



Management Report to Council



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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



New Policy/Strategic Issues - Infrastructure SPC meeting held on 7 December 2020

Policy Changes/Updates

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was held on 7 December 2020 and the following items were considered:

- Winter Service Plan - presentation by James Murray, A/Senior Engineer
- Policy discussion – Use of ‘Sulkies’ on Public Roads
- Policy being developed – Provision of Disabled Parking Spaces
- Next meeting scheduled for 1 March 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 2027: <u>Waterford to Cahir.</u> Consultants Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council in August 2020 to complete Phase 1 to 4.</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction.</u> Arup appointed on 22 October 2019 to complete Phase 1 to 4.</p>	<p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility is underway and will be completed Q1 of 2021. Website to be launched in February 2021.</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility completed in September 2020; Phase 2: Option selection has commenced and is due to be completed by April 2022. Presentation to full Council on the constraints study area 27 January 2021 with launch of public consultation.</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.
Rural and Community Schemes (CIS, LIS, CLÁR)	Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department	CLÁR 2020 – 3 schemes approved, to be completed in 2021. 2021 CIS Scheme – to be progressed when allocation is available. 2021 LIS Scheme – Advertised for applications with closing date 5 February at 12 noon.
Consultation	Continued consultation with TII, DTTAS, Elected Members and staff	Annual Meeting with TII held on 3rd November 2020. Cathaoirleach of the Council and each Municipal District, Mayor of Clonmel Borough, chair of Infrastructure SPC and Roads Management participated in the meeting.
Public Lighting	Public lighting policy adopted in May 2018	Implementation of policy ongoing
Road Safety	First all-county strategy adopted in June 2018	Implement Strategy in conjunction with Road Safety Together Working Group. New strategy to be developed in 2021.
2021 National Roads Allocations	Initial allocation €8,307,116	Circulated to members
2021 Regional and Local Roads Allocations	Allocation awaited	To be circulated when available



Department of Tourism Transport and Sport (DTTAS)
REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS ALLOCATIONS 2020

Tipperary County Council Regional and Local Roads Allocations 2020	
Restoration Improvement	€14,343,000
Restoration Maintenance	€2,546,500
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€1,576,500
Discretionary Grant	€4,796,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	€627,000
Specific Imp. Grants	€700,000
Strategic Regional and Local Roads	€200,000
Safety Improvement Works	€543,000
Speed Limits	€40,170
Training Grant	€129,500
Drainage Works	€1,192,053
Community Improvement Scheme	€1,194,000
Hedge Cutting Pilot Scheme	€15,000
PSCI: Survey Support	€44,000
Former National Roads	€1,000,000
Total Allocation	€28,946,723

2021 GRANT ALLOCATIONS
TO TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR NATIONAL ROADS



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



Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement Works	Construction commenced in November 2018 and has reached substantial completion in January 2021.	Snag items are being completed including works to Plaza, Utility Poles and all other general finishing works are expected to be complete at end of February 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.	The next phase will involve ground investigations and specialist geotechnical advice in order to further inform the design team of available options.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	This scheme was originally intended to be a re-alignment of 0.6km section of the N65 on the southern approach to Carrigahorig village. The scheme has since developed into a pavement improvement scheme which deals with a number of road safety issues in the village and will also involve the provision of an extension of footpath from the village to the R493 Terryglass Road. Preliminary design work has been completed.	It is anticipated that detailed design work and a formal submission to TII will progress early in 2021.
Thurles Municipal District		
Thurles bypass	Response received from TII to Plenary Council letter of September 2018, Thurles bypass is not on the National Capital Plan.	Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves improvement of National Secondary route between the Dunnes Roundabout and junction with Liberty Square. Topographical and Pavement Condition Surveys complete. Consultants appointed, draft design 95% completed.	Design to be completed and Part 8 to be advertised in 2021.
N62 Templemore approach roads	Two schemes on the Thurles Road and Roscrea Road approaches to the town. N62 Templemore (Thurles Road) – The scheme starts at the junction of the N62 and the R501 and continues south for approximately 2km.	Works commenced in November 2020 and are substantially complete.
N62 Templemore approach roads	Two schemes on the Thurles Road and Roscrea Road approaches to the town. N62 Templemore (Roscrea Road) – The scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 400m of road pavement on the N62 National Secondary road on the northern approach to Templemore.	Design work is underway and it is expected that construction will commence in Q2/Q3 2021.



N62 Crescent to new roundabout Roscrea	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 0.5km of road pavement on the N62 National Secondary road within the town of Roscrea.	Works commenced in November 2020 and are substantially complete.
N62 Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 4.1km of pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road from Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South.	The scheme is currently at preliminary design stage.

Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. Part 8 Planning approved at Carrick on Suir Municipal District meeting in July 2020. Design work is being undertaken by Tramore House Road Design Office.	Detailed design and contract documents are in preparation for Tender.
N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening	This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village, improvements to footpaths, landscaping and pavement strengthening. Feasibility Report submitted to TII for approval. Draft Preliminary Design report prepared and Draft Part 8 prepared. Site Investigations ongoing.	Subject to Feasibility Report approval, submission to TII of preliminary design report to be followed by a Part 8 Planning process.
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
N74 Ballyhusty Realignment	This scheme involves the realignment of approx. 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. A Compulsory Purchase Order was advertised in September 2020 and submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval.	An Bord Pleanála approval to confirm CPO was received on 17 November 2020. Subject to finance availability, proceed with preparation of Tender documents.
N24 Main Street and N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme involves 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 and proposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.6km of new road pavement; • upgrade of road layout on the N24 Main Street and N74 Fr Mathew Street; • widening of footways with new paving along N24 Main Street/Bank Place and along N74 Fr. Mathew Street/Cashel Road; • new footways between James 	Part 8 Planning report to be considered by Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District on 28 January 2021.



	<p>Connolly Park and St. Michael's Avenue (West) and between St. Michael's Avenue (East) and St. Michael's Cemetery car park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upgrade of the car park at St. Michael's Cemetery; • upgrade of public lighting along N74 Fr. Mathew Street/Cashel Road; • localised drainage upgrades; • enhanced soft and hard landscaping throughout the scheme; • the provision of upgraded street furniture; • new town gateway signage at the existing 60kph speed limit on N74 Cashel Road. <p>Preliminary design work has been completed and the Part 8 was published in October 2020. Formal public consultation on the Part 8 was completed by the end of November 2020.</p>	
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.
Clonmel Borough District		
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.	12 months Defects period commenced.
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	This is a continuation to the east of the Clonmel Inner Relief Road to a point beyond the 60kph speed limit and is approximately 1.6km in length. This scheme involves traffic calming and the inclusion of improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities as well as road pavement strengthening. Preliminary Design is under way along with liaison with TII Road Safety engineers.	The Planning process will commence following obtainment of TII technical approvals.



Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	Route selection and preliminary design has been completed and Part 8 approved. A Compulsory Purchase Order has been advertised and submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval. The closing date for submissions was 16 September 2020 and 22 objections were received by An Bord Pleanála.	An Oral Hearing was held remotely by ABP on 1 and 2 December 2020. The Board's decision is awaited.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	Progress/Steering Committee meetings held monthly, Clare County Council is lead authority. Planning procedures and the Oral Hearing have been completed. Design has been completed. The Tender Prior Information Notice (PIN) was published in December 2019.	The tender competition for the works contract is underway and will be completed in Q2 2021. A minor works contract for site clearance and laying a section of sewer has commenced. It is anticipated that the main contract will be awarded in Q3 2021 and will take approximately 3 years to complete.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction, a new priority junction with Mill Road and 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access. The scheme includes a 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir along with ancillary drainage, attenuation ponds (2 no.), ducting, water mains, public lighting and flood alleviation works along the River Suir.	Negotiations for land acquisition are ongoing. Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition. Lidl commenced construction of a section of the road for access to new store.

IMPACT OF COVID 19 ON SERVICE DELIVERY

Covid-19 has created a significant challenge to delivery of all services by the Roads Section in the past ten months. However, Roads Administration Staff, Capital Office Staff and Roads Machinery Yard Staff, at the Nenagh and Clonmel locations, together with Municipal and Borough District Office Staff, have made great efforts to maintain and continue to deliver as many aspects of our service as possible to both our Elected Members, the general public and other third-party stakeholders. The Roads Section has maintained pre-Covid levels of service provision with many alternative technologies and new practices now part of the day-to-day running of the section. These changes will provide greater resilience for service provision going forward.



ROADWORKS PROGRAMME (2021) - TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

A significant programme of work was completed in 2020, despite the challenges faced throughout the year. These challenges included:

- Covid-19, its consequent lockdown period when works were not permitted and delays - due to social distancing requirements;
- The programme was larger for 2020 than previous years.

Through this Programme, Tipperary County Council completed extensive countywide works, including:

- Strengthening and/or Resealing works on over three hundred kilometres (300km) of roads;
- Drainage Works;
- Low Cost Safety Schemes;
- Refurbishment of a number of Bridges.

Preparation for the 2021 Programme has commenced, including:

- Tendering for Surface Dressing Grit for 2021
- Tendering for Supply of Bitumen for 2021
- Tendering for Supply of Tarmacadam, Wetmix, and Recycling services for 2021
- Recruitment process for seasonal workers has commenced.



ROADS ADMINISTRATION

Admin / Licensing Process During 2021	Number
Roads Abutting Certificates Requested	23
Roads Abutting Certificates Issued	6
Abnormal Loads Permits Requested	13
Abnormal Loads Permits Issued	13
Road Opening Licence applications received	64
FOI requests processed	1
AIE requests processed	0

Estates Taken in Charge 2021

Ash Court, Cahir Road, Clonmel

Springfield Grove, Rossmore Village, Tipperary Town

Springfield Crescent (part of), Rossmore Village, Tipperary Town

Proposed Estates currently on Public Display for Taking in Charge Process

Friarsfield, Killenaule Road, Fethard (Phase 1)

Friarsfield, Killenaule Road, Fethard (Phase 2)

Proposed Estates to go on Public Display for Taking in Charge Process

Meadowlands, Monagarriff, Clonmel

Crann Ard, Fethard Road, Clonmel

Glencarra, Fethard Road, Clonmel

Gracefield Road, Fethard Road, Clonmel

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME (CIS)

The Community Involvement Scheme is a joint venture approach between the Council and local communities, for the purpose of carrying out maintenance and improvement works on suitable public local roads.

The value of the contribution by the local community will be 15% of the estimated costs of the scheme, as determined by the Council's Engineer.

Tipperary County Council advertised the Community Involvement Scheme for 2020/2021 in 2019 as requested by the Department of Transport.

Subsequently, an allocation of €1,194,000 was received from the Department. A total of 21 CIS applications were successfully completed during 2020. Details of allocation for 2021 are awaited.

The Council expects to advertise the scheme for new applications during 2021, for the Community Involvement Scheme 2022/2023.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME (LIS)

This scheme applies to non-public accommodation roads which are rural in nature.

An allocation of €599,969 was received from the Department of Rural and Community Development on 13 March 2020. A total of 20 Local Improvement Schemes were completed during 2020.

The Local Improvement Scheme 2021 was advertised for new applications in January 2021 with a closing date of 5 February at 12 noon.

Details of allocation for 2021 will be notified by the Department of Rural and Community Development later in the year.

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 6 projects in 2020.

The Department has advised that three applications under Measure 1 have received approval to proceed with an allocation of €79,628.

Local contributions have been requested in order for these schemes to progress in 2021 through the relevant Municipal District.

ROAD SAFETY

The Road Safety Section undertook an awareness campaign in December 2020 urging drivers to make sensible decisions and plan a way home if they planned to drink. This campaign appeared in all local papers, online and on social media.





In January 2021, with the likely increase in people out walking as Ireland entered Level 5 with additional restrictions, we undertook an awareness campaign urging pedestrians to “Be Safe Be Seen” and wear high-vis clothing. Again, this ran in local newspapers and online. It was also accompanied by an online article promoting road safety.

“Staying Safe on the Roads during Covid-19

The Level 5 restrictions that we are under at the moment to combat the soaring number of cases and hospitalisations due to Covid-19, mean that we are all spending much more time at home, many of us in confined spaces.

Staying within 5km of our homes may be causing us frustration. However, road safety is just as important as ever during these times. It is essential that we do not let any frustrations creep into the way we drive or treat other road users.

If you are driving, be aware that pedestrians will be trying to observe social distancing by staying 2 metres apart, so they may walk out on the road. Cyclists may also pull out in front of you unexpectedly to avoid pedestrians.

There should be less traffic on the roads but it is still important to observe the speed limits which apply, particularly in residential areas. Make a pledge that you won't react to the actions of other drivers or road users. Nobody's perfect, so don't waste time and increase risk by trying to rebuke another road-user. Focus on holding back, staying safe and sharing the road.

Always give the road your full attention. Don't allow yourself to be distracted by passengers, mobile phones or non-driving thoughts.

Pedestrians – please remember to “Be Safe, Be Seen” and always wear a Hi-Visibility jacket. And remember only essential journeys should be made such as:

- To travel to and from work, or for purposes of work, only where the work

is an essential health, social care or other essential service and cannot be done from home

- to shop for essential food, beverage and household goods or collect a meal
- to attend medical appointments and collect medicines and other health products
- for vital family reasons, such as providing care to children, elderly or vulnerable people
- for farming purposes, that is food production or care of animals.

Together we can save lives.

A Road Safety Message from Tipperary County Council”.

**WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Winter Maintenance Service involves the pre-salting of National Primary and Secondary Routes and major Regional Roads and routes of strategic importance.

Tipperary County Council spreads salt on roads before ice or snow is expected (called Precautionary Salting). Pre-salting commences at the time determined by the Ice-cast Duty Engineer to ensure the completion of routes before the onset of icy conditions or snowfall.

Tipperary County Council is responsible for:

- 99 km of Motorway (M7 and M8 maintained under contract from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) by private concessions)
- 70 km of National Primary Road
- 150.2 km of National Secondary Roads
- 903 km of Regional road and
- 4,490 km of Local roads in County Tipperary.

The primary aim is to keep these roads safe and as free as practicable from winter hazards.

Tipperary County Council is constantly striving to improve the winter maintenance service provided; however neither the local authority nor TII has a statutory obligation to pre-salt roads.

Tipperary County Council, as far as reasonably practicable, will seek to ensure the prevention of ice formation on Priority 1 Routes (Blue Routes) and Priority 2 Routes (Red Routes) as outlined in the map below.



Map - Priority Routes 1 and 2

Road users should always assume that pre-salting or winter services have not been provided on Priority 1 and 2 routes and drive accordingly.

In extreme weather events Priority 1 Routes will take precedence over Priority 2 Routes in terms of allocation of available resources.

The County Council operates a fleet of 12 No. Salt Spreaders mounted on Rigid Trucks for Precautionary salting, these are based as follows: 2 No. in Cahir, 3 No. in Cashel, 2 No. in Clonmel, 4 No. in Nenagh and 1 No. in Roscrea. These trucks also have plates attached for mounting snow ploughs. Priority 1 routes have precedence for Snow Clearance in the event of a snowfall.

The operational winter maintenance period as determined by TII shall be 15 October 2020 to 30 April 2021.

For 2020-2021 season 24 drivers are rostered for callout, 12 per week (week on week off). 5 additional drivers have been identified and trained to be on standby in the event of a Covid-19 event. Below is the report to the mid point of the season:

01.10.2020 → 15.01.2021

Route	Total Callouts	Number of days with operations	Total salt amount used (Tonne)
Total	456	29	2975.90
NT1 - Thurles	38	28	241.56
NT2 - Newport	37	27	228.24
NT3 - Nenagh W	37	27	247.32
NT4 - Nenagh NW	38	28	240.28
NT5 - Nenagh NE	38	28	210.81
NT6 - Roscrea	38	28	286.65
ST1 - Cahir	38	28	189.12
ST2 - Cashel N	39	29	302.31
ST3 - Tipperary	38	28	247.79
ST4 - Clonmel E & Carrick on Suir	38	28	224.62
ST5 - Clonmel N	38	28	232.15
ST6 - Cashel E & Fethard E	39	29	325.04

SWAT SEVERE WEATHER ASSESSMENT TEAM

Tipperary County Council has in place a Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT), which



comprises the Director of Services, Senior Engineers Roads, Senior Engineer Water Services, Administrative Officer Roads, each District Engineer, Machinery Yard Engineer, Duty Engineers (winter maintenance) and SEO Corporate Services.

During severe weather events, the SWAT team meets regularly to assess the situation and decide what action is necessary, providing regular updates to the Council's website and social media channels. To date in 2021 the SWAT team has not needed to meet.

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 17,288 lights in the county and public lighting is one of the biggest users of energy in the Council's overall energy usage.

A number of upgrades were completed throughout Tipperary during 2020 with 1,940 existing high energy use lights being replaced by energy efficient LED lights. We are now preparing applications for funding for upgrade of lights on National Roads.

The Council will continue to avail of external funding where same is available from SEAI, TII and EU funding for energy efficiency projects. Tipperary County Council and SSE Airtricity have reviewed all work practices to comply with the working recommendations for dealing with Covid-19 and its related restrictions.

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

- **Internet: www.airtricitysolutions.com**
- **Phone: Airtricity Utility Solutions Call Centre - 1850 372 772**
- **Customer Services, Tipperary County Council - 0761 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 33% more energy efficient by 2020. The Project will also significantly help LA's reach their new 2030 target of 50%. A Section 85 Agreement has been signed by Tipperary County Council and Kilkenny County Council for the authorisation of Kilkenny to take the lead in this project.

Approx. 280,000 lights are to be retrofitted in this project, 14,000 of these will be in County Tipperary.

Local Authorities participating in the Project:

There are 24 Local Authorities participating in the Project as follows:

Eastern Region:

Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary, Wicklow, Kildare, Offaly, Westmeath, Meath, Longford and Louth.

North West Region:

Donegal, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim, Longford, Monaghan, Cavan, Roscommon, Galway City and Galway County.

Southern Region:

Cork County, Kerry, Limerick City and County, Waterford City and County, and Clare.

**INTERREG NORTH WEST EUROPE
SMART SPACE PROJECT**

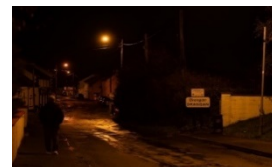


Smart-Space aims to facilitate the uptake of smart lighting in small/mid-size municipalities to enhance energy-efficiency and reduce CO2 emission. Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Energy Agency are partners in the Smart Space project. In Tipperary, the project will replace standard street lights (such as those in the photos) with LED street Lights. These new LED lights will be equipped with smart technology motion detectors which will monitor movement. For example, when a street or car park is quiet, the LED Smart Lights dim down, which saves energy and reduces CO2 emissions.

The three pilot areas which have been chosen in Tipperary to take part in the project are Thurles, Clonoulty and Drangan. In Tipperary 600 street lights will be upgraded in this Pilot Project. The villages of Drangan and Clonoulty along with approximately 50% of the street lights in Thurles Town have been prioritised for upgrading. 40% of the associated cost is being funded by Tipperary County Council with the remaining 60% being funded through Interreg North West Europe (EU). The Project in Tipperary was advertised on e-tenders, with SSE Airtricity being awarded the tender. Replacement of lights will commence in Q1/Q2 2021.



Pilot Site – Thurles



Drangan



Clonoulty

Pilot Villages

HEDGE CUTTING

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

The 2020/2021 Hedge cutting Season commenced on 1 September 2020 and runs through to 28 February 2021. 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.

Please note that 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

Tipperary County Council requests the co-operation of the public in keeping road users safe. A public awareness campaign commenced in September and will continue throughout the hedge cutting season. Our District offices are carrying out local inspections and notices are being issued as necessary to relevant landowners.

ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME 2021



The Programme for Government published in June 2020 includes significant and ambitious targets for the development of walking and cycling schemes.

As part of that overall Programme, €50 million has been made available to the National Transport Authority for the funding of walking and cycling projects in local authorities across the country during 2021.

The aim of this funding is to support the development of high-quality urban cycling and walking infrastructure outside of our cities and so this investment is specifically targeted at towns and villages across the country.

Projects for consideration under the Active Travel Programme

For the first year of this programme, the NTA has indicated that it will welcome proposals for consideration in respect of the following categories of projects:

- a) New or improved access to town centres, schools or other major destinations for walking and/or cycling;
- b) New or upgraded cycle facilities, providing segregation from motorised traffic on key routes in and approaching towns and villages;
- c) New footpaths for pedestrian connections or upgrading/renewal of existing footpaths;
- d) Filtered permeability schemes, conferring “short-cut” advantage to pedestrians and/or cyclists to access key local destinations;
- e) New or improved **urban** greenways, providing for commuter connectivity in addition to recreational/amenity use, with linkages to the town street network;
- f) Conversion of temporary COVID interventions to permanent layouts;
- g) Improved access to public transport, including improved waiting facilities in town centres; and
- h) Development of focused transport studies for larger towns, to identify networks and projects for implementation later in this programme.

Programme Administration

The Active Travel fund is part of the overall NTA Sustainable Transport Measures Grant (STMG) programme, which has been supporting the delivery of sustainable transport projects by local authorities since 2010.

Tipperary County Council will submit an ambitious selection of projects for consideration for funding in 2021, across all Districts. The NTA will manage the application and approval process for Active Travel Measures going forward.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

New Policy/Strategic Issues			
Policy Changes/Up-Date	Current status	Progression in Previous Months	Next Stage
County Development Plan 2022-2028	Commenced	Chief Executive's Report issued to the Elected Members for consideration on 15 th January 2021.	Elected Members Workshop scheduled on 17 th February 2021.
Cahir Local Area Plan 2021-2027	Under preparation	Draft Local Area Plan and Chief Executive's Report on submissions received considered by Elected Members at the plenary meeting on the 11 th January 2021	Public Consultation on Proposed Material Alterations from the 22 nd January 2021 to 22 nd February 2021.

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

Project	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage
Tipperary Town Regeneration	Market Yard - Detailed Design for construction phase completed. Tender Assessment Report on tenders received for construction stage completed. River Ara Walkway - Permission granted by An Bord Pleanala on 1st. November, 2020. Tender documents for detailed design consultancy services being prepared.	Market Yard – Business case to be compiled for submission to Department. Contractor to be appointed early December with works estimated to commence in April, 2021 and be completed by June, 2021. River Ara Walkway – Complete procurement of detailed design consultancy services. Appoint design team February 2021 . Main works to be undertaken from July, 2021 with bridge installation to commence in September, 2021.
Fethard Town Park	Final design completed. Groundworks and pitches commenced November 2020 but had to cease in January 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions. Tenders for the pavilion and public realm works received through e-tenders. Progression with requirements to facilitate the co-location of the primary health care centre are ongoing	Tenders for the pavilion and public realm works currently being evaluated. Anticipate contact award in March 2021 subject to Department approval. Construction expected to commence in April, 2021 with anticipated completion in February, 2022.



Templemore Cultural and Enterprise Centre with associated Civic Plaza	Design team appointed September, 2020. Part 8 Planning completed.	Completion of detailed design circa. March, 2021. Construction stage scheduled to commence June, 2021 for an 18-month period.
Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter	Steering Group and Implementation Group established. Tender documents for the engagement of a design team advertised on the Official Journal of the EU.	Tenders submitted on 15 th January, 2021 and currently being evaluated. Design team to be appointed shortly.
Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan	Design team appointed on 22 nd December 2020 and work commenced on the design stage.	Concept design and initial public consultation to commence shortly. Preliminary design stage and Part 8 to commence March 2021.
A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre	<u>Cahir Market House Business Centre – Part 8 Planning</u> approved 15 th December 2020. Request for tenders for a design team and project management services uploaded to e-tenders and one tender received. <u>Cahir Town Centre Public Realm</u> Tender documents for the engagement of a design team for the public realm element are being prepared. Acquisition of two opportunity sites being finalized. Request for tenders for the design of the car park advertised on e-tenders in January, 2021.	<u>Cahir Market House Business Centre –</u> Contract for the engagement of a design team and project management services to be awarded in the next few weeks. <u>Cahir Town Centre Public Realm</u> Advertise for design team for Cahir Town Centre Public Realm and appoint consultants circa April, 2021. Purchase of two opportunity sites will be completed shortly. Appoint consultants for the design of the car park in March, 2021.

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

Project	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Project.	The new Car Park off Liberty Square opened on 1 st October, 2020. Construction has commenced on the main scheme with site clearance and service crossings in the lower portion of the Square completed to date.	Main drainage works in progress in the central area of Liberty Square due for completion end of January 2021. Phase 2-replacement of footpaths will commence in February 2021. Expected completion of the Scheme by January 2022.
Clonmel: Transformational Regeneration.	Regional Sports Hub - Tender Assessment Report compiled and approved by the Department. Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 - Tender Assessment Report compiled and approved by the Department.	Regional Sports Hub - Contractor will be appointed upon lifting of Level 5 COVID restrictions. Programme duration is approximately 12 months. Contractor will be appointed upon lifting of Level 5 COVID restrictions. Programme duration is approximately 12 months.

PLANNING SECTION

County Development Plan

The Pre-Draft 'Shaping Our Future' consultation stage ran from 18th September to 16th November 2020. 190 submissions were received during the public consultation period, and have been summarised and considered by the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions was issued to the Elected Members for their consideration on 15th January 2021. A Workshop with the Elected Members is scheduled for 17th February 2021. The Chief Executive Report will thereafter be considered at the March 8th Plenary Council whereby the Elected Members may issue directions to the Chief Executive regarding the content of the draft Plan, having regard to national and regional plans and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.



A dedicated website was set up 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. In addition, the planning section dedicated Twitter page **@planningtipp** will be constantly updated.

Cahir Local Area Plan 2021-2027

In accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) a new Local Area Plan is being prepared for Cahir, which will set out the land use strategy for the town to ensure the town can grow, support employment and homes, and can do so sustainably.

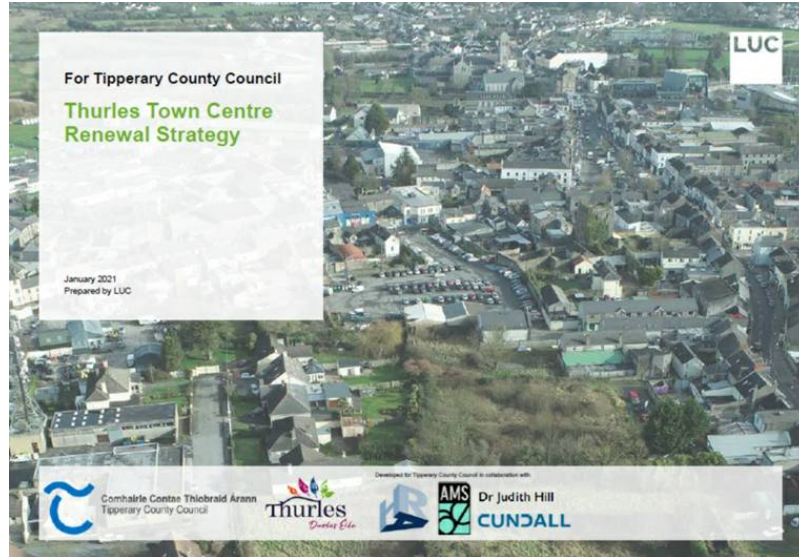
The Proposed Cahir LAP was published on 25th Sept 2021 and submissions were invited until to 9th Nov 2021. 143 submissions (from 129 individuals) were received. A Chief Executive's Report was prepared which summarised each of the submissions and provided responses and recommendations on foot of these submissions for the consideration of the members of the Council. On 11th Jan 2021, the Council considered the Proposed LAP and the CE Report and resolved to amend the Proposed LAP in accordance with the CE recommendations subject to 2 further amendments. The Proposed Material Alterations to the Cahir LAP were published on 22nd Jan 2021 and submissions are invited until 22nd February 2021. A Chief Executive Report will be prepared on submission received and will then be circulated to the Elected Members for consideration.



Thurles Town Centre Renewal Strategy

The final Thurles Town Centre Renewal Strategy was noted by the Elected Members of Thurles MD on the 18th January, 2010. The Strategy strives to create a thriving and vibrant town centre for Thurles which will support the future growth of the town and the needs of its residents, visitors and

businesses. The community and businesses of the town took the opportunity to input into the Strategy during the two consultation periods which included workshops and a dedicated online portal. The final document sets out a number of projects that can be developed in the town centre over the next ten years.



Killaloe-Ballina Enhancement and Mobility Plan

Clare County Council and Tipperary County Council have commenced the preparation of a Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement and Mobility Plan. 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. Specific measures, designs and schemes will promote the towns' complementarity, 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. A Draft Plan will be published early in 2021.

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 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub.



Detailed designs completed by the Consultants for the Sport Hub and Kickham Barracks public realm works.

Kickham Barracks Regeneration - Works on car park due for completion by year end. Tenders received for the public realm and civic plaza, construction stage have been assessed. Tender Assessment Report compiled and Final Business Case forwarded to the Department on 28th September, 2020. Awaiting Department approval to appoint the contractor.

Regional Sports Hub - Tenders received for the construction stage assessed. Tender Assessment Report compiled and Final Business Case forwarded to the Department on 28th September, 2020. Awaiting Department approval to appoint the contractor.

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

Liberty Square Enhancement Project 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. The new Car Park off Liberty Square opened on 1st October, 2020. Works on Liberty Square are being progressed with expected completion by January, 2022. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.



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, a 800 metre walkway along the River Ara, including two loop walks. Funding of €600,000 has been approved under the **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund**. **Market Yard** – Detailed designs for the construction phase have been completed. Tenders received for the construction stage currently being assessed. Anticipate works will commence on site circa January, 2021 and completed by June, 2021. **River Ara Walkway** – Planning Permission granted by An Bórd Pleanála on 2nd November, 2020. Bridge design has been completed. Main works to be undertaken from July, 2021 with bridge installation to commence in September, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.

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. Groundworks and pitches commenced November, 2020 and have currently paused due to Covid-19 restrictions. Tenders



received for the pavilion and public realm works are currently being assessed. Expect contract to be awarded March, 2021 subject to Department approval. Works to commence April, 2021 with anticipated completion in February, 2022.

Templemore Town Hall: Enterprise and Cultural Centre with associated 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. Preliminary designs agreed. Detailed designs to be completed circa March 2021. Construction stage scheduled to commence in July, 2021 for an 18 month period.

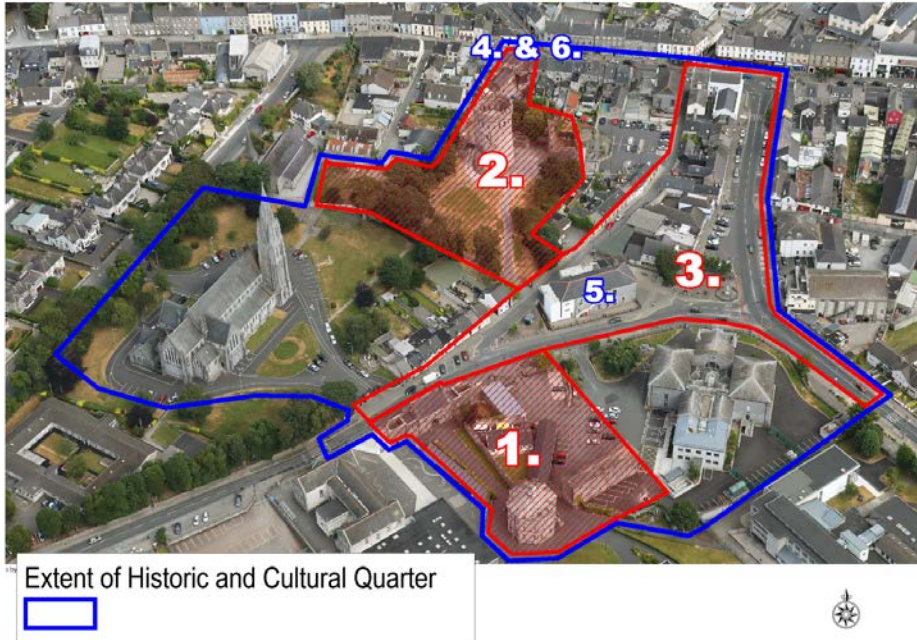


Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Funding Calls

A call for applications for funding under the **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund** for Category 2 (project development) applications closed in 28th February 2020. Three applications for Category 2 funding were made and were successful.

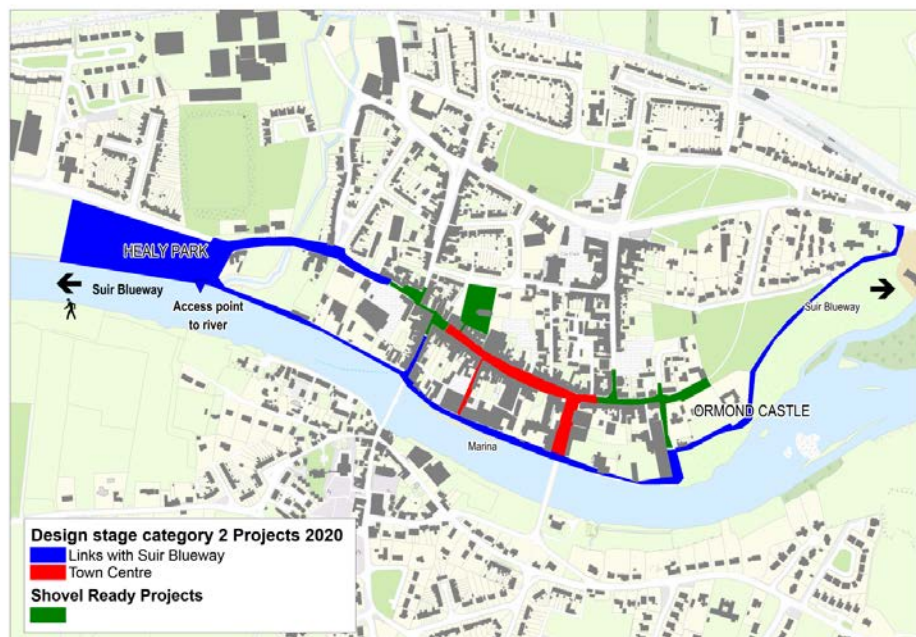
Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter A Tourism-led Regeneration Plan

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. The project value is **€866,712,00**. The project was awarded **€650,000** under the fund. Tender documents for the engagement of an Architect led Multi-Disciplinary Design Team advertised on The Official Journal of the EU on 25th. November, 2020 with closing date for receipt of tenders by 8th January, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.



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. The project value is **€487,500.00**. The project was awarded **€365,000** under the fund. Design team appointed on 22nd. December, 2020. Preliminary design and Part 8 Planning to commence in March, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.



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. The project value is **€842,987**. The project was awarded **€632,000** under the fund. Tender documents for the procurement of a design team and project management services for the development of Cahir Market House Business Centre advertised on e-Tenders on 30th November, 2020 with a closing date for receipt of tenders by 21st December, 2020. Tender documents, design stage, for Cahir Town Centre Public Realm currently being compiled. Acquisition of two opportunity sites being finalised. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing.

A call for applications for funding under the **Urban Regeneration and Development Fund** for Category 1 (shovel ready) applications closed in 29th May 2020. Two applications have been submitted as follows:

Clonmel 2030 - Transformational Regeneration

The application builds on the existing project at Kickham Barrack and the Regional Sports Hub, seeking funding to complete this ambitious, multi-annual integrated urban regeneration project developed for Clonmel by TCC and its partners.

The aim of "Clonmel 2030 - Transformational Regeneration" is to transform Clonmel

The proposals presented for funding include the following integrated pillars:

Kickham Barracks Regeneration (Phase 2) -

Phase 2 includes for new Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT) and Tipperary Education and Training Board (TETB) Campuses and an Arts and Cultural Venue within the historic buildings on the site. This second phase will complete the transformation of the site from a former inaccessible Military Barracks to a civic, cultural and educational shared campus quarter.

In addition a new Garda Station is proposed for the site.

Clonmel – Flights of Discovery! –

This pillar represents an international tourism product of scale encompassing four interlinked visitor hubs all of which are built around Clonmel's industrial and heritage past and which facilitate immersive interactive experiences.

- Dowd's Lane Bulmer's Vat House Visitor Centre - Re-development of the former town centre site of Bulmers cider production into a historical and cultural "visitor experience" with capacity to attract up to 100,000 visitors per annum.

- Suir Island Amenity Park - It will include appropriate high-quality interactive recreational & heritage interpretative structures, amenity spaces, and a new pedestrian bridge linking the island and the adjacent newly constructed car park back into the town centre.
- West Gate Interpretative Centre - to provide a creative and immersive visitor experience into Clonmel's industrial, commercial and literary past associated with Charles Bianconi and Anthony Trollope.

Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement

In order to deliver on the overall project vision the key public streets in Clonmel will be transformed, re-imagined and significantly upgraded. This includes the Primary Retail Area (PRA), adjacent streets and Mick Delahunty Square. This will improve the attractiveness and liveability of the town.

This pillar will connect with the proposed pedestrian bridge linking to Suir Island and will be the key component in connecting all of the pillars back into the town centre.

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.



Rural Regeneration and Development Fund – Third Call

Four applications have been submitted under the Third Call for Category 1 projects for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, the closing date for submission of applications was 1st December 2020:

Nenagh Digital Hub

Tipperary County Council is seeking funding to develop a digital hub at Streama Business Campus in Nenagh. The project would deliver a major new facility for the promotion of enterprise development across economic sectors, indigenous industry, micro – enterprises and small and medium enterprises. The overarching aim and purpose of the facility is to promote economic development and increase employment opportunities by connecting companies, remote workers and local communities. The project value is **€6,439,296** and grant funding of **€5,795,366** is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration, 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.

Total project cost is **€2,846,613**

Total RRDF Funding sought **€2,789,681**



Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Project

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. The total project cost is **€613,171** and **€61,317.10** is being sought under the fund.

Cashel Town Park and Public Realm Works

Tipperary County Council is seeking funding to develop an innovative Tourism Experience set at the base of the Rock of Cashel which will greatly enhance the visitor experience and expand capacity at one of Ireland's most iconic visitor attractions. In line with Ireland's Ancient East, Castles and Conquests & Vikings Visitor Experience Plan, this attraction will grow the Rock of Cashel into an immersive cluster of tourism experiences increasing capacity, dwell time, bed nights and extending the tourism season. The park will also host local events and festivals and provide a valued amenity space to the local community. The project value is **€3,737,976** and grant funding of **€3,364,178.40** is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

Conservation Grant Schemes 2020

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. Applications are currently open and the closing date for new applications has been extended to the 22nd February 2021 due to the Level 5 Lockdown.

Last year Tipperary County Council had 28 applications for funding under the BHIS. 8 projects were supported financially with grants ranging from €2,500 to the maximum of €15,000. The funded projects were;

- O'Sheas, Burke St, Fethard €15,000



- Quakers Graveyard, O'Neill St., Clonmel €15,000
- Former Mercy Convent, Pallas St, Borrisoleigh €4,560
- St Marys Church of Ireland, Thurles Select Vestry €15,000
- An tSráid Mhór, Cloch Shiurdáin (Cloughjordan) €2,800
- Garden Cottage, Patrickswell, Clonmel €8,800
- Old AIB, Templemore €2,840
- St Marys Church, 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.

The scheme is now open for new applications and the closing date is the 22nd February 2021.

In 2020 Tipperary County Council received 11 applications under the HSF and 5 of these projects were recommended for funding to the Department. Having assessed the projects the Department chose to financially support 2 projects;

- Newport Court House – awarded €20,000.
- DW Parkes Chemist, 23 Gladstone Street, Clonmel- awarded €40,000.

Both projects were also awarded extra funding under the July Stimulus Program. Newport Court House was awarded an extra €20,000 and DW Parkes Chemist an extra €10,000.

Town Walls Grant Scheme 2020

There are four walled towns in Tipperary: Clonmel, Carrick on Suir, Cashel and Fethard, all have upstanding remains of their medieval walls and are members of the Irish Walled Towns Network. The Irish Walled Towns Network (Heritage Council) provides annual funding for both conservation works and interpretative measures relating to the Walled Towns. In 2020, funding was sought and provided

as follows:



- Fethard Town Walls	€1,500
- Carrick on Suir Town Walls Stabilisation and Conservation of Section	€32,500 +€48,500
- Ormond Castle Park Ecological and Amenity Improvement Scheme	€10,000
- Cashel funded by the HSE	€30,000

Total funding received 2020 - €122,500

Works remaining in Cashel have been postponed during Level 5 restrictions. It is expected that the Part 8 process for the Ormond Castle Park Ecological and Amenity Improvement Scheme will commence in February 2021. All funds have been drawn down.

Near Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB) promotional campaign

In association with Sustainable Tipp, the Planning section and the Tipperary Energy Agency set out to promote compliance with the new Building standards for dwelling construction to Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) standard. This campaign was aimed at planning agents and designers, planners and building control officers. A key part of the campaign was an information day held in Thurles on the 26th November 2019 and a design competition for extension to domestic dwelling to NZEB standard. A winner has been selected, however, an announcement will occur after easing of Covid-19 restrictions.

SUSTAINABLE TIPP
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Achieving NZEB In Homes
Tuesday, 26th November 2019 - 9.30am to 1.30pm
Anner Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary

Agenda

- 9.30 Arrival Tea, Coffee & Registration
- 10.00 Welcome
Cllr John Carroll, Chairperson of SustainableTipp
- 10.05 **Why NZEB? Impact on New & Existing Dwellings**
Emmanuel Bourdin, Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government
- 10.30 **How to achieve NZEB?**
Orla Coyle, Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland
- 10.55 Break
- 11.15 **Typical Pitfalls in NZEB Compliance**
Martin Moore, Southern Regional Building Control Committee
- 11.40 **NZEB in Practice, SuperHomes Ireland Case Studies**
Declan Daly, SuperHomes Ireland
- 12.10 Q&A
- 12.30 Launch of NZEB Design Competition for Domestic Extensions
- 13.00 Light Lunch

This event will be of interest to planning agents, designers, building control officers, town planners etc., and is a great opportunity to gain a practical insight to domestic design and techniques for NZEB

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Number of Planning Applications received

A total of 1599 planning applications were received from the 1st January to the 31st December 2020. 489 applications were deemed invalid and 50 were withdrawn. During the period 966 applications were decided with 936 being granted planning permission and 30 being refused. Further information was requested in 460 cases.

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 250 complaints made from the 1st January to the 31st December 2020. During this period 174 Warning Letters and 15 Enforcement Notices issued.

Taking in Charge: Estates

Being processed	Taken in Charge 2020	Advertised	New applications 2020
47	14	2 + 7 due to be adv.	5

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 - on hold due to travel restrictions from UK.</p>
Building Control	<p>Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.</p> <p>Onsite inspections have recommenced.</p> <p>Launch of the online applications platform for fire safety certificates and disability access certificates.</p> <p>Inspection targets set out in 2020 annual plan met.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Complete annual inspection programme for 2021 reaching Dept. guideline targets</p> <p>Process applications online.</p>
Health & Safety	<p>Ongoing evaluation of all work practices with regard to the Covid-19 situation</p> <p>All training now on hold in Tipperary</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>Targets set out in 2020 annual plan met.</p>	<p>Prepare for completion of targets set out in 2021 annual plan.</p>



CURRENT PROJECTS		
Project	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Templemore Fire Station	Works completed.	Arrange official opening.
Cashel Fire Station	Tender process completed and recommendation issued to Department.	Receive approval to proceed and appoint tender.
Roscrea Fire Station	Improvement works included in Department allocation.	Arrange preparation of design and tender documents.
New appliances	Department have approved provision of two new Class B fire appliances for Tipperary	Arrange preparation of procurement documents.

ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES	To 31st December 2020
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	1499
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	86
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	87
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	61
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	66
Number of Commencement Notices Received	357

Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Response



Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service have provided a Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Response to the county since 2012, the need for such a response came from an assessment of our waterways by Rescue 3 (an internationally recognised leader in Swiftwater rescues). Since that date all fire-fighters and senior fire officers have received some level of water-based training in response based on the hazards that they are likely to encounter.

- 1) Lifejacket Competent User 2: (All Operational Fire Service Staff) This is delivered to all fire personnel who may be tasked with operating in the warm zone (within 3m) at a water rescue incident.
- 2) Swiftwater and Flood First Responders : (2016 Carrick-on-Stuir Fire Crew). One of the main roles of a First Responder is to support the teams of Swiftwater Rescue Technicians as well as being prepared to work around the water and undertake bank based and shallow water wading rescues.
- 3) Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technician: (Clonmel Fire Crew) This level of training is intended for personnel who may be required to carry out rescues in a



Swiftwater and flood environment, this is the highest level of training provided to Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service and allows for our fire-fighters to enter the water and effect a rescue.

Since 2017 Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service are the only retained fire service in Ireland to obtain Agency Training Provider status through Rescue 3 Europe, which means we have the ability to deliver courses to our own staff, which will then obtain an internationally recognised certificate through Rescue 3 Europe. We currently have two instructors delivering these courses (including the only female Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technician Instructor in the Ireland). Both initial and recertification courses are run throughout the year.

In 2021 it is intended to train and qualify firefighters in Cahir Fire Station to Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Technician level, providing the Cahir area with a faster response to water based rescues. This decision was based on a review and assessment of the river and waterways around Cahir.

Swiftwater and Flood Rescues are a highly technical and advanced rescue in a very dynamic environment which leave little or no room for error and therefore must only be performed by highly trained personnel within the Fire service. Over the past 8 years we have seen time and time again the benefits of this training not only to the Fire Service but to the communities we try to protect.

Tipperary Civil Defence

Activities	COVID -19 Response
<p>Response</p>	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence continues to be heavily involved in the response to the current COVID-19 crisis. This response includes patient transfers, meals on wheels, community support, provision of transport and providing assistance to the Local Authority Customer Service Desk and HSE. We are also providing clerical and “meet and greet” assistance to the Blood Transfusion Service Board. Volunteers are still providing critical assistance to the Test Centre in Munroe with the packing and preparation of COVID testing kits. Over 3,000 kits were prepared during the Christmas period.</p>
<p>Patient Transfers and Transport</p>	<p>Civil Defence EMT practitioners & volunteers have been involved in assisting with transport and transfer of patients for routine appointment, chemo treatment and outpatient appointments.</p>
<p>Severe Weather Response</p>	<p>Civil Defence provided 4x4 transport to a lady who needed to attend for urgent kidney dialysis. Due to the adverse weather and snow in early January, her usual transport was unable to reach her home.</p>
	
<p>Civil Defence EMT Practitioners involved in assisting HSE in the transportation of COVID positive patients to assessment hubs and health Care facilities</p>	



Civil Defence 4x4 Vehicle – Delivering of patients for Kidney Dialysis during adverse weather

Community Support & Training

Meals on Wheels

Civil Defence is currently providing assistance to Clonmel meals on wheels in the delivery of over 40 meals daily. This is an essential service to the older and vulnerable members of the community.

Medications & essential items delivery

Members have been involved in the delivery of essential medication to vulnerable persons cocooning throughout this crisis.



Training


Essential training of our volunteers has taken place for our boat crews who have attended a mandatory Personal survival Techniques course at the National Maritime College in Cork. Social distancing was adhered to at all times and the training was run under the very strict regulations of the college.



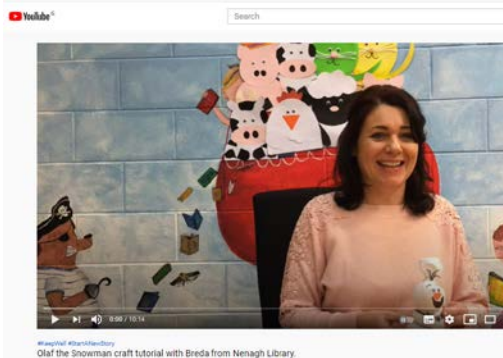
Personal Survival Techniques training for our boat crews

Assistance to HSE in the transportation of health care staff & also the delivery of essential medications

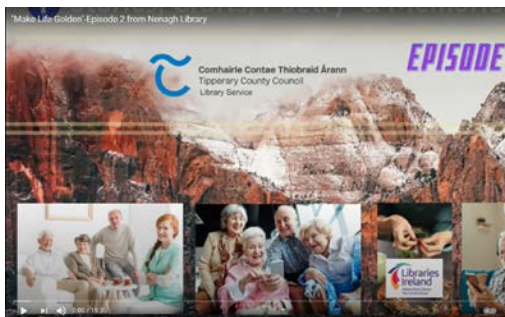
Search for Missing Person	
Missing person Tipp Town	Civil Defence was called on Christmas night 25 th Dec to assist in the search for a missing person in Tipperary Town. A Crew of 15 people indicated availability. The search was stood down before mobilization. Search Responders K9 team and Drones were amongst the volunteers available to respond.
	
Civil Defence Drone Capacity	K9 Search Unit

Health & Safety	
Risk Assessment Review	In light of current surge in Covid Cases, Civil Defence is currently reviewing all relevant Risk Assessments and Method Statements.
NSAI Certification 	Tipperary Civil Defence has received NSAI certification in early 2020 and in December has successfully completed the surveillance audit. A very big thank you to staff and the volunteers on reaching such a high standard in relation to Health & Safety.
R.S.A Inspection	On the 22 nd December the Road Safety Authority carried out a full audit and an onsite inspection of the vehicle fleet in Clonmel. A very high compliance rate was achieved, and all the necessary paperwork, folders and documentation were all in order.

Library Service



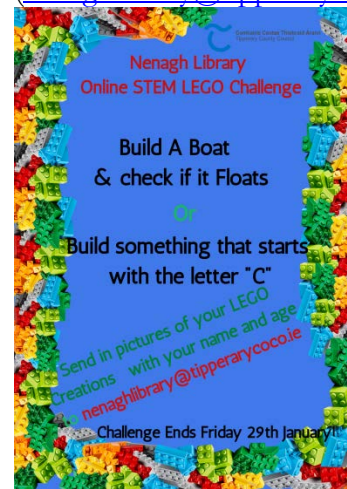
- Nenagh Library are continuing to organise weekly arts and crafts sessions with Library Staff member, Breda O'Meara. These can be viewed on the Library Facebook page and YouTube Channel.



- Staff at Nenagh Library have commenced a new online video series entitled **'Make Life Golden'**, which is aimed seniors in the community, especially for residents of our nursing homes and residential facilities. Launched December 2nd, it contains a mix of stories, poetry readings, music, archival footage from Tipperary Studies and other items of interest, taken from Facebook. It is uploaded monthly and December's edition included Christmas crafts tutorial by staff and Christmas carol session by pupils from An Gaelscoil. All episodes can be viewed at the Library Facebook page and YouTube channel.
- Nenagh Library's commenced an online bookclub on 26th January. The bookclub will meet on a monthly basis and all are welcome to

join. Please contact Nenagh Library for further details

nenaghlibrary@tipperarycoco.ie



- Nenagh Library has recommenced weekly online LEGO STEM Challenge in January. Children are given a choice of two things to make and they then send in their pictures. These pictures are then displayed on the Library website.
- Thurles Library organised an online wreath making class on 15th December. Each participant collected a box of wreath making materials in the library the morning of the event. This workshop was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part.



- Thurles Library has been holding online weekly storytime sessions with Library Staff member, Aoife Moore. These take place on the Library Facebook page and have

received consistently high viewing numbers



- Staff in Thurles Library put together over 200 Christmas bags and activity packs for local children during the month of December. These were very well received.



- Staff at Thurles Library organised an online Christmas Family Baking Demonstration with the Artful Caker (Maria Cahill) on Facebook. Maria demonstrated how to make Christmas cookies and hot cocoa sticks for the whole family. There were over 500 views of the video.



- Staff at Tipperary Town Library have started a new initiative called **Hidden Gems** which encourages

citizens to explore the beautiful scenery of County Tipperary within 5km of their homes. Library staff and users are encouraged to take photographs of the area they live in while on walks. These photos are then submitted to staff in Tipperary Town Library who publish them on the Library Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

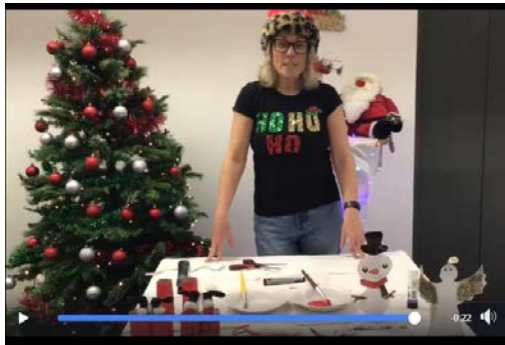


- Tipperary Town Library have been holding weekly online knitting classes with Library Staff member, Valerie Madden.

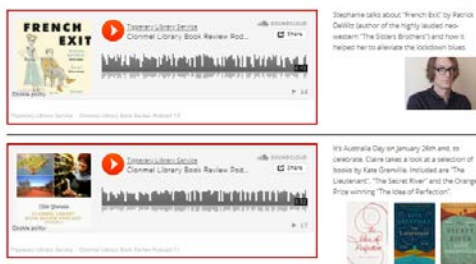


- An online family Christmas baking workshop was given by Library staff member, Sarah Darcy in Cashel Library on 19th December.
- Online Coding workshops by the Academy of Code were organised by the staff of Cashel Library. Three classes were run on consecutive weeks from 5th – 19th December.
- Cashel Library organised three online biodiversity workshops on Sustainable Living and Water with The Rediscovery Centre in Dublin. These were delivered to 115 transitional year students in Cashel

Community School on 4th December as part of the Creative Ireland programme.

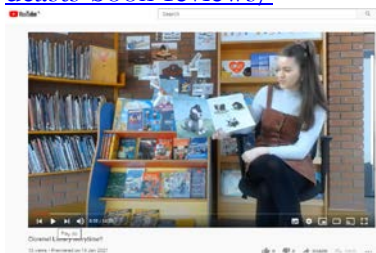


- Cashel Library held an online Christmas crafts workshop with Library staff member Suzanne Brosnan which proved to be very popular.



- Clonmel Library has been holding online weekly podcast book review sessions. Each week, Library staff review a different book and there are now 8 podcasts available to listen to at:

<https://www.tipperarylibraries.ie/podcasts-book-reviews/>

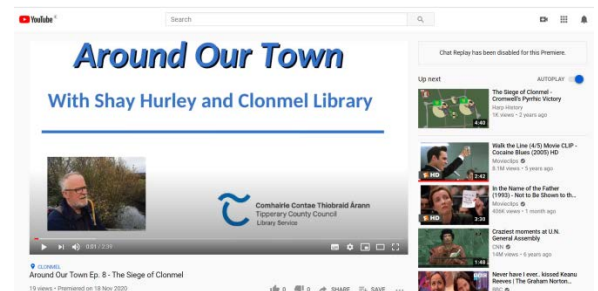


- Clonmel Library has been holding online weekly storytime sessions. These take place on the Library Facebook page every Thursday at

4:00pm and have received consistently high viewing numbers.



- Clonmel Library are organising a Valentine' Day poetry competition. Any poem submitted must have the words love and library in it.



- Staff at Clonmel Library and local historian, Shay Hurley have continued to create new videos in the online video series entitled "Around our town". This series explores the historical sites of Clonmel and can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXDABCEfl2o&t=21s>

- Staff in Carrick-on-Suir Library have worked in collaboration with the ETB to provide library information for a pack the ETB are distributing to support parents of junior infants in DEIS schools in South Tipperary. The packs are designed to promote and incorporate a family learning

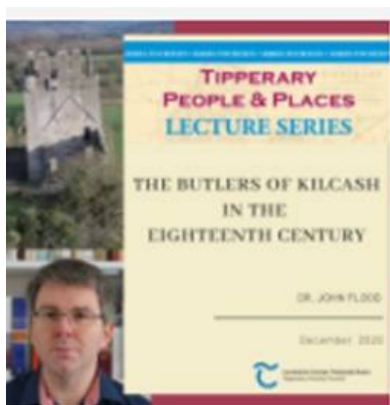
approach in enhancing their child's learning at home, across the curriculum, specifically in the areas of reading, writing, numeracy and oral language skills

Before



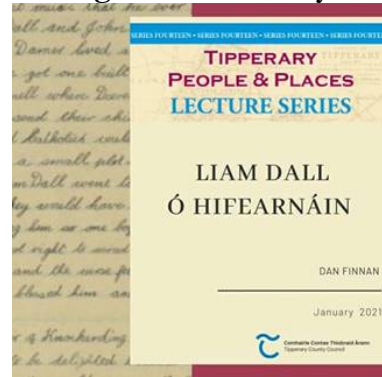
After

- The front entrance and path into to Carrick-on-Suir Library was widened in December as part of planned improvement works. In addition, a new bicycle stand has been installed.

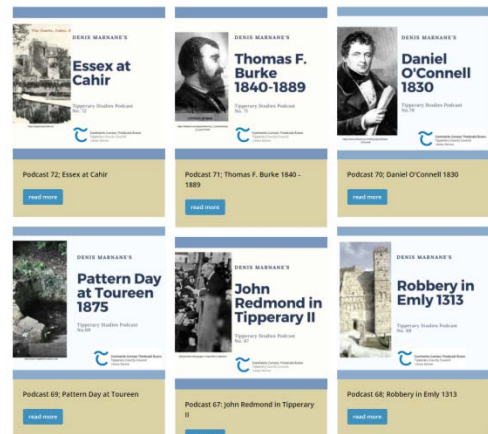


- Tipperary Studies recommenced the **People and Places** lecture series in October. The lectures are currently taking place online. The December lecture took place on 18th December with Dr John Flood giving a lecture

entitled 'The Butler's of Kilcash in the Eighteenth Century'.



- The January lecture took place on 19th January with Dan Finnan giving a lecture entitled '**Liam Dall Ó hIfearnáin (1720? — 1803?)**'. All lectures in the current Tipperary People and Places series can be viewed online at <https://tipperarystudies.ie/lectures/>



- The Tipperary Studies Weekly Podcast (www.tipperarystudies.ie) series continues to attract new listeners. There are now over 80 podcasts available on a variety of historical matters relating to County Tipperary

Arts Service

- During 2020, the Arts Office commissioned Tipperary artist Mike Byrne to produce a six part online ***'Introduction to Stop Motion Animation'*** series. The final two episodes were released on the Tipperary County Council website in December 2020. This series is a fantastic introduction to Stop Motion animation for children (and adults) and forms part of a range of arts in education resources developed by the arts office. Mike Byrne is a former student of Limerick School of Art & Design where he studied Animation and he has been working in Animation and Model Making for the past 10 years.



- During 2020, the arts office worked in partnership to develop a new ***Engine Short Film Scheme*** which is an ambitious short film development and production scheme for emerging talent based in Tipperary, Limerick and Clare. Run by *Innovate Limerick* through *Film in Limerick*, *Engine Shorts* is a partnership between the Local

Authorities in Tipperary, Limerick and Clare, and Limerick & Clare ETB with funding support from Creative Ireland. The new scheme aims to support up-and-coming writers, directors and producers to create engaging world-class short films that resonate with a wide international audience. It will also offer the opportunity for emerging local crew to gain real-world experience on funded productions and to receive industry guidance. Shortlisted teams can avail of training to develop their project ideas and up to six teams will be awarded production funding of €12,500 each to produce a short film. The scheme was advertised in December with a closing date of 29th January next.



Tipperary Healthy Ireland Cultural Projects Award 2021

- The Tipperary Healthy Ireland programme 2021 is providing a range of resources and programmes to support our citizens during the COVID19 crisis. A range of initiatives are planned as part of this



new “Keep Well” Initiative across 5 areas.

1. Staying Active
 2. Keeping Connected
 3. Switching Off
 4. Eating Well
 5. Minding Your Mood
- With a specific focus on the “switching off” element, the Cultural Team were tasked with the curation of a range of resources and programmes to support local wellbeing between January and March 2021. In December, we issued an open call to creatives, cultural organisations, artists and heritage specialists in Tipperary to deliver online programmes with a public engagement focus to meet this need with a closing date of 20 January. The range of programmes curated will be announced in the coming weeks through the Tipperary Keep Well page of our website and through social media and local media.
 - **Artist support schemes** support artist’s professional development across the artforms and encourage artists and creative practitioners to live and work in Tipperary which is central to the long term development of the arts and culture in the County. A range of support schemes provided direct grant support to 24 artists in 2020 in Music, Theatre, Literature and Visual Arts. Professional development events, in addition to supporting artists development, also provide important networking opportunities for artists in Tipperary. This is an area of arts office support consistently identified by artists as of value and during 2020 we adapted to online provision in partnership with Visual Artists

Ireland and partner local authorities in Limerick and Clare.

- A range of grants and schemes to support Arts Development in the county were advertised in December for 2021 as follows:
- **Tipperary Arts Act Grant Scheme** – intended to assist organisations in stimulating public interest in the arts, promoting the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or in improving standards in the arts in the county.
- **Tipperary Artists Awards** – intended to support professional artists under three categories, professional development, creation of new work, reaching audiences.
- **Tyrone Guthrie Centre Regional Bursary Scheme** - two bursary awards to professional artists living in Tipperary to develop work at the County Monaghan workplace for artists.
- **Local Drama Scheme** - Up to two development awards annually to assist groups in developing skills within the group/enhancing production values/availing of further training/availing of professional input or for other development needs/special projects.

The closing date for all grant schemes is 26th February 2021.

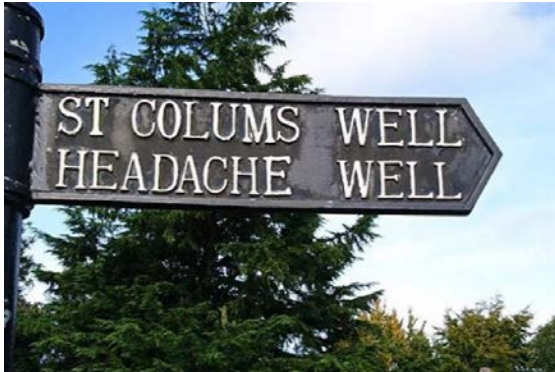
- The Arts Office co-ordinates the **Tipperary Festivals & Events Scheme** on behalf of Tipperary County Council which supports events throughout the county. The closing date for 2021 was 28th January next and the assessment process will take place in the coming weeks.

Heritage Service

County Heritage Plan Actions:

All 2020 projects were completed and funds were drawn down successfully.

The new programme for 2021 will include



- **An audit of Holy Wells in the county:** Holy wells are in almost every part of the county and are part of our cultural landscape. Recently added to the UNESCO list of *Intangible cultural heritage*, they are closely associated with the traditions and customs of a locality. The Heritage Office intend to map and record holy wells across the county and also to engage with local communities to record the particular customs and stories associated with each well.
- **The Bolton Library Film project** is a collaboration with the **Heritage Office, Tipperary County Council Library Service, the Glucksman Library University of Limerick, Representative Church Body Library** and the **Diocese of Cashel**. The Bolton Library is a collection of some 12,000 rare books and manuscripts of international significance. This film project will document the origins of the

collection in Cashel, its history and the significance of the collection.

- **Raising Awareness Programme:** This will be a one year programme of talks and projects with communities raising awareness of their heritage.

National Biodiversity Action Plan:

- The 2020 projects were completed and additional funds were availed of under the July Stimulus package. Given the situation with Covid-19 over the last year, the stimulus package funding application will run from 2020 into 2021. The Heritage Office is continuing with a programme of biodiversity actions which are being finalised at the moment.

Commemorations Programme:

- 2020 was a particularly difficult year for commemoration with much of the proposed programming cancelled due to Covid-19. We were delighted to get an increase in funding for 2021 and are currently putting together a programme. Our **Commemorations Grant Scheme** was launched in December and assessments will take place in February. We are in also in the process of engaging a *Historian in Residence* to engage with the many groups across the county involved in commemorating local events and to tell the stories of the period on a number of platforms.

Creative Ireland Programme:

- 2020 was a challenging year for all of our creative communities, but the Heritage Office delivered a cultural programme that engaged creatively with the public, adapted itself to ever-changing circumstances and celebrated the cultural activity and cultural heritage of the county. We received additional funds through the July Stimulus fund and have an increase in funds for 2021. The Creative Ireland programme is overseen by The Cultural team of Libraries, Arts, Heritage and Museum. The Community Grant Scheme and Open Call Scheme are currently accepting applications and will close on February 12th.



Creative Ireland project with Local Link

Community Monuments Fund



Pallas Dorrha Church works

- Last year was the first year of this scheme and projects were funded in Pallas Dorrha, Ardcroney and Emly. The Heritage Officers' network and the Heritage Council met with the National Monuments Service in January 2021 and the launch of 2021 scheme is expected to take place in February. The Heritage Officer has been engaging with landowners and groups from across the county with a view to submitting a number of applications when this happens.

Heritage 2030- National Heritage Plan

- A new National Heritage Plan is due in the first half of the year.

Museum Service

War of Independence exhibition

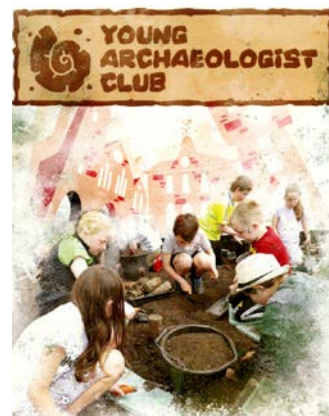


- The Museum have teamed up with photography colourists and the National Library to present never before seen colourised images of the War of Independence. Good progress has been made on the exhibition. To date, the conservation of artefacts has been completed, the interior installed and the bespoke cases delivered. Final design panels will be signed off early this month and installed at the end of February.
- In addition, the Museum commissioned traditional singer Aileen Lambert to create a resource for use with schools, choirs, community groups and individuals on the musical heritage of the period. Two songs feature in the resource, 'The Galtee Mountain Boy' and 'Pat Keating's Grave'. Each resource pack features a YouTube link to the song, lyrics, background info, tin whistle notes, guitar chords

and sheet music. Work is currently ongoing in distributing this online resource to schools via teacher's centres, Junior Cycle Teachers Office, email links and local newspapers.



- The Museum continued to celebrate its 21st Anniversary this year with the launch of 'Rediscovery of Mick Delahanty's Lost Recordings' in July 2020. To date we have sent out 1000 copies to cocooning individuals, couples and families. A piece about the project was filmed by RTE before Christmas and was aired on the Six One news on 15th January 2021. There has been huge demand for the CD since this publicity. Museum Staff are putting together packs for 100s of cocooning fans of Mick Delahanty.



- The Museum's Young Archaeologists Club has also moved online and held a Zoom event in January. A group of 7 participants

enjoyed An Ask the Archaeologist Event on 16th January.

- The 8th Annual Lecture Series is up and running and this year the series is being delivered online only due to current restrictions. Monthly lectures are uploaded to www.hiddenhistory.ie each month.
- Tipperary County Council Workplace Partnership Forum & Tipperary Museum of Hidden History took the lead on motivating our own frontline staff to coordinate a series of crosswords, music trivia, word searches and history quizzes for TCC staff. A new series of Mindfulness and Sports live online sessions were devised and rolled out to staff weekly. An average of 30 staff participated on the 6 week programmes and feedback has been very positive.



Museum in a Box

Hearth & Home



- The Museum's Education & Outreach Officer is currently working with independent artist/curator Leisa Grey and

designer Mark White to put the finishing touches to 2 handling boxes for use in Education and Care settings. The boxes are themed around 'Hearth & Home' and 'Fun and Games'. Each box will have resources appropriate to the needs of the user group.



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 30th November 2020

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME				NET
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A	Housing & Building	35,086,342	33,789,894	104%	(1,296,448)	34,291,040	34,216,360	100%	(74,680)	(795,301)
B	Road Transport & Safety	55,063,117	52,874,517	104%	(2,188,600)	39,140,751	35,705,020	110%	(3,435,731)	(15,922,366)
C	Water Services	12,663,648	14,339,131	88%	1,675,483	11,990,146	13,887,502	86%	1,897,356	(673,502)
D	Development Management	33,985,487	13,310,691	255%	(20,674,796)	26,485,176	4,765,462	556%	(21,719,714)	(7,500,311)
E	Environmental Services	24,150,879	27,554,455	88%	3,403,576	9,147,994	10,667,608	86%	1,519,614	(15,002,885)
F	Recreation & Amenity	11,825,973	13,446,449	88%	1,620,476	1,933,126	2,807,128	69%	874,002	(9,892,848)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,444,320	1,862,632	78%	418,312	1,008,180	1,268,976	79%	260,796	(436,140)
H	Miscellaneous Services	27,389,896	16,536,161	166%	(10,853,735)	17,815,136	7,460,995	239%	(10,354,141)	(9,574,760)
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	24,875,546	27,136,959	92%	2,261,413	24,875,546
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	32,814,759	35,797,920	92%	2,983,161	32,814,759
	Totals	201,609,662	173,713,930	116%	(27,895,732)	199,501,854	173,713,930	115%	(25,787,924)	(2,107,808)



Capital Account – Year to Date 30th November 2020

	Expenditure	Income
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	26,239,478	24,946,666
B Road Transport & Safety	13,135,155	11,701,540
C Water Services	3,270,452	2,878,554
D Development Management	7,544,226	10,212,436
E Environmental Services	2,476,079	1,528,441
F Recreation & Amenity	1,183,061	591,749
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	54,800	-
H Miscellaneous Services	2,517,972	2,200,183
Total	56,421,222	54,059,570

Collection Rates	YTD 202011	YTD 201911	YTD 201912
Rates	66%*	68%	83%**
Rents	96%	97%	95%
Housing Loans	93%	89%	90%

*Collection rate to end November takes account of rates waiver of €11.1m, final figure to be agreed with Dept.

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



COMMERCIAL RATES

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the economic outfall, with many businesses closed or severely restricted, Tipperary County Council did not issue the majority of Rate Demands for 2020 until late June.

This has had a severe impact on our Rates Collection figures. At 31/12/2020 our cash collected is down by €4.7m compared to the similar period in 2019. (€23m v €27.7m)

The Total Amount of Rates demanded was €35,801,345.

COMMERCIAL RATES WAIVER SCHEME

The Waiver Scheme for Commercial Rates applies to all businesses, subject to certain exceptions. These exceptions include vacant property, windfarms, global utility networks, banks, building societies, public service and individual properties where the rate bill is in excess of €100,000. The duration of the waiver was extended to cover a nine month period.

We have applied the Waiver to customer accounts. The total amount of rates waived is €12,375,930. This amount has been recouped from the Department.

A new waiver scheme has been announced by the Government for the first 3 months of 2021. This scheme has reduced eligibility, with a number of additional categories of business excluded from the scheme

RE-START GRANT SCHEME

Revenue Section has completed processing applications for the ReStart Grants.

The total of the various grants amounts to €20,382,734.

The ReStart Grants have now been replaced by the CRSS scheme which is administered by the Revenue Commissioners.

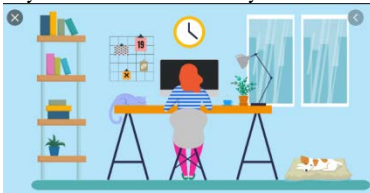
EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME FOR COMMERCIAL RATES

It was decided not to implement The Early Payment scheme for 2020 to reflect the situation with Covid-19 and the Rates Waiver scheme.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Networks & Infrastructure

- Progressed implementation of a new unified central phone system for the organisation.
- Evaluated and awarded contract for new IT infrastructure platform for the organisation.
- Proceeded with upgrade of corporate wireless network
- Begun build out of new Disaster Recovery facilities.
- Progressed the implementation of two factor authentication on a critical system
- Implemented zoom conferencing facilities in Clonmel Boardroom
- Commenced design of zoom compatible solution for Nenagh, Clonmel and Clonmel MDO chambers.
- Prepared and signed off on organisation information security policy
- Carried out number of cyber security tests across organisation
- Completed the new comms room in Civic Offices Clonmel and the new UPS infrastructure in server room Clonmel -
- Continued to deploy laptops to facilitate remote working.
- Continued to support staff who have the facility to work remotely from home.



- Continued to upgrade our Microsoft Office estate to MS Office 2019.
- Continued to upgrade our Windows 7 PCs to Windows 10 in line with our Windows upgrade programme.

Web Site and eDevelopment

- Redeveloped the tipperarysports.ie Sports Partnership Website
- Redeveloped whatsonintipp.ie to incorporate Artist Database and Craftsperson's listing (coming soon).
- Continued to support and promote the Keep-well campaign
- Developed interactive forms for the submission of Grants under MDs.
- Continued management and support of internal business systems and websites.



Business Systems and GIS

Planning

- Continued to facilitate and support the piloting of the national online planning project (ePlan)
- Created new digitizing layer for Part 8s.
- MapInfo training organised remotely.
- Violence and Aggression register updated.
- Migration to iPlan v5 prepared.
- Enforcement system upgraded initiated.

Housing

- ePayments system upgrade project initiated.
- Housing Inspection system upgraded to new CRM 2015.
- Approved Housing Bodies system migrated to new CRM 2015 system.
- Created Training Manual for Housing GIS App.
- New DEASP connection setup within iHouse.

Environment

- Environmental Complaints System migration tested.

Finance

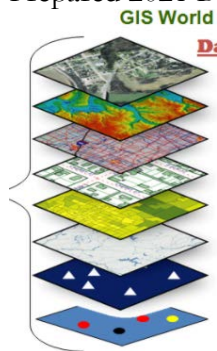
- Facilitated year end cleanup on Agresso.
- Lighthouse System – loading 3 months invoices.
- End of year live to test completed. Loans upgrade tested.

Roads

- Impala traffic fine system handheld software upgraded for security.
- AutoCAD upgrade for 18 licenses.

Corporate/ Organisation/ HR

- Prepared 2021 Budget Sheet.



- CSD – Updated CRM SLA for organisation & created eLearning training videos for superusers.
- Vodafone/Eir Billing – fortnightly/monthly.
- IT Procurement Officer advised on award and finalized new Infrastructure Tender
- 14 New Smartphones 7 basic phones added.
- OSI GIS data updated.
- Upgraded our CRM from 2013 to 2015 for the organisation.
- eLearning training modules created; iHouse 3.6, Anti-Fraud & Corruption Awareness, Electronic Communication Policy, IT H&S modules, CRM Superuser Modules, Cyber Security Refresher.

Technical Support

Continued to provide technical support to staff and elected members, for business, web, geographical, desktop and network systems.