

**Minutes of May Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at 11.00 a.m.**

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**Members Present:** Councillor Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach  
Councillor Micheál Anglim  
Councillor Declan Burgess  
Councillor Liam Browne  
Councillor John Crosse  
Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan  
Councillor Máirín McGrath  
Councillor Andy Moloney  
Councillor Marie Murphy  
Councillor John O’Heney  
Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

**Officials Present:** Mr. Damien Ginty, District Director  
Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator  
Mr. James Murray, Senior Roads Engineer  
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer  
Mr. Michael Begley, Administrative Officer  
Mr. Tim Kilmartin, Executive Engineer  
Mr. Padraig Franklin, Executive Engineer  
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer  
**LAWPRO**  
Ms. Maggie Morrissey, Catchment Manager  
Mr. Darragh Kelly, Community Water Officer  
**Environment & Climate Change Directorate**  
Ms. Sharon Scully, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Fergal Condon, Administrative Officer

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The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Roger Kennedy, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the May meeting. The District Administrator commenced the meeting with the meeting prayer.

**1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest**

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

**2.1 Minutes of April Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District April meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor John Crosse and seconded by Councillor Liam Browne.

## **2.2 Minutes of Special Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2026**

The minutes of the Special Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor John Crosse and seconded by Councillor Liam Browne.

### **3.1 Environment & Climate Action Directorate**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms Sharon Scully, Senior Executive Officer & Mr Fergal Condon, Administrative Officer, Environment & Climate Change Section to the meeting. Ms Sharon Scully introduced herself to the Members and advised that the Environment & Climate Change duties are shared between herself and Denis Holland, Senior Engineer. Ms Scully deals with Climate Action and Landfills and Mr Holland covers Burial Grounds and Environmental Protection.

Councillor John Crosse complimented the team on the work to cap the historic landfill at Lake Road, Tipperary town. He noted that there is a lot of public interest, particularly in relation to where the funding is coming from and the potential for the site. Councillor Burgess referred to the report and the number of litter fines and household waste surveys and asked for a further breakdown for the District, with more in depth detail. He noted that there were 34 Household Waste inspections, 28 were compliant and he asked what the consequences were for the remaining 6, were there fines issued. He also asked for further details on the litter fines. Councillor Liam Browne referred to the larger grave section at St Cormacs Cemetery and asked if the Byelaws need to be changed. He also expressed concern in relation to the number of reports under Control of Horses and advised that this is a bigger issue. He asked if there has been any increase in reporting. He also referred to a number of complaints about dogs barking, some are in Council houses. Councillor Andy Moloney referred to an Environmental Freephone Number and asked if it was still active. He also referred to ongoing issues with residents on the Tipperary Road in Cahir leaving their bins out continuously and asked if the GSS or traffic warden could do something to deal with the issue. Councillor John O'Heney asked for details in relation to the eligibility criteria for a Private Well Grant.

In response, Ms Scully informed the Members that the Remediation of the Landfill involves putting an engineered cap over the landfill site in Tipperary town. She confirmed that the project is 100% funded by the Department and the work is being carried out under waste licence which was granted to the EPA by An Coimisiún Pleanála. She also agreed to provide a further breakdown of the figures provided in the report and will circulate it to all the Members. Mr Condon advised the Members that following a Household inspection a letter is issued and a fine if necessary. He also referred to a successful prosecution last year. He confirmed that the Burial Ground Byelaws are going before the June Meeting for consideration. He advised the Members that dogs barking is a civil matter which can be brought to the courts and noted that there has been no

increase in reports of loose horses. He confirmed that all reports should be made through the CRM system and was unaware of a Freephone Environment Number. He advised that the Enforcement Officer could issue a Notice in relation to the bins in accordance with Tipperary County Councils Waste Management Byelaws and that they are waiting for a circular with details of the Private Well Grants which is expected in the next few days.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Scully and Mr. Condon and their team.

### **3.2 Local Authorities Waters Programme (LAWPRO)**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms Maggie Morrissey, Senior Community Water Officer & Darragh Kelly, Community Water Officer, LAWPRO to the meeting. Ms Morrissey thanked the Cathaoirleach, the Members and advised that there is currently work ongoing in the River Ara and they would be in a position to update the Members in relation to this work at the next meeting.

Councillor Andy Moloney thanked the Team for the Community Information meeting in Cahir House Hotel on the 12<sup>th</sup> May which explained their work on invasive species and water quality. He noted that there seems to be a disconnect between Inland Fisheries, LAWPRO and the EPA. It was noted that the meeting was heated at times, however the public were more knowledgeable after the meeting. Councillor John O'Heney referred to a recent announcement made by the OPW that there is €3 million available in an one off payment for remedial river works which is an excellent opportunity. He asked how this is going to be administered and he noted that other Councillors are raising concerns in relation to the river in Golden. Councillor John Crosse asked if LAWPRO had any input into Boil Water Notices and asked when will it be lifted. Councillor Liam Browne asked if LAWPRO has any input into planning decision making and referred to the recent digester and the windfarm at Carhue which would have a significant impact on waterways. He noted that there was no mention of water quality in the report particularly for large infrastructure projects. He noted that they are not a prescribed body, however asked if they should be more proactive. Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan asked for further details in relation to the timescale for the Giant Hogweed Project because she was contacted by two different farmers who reported people entering their land and they were concerned because there was cattle in the field. She asked that the farmers would be consulted for safety reasons. Councillor Burgess echoed the comments made by Councillor Moloney and noted that there was great feedback from the community meeting because the LAWPRO team were able to provide clarity on all the issues raised.

In response, Ms Morrissey thanked the Members for the comments in relation to the Community Meeting and appreciated that water is complicated because there are so many agencies involved. Particularly in relation to how to log complaints. In relation to the OPW funding, she heard a brief mention of it this

morning but was not aware of any details. She is aware that there are concerns in relation to Golden and advised that Mr Kelly is due to meet with the interested parties. She confirmed that Boil Water Notices are not in their remit and that LAWPRO is not a statutory body and they do not comment on planning applications because it is not part of their role. She advised the Members that the Giant Hogweed Survey commenced in April and May and the treatment will start following this. She advised that every effort is made to meet with farmers prior to entering their land, however she agreed to follow up with the IPT team.

Councillor Liam Browne expressed concern that water quality is a planning issue and he stated that they should be liaising with LAWPRO. The District Director acknowledged that water quality is a concern for communities, however LAWPRO is not a statutory body within the Act or the Regulations. He confirmed that any member of the public can raise the issue of water quality. He also confirmed that the OPW Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Coastal Protection Scheme is for minor capital works and has been in place since 2009.

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

**3.3 Consider the Grant Applications for the Streetscape & Building Façade Enhancement Scheme 2026 for the public realm of Tipperary Town Centre, Cahir Town Centre and Cashel Town Centre.**

On the proposition of Councillor Andy Moloney, seconded by Councillor John Crosse, the grant applications for the Streetscape & Building Façade Enhancement Scheme 2026 for the public realm of Tipperary Town Centre, Cahir Town Centre and Cashel Town Centre were agreed as follows:

<b>Streetscape &amp; Building Façade Enhancement Scheme 2026 for the Towns of Tipperary, Cahir &amp; Cashel</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Grant 2026</b>
1	Francis Grisewood	3 Davis Street	Tipperary	€500.00
2	David Coleman	James Street	Tipperary	€500.00
3	Thomas Carroll	6 Bridge Street	Tipperary	€500.00
4	Michael Tuohy	31 Bank Place	Tipperary	€500.00
5	Michael Tuohy	32 Bank Place	Tipperary	€500.00
6	Michael John Ryan	20 Bank Place	Tipperary	€500.00
7	Siobhan Hyland Ryan	21 Bank Place	Tipperary	€500.00
*8	Bernice Dardis	16 Main Street	Tipperary	€500.00
*9	Stephan Ryan	57 O' Brien Steet	Tipperary	€300.00
*10	William Carroll	No. 2 O' Brien Street	Tipperary	€200.00
*11	William Carroll	No. 3 O' Brien Street	Tipperary	€200.00

*12	William Carroll	No. 4-6 O' Brien Street	Tipperary	€200.00
*13	William Carroll	Upper Church Street	Tipperary	€200.00
*14	William Carroll	Churchview apartments	Tipperary	€200.00
15	Siobhan Caplice	26 Castle Street	Cahir	€500.00
16	Declan Morrissey	1 Millrace, Abbey Street	Cahir	€300.00
17	Declan Morrissey	2 Millrace, Abbey Street	Cahir	€300.00
18	Declan Morrissey	3 Millrace, Abbey Street	Cahir	€300.00
19	Declan Morrissey	4 Millrace, Abbey Street	Cahir	€300.00
20	Declan Morrissey	Shop 1 Tango, Millrace	Cahir	€300.00
21	Declan Morrissey	Apt 2 Millrace	Cahir	€300.00
22	Declan Morrissey	Apt 3 Millrace	Cahir	€300.00
23	Declan Morrissey	Shop 4. Tech Solutions, Millrace	Cahir	€300.00
24	Declan Morrissey	Shop 5 Millrace	Cahir	€300.00
25	Declan Morrissey	Block 1 Apartments 5-8, Millrace	Cahir	€300.00
26	Declan Morrissey	Block 2 Apartments 9-13 Millrace	Cahir	€300.00
27	Declan Morrissey	Block 3 Apartments 13-16, Millrace	Cahir	€300.00
28	Cyril Kelly	3 Old Church Street	Cahir	€500.00
29	Cahir Development Association	Markey Yard	Cahir	€250.00
30	Mary Condon	34 Church Street	Cahir	€350.00
31	Liam Munerney	28 Main street	Cashel	€500.00
32	Donagh Davern	John Street	Cashel	€500.00
33	Kilkenny Design	74 Main Street	Cashel	€500.00
34	T.J. Ryan	46 Main Street	Cashel	€500.00
35	Diarmuid Barron	4 John Street	Cashel	€500.00
36	Marian Gleeson	Ladys Well Street	Cashel	€500.00
37	Kathleen D'Arcys	3 Friar Street	Cashel	€500.00
38	Joe Quinn	Ladyswell	Cashel	€350.00
39	Marie Whelan	Friar Street	Cashel	€500.00
40	Tom Wood	27 Main Street	Cashel	€500.00
*41	Martin O Dwyer Butchers	Friar Street	Cashel	€450.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>€15,800.00</b>

### **3.4 Consider the additional application under Festival & Events Grants 2026**

On the proposition of Councillor John O’Heney, seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess, the additional Festival & Event Grant Scheme 2026 application was agreed as follows:

<b>Municipal Grant Allocation</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Festival / Event</b>	<b>Proposed Grant</b>
1	Golden Kilfeacle Festival Committee	Golden Kilfeacle Festival on the Suir	€1,500
		<b>Total</b>	<b>€1,500</b>

### **3.5 Consider the Red Roads Allocations**

Mr James Swords, the District Engineer updated the Members on the Roads Programme. On the proposition of Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan, seconded by Councillor John Crosse, the allocation for €88,000 in Red Roads Funding was allocated to works at Ardlamon. Councillor Máirín McGrath expressed her disappointment with the small allocation and that it wasn’t used for the works required at Prieststown.

### **3.6 District Engineer’s Report**

Councillor Máirín McGrath referred to emergency Bridge Rehabilitation work required at Rehill Bridge and that it urgently needs to be carried out to allow agricultural contractors carry out necessary work.

In response, the District Engineer noted that the Newcastle Bridge Design is complete and the tenders are due back on the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2026. In relation to Rehill he confirmed that the tender documents are nearly complete and temporary measures are being considered to get the bridge operational and this is hoped to be in place by the end of the week. He advised that Bridge funding for the County is €1 million and there are 477 bridges in this District. He confirmed that they put forward applications for 14 bridges that require work, however only got funding for three. Councillor Anglim noted that there are no residents on the road, however there are a lot of farmers with land and he asked if the District has been liaising with the Inland Fisheries. Councillor McGrath supported Councillor Anglim and reiterated that access needs to be prioritised.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the District Engineer and his team.

### **3.7 District Administrator’s Report**

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

Councillor Declan Burgess requested that funding be sought for works to the public toilets at Main Street, Cashel. He referred to his previous Notice of Motion and expressed concern with the out of date infrastructure. He also raised concern in relation to the toilets at the Rock of Cashel and noted that there is an issue with water pressure. He also sought an update on the CPO for Kearneys Castle. Councillor John Crosse referred to the derelict site workshop last week and acknowledged that it was a great drive to make the public aware. He also sought an update on the public toilets in Tipperary Town and asked that the doors would be opened so the public can use them. Councillor Mairin McGrath sought an update on the public car park and the library in Cahir. She appreciated that works by Uisce Eireann in Cahir can cause disruption, however there has been no engagement with Councillors. She referred to the backlog of traffic and requested that signage would be put on the approach roads. Councillor John O'Heney also supported Councillor Crosse in relation to the public toilets in Tipperary and asked if there is going to be further delays that they would be opened. Councillor Anne Ryan (Shiner) appreciated that people are frustrated in relation to the toilets. She also asked for an update on the Historic Town Funding for 7/8 Main Street Tipperary Town. Councillor Marie Murphy referred to the massive crowds that greeted the FTD Brothers at Clanwilliam and she wanted to congratulate the roads team for ensuring the area was safe. She advised that Jordan gave a fantastic summary of the tough challenges both he and his brother are facing. The Cathaoirleach thanked Councillor Murphy for standing in and noted that the event presented Tipperary town in a good light. He also thanked Anne Marie Devaney, Michael Begley and Anselm McGowan for welcoming the delegation of 40 French planners.

In response, Damien Ginty, District Director confirmed that the District is looking at funding streams available for the toilets in Cashel including whether they can be included as part of the RRDF project application. He confirmed that they are also working with Failte Ireland and the OPW in relation to the toilets at the Rock Car Park. He advised that the CPO for Kearney's Castle is with An Coiminsm Pleanála for a decision.

In relation to the toilets in Market Yard he confirmed that the charge is to mitigate anti-social behaviour and not to raise funds. Frank Cussen, Project Engineer confirmed that €180,000 was spent to upgrade the toilets and work was completed on the 18<sup>th</sup> March. The company managing the payments also manage the payments in Cahir toilets and the installation team advised that adding these toilets to the account would be straightforward however additional information was sought. He confirmed that the carpark in Cahir would be open on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June and the contractors is expected to be out of the library the end of July, however it will be September when the library will be operational.

Councillor John Crosse stated that an announcement was made that the toilets were open and it is not acceptable that they are still locked. Councillor McGrath thanked Mr Cussen, however asked that consideration be given to improving traffic management on the Clonmel and Ardfinnan Road. Mr Damien Ginty, District Director acknowledged the frustration, however they had to deal with

additional legalisation and the District is at the mercy of the payment company. The Council has to protect its investment and the card based system leaves a digital record. He confirmed that every effort has been made. Frank Cussen confirmed that the Municipal District is not directly involved in the work being carried out by Uisce Eireann.

#### **4.1 Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations**

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

- John O’Gorman, Mulberry Road, Mitchelstown/formerly Ballyboy, Clogheen, Co Tipperary

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- Vinny Crosse and Stephaine Bergin on their recent marriage.

#### **5.1 Any other Business**

The Cathaoirleach invited the Members to attend the handover of a new Fire Engine together with Tipperary Fire & Rescue Services to be based in Cashel Town Station.

**This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.**

Signed/  Dated/ 22/6/2026  
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 22/6/2026  
District Administrator