, the coast guard and units of Urlingford Fire service, along with our own multi-disciplinary team. The search was stood down on Wednesday afternoon. Sincere condolence to the family. A special word of thanks to Civil Defence volunteers from Dublin and Kilkenny for their help and professionalism. Many thank also to the outstanding community response to this search.</p> 

<p>Displaced Ukrainian Persons</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence welfare personnel were on site over the St Patrick’s weekend to aid displaced persons as they arrived in our county. Civil Defence volunteers and staff met with and provided necessary food items and essential medical supplies as they got settled into their accommodation</p> <div data-bbox="810 495 1182 741" data-label="Image">  </div>
<p>St Patricks Day Celebrations</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence participated in the Littleton Parade, displaying array of our vehicles. Ambulance and First Aid cover was provided for the very large parade in Clonmel. This year Tipperary Civil Defence Officer was also honored to be invited to sit on the reviewing stand at the Clonmel Parade.</p> <div data-bbox="579 974 1161 1742" data-label="Image">  </div>
<p>Health & Safety</p>	<p>Risk Assessments reviewed Civil Defence has reviewed a substantial number of operational Risk assessments and has completed the sectional Risk assessments for COVID related activities. First SMCC meeting held.</p>

National Day Of Remembrance and Reflection

I was honored and privileged to have received an invitation to represent Civil Defence at the National day of Remembrance and Reflection held in the garden of remembrance in Dublin. The ceremony was to remember all those who has lost their lives during the pandemic and to pay tribute to those that helped us all endure it. Volunteers also attend the local ceremony held in Holy Cross Park.



<p>Royal Visit</p>	<p>Ambulance and First Aid cover was provided in Cahir and Cashel in support of the Royal Visit to both towns.</p>
<p>Funding and additional grants</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence has received an additional grant for the fit out of the communications vehicle secured last year from the Dormant Account Fund. Still awaiting approval and grant aid for the fit out of the K9 van.</p>
<p>Civil Defence Training</p>	<p>Training of volunteers has recommenced with Cardiac First Responder and communications training. EMT training in ongoing.</p> 

Cultural Services

Ceremony of Remembrance and Reflection



Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr Siobhán Ambrose plants an oak tree to remember those who passed away during the pandemic

- The weekend of the 18th - 20th March was a weekend where communities all across Ireland took the opportunity to pause and reflect, to remember all those who have lost their lives during the pandemic, and to pay tribute to everyone who has contributed to how we have faced and are facing the challenges together. A National Ceremony of Remembrance and Reflection took place in Dublin in addition to events taking place in every County in Ireland.

Tipperary County Council held a local Ceremony of Reflection and Remembrance which was led by Leas-Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose. This took place in Holycross Town Park on Sunday 20th March with representatives of front-line workers across a range of organisations. These included the HSE, An Garda Síochána, Tipperary Civil Defence, Tipperary Fire and Rescue and Tipperary Search and Rescue and sectors and families who had lost loved ones during this time. With Blessings by His Excellency, Archbishop O'Reilly and the Revered James Mulhall, an Oak Tree was planted by the Leas-

Cathaoirleach with wreaths laid by front-line workers in memory of all those who passed away in Tipperary during this period. A magnificent stone memorial created by Sculptor Philip Quinn from Holycross was unveiled, marking a permanent memorial site and tree planted in memory.

The ceremonies facilitated individual and collective remembrance and commemoration of all those who died and who have been bereaved, whilst acknowledging the important role played by front line workers over the past two years. Families were invited through an open invitation to submit the names of loved ones they would like remembered during the Tipperary ceremony. Over 100 names were read aloud by front-line workers, honouring their memory.



Rev. James Mulhall, Dean of Cashel and the Most Rev. Kieran O'Reilly, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly



Library Service



- Staff in Carrick on Suir Library organised a series of story times for preschools with local author Joyce Murphy on 23rd February/ This was part of the Ireland Reads Campaign.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library ran an Adult Reading Challenge throughout the month of March. This was part of the Ireland Reads campaign, which was very well supported.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a photograph exhibition by the Carrick Camera Club in March. This

exhibition was part of the Suir Valley Photographic Challenge Exhibition with images on display from previous competitions over the past seven years.



- Clonmel Library has welcomed back clubs and societies who can now meet again in the Library. Clonmel Library Chess Club returned on the **12th of March** and will run every Saturday from 2-4pm.



- Clonmel Library held a series of storytelling events for preschool children as part of the Ireland Reads campaign. These included a visit from author and illustrator Peter Donnelly who held two storytelling sessions with children from Foundations Play School, Clonmel Childcare and Tots to Teens. Over 80 children attended these sessions.



- Clonmel Library in partnership with Calmast WIT hosted two workshops on 8th March as part of The South East Engineering Festival 2022. Children from 3rd Class Presentation primary School and Saint Oliver’s National School took part in the ‘Rosie Revere Engineer’ helicopter challenge. Over 80 children attended these workshops



- Thurles Library hosted a business advice clinic on 7th March. This was run by Shane Creamer, Tipperary LEO.



- Thurles Library welcomed over 180 students and their teachers to the library on 18th February for a chance to view the Tipperary Studies People and Place exhibition. Students were given a tour of the exhibition and took part in a quiz related to the exhibition.



- Thurles Library hosted an ETB Information Day on 8th March as part of the Aontas Adult Learning Festival. Brigid Keating & Martina Maher, Tipperary ETB Adult

Guidance Information Officers were available to give information on all available courses for the coming academic year.



- Thurles Library held a storytime session with children’s musician and storyteller, Sarah Sparkles on 23rd March. This was part of the Little Library programme.



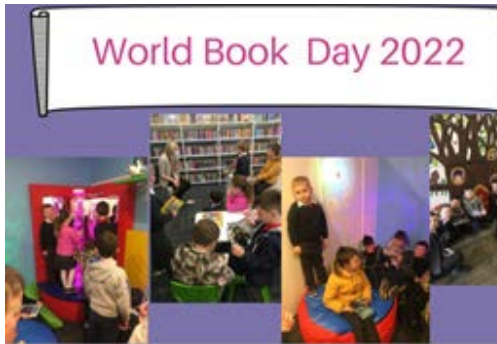
- Nenagh Library invited local author Nikki Moten to give an online reading of her children’s book, “The Man in the Moon” on 16th February. This was part of the Ireland Reads campaign.
- Nenagh Library hosted an interactive storytime and puppetry session with Simone Schuemmelfeder and Michael Phelan on 24th February. This was part of the Ireland Reads Campaign
- Nenagh Library welcomed back the LEGO clubs to the Library on 14th March after two years of online classes.



- Nenagh Library hosted a series of Irish Language storytime sessions on 21st March with storyteller Pádraig Ó as part of the **Little Library Initiative** agus freisin, scéalta as Gaeilge don aos óg ón nGaelscoil áitiúil le haghaidh **Seachtain na Gaeilge**.



- Chun Seachtain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh, tugtar cuireadh dos na mbunscoileanna áitiúla bheith linn maidin de Chéadaoin agus páirt a ghlacadh sa Tráth na gCeist bliantúil. Bhí áthas orainn fáilte a chur rompu go léir agus bhí sé go hiontach an caighdeán ard a fheiceáil. Den chéad uair riamh sa dtráth na gceist, bhí sé riachtanach babhta scoradáin ceangail a thosnú. Comhghairdeas don Gaelscoil Urmhumhan agus caithfidimid a rá, ádh mór ar an bhfoireann ón clochar Naomh Muire a bhí sa dara háit. Is dóigh linn gur bhain siadsan taitneamh as an maidin. Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil dos na daltaí a bhí páirteach agus na muinteoírí agus tuismitheoirí a thug tacaíocht duinn. Chífídh mé sibh arís an bhliain seo chugainn.



St Francis NS Donohill visiting Tipperary Town library



- Tipperary Town Library welcomed back local schools, groups and clubs to the Library with the easing of the pandemic restrictions. The first school to return to the Library was St Francis NS who visited on 15th February. The first group to return was the Parent and Toddler group on 16th February.



- Tipperary Town Library held a storytime session with children's author, Róisín Meaney on 23rd February. This was part of the Ireland Reads campaign.



- Staff in Tipperary Town Library organised a St Patrick's Day craft workshop on 14th March. Seventeen children from St Joseph's NS participated in this event.



- Cashel Library welcomed back the LEGO clubs to the Library on 10th March after two years of online classes.
- Cashel Library welcomed back local schools, groups and clubs to the Library with the easing of the pandemic restrictions. The first group to return to the Library was the Craft Circle who visited on 16th

February. The first exhibition to return was an Art Display by 14-year-old Ava Manton which went on display on 26th February.



- Roscrea Library welcomed back local schools, groups and clubs to the Library with the easing of the pandemic restrictions. The first activity to return to the Library was the Children's Storytime which took place on 24th February. The first group to return was the Parent and Toddler group which returned on 3rd March.



- Cashel Library celebrated International Women's Day on March 8th with a celebration of Ceol, Craic, Coffee and Cake. The event included a talk by journalist, lecturer and champion for gender equality Dr Tom Clonan. In addition, singer/songwriter Eileen Condon, poet Orla Hennessy, writers Eileen Heneghan & Bernie Coniry, actors Will Condon and Sheila Lannigan, Mythical Tales Storyteller and Druid Eimear Burke also participated during the evening.

Roscrea Parent & Toddler Group
EVERY THURSDAY 10.30AM - 12.30PM

Start Date: 3rd March 2022

Roscrea Library
Birr Road, Roscrea
E53 N129

For more information
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@Roscrea Parent and Toddler Group

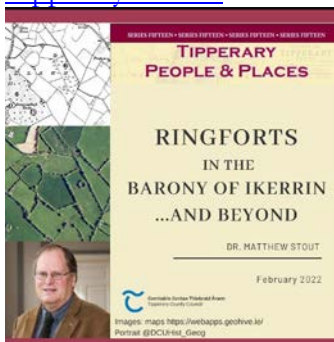


- Cahir Library ran an event for the BIG BUSK for Focus Ireland on 11th March. Cahir Men’s Shed band played for three hours with €365 bring raised for the charity

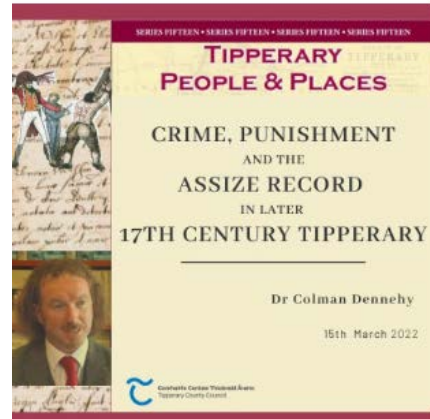


- Cahir Library welcomed back local schools, groups and clubs to the Library with the easing of the pandemic restrictions. The first group to return to the Library was the Knitting Group who visited on 23rd February

Tipperary Studies



- Dr Matthew Stout gave an illustrated talk entitled “Ringforts in the Barony of Ikerrin and Beyond” in Thurles Library on February 15th.



- Dr Colman Dennehy gave an illustrated talk entitled “Crime, punishment and the assize record in later 17th Century Tipperary” in Thurles Library on 15th March



- Cllr Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council officially launched 'County Tipperary 1921-1923 - a history in 60 documents' on 12th March. This final publication of the *Find Tipperary Series* covers the Truce and the Civil War illustrated in 60 documents and is a collaboration between Dr Des Murnane and Tipperary Studies.

Arts Service

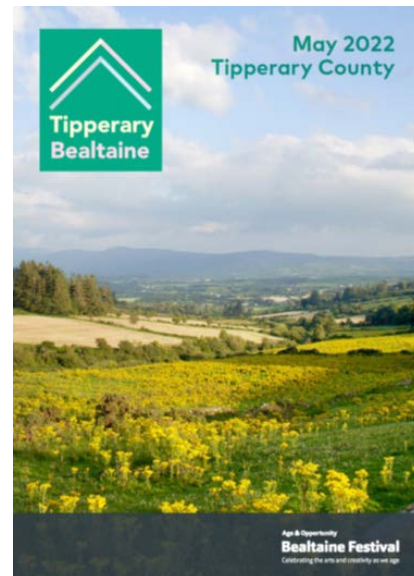
The Way Ahead – Spring Series 2022

Training for Festivals



- The new Tipperary Festivals and Events Strategy was developed in consultation with the sector locally during 2021 and seeks to support the re-emergence of the festival offering in Tipperary by listening to the needs as identified by festival makers during the consultation process last autumn. During February and March, six connected workshops were offered to festivals and event organisers under the Festivals and Events Supports initiative offered by Tipperary County Council. Workshops were designed to address the requirements of festivals and events in the County as we emerge from the periods of lockdown and restrictions which were such a feature of life over the past two years. Free of charge and delivered online workshops were offered in Health and Safety for Festivals and Events, Toolkits for Festivals and Events, Marketing for Festivals and

introductions to the Arts Council commissioned Digital Toolbox a resource for festivals wishing to generate digital content.



- **Tipperary Bealtaine Festival**
Each year in the month of May, Bealtaine is presented as an annual nationwide festival celebrating the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is an initiative of Age & Opportunity, the national organisation that promotes active and engaged living as we get older. Tipperary Arts Office together with our colleagues in the Library Service are planning

to once again present an extensive, interactive programme throughout the county. This year events are live and are open to be visited, experienced and enjoyed throughout the month all over Tipperary in addition to a very special online concert commissioned by Tipperary Bealtaine and available to all. For the 2022 Bealtaine programme, we invited Tipperary artists to respond to the themes of renewal and growth. The full programme of over 60 events will be available in the coming weeks through our online platforms and through branch libraries and arts centres across the county.

- **Tipperary Youth Theatre** aims to make participation in the arts accessible to young people between 13 and 17 years and encourages the exploration and development of all art forms in particular theatre and the performing arts. This initiative is part of the County arts programme supported by the Arts Council and delivered by The Source Arts Centre in Thurles and Nenagh Arts Centre in Nenagh. Both groups continue to meet for weekly workshops and are presenting annual productions in their respective arts centres in March.
- The aim of the **Tipperary Artist in Primary Schools Scheme** is to give pupils in schools all over the county the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off unique project to be originated and planned between the artist and the school. 8 artists residencies in schools throughout the county were recently selected by an independent selection panel to take place during 2022. Projects across a range of artistic disciplines ranging from theatre to visual arts and music to storytelling have taken place in

Tipperary schools during 2019 engaging 1028 pupils in a creative arts programme.



- The **Second Level Print in Schools Exhibition** is an arts office initiative to support access to original works of art by secondary school students. This touring exhibition can be borrowed by second level schools as a support to the school curriculum. The exhibition was installed in Our Lady's Secondary School in Templemore from January - April and workshops in the processes involved in printmaking took place in the school.

[Heritage Service](#)

County Heritage Plan Actions Update:



Copper Steeple Slieveardagh



Holy Well

Funding has been approved for 3 County Heritage Action Plan projects this year

- Holy Wells Audit Field Survey: Due to Covid-19 restrictions last year, Phase 1 of our survey was a desk top study only. In 2022, we will be able to evaluate and document our Holy Wells as well as engaging with local

communities. Towards the end of the year, The Heritage Office will host a seminar on Holy Wells with our colleagues in Clare County Council which will look at the studies in both counties as well as providing practical advice for groups maintaining these sites.

- Tipperary Industrial Heritage Project: Industrial heritage can be very vulnerable as it may not fall under any designation, nonetheless it is an important part of our heritage. The Heritage Office will collaborate with two groups this year to conserve elements of it. We will carry out an assessment of the Copper Steeple with the Slieveardagh Mining group and will support a conservation project with a group in Ballynonty on an old mill.



Historic Towns Initiative:

- The Historic Towns Initiative is a joint initiative between the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Heritage Council which seeks to strengthen the management and protection of Ireland's built, cultural and natural heritage and provides supports to those caring for that heritage. It is a competitive process and in February Minister Malcolm

Noon announced €1.75 million for projects in 13 towns

- Tipperary Town received €163,000 for the conservation of the Glove Factory which has been unused for over 50 years. The funding was awarded under a new element to this scheme which is the re-use of historic buildings. The Glove factory is to be developed for housing and a commercial unit.

National Biodiversity Action Plan

Actions:

- Applications were submitted for five Biodiversity projects which include the next phase of the Wetlands Survey, Training for communities on wildflowers and natural habitats, bird surveys on three bog sites and Invasive Species eradication on the Little Brosna River. Decisions about funding will be made in April.
- There have been no further updates on the roll out of the Biodiversity Officer programme
- A video about 'Wildlife in Buildings' has been produced by Birdwatch Ireland and supported by Heritage Offices in Tipperary, Clare and Laois. This is to accompany the publication launched last year in conjunction with Kerry and Donegal County Councils. The video will be formally launched in the coming weeks.

Community Monuments Fund



- Six applications were submitted under this fund in Clonmel, Coolquill, Emly, Loughloher, Kilnarath and Boolabaun. A decision is due on funding in the next month.

Creative Ireland Programme:

- Two schemes were launched at the start of the year and over €130,000 were allocated to the following projects

Community Grants Scheme

Eileen O'Brien Minogue	The Legendary Paddy O'Brien 1922-2022
Melissa Ryan & Birdhill Art Hub	At One with Nature-Birds and Bees
Autism Awareness Roscrea	Autism Awareness Community Day
Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival	Music in the Castle
Burncourt Community Council	Spoon, Pen, Brush and Blossoms
The Source Arts Centre	Sketchbook Town
Daughters of Dun Iascaigh	Hats, Bonnets and Ribbons
Damer House Gallery	Ageing and Creativity
Glengarra Mountain Lodge	Suaimehneas sna Coillte Day 1
Cahir Social and Historical Society	Summer Festival at the Castle
Sui Valley Community Base Initiative	Just Grow Community Project
Old School Mining Museum	The Pit Songs
Feile Brian Boru	Feile Brian Boru

Open Call Scheme

Tipperary Town Revitalisation	Tipperary Town 1914-1923: At the centre of revolution
Stagecraft Youth Theatre	Pre-Show the Movie Musical
Cloughjordan Circus Club	Outreach programme
Mieke Muylaert with Kilsheelan	Blathanna na hAbhann
Cashel Arts Festival	A Living Past

Aoife Wade	Scare in Cahir Community Project
South Tipperary Arts Centre	When I grow up...now and then
Nenagh Arts Centre	Community Engagement programme
Live Art Ireland	Collaborative and participatory programme
Eoin Hally	We can be Heroes workshops
Clonmel Applefest	Harvest Procession and festival finale
Clonmel Junction	Placemaking-making place

Commemorations Programme:

- A study commenced in March on an Old IRA intelligence map in the South Tipperary area. The map was given on loan to Tipperary Studies in December and the Landscapes of the Revolution team and Abarta Heritage have commenced a research and public engagement project to uncover the information held on the map which will continue over the next few months.
- Our Local Legacies grant scheme was launched at the start of the year and over €20,000 in funding was allocated to projects being carried out by the following groups

Remembrance Committee Roscrea	Aguimhneigh Tiobraid Arann
Sean Hogan Commemoration Committee	Sean Hogan's No 2 Colum first march commemoration
3 RD Tipperary Old IRA Brigade Committee	Annual programme

Margaret Kennedy/TiDR	Remembering the Women
Michael Ahearn	Publication
Burncourt Community Council	Visionaries All-1916-1923
Sean Hogan/TiDR	Publications
St Marys Choral Society	Brining our History to Life
Kilbarron/Terryglass Historical Society	John Fox Commemoration
3 rd Field Artillery Regiment Association	Pierce McCann
Tipperary Excel & Arts Centre	Civil War Conflict and Carnage
John Flannery	Publication
General Liam Lynch Commemoration Committee	Publication
Thomas McDonagh Museum	Summer School
Comoradh na nOglach	Redmonstown and Woodruffe
Ballyporeen Community Council	Civil War and Foundation of the State
Holyford Community Council	Holyford Barracks
Live Art Ireland	Ella De Burca Commission

will be enhanced over the coming months along with a community engagement process

- An announcement on the Tentative List is due in June 2022.

Royal Sites Bid

- A meeting of the Royal Sites working group and Technical Advisory Group took place in March to analyse out the feedback of the Expert Advisory Group on our application, a second meeting will take place in April
- A pilot mapping exercise of the OUV (outstanding universal value) attributes has commenced and this

Museum Service



Museum Standards Programme of Ireland – MSPI Policies

- The Museum Loan, Deaccession and Exhibition Policies have been updated as part of the terms of the MSPI.
- These updated policies went before March meeting of the Community, Culture and Library SPC meeting and will be put forward for adoption at this Full Council meeting



- The Museum participated in this year's St Patrick's Day Parade in Clonmel. Museum staff dressed in period costumes during the event.

ARTiculation:

- The Tipperary Regional Final held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Clonmel on Wednesday March 2nd. Participating schools were:
 - Winner Kate Coyne, Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel – Emerson Barrett – Winner
 - Natasha Kennedy, Loreto Secondary, School, Clonmel – Is Special Effects Make Up Art?

- Emma Moran, Ursuline Secondary School, Thurles – The Brian Boru Harp
The National Final will be held in The People's Museum, Limerick on April 7th.



Kate Coyne, Winner of Tipperary ARTiculation

- The successful collaboration of TCC Partnership with Walter Doherty and the Museum continues to deliver innovative projects to support staff. Projects in February and March included Valentine's Day prizes, promoting local hotels across 5 Municipal Districts, St. Patrick's Day staff quiz with five prizes. A virtual Pilates class commenced on 29th March.
- The Irish Civil War Lecture Series continues to attract high numbers of viewers. The February lecture entitled *The Irish Wars and the Politics of Display* was presented by Brenda Malone from the National Museum of Ireland. The March lecture entitled *The 'other' treaty debate* was presented by Gabriel Doherty. Both lectures can now be viewed on www.hiddenhistory.ie



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 28th February 2022

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME				NET
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A	Housing & Building	6,874,595	34,559,408	20%	27,684,813	7,054,680	34,709,748	20%	27,655,068	180,084
B	Road Transport & Safety	6,287,575	59,048,543	11%	52,760,968	3,288,294	41,786,965	8%	38,498,671	(2,999,281)
C	Water Services	2,208,847	14,885,125	15%	12,676,278	1,957,430	14,444,814	14%	12,487,384	(251,417)
D	Development Management	2,546,100	14,611,039	17%	12,064,939	1,109,625	5,451,283	20%	4,341,658	(1,436,475)
E	Environmental Services	4,902,108	29,570,114	17%	24,668,006	2,259,041	12,402,770	18%	10,143,729	(2,643,067)
F	Recreation & Amenity	2,257,788	13,813,198	16%	11,555,410	406,226	2,605,159	16%	2,198,933	(1,851,561)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	324,098	1,929,188	17%	1,605,090	237,320	1,272,475	19%	1,035,155	(86,779)
H	Miscellaneous Services	2,877,119	16,486,224	17%	13,609,105	1,776,840	9,271,617	19%	7,494,777	(1,100,278)
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	4,526,494	27,156,665	17%	22,630,171	4,526,494
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	5,931,576	35,801,343	17%	29,869,767	5,931,576
Totals		28,278,229	184,902,839	15%	156,624,610	28,547,527	184,902,839	15%	156,355,312	269,297



Capital Account – Year to Date 28th February 2022

	Expenditure Expenditure YTD €	Income Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	3,446,980	2,950,876
B Road Transport & Safety	342,353	0
C Water Services	131,398	151,576
D Development Management	1,957,413	957,390
E Environmental Services	37,863	15,145
F Recreation & Amenity	6,129	340,000
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	111,237	0
H Miscellaneous Services	109,332	7,474
Total	6,142,705	4,422,461

Collection Rates	YTD 202202	YTD 202102	YTD 202112
Rates	6%	9%	83%
Rents	96%	85%	97%
Housing Loans	63%	68%	94%

Note regarding Rates figures -

- 2021 year-end % takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the end of February figures.
- 2021 year-end % also takes account of Rates Waiver of €7.54m.
- 2021 figures include credit brought forward of €3.04m, the corresponding figure for 2022 is €1.41m.



COMMERCIAL RATES

Rate Accruals for 2022 amounted to **€35,531,577**. This may be adjusted downwards as results from appeals to the Valuation Tribunal following ReVal 2019 are decided.

Payments of €2,615,503 were received to 22/03/2022, together with deferred income from 2021 from 2020 in the amount of €1,413,800 – this arose where customer accounts were in credit at the end of 2021 due to the application of the 2021 Covid relief waiver.

COVID 19 COMMERCIAL RATES WAIVER SCHEME

The 2022 Covid19 Rates Waiver Scheme will implemented by end March. This is restricted to certain uses within the Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism categories. This is expected to be in the region of **€775,000**.

EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME FOR COMMERCIAL RATES 2021

The terms for our Early Payment Scheme for 2022 are;

- Applied to all ratepayers with an annual rates bill of up to €12,000 for 2022.
- To avail of the Early Payment Reduction of 5%, subject to a maximum of €500, payment of rates must be made in full, (less the reduction under the Waiver Scheme) by 31st July 2022.
- Customers paying by Direct Debit can avail of the 5% reduction if payment is made by September 2022.

The scheme is open to customers with arrears on their accounts where they meet the following requirements:

- a) Pay a minimum amount which is equivalent to the annual rates, net of waiver, by the same timelines outlined above and
- b) Enter into a structured payment plan to address and eliminate arrears.

1,346 customers benefitted from our Early Payment Scheme in 2021, achieving total reductions in their rates of €92,304

VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF

Commercial Rates remain payable on vacant property. Where a property is vacant on the date of making the rate, owners must notify the local authority and advise that the property is vacant and for letting, or is closed for refurbishment or repair.



Vacancy relief will be applied to qualifying property in accordance with the following scale:

Category	% Relief/Payment
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill up to €5,000	100% Vacancy Relief
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000	85% Vacancy Relief 15% to be paid
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000	70% Vacancy Relief 30% to be paid

REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 26(2) of

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL AND AUDIT PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS, 2014

2021	€	%
WARRANT	44,717,501	100.00
COLLECTED	27,220,178	60.87
WAIVERS AND CREDITS	7,542,883	16.87
BAD DEBT WRITE OFFS	131,254	0.29
VACANCY STRIKE OFFS Including Properties for letting and closed for Refurbishment/Repairs	2,082,245	4.66
TEMPORARILY UNCOLLECTABLE / ARREARS CARRIED FORWARD*	7,740,942	17.31

*NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS INCLUDED IN ARREARS - 1,420

The amount shown in arrears carried forward includes pending Vacancy applications in respect of 2021 and accounts in examinership / receivership / liquidation estimated in the amount of €2,062,422

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Business Systems & GIS

Housing

- Finalised user acceptance testing for online Choice Based Letting, and progressed to live deployment on Thursday 24th March. Over 4000 logins in first 5 days.

Choice Based Letting

- Planned for Upgrade to iHouse 3.8 - hope to begin this in April. Part of the upgrade includes new application form screens, re-written to match the new application form. Provided Mobile App to allow staff document their site visits.

Finance

- Commenced planning for Agresso upgrade to Milestone 7 – specified new test servers.

Planning

- Exploring 3 products for Planning Enforcements.
- iPlan Version V to be rolled out nationally and looked at being early adopters but it is dependent on new Integrator software for ePlanning before beginning.

Roads

- Shutdown legacy Autocad licencing server – as part of vulnerability mitigation process.
- Facilitated 3rd Party maps where required.
- Renewed subscription/licences of MapInfo/Autocad when required.

GIS

- Commenced planning of upgrade of ArcGIS and server migration.

Corporate/Organisation/HR

- Provided corporate phones and setup on management tools.
- Compiled performance indicators for National Oversight Audit Committee (NOAC)
- Completed migration of CRM from V2015 to V2016.
- Commenced process of identifying upgrading\decommissioning paths for out of support servers.

Web Site and eDevelopment

- Started development of new tipperarycoco.ie website
- Launched Traffic Fine Appeals System in all MDs
- Provided support for Phase 3 Draft Variations of Development Plan
- Launched file sharing area for LASNTG
- Continued improvement of online forms/grant applications

Networks & Infrastructure

- Fitted out Nenagh Civic Offices Council Chamber with Video Conferencing Facilities
- Fitted out Clonmel Civic Offices Council Chamber with Video Conferencing Facilities
- Commenced implementation of updated remote access services solution.
- Migrated File Server Data to new NAS Storage device – part of windows server upgrade
- Working on upgrading all office installs to Office 2019 – almost complete,



- Commenced data cabling for Civic Offices Clonmel
- Enhanced security on mail by implementing DMARC protection
- Setup & Tested Councillors 365 accounts
- Reviewed and ceased a number of legacy phone and data lines

All Teams

- Continued to provide technical support to staff and elected members
- Continued to manage and support business systems, websites, geographical, desktop and network systems