



Management Report to Council



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<u>12</u> 10:30 TCC Plenary Meeting	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> AILG Autumn Seminar	<u>15</u> AILG Autumn Seminar 10:00 Nenagh MD Meeting	<u>16</u>
<u>19</u> 10:30 Thurles MD Meeting	<u>20</u> 10:00 Planning & Emergency Services SPC Mtg	<u>21</u> 16:30 Clonmel BD Meeting	<u>22</u> 14:00 Carrick-on-Suir MD Meeting	<u>23</u>
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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



New Policy/Strategic Issues - Infrastructure SPC meetings

Policy Changes/Updates

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC is scheduled for 3 October 2022.

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues

Progress to date

Next Stage

Major inter-urban routes


2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:

Cahir to Limerick Junction:
Arup appointed October 2019 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched August 2020.
Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete in September 2020. Transport Options and Alternatives Public Consultation complete August 2021.
Phase 2: Options selection was completed and a Preferred Transport Solution was announced on 23 May 2022.

Waterford to Cahir:
Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched February 2021.
Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021.

Cahir to Limerick Junction:
Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation Processes. TCC has requested TH permission to commence this stage which will define land take required for the preferred option.

Waterford to Cahir:
Phase 2: Options selection commenced and options were announced 3 May 2022. Phase 2 is due to be completed in 2023. This will announce a Proposed Transport Solution and open a Public Consultation process on same.

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.
Implementation of Active Travel Investment Programme 2022	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding.
Rural and Community Schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLÁR 2022 • Community Involvement Scheme 2022/2023 • Local Improvement Scheme 2022 	Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department 	CLÁR 2022 – 3 no. Measure 1 applications approved by Department of Rural and Community Development. 2022 Community Involvement Scheme – schemes being offered in line with 2022 allocation of €983,400. 2022 Local Improvement Scheme – €1,125,773. Schemes being offered in line with Round 1 allocation of €644,070, and Round 2 allocation of €481,703.
Consultation	Annual Meeting with TII to be scheduled	Continued consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff. Districts requested to consider and decide on their priority items for the annual meeting with TII.
Road Safety	Strategy adopted in June 2018	Tipperary County Council is currently developing a new Road Safety Strategy and Phase 1 Action Plan 2022-2024 following the launch of the Government strategy ‘Our Journey Towards Vision Zero’.

CONTRACT SIGNING

N24 Carrick on Suir & N76 Grangemockler Village – Pavement and Road Safety Schemes

Tipperary County Council is pleased to announce that two separate contracts for road pavement and safety improvement works have been awarded to GLAS Civil Engineering Limited. These contracts will see an enhancement to the road infrastructure along the N24 in Carrick on Suir and the N76 in Grangemockler Village. The two schemes represent a combined investment of approximately €10m which is being provided to Tipperary County Council by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

The Works include footpath improvements, pavement strengthening and landscaping within the urban areas and will build on previous schemes completed by Tipperary County Council on the national routes, to enhance safety and environment for both residents and road users.

Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services, Tipperary County Council, stated that “the schemes will reduce traffic speeds, improve access for local businesses and bring environmental benefits through lower noise and exhaust emissions from vehicles in the urban areas”.

Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council, signed the contracts and said “the Council has been working closely with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to bring both of these projects to construction. I am delighted that the Council has now awarded contracts for the projects and I look forward to works commencing in the near future”.

Cathaoirleach of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District, Cllr. David Dunne noted that “this is a significant investment in Carrick-on-Suir town

and this Municipal District. I look forward in particular to the enhancement of public areas making it safer for local people, shoppers and visitors”.

Cllr. Dunne acknowledged that the works would cause some disruption during construction and asked that every effort be made to minimise this to protect businesses and those travelling to work, schools, and shops. I wish to thank the public in advance for their co-operation and patience”.

Tipperary County Council advises that Temporary Traffic Management will be in place for both projects to ensure the flow of pedestrians and traffic, and will keep the public notified through regular communications on www.tipperarycoco.ie and on social media.





**Contract Signing - N24 Carrick on Suir & N76 Grangemockler Village
Pavement and Road Safety Schemes**

Front Row: Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services, Roads, Transportation & Infrastructure; Cllr David Dunne, Cathaoirleach Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District; Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, John Bradfield, Director, Glas Civil Engineering Ltd.

Back Row: Oliver Tierney, Senior Executive Engineer; Declan Foley, Project Manager, Glas Civil Engineering Ltd; Willie Corby, District Engineer, Marie O'Gorman, District Administrator; John Nolan, Senior Engineer; Stephen G Ryan, Executive Engineer; Eleanor Dalton, Staff Officer.

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

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the RMO and 20 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. More information on this project can be found on www.publiclighting.ie.

The southern region project has gone out to tender and a Contractor has been appointed (Le Cheile Consortium) for that region.

The Eastern Region which Tipperary is part of has been tendered and the responses assessed. A contract was signed with Killaree Lighting Services ASD Lighting PLC Joint Venture on 17th August 2022.

As Kilkenny County Council is the lead authority for our region the contract was signed at County Hall, Kilkenny.



Present at the signing of the contract for the Eastern Region **Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project** were: Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, A/CEO Sean McKeown, Director of Services, Tim Butler, Damien Lennon, Brian Doherty and David Vaughan from Killaree Lighting Services, Richard Steward, Managing Director, Nathan French and Pat Lawlor from ASD Lighting PLC.



Do Chomhairle:
ag lasadh ár bpobal –
ag cosaint ár n-aeráid
Your Council:
lighting our community –
protecting our climate

N74 BALLYHUSTY REALIGNMENT SCHEME

Tipperary County Council is progressing the N74 Ballyhusty Realignment scheme in 2022. Funding for the Scheme was provided by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

The Project

The project involves the realignment of approximately 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. A Compulsory Purchase Order was advertised in September 2020 and submitted to An Bord Pleanála

for approval. An Bord Pleanála approval to confirm the CPO was received on 17 November 2020.

A public tender was advertised in 2021 and the contract awarded to Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Contractors Ltd. Work on the scheme commenced in Q1 2022 and is scheduled to take 15 months.

The works contract is progressing well and the benefits of the scheme are visible from the aerial photographs hereunder:





N74 Ballyhusty Realignment - Works in progress



GREENWAY PROJECTS

GREENWAY PROJECT	CURRENT UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2022
Suir Blueway - Gas House Bridge - Suir Island, Clonmel	Preparing to submit planning application to An Bord Pleanála by end of October.
Suir Blueway - Waterford Greenway Link - Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	Non-statutory public consultation process on the study area and constraints for the proposed Carrick-on-Suir to Kilmeaden Greenway project is available for inspection from 31 August in the local MD office and on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tipperary County Council’s website at https://consultations.tipperarycoco.ie • Waterford City and County Council website at https://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/projects/public-consultations/index.htm
Suir Blueway - Marlfield to Cahir	Non-statutory public consultation process on the study area and constraints for the proposed Cahir to Clonmel Greenway project is available for inspection in the local MD office and on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tipperary County Council’s website at https://consultations.tipperarycoco.ie
Lough Derg Greenway - Ballina to Dromineer	Non-statutory public consultation process on the study area and constraints for the proposed Lough Derg Greenway – Ballina to Dromineer - project is available for inspection in the local MD office and on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tipperary County Council’s website at https://consultations.tipperarycoco.ie
Cashel to Cahir Greenway - Cashel to Cahir Town	The feasibility study for the project was submitted to TII for approval. Approval to proceed to Phase 2-4 requested.

ACTIVE TRAVEL 2022

The members will be aware that an allocation of €6.66m is available to Tipperary County Council from the National Transport Authority for the Active Travel Investment Programme 2022. The Council is delivering an ambitious Active Travel programme and a range of improvements for pedestrians and cyclists in many towns and villages across the county. It is expected that our full allocation will be drawn down in 2022.

In light of recent publicity around Active Travel Allocations 2021, members are advised that Tipperary was one of the very few counties in Ireland that drew down all of their 2021 allocations and in fact sought and received an increase in funding. The initial allocation to Tipperary County Council was €4.633m and the final drawdown was €5.17m.

N62 Kilnoe (M8) Pavement Scheme – Works in progress



ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2022

The Roads Section is happy to report that the Roadworks Programme 2022 is continuing across all Districts and is currently 80% complete. It is expected that our full allocation of €31.2m will be spent by the end of November, including

Restoration Improvement €16.5m, Restoration Maintenance €4.5m, several bridge rehabilitation and safety improvement projects, together with Drainage, Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Works and Discretionary spend.



Bridge repair works at Shanballyedmond, Rearcross – Summer 2022



R493 Knigh Cross Improvement Works



Capital Maintenance Works – N62 Brittas Road, Thurles



Retrofit fencing on N24 Carrick on Suir MD



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 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 Q4 2022.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	<p>The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves:</p> <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. <p>Feasibility work has been completed and the Preliminary Design stage has commenced. Land acquisition for footpath widening and extension works is at an advanced stage. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design and statutory process and procurement for same is now underway. On the basis of the scheme's proximity and likely impacts on two nearby Natura 2000 sites, a Natura Impact Statement must be prepared and the scheme therefore requires planning consent from An Bord Pleanála.</p>	Tenders for design consultants returned in mid-August 2022. Subject to DoT approval and availability of funding, it is anticipated that the design consultant will be appointed in Q3/Q4 2022. The preliminary design will be completed and statutory procedures will commence in 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 consist primarily of planning and inlay work. Other works include the replacement of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs	The Part 8 process will be completed in Q4 2022.



	and public realm improvements. Consultants were appointed and the preliminary design is complete. Part 8 planning application was advertised in July 2022.	
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. Consultants were appointed in 2021 to complete the design and procure a Contractor to carry out the works. A Contractor has been appointed and the scheme commenced in July 2022.	Construction in progress and will be completed in Q3 2022.
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 to be ready to 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. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded this contract in July 2022. Works and Temporary Traffic Management are due to commence on site by mid-August. Works will take place over 18 months.	Construction of Works.
N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening	This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village. GLAS Civil Engineering were awarded this Contract in July 2022. Works commenced with establishing site compound on 2 August. The Contract period is 12 months.	Construction of Works.
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 Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Ltd was awarded the contract. Works are continuing and is expected that they will be substantially complete by the end of 2022.	Contract management throughout 2022. Works are ongoing on-site.
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme involves the N74 Fr Mathew Street in Tipperary Town. The scheme is at final design stage.	Progress to tender stage and appointment of contractor.



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 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. TII have approved the preliminary Design and Part 8 Planning process will be advertised in Q3/Q4 2022.	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 design consultants was received and the tender was advertised on March 11th 2022. Tenders for design consultants have been received and are currently being assessed.	It is anticipated that a design consultant will be appointed in Q3 2022 with design and tender documentation for the works contract finalised by Q4 2023. Subject to final approval and DoT funding the scheme will commence construction in Q4 2023.
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.	Works commenced on site in August 2022.
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	550
Roads Abutting Certificates Issued	414
Abnormal Loads Permits Requested	148
Abnormal Loads Permits Issued	135
Road Opening Licence applications received YTD	739
FOI requests processed	20
AIE requests processed	5
Internal Roads Abutting Requested	26
Internal Roads Abutting Issued	13

Proposed Estates to go on Public Display for Taking in Charge Process
West Meadows, Boherlahan
Ashgrove Estate, Thurles
Rathronan Close, Clonmel
Mill Crescent, Carrick on Suir

CLÁR MEASURE 1



3 applications for funding under revised CLÁR Measure 1 2022: Developing Community Facilities and Amenities have now been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

- Clonakenny Playground €15,141
- Drombane Village Car Park €23,400
- Drangan Playground €27,000.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2022

The Local Improvement Scheme 2022 (LIS) has been allocated funding of €644,070 in Round 1 and €481,703 in Round 2, a total of €1,125,773.

Schemes are offered across all Districts, subject to payment of local contributions. 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. The scheme will re-open for applications in early 2023.

ROAD SAFETY

Work is continuing on the new Tipperary Road Safety Strategy 2022 to 2030 with an Action Plan for Phase 1 from 2022 to 2024.

The third meeting in 2022 of the Collision Prevention Team has taken place at which the District Engineers and the Roads Policing Unit discuss any road safety issues identified in Tipperary, and try to find solutions to them.

Roads recently participated in the Age Friendly Expo held in the Technical University of the Shannon (TUS), Thurles campus. There was a lot of interest in our literature (sourced from RSA) and in road safety in general.

Advertising campaigns in 2022 to date include:

- Mobile Phones – don't use while driving carried on a poster of the Tipperary Minor Hurling All-Ireland Winning Team;
- Cycle Safely advert on poster of 6th class national school-leavers;
- 'Slow Down' Campaign featuring voice-over by James Woodlock, manager of the Tipperary Minor Hurling Team, run on local radio.



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.

Enerveo (formerly 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 the biggest user of energy in the Council's overall energy usage. Upgrading of lights to LED is ongoing in advance of the PLEEP project commencing.

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: Enerveo Call Centre 0818 372 772
- Customer Services, Tipperary County Council - 0818 06 5000

HEDGE CUTTING

The 2022/2023 Hedgecutting Season commenced on 1 September 2022 and runs through to 28 February 2023. All landowners and occupiers of land are requested to note that Section 46 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 prohibits the cutting, burning or destruction of any vegetation growing on uncultivated land or in a hedge or ditch during the period 1 March to 31 August each year. This is to ensure the safety of birds and other wildlife.

Tipperary County Council would like to thank owners and occupiers of land adjoining roads who inspect trees and hedges on their property during the hedge cutting season and ensure that they do not pose a danger to road users. Examples of hazards include dead or dying trees, ditches or hedges interfering with traffic, blocking footpaths, obscuring road signs, public lighting or road users' visibility. Tipperary County Council requests the co-operation of the public in keeping road users safe.

A public awareness campaign has now commenced and will continue throughout the hedge-cutting season.

The Council's District offices will be carrying out local inspections and notices will be issued as necessary to relevant landowners.



A Guide for Landowners to Managing Roadside Trees is available on gov.ie at the following link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/8fb45-a-guide-for-landowners-to-managing-roadside-trees/#>

BUS SHELTERS

The National Transport Authority has approved funding for 2 Bus Shelters at Borrisokane, and 1 in Ardfinnan. Works are in progress in Borrisokane with estimated completion at the end of September. Ardfinnan is scheduled for construction to commence in Q4 2022.

CLIMATE ADAPTATION MEASURES

The Council's Machinery Yard is trialling the use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) in 10 of its fleet vehicles, including vans, tipper trucks and sweepers. HVO is a diesel replacement produced from waste oils which emits up to 90% less carbon emissions.





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	Completed and in effect from August 22nd	The Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 was considered and made by the members at the July Plenary Meeting. The plan is effective from August 22 nd 2022.	The implementation of the plan will take place over its lifetime – 2022-2028. The Plan will also be monitored over its lifetime.
Clonmel Local Area Plan	Background Research on-going	Background Research.	Elected Member workshops to be scheduled in Q3/4, 2022
Nenagh Local Area Plan	Background Research on-going	Background Research	Elected Member workshops to be scheduled in Q3/4, 2022.
Thurles Local Area Plan	Background Research on-going	Background Research.	Elected Member workshops to be scheduled in Q3/4, 2022
Roscrea Local Area Plan	Background Research on-going	Background Research	Elected Member workshops to be scheduled in Q3/4, 2022
Residential Zoned Land Tax	Survey, assessment and map drafting underway	Project plan and methodology agreed	Draft maps to be published in November 2022. Public consultation period November 2022 to January 2023

<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	Market Yard – Works are completed and were officially opened by Minister Heather Humphreys in November, 2021. River Arra Walkway – Complete purchase of the land. It is expected that the main works will be completed



	<p>Case approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development in October, 2021 with additional RRDF grant aid of €455,264. River works can only be completed between July and September in compliance with decision issued by An Bórd Pleanála. Contractor was appointed in June, 2022 to undertake the works which are in progress. Construction of the bridge is completed under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. The purchase of the land is ongoing and we are awaiting signing of the contracts by the Department of Education & Skills.</p>	<p>by October, 2022 followed by seasonal planting. Complete project by year end.</p>
<p>Fethard Town Park</p>	<p>Phase 1a - Groundworks and pitches were completed in January, 2022 and opened for use in February, 2022.</p> <p>Phase 1b – Stand and Community Annex to the Pavilion - Approval received from the Department of Rural and Community Development on 25th. April, 2022 to extend the project scope to include these elements which are being funded by the Magnier Foundation (Coolmore Ireland) and carried out under a separate contract. Foundations poured for the stand and annex to the pavilion.</p> <p>Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works- Final Business Case was approved on 20th. December, 2021 together with additional grant aid of €403,445. Contractor appointed March, 2022 and works commenced on 21st. March, 2022. Car Park is 50% complete and works are progressing well on the pavilion.</p>	<p>Phase 1a – completed.</p> <p>Phase 1b – Works are in progress, complete by Q2 of 2023.</p> <p>Phase 2 – Manage contract and complete works by Q2 of 2023.</p>



<p>Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza</p>	<p>Design team appointed. Consultative group established with ongoing meetings. Detailed designs presented to Consultative Group and some revisions agreed. Detailed designs also revised to capture additional design elements deemed critical to the project. Tender documents prepared for the construction stage and request for tenders advertised on e-Tenders on 27th. July, 2022.</p>	<p>Closing date for receipt of tenders for the construction stage is 6th. September, 2022 at 12NOON. Assess tenders received and compile Final Business Case for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development. Appoint contractor and commence works in Q1 of 2023. Estimated programme duration for completion of works is 18 months.</p>
<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 following receipt of Council submission. Request for tenders for the engagement of a design team advertised on e-Tenders in December, 2021. Assessment of tenders completed in April, 2022. Successful and Unsuccessful Letters issued in May, 2022. Pre-award meeting held with the prospective design team in July, 2022. Ongoing meetings being held with Mary Immaculate College and Thurles Farmers' Market.</p>	<p>IPB Insurance to complete review and sign off on insurances for prospective design team. Issue Letter of Acceptance and appoint design team in Q3 of 2022. Complete detailed designs by end of Q1 2023. Tender preparation, evaluation and award for the construction stage will take place in Q2 2023. Commence works in Q3 2023 and estimated construction programme is 18 months.</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. Visitor Experience Development is completed.</p>	<p>Commence detailed designs and Part 8 Planning in Q3 of 2022 and complete in Q1 of 2023.</p>



	<p>Concept Development and Pre-design commenced in May, 2022. Meeting and onsite meeting held with design team, OPW and National Monuments Service in July, 2022.</p>	
<p>Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan-A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter</p>	<p>Part 8 Planning approved in January 2022. Detailed design is at an advanced stage. The RRDF Category 1 Business Case and application was submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development in April 2022 with all required Consents in place.</p>	<p>Detailed design is at an advanced stage and will be fully completed before going to tender pending successful Category 1 application. Tender for the construction stage if application is approved.</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 design completed in accordance with the Category 2 approved project.</p> <p>Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and Car Park: - Detailed design is complete on the Car Park. Detailed design for the Public Realm and Library is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.</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. Design team appointed in January, 2022. Pre-Tender Approval for the design stage issued by the Department in February, 2022. Working Group established to develop a Serviced</p>	<p>Progress the development of a Serviced Sites Scheme. Complete detailed designs and tender documents in Q3 of 2022. Complete tender action, evaluation and award for the construction stage in Q3 of 2022. Commence works on site by end of Q3 of 2022. Estimated completion of construction works by end of Q2 of 2023.</p>



	Sites Scheme for the sale of the sites. Tender documents for the construction stage are being revised following completion of a review. Updated Cost Plan prepared. Value Engineering exercise undertaken.	
Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh	Funding approval of €1,208,847 announced by the Minister of Rural and Community Development on 6 th . January, 2022. Verification Forms for the Due Diligence and Verification Phase completed and returned to the Department in January, 2022 and Approval in Principle issued on 10 th . May, 2022. Project Steering Committee and Project Delivery Group established and meetings are ongoing. Consultant appointed March, 2022 to prepare tender documents for the procurement of a design team. Project Charter, Risk Register, Task Schedule and Roles/Responsibilities documentation prepared. Request for Tenders for Architect Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services published on the Official Journal of the EU on 29 th . July, 2022 with closing date of 9 th . September, 2022 at 12NOON.	Appoint design team in Q4 of 2022. Complete required surveys, preliminary design & Masterplan in Q4 of 2022. Commence detailed designs and the Part 8 Planning process in Q4 of 2022 and complete in Q1 of 2023.

<u>National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme-Phase 1 and Phase 2	Phase 1: -New Car Park off Liberty Square is completed. Works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square are substantially completed. Defects	Phase 1: - Complete snagging and agree Final Account.



	<p>Liability Period expires December, 2022. Final snagging is in progress.</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 ongoing 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. Surveys, Assessments and Data Collection are in progress.</p>	<p>Phase 2: - Undertake consultations on options in Q3 2022. Complete Surveys, Assessments and Data Collection in Q3 2022. Complete Options Report including preferred option and preliminary design in Q4 2022. Part 8 Planning will commence in Q1 2023 with completion in Q2 2023.</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 Regeneration Phase 1 Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Car park completed. Contractor appointed for the plaza and public realm. Works commenced on site on 10th. June, 2021.</p>	<p>Regional Sports Hub - Complete construction phase by end of September, 2022.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1- Complete construction phase by end of October, 2022.</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 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 and returned to the Department in September, 2021. Consultants procured to review and update the Preliminary Business Case. Project Charter completed. Consultants appointed to prepare tender documents for engagement of design team. Review of Preliminary Business Case completed and submitted to the Department on 16th. June, 2022. Evaluation</p>	<p>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. Complete Stage 2 Restricted Procedure tendering process and assess tenders received for the engagement of a design team. Appoint the design team.</p>

	completed on tenders received under Stage 1 of the Restricted Procedure prequalification process as advertised on the Official Journal of the EU. All tenderers notified in writing of the result of the Stage 1 process in August, 2022 and successful tenderers requested to submit the required documentary evidence. Funding Claim submitted to the Department and approved in August, 2022. Communications Plan and branding for the Centre has been completed and agreed and name of Centre identified.	
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PLANNING SECTION

County Development Plan

A new Tipperary County Development Plan 2022 – 2028 for the entire county of Tipperary was made on the 11th July 2022 by the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council. The new County Development Plan became effective on Monday the 22nd August and will replace the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009, as varied, and the North Tipperary County Development Plan 2010, as varied. From this date, and for the six years new development in Tipperary must reflect and embrace the planning vision, policies and objectives of the County Development Plan.

The County Development Plan will operate as a blueprint for the future development of the county. The publication of this Plan marks the culmination of a two-year process whereby the Plan was made by the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council with the advice of the executive and in consultation with the public. This Plan is historic as it is the first ever all-county plan prepared for Tipperary, setting out a progressive and sustainable vision for our county.

The Plan will guide sustainable development for our communities through protecting our environment, reducing our energy demands, maintaining the viability of our towns, villages and rural communities and supporting job creation. The implementation of the plan will be monitored over its lifetime.

The new County Development Plan is set out over 5 Volumes and is available to view on the County Council webpage at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/cdp>.

Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles and Roscrea

With the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 now in place, progress on the preparation of Local Area Plans for the Key Towns and District Towns in the County has commenced. The Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 sets out a Core Strategy for the development of towns and villages in the County. The plan sets out the character, potential and vision for growth as demonstrated in the Town Profile Plan for Key and District Towns which will inform the preparation of a new Local Area Plan. The Town Profile Plans set out a baseline for the towns with key socio-economic data such as jobs ratio, transport modes, housing stock etc. In particular, the compact

growth area and walking and cycling proximity as indicated, will support low-carbon development patterns including local transport planning and town centre

The Planning Section has commenced the background research and survey work and an external environment team have been commissioned to prepare the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment. Workshops will be arranged with the Elected members over the coming weeks with an Issues Paper being published for consultation in October 2022.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

As set out in Housing Policy Objective 15.2 of Housing for All, a new tax to activate land for residential purposes, and which will in time replace the Vacant Site Levy, has been introduced by the Department of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as a Land Activation Measure.

The Residential Zoned Land Tax provisions of the Finance Act 2021 set out criteria to facilitate the identification of lands which fall within the scope of the tax. The Planning Authority are responsible for preparing and publishing maps based on this criteria. These maps are to be based on the local authority development plan and where relevant, local area plan zoning maps i.e. where land is zoned and suitable for residential development. The legislation also sets out certain lands which are to be excluded from the scope of the tax.

All land that was zoned for residential development, or residential development and a mix of other uses, in a development plan or local area plan, before 1 January 2022 and which remains subject to the relevant zoning on that date, is liable for consideration within the initial scope of the Residential Zoned Land Tax. This is intended to encourage activation of existing planning permissions on lands which are identified as being in scope and to incentivise suitable lands without planning permission to commence the process of engagement with planning authorities.

Draft maps are to be published on November 1st and will be subject to a consultation period with final maps to be published in December 2023.

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.**



Kickham Barracks Plaza

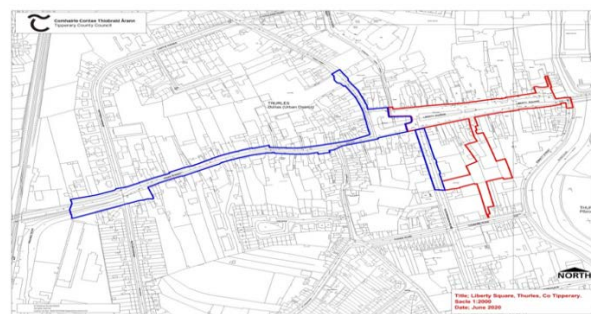


Clonmel Regional Sports Hub

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.**



Liberty Square Phase 1 Completed



Liberty Square Phase 2 in Blue Shading

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 Energy Centre of Excellence, 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 includes: Upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre; Development of an 800m gravelled walkway parallel with the existing river channel and connecting to the existing path near Glenview; Installation of a new pedestrian bridge to access the walkway from the Link Road. 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.**

Market Yard Completed



The Finished River Arra Pedestrian Bridge which was funded under the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme to facilitate the development of the proposed new walkway

Proposed River Arra Walkway

Fethard Town Park

The project proposal is for the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emly Diocese and Healthy Ireland. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs for Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works are €3,137,927 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,003,445. Groundworks and pitches were funded by the Magnier Foundation (Coolmore Ireland) who have also recently agreed to fund the stand and community annex of the pavilion. Revised project costings for Phases 1 and 2 now amount to €7,092,521. Total project costs for Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works are €3,137,927 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,003,445. Groundworks and pitches were funded by Coolmore Ireland.**



Works on Car Park



Fethard Town Park

Roof Slab of Pavilion

Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza

The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Funding was approved in 2019 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 €2,810,000 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,107,500.**



Photomontage of Templemore Town Hall Enterprise & Cultural Centre

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

It comprises 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.**



Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter

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.**



A Photomontage of the Proposed Cahir Square and Cahir Market House Business Centre

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. The 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.**



Existing

Thurles Market Quarter

Proposed

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 nationally. The scheme at Kilsheelan was subject to a Part 8 process and approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. The project also includes the development of a new public park in the heart of this picturesque village and a new arrival point for the River Suir Blueway. The 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 amount is €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. The 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.**



Proposed Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund – Fourth Call, Category 1 Projects

Three applications have been submitted under the Fourth Call for Category 1 projects for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The closing date for submission of applications was 29th. April, 2022 at 12NOON.

Activating Cahir’s Town Centre Regeneration Strategy

This funding proposal follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of a new Business Development Centre in the heart of Cahir, public realm enhancements in the Square and the re-location of on-street car-parking from the Square to a central backland site acquired through the fund. The application, if successful, will provide for (i) the restoration and redevelopment of the vacant Cahir Market House and former Council Offices into a Business Development Centre Cahir which will be run by Cahir Development Association and provide offices, a large training and conference room, co-working spaces and hot desks to satisfy the unmet demand in the town ; (ii) the refurbishment of the Granary building to provide a state-of -the-art library for the

community on the ground and first floors; (iii) Cahir Square Public Realm Enhancements to include the recalibration of the traffic circulating around the Square to a more rationalised flow that prioritises pedestrian and cyclist movements and the redistribution of public realm in favour of recreational space; (iv) the provision of a new car park consisting of 86 car parking spaces, 3 coach parking spaces, 2 minibus parking spaces and bicycle parking on disused backlands off Church Street which will involve the demolition of two derelict vacant buildings which have been acquired by the Council under the Category 2 approved project. **The project value is €14,894,686 and grant funding of €11,915,749 is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.**

Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition'

This funding proposal follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of extensive public realm enhancements in the town centre, development of Suir Blueway linkages and the regeneration of the Ormond Castle Quarter. The application, if successful, will provide for (i) the transformation of Main Street, Sean Kelly Square, Greystone Street, Bally Alley Street and Chapel Street through the installation of high-quality public realm; (ii) provision of a new Enterprise and Digital Hub in a vacant town centre building owned by An Post on Main Street which will be managed and operated by Carrick on Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee; (iii) the creation of an arrival point at Sean Healy Park through design, enhancement and orientation measures integrating best practice in user needs for kayakers, cyclists, walkers and other users and the integration of the Suir Blueway Tipperary into the town centre through the creation of shared spaces along the Quays and linkages to Main Street.; (iv) public realm upgrade of Castle Street and repurposing of Ormond Castle Park as a high-quality Amenity and Biodiversity Park. **The project value is €17,989,387 and grant funding of €14,391,509 is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.**

Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea

This funding proposal is an intervention by Tipperary County Council to deliver a transformational change of the public space around Gantly Road and to promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The Project is the catalyst and first phase in the implementation of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood, an ambitious masterplan to create a more vibrant and appealing place for people of all ages to address specific social, environmental and economic challenges within the community. The proposal entails the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles, the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths, extensive bio-retention rain gardens and the provision of water service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Road Age Friendly Masterplan area. The regeneration and re-imaging of Gantly Street is critical to the overall delivery of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area into the future. Development of the Gantly Street masterplan area would transform a central area of Roscrea, create opportunities to provide homes, business and amenity space for local residents to enjoy and lead to knock-on socio-economic benefits for the whole of the town. **The project value is €5,639,145 and grant funding of €4,511,316 is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.**

Conservation Grant Schemes 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. Projects works have now commenced and works are to be complete by the end of September for inspection.

Former AIB, Templemore	€3,800.00
15 Anne Street, Clonmel	€9,000.00
Curraghbawn House, Newtown	€3,800.00
St Marys Church, Killenaule	€7,000.00
Bawnbeg, Coolagarranroe, Burncourt	€ 6,400.00
Knocklofty House, Clonmel	€10,000.00
Ballyboe, Ballypatrick	€ 9,600.00
Dromore House, Newport	€ 3,200.00
Deerpark House, Carrick on Suir	€10,000.00
Monsea, Ballycommon	€6,400.00
St Mary's Church, Clonmel	€5,800.00
Cahir Presbyterian Church	€3,500.00
Southpark, Roscrea	€4,200.00
St Paul's Church, Cahir	€7,400.00
Gorteenrainee, Barna, Thurles	€3,000.00
Public Fountain Rosemary Square, Roscrea	€9,000.00
Ferns Hollow, Ballina	€2,800.00

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.

The scheme opened for new applications on the 1st December 2021 and closed on the 24th January 2022. Tipperary County Council nominated 5 projects to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for funding. However the Department decided to support only two projects as follows:

- Corabella House Newcastle, Clonmel; Stream 1 €39,250
- Padraig Ó Cuinneáin's, Upperchurch; Irish Sign Stream €2,200

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

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/22 to 31/08/22

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	257	250	7	0	0
Housing Development	15	15	0	3	1
NIA/EIA	6	6	0	0	0
Other Applications	510	503	7	3	0
Total	788	774	14	6	1

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 102 complaints received from the 1st January to the 31st July 2022. During this period 104 Warning Letters and 15 Enforcement Notices were issued.

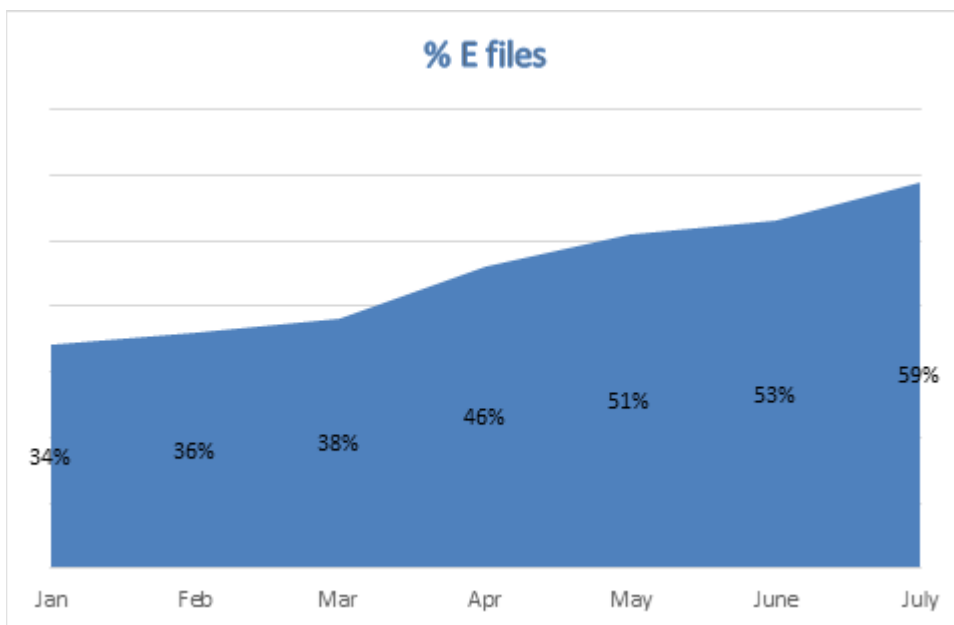
Taking in Charge: Estates

Being processed	Taken in Charge in 2022	Advertised	New applications 2022
29	0	4	7

- 4 developments are currently with the Roads Section at present and have been advertised/are to be advertised for taking-in-charge.
- Additionally, 7 developments are currently in the process of undergoing/have undergone jetting and CCTV surveying before being issued to Irish Water for consideration.
- Of these 7 estates, 3 'no-objection to proceed to taking-in-charge' letters have been received from Irish Water to-date.
- A target of 10 estates to be taken-in-charge has been set for 2022.

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 successfully completed the pilot of phase one planning portal <https://planning.localgov.ie>. The percentage of planning applications submitted online continues to steadily increase. Set out below are the monthly figures % of E- applications received for 2022. We are currently piloting online submissions on planning applications. Work is continuing with the LGMA and our third party providers on preparing for part 8 applications to also go online. We aim to pilot this in quarter 3 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



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>	<p>Proposal from Inoni on how to proceed received and currently under consideration.</p>
Building Control	<p>Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.</p> <p>Onsite inspections ongoing</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Complete annual inspection programme for 2022 reaching Dept. guideline targets</p>
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>	<p>All stations and staff being visited by CFO in May to reinforce the Health & Safety message.</p> <p>Kit due for Delivery in Sept.</p>
Fire Safety	<p>Fire Safety Strategy prepared and signed off for delivery in 2022</p>	<p>Primary schools programme underway along with station visits by schools at end of school year.</p>



CURRENT PROJECTS		
Project	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Cashel Fire Station	Approval to appoint preferred contractor received on 1 st June.	Contracts to be signed on 1 st Sept with construction due to commence on 22 nd Sept.
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	Delivery expected in December 2022

ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES	To 26th August 2022
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	981
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	54
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	67
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	44
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	52
Number of Commencement Notices Received	318

Community Involvement Scheme

Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services continues to recognise the importance of giving back to the community, working together to create a safer environment for us all. We also acknowledge the economic difficulties which not – for – profit organisations are facing on a daily basis. To this end we are now offering a ½ day training programme in the use of Fire Extinguishers and 1-day Fire Marshal training programme to these organisations free of charge. In the same light we want to share our knowledge within Tipperary County Council, offering the same training to our own council staff. The programme offers a basic understanding of fire safety both in and out of the workplace, while also gaining first-hand experience in dealing with small fires and extinguishers. To date over 50 members of staff and volunteers from Cuan Saor (Women’s Refuge), Rehab Group, Various Schools







and staff from Clonmel Swimming Pool have successfully completed these courses and interest remains high for participation in future courses.

Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service remains committed to supporting our community through our Community Involvement Schemes attending open days throughout the county offering advice, demonstrating fire safety techniques and supporting local events. Recently we installed colour changing lights in our Clonmel Fire Station (Nenagh Fire Station will follow suit with a similar system in the near future). This allows us to publicly support events such as the Clonmel Pride Festival and support for the Ukraine in a very visual way. We look forward to working within and supporting our local communities at future events.



Civil Defence

Activities	COVID -19 Response
<p>Ukrainian Displaced Persons Response</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence continues to be involved in the response to the Ukrainian Crisis with Rest Centers in operation in Littleton and Clonmel. Since March 2022 Civil Defence has been involved in the setup of both centers, the day to day administration of the centers with the support of Thurles Lions Club Trust in Littleton and now Clonmel Town FC in Clonmel. Civil Defence also provided assistance to the housing section with the provision of transport for residents being re-housed or placed in more long term accommodation. Tipperary Civil Defence Officer and Assistant officers are members of Tipperary County Council Ukrainian Response Team and also the Ukrainian Community Response Forum .</p> 
<p>Training</p>	<p>Civil Defence training continues with volunteers re-certifying in Cardiac First Response, Emergency First Responder and First Aid Responder (E.F.R) courses. E.F.R upskilling is also being undertaken and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT's) have completed their online upskill which will be followed by onsite in person up skill shortly. Boat training has taken place on Lough Derg.</p>  <p><i>Civil Defence Rescue training for our boat crew- Lough Derg</i> Congratulation and well done to Mark Quillinan who recently qualified as an Emergency Medical</p>

<p>Community Support & Duties</p>	<p>Technician.</p> <p>Volunteers continue to support their local community with the provision of First Aid and Ambulance cover at an array of events over the last few weeks. These include The Knockmeal Down Adventure Challenge, Portroe & Thurles Vintage Shows, Boston Scientific Marathon, Dundrum 10k, Clonmel Horse Show and Kilusty Pony Show. Support was also given to Tipperary County Council Museum Family Day. A very big thank you to the volunteers.</p>  <p>Ambulance & First Aid Crew</p>
<p>Vaccination Centre Response</p>	<p>Civil Defence volunteers are still providing assistance to the HSE with Meet and Greet in vaccination center in Clonmel. Volunteers have been outstanding in their response to this request. It highlights their professionalism, adaptability and their ability to work in a front-line capacity alongside our colleagues in the HSE</p> 



Health & Safety	
Risk Assessment Review	Civil Defence have reviewed their Risk Assessments to include all COVID and Rest Center activities.
Recruitment	Tipperary Civil Defence volunteers have been remarkable during this pandemic. It is now timely that we start to recruit new members to our team. It is proposed to run a recruitment campaign this September. COVID restrictions on numbers and training must be considered.

Library Service



LEGO Technic Engineering Workshop – Cruinniú na nÓg



Drumming Workshop – Cruinniú na nÓg

- The Library Service celebrated **Cruinniú na nÓg** on Saturday, 11th June 2022. Cruinniú na nÓg is “A

day of free creativity for children and young people”. Thurles Library hosted a day long programme of events from 10am to 5pm for children of all ages. Events included acting & dance workshops, story-time, robotics, arts & crafts, drumming, puppet shows and science shows. Cruinniú na nÓg was a huge success with 424 participants taking part in the day in Thurles alone.



- Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries and online each summer. It runs from 13th June - 31st August 2022. Students from Scoil Angela visited Thurles Library over several days to participate in the Summer Stars programme.
- Thurles Library held a series of demonstrations to showcase the new Magic Table which has been rolled out to several Libraries. Magic tables consist of a series of interactive light games specially designed to help those with dementia or autism to be more active socially, cognitively and physically. Students from the Anusha Day Service and Rehab Care Day Centre attended these workshops throughout July.

- Cllr Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach of Thurles Municipal District, officially welcomed a group of international librarian delegates who visited The Source Library and Arts Centre Thurles on Friday 29th July 2022. This was part of their trip to Ireland for the International Federation of Library Associations World Library & Information Congress [IFLA WLIC] which was held in Dublin in July. The Source Library was one of only four Public Libraries chosen to host delegates nationwide and as such it was a great honour for Thurles Town and Tipperary County Council Library Service. Also pictured also is the Thurles Library manager Gerry Flannery and deputy manager Jackie Kennedy.



- Cllr Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council officially launched a new Sensory Room in Clonmel Library on 7th June. This Sensory Room is a safe, non-

threatening space to calm or engage individuals through each of the senses. It is an enclosed, quiet room within the main library building; but away from the noise, activity and strong lighting of the rest of the library. It contains a variety of visual, tactile, auditory, proprioceptive and vestibular stimuli, adjustable lighting and comfortable seating.



Elaine Feeney and Liz Nugent at the Dome



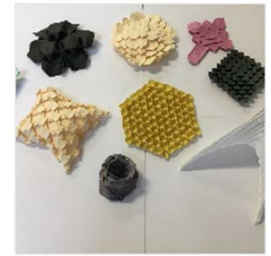
Donal Ryan with members of Clonmel Library Book Club

- Clonmel Library collaborated with the Junction Festival to introduce a literary element to the programme. Two readings were organised during

the festival. The Dome was the setting for Elaine Feeney in conversation with Liz Nugent on 7th July. The following day Donal Ryan spoke at a book club gathering at Raheen House Hotel on 8th July. Local author Grace wells also launched her latest book *The Church of the Love of the World* in Clonmel Library on 2nd July as part of the Junction Festival.



- Clonmel Library hosted a photographic exhibition of stained-glass windows entitled 'Highlights' as part of Heritage Week 2022. The exhibition is a series of photos taken in various locations by members of Clonmel Camera Club. The works included in the exhibition span a century. The earliest window, made by Sarah Purser for St Ailbe's church in Emly in 1904 while the window created by George W Walsh for Bru Boru, Cashel was completed in 2005.
- Over 470 children signed up to the Summer Stars Reading Challenge in Clonmel Library in 2022. As part of the Summer Stars launch Wonders Years and Stepping Stones early learning centres participated in a special story time in the library. The official presentation day will be held on the 3rd of September where the children will receive a certificate, medal and prize bag.



- Nenagh Library hosted an exhibition entitled *The Art of Origami* by Margaret Synott in June. Each piece of origami on show was individual, from the relatively simple and delicate to the more intricate and detailed. The exhibition drew considerable interest and was very well received.





- Nenagh Library held a scavenger hunt on 21st July. Twelve riddles were hidden throughout the Library and those who solved all riddles were given a golden ticket into a prize draw for a series of prizes.

Nenagh Library Summer Stars Activity Program



COLLECT YOUR SUMMER STARS BOOK BAG FROM THE LIB CONTAINING YOUR READING CARDS, PENCIL & SUMMER STARS NOTE!

1. Quiz of the Week "prizes every week"
2. Back for the Summer "Create you own Comic Strip"
3. Mad Libs for Mad Hatters (fill in the blanks)
4. Ongoing Crafty Colouring for little ones
5. Weekly Storytimes every Thursday at 11.15am & 9.30pm
6. Online Chapter reading for older kids, every Wednesday 11.15am
7. Movie Club every Tuesday 9pm to 5pm in July & August
8. Nenagh Lego Club on the Second Monday of the Month
9. Collect your Craft Bags first week in July and first week in August
10. Library Scavenger Hunt (3rd week in July & 3rd week in August)



- Nenagh Library held a full programme of events during July to mark the Summer Stars

programmes. Events included quizzes, story times and online reading events.



- Students from St Joseph's Primary School (Summer Provision Programme) visited Templemore Library on 13th July as part of the Summer Provision Programme. They were treated to a book reading, a tour of the exhibition by local photographer John F Kennedy and were taught about electrical circuits using bananas and the Makey Makey Stem Kits.



- RTÉ Nationwide visited Templemore Library to film a segment on Wood artist, Martin Ryan, whose exhibition was on display in the Library from April – June. The segment was aired on July 6th.



- Templemore Library hosted a Children's talk and quiz by the Dogs Trust on 26th July. Fourteen children attended the event.
- Over thirty-six students from the Sacred Heart School visited Roscrea Library on 28th June as part of the DEIS School Literacy camp.
- Roscrea Library hosted Children's Author Mary Murphy for a series of story times on 7th July.
- Roscrea Library hosted a series of creche visits in June and July including visits from Little Einstein's Creche and Sunflower Preschool.



- Cashel Library organised a series of Art Workshops with Philip Quinn in June and July.



Drumming workshop – Cashel Library



Science Workshop – Cashel Library

- As part of the Cruinniú na nÓg festival on 11th June, Cashel Library held an Acting Workshop, Pirate Themed Story-time, Science Workshop, Puppet Show, Dance Workshops, Drumming Workshop, Art & Craft Workshop and a Robotics Workshop.



Mary Walsh with Roger Kennedy,
Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council

- Cashel Library hosted an art exhibition entitled “Portraits” by local artist Mary Walsh during Heritage Week. The exhibition was launched on 16th August.



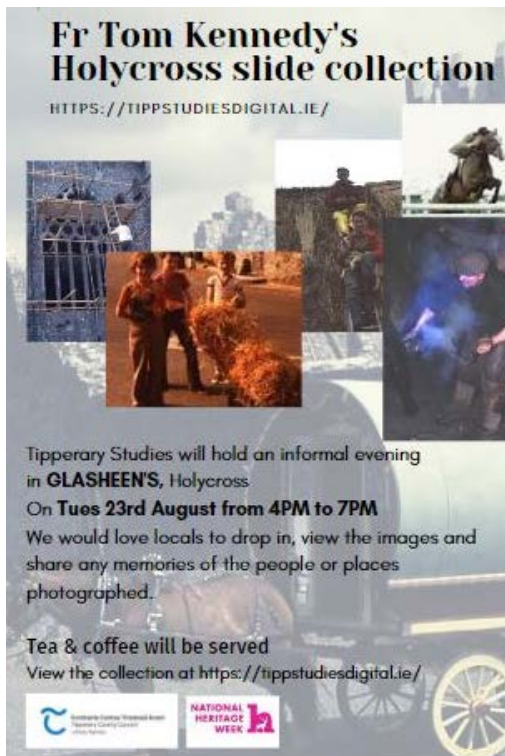
- Staff in Carrick-on-Suir Library organised a day trip on 1st June for the Carrick Day Care Centre who had a singalong with Audie Murphy and Sean Mulvaney.
- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a talk on men’s health by Sabine Eggers on 11th July
[Tipperary Studies](#)



- Tipperary Studies in conjunction with The Landscapes of Revolution team (Abarta Heritage) held an open Evening on 19th July to allow people to bring objects connected with War of Independence and the Civil War to be photographed and discussed. There were over 20 people in attendance at the event which was very successful.



- The Tipperary Historical Journal 2022 was officially launched on 23rd July.



- Tipperary Studies held an informal evening in Glasheen's Pub in Holycross to launch the Fr Kennedy online slide collection. Fr Tom Kennedy (1926 – 1994) was a native of Ballyheen, Templemore and spent his working life in Alabama, U.S.A. He retired due to ill health in 1970 and settled in Holycross village. He took a keen interest in the restoration of the Abbey and in village life and documented both through his slides and photographs. His 1960s images show rural Ireland at a turning point with horses and donkeys still very much in use. He had a huge interest in monastic ruins, sport and rural life. His pictures also feature friends, family and of course Rex the dog, his faithful companion (and gatekeeper) in Holycross. Approximately 1200 slides from his huge collection have now been made available online and can be viewed at <https://tippstudiesdigital.ie>

Arts Service



- **Music Generation Tipperary** was just about to commence its inaugural programme in March 2020 when Covid-19 hit, so quickly adapted to an online set up and delivery which was done very successfully. This made the official launch of this exciting programme for Tipperary all the more important when it could eventually take place on 2nd June last with people gathered and young musicians from across Tipperary performing at the launch. Music Generation Tipperary is a performance music education programme for children and young people in County Tipperary and is part of Music Generation – Ireland's National Music Education Programme. Music Generation Tipperary is funded by lead partner Tipperary Education and Training Board and Tipperary County Council. Music Generation Tipperary commenced in September 2019 and since then, it has rolled out programmes and events across the

county in a range of settings, all of which are available to children and young people under 18 years of age. These include a range of regular programmes across the academic year, in settings like Primary schools, Secondary schools, and instrumental hubs, which happen both online (established to ensure children and young people continued to have access throughout the Covid-19 pandemic) and in-person, in Clonmel, Thurles, Killenaule, and Newport. The aim of these hubs is to negate any barriers that children or young people may have in accessing music, while also working with local existing providers to ensure progression routes are available for young people in their communities in their instrument or genre of choice. To that end, Music Generation Tipperary has also organised a wide range of one-off events that supplement the already amazing work being done by music providers across the county. These have included workshops with world famous musicians and groups such as the Irish Baroque orchestra, traditional musicians Zoe Conway and Martin Hayes, world renowned saxophonist Richie Buckley, and Grammy award winning singer/songwriter Rhiannon Giddens.

Music Generation Tipperary also boasts a highly talented workforce, based at various locations throughout the county, specialising in many different musical genres and approaches. Training and

Continuous Professional Development opportunities are a central part of the Music Generation Tipperary employment experience.

As part of some programmes, children and young people also have access to Music Generation Tipperary's newly established instrument bank, which means that if they are not in a position to buy an instrument, but want to attend our programme, instruments can be hired out to them at a nominal fee, eliminating the cost barrier that can be so prohibitive for so many families at present.

The instruments currently on offer at hubs across the county include standard options such as guitar, bass guitar, ukulele, concertina, banjo, fiddle, whistle, as well as more bespoke programmes, such as the music technology programme, where young people can learn about creating music using digital programmes; the uilleann pipe programme, the Music Generation Tipperary Trad ensembles and the soon to be established Rock and Pop ensemble, where young people can come together to create music in a group setting.

At the core, Music Generation Tipperary programmes are about young people realising their own creative potential and finding themselves through music. The programmes are inclusive, creative and most importantly, fun.

- 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 unique project to be originated and planned between the artist and the school. 8 artists residencies in schools throughout the county were 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 will take place in Tipperary schools this year engaging pupils in a creative arts programme. Two projects were completed this term.



A drama-based residency in St. Mary's Parochial School, Clonmel with theatre artist Tara Power was described by the school as “engaging, lively and exciting and pupils are fully incorporated into the world of drama. They thoroughly enjoy it when Tara moves in and out of role as different characters”. Children explored many themes such as 'Mr. Noisy', 'Jollywood', 'Cinderella', 'Sophie Spider' and 'Moth or Not'. 'Moth or Not' was based on the theme of minibeasts and the school used the opportunity to do a minibeast hunt and learn more about minibeasts. Visual artist Bridget Teehan worked with students in Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál, New Inn on an arts project called “Serve and Return” based on the famous local sportswoman Lena Rice. Lena (short for Helena) is the only Irish woman to have ever won a Wimbledon Final. The project also explored how community spirit is developed within the school and the wider community and how this links to the theme of reaching your highest potential in a supportive environment.



Fiona Flavin and AnnMarie Keaveney pictured at the Age Friendly Expo in June.

- Tipperary Arts Office staff took part in the 2022 Age Friendly Expo in Thurles in June. This event showcases the range of services and supports available for positive ageing in County Tipperary and features information stands, presentations and technologies available to support people in their own homes.

Local Live Performance Programming Scheme 2022- Round 3



- The third strand of the LLPPS scheme aimed to support employment opportunities for artists, performers and crew across every town, city and county and to help underpin the recovery of the live performance sector. The funding could be used to support employment and wellbeing in the commercial arts and culture sectors through the provision of live performances from 1st February to 30th June 2022.

Tipperary Arts Office put out an Open Call to event management/professional production companies for the delivery of services in relation to live performances to take place in the 5 Municipal Districts of Tipperary. Events took place across all of the five municipal districts providing employment for musicians, crew and creatives and providing audiences with a safe return to events. Through this scheme 276 individuals were employed totalling 524 days employment over 22 events across the county.



Local Live Performance Programming Scheme 2022- Round 4

- A fourth round of funding was announced in June and we have recently contracted 9 producers through a tender process to deliver events in each of the five districts between August and October under phase four of this scheme attracting an additional €143,000 in funding support from The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

[Heritage Service](#)

Heritage Week 2022



Heritage Boats Kilgarvan



Martin O Meara VC Commemoration Lorrha



Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council at Emly Heritage Weekend



The Last Prince Lorrha, Redwood & Cloughjordan



Portroe Vintage Day

- After over 2 years of uncertainty Heritage Week returned with a very successful week which saw return fully to in-person events. National Heritage Week is an initiative by the Heritage Council and celebrates all things heritage. It brings together communities, families. Organisations, cultural institutions. Academics and enthusiasts to build awareness of heritage and support its conservation. In 2005 the Heritage Council assumed the role of coordinator and it has grown from strength to strength with 1642 events registered this year along with 161 digital projects. Nationally it is supported by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. At county level National Heritage Week is coordinated and supported by Local Authority Heritage Officers, their colleagues and numerous local heritage groups and organisations. Collaborative partners include the OPW, The Irish Landmark Trust and the Local Authority Water programme. Supporting partners include RTE Supporting the Arts and the Irish Times.

National Biodiversity Action Plan

Actions:

- An expression of interest was submitted to the Heritage Council for a Biodiversity Officer and we are awaiting the outcome of this process. It is anticipated that eight posts will

be rolled out before the end of the year.

- The Quagga Mussel project on the River Shannon system including Lough Derg is almost complete. This is a very important study into the appearance of this invasive species on the system and will help inform planned actions across 9 local authorities.
- The field survey on this year's Wetlands survey has been completed and report is due next month.

Historic Towns Initiative

- 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.
- Works have commenced on site and are progressing well.

Irish Walled Towns Network

- The final draft of the publication *The Medieval Walled Towns of Tipperary*, has been approved and is ready to go to print
- The publication will be launched before the end of the year and made available in each of the 4 IWTN towns and other locations around the county.

Community Monuments Fund



Completed works at Coolquill Castle and Boolabaun Castle for 2022.

- The Community Monuments Fund was first established in 2020 to provide investment in Ireland's archaeological heritage. This funding is prioritised for local authorities, private owners and custodians and community groups for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments. Four projects in County Tipperary were

awarded funding in this year's scheme

- Kilnarath Church, Newport - €78,087 for Stabilisation Works
- Boolabaun Castle, Roscrea - €68,253 for Stabilisation Works
- Coolquill Castle, Killenaule - €49,432 for Stabilisation Works
- Loughloher Castle/Tower House - €14,528 for Conservation Plan

Commemorations Programme:



Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council with John Harold Barry and his wife Dinky of Cordangan Manor Co Tipperary

- An extraordinary event took place over two days at the Agricultural College Mountbellew, now part of the newest university, the Atlantic Technological University, when Aileen Cust (native of Cordangan Tipperary) the first female Veterinary Surgeon to qualify in Ireland and the UK was commemorated 100 years after passing her final exams.
- The Conference was spread over 2 days, the first day focused on the scientific with regards to veterinary practice and animal welfare and featured contributions from Maria Walsh MEP and Siobhan Mullan Chair of Animal Welfare and Ethics

at UCD, The President of the Veterinary Council of Ireland, Vivienne Duggan and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), Melissa Donald were honoured guests as well as Joe Collins, President of Veterinary Ireland. The afternoon began with a talk by renowned Dr Temple Grandin, an American animal behaviour specialist and spokesperson on neurodiversity (autism).

- The second day of the conference had a history and heritage focus with local historian's Dr Des Murnane of Tipperary speaking on the Tipperary background of Aileen Cust and Albert Siggins of Roscommon on "*Cures, ailments and potions on the farm long ago*". Retired vet Brendan Gardiner from Mountbellew gave a very informative talk on the quest to find Aileen's grave in Jamaica. Dr Laura Kelly of University of Strathclyde spoke on "*Irish women's experiences in the medical profession in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century*" while Dr Martina Moloney, Chairperson of the Heritage Council gave a very thought provoking presentation on "*Celebrating untold stories*". Dr Rita Gately, County Veterinary Officer with Galway Co Council, spoke about "*Galway County Council Veterinary Service. 1905 and 2022*". Aileen Cust was one of the earliest vets — and the first woman — to work within the Council.
- Distinguished guests on the second day of the conference included Virginia Teehan, Chief Executive Officer of the Heritage Council, Dr Sinéad McCool, Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media as well as Dr Orla Flynn, first president of Ireland's newest university, Atlantic

Technological University; Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council, Cllr Eileen Mannion, Leas Cathaoirleach of the County of Galway and Cllr Laurence Fallon, Leas Cathaoirleach of Roscommon County Council

stakeholders and the World Heritage Unit and the Department and we look forward to beginning this process together in the coming months.

County Heritage Plan Actions:

- **Holy Wells Audit Field Survey:** Field work is almost completed for this year and work will begin shortly on the Tipperary Wells website.
- **Bolton Library Film Project:** The final cut of film is awaiting sign off. Premiere of film will take place in coming months in Cashel.

Creative Ireland Programme:

- Work has commenced on our Strategy for the next 5 years of this programme.
- Projects are progressing well under the Open Call and Community Grants schemes for this year.

Royal Sites Bid

- The Heritage Office was delighted with the announcement on 22nd July that the Royal Sites of Ireland were announced as one of three successful bids to make it on to Irelands Tentative List for World Heritage.
- The Royal Sites Steering Group is very much looking forward to starting their journey towards nomination. A critical element of this will be partnership, working with landowners, local and national

Museum Service

Civil War Exhibition:

- The Museum is currently preparing a new Tipperary's Civil War Exhibition. Museum staff have been interviewing local families to record their stories. In addition, high profile

historians namely Dr. Martin Mansergh, Des Marnane and Dr. Michael Ahern have also been interviewed. The exhibition has many new and never before seen high impact artefacts. The design process has begun and the story board text is finalised. The exhibition is due to open late September – early October 2022.



- The Education Officer and Museum Curator attended the Age Friendly Showcase in LIT Thurles on 23rd June. This was a very good opportunity to showcase the Museum, Loan Boxes and other educational interactive elements available to our diverse communities. The event was very successful with large numbers engaging with Museum staff and their stand.

Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2022

- Tipperary Museum collaborated on a major project with Clonmel Junction Arts Festival 2022. Poets were encouraged to visit the Museum and write a piece of poetry or prose about one Museum artefact. The quality and variety of choice was very positive and the resulting pieces were read out in the Junction Dome on Saturday 9th July 5pm. **Pieces read included** *The Struggle to Communicate* (Theresa Jones), *Connections* (Richard Cahill), *Black Tea Brack* (Mary O'Donnell), *The Butter Churn* (Rebecca Lenehan), *The Drangan Horse Skull* (John Corcoran), *An Irish Pull-Car* (John Cooney), *The Coffin Maker* (Annette Condon), *Little Petronelle* (Jennifer Cox), *It's A Long Way...* (Steven Corcoran), *Remembering Petronella* (Margaret Galvin), *The Wedding Robe* (Eileen Heneghan), *Fisher Price Justice: A Tale of Betrayal* (Jennifer Cox), *Babycham: Fizzy for the Lady* (Margaret Galvin), *Mick Delahunty*, *Orchestral Maestro* (Margaret Galvin), *Nelly Reidy's Corset* (Margaret Galvin) and *Music upstairs in the Museum of Hidden Histories* (Eileen Acheson).



- As part of the Cruinniú na nÓg festival which was held on 11th June, the Museum hosted two creative writing workshops for children which were very successful.



- During Heritage Week Tipperary Museum celebrated Irish textiles with a group of Syrian Women living in Tipperary. Textile artist and social history enthusiast, Leisa Gray has been working with this group of women to bring an awareness of Irish culture and in turn Syrian textile traditions. A workshop was held on 13th August in the Museum which showcased the work of the group

Museum Lecture Series: Starting 8th October 2022

- The theme of 2022/2023 Lecture Series is the Big House. This is the 10th Annual lecture series. The

Speakers are now confirmed and are as follows:

DATE	SPEAKER	Discussion Paper
Saturday 8 th October 2022	Clare McGrath	The Irish Heritage Trust
Saturday 5 th November 2022	John Dorney	The Big House and the Irish Revolution
Saturday 3 rd December 2022	Robert O'Byrne	The Irish Aesthete
Saturday 7 th January 2023	John Flannery	The Lost Legacy of William Leeson – His Tipperary Houses
Saturday 4 th February 2023	Melissa Shiels	Georgian Clothing and Objects
Saturday 4 th March 2023	Regina Sexton	Women, their recipe books, and the food culture of the Big House
Saturday 1 st April 2023	Terence Dooley	The Big House and the Irish Land Commission

- The Lectures will be held in Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Clonmel

and will also be recorded and hosted on Museum website afterwards.



- The Museums application to renew its Full Accreditation to the Heritage Council was submitted beginning July 2022. All policies and strategies are to be presented to SPC & Plenary Meetings in Q3 2022.



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 30th July 2022

	EXPENDITURE				Income €	INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €		Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A Housing & Building	33,599,058	34,559,408	97%	960,350	33,270,882	34,709,748	96%	1,438,866	(328,175)
B Road Transport & Safety	35,779,949	59,048,543	61%	23,268,594	25,386,053	41,786,965	61%	16,400,912	(10,393,896)
C Water Services	8,035,617	14,885,125	54%	6,849,508	7,511,795	14,444,814	52%	6,933,019	(523,822)
D Development Management	9,524,028	14,611,039	65%	5,087,011	4,535,856	5,451,283	83%	915,427	(4,988,172)
E Environmental Services	17,315,486	29,570,114	59%	12,254,628	7,221,037	12,402,770	58%	5,181,733	(10,094,448)
F Recreation & Amenity	8,510,906	13,813,198	62%	5,302,292	1,607,760	2,605,159	62%	997,399	(6,903,146)
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	884,226	1,929,188	46%	1,044,962	547,870	1,272,475	43%	724,605	(336,356)
H Miscellaneous Services	10,627,219	16,486,224	64%	5,859,005	7,593,968	9,271,617	82%	1,677,649	(3,033,251)
LG Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	15,842,730	27,156,665	58%	11,313,935	15,842,730
RA Rates	0	0	0%	0	20,232,470	35,801,343	57%	15,568,873	20,232,470
Totals	124,276,490	184,902,839	67%	60,626,349	123,750,422	184,902,839	67%	61,152,417	(526,068)



Capital Account – Year to Date 30th July 2022

	Expenditure	Income
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	18,321,671	17,693,855
B Road Transport & Safety	4,741,061	4,129,238
C Water Services	1,852,833	1,703,190
D Development Management	9,250,610	13,528,405
E Environmental Services	583,045	363,246
F Recreation & Amenity	498,829	108,155
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	289,533	20,907
H Miscellaneous Services	763,376	1,677,493
Total	36,300,959	39,224,488

Collection Rates	YTD 202207	YTD 202107	YTD 202112
Rates	55%	55%	83%
Rents	81%	94%	97%
Housing Loans	98%	97%	94%

Note regarding Rates figures -

- 2021 year-end % takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the current month end figure.
- 2021 year-end % also takes account of Rates Waiver of €7.54m, the corresponding figure for 2022 is €0.8m
- 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 has been adjusted to **€34,747,141** following appeal results from the Valuation Tribunal, and also revisions to the Irish Water and Three Ireland (Hutchison) Global Valuation. This may be adjusted further downwards as results from other appeals to the Valuation Tribunal following ReVal 2019 are decided.

Payments of **€24,661,348** were received to 29/08/2022. This figure includes deferred income from 2021 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 has been applied to customer accounts, in the amount of **€793,795**. This is restricted to certain uses within the Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism categories.

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

Preliminary Figures for 2022 have an increased take up on the scheme with 1,594 (35%) customers making savings of €202,848. These figures are subject to change.



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

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Business Systems & GIS

Housing

- Continued to support Choice Based Letting which has been up and running for 5 months to this point; To date there have been 63,500 logins.
- Upgraded iHouse upgrade to v3.7 in preparation for the upgrade to 3.8. The latest version will replicate the current application form and include other improvements.

Finance

- Commenced the upgrade from MS4 to MS7 which will progress through September until the project ends in mid-October.
- Upgraded the CCAS financial management report system to new server.

Planning

- Continued to support iPlan, enforcements, eplanning and data capture digitiser.
- GIS team contributed significantly to the County Development Plan

Roads & GIS

- The ESB network and GAS network have been made available on our internal mapping application. This is a significant benefit to our staff in a number of ways, not least from a Health & Safety perspective.
- Updates received regularly from both Utility Providers which will be reflected on the maps.

GIS

- Continued to provide map represented data for other sections, e.g. museum.
- Facilitated 3rd Party maps where required.
- Renewed licencing as required.

Corporate/Organisation/HR

- Prepared for upgrade to the electoral register system (iReg 5.0)
- Commenced work with Qualys to reduce level of threat on our servers.
- Continued to support phone billing.
- Provided corporate phones and setup on management tools.
- Supported web payment services.

Web Site and eDevelopment

- Continued with redevelopment of the council website Tipperarycoco.ie
- Completed the development of the Hybrid Working Application system which was made available to staff on the 1st Sept.
- Commenced redevelopment of the Anti Social Behaviour system

Networks & Infrastructure

- Implemented security vulnerability management solution.
- Continued with implementation of new remote access solution to facilitate blending working initiative
- Continued with rollout of WIFI solution.
- Migrated Mailmeter Archiving to new server and shut down legacy server
- Rolled out group policy for sites to run in IE Mode within Edge in preparation for the retirement of IE



- Continued roll out of soft phones to CSD
- Tested softphone with some Networks staff for use via remote access on their mobile phones
- Arranged MS 365 training for Councillors; training will commence over next few weeks
- Upgraded Scada telemetry PC in Parnell Street

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