



Management Report to Council



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<u>5</u> 10:00 Roads, Transportation and Infrastructure SPC	<u>6</u> 10:30 Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> 10:00 CPG Meeting
<u>12</u> 11:00 TCC Plenary Meeting –	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 10:00 Nenagh MD Meeting 14:00 Carrick-on-Suir MD Meeting	<u>16</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 was held on 3 October 2022 and the following items were considered:

- Clonmel Flood Relief Scheme - Presentation by Kieran Malone, A/Senior Engineer
- Draft Review of Tipperary County Council Public Lighting Policy - Presentation by Michael Tierney, Public Lighting Executive Engineer. The draft policy is presented to the Council at the December Meeting - see Agenda Item.

The final SPC meeting of 2022 is scheduled for 5th December 2022 and will consider:

- Vehicle Activation Signage - Pilot Scheme - A review of their effectiveness as a traffic calming measure.
- Greenways

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched February 2021.</p>	<p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 2: TII is expected to publish the Options Selection Report prior to year-end. Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation Processes has commenced. This will define land take required for the preferred option.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> 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</p>

	Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021.	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 – 2 no. Measure 1 applications approved by Department of Rural and Community Development. 2022 Community Involvement Schemes completed in line with allocation of €983,400. The Scheme will re-open for applications in late 2023. 2022 Local Improvement Scheme – €1,125,773. Schemes completed in line with Round 1 allocation of €644,070, and Round 2 allocation of €481,703.
Consultation	Annual Meeting with TII to be scheduled	Meeting held on 29 th November 2022.
Road Safety	First all-county strategy adopted in June 2018.	Tipperary County Council is currently finalising 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/SOD TURNING

Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme

On Thursday 3rd November, 2022 the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan TD, turned the sod for the new Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme.

The project will provide a western bypass around Killaloe, a new bridge crossing of the River Shannon and an upgrade of the existing R494 regional road from Ballina to Birdhill. The entire scheme is over 6km in length and will cross the River Shannon approximately 1km downstream of the existing Killaloe Bridge.

The Project Team, led by Clare County Council and consisting of Tipperary County Council, the Department of Transport and scheme consultants, RPS Consulting Engineers, have been progressing the delivery of this significant piece of infrastructure for the Mid-West region over the past number of years.

Minister Ryan approved the award of contract for the project in December 2021 with contractors John Sisk & Son appointed earlier this year, with the works expected to take up to three years to complete.

The scheme consists of three sections as follows:

Killaloe Bypass: This part of the scheme aims to create a western bypass around the town of Killaloe which will connect the R463 to the north of the town with the proposed Shannon Bridge Crossing section and R463 to the south of the town;

Shannon Bridge Crossing: This section of the scheme will cross the River Shannon approximately 1km south of the existing Killaloe

Bridge and will connect the proposed Killaloe Bypass with the R494 at a new roundabout at Roolagh;

R494 Upgrade: This section will involve widening, regrading and local realignment of the R494 from the aforementioned new roundabout at Roolagh to its junction with the R445 (former N7) north of Birdhill.

Speaking in Killaloe, Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan TD, said: “I am very pleased to be here today to turn the sod on what is a major infrastructural project of strategic importance to the Mid-West region. The scheme when complete is set to have many benefits, including safer roads and less town centre congestion, smarter travel with the delivery of dedicated pedestrian and cycle network along the entire scheme, safer access to public transport, and the promotion of safe walking and cycling to work, schools and to both town centres”.

Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, said: “This event today is a tribute to the tremendous cooperation between Clare and Tipperary County Councils over the last 15 years since the project was first mooted. The project is a unique opportunity to open up East Clare and North West Tipperary to international and national tourism. It really complements the investment in the Lough Derg region as a major attraction in Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands”.

Cathaoirleach of Clare County Council, Cllr Tony O’Brien, said: “This is a momentous day for Killaloe and Ballina, for the counties of Clare and Tipperary, and for the entire Mid-West region. There has been a huge amount of work done going back many years to advance the project to this point, and I would like to acknowledge the work of all those who have contributed to its progress. As Cathaoirleach of Clare County Council and an Elected Member of the Killaloe Municipal District, it gives me



great encouragement for the future development of the area to see construction get underway”.

Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council, stated: “The twin towns of Killaloe and Ballina will be finally rid of traffic congestion and they will be able to develop together as a stunning location to live in or visit on the River Shannon”.

Pat Dowling, Chief Executive, Clare County Council, said: “I am delighted to see the sod being turned on this vital infrastructural project by the Minister, as the inadequacy of the existing route has been recognised for many years. With our colleagues in Tipperary County Council we have exciting plans for the linked settlements of Killaloe and Ballina, as outlined in the Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement and Mobility Plan, and this infrastructural project is a major piece of the jigsaw for the future development and enhancement of the towns. This is a wonderful place to live, work and visit, and the Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme will enhance the area as a location for residents, businesses and tourists. I would like to commend the Project Team and I look forward to the completion of the project”.

The sod turning followed the formal contract signing for the Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme between Clare County Council and Sisk. John O’Connor, Regional Director with Sisk, said: “Sisk is delighted to be selected as the main contractor for this vital new infrastructure improvement project which, when complete, will significantly upgrade the current road network in both County Clare and County Tipperary. Sisk has considerable experience delivering similar schemes at this scale. We look forward to working with both Clare County Council and Tipperary County Council on this important project that will have a positive impact on the locality, improving connectivity through the provision of a western bypass of

Killaloe/Ballina, a new bridge crossing of the River Shannon and an upgrade of the existing R494 regional road from Ballina to the R445 at Birdhill”.





Contract Signing – Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge Crossing, R494 Improvement Scheme

Front Row: Cllr. Tony O’Brien, Cathaoirleach Clare County Council; Pat Dowling, Chief Executive Clare County Council; Steven McGee, Chief Operating Officer Sisk & Sons; Will Merriman, MD of Sisk Civils.

Back Row: Marcus O’Connor, Director of Services, Roads, Transportation & Infrastructure, Tipperary County Council; Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council; Carmel Kirby, Director of Physical Development, Clare County Council; Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive Tipperary County Council.



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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.
Suir Blueway - Waterford Greenway Link - Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal and Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility to be concluded in 2022. The Second Public Consultation for the Option Selection Process will be launched in Q2 2023.
Suir Blueway - Marlfield to Cahir	Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal and Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility to be concluded in 2022. The Second Public Consultation for the Option Selection Process will be launched in Q2 2023.
Lough Derg Greenway - Ballina to Dromineer	Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal and Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility to be concluded in 2022. The Second Public Consultation for the Option Selection Process will be launched on the 28 th November 2022 with open days planned for the 30 th November and 7 th December.
Cashel to Cahir Greenway - Cashel to Cahir Town	Phase 0: Scope and pre-Appraisal to be concluded in 2022.

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.

There are 79 active travel schemes of varying size and complexity and at different project stages around the county.

Some examples of completed projects include the Riverstown Shared Surface Scheme, a new footpath at Donaskeigh National School, Fethard Walkway, and Marlfield and Littleton footpaths.



Riverstown Shared Surface - Active Travel project



Mullinahone Active Travel Works



CLÁR Project - Donaskeigh National School



Before



After

Active Travel Works – Donaskeigh National School



Fethard Walkway



Marlfield Road

N62 Kilnoe (M8) Pavement Scheme – Works Completed



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ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2022

The Roads Section is happy to report that the Regional and Local Roadworks Programme 2022 is completed across all Districts, and claims submitted

for our full allocation from the Department of Transport.

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



Bridge Rehabilitation Works at Kilclonagh, Moyne



Restoration Improvements Works - R503 Rosmult



Safety Improvement Works – Road Realignment L3211, Roadstown Road Junction



Bridge Rehabilitation Works - Shanballyedmond Bridge, Rearcross



Retrofit fencing on N65 at Ballyspillane, Borrisokane



Pedestrian Crossing, Newport



Cappa Old Bridge Remedial Works



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 Q1 2023.
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.</p> <p>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. Tenders for design consultants were returned in mid-August 2022 and are currently being assessed.</p> <p>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>	Subject to DoT approval and availability of funding, it is anticipated that the design consultant will be appointed in Q1 2023. 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	The Part 8 process will be completed in Q4 2022.



	footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs 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 was completed in Q4 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 underway and progressing well. Works will continue in phases over the 18-month contract period.	Contract management throughout 2023. Works are ongoing on-site.
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. Works are continuing and good progress is being made.	Contract management and substantial completion in 2023. Works are ongoing on-site.
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 it is expected that they will be substantially complete by the end of 2022.	Contract management throughout 2022. Completion works are ongoing on-site with 12-month maintenance period.
(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 in Q1 2023



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 Q4 2022.	Part 8 planning process in Q4 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.



Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	<p>The CPO was published in August 2020, an Oral Hearing was held on 1st & 2nd December and the CPO was confirmed on April 16th, 2021 without modifications.</p> <p>RPS consultants appointed on 3rd November 2022 to complete the design work and procure a works contractor for the scheme.</p>	The consultant is expected to have the tender documentation prepared by Q4 2023 so that a works contractor can be appointed by Q1 2024.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	<p>The Main Contractor for the scheme is John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd.</p> <p>Works commenced on site in August 2022.</p>	The scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	<p>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:</p> <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. <p>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.</p>	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	781
Roads Abutting Certificates Issued	693
Abnormal Loads Permits Requested	219
Abnormal Loads Permits Issued	209
Road Opening Licence applications received YTD	973
FOI requests processed	25
AIE requests processed	5
Internal Roads Abutting Requested	26
Internal Roads Abutting Issued	26

Estates Taken in Charge in 2022
West Meadows, Boherlahan
Ashgrove, Thurles
Mill Crescent, Carrick-on-Suir
Rathronan Close, Clonmel
The Avenue, Barnora, Cahir
The Woodlands, Barnora, Cahir
Cluain Arra, Bansha
Declaration of Roads to be public roads in 2022
Fethard Town Park, Fethard
Lisbunny Industrial Estate, Nenagh
John Street, Carrick-on-Suir

CLÁR MEASURE 1



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2 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

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2022

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

Schemes were completed 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 on the new draft Tipperary Road Safety Strategy 2022 to 2030 together with the Action Plan for Phase 1 from 2022 to 2024 is now at an advanced stage of preparation.

A road safety awareness talk was given to Moycarkey, Littleton, Two Mile Borris (MLTMB) Community Alert Group at their October meeting in Littleton on foot of connections made at the Age Friendly Expo held in the Technical University of the Shannon (TUS), Thurles campus earlier in the year. Topics covered included:

- Walking/running safely on rural roads
- The importance of wearing hi-vis

- Crossing the road both at zebra crossings and where there is no crossing
- Cycling safely
- Overtaking cyclists
- Driving at roundabouts.

Hi-vis materials and road safety literature were distributed on the night. Road safety awareness campaigns completed in 2022 include:

- ❖ Sponsorship of the Tipperary Senior Football and hurling finals including the hurling replay. The message was:

“Don’t drink and drive, wear a hi-vis when walking. Remember, it won’t kill you to put your mobile away”.

- ❖ Adverts in newspapers for Road Safety Week in October promoting the wearing of hi-vis vests
- ❖ Advert in Tipperary Annual 2022 asking people to put their mobile phones away when driving.



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 began in September 2022 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 approved funding in 2022 for two Bus Shelters at Borrisokane, and one in Ardfinnan. Works are substantially complete on both projects.



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	Pre-Draft Public Consultation Event November 22	Elected Member workshops have taken place October 2022 Background Research.	Prepare Submissions Reports and Brief members on pre-draft stage Elected Member workshops to be scheduled in Q4, 2022 Background Research on-going
Nenagh Local Area Plan	Pre-Draft Public Consultation Event November 22	Elected Member workshops have taken place October 2022 Background Research	Elected Member workshops to be scheduled in Q4, 2022. Background Research on-going
Thurles Local Area Plan	Pre-Draft Public Consultation Event November 22	Elected Member workshops have taken place October 2022 Background Research.	Elected Member workshops to be scheduled in Q4, 2022 Background Research on-going
Roscrea Local Area Plan	Pre-Draft Public Consultation Event November 22	Elected Member workshops have taken place October 2022 Background Research	Elected Member workshops to be scheduled in Q4, 2022 Background Research on-going
Residential Zoned Land Tax	Draft maps published in November 2022. Public consultation period November 2022 to January 2023	Draft mapping prepared for Public consultation Project plan and methodology agreed	Consideration and determination of Submissions. Further survey, assessment to be undertaken and Supplemental map to be prepared.

<u>Town Centre First (TCF)/ Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Town Centre First Policy	TRO appointed in November. Background research underway & plans to establish Town Team for Roscrea. Tender advertised to provide support to implement TCF initiative & plan.	Public consultation completed in the summer & potential town team members contacted. Presentation to Thurles MD on TCF on 21 st November. Meetings ongoing drawing from multidisciplinary team in LA	Appoint successful tenderer to support delivery of TCF plan by Summer 2023. Finalise Town Team members & arrange first meeting of Town Team.

<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 – Snagging completed and Final Account agreed and paid. River Ara Walkway –River works could only be completed between July and September, 2022 in compliance with decision issued by An Bórd Pleanála. Contractor 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 completed.	Market Yard –Works are fully completed. River Ara Walkway –Complete the main works in December, 2022 and arrange for opening of the walkway towards the end of December. The installation of the playground will be delayed until early 2023 due to prolonged adverse weather conditions and lead in times for purchase of equipment.
Fethard Town Park	Phase 1a - Groundworks and 3G pitch were completed in January, 2022 and opened for use in February, 2022. The grass pitch opened for use in October, 2022. Temporary dressing rooms have been installed. Phase 1b – Stand and Community Annex to the Pavilion - Approval received from the Department of	Phase 1a – completed. Phase 1b – Works are in progress, complete by Q2 of 2023.



	<p>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.</p> <p>Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works - Contractor appointed in March, 2022 and works commenced on 21st. March, 2022. The car park is two thirds complete and this area has been handed over to the company. The pavilion is now weather tight with windows/doors and roof in place.</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>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 with closing date on 6th. September, 2022. Assessment of tenders completed in October, 2022. Final Business Case substantially completed for Decision Gate 3 – Proceed to Implementation Stage.</p>	<p>Awaiting written approval to Stage 2 of the Library element of the project from the Department of Rural & Community Development which will then be submitted to the Rural Regeneration Development Unit with the Final Business Case. Obtain approval from the Rural Regeneration Development Unit for Decision Gate 3 – Proceed to Implementation Stage. 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>Pre-Tender Approval for the design stage issued by the Department in February, 2022 following receipt of Council submission. Assessment of tenders for the engagement of an integrated design team completed in April, 2022. Successful and Unsuccessful Letters issued in May, 2022. Pre-award meeting held with the prospective design team in July, 2022. Review of insurances completed by IPB</p>	<p>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. Estimated completion Q4 2024.</p>



	<p>Insurances July/August, 2022. Design team appointed in September, 2022. Preliminary Stage currently in progress. Ongoing meetings being held with Mary Immaculate College and Thurles Farmers' Market.</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. Concept Development and Predesign commenced in May, 2022 and is almost complete. Meetings have taken place with various stakeholders to progress the concepts with the Design Team, OPW, NMS, the Steering Group and Fáilte Ireland. A Business Case is currently being drafted with a High Level Costings report to be finalised in December.</p>	<p>Sign off on final concepts, the business case and costings report with the Steering Group. Commence detailed designs and Part 8 Planning in Q1 of 2023.</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 with significant public consultation undertaken by the Council. Detailed design is substantially complete. 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. A decision was made by the Department to fund the project to the total amount sought, this was the largest amount nationally for 2022.</p>	<p>Application to RRDF Category 1 was successful with €14,391,509 committed on Thursday 10th November. The total project cost is €17,989,387.</p> <p>Detailed design is at an advanced stage and will be fully completed before going to tender early in the new year. Tender for the construction stage for first phase expected Q2 2023.</p>
<p>A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre</p>	<p>Cahir Market House Business Centre: – Part 8 Planning approved. Design team</p>	<p>Application to RRDF Category 1 was successful with €11,915,749.00</p>



<p>– Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter</p>	<p>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. 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. A decision was made by the Department to fund the project to the total amount sought.</p>	<p>committed on Thursday 10th November. The total project cost is €14,894,686.00</p> <p>Funding is phase 2 funding with further details needed from Dept as to when we can progress.</p>
<p>Kilsheelan - Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing & Low Carbon Planning</p>	<p>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 Sites Scheme for the sale of the sites. Detailed design is completed. Updated Cost Plan prepared. Value Engineering exercise undertaken. Tender documents for the construction stage are almost completed.</p>	<p>Progress the development of a Serviced Sites Scheme. Finalise tender documents for the construction stage and advertise on e-Tenders. Complete tender assessment report. Prepare and submit documentation to the Department under Decision Gate 3 and obtain Approval to Proceed to Implementation Stage. Award the contract for the construction stage in Q2 of 2023. Commence works on site by the end of Q2 2023. Estimated completion of construction works by end of Q4 of 2023.</p>
<p>Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh</p>	<p>Funding approved of €1,208,847 on 6th. January, 2022. Due Diligence and Verification Phase completed and returned to the Department in January, 2022. Consultant appointed in March 2022 to prepare tender documents for the procurement</p>	<p>Appoint design team in Q4 of 2022. Complete required surveys, preliminary design & Masterplan in Q1 of 2023. Commence detailed designs and the Part 8 Planning process in Q2 of 2023.</p>



	<p>of a design team for the Rialto building and housing development Approval in Principle issued by the Department on 10th. May, 2022. Pre-Tender Approval under Decision Gate 2 issued by the Department on 24th. June, 2022. Tenders for Architect Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services published on the Official Journal of the EU on 29th. July, 2022. Tenders received through e-Tenders have been assessed and tender assessment report prepared. Final Business Case to proceed to implementation stage under Decision Gate 3 submitted to the Department on 4th. November, 2022 and approval received on 4th. November, 2022. Project Steering Committee and Project Delivery Group meetings are ongoing.</p>	
<p>Carrick -on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition'</p>	<p>Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10th. November, 2022 under Phase 1. Meeting to review deliverables and preparation of an action plan for the effective delivery of the project was held by the District Delivery Group on 14th. November, 2022. Awaiting contact from the Department to commence the Due Diligence and Verification Stage.</p>	<p>Complete documentation under the Due Diligence and Verification Stage on receipt from the Department of Rural & Community Development.</p>
<p>Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy</p>	<p>Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10th. November, 2022 under Phase 2. Awaiting contact from the Department in regard to the Due Diligence and Verification Stage.</p>	<p>Complete documentation under the Due Diligence and Verification Stage on receipt from the Department of Rural & Community Development.</p>



<p>Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea</p>	<p>Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10th. November, 2022 under Phase 2. Awaiting contact from the Department in regard to the Due Diligence and Verification Stage.</p>	<p>Complete documentation under the Due Diligence and Verification Stage on receipt from the Department of Rural & Community Development.</p>
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<p><u>National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u></p>		
<p><u>Project</u></p>	<p><u>Progress in Previous Months</u></p>	<p><u>Next Stage</u></p>
<p>Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme-Phase 1 and Phase 2</p>	<p>Phase 1: -New Car Park off Liberty Square is completed. Works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square are substantially completed. Defects Liability Period expires 23rd. 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. Consultants appointed to prepare the Part 8 drawings and documentation and meetings are ongoing in regard to concept options. Extensive consultations ongoing with other statutory bodies. Surveys, assessments and data collection completed in Q3 2022.</p>	<p>Phase 1: - Complete snagging and agree Final Account.</p> <p>Phase 2: - Public and stakeholder consultation on options together with the preparation of the options report including identification of the preferred option and preliminary design will be completed in Q1 of 2023. Part 8 Planning will commence in Q2 2023 with completion end of Q3 2023. Cost estimate will be completed by end of Q3 2023. Complete detailed design in Q1 2024.</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 and are almost completed.</p>	<p>Regional Sports Hub - Complete construction phase by Q1 2023 weather permitting.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1- Complete construction phase by end of December, 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. Consultants procured to review and update the Preliminary Business Case. Review of Preliminary Business Case completed and submitted to the Department on 16th. June, 2022. Meeting held with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage in relation to the Preliminary Business Case on 4th. October, 2022. Consultants appointed to prepare tender documents for the engagement of a design team. Evaluation 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. Communications Plan and branding for the Centre has been completed and agreed and name of Centre identified. Awaiting feedback from the Department on the Preliminary Business Case.</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>



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 replaced the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009, as varied, and the North Tipperary County Development Plan 2010, as varied. From this date, and for 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 have taken place with Elected members in October 2022, an Issues Paper published for each LAP and Public Consultation Events took place in November 2022. Further workshops will take place with the members over the coming months.

A draft Roscrea Local Area Plan will be published in Q1 2023 and further public consultation will take place in accordance with legislative provisions.

Draft Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles will be published in Summer 2023. Further public consultation will take place in accordance with legislative provisions.

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 were published on November 1st and are currently subject to a consultation period until January 1st. Further review and assessment will be undertaken with Supplemental Maps to be published in May and final maps to be published in December 2023. The draft maps are available for inspection at the Council offices and on the Councils website. [Residential Zoned Land Tax- RZLT | www.tipperarycoco.ie](https://www.tipperarycoco.ie)

A workshop will be held with the Elected Members in Q1 2023.

Town Centre First (TCF) / Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)

Tipperary County Council was awarded funding earlier this year of €100,000 to deliver a Town Centre First Plan for Roscrea Town. The funding has been awarded under the Department of Rural and Community Affairs' "Our Rural Future", Ireland's Rural Development Policy 2021-2025. The plan will help to develop Roscrea's own unique vision and plan for its future development and once complete, will provide a basis for the town to seek support from multiple funding streams, including the Rural Regeneration Development Fund, (RRDF) and the Town & Village Renewal Schemes. A Town Regeneration Officer was appointed in November by Tipperary County Council and will initially work with Roscrea as the first pilot town in the County to have a TCF plan developed. The first steps will be to establish a Town Team for Roscrea for which expressions of interest were received as part of a public consultation process during the summer. A contract will be awarded shortly to appoint consultants to support the delivery of the Town Centre First Plan with the TRO and a timeframe for completion has been set for the summer of 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

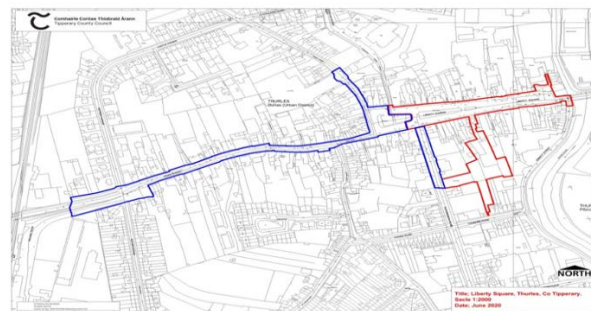


Clonmel Regional Sports Hub

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.**

Completed Market Yard



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

River Ara 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 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.**



Works on Car Park



Fethard Town Park

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 €17,989,387 and RRDF grant amounts to €14,391,509.**



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 12 noon. All three applications were successful in securing grant funding.

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

This project 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. Improvements will consist of (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. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 1 on 10th. November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €17,989,387. RRDF grant approved is €14,391,509 has been secured through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.**

Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy

This project 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 centre of the town and the development of a car park on a central backland site. Improvements will consist of (i) the restoration and redevelopment of the vacant Cahir Market House and former Council Offices into a Business Development Centre 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 historic Granary building to provide a state-of-the-art library for the community; (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, coach parking, EV charging, and bicycle parking on disused backlands off Church Street which will involve the demolition of two derelict vacant buildings that were acquired by the Council under the Category 2 approved project. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th. November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €14,894,686. RRDF grant approved is €11,915,749 has been secured through the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.**

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

This project will deliver a transformational change to the public space around Gantly Road and promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The project will be 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 works will involve (i) the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles; (ii) the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths; (iii) extensive bio-retention rain gardens and (iv) the provision of water

service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Road Age Friendly Masterplan area. The regeneration and re-imagining 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 will 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. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th. November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €5,639,145. RRDF grant approved is €4,511,316 with Council cash match funding of €1,127,829 allocated to the project.**

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.

Due to price inflation and the difficulties in securing skilled trades people a number of projects were unable to process this year. However Tipperary County Council was able to reallocate this funding to the projects that did proceed using our full allocation. The following grants were paid out in November and are now to be recouped from the Department of Housing & Heritage.

15 Anne Street, Clonmel	€15,000
St Marys Church, Killenaule	€11,256
Ballyboe, Ballypatrick	€ 15,000
Dromore House, Newport	€11,434
Deerpark House, Mullagh	€15,000
St Mary’s Church, Clonmel	€15,000
Cahir Presbyterian Church	€8,503
Southpark, Roscrea	€4,994
St Paul’s Church, Cahir	€15,000
Public Fountain Rosemary Square, Roscrea	€15,000

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 and only one of those projects proceeded:

- Corabella House Newcastle, Clonmel; Stream 1 €39,250

Both the BHIS and HSF schemes will open from late November for new applications for funding for 2023. Any queries on the scheme can be directed to Fergal Condon, Staff Officer, Planning, Clonmel.

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/22 to 31/10/22

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	295	286	9	0	0
Housing Development	18	18	0	3	1
NIA/EIA	12	12	0	0	0
Other Applications	625	615	10	3	0
Total	950	931	19	6	1

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 147 complaints received from the 1st January to the 31st October 2022. During this period 157 Warning Letters and 27 Enforcement Notices were issued.

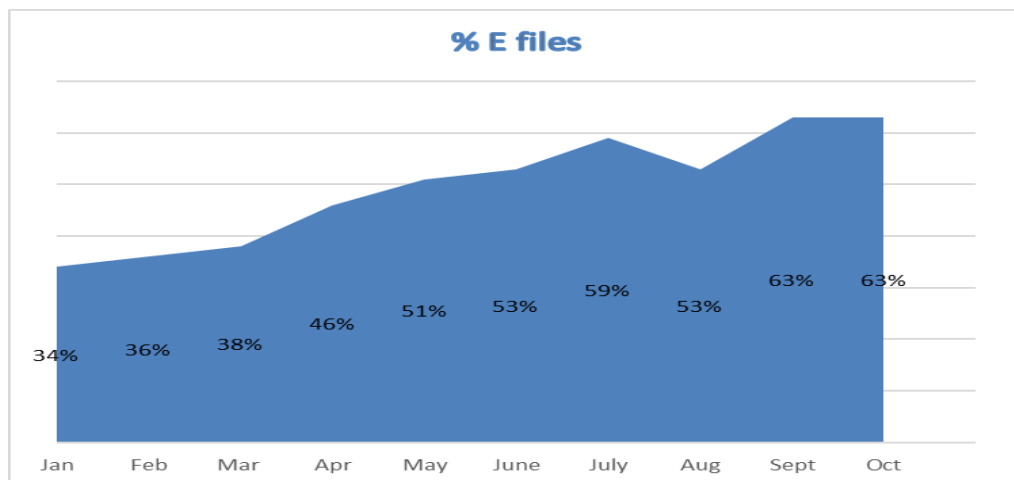
Taking in Charge: Estates

Being Processed	Taken-in-Charge in 2022	Advertised / To Be Advertised	New Applications 2022
24	4	3	9

- 4 developments have been taken-in-charge to-date in 2022.
- 3 developments are currently with the Roads Section at present and have been advertised/are to be advertised for taking-in-charge.
- Additionally, 4 developments are currently in the process of undergoing/have undergone jetting and CCTV surveying before being issued to Irish Water for consideration.
- 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 in Tipperary. We are currently piloting online submissions on planning applications. Work is continuing with the LGMA and our third-party providers and all future part 8 applications will be online. We are awaiting our first part 8 application since this functionality went live. We continue to liaise with Galway County Council to assist them with pilot project. Nationally at the time of writing we have now assisted the following planning authorities to go live Galway County, Westmeath, Kilkenny and Laois. It is planned that several more will be online before year end.





Irish Planning Institute Annual Conference 2023.

Following the submission of a comprehensive expression of interest, Tipperary County Council is delighted to have been selected to host the Irish Planning Institute Annual Conference, 2023. The conference is scheduled to take place in Clonmel and will be a two day event in April 2023. A working group has been established to organise and agree the scope of the conference and will provide an opportunity to showcase the best Tipperary has to offer.

Planning & Emergency Services SPC

Four meetings of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC have been held this year. At the first meeting held on 6th April 2022 an update on the Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 was given and a presentation was also given on the preparation of Local Area Plans for Roscrea, Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles and on the Finance Act 2021 – Residential Zoned Land Tax.

At the second meeting held on 17th May 2022 Anne Marie Devaney gave an update on the current stage of the Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 and Teresa Kiely, Administrative Officer gave an E-Planning project update.

At the third meeting on 30th September 2022 Anne Marie Devaney, Acting Senior Planner gave a presentation to the meeting on the topic of Housing Delivery and Brian Clancy, Administrative Officer gave a presentation on E-Planning and Part 8s update.

The fourth and final meeting for the year held on 7th November 2022 was a Joint Meeting with the Housing SPC where a presentation was given by representatives from the Construction Industry Federation on Housing Delivery.

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 has been put into operation across the county</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>All stations and staff being visited by CFO in May to reinforce the Health & Safety message.</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	Construction underway with planned completion date of Sept 2022	Ongoing monitoring of progress
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 March 2023

ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES	To 29th November 2022
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	1544
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	77
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	91
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	61
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	69
Number of Commencement Notices Received	393

Primary Schools Programme

In October 2022, to coincide with Fire Safety Week and the beginning of the new academic year, and with the help of Tipperary County Council's Cathaoirleach Cllr Rodger Kennedy we officially launched the 2022/2023 Primary Schools Programme with teachers and students from Boherlahan National School.

The objective of the programme is to educate children about the dangers of fire so that they in turn will bring the message home and thus enhance fire safety in the home, and in the community. It is part of a series of measures developed under the Community Fire Safety Programme which enhance fire safety within Tipperary. The intention of this initiative is to rollout the 'Safety Team' to all



3rd classes across the county. The programme is designed to enhance the level of awareness of fire safety in the home and to raise the level of awareness of fire safety in the community. Once delivered the schoolchildren are expected, as part of their homework to interact with their families





on the elements of fire safety. This interaction puts the problem and the solution together in the same place at the same time making it more likely that any fire safety issues will be successfully addressed in the future.

The Primary School programme proves to be very popular every year and we were delighted to be invited back to deliver this in person following the pandemic. It takes roughly 1hr to complete by two of our Firefighters and is delivered across the county annually.



Civil Defence

Activities	Ukrainian Response
<p>Ukrainian Displaced Persons Response</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence continues to be involved in the response to Ukrainian Crisis assisting with operation in both Littleton and Clonmel rest centers . Civil Defence continues to aid the housing section with the provision of transport for residents being re-housed or placed in more long-term accommodation. Assistance is also given to take residents to the local intro offices and health facilities. Tipperary Civil Defence Officer is a member Tipperary County Council Ukrainian Response Team and also the Ukrainian Community Response Forum</p> 
<p>Training</p>	<p>Civil Defence training for Cardiac First Response, Emergency First Responder and First Aid Responder courses are ongoing. E.F.R upskilling is also being undertaken. Our K9 Handler and Search Dog, Scooby recently underwent training and upskill at recent session in Dublin. Civil Defence Drone Pilots are currently undergoing recertification and upskill Tipperary Civil Defence has also provided Cardiac First Responder training to the Department of Education Staff in local schools and Local Authority Staff</p> <p>Civil Defence K9 training</p> 

**Health & Safety
Risk Assessment Review**

Civil Defence are currently reviewing our Risk Assessments for our activities. We also have to complete Risk Assessments for operations in the related activities in the rest centers.

**Community Support &
Duties**

Volunteers continue to support their local community with the provision of First Aid and Ambulance cover at an array of event over the last few weeks. These include Halloween events including Zombie Walk, various concerts and the Halloween walk in the woods in Clogheen.




Search for Missing Person

Tipperary Civil Defence was recently mobilized to assist a search for a missing person in the Nenagh area. We responded with Trained Ground Search Teams, the K9 unit and our Drone Team. The search was stood down following a very successful outcome. The search also included a response from Killaloe Coast Guard, Garda K9 teams TSR, Rescue 115 and 117 and a great community turnout. Well done to all concerned.



	Civil Defence Drone in flight
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<p>Centenary Celebration Mullihone Co. Tipperary</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence was recently represented at the Centenary Commemoration to honor Garda Henry Phelan. Recently held in Mullihone Co. Tipperary. Garda Phelan was the first Garda to be killed in the line of duty on the 14th November 1922 in Mullinahone. The event was attended by the Assistant Garda Commissioner Ann Marie McMahon, members of An Garda Siochana, the extended family of Garda Phelan, Elected members and invited guests. Tipperary County Council was represented by Joe MacGrath CEO and staff of Tipperary County Museum who, on the day, gave a very insightful account of history of this tragedy. A monument was unveiled in the memory of Garda Phelan. First aid/Ambulance cover was provided for the event by Tipperary Civil Defence</p> 
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Additional Funds Dormant Account Fund

Tipperary Civil Defence benefited from the Dormant Account Fund in 2022 with funding towards the upgrade of our command and control vehicle. We are now in the final stages of fit and should have the vehicle operational very soon.



Library Service

Capital Projects:



- Clonmel Library:** A full design team has been appointed to progress the design and planning phases of the new Library for Clonmel. Tipperary County Council have appointed ABK as the lead architect for the proposed new Library in Clonmel on the current site in Mick Delahunty Square. Founded in 1961, ABK Architects is a design-led practice with an international reputation for the delivery of buildings of the highest quality. Renowned for its work in many fields including housing, education, healthcare, office and work-space as well as public buildings and the arts, the practice’s imaginative approach has led to a succession of acclaimed buildings.



- Craft Granary, Cahir:** The application for ‘Activating Cahir’s Town Centre Regeneration Strategy’ has been granted funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) from

the Department of Rural & Community Development. This funding stream will include the development of new modern library in the historic Granary building. This library will offer extended opening hours and a wide range of services available such as robotics, 3D printing, free internet access, business research supports, community meeting room, exhibition space, and a sensory room.

New Library Initiatives

- LOTE Online for Kids.** Tipperary County Council Library Service now offers free access to LOTE Online for Kids for library members. Children can enjoy the magic of books in LOTE (Languages Other Than English), both in the library and at home. Children can also watch, read and listen to each LOTE title translated and narrated in English to help with reading and literacy development. There are hundreds of digital books in over 50 languages to choose from. New books and languages are released each month. Access LOTE Online for Kids is available from our website (www.tipperaryllibraries.ie) or in-branch at any of our PCs.

Access is free with library membership.



- C-Pens:** As part of our continued support of literacy development, Tipperary County Council Library Service is delighted to be able to offer the C-Pen Readerpen to borrow from all of our branches. The Readerpen is a state-of-the-art assistive technology designed to support independent reading and learning. Simply scan text with the Readerpen and it will read it aloud as you move over the words. Additional functions include a dictionary tool that will give you the instant definition of a word once you scan it. You can also scan and store text internally or scan it to a computer. There is also a voice recorder included which saves MP3 voice notes.
- ACORN Tablet:** ACORN is Ireland's first Age-Friendly Smart Tablet, Irish made and designed with the older person in mind. It is easy to use, easy to navigate and uncluttered, making online

communication and access to the internet simple and rewarding for even the most inexperienced user. Connecting to the internet is easy through the Wi-Fi. ACORN tablets are now available for lending to all Tipperary County Council Library Service members. For more information on this lending scheme, contact your local branch. This initiative is supported by Age Friendly Tipperary.



Library Activities



Cllr Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach, Thurles MD presenting children with their Summer Stars Reading Certs

- Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries and online each summer. Thurles Library signed up 549 children to this

programme in 2022. The Library held a presentation day on 10th September where Cllr Peggy Ryan presented certificates and prizes.

- Space Week is Ireland’s newest national STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week, in parallel with World Space Week. It took place from the 4th to the 10th of October. The guiding principle behind Space Week is that participants concentrate on *Our Planet, Our Space, Our Time*. To celebrate this, Thurles Library created a Space themed Display and put together 100 Space themed Activity Packs for children to take home.



- Oisín McGann, Children’s Author visited Thurles Library on 5th October where he held a book reading for students from Presentation NS. This event took place as part of the Children’s Book Festival 2022.



- Thurles Library held a Halloween Fancy Dress Storytime with Storyteller Sarah Sparkles on 25th October. There were over 40 children in attendance.



- Nenagh Library hosted a Children’s Zumba Class on 3rd September. This was part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.



- Nenagh Library hosted a Pilates for Beginners Class on 17th September. This was part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.



- Nenagh Library hosted an Introduction to Yoga Class with Donal Quirke on 17th October. This was part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.



- Michael Smith, an author and journalist who specialises in the history of Polar exploration visited Nenagh Library on 10th October as part of the Children's Book Festival.



- Fighting Words held a workshop for students from Bishop Harty NS in Nenagh Library on 25th October. Fighting Words is a creative writing organisation established in 2009 by Roddy Doyle and Seán Love in Dublin. This event was part of the Children's Book Festival.



- Nenagh Library in partnership with Mary Immaculate College held a series of workshops with local schools during Science Week from 15th – 19th November.



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online each summer. Clonmel Library held a presentation day on 3rd September where Cllr Pat English, Mayor of Clonmel Borough District presented certificates and prizes

- A **Positive Ageing Information Morning** was held in Clonmel Library on the 29th of September as part of Positive Ageing Week. Speakers from Age Friendly & Healthy Ireland Tipperary, Sláintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel and the Healthy Age Friendly Homes programme were present and a large crowd attended



- Clonmel Library hosted Art Exhibition entitled **You and Me** by local artists Marine Kearney and Jacqueline Gartlan from 12th -24th September.



- Clonmel Library hosted an Art Exhibition by local artist Tony Oakey from 27th September – 8th October.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library held a presentation day on 9th September for the Summer Stars participants. Over 50 children attended and were entertained by Laura of Firefly Parties and Events, where they watched a magic show, played party games, received balloon animals, and much more. The children also received their Summer Stars Certificates and Medals.
- To celebrate Culture Night, Carrick-on-Suir Library held a very special art event. Laura Regan, Mia Carney, Renée Ní Gig, Kathleen Farrell, Breda Power, Sheila Wood were the artists who took part. They each received a 10” x 12” canvas and sat in a circle. The artists spent 10 minutes painting on the canvas. Every ten minutes they gave their canvas to the person on their right. This swapping continued for 60 minutes, when all artists had spent 10 mins on each canvas. The theme for the paint challenge was ‘Running Up That Hill’, a tribute to Kate Bush who recently broke three Guinness World Records with this song. Art pieces will be auctioned to benefit a charity.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library organised a Line Dancing with Ray from Rodeo Cats on 29th September. Twenty members of the public participated in the event which was organised as part of Healthy Ireland, with support from Tipperary Age Friendly and Positive Ageing Week.
- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted an event entitled *Poetry Plus* which was hosted by Margaret O'Brien. The special guest was world renowned Himalayan poet and translator Yuyutsu Ram Dass Sharma, who in addition to speaking in Carrick-on-Suir Library also spoke in the Indian Embassy and Trinity College during his trip to Ireland. Further guest poets who spoke included Mark Roper and Michael Coady.



- Templemore Library held three different events to celebrate Culture Night. These were a Basketry Demonstration with Lynn Kirkham, Ukrainian Music & Culture by members of the Templemore Ukrainian Community, and Irish Trad Music & Dance by Flynn O'Kane Academy of Irish Dance, Loughmore Comhaltas, & The Templemore Set Dancing Group. Over 100 people were in attendance.



- Templemore Library hosted a visit by children’s author, Oisín McGann on 6th October. Over 32 students from St. Joseph’s Primary School attended the reading. This event was part of the Children’s Book Festival.
- Templemore Library hosted a Science Week Workshop which was delivered by Dr. Eleanor Walsh of Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. Students from Killea N.S. attended and learnt how to make LED light up cards while learning all about circuits.



- Templemore Library hosted a presentation on Ukrainian History & Culture by Luda Zubrok on 11th October.



- Killenaule Library hosted a series of social mornings entitled “Tea, Chat and Sing Song” on 22nd September, 27th October and 24th November.

These events have proven to be very popular.



- Staff in Roscrea Library organised a series of Yoga Classes in September and October which were well attended. These classes were run as part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.



- Gillian Perdue, Children’s Author visited Roscrea Library on 19th October where She held a book reading for local school children. This event took place as part of the Children’s Book Festival 2022.
- John Farrelly, Children’s Author visited Roscrea Library on 26th October where he held a book reading for local school children. This event took place as part of the Children’s Book Festival 2022.



- Tipperary Town Library held a series of classes on Bone Health as part of the Positive Ageing Programme. These classes took place on 27th September 27th, 4th October, 11th October, 18th October, 24th October and 1st November





- Tipperary Town Library held a Music Therapy session with Cecile Ahern for children who attend Tus Maith Brothers of Charity. This event took place on 5th October.



- Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service held a Fire Safety Talk with St Michaels Class in Tipperary Town Library on 19th October. This event was held as part of Fire Safety Week.



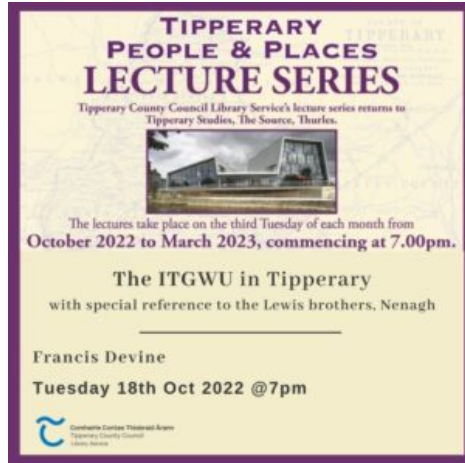
- Renowned Children’s Author John Farrelly visited Cashel Library on 18th October where he spoke to over 100 children. This event took place as part of the Children’s Book Festival.



- **The Art of Reading** is a monthly book club hosted by Colm Tóibín, the Laureate for Irish Fiction. Since February, the Laureate has met a different library book club each month to discuss a novel by an Irish writer, highlighting outstanding Irish writing and celebrating the reader and book clubs. On 2nd November 2022 Colm Tóibín visited Cashel Library, where he recorded the podcast which aired on 24th November. This podcast can be

heard through the Arts Council website.

Tipperary Studies



- The sixteenth Tipperary Studies lecture series commenced with a talk by Francis Devine on the ITGWU in Tipperary with special reference to the Lewis brothers of Nenagh. This lecture took place on 18th October. Francis Devine is a former tutor, SIPTU college and is the author of *Organising History: a centenary of SIPTU, 1909 -2009*.



Cllr Noel Coonan, Superintendent Pat Murphy, Cllr Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach, Thurles MD Councillor Sean Ryan, Chief Superintendent Colm O'Sullivan at launch of Garda Exhibition

- A fascinating exhibition that delves into 100 years of history of An Garda Síochána went on display from 14th – 18th November in The Source Gallery, Thurles. The

exhibition was run to mark the centenary of An Garda Síochána.



- Tipperary Studies received a donation of War of Independence items from the Norton family, formerly of Glengoose. These were accepted on behalf of Tipperary County Council by Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council



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Arts Service

Culture Night Tipperary



- Working with our arts and cultural partners across the county, Culture Night Tipperary presented a broad range of live and online events across the county in September. Tipperary Arts Office views Culture Night as an opportunity to promote and support local artists, arts and cultural venues, arts professionals and community groups. This year we endeavoured to highlight and showcase the range of creative work taking place across the county and in doing so, encourage audiences to connect and engage with the arts in

their area. We returned to offering support to community and voluntary groups with our open call, which provided funding for such groups to participate in this year's programme for the first time since 2019, having worked predominantly with the formal arts infrastructure over the past two years due to COVID-19. We developed and coordinated a programme which presented 54 events across 15 Tipperary towns and villages, including exhibitions, workshops, street performances, cultural walks and tours, and community events. A number of our Culture Night events attracted national coverage with the Clonmel Song Cycle featuring as part of RTE's Culture Night Live from Lough Boora and Running Up That Hill Paint Switch Challenge in Carrick on Suir featuring in The Irish Times 25 Things to See on Culture Night. We were keen to maximise younger audiences this year, mirroring the shift in focus nationally. In order to do so, we added an Instagram account to our social media dashboard which in turn created more awareness and visibility among the 18-30 cohort. We also ran a sponsored content article for the first time in order to further enhance our reach to younger audiences. An important part of this year's vision was to celebrate the diversity of our Culture in 2022. We were delighted to programme an art and media exhibition spearheaded by the Tipperary Rural Traveller project, which showcased the works of a

number of children from the traveller learning programme, who participated in workshops led by Irish traveller and TUS postgraduate student Francesca Hutchinson. We were pleased to partner with our libraries this Culture Night to support a number of workshops and events including a Ukrainian spirit and culture event in Templemore Library which saw up to 100 members of the Ukrainian community coming together to celebrate their identity. We also welcomed the refocus towards late night activity, and supported organisers and venues in their approach to extended and later events. We saw a number of late-night events taking place including three large-scale late-night events in Clonmel, produced by the Clonmel Applefest. 100 plus arts professionals were involved in the delivery of Culture Night Tipperary 2022.

in professional development in a youth arts context.” This new Hub has been developed working in partnership with The National Youth Council of Ireland, Tipperary ETB , Youth Work Ireland Tipperary and Tipperary Arts Office. We have had a very positive take up for the first training and networking event which took place on 7th October with a second event planned for February 2023. These events are to encourage attendance by artists and youth workers learning together and sharing practice.



- **Tipperary Youth Arts HUB** – This is an initiative that was identified to support practice and sharing between all involved in youth arts in Tipperary and to support the development of this area of practice. It is also one of the desired outcomes of our Framework Agreement that “more artists will have had the opportunity to engage

- **Partnership Residency** with South Tipperary Arts Centre. This initiative works with local venues to identify & support the development of new work by Tipperary Artists. Artist Annie Hogg will be resident in STAC from Sept-Dec working towards an exhibition of new work in Jan 2023. A number of artists talks & engagement opportunities form part of the programme.



- **Tipperary Dance** delivers a true 360 degree programme in driving the development of contemporary dance in Tipperary. The Tipperary International Dance Festival took place from 7 -20 October across the county presenting international Dance Companies in Arts Centres and venues across the county in addition to a touring piece commissioned for children which toured to schools. The community programme has seen Tipperary Dance work in schools, community halls and libraries across the county since 2008. They have also worked with community groups and an Age in Movement Group which has presented work as part of the Tipperary Bealtaine Festival. A recent report gave a breakdown of the reach of this project in Tipperary since 2008. They have worked with 2578 children from 38 schools in 25 towns across Tipperary. In addition 1831 Tipperary people have attended 126 dance classes with 59 dance teachers.



- The Arts Office recently developed a new opportunity for artists to work in Cahir, Co. Tipperary by supporting a studio space for an artist in this recently developed gallery and studio initiative in Cahir Arts. The aim of our support is to enable an artist to spend time in a dedicated studio space and to make work in and around Cahir developing conversations and connections with the place and its people. The first residency commenced in early November with artist Anne Martin Walsh. Anne was born in Tipperary and currently lives in Wexford. Her residency in Tipperary is exploring a body of work researching and revisiting the places of her childhood. Using the topography of the Clashawley River from its source near Laffansbridge in the Littleton Bog lands, to its merging with the Anner river at Loughcapall Bridge and flowing onto the river Suir, her research will follow the paths of these waters and explore other sites of interest in the locality.



- switch 2022** curated by Triona Ryan & Harald Turek and applying itself to the rhythm of smaller places took place from 30 October-6 November 2022. Over the last 13 years, 104 video-art works have been shown on the streets of Nenagh. switch 2022 was eight works, eight locations, eight artists. This artist-led initiative consistently brings high quality, curated projects to audiences and is a particularly COVID friendly initiative in that it can be navigated independently outdoors. A number of guided walking tours of the exhibition took place during the event.



- As part of our developing arts and social inclusion programme, we are working with Age Friendly Roscrea who are a pro-active locally based community organisation with links across the community. We are supporting their ambition to look at the boglands which are local to the area through a creative lens. This is a project which has been identified by Age Friendly Roscrea. We are supporting participation by artists Michael Fortune and Tina Claffey to support the group in the development of the first phase of the project. This is very much a community led initiative and we will work to support their vision for the project through lending advice, creative contacts, ideas and funding support to artists participation.

- Local Live Performance Programming Scheme 2022-Round 4**

A fourth round of funding was announced in June which 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.

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 five Municipal Districts of Tipperary. Nine producers were contracted through the 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. 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 215 individuals were employed totalling 327 days employment over 24 events across the county



TUDOR ARTISAN HUB
Carrick-on-Suir
Presents
and THE BEAT goes on
BOUTIQUE FESTIVAL

An Evening of ALL THAT JAZZ
with
Dr. LINLEY HAMILTON QUARTET

FRIDAY
BREWERY LANE THEATRE
October 14, 2022
Time: 8pm Adm: FREE

Supporting Act
DARREN DREELAN TRIO

Booking Opens: Tues 6th October 12AM | Contact: 086 2560600 tudorartisanhub@gmail.com

Funded By: LLPPS-4 Scheme, An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíona, Spóirt agus Meia, Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Tipperary County Council, Supporting Performing Arts Industry

Billy Morrissey Events
Presents
The Stars of Irish Country
The Anner Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 8pm

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Featuring some of Irelands much loved Country Music Family.

Donations on the Night to Friends of the Hospital of the Assumption, Thurles. Monster Raffle on the night with all donations going to Animal Rescue.

F.J. McFly, P.J. Dallas, Paddy O'Brien, Dáire Loughlin, Marc Roberts, Alex Egan, Aisling Caffery, Mike Foster & Maire Finner

This concert is funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under the LLPPS Scheme and with thanks to the Tipperary County Council. @localities @tipperarycountycouncil



Heritage Service

- As 2022 comes to an end, the focus of the Heritage Office is on completing projects and submitting reports and grant recoupments. It has been a very busy year in Heritage in particular in terms of capital projects and supporting investment in our archaeological monuments and built heritage with thanks to schemes such as the Community Monuments Fund and Historic Towns Initiative. The Heritage Office has collaborated with a number of groups and organisations to leverage funding and we have also continued in our research programme raising awareness of our built cultural and natural heritage. Total recoupments claimed for 2022 will be approximately €645,744 which is a significant investment into Culture and Heritage in the

county and is a tenfold return on the core Heritage budget.



Glenmore Upper

- Holy Wells Audit Field Survey:** Field work has been completed and a final report submitted in November of this year. A total of 124 Holy wells were identified for field survey and these were visited and documented. There was a successful public engagement throughout the process so information was gathered on local stories, customs and cures associated with the wells and all of this information will be combined with the results of the desk survey last year and available online on our website in the new year.

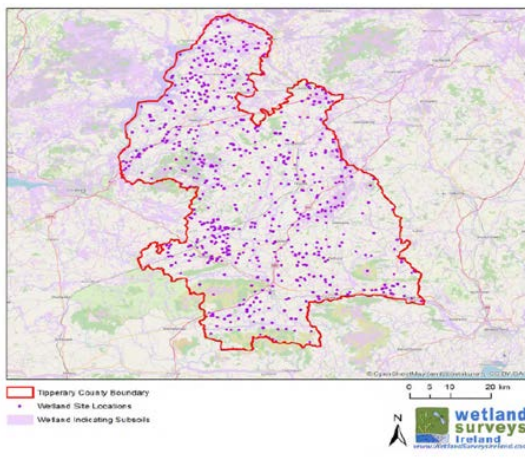


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- Raising Awareness:** We continued with awareness raising activity across the programme which culminated in a very successful and busy Heritage Week in August. We were delighted to launch a pilot scheme to support groups taking part in Heritage Week and had a full programme of events. Feedback from the scheme was very positive and we will certainly look at this support next year. Congratulations to the Tipperary Town Revitalisation Heritage Sub Group who won the County Award at the Heritage Week National Awards in October. We also did another pilot project, working with groups in Templemore and facilitated by Abarta Heritage to develop a Heritage Action Plan for the town which will be published before the end of the year.
- Industrial Heritage:** A report was carried out on the Copper Steeple in Slieveardagh Mining area. A second part to this project in Ballynonty had to be postponed and will be revisited in 2023.

National Biodiversity Action Plan

Actions:



- County Wetlands Survey:** As a second phase of this project the core objectives were to prepare a desktop

analysis of aerial photographs and GIS datasets to identify and map boundaries of potential wetlands which had not previously been mapped, Review the 2021 County Wetlands Database of wetlands sites and incorporate any additional wetlands observed during the 2022 mapping exercise and undertake a field survey of 16 sites in the north of the county. The resulting data set is a useful tool for future heritage conservation planning in the county, can assist in sustainable development planning programmes and will allow for the design of future targeted wetlands surveys and wetland research programmes. It is an action of the County Heritage Plan and was funded under the National Biodiversity Action Plan fund. A final report was submitted in October and contain a number of interesting findings as well as some recommendations.

- The information gathered during the survey is stored in a Wetland Site GIS and site database names TIWS (Tipperary Wetlands Survey) This database for the first time provides a preliminary inventory of wetland resources in the county.
- Information on 656 potential wetland sites are held in the database
- Based on an analysis of subsoil types that indicate wetland areas, the total area of wetlands within the county is estimated to cover 63,378ha or 14.7 % of the county. While this is an indication of the original extent of wetlands this calculation is certainly an overestimate as it does not take into consideration changes due to land management or drainage, it is nonetheless an interesting figure to have.
- Of the 656 sites it is estimated that 432 have not been subjected to any

detailed wetland survey. In the context of gaining a better understanding of the wetland resource and to ensure that sites of high importance get afforded the appropriate protection a programme of targeted surveying is a key recommendation.

- Given the known value of wetlands in terms of ecosystem services and potential for nature based solutions for climate action it is hoped to continue with this work in 2023. Irish Walled Towns Network
- Work continued in cooperation with Offaly County Council on the eradication of Himalayan Balsam on the River Brosna.
- The Heritage Office also supported a research project on another invasive species the Quagga Mussel which has been identified in the River Shannon system. In collaboration with UCD, AQUENS Ltd and local authorities in Westmeath, Leitrim, Longford, Offaly, Roscommon, Limerick, Clare and Galway a study was carried out on this species during the summer which is known to be present in Lough Derg.



- The Invasive Freshwater mussel (Quagga) was first detected in Ireland in July

2021 when it was shown to occur in Lough Ree and Lough Derg and the River Shannon connecting these lakes.

- The aim of the project was to do a follow up assessment to determine the present spatial distribution and abundance along the catchment and assess aspects of the quagga mussel's recruitment and population growth.
- A boat-based survey of the River Shannon was conducted on 220 km of the waterway, a depth study was also conducted to assess how the quagga mussel is establishing at different depths.
- The results indicate that the Quagga mussel is in an exponential growth phase and displacing zebra mussel on natural substrates.
- A follow up meeting will take place with all local authorities to assess the report and decide on next actions.

Historic Towns Initiative



- The Glove Factory, James Street Tipperary is a landmark building near the town centre of Tipperary Town. It appears to originally have been a home over a shop, later a branch of the Irish Foresters, during which time Charles Stewart Parnell is said to have given a rousing speech from one of the windows of the building. Later in the 1930s it became the Glove Factory which many local and still living, people worked in. This closed sometime in the late 1970's and it has been unoccupied until, the current owner, purchased the building in recent years. No. 20, James Street is a protected structure as recorded in the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) list (RPS NO 47) in the Tipperary Town and Environs Development Plan 2013, It is also recorded on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage Reg no: 22108047.

The building was in declining condition prior to this project and while it retained its historic character and significance as well as significant amounts of historic fabric, it needed conservation works to stabilise,

preserve and enhance the building. This year's project was generously funded by a grant from the Historic Town Initiative Grant Scheme 2022 and managed by a multidisciplinary team. The building is being redeveloped into apartments over a retail / commercial unit and works are ongoing on this project however the works carried out to date are largely related to the conservation of the external envelope and elements of historic fabric and structure internally and these are the works funded by the Historic Towns Initiative.



Community Monuments Fund

- 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.



Before and after photos of works at Boolabaun Castle

- Stabilization works were completed on Coolquill castle and phase 2 of works were completed at Boolabaun Castle which are both in private ownership and a conservation plan was funded for Loughloher Castle/Tower House. It is hoped that stabilising works will be completed at Kilnarath church before the end of the year.

Commemorations Programme:

- Thirteen projects received funding through our community grants scheme which supported events and projects around the county.
- Supports were also allocated to the County Museum for their oral history project on the Civil War.
- Our Landscapes of Revolution project has submitted a final report on this year's investigation of an old map
<https://landscapesofrevolution.com/tipperary-ira-map-project/>
- The Aleen Cust project which was a collaboration between the Aleen Cust Memorial Society and Galway and Roscommon County Council was very successful. A two-day conference took place in Mountbellew in August and an exhibition and schools' workbook has now gone to print and will be circulated to local schools

Creative Ireland Programme:

- Sixteen initiatives received funding through an Open Call and thirteen through our Community Grant Scheme
- The Creative Ireland Programme has been extended for another five years and a new Creative Ireland strategy for Tipperary has been completed and will be launched in early 2023

Royal Sites Bid

- The Department will be engaging with each Local Authority in the bid and MoU's will be put in place for the duration of the process.

- The Department is also due to launch its World Heritage Strategy shortly which will frame the work the Royal Sites are doing in the coming years.
- An international conference ICOMOS ICAHM (International Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management) celebrating the 50th anniversary of the World Heritage Convention is taking place in Dublin in December. As part of the conference a site visit two of the Royal Sites (Tara and Navan Fort) will take place and Brian Beck, DOS, Tipperary County Council will address the attendees on behalf of the Royal Sites Steering Group on the Hill of Tara.

Irish Walled Towns Network

- Funding was allocated to the Heritage Officer under this year's IWTN Interpretation scheme for a booklet highlighting the history of Irish Walled Towns and the key features in the four walled towns of Cashel, Carrick on Suir, Fethard and Clonmel in Tipperary that are network members.

Museum Service

Museum Lecture Series:



- The Museum celebrated its 10th lecture season and this year's theme is the Big House. The first lecture took place on 8th October and was entitled *Bringing Places to life* by Clare McGrath. The second lecture entitled *The Big House and the Irish Revolution* by John Dorney took place on 5th November.



- The Museum held a Big Bang Drumming Workshop on Friday 23rd September to mark Culture Night and there was an excellent turnout for the event.
- As part of the Civil War Exhibition Education Programme, a show and tell style event with decommissioned and replica weapons and armour from the period including a Vickers machine gun was held on Friday 25th November. Over one hundred students from local schools were in attendance.



- The **Civil War Exhibition** was launched 20th October 2022 by Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council. The key note speaker at the launch was historian, John Flannery. The exhibition introduces a myriad of new and breath taking 1921 – 1923 coloured images from John Breslin and Matt Loughrey. The many stories of families involved on both sides of the Civil War have been recorded and can be listened to in the gallery on headsets and screens, and online by scanning a QR Code.



- Museum staff members Jayne Sutcliffe and Marie McMahon, worked with An Garda Síochána to produce a booklet to commemorate the anniversary of Garda Henry

Phelan, who was the first member of the force to be killed while on duty. The launch of the publication was held in Mullinahone on Monday 14th November.

- **Recent conservation works:** A significant Artefact donated to the museum in 2020 included a very rare piece pertaining to Liam Lynch. When Lynch was brought to Clonmel Hospital, where he later died, a nurse tending to his wounds is reported to have used his handkerchief. It was later embroidered by Cumann na mBan and donated to Tipperary Museum of Hidden History. The Museum arranged for the handkerchief to be conserved and professionally mounted by Rachel Phelan Textile Conservator, Dublin and it was subsequently framed by Artisan Frames, Clonmel.





FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 31st October 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	43,370,782	35,690,209	122%	(7,680,573)	42,356,993	35,077,493	121%	(7,279,500)	(1,013,790)
B Road Transport & Safety	48,718,749	63,153,614	77%	14,434,865	34,676,635	45,927,680	76%	11,251,045	(14,042,114)
C Water Services	11,804,927	15,244,178	77%	3,439,251	11,080,163	14,765,786	75%	3,685,623	(724,764)
D Development Management	13,340,942	15,850,550	84%	2,509,608	6,401,724	6,380,079	100%	(21,645)	(6,939,218)
E Environmental Services	24,559,846	31,977,857	77%	7,418,011	10,418,635	14,729,511	71%	4,310,876	(14,141,211)
F Recreation & Amenity	11,809,275	14,249,629	83%	2,440,354	2,285,316	2,752,501	83%	467,185	(9,523,959)
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,395,401	1,934,033	72%	538,632	889,251	1,294,655	69%	405,404	(506,150)
H Miscellaneous Services	14,784,997	16,129,983	92%	1,344,986	10,575,881	10,623,380	100%	47,499	(4,209,116)
LG Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	22,632,472	27,158,966	83%	4,526,494	22,632,472
RA Rates	0	0	0%	0	28,882,256	35,520,002	81%	6,637,746	28,882,256
Totals	169,784,918	194,230,053	87%	24,445,135	170,199,325	194,230,053	88%	24,030,728	414,407



Capital Account – Year to Date 31st October 2022

	Expenditure	Income
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	29,354,091	27,915,716
B Road Transport & Safety	12,471,490	10,397,945
C Water Services	3,002,715	3,024,805
D Development Management	14,629,464	15,069,506
E Environmental Services	900,415	376,602
F Recreation & Amenity	1,539,336	348,154
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	328,465	252,232
H Miscellaneous Services	1,700,212	1,705,369
Total	63,926,188	59,090,329

Collection Rates	YTD 202210	YTD 202110	YTD 202112
Rates	72%	70%	83%
Rents	86%	95%	97%
Housing Loans	95%	99%	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 **€34,595,153** 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 **€30,223,708** were received to 28/11/2022. 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 €797,075. 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 1,741 (38%) customers making savings of €185,383.



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

Finance

- Upgraded the financial system, Agresso from version MS4 to MS7.
- Upgraded the Debtor management system.

Register of Electors

Upgraded the register of elector's system to iReg 5.0. Major changes include:

- Move to continuous rolling register.
- Eircode API.
- PPSN API.

Housing

- The test iHouse system was upgraded to v3.8 for user acceptance testing. Due to issues with the national rollout, the earliest we will receive the live upgrade is Nov 10th which will delay SSHA 2022 reporting.
- Continued to support CBL. There have been 77,500 logins to date. Change requests to improve the system have been implemented and tested but not yet deployed to live.

Planning

- Continued to support iPlan, enforcements, eplanning and data capture digitiser.



GIS

- Continued to provide map represented data for other sections, e.g. new fire grounds.
- 3rd Party maps facilitated where required.
- Renewed licencing as required.
- ESB & Gas network maps updated as new data is issued.

Corporate/Organisation/HR

- Continued to 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 work to publicise the Residential Zoned Land Tax for Planning (online consultations, maps, submissions)
- Provide support and development for online consultations for Local Area Plans

Networks & Infrastructure

- Provided 'softphones' to staff as part of blended working rollout.
- Set up IT facilities in new office in Cahir Erasmus Smith Building,
- Upgraded hardware wireless links servicing Clonmel Fire Station and Clonmel Waste Water Treatment Plant

All Teams

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