



# Management Report to Council



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<b>6</b> 10:00 Infrastructure SPC 14:30 Irish Water W/Shop	<b>7</b> 14:30 Senior Management Group Meeting	<b>8</b> 14:30: Environment & Climate Action SPC	<b>9</b> HSE W/Shop	<b>10</b> 10:00 CPG Meeting 14:30 Housing SPC
<b>13</b> 11:00 TCC Plenary Meeting – Moycarkey Borris Community Centre	<b>14</b> 11:00 Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD Meeting	<b>15</b> 11:00 Clonmel BD Meeting	<b>16</b> 10:00 Nenagh MD Meeting  14:00 Carrick-on-Suir MD Meeting	<b>17</b>  10:00 Joint Policing Committee Meeting
<b>20</b> 10:30 Thurles MD Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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## Report at a Glance



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**ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE**



**New Policy/Strategic Issues - Infrastructure SPC meeting held on 6 September 2021**

**Policy Changes/Updates**

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was held on 6 September 2021 and the following items were considered:

- Rural Water Programme – Presentation by Denis Holland, Senior Engineer
- Age Friendly Parking Spaces
- Footpaths - Active Travel Schemes.

The next meeting of the SPC is scheduled for 6 December 2021.

**Directorate Priorities**

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>Submission on N24 to NPF. Two no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Consultants Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council in August 2020 to complete Phase 1 to 4.</p> <p>Website launched in February 2021.</p> <p>Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility was completed in April 2021.</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction.</u> Arup appointed on 22 October 2019 to complete Phase 1 to 4.</p> <p>Website launched in August 2020.</p> <p>Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility completed in September 2020.</p>	<p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2: Options selection commenced. Options to be advertised Q4 2021 and public consultation to be held.</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 2: Options selection commenced and is due to be completed by April 2022.</p> <p>Transport Options and Alternatives Public Consultation took place between 25 June and 6 August 2021.</p>
Capital Programme 2021	Implementation of Capital Programme	Progress schemes and draw down grant funding before end of TII financial year.



Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2021	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding – on target.
Rural and Community Schemes (CIS, LIS, CLÁR)	Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department	CLÁR 2021 – Applications for Measure 1 submitted to Department of Rural and Community Development – allocation of €104,000 has been notified.  2021 CIS Scheme – schemes completed across all Districts. 2021 Allocation €1,194,000.  2021 LIS Scheme R1 & R2 – schemes completed across all Districts. 2021 Allocation €721,621.
Consultation	Continued consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff	Annual Meeting with TII being scheduled.
Public Lighting	Public lighting policy adopted in May 2018	Implementation of policy ongoing.
Road Safety	Strategy adopted in June 2018	Implement Strategy in conjunction with Road Safety Together Working Group. New strategy to be developed in 2022. Meeting of the Road Safety Working Together Group scheduled.



Department of Transport (DoT)  
**REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS ALLOCATIONS 2021**

<b>Tipperary County Council Regional and Local Roads Allocations 2021 (Initial)</b>	
Restoration Improvement	€15,221,000
Restoration Maintenance	€2,546,500
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€1,820,000
Discretionary Grant	€4,772,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	€695,000
Specific Imp. Grants	€150,000
Strategic Regional and Local Roads	€500,000
Safety Improvement Works	€560,000
Speed Limits	€27,900
Cycle Signs	€6,500
Active Travel	€168,405
Training Grant	€129,500
Drainage Works	€1,192,053
Community Improvement Scheme	€1,194,000
PSCI: Survey Support	€44,000
Former National Roads	€500,000
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>€29,526,858</b>



**2021 GRANT ALLOCATIONS  
FOR NATIONAL ROADS**

<b>Tipperary County Council – National Roads Allocations 2021 (Initial)</b>	
<b>Improvement</b>	<b>Allocations 2021</b>
<b>National Primary</b>	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€250,000
Major Schemes	€1,025,000
Pavements	€900,000
<b>National Secondary</b>	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€500,000
Minor Works	€2,000,000
Pavements	€2,480,000
<b>Engineering Support to Local Authorities for National Primary and National Secondary, and Pavement Design and Supervision</b>	€300,000
<b>Total Improvement Allocations 2021</b>	<b>€7,455,000</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	
<b>Total National Primary Maintenance</b>	<b>€370,481</b>
<b>Total National Secondary Maintenance</b>	<b>€393,335</b>
Engineering and Winter Support to the National Primary and National Secondary - Maintenance Programme	€88,300
<b>Total Maintenance Allocations 2021</b>	<b>€852,116</b>
<b>Total TII Grant Allocation for National Roads</b>	<b>€8,307,116</b>



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
<b>Nenagh Municipal District</b>		
N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement Works	Construction commenced in November 2018 and reached substantial completion in January 2021.	Final snag items are expected to be completed in Q4 2021.
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has now been completed and the scheme has been formally categorized as a Minor Improvement Scheme.	The Council will now seek approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	<p>The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ road pavement improvement works</li> <li>▪ addressing a number of road safety issues</li> <li>▪ the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village</li> <li>▪ 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</li> <li>▪ public lighting improvements</li> <li>▪ some public realm improvements.</li> </ul> <p>Feasibility work has been completed and the Preliminary Design stage has commenced. Land acquisition for footpath widening and extension works is currently underway.</p>	Subject to land acquisition it is expected that preliminary design work will be completed and the Part 8 for the scheme advertised in 2022.
<b>Thurles Municipal District</b>		
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass	Route Selected in 2011 and reserved corridor in place. TCC wishes for it to be included in the next NDP.	Continue lobbying for scheme to be included in the next NDP.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The works consists primarily of planing and inlay work. Other works include the replacement of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs and public realm improvements. Consultants were appointed and design work commenced in 2018. The preliminary design is substantially complete.	The Part 8 will be advertised early in 2022.



N62 Templemore approach roads (Thurles Road)	N62 Templemore (Thurles Road) – The scheme starts at the junction of the N62 and the R501 continuing south for approximately 2km. Works commenced in November 2020 and are substantially completed.	Final snag items are being completed.
N62 Templemore approach roads (Roscrea Road)	This is the second of two schemes on the Thurles Road and Roscrea Road approaches to the town of Templemore.  N62 Templemore (Roscrea Road) – This Scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 700m of road pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road on the northern approach to Templemore. The Scheme starts at the speed limit sign north of Templemore at the Circle K Garage and continues 700m to the south. Construction commenced in September 2021.	Construction will be substantially completed in November 2021.
N62 Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 3.9km of pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road from Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South. The scheme is currently at preliminary design stage. Consultants were appointed in 2021 to complete the design and procure a Contractor to carry out the works.	Subject to the availability of funding, construction will commence in Q1 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.	It is anticipated that design will be completed in 2022.

Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
<b>Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District</b>		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. Design work is being undertaken by Tramore House Road Design Office. Tender to be published in coming weeks.	Publication for Tender.
N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening	This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village, improvements to footpaths, landscaping and pavement strengthening. Part 8 Planning approved at the July meeting of Carrick on Suir MD. Tender documents near completion and expect to be ready for publication before end of the year.	Detailed design and preparation of contract documents.



<b>Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District</b>		
N74 Ballyhusty Realignment	This scheme involves the realignment of approx. 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. The Tender process is completed and TII have given approval to award tender. It is anticipated works will commence on site in the New Year once a Bond and insurances are in place. Archaeological works will be ongoing until Dec/Jan.	Appointment of contractor. Commencement of works on site.
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme proposes a significant upgrade to the public realm through the centre of Tipperary town between Church Street and Cashel Road. The scheme is 1.6km in length and encompasses two national routes through the town, the N24 and N74. The Part 8 for the scheme was passed in January 2021 and the Municipal District Council decided not to proceed with the N24 Main Street element of the scheme. The Fr Mathew Street element of the scheme is at final design stage.	It is anticipated that subject to the availability of funding that works will commence in Q2 2022.
N74 Golden to Knockroe Pavement Improvement Scheme	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.5km of pavement on the N74. The scheme is 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.	It is anticipated that subject to the availability of funding that construction on this scheme will commence in 2023.
N24 Ballydrehid Realignment	This scheme involves the preparation of proposals for possible improvements to the N24 at Ballydrehid. Feasibility report submitted to TII.	Awaiting TII response.
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. Draft Preliminary design report prepared, Draft Part 8 documents being prepared.	Complete preliminary design for submission to TII for approval, followed by Part 8 planning process.
<b>Project</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
<b>Clonmel Borough District</b>		
N24 Clonmel Inner Relief Road Pavement Improvement	This scheme involved the rehabilitation of approximately 7.3km of pavement on the N24 National Primary road in county Tipperary. Construction commenced in October 2019 and works have now been completed.	Defects period completed in November 2021.
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.





<b>Strategic Non-National Road Projects</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	Part 8 procedures and preliminary design work is completed. The CPO was published in August 2020 and Oral Hearing was held on 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020. The CPO was confirmed on April 16 <sup>th</sup> 2021 without modification.	It is anticipated that, subject to the availability of funding, work on the scheme will commence in the second half of 2022 and will take approximately 18 months to complete.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	Clare County Council is lead authority. Planning procedures, the Oral Hearing and design have been completed. The tender competition for the works contract will be completed in Q4 2021. A minor works contract for site clearance and laying a section of sewer is substantially complete.	It is anticipated that the main contract will be awarded in Q4 2021 and subject to availability of funding work will commence early in 2022 and 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 Rd. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction</li> <li>• a new priority junction with Mill Road and</li> <li>• 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access</li> <li>• 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir</li> <li>• public lighting</li> <li>• flood alleviation works along the River Suir.</li> </ul> <p>This scheme is on the NDP and it is hoped the DoT will 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.

### **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME (2021) - TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Roadworks Programme 2021 is now completed. Photographs of the quality work being delivered under programmes such as Climate Adaptation and Resilience Works, Bridge Rehabilitation, Safety Improvement Works and Active Travel is evident on the following pages.

The Covid-19 risk continues to be managed in line with government guidelines and Roads Response Plans, with Roads section delivering a full range of services.

**CLIMATE ADAPTATION WORKS 2021**



**Barnane, Templemore Project**



**Moyglass Community Centre**



**Kylebeg, Carney, Nenagh**



Anglers Rest, Annagh, Birr



Clashnasmut Bridge, Ahenny



**ROADS ADMINISTRATION**

<b>Admin / Licensing Process During 2021</b>	<b>Number</b>
Roads Abutting Certificates Requested	764
Roads Abutting Certificates Issued	643
Abnormal Loads Permits Requested	193
Abnormal Loads Permits Issued	187
Road Opening Licence applications received	826
FOI requests processed	19
AIE requests processed	0
Internal Roads Abutting Requested	45
Internal Roads Abutting Issued	42
<b>Estates Taken in Charge 2021</b>	
Ash Court, Cahir Road, Clonmel	
Springfield Grove, Rossmore Village, Tipperary Town	
Springfield Crescent (part of), Rossmore Village, Tipperary Town	
Friarsfield, Killenaule Road, Fethard (Phase 1)	
Friarsfield, Killenaule Road, Fethard (Phase 2)	
Meadowlands, Moangarriff, Clonmel	
Cluain Orga, Cashel	
Ard Abhainn, Ballina	
Townspark, Clonmel Road, Cahir	
Bellevue, Coolbawn	



## CLÁR MEASURE 1

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

## ROAD SAFETY

In October, Road Safety Section embraced new technology and held its first ever Road Safety Webinar for Transition Year students. The webinar was timed to coincide with National Road Safety Week which ran from the 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> October. It was geared towards young people who will be learning to drive and obtaining a driving licence in the next couple of years. Fourteen schools participated on the day.

The webinar included presentations by first responders such as Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service, An Garda Síochána and the National Ambulance Service. It also included a talk from a victim of a Road Traffic Collision (RTC) who is living with the aftermath of that crash.

Other Road Safety Week activities included advertising in local media and the use of social media to highlight the campaign. The theme of the campaign was "Road Safety is Everyone's Responsibility".

In September, Road Safety Section ran two free Bike Repair Clinics in Templemore and Thurles during National Bike Week. The aim of these clinics was to enable the public to come along and have their bikes checked for safety and road worthiness. Recent media campaigns include Children Crossing the Road and a Back to School Road Safety Campaign which ran in local newspapers and on the Internet.

## PUBLIC LIGHTING

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

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

The Council will continue to avail of external funding where same is available from SEAI, TII and EU funding for energy efficiency projects. TII have allocated funding for the upgrade of street lights to LED on the N52 Nenagh Bypass, N62 in Roscrea, N24 Tipperary (Limerick Road) and N74 at Thomastown.

Tipperary County Council and SSE Airtricity have reviewed all work practices to comply with the working recommendations for dealing with Covid-19 and its related restrictions.

Tipperary County Council has advertised the Public Lighting Maintenance Contract and has completed the tender assessment. The Appointment of the successful contractor is now underway. This contract is for a two-year period with options to extend by two further periods of 12 months each.

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

- **Internet:** [www.airtricitysolutions.com](http://www.airtricitysolutions.com)
- **Phone:** Airtricity Utility Solutions Call Centre – 0818 81 22 20
- **Customer Services, Tipperary County Council - 0818 06 5000**

## **ROAD MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

### **PUBLIC LIGHTING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[www.nweurope.eu/smart-space](http://www.nweurope.eu/smart-space)

SSE Airtricity are installing street lights in the three locations.



Front Row left to right: Cllr. Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council and Cllr. Seamus Hanafin, Cathaoirleach Thurles MD

Back Row left to right: Michael Tierney, Marion O'Neill, Liam Brett and Marcus O'Connor Tipperary County Council

### **THE EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARDS 2021**



The Excellence in Local Government Awards 2021 (ELG Awards), sponsored by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage are held to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by local authorities all over Ireland. The Roads Department was delighted to be shortlisted in the seventeenth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2021 for the project:

- **Interreg North West Europe (NWE) SMART-SPACE Project** in Enhancing the Urban Environment.

This year, the awards were hosted via an online ceremony on Thursday 18 November 2021. Well done to all involved in the project on behalf of Tipperary County Council, Tipperary Energy Agency and project Partners.



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

Tipperary County Council has been shortlisted for the 2021 All Ireland Community and Council Awards, the awards ceremony has been postponed until April 2022. The Interreg North West Europe (NWE) SMART-SPACE Project has been shortlisted in the Best Energy Smart Initiative. Tipperary has also been shortlisted for the Imagine – High Speed Broadband in the same category.

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

### **HEDGE CUTTING**

The 2021/2022 Hedgecutting Season commenced on 1 September 2021 and runs through to 28 February 2022. 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 ensured 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 2021 and continue throughout the hedge-cutting season. Our District offices will be carrying out local inspections and notices will be issued as necessary to relevant landowners.

Regulations 49 and 50 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 make it an offence to plant, disperse, allow dispersal or cause the spread of invasive plant species. Further information regarding the control and management of invasive plant species can be found on [www.invasivespeciesireland.com](http://www.invasivespeciesireland.com)

### **ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME 2021**



“Active Travel is defined as travelling with a purpose using your own energy”. Generally, this means walking (including all users of footpaths) or cycling as part of a purposeful journey.

In March 2021, the NTA allocated €4.6m to fund a number of active travel projects within the Tipperary County Council area.

Throughout the year with new projects coming onboard and project allocation increases the original

allocation has significantly increased.

Project Code	Project Name	2021 Allocation
TCC/21/0002	Irishtown Walking and Cycling Route, Clonmel	€60,000
TCC/21/0003	Coleville Road Footpath Improvement Scheme	€310,000
TCC/21/0004	Abbey Rd to Marfield Footpath Improvement Scheme	€400,000
TCC/21/0005	N52 Footpath/Cycle track Lighting Scheme	€250,000
TCC/21/0006	New/Improved Pedestrian & Cycle Schemes	€491,000
TCC/21/0007	New Footpaths Package A	€578,000
TCC/21/0008	New Footpaths Package B	€546,000
TCC/21/0009	New Footpaths Package C	€500,000
TCC/21/0010	New Footpaths Package D	€640,000
TCC/21/0011	Footpath Improvements Package A	€626,640
TCC/21/0012	Footpath Improvements Package B	€462,375
TCC/21/0013	2020 COVID Programme - Contractual Liability	€204,965
TCC/21/0014	Light Segregation Cycle Schemes	€200,000
TCC/21/0015	Low Cost Junction Tightening/Pedestrian Crossing Schemes	€200,000
TCC/21/0016	Low-Cost Permeability Measures	€100,000
TCC/21/0017	Safe to Schools Programme - Support Infrastructure	€100,000
TCC/21/0018	Transport Studies / Mobility Plans	€100,000
TCC/21/0020	Fethard Walkway	€276,112

Extract from NTA Allocation 2021

**Completed Active Travel Projects** (before & after pictures)

**Kilcash Footpath Scheme:** This project aimed to deliver improved footpath connectivity between residential areas and the national primary school within Kilcash Village.



**Portroe Footpath Scheme:** This scheme provided a new footpath extension from the national primary school to connect with the existing footpath on the north side of the R493. The new footpath provides a safe link for school children walking to school and will also reduce speed in the village.



**Newport Footpath Scheme:** This scheme provided a footpath link from Newport town centre to the new town park and extended onwards as part of the Custom Gap Loop walk. The projects provided for 322 metres of footpath including drainage and street lighting.



**Upperchurch Footpath Scheme:** A safe route to school was created by providing a footpath and pedestrian crossing to facilitate safer access for children to their local primary school in Upperchurch.





**Ballagh Footpath Improvement Scheme:** The existing footpaths network within Ballagh Village were upgraded to improve the connectivity to the main service centres within the Village.



**Cloneen Village Footpath Scheme:** A safe walking route was created to Cloneen Village by extending the footpath on R692 eastwards from the village.



**Benamore Footpath Scheme:** Connection of two footpaths to complete orbital walking route.



**Suir Walk & Cycle Path:** Extension of existing walkway and installation of a cycle path adjacent to the River Suir.



**Castleiney Footpath Scheme:** A safe route to school was created by providing a footpath and pedestrian crossing to facilitate safer access for children to their local primary school in Castleiney.



**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE**

New Policy/Strategic Issues			
Policy Changes/Up-Date	Current status	Progression in Previous Months	Next Stage
<b>County Development Plan 2022-2028</b>	Commenced	The Draft County Development Plan was considered at the July 16 <sup>th</sup> Plenary Council meeting whereby the Elected Members agreed by resolution to put the draft Plan on public display subject to amendments.	The Draft Plan was on public display for the period 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021. 615 submissions were received. A Chief Executive's report on the submissions received is currently being prepared and will be circulated to the elected members in January 2022, with the view to holding a series of Workshops in February and March. Material amendments to the Draft Plan will then be advertised for a further period of public consultation.

**National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)**

Project	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage
<b>Tipperary Town Regeneration</b>	<p><b>Market Yard</b> - Detailed Designs completed. Contractor appointed for the construction stage. Works commenced on 21<sup>st</sup>. June, 2021.</p> <p><b>River Ara Walkway</b> – Design team appointed and detailed designs completed. Final Business Case to proceed to implementation stage approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Construction of the bridge is completed.</p>	<p><b>Market Yard</b> – Completed.</p> <p><b>River Ara Walkway</b> – Complete purchase of the land required. Appoint contractor. Works to commence in June, 2022. River works to be completed between July and September in compliance with decision issued by An Bórd Pleanála.</p>
<b>Fethard Town Park</b>	(i) Phase 1 Groundworks and pitches are in progress. (ii) Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works- Scope of works reduced following a review of the Final Business Case by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Redesigning, retendering and assessment of tenders completed. Final Business Case resubmitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development on 15 <sup>th</sup> . November, 2021.	(i) Complete Phase 1 Groundworks and Pitches by year end. (ii) Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works – Appoint contractor on receipt of approval from the Department of Rural and Community Development. Construction duration is 12 months.



**Templemore Town Hall Cultural and Enterprise Centre with Civic Plaza** Design team appointed. Consultative group established with ongoing meetings. Detailed designs completed. Stage 1 Restricted Procedure to assess suitability of contractors completed. Main works tender documents being prepared.

Present detailed designs to consultative group. Finalise tender documents and issue to prequalified tenderers under Stage 2 Restricted Procedure mid-December. Assess tenders received and compile Final Business Case for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development. Commence works circa February, 2022.

**Thurles Market Quarter - Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers** Part 8 completed. Verification and Due Diligence Phase completed. Approval in Principle issued by the Department of Rural and Community Development together with additional funding of €549,270. Meetings held with Mary Immaculate College and Thurles Farmers Market. Tender Documents for the engagement of a design team being prepared.

Compile Pre-Tender Approval Report for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development. Complete tender documentation for the engagement of a design team and advertise for tenders on e-Tenders. Appoint design team circa January, 2022.

**Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan** Steering Group and Implementation Group established with ongoing meetings being held. Design team appointed. Site visits undertaken. Significant input from public to questionnaire advertised online. Stakeholder consultations are ongoing. Four concepts developed and three chosen to market test.

Red C to complete market research on three concepts chosen. Findings of market research expected back in December which will inform the next steps. Presentation on project to be delivered to the Nenagh MD Members in December. Detailed designs and Part 8 Planning to be completed by August, 2022.

**Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan-A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter** Design team appointed. Dedicated website in place and continuously updated. Preliminary design stage completed with significant engagement and input from the public. Part 8 Planning completed.

Commence detailed designs and complete by end December, 2021.



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

**Cahir Market House Business Centre:** – Part 8 Planning approved. Design team appointed. Preliminary Designs completed. Detailed designs completed.  
**Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and Car Park:** - Design team appointed. Pre-Planning consultation completed. Workshop held with Members and preferred design agreed. Part 8 Planning commenced. Purchase of two sites for the proposed car park is completed.

**Cahir Market House Business Centre:** – Review detailed designs submitted.

**Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and Car Park:** - Complete Part 8 Planning in January, 2022. Complete detailed designs by end of February, 2022.

**Kilsheelan - Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing & Low Carbon Planning**

Verification and Due Diligence Phase completed. Approval in Principle issued by the Department of Rural and Community Development together with additional funding of €51,896. Tender documents for the engagement of a design team completed and request for tenders advertised on e-Tenders. Working Group established to develop a Serviced Sites Scheme for the sale of the sites.

Progress the development of a Serviced Sites Scheme. Appoint design team. Prepare detailed designs. Prepare tender documentation for the engagement of a works contractor. Anticipate commencement of works contract Q3 of 2022.

**National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)**

Project	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage
<b>Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme-Phase 1 and Phase 2</b>	<p><b>Phase 1:</b> -New Car Park off Liberty Square completed. Works are substantially completed on the South side of Liberty Square from Barry’s Castle to Executive Menswear. Works are progressing well on the North side from Stakelum Fashions to the AIB.</p> <p><b>Phase 2:</b> -<b>Western end of the Square and approach roads.</b> Scheme extents drawing completed. Extensive consultations held with other statutory bodies. Topographical Survey, Archaeological Assessment and Heritage Assessment completed.</p>	<p><b>Phase 1:</b> - Substantial completion of Phase 1 works mid-December.</p> <p><b>Phase 2:</b> - <b>Western end of the Square and approach roads</b> Complete Tree Survey and AA Screening. Procure consultant to prepare Part 8 drawings. Complete preliminary design drawings by end December, 2021. Commence Part 8 Planning January, and complete by May, 2022. Procure for design team and appoint design team circa March, 2022.</p>
<b>Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration</b>	<p><b>Regional Sports Hub</b> – Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Contractor appointed and works began on site mid-August, 2021.</p> <p><b>Kickham Barracks Phase 1</b> - Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Car park completed. Contractor appointed for the plaza and public realm. Works commenced on site 10<sup>th</sup>. June, 2021.</p>	<p><b>Regional Sports Hub</b> – Complete construction phase. Programme duration is approximately 12 months.</p> <p><b>Kickham Barracks Phase 1</b> – Complete construction phase. Programme duration is approximately 12 months.</p>
<b>A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of</b>	<p>Project Deliverables Review Meeting held May, 2021. Project Steering Group meetings and District Delivery Group meetings are ongoing. Provisional Approval issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 25<sup>th</sup>. August, 2021. Project Financial Tables completed following in-depth review of costings and returned to</p>	<p>Project Action Plan Meeting taking place with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Enterprise Ireland to make a presentation to the Project Steering Group on possible EU funding opportunities on 6<sup>th</sup>. December. Review and update Preliminary Business Case and submit to the</p>

**Nenagh Town Centre**

the Department in September, 2021. Consultant procured and appointed to review and update the Preliminary Business Case. Project Charter completed. Quotes sought to engage consultant to prepare tender documents for the appointment of a design team. Working Group established to develop a Communications Strategy. Process commenced for acquisition of the site.

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Prepare tender documents, advertise for tenders and appoint design team by end of Q1 2022. Progress acquisition of the site.

**PLANNING SECTION**

**County Development Plan**

The Pre-Draft 'Shaping Our Future' consultation stage ran from 18<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020. 190 submissions were received during the public consultation period, and were summarised and considered by the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions was issued to the Elected Members for their consideration on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. A Workshop with the Elected Members was held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The Chief Executive's Report was considered at the March 8<sup>th</sup> Plenary Council Meeting whereby the Elected Members issued directions to the Chief Executive regarding the content of the draft Plan. The Draft Plan was issued to the Elected Members for their consideration on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. 13 Workshops with the Elected Members were held over June and July 2021 to discuss the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan was considered at the July 16<sup>th</sup> Plenary Council meeting whereby the Elected Members agreed by resolution to put the Draft Plan on public display subject to amendments. The Draft Plan was on public display for the period 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021. 615 submissions were received. The Draft Plan was on public display for the period 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021. 615 submissions were received. A Chief Executive's report on the submissions received is currently being prepared and will be circulated to the elected members in January 2022, with the view to holding a series of Workshops in February and March. Material amendments to the Draft Plan will then be advertised for a further period of public consultation.



A dedicated website is available on the Council planning website; this can be accessed at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/cdp> and will remain available as a key source of information over the two-year process of plan-making. The Draft Plan may be viewed on this website as well as at the Planning Offices, MD Offices and the libraries. In addition, the planning section dedicated Twitter page **@planningtipp** will be constantly updated.

### Killaloe-Ballina Enhancement and Mobility Plan

In November 2021, at the respective municipal district meetings of the Killaloe and Nenagh, the members of Clare County Council and Tipperary County Council agreed to endorse the publication of the Killaloe Ballina Town Enhancement and Mobility Plan. Subject to the statutory periods for environmental review of the Plan, and review by the Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Plan will have effect in January 2022.

The endorsement of the Plan is the culmination of a number of years of developing the Plan by the Tipperary and Clare County Councils, elected members, local amenity groups, and local residents and businesses. The Plan will facilitate a coordinated approach to public realm enhancements within Killaloe and Ballina, providing a clear vision for Killaloe and Ballina as linked settlements, and create an overall focus on their joint strengths and opportunities in terms of functionality, aesthetics and the changing transport and mobility profile of the towns as a result of the future Killaloe Bypass and Shannon Bridge crossing.

### 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.

**Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1**- Works on the car park were completed in December, 2020. The main works contract commenced in June, 2021 and programme duration is 12 months.

**Clonmel Regional Sports Hub** – Works commenced on site mid-August, 2021 and programme duration is 12 months.

The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are € 15,163,247 and URDF grant awarded is €10,594,961.**

**Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles** seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. **Phase 1:** -The new Car Park off Liberty Square opened on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020. Works are substantially



completed on the Southern side and progressing well on the Northern side of Liberty Square. Expected substantial completion of Phase 1 by mid-December, 2021. **Phase 2:** - Prepare Part 8 drawings. Commence Part 8 Planning in January and complete by May, 2022. Appoint design team circa March, 2022.

The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.

**Total project costs approved are €10,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €5,390,291.**

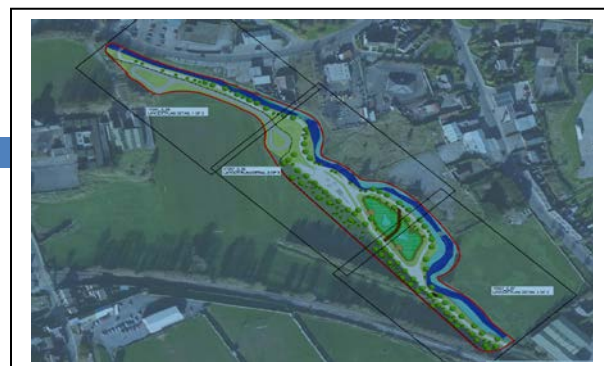
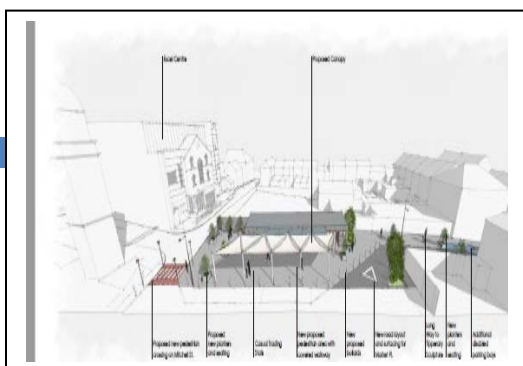
**A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh:**

The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr’s Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development, to new cutting-edge research on technologies, to incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland’s first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include Public Realm and Amenity Enhancement to Friar Street Civic Plaza, Martyr’s Road Town Park, Martyr’s Road streetscape improvements, including cycleways. Project was approved for funding in March, 2021. Provisional Approval received from the Department on 25<sup>th</sup>. August, 2021. Preliminary Business Case to be updated and reviewed for submission to the Department.

**Total project costs approved are €12,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €9,525,000.**



**Tipperary Town Regeneration** - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It will include an upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area, linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre and, an 800 metre walkway along the River Ara, including two loop walks. **Market Yard** –Works were completed in October, 2021 and officially opened by Minister Heather Humphreys in November, 2021. **River Ara Walkway** –Bridge has been installed. Construction works will commence in June, 2022 to take account of decision issued by An Bórd Pleanála in regard to river works. **Total project costs approved are €1,442,018 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,081,513.00.**





### 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. Final design for project completed.

**Phase 1 - Groundworks and pitches** recommenced in May, 2021 following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions and will be completed by year end. **Phase 2 – Pavilion and Public Realm Works –**

Contractor to be appointed on receipt of approval from the Department of Rural & Community Development. Programme duration is 12 months. **Total project costs approved are €5,094,969 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,600,000.**



### Templemore Town Hall Cultural and Enterprise Centre with Civic Plaza

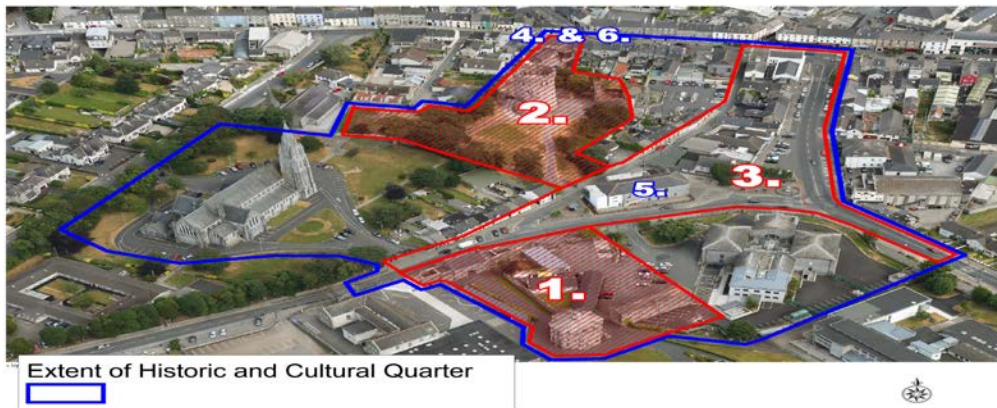
The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Detailed designs completed. Tendering process is being progressed for the appointment of a contractor for the construction stage. Final Business Case to be compiled for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development. Works expected to commence circa February, 2022. **Total project costs approved are €2,810,000 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,107,500.**



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

A Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within a context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. Design team in place. Questionnaire advertised online for the public to have their say with a significant response received. Three concepts chosen are currently being market tested by Red C and the findings will inform the design. Detailed designs and Part 8 Planning will be completed by August, 2022.

**Total project costs approved are €896,712 and RRDF grant amounts to €672,534.**



### Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan ‘A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter’

Plan for the town, through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions, to build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (west) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter (east) and thereby regenerate the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. Design team appointed December, 2020. Preliminary design stage completed with significant input from the public. Part 8 Planning approved in November, 2021. Detailed designs will be completed by end December, 2021. **Total project costs approved are €487,500 and RRDF grant amounts to €365,625.**



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

A suite of measures that will re-vitalise Cahir's historic Square as a living-working quarter. The project will provide a dynamic town centre Square with a focus on pedestrian priority and civic space. The re-development will be focused around Market House, a flagship Business Development Centre based in one of the most historic buildings on the Square.

**Cahir Market House Business Centre:** –Part 8 Planning completed. Detailed designs completed.

**Cahir Town Centre Public Realm:** - Purchase of two opportunity sites is completed. Part 8 Planning will be completed in January, 2022 with detailed designs completed in February, 2022.

**Total project costs approved are €951,354 and RRDF grant amounts to €663,362.**



### **Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration through Recreation, Education and support for Local Producers**

is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion's Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated market space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers; will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors while also acting as a base for the MIC Students' Union. Project was awarded RRDF Funding in April, 2021. Approval in Principle issued by the Department of Rural and Community Development in October, 2021. Pre-Tender Approval Report currently being compiled for submission to the Department. **Total project costs are €3,825,700 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,443,130.**



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

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



The guidelines include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be model for serviced site developments across the country and an initiative to revitalise villages in Tipperary and across the country. The scheme was subject to a Part 8 process, approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. Project was awarded RRDF funding in April, 2021. Approval in Principle issued by the Department of Rural and Community Development in October, 2021. Pre-Tender Approval Report submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development on 22<sup>nd</sup>. November, 2021. **Total project costs are €670,833 and RRDF grant amounts to €603,750.**

### Rural Regeneration and Development Fund – Third Call Category 2 Projects

Three applications have been submitted under the Third Call for Category 2 projects for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The closing date for submission of applications was 30<sup>th</sup>. July, 2021 and details are as follows: -



#### Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh

Tipperary County Council is seeking funding to prepare detailed designs for the adaptive re-use of a former cinema and outline masterplan for redevelopment of the adjacent brownfield site at Banba Square, Nenagh. The Hub would 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. It will build on the development of the **Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter** Project and will deliver a 4<sup>th</sup> pillar in the centre of the town. 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 from dereliction. The project value is **€1,431,059** and grant funding of **€1,144,847** is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

### Tipperary Town Revitalisation - Phase 1

This project is a collaboration between the public, education and community sectors and seeks to develop three interconnected elements for the revitalisation of Tipperary Town through conservation of the built heritage, social inclusion, recreation, further education, training and tourism. Funding is sought to undertake detailed designs of the three interconnected elements namely (i) renovation, extension and fit out of Dan Breen House into a youth services and further education and training centre (ii) renovation and upgrade of Canon Hayes Recreation Centre into a fit for purpose sport and recreation facility and (iii) the development of an equine and sporting tourism attraction at Tipperary Racecourse. This is regarded as a priority project for the regeneration of the town through addressing high unemployment and social exclusion and enhancing the attractiveness of Tipperary town as a place to live, work and visit.



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### Holycross Rural Immersion Centre – Mainistir

This proposal seeks funding for the development of detailed designs for the provision of a multi-purpose state of the art rural immersion centre in the Padre Pio Prayer Garden adjacent to Holycross Abbey. The centre will be developed around four key components-



(i) The Holycross Abbey Experience – Interpreting the story of Holycross Abbey and the monks; (ii) Rural Experiences Orientation Hub – A focal point for rural tourism and outdoor experiences (iii) Rural Producers Showcase – A focal point and retail experience for quality rural artisan food and craft produce; (iv) Rural Knowledge Event Space – A space for rural knowledge sharing and collaboration. The proposed centre will deliver a new immersive rural and community visitor experience which will stimulate tourism growth through the attraction of visitors to the

village and wider geography of the area thereby supporting rural revitalization and economic development.

Total project cost is €1,333,190 and grant funding of €1,065,552 is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

### Conservation Grant Schemes 2021

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021** 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.

Tipperary County Council had 32 applications for funding under the BHIS. Following review by our Consultant Conservation Architect 16 Applications were nominated to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. Works on the approved projects were complete and inspected in early

November. The payments were made to the approved applicants on the 24<sup>th</sup> November and the following is the final list of supported projects;

• Croke Street, Thurles	€3,000
• Old Parochial House, Borrisokane	€8,500
• Southpark, Rahinane, Ballingarry	€4,800
• The Old Convent, Clogheen	€8,500
• Knockkelly Castle, Fethard	€9,000
• Former AIB, Templemore	€2,500
• St Pauls Church, Cahir	€9,000
• Glenleigh House, Clogheen	€9,000
• Garden Cottage, Patrickwell, Clonmel	€9,000
• Milford House, Borrisokane	€9,000
• St Marys Church, Thurles	€5,000
• Corabella House, Newcastle	€2,500
• St Marys, Clonmel	€15,000

The **Historic Structure Fund 2021** 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.

Tipperary County Council received 14 applications under the HSF and following review by our Consultant Conservation Architect 6 of these projects were recommended for funding to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Having assessed the projects the Department chose to financially support 4 projects. The four projects are;

- Burke Street, Fethard – awarded €50,000.
- Tipperary Town Court House – awarded €50,000.
- DW Parkes Chemist, 23 Gladstone Street, Clonmel- awarded €40,000.
- Vernacular Structure at Peahill, Ballylooby awarded €10,000.

Inspections took place in early November and works were complete on all projects except the Tipperary Courthouse. This was delayed due to the appointment of a contractor but works have now commenced. The grants were paid on the 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Applications for both the BHIS 2022 & HSF 2022 will open from the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and remain open until late January 2022. Any queries on the scheme can be directed to Fergal Condon, Staff Officer, Planning, Clonmel.

### Town Walls

Works complete for 2020/21 in Carrick on Suir and a presentation on Carrick on Suir was given by TCC at the AGM and launch of the 2021 Funding programme by the Heritage Council. Works in Cashel were completed in June 2021. These works were funded by the HSE and located at the General Hospital, Cashel, project management services were provided by Tipperary County Council.



Figure 1: Works complete at Carrick on Suir

### Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/21 to 31/10/21

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	No. of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	227	224	3	4	0
Housing Development	33	27	6	6	0
NIA/EIA	6	6	0	1	1
Other Applications	735	717	18	14	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1001</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>

### Enforcement Proceedings

There were 179 complaints received from the 1<sup>st</sup> January to the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. During this period 105 Warning Letters and 19 Enforcement Notices were issued.

### Taking in Charge: Estates

Being processed	Taken in Charge in 2021	Advertised	New applications 2021
61	10	1	12

#### OPR Pilot Programme – Review of Tipperary Co. Council’s Systems & Procedures

The Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) was established in 2019 for a number of purposes including independently overseeing the delivery by planning authorities of planning services to the public. The OPR has recently commenced a programme of reviews of planning authorities on a national scale, that will take place over a six-year cycle.

Tipperary County Council recognised the benefits of such a review of its current planning functions and the opportunity to future proof its service delivery, so the Council’s Planning Department sought to be included in the pilot phase of the review programme.

The OPR published their review report in September 2021. The report acknowledged that the Council’s planning service is operating effectively with robust systems and procedures in place to deliver statutory planning functions. The independent review found that the planning department has many considerable strengths and it can reinforce and enhance that strong competency base by implementing the various recommendations proposed in the report. To ensure that the benefits and opportunities of the review report are realised, Tipperary County Council is committed to developing a robust Implementation Plan through the establishment of a cross-directorate working group together with positive engagement with the OPR and other national bodies to fully implement the findings and recommendations of this first review report by the OPR.

#### 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 been selected as one of the pilot Authorities for e-planning. During 2021 the following works have been completed in preparation for e-planning, webinar has been held with agents, full UAT (User Acceptability Testing) testing has commenced on the production platform, faults have been addressed and the national document categorisations have been completed. We have liaised with Galway County Council to assist them with pilot project. The prescribed bodies have been engaged with regarding planning applications to inform them of the implications for e-planning. In addition, Tipperary County Council and the LGMA have worked with the software developers and significant development works (phase 1 & 2) have been undertaken. It is envisioned that eplan will go to live pilot (where planning applications can be lodged online and all subsequent correspondence to the applicant/agent will be electronic.) before the end of 2021.

#### Planning & Emergency Services SPC

Four meetings of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC have been held this year. At the first meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 a presentation was given on the role of Civil Defence and Fire Services gave a presentation on the Dangerous Substances Regulations and their role in implementing them.

At the second meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Clifford Guest, Limerick Institute of Technology gave a presentation on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and highlighted that at local level LIT Tipperary has a strong track record and commitment to Sustainable Development. Nuala O’Connell, Acting Senior Planner also gave a brief overview of the recent Circular issued by the Department of Housing, Local





Government and Heritage on Residential Densities in Towns and Villages, as set out in Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Development in Urban Areas (2009). Eamon Lonergan, Acting Director of Services advised the meeting of the imminent launch of the Draft County Development Plan and that a number of workshops would be held with the Elected Members in June & July.

At the third meeting on 21st September 2021 an update was given on the public consultation stage of the Draft County Development Plan. Marie Ryan, Senior Executive Planner gave a presentation on the recently published 'Housing for All – a new Housing Plan for Ireland' and its implications for Planning. The fourth and final meeting for the year was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 and included a further update on the public consultation stage of the County Development Plan together with a planning legislation update. Denis Holland, Senior Engineer, Water Services also gave a presentation on Water Services and Planning.

## 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 both the SE and MW regional steering groups.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Final workshop with supplier and delivery of the system – expect to complete in Q1 2022 subject to covid restrictions.</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 2021 reaching Dept. guideline targets</p>
Health & Safety	<p>Ongoing evaluation of all work practices with regard to the Covid-19 situation</p> <p>Training Centre, including HYDRA Suite remain fully operational in Clonmel</p> <p>-----</p>	
Fire Safety	<p>Delivery of those elements of our annual strategic plan which can be delivered through the various stages of this Covid-19 emergency.</p>	<p>Prepare for completion of targets set out in 2021 annual plan.</p> <p>Liaise with schools to assess if a restart of the primary schools programme is feasible in Q1 2022.</p>



<b>CURRENT PROJECTS</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Progress in Previous Month</b>	<b>Next Stage</b>
Templemore Fire Station	Works completed.	Arrange official opening – invite has issued to Minister.
Cashel Fire Station	Shortlisting completed for new tender and final tendering process underway.	9 Contractors shortlisted and invited to submit costed tenders – tendering process due to finish in Jan 2022
Roscrea Fire Station	Improvement works included in Department allocation.	Seek department approval to appoint design team – application currently with Department.
New appliances	Final design meeting held with Emergency One and TFRS	Signed contracts have been exchanged with Emergency One UK Ltd – significant delay (6-9 months) on delivery of the chassis to the supplier

<b>ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES</b>	<b>To 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>
<b>Number of Emergency Calls Attended</b>	<b>1295</b>
<b>Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Number of Commencement Notices Received</b>	<b>446</b>

**HYDRA Suite – Clonmel Training & Development Centre**

On 15<sup>th</sup> November last Tipperary County Council sign a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with The Department of Housing, Local Government and Housing designating the HYDRA Suite in Clonmel Fire Training & Development Centre as the first ‘*Centre for National Training*’ in the Irish fire service. This represents the first time that a training centre in the Irish Fire Services has received such a designation and represents a very significant vote of confidence in the centre. The SLA identifies the HYDRA Suite in Clonmel as the hub for the delivery of Command and Control training to all officers in the service.

Under the SLA the Centre is tasked with developing and delivering training aimed at improving the decision making skills of fire service officers in crisis situations. The SLA also provide for TCC to have its identified costs recouped to it which will include for the recruitment of an additional member of staff in the centre.





#### Signing of the SLA


**L:R – Brian Beck, A/Director of Services, Mary Hurley, Asst. Secretary Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Sean Hogan, National Director NDFEM**


## Tipperary Civil Defence

Activities	COVID -19 Response
<b>Response</b>	Tipperary Civil Defence is continuing to provide support to the HSE in the fight against COVID 19. The demand for the help of Civil Defence volunteers has increased dramatically in the last 2 months, and is now similar to the response given in the early days of this pandemic.
<b>Patient Transfers and Transport</b>	Civil Defence EMT practitioners continue to provide a limited assistance to the HSE in the transfer patient to attend routine appointment for Chemotherapy and other specialized treatments, and to attend vaccination centres.
<b>Blood Transfusion Service</b>	Volunteers continue to supply Meet and Greet and wellness checks for the Blood donation clinics at various location throughout the county.

<b>Vaccination Centre Response</b>	<p>Volunteers have since April 2021 aided the HSE with Meet and Greet and post vaccination observation in vaccination centers. Volunteers have been outstanding in their response to this activity request.</p> 
<b>COVID Test Centres</b>	<p>Members have been involved in the preparation of test kits for staff on site at the test centres and those being taken off site to nursing homes and factories. In recent weeks volunteers have been repacking approx 4,000 test kits to meet the increasing demand for testing. This has seen 100% increase in response.</p> 

<p>Community Events</p>	<p>As our society begins to open up several request for Community assistance are already coming in. Tipp Civil Defence may assist at such event if suitable volunteer and resources are available.</p> 
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<p><b>Health &amp; Safety</b></p>	
<p>Risk Assessment Review</p>	<p>Civil Defence is currently reviewing all Risk assessments , and has completed the sectional Risk assessments for COVID related activities</p>
<p><b>NSAI Certification</b></p>	<p>Civil Defence has retained the NSAI certification in 2020 and is undergoing training in preparation for the migration to the ISO14001 standard in 2022</p> 

<p><b>Funding &amp; Additional Grants</b></p>	
<p>Dormant Account fund</p> 	<p>Early in 2021 Tipperary Civil Defence received the benefit of the Dormant account fund with a grant of €35,000 . This additional grant went toward the replacement of our command and control unit. which is currently in a poor state of repair. A suitable vehicle has been purchased from the grant and additional funding to complete the interior and IT systems necessary for this control vehicle will be sought from the Dept of Department of Defence in 2022.</p> <p>In addition, in November we have been granted a further €20,000 to replace our current K9 vehicle which is now near end of life. A suitable vehicle has been sourced and again will required additional funds for fit out in 2022 which have been agreed by the Dept of Defence</p>  <p>K9 support vehicle 100% grant funded from Dormant Account fund</p>
<p><b>Civil Defence Training</b></p>	<p>Essential training of our volunteers in now progressing. A number of our volunteers attended Off Road and sever weather driver training in Terrafirma</p> <p>Training also continue for our student EMT’s and upskill of A/Cardiac First Responders</p>

## Library Service

### Library Induction Programme



- Twenty-two children from the traveller community completed a six-week induction programme at Cashel library as part of a collaboration between Tipperary County Council Library Service and Tipperary Rural Traveller Project with support from the Dormant Accounts Fund. Over six weeks the children, who all attend the Family Learning Programme under Tipperary Rural Traveller Project, were introduced to the services available at the library. They joined the library, borrowed books, learned how to find books in the library and used the computers. The highlight of the programme was undoubtedly the visit of author OeinDeBhairduin and illustrator Leanne McDonagh. Oein has collected and retold tales rooted in the oral tradition of the Irish Traveller community in a beautiful book entitled 'Why the Moon Travels', which was then illustrated by Leanne. At the end of the project, each child was presented with a certificate of achievement by Mags Casey, Tipperary Rural Traveller Project.
- Staff in Cashel Library organized a series of outdoor events to celebrate Culture Night on 17<sup>th</sup> September. Events held included a drumming

workshop, poetry recitals and an Irish Dancing display



- Cashel Library organised a series of online author visits as part of the Children's Book Festival. Authors including Shane Hegarty, Nicola Pearce and Sarah McIntyre held zoom book readings which were broadcast directly to local schools.

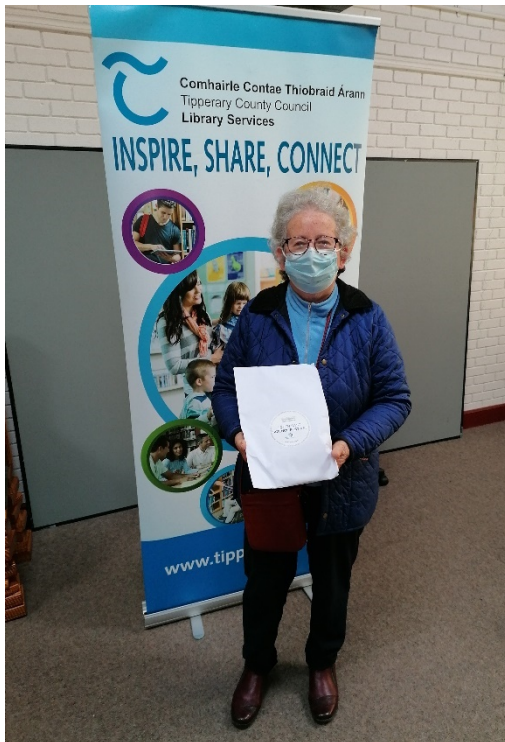


- A record number of children (285) signed up to the Clonmel Library Summer Stars reading programme in 2021. This culminated in a visit by Cathaoirleach, Cllr Marie Murphy, and Deputy Mayor, Clonmel BD,



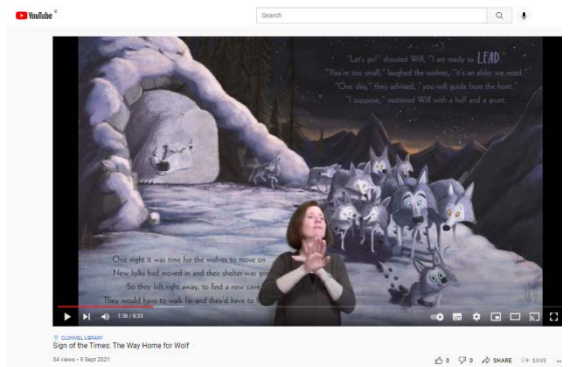
John Fitzgerald to Clonmel Library on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September to present the children with their certificate and medal.

- Clonmel Library organised a series of online author visits as part of the Children’s Book Festival. Shane Hegarty gave an online reading at Saint Mary’s Parochial School on 5<sup>th</sup> October, Nicola Pierce was online at Presentation Primary and Sisters on 13<sup>th</sup> October, Sadhbh Devlin was online in Gaelscoil Chluan Meala on 19<sup>th</sup> October and Paul Howard and Gordon Darcy were online in Grange NS, Rathkeevin NS and Powerstown NS on 21<sup>st</sup> October.



- Clonmel Library provided a comprehensive programme of outreach events as part of Science Week 2021. Thirty sets of winter planting bulbs were distributed to older people in the community. Over two hundred and ten STEM animation kits were provided to the primary schools in Clonmel. Library staff prepared a Science Week Quiz and experiments video that was

circulated to the primary schools in Clonmel.



- On the 29<sup>th</sup> of November the libraries *Sign of the Times* initiative was launched at Tankerstown NS. This project aims to raise public awareness of Irish Sign Language (ISL). This was achieved by creating a series of Irish Sign Language children’s stories available through the libraries’ website and social media channels. The stories were signed by Mary Kiely (Special Needs Assistant Midwest Deaf School Limerick). Her experience and advice were invaluable in delivering this project. The stories were filmed in Clonmel Library and voiced by the library staff. The stories are available at <https://www.tipperarylibraries.ie/sign-of-the-times/> Plans are already well underway for the next series Sign of the Times videos.



- Over 279 children signed up to the Thurles Library Summer Stars reading programme in 2021. This culminated in a visit by Cllr. Jim Ryan to Thurles Library on the

25<sup>th</sup> September to present the children with their certificate and medal.



- Staff in Thurles Library prepared and distributed 70 Planet Activity packs to celebrate Space Week in conjunction with the Science Foundation of Ireland



- Thurles Library commenced a book bingo reading initiative in November. Children are invited to collect a book bingo card and complete a line of four reading tasks in a vertical, horizontal or diagonal row. Once they complete the task, they can then exchange the completed card for a prize.
- Thurles Library organised a series of online author visits as part of the

Children’s Book Festival. Sarah Webb gave an online reading at Presentation Primary school, Thurles on 8<sup>th</sup> October, Sadhbh Devlin was online at GaelscoilBhríde, Thurles on 18<sup>th</sup> October and Anna Carey was online in ScoilNaomhCualán, Borrisoleigh on 19<sup>th</sup> October



- Nenagh Library launched an online monthly newsletter in October. This can be accessed at [www.tipperarylibraries.ie/nenagh-library-newsletter/](http://www.tipperarylibraries.ie/nenagh-library-newsletter/)



- Staff in Nenagh Library prepared and distributed 75 Halloween themed craft bags in October.
- Nenagh Library continues to hold an online weekly storytime which can be accessed via the Library Facebook page.
- Nenagh Library held a weekly online toddler storytime during

November which was broadcast through Facebook Live.



- Staff in Tipperary Town Library organised a series of outdoor events using the open-ended archway of the Excel Theatre, for Culture Night on 17<sup>th</sup> September. These included a visit from Michelle Tobin, Niamh Quinn McIlveney and Natasha A. O'Keeffe who spoke about their Avondale Alfie book series which is set in Tipperary Town. They read from their first two books and Niamh discussed the art of graphic design and illustration with the children. Following this, Dee

Morrissey and her band, “Stetsons &Stiletto” played to an audience of 50 people who enjoyed a wide range of country, Irish and easy listening.

- Tipperary Town Library organised a series of online author visits as part of the Children’s Book Festival. Shane Hegarty gave an online reading at Monard National School on 5<sup>th</sup> October, Nicola Pierce was online at Monastery National School on 12<sup>th</sup> October, Sadhbh Devlin was online in Hollyford N.S and Gaelscoil Thiobraid Árann on 19<sup>th</sup> October.
- Staff in Tipperary Town Library organised Self Care online Zoom talk by Tipperary-based counsellor Majella Kennedy on 9<sup>th</sup> November.
- Carrick-on-Suir Library distributed free Hyacinth bulbs to celebrate Science Week in Carrick-on-Suir Library. Accompanying the bulbs were instructions on growing for both indoors in a pot or for outdoors planted out and for looking after the flowers as they bloom, announcing the arrival of Spring. This initiative was a Science Week project which was run in partnership with CALMAST, WIT.
- Roscrea Library organised a series of online author visits as part of the Children’s Book Festival. Alan Nolan and Sarah Webb gave online readings at Corville National School, Scoil Eoin Naofa and St Cronan's National School on 5<sup>th</sup> October, Nicola Pierce was online at Dromakeenan National School and Sacred Heart Primary School on 11<sup>th</sup> October and Anna Carey was

online in Corville National School on 19<sup>th</sup> October.



Photos from Corville NS's post in Timeline Photos

### Tipperary Studies

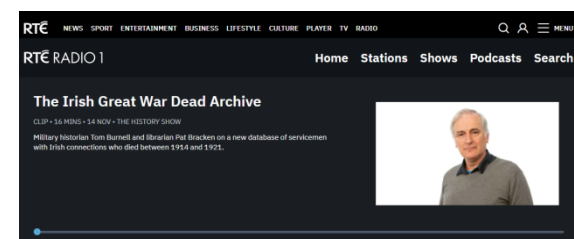
- Tipperary Studies acquired a glass plate negative photograph collection in 2021. This collection was subsequently digitised by Library Staff who then uploaded them to the Tipperary Studies Website. The collection of 399 glass plate images is a wonderful visual representation of social and economic life in Munster during the 1930s. The collection is principally one which shows miscellaneous shop fronts, which typified many villages and towns at the time. There are also images of people in front of their own home, many of which remain unidentified. The Co. Tipperary images include Cashel, Thurles and Tipperary. The collection also has images from counties Limerick, Cork and Kerry. This collection can be viewed at

<https://tipperarystudies.ie/images/munster-glass-plates-collection-c-1930s>



- Tipperary Studies launched a new website [www.irelandsgreatwardead.ie](http://www.irelandsgreatwardead.ie) on

Armistice Day (11<sup>th</sup> November) where they now host a database of servicemen and servicewomen who died in the Great War. There are 31,384 entries in the database, the work of military historian Tom Burnell who has spent almost twenty years researching the Great War dead from Ireland. He offered this database of work to Tipperary Studies, to host, so that his research, the genealogical information and records therein would be available to a wider audience. Both Tom Burnell and Pat Bracken, Executive Librarian, featured on [The History Show](#) on RTÉ Radio 1, with Myles Dungan, to talk about the new website in a special Remembrance Sunday episode of the programme. There was also extensive media coverage with articles in the Irish Times and RTE Website. Since the website launched, there have been over 75,000 hits from 59 countries.

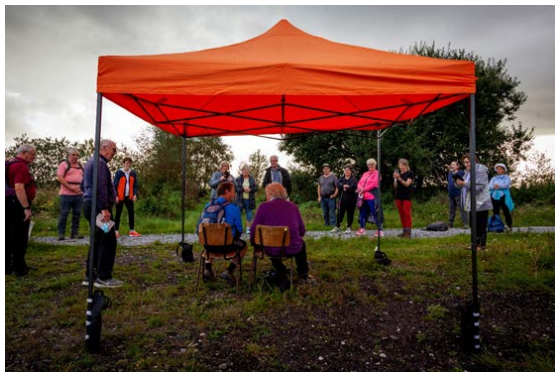


Arts Service

**Culture Night**



Culture Night event - 'Back in the Mood' at Hearn's Hotel, Clonmel.



Culture Night 'Found Links' event at Derrynaflan.



Culture Night event - Artist Eamon Colman's gallery talk at The Source Arts Centre, Thurles during his exhibition 'Into the Mountain'

- Culture Night Tipperary 2021 provided an opportunity to encourage audiences to safely re-engage with the arts and the arts infrastructure locally. Working with our arts partners across the county, Culture Night Tipperary presented a broad range of live and online events throughout the breadth of

the county. Culture Night is seen by the Tipperary Arts Office as an opportunity to support artists in the county, to highlight and showcase the range of creative work taking place in the county, to encourage audiences to connect with their place and to be a catalyst for the development of new conversations. The Tipperary Culture Night 2021 programme presented 44 events across the county, 5 of which were online. We were delighted to facilitate a new approach in Clonmel which saw three organisations come together to plan and present a packed programme of music at a new outdoor venue which extended the audience experience with the support of additional night time economy funding. Our online offer included two new radio plays developed in Carrick on Suir inspired by stories generously shared by nursing home residents recorded remotely during lockdown three. A collaboration of artists presented "Found Links" at Derrynaflan which was a bringing together of traditions in music, print, storytelling and the exploration of our Tipperary landscape through guided walks enhanced by creativity. In total 61 artists and 27 non-artists/curators/technicians were involved in the delivery of Culture Night Tipperary 2021.

**In the Open | Faoin Spéir**

- In the Open | Faoin Spéir is an Arts Council funded programme developed in response to the COVID-19 crisis for 2021 which will see a variety of outdoor arts events taking place in public spaces around Ireland. Each area will have a variety of events appealing to a broad range of audiences and interests which will range from

performances, film, projections, music, street art, trails, spectacle, installations, visual arts, literature, spoken word and much more. Tipperary Arts Office partnered with the South Tipperary Arts Centre and Clonmel Junction Arts Festival to make an application under this exciting programme and were delighted to hear in June that our application had been successful. With an overarching theme of "Come out to Play" this exciting programme located in Clonmel attracts funding of €90,000 from the Arts Council and focuses on making creativity visible through large scale visual arts events, performances, music and theatre with events taking place from October 2021 to April 2022. A taste of the planned approach emerged in August in Clonmel with the installation of "Tread Softy" a newly commissioned mural by Artist Jonathan Lynn on Nelson Street Clonmel to launch the programme. This is an ambitious programme of events for Clonmel which was demonstrated through the transformation of the Parade Grounds in Kickham Barracks into 16<sup>th</sup> Century Paris in October for the first theatre event in this programme.



The Hunchback of Notre Dame, a community musical took place from 26-29 October and was seen by almost 1000 people with over 130

participants between cast, crew and creatives. There was a great response to this magnificent large scale outdoor musical theatre event produced by our programme partners Clonmel Junction Arts Festival.



### Local Live Performance Programming Scheme 2021- Round 1



Clonacody House, Fethard.

- In June 2021, Tipperary Arts Office were notified that their application for funding under the Local Live Performance Programming Scheme was successful with an award of €143,000. As the live performance sector was very adversely affected by

the restrictions due to COVID-19, this scheme was established with the aim of supporting local event management companies to host live events outdoors between July – October 2021. Tipperary Arts Office put out an Open Call to event management/professional production companies for the delivery of services in relation to live outdoor performances to take place in the 5 Municipal Districts of Tipperary. Events took place across all of the five municipal districts providing employment for musicians, crew and creatives and providing audiences with a safe return to events. Through this scheme 213 individuals were employed over 274 days employment over 32 events across the county.



Mundy with special guest Jack Keeshan at Damer House, Roscrea.



Karrie Holmes & Jimmy Smyth with the Irish Chamber Orchestra at Cahir Castle

### Local Live Performance Programming Scheme 2021- Round 2

- A second round of funding was announced in October and we have recently contracted 8 producers through a tender process to deliver events in each of the five districts between November and December under phase two of this scheme attracting an additional €143,000 in funding support from The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

### Artists in Primary School Scheme 2021



Project at Presentation School Carrick-on-Suir with artist Margueritte Kent

- Nine Artist in Primary Schools Scheme projects were approved with Tipperary Artists in 2021. Feedback from schools has indicated that these projects are now more important than ever and there is a marked shift towards applications from smaller rural schools applying to the scheme this year. It is anticipated that 602 students will participate in the 2021 scheme, demonstrating that this scheme supports direct access to the arts for children across a range of artforms and a large geographic area and also provides direct employment for artists. Some of the schools are very small rural schools. The Tipperary

arts strategy identifies an action around data mapping to identify geographic take up of the scheme to inform future arts policy and planning in this area. This work started in 2017 and continues to demonstrate that this scheme is key to delivering on one of our desired outcomes, to achieve a demographic and geographic spread of arts provision across the county.



Tankerstown NS project with artist Philip Quinn completed in early 2021.

- switch 2021 curated by Triona Ryan & Harald Turek and applying itself to the rhythm of smaller places took place from 7-14 November last. Over the last 12 years, 96 video-art works have been shown on the streets of Nenagh. An open call was issued to artists for 2021 with the theme of PLAY which is an invitation to audiences to come out again. switch 2021 was nine works, nine locations, nine artists and one poet. 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.

### switch 2021





## [Heritage Service](#)

### County Heritage Plan Actions Update:

#### Holy Wells Audit:



- Derek Ryan undertook a comprehensive desk top study on Holy Wells in the county. An online survey was also opened on our consultation portal. Mr Ryan consulted all written material, locally and nationally including folklore collections in UCC and UCD, Archaeological reports, newspaper and journals. Following a press and radio campaign he engaged with local history groups and private individuals around the county. The main findings have been included in a searchable database and we are currently working on a Tipperary Holy Wells website that will allow people to search on a map for information relating to their Holy Well. In brief we have established 107 known wells in the county and 17 previously unrecorded wells which will be reported to the National Monuments Service.

#### Raising Awareness Programme:

- This programme supported projects in Tipperary Town, Carrick on Suir, Littleton, Lorrha, Rathkeevin, Ballycahill, and Killenaule, as well as hosting an online 'Know your Locality' Course.

#### Bolton Library Film Project:

- This is a collaborative project between the Heritage Office, Library Service, Glucksman Library and RCB Library. The Bolton Library is the personal library of Bishop Theophilus Bolton which was housed in Cashel until it was transferred to University of Limerick for conservation reasons. UL are keen to maintain a link between the Library and Cashel and hope to have a rotating exhibition of items once a suitable location is found. The film project seeks to tell the story of the collection, its connection to Cashel and explore some of its treasures. The film was delayed due to Covid-19 but filming is due to begin shortly with a launch in late December or early January.

#### National Biodiversity Action Plan

##### Actions:

- Phase 1 of the Wetlands Survey of County was completed in September with 662 sites identified as potential wetland areas. Phase 2 in 2022 will comprise of a fieldwork study to groundtruth the findings and explore protection of these sites and potential projects in relation to biodiversity and climate action.





**Creative Ireland Programme:**

- Final completion took place of many of our projects took place between September and November with an investment of over €145,000 in creative projects in the county.

**Royal Sites Bid**

- The Royal Sites bid team has been contacted by the Department with the recommendations of the Expert Advisory Group that requires further information/work to progress our bid.
- The Steering group is meeting in November to go through the same and will request an early meeting with the Department
- The Tentative List will be announced in March 2022

## Museum Service



- Fáilte Ireland, Tipperary County Council and Kildare County Council launched the Thoroughbred Country Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) on 10<sup>th</sup> November. The Museum will take a lead role on behalf of Tipperary County Council to drive and sustain tourism by developing new and enhanced visitor experiences across the county. The Plan includes a number of innovative and ambitious initiatives to be developed over the course of the plan including the Coolmore experience.
- Visitors continually engaged with the Museum both in person and online. A significant increase in onsite visitor figures was seen during the Halloween period. Numbers rose from 90 -100 per week to 450 per week over 14 days. Families, couples and small family groups were the main visitor profile. The Museum’s advertising roadside banners and our newly developed website and digital programming contributed to this increase, with majority of visitors stating they were informed about the Museum through social media, were encouraged by a local hotelier or saw our roadside banner and decided to visit.

- Halloween Lotions, Potions and Notions** was held on Oct 30<sup>th</sup> in the Civic Offices, Clonmel. There were three speakers, Regina Sexton, Melissa Shiels and Jessica de Burca and they presented on Halloween traditions through the ages which was followed by a lengthy Q&A session. There was a full attendance at this event.



- The Museum’s online Irish Civil War Lecture Series 2021 – 2022 commenced in October with Dr Brian Hanley, Trinity College Dublin giving a lecture entitled **Remembering the revolution**. The November lecture, entitled ‘The Most Hateful Conflict: de Valera’s Civil War’ was given by David McCullagh. Both lecture can be viewed on the Museum website ([www.hiddenhistory.ie](http://www.hiddenhistory.ie)) and the Museum YouTube Channel.
- There has been a significant promotional campaign for the War of Independence exhibition. A large

banner was installed on the gable end wall of the Civic Offices, Clonmel. The Museum also erected twenty four Roadside Banners across towns and villages in Tipperary to promote the Exhibition.



- The Museum in a Box service was officially launched by Cathaoirleach Cllr. Marie Murphy at the Museum on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2021. The Museum in a Box resource is part of the education and engagement work of the Tipperary Museum of Hidden History. Each box brings a museum learning experience to the user, encouraging users to explore the past in a hands-on, empathetic way. The Loan Box is fully booked until Christmas with secondary schools and community groups availing of the service. The Museum has also secured additional funding for the development of a loan box aimed at an older age profile and visually impaired users.



## FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

### Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

	EXPENDITURE				INCOME			NET	
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
<b>A</b> Housing & Building	32,756,567	34,559,408	95%	1,802,841	31,555,899	34,709,748	91%	3,153,849	(1,200,668)
<b>B</b> Road Transport & Safety	51,192,885	59,048,543	87%	7,855,658	37,075,214	41,786,965	89%	4,711,751	(14,117,670)
<b>C</b> Water Services	11,539,947	14,885,125	78%	3,345,178	10,824,524	14,444,814	75%	3,620,290	(715,423)
<b>D</b> Development Management	13,546,477	14,611,039	93%	1,064,562	6,757,272	5,451,283	124%	(1,305,989)	(6,789,205)
<b>E</b> Environmental Services	23,250,102	29,570,114	79%	6,320,012	9,463,881	12,402,770	76%	2,938,889	(13,786,222)
<b>F</b> Recreation & Amenity	11,220,486	13,813,198	81%	2,592,712	1,836,152	2,605,159	70%	769,007	(9,384,334)
<b>G</b> Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,270,104	1,929,188	66%	659,084	887,210	1,272,475	70%	385,265	(382,893)
<b>H</b> Miscellaneous Services	20,666,713	16,486,224	125%	(4,180,489)	13,640,992	9,271,617	147%	(4,369,375)	(7,025,721)
<b>LG</b> Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	22,630,554	27,156,665	83%	4,526,111	22,630,554
<b>RA</b> Rates	0	0	0%	0	29,834,453	35,801,343	83%	5,966,890	29,834,453
<b>Totals</b>	<b>165,443,281</b>	<b>184,902,839</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>19,459,558</b>	<b>164,506,153</b>	<b>184,902,839</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>20,396,686</b>	<b>(937,128)</b>



**Capital Account – Year to Date 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Income</b>
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
<b>A</b> Housing & Building	21,122,021	20,234,657
<b>B</b> Road Transport & Safety	3,982,135	2,988,402
<b>C</b> Water Services	1,925,782	1,922,648
<b>D</b> Development Management	9,579,092	10,691,556
<b>E</b> Environmental Services	1,508,030	1,015,779
<b>F</b> Recreation & Amenity	803,985	389,771
<b>G</b> Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	74,656	65,567
<b>H</b> Miscellaneous Services	2,851,720	1,538,452
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,847,421</b>	<b>38,846,832</b>

\* 2020 Year-end collection rate is as per AFS, and takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the end of October figures.

<b>Collection Rates</b>	<b>YTD 202110</b>	<b>YTD 202010</b>	<b>YTD 202012</b>
<b>Rates</b>	70%**	63%	75%*
<b>Rents</b>	95%	97%	97%
<b>Housing Loans</b>	99%	94%	94%

The year-end collection rate also takes account of Rates Waiver Scheme in the sum of €12.5m.

\*\* October 2021 figure takes account of Rates Waiver of €6.68m.



## COMMERCIAL RATES

Rate Demands for 2021 in the amount of €35,784,108 have issued to all customers.

At time of writing, receipts are €26,625,424 (71% of accrual + arrears - waivers). However, this includes deferred income in 2021 from 2020 in the amount of €3m – this arises where customer accounts were in credit due to the application of the waiver.

## COVID 19 COMMERCIAL RATES WAIVER SCHEME

The 2021 Covid19 Rates Waiver Scheme for Q1, Q2 and Q3 of 2021 has been implemented and the waiver has been applied to the appropriate customer accounts, in the amount of €6,689,654.

A more limited Waiver Scheme has been announced for Q4. This is restricted to certain uses within the Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism categories, and will be administered on rates accounts in the coming weeks.

## SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR COVID (SBASC)

137 applications were received for the Q1 SBASC Scheme. 84 applications were approved to the value of €336,000. 53 applications were rejected.

126 Applications were received for SBASC Q2. At time of writing 80 applications were approved to the value of €287,000. 45 Applications have been rejected.

## EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME FOR COMMERCIAL RATES 2021

Due to the unprecedented impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent economic fallout we have adopted our early payment scheme for Commercial Rates for 2021 as set out below.

- Applies to all ratepayers with an annual rates bill of up to €12,000 for 2021.
- To avail of the Early Payment Reduction of 5%, subject to a maximum of €500 pay your rates in full, (less the reduction under the Waiver Scheme\*) by 30th September 2021.

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.

### 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

No vacancy relief will be granted without a properly completed Application Form, signed and witnessed by a Garda, Commissioner of Oaths or a practising Solicitor, and relevant payment. The Application Form must be accompanied with appropriate evidence of efforts made to let the property, (evidence may include copies of online/newspaper advertisements, Letting Agents brochures, evidence of adequate “To Let” signage, etc), or, if the property is closed for refurbishment, evidence showing that substantial works were carried out during the period of vacancy.

Application Forms should be submitted when period of vacancy has ended, or if property remains vacant, at year end.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

### Web Site and eDevelopment

- Created a newer, more improved and reliable platform for our Council intranet/ document management system.
- Continued to develop and provide support for Stage 2 County Development Plan- Chief Executive Report



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### Business Systems and GIS

#### Planning

- Continued to provide support to the test and pilot infrastructure for National ePlanning Portal.
- Continued process of replacing existing Enforcements system.
- Continued to provide GIS supports for County Development Plan, now near completion.
- Provided weekly updates to planning digitisers.

#### Housing

- Commenced implementation of Choice Based Letting project.
- Provided support to housing to facilitate data cleansing for national housing strategy.

#### CRM

- Upgrade of CRM from 2015 to 2016 continues.
- CRM licencing requirements reviewed and agreed for next number of years.

#### Finance

- SBASC Scheme 1 and SBASC Scheme 2 are now completed and schemes closed.
- Staff have been reissued with Anti-Fraud and Corruption awareness module on eLearning Management System (eLMS).
- Support of business systems, Agresso; Impala; MRM; Reissue security certs when required, etc.

#### Roads

- Maps provided for new salting routes across the county.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party licencing facilitated where required.

#### Corporate/Organisation/HR

- Continued to support phone billing.
- Provided corporate phones and setup on management tools.
- Axial collection catalogue system implemented for Archives and training organised.
- Document management learning module being prepared for implementation on eLMS
- Coordinated IT H&S

#### Other

- Continued to decommission out of support servers and keep services running on supported environments
- Began analysis of our GIS infrastructure in preparation of our migration to new infrastructure next year.

## Networks & Infrastructure

### New Numbering for TCC

- Preparations completed for the implementation of new numbering for TCC.
- Comreg retiring 0761, 1850 and 1890 from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022. TCC went live with new numbering on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2021.

The new number range is as follows:

- CSD 0818 06 5000
- Out of Hours Service 0818 06 5003
- E-Parking/Park Magic 0818 06 5004

DDI Range 052 616xxx will replace 0761 06 xxxx as the new DDI number range.



### Video Conferencing

- Completed rollout of video conferencing facilities in Nenagh and Clonmel Municipal District Chambers
- Completed rollout of new video conferencing facilities in Thurles MDO
- Prepared request for quote for provision of video conferencing facilities in Nenagh and Clonmel main council chambers



- Procured, awarded and commenced implementation of managed security services
- Completed rollout of new wireless network infrastructure to Nenagh, Clonmel Civic Offices, Clonmel Borough, Thurles MDO and Fire Stations,
- Continued with Windows 10 deployment.
- Continued with remote access and home working services support
- Facilitated commissioning of Ballaghveney Landfill site from an IT perspective

### All Teams

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