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FOREWORD

CATHAOIRLEACH

A Cháirde,

On 24th June 2016, I was privileged to be elected as the 1st female Cathaoirleach and the 3rd Cathaoirleach since the merger of North and South Tipperary, to represent Tipperary as its first citizen.



During my term of office my main aim was to assist the Council in promoting and showcasing our County to both its own citizens, potential investors and prospective tourists to our County. We launched the first ever all County Tipperary Tourism Plan which represents a major milestone for the County in that it is the first time that the Premier County is in a position to promote itself to tourists as a unified County.

As part of the 1916 commemorations, over 95 Projects and Initiatives took place around the county including the convening of the March County Council Meeting in Cloughjordan in recognition of the Thomas McDonagh 1916 Commemorations and accordingly to acknowledge his role as both a signatory to the proclamation and simultaneously his role as a poet, patriot, educator and promoter of the Irish Language.

Tipperary County Council continued to organise some major events during the year and to work with other public organisations in the County to showcase what the County has to offer.

- The FAI's AGM and Festival of Football which took place around the county during July with over 30 club visits and fun packed days in 5 towns;
- Tipperary Bealtaine Festival in partnership with Tipperary Libraries celebrating creativity in Older age;
- Terryglass Arts Festival in June;
- Clancy Festival held on June Bank Holiday;
- Inaugural Sean Kelly Classic Cycle held in Carrick-on-Suir;
- Cashel Arts Festival 2016;
- "It's a long way to Tipperary Festival" held in Tipperary on 15th/16th July
- Clonmel's Junction Festival held during July
- Festival Cluain Meala, Suir Valley 3 day cycling race and Clonmel Busking Festival in August 2016
- DesignFest Clonmel in October 2016

During my term I have had the pleasure of according Civic Welcomes to a number of important dignitaries namely,

- Mr. Kevin O'Malley, the US American Ambassador to Ireland on 2nd September, 2016.
- The Football Association of Ireland on the occasion of their visit to Tipperary County Council on 28th July and in particular Mr. John Delaney, CEO of the FAI and Mr. Martin O'Neill, Republic of Ireland's Soccer Team Manager;
- Marje O'Toole, National IFA President and Aine Devitt, South Tipperary ICA President on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the South Tipperary ICA Federation on 12th October, 2016.
- Mr. Yue Xiaoyong, the Chinese Ambassador to Ireland on 28th October, 2016.

The Council also accorded its highest honour on behalf of the people of Tipperary to two very deserving recipients in recognition of their outstanding achievements, namely:

- Labhrás O'Murchú was accorded a Civic Reception in Bru Ború, Cashel on 25th January, 2016 in recognition of his contribution to Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann and his promotion of Irish Music and Culture;
- Michael Mouse Morris was accorded a Civic Reception in the Tholsel, Fethard on 2nd June 2016 in recognition of his unique achievement as Trainer of the Irish and English Grand National Steeplechase winners in 2016 with "Rogue Angel" and "Rule the World";

The word sport is synonymous to our County and we are very lucky to have a wealth of different clubs and teams throughout the County. The 4th September 2016 is a date that will live long in my memory as a historic day when Tipperary were crowned both the Senior and Minor All Ireland Hurling champions for 2016 in Croke Park. It was a huge privilege for me to represent the Council as Cathaoirleach at the homecoming in Semple Stadium the following night where in excess of 35,000 supporters turned out to welcome home the champions.

Other personal highlights attended during the year included:-

- The ordination of Bishop Fintan Monahan in Ennis Cathedral
- The official opening of the Questum Activation Centre at Ballingarrane, Clonmel
- The official opening of the Comeragh College in Carrick-on-Suir.
- The inaugural "Energy in Agriculture" conference held in Gurteen College in October 2016, organised by the Council in partnership with Teagasc, and Tipperary Energy Agency
- The Knockanrawley Resource Centre 25th anniversary celebrations.
- The Cannon Hayes & Annerville Sports Awards ceremonies held in Ballykisteen, Tipperary and Park Hotel, Clonmel.
- The honouring of John Kerry, Former US Secretary of State at the Tipperary Peace Awards held in Aherlow House Hotel

On the voluntary and community front, I wish to acknowledge the trojan efforts of every organisation throughout the county, whose work compliments the work of the Council in seeking to improve the quality of life for all the citizens of Tipperary. In particular, I wish to congratulate Birdhill on securing the title of "Tidiest Village in Ireland in 2016" and indeed every community group that secured various Tidy Towns titles across the County and the individual volunteers that work so hard in their respective local areas. I was delighted to represent the Council at the "South East Tidy Towns" awards that were held in the Lakeside Hotel, Ballina, Co. Tipperary on 3rd November 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chief Executive Mr. Joe MacGrath, the Executive Team and all the staff of Tipperary County Council for the tremendous work carried out on a daily basis for the development of this County. I would also like to thank the Leas Cathaoirleach Councillor Louise McLoughlin for her support during my term of office and Councillor Seamus Hanafin and Councillor John Fahey who presided as the previous Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach. My thanks also to my colleagues on the Council for their support and co-operation during my period as Cathaoirleach.

Finally on a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to two former Cathaoirleach who died during this term namely Mr. Colm O'Donnell (Cahir) and Mr. Jimmy Hogan (Carrick) and also to our serving colleague the late Councillor Willie Kennedy who was taken from us on the 7th March 2016 following a road traffic accident. Willie was a true friend and was held in the highest respect by all his fellow Councillors and will be forever sadly missed. May they all Rest in Peace. Amen.

In conclusion, I look forward to continuing to work with you all in the future.

Is Mise le Meas,

Cllr Siobhán Ambrose
Cathaoirleach

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE JOE MACGRATH

I am pleased to join with the Cathaoirleach in presenting our third Annual Report at this midway point of the Council's term. Within this report, you will read about the activities and progress of the different directorates within Tipperary county Council during 2016, which have delivered significant infrastructural improvements, maintained and enhanced key services and lead the way in local public service delivery.

The year commenced with the activation of the Council's Emergency Response Plan to manage the severe flooding event that occurred in early January. The interagency co-operation was very evident throughout the event and I would like to convey my appreciation for the response and commitment during the event by Council Staff, Elected Members, Voluntary and Community Groups, Civil Defence, Gardaí, Army, Fire Services, HSE, DSP, Red Cross, River Rescue and Local Media.

During 2016, the Council sought to further build on its vision statement

“Ambitious for our communities, demanding of ourselves and working to a shared purpose to deliver prosperity across the county”.

Over the past 12 months, the Council has been particularly active in progressing measures under its three strategic themes of:

1. A Strong Economy,
2. Quality Environment
3. Quality of Life”.

Strong Economy

- The adoption of the Tipperary Local Community and Economic Plan 2015-2020 in January 2016, which will drive community development;
- The adoption of the Tipperary Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2015-2021 in March 2016.
- The approval by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Rural, Regional and Gaeltacht Affairs in May 2016 of the Tipperary Local Development Strategy.
- The Launch of County Tipperary Commercial Incentive Scheme 2016 and Early Payment Scheme for Commercial Rates aimed at incentivising the occupancy of vacant commercial premises and early payment of rates.
- Harmonisation of rates over a four year period.
- Completion of the refurbishment and extension of Municipal District/Library Offices at Castle Avenue, Thurles.
- The Council also continued to pursue and leverage funding opportunities during 2016 through the Rural Economic Development Zones (REDZ), CLAR, Town and Village Renewal Scheme, EU Co-funded schemes and the Housing Adaption Grant Scheme.

Quality of Life

- Tipperary County Council Customer Services deemed the best in the Country at the Chamber Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards in November 2016.
- The adoption of the Tipperary Sports Partnership Strategic Plan 2016-2020.
- Phase 2 of the Butler Trail which included the development of an app, audio guides, individual town brochures and the installation of signage in the towns of Cahir, Clonmel and Carrick on Suir.
- Adoption of the first all-county Tipperary Arts Strategy.
- Project Futsal in conjunction with FAI where participants took part in a full year of academic and football education.



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Quality Environment

- Tipperary County Council in partnership with Teagasc, Tipperary Energy Agency and Gurteen College organised the inaugural “Energy in Agriculture” event in August 2016 which featured case studies, presentations and practical demonstrations on renewable energy technologies.
- Tipperary County Council awarded the Best Energy Smart Incentive in respect of the Tipperary Photovoltaic project at the 2016 LAMA awards.
- Establishment of the Local Authority Water and Communities Office (LAWCO) in Clonmel in February 2016 which operates as a shared service with our colleagues in Kilkenny County Council on behalf of all local authorities to co-ordinate the water quality work of local authorities.
- Launch of a new road sweeper device to remove litter from our roads.
- Cashel selected as Ireland's first pilot town to implement a zero waste programme.
- 600 trees and wild flower packs distributed to various schools and community groups.
- Continuation of the Councils' programme to reduce energy demand and increase its share of renewable energy in line with the Climate Change Strategy with energy retrofit works completed at eight fire stations, one leisure centre, one civic office and one public lighting system under the SEAI Better Energy Communities Programme.
- Tipperary Fire and Rescue was recognised at the 2016 National Safety Awards as “Best Public Service” for the second year running.
- Official Opening of the Thurles Town Park on 27th April, 2016.



I want to acknowledge the valuable advice and guidance provided by the Corporate Policy Group of the Council, the five Strategic Policy Committees and, in particular the work of our five Municipal Districts.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remember the late Councillor Willie Kennedy who lost his life following a road traffic accident on the 7th March 2016 and to extend the sympathy of the entire Council to his family, relations and friends.

This was a difficult time for staff and fellow Councillors as Willie had a special relationship with staff, many of whom he had worked with since he was first elected in 1985. Ar dheis dé go raibh a anim dhilis.

The Council also welcomed two new Councillors, co-opted to the Council during the year with Cllr. Eddie Moran replacing the late Councillor Willie Kennedy in April 2016 and Cllr. Sean Ryan replacing Cllr. Jackie Cahill as a result of his election to Dáil Éireann, following the General Election in February 2016.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the dedication and enthusiasm of our Cathaoirleach Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, the Municipal District Cathaoirleach, Cllrs. Phyll Bugler, Andy Moloney, Roger Kennedy, Joe Bourke and Imelda Goldsboro and all of the elected members. My thanks also to the staff of Tipperary County Council and the voluntary/community groups, sectors, committees and individuals who work with us to progress the development and well being of the communities and people of Tipperary.

Joe MacGrath
Chief Executive

Of the 32 counties Tipperary County Council is

11th
largest by
population

159,553
(census April 2016)



The region is part of the central plain of Ireland and is traversed by key arterial routes such as M7, M8, N24 as well as train lines from Dublin to Cork and Limerick and Waterford to Limerick.

M7

M8

N24

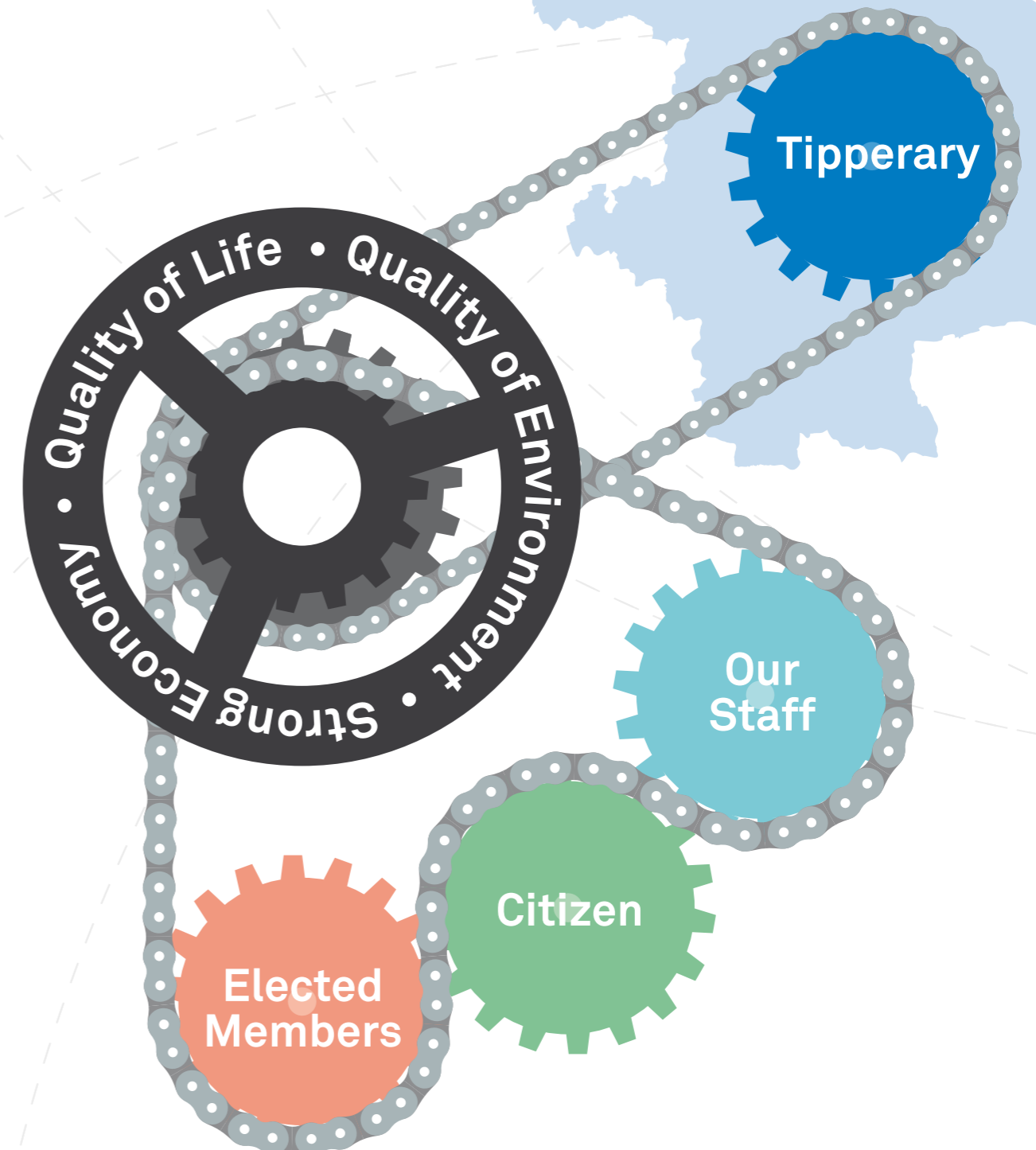
6th
largest by
area

4,282km²
(census April 2016)

Tipperary County Council has a very clear aspiration not only to maintain the quality of its services but also to improve them. We will be ambitious for our county and support an environment that will enable more investment and more good quality jobs for local people.

VISION STATEMENT

Tipperary Together - Ambitious for our communities, demanding of ourselves and working to a shared purpose to deliver prosperity across the county.



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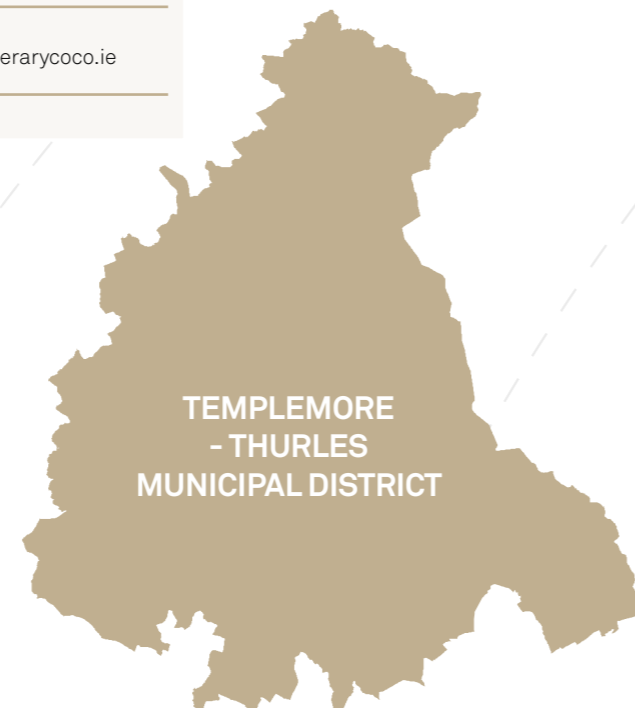
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Delegated Municipal District
Templemore/Thurles

Directorate
Clonmel

MR. KARL CASHEN
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions
Planning, Fire & Emergency Services & Libraries

Directorate
Nenagh

MR. LIAM MCCARTHY
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions
Finance & Information Systems

Directorate
Nenagh

MR. PAT SLATTERY
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions
Corporate & Human Resources

Delegated Municipal District
Carrick on Suir

Directorate
Clonmel

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Directorate Functions
Housing

Delegated Municipal District
Cashel/Tipperary

Directorate
Clonmel

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Directorate Functions
Roads, Health & Safety

Delegated Municipal District
Nenagh

Directorate
Nenagh

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Directorate
Clonmel

MS. SINEAD CARR
DIRECTOR OF SERVICES

Directorate Functions
Community & Economic Development

Delegated Municipal District
Clonmel

Directorate
Clonmel

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SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER & SECRETARY TO THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

Directorate Functions
Nenagh Municipal District

STRONG ECONOMY

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE
- TOURISM
- ROADS, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH & SAFETY
- PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Tipperary County Council plays a pivotal role in providing strong leadership for the county of Tipperary. The County has a diverse economy including a strong medi-pharma hub in the south, manufacturing and its famous horse breeding industry. The superb fertile land provides an ideal environment for food production and a growing reputation around artisan foods. Tourism also plays a significant role with major landmarks such as Lough Derg, Rock of Cashel, Cahir Castle and Swiss Cottage.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE

MARKETING SUITE TO PROMOTE TIPPERARY

Dublin firm STRATEGEM iLabs was engaged following an eTendering process in Autumn to create, design and produce a Suite of Marketing Materials & Channels to Promote Tipperary as the Premier Location for foreign direct and indigenous investment. The assignment involved the production of a county brochure, website, video and 5 municipal district brochures. The project was managed by a steering Committee comprised of IDA, business interests and other stakeholders. The materials will be launched in early 2017.

LOCAL DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT FUND 2016

Under the 2016 Local Diaspora Engagement call, Tipperary County Council supported five community groups to make application under the scheme. Fortunately, for the County the five applications were successful – Finnoe, Kilbarron, Terryglass Reaching Out, Roscrea Chamber Tipperary Integrated Rural Development (TIRD, Connect Tipperary) focussing on Tipperary Town/ West Tipperary, Thurles Chamber and Carrick On Suir. In April the Council supported the Launch of the Ottawa 2015 Finnoe, Kilbarron, Terryglass Connect Ireland Project at which the Canadian ambassador Mr Kevin Vickers officiated. A number of networking meetings for the Diaspora Groups were organised during 2016 to promote greater collaboration and sharing of best practice.

REDZ

The 4 Rural Economic Development Zone plans involving 15 individual projects were rolled out across the County in 2016 to maximize the €375k REDZ grant awarded to Tipperary County Council and to generate a spend in excess of €500k. Among those projects supported were the Tholsel in Fethard, Glen of Aherlow Failte Society, Annacarty Co-operative Tea Rooms and Shop, Cashel/ Tipperary Municipal District public realm development, The Community Sports Hub on the River Suir, CCRC Work it Out Programme, Design Fest in Clonmel the Nenagh Arts Centre, the Borrisokane Stimulus Programme, and a substantial amount towards the Nenagh Ormond Way.

Retail Supports:

The Council continues to actively support the retail industry in a manner that meets the identified needs of this sector. In particular this has included the setting up of retail town centre forums in 6 of the 9 key towns to date and supporting them to implement the actions identified for each town in the Town Centre Plan developed in 2015. Access to funds for appropriate marketing and promotion is available to all of these town centre forum groups. A painting scheme initiative in each of the 9 towns has had very positive take up and a Christmas Retail Support Programme where communities associated with town/village centers across the County can avail of funds to support Christmas festivals that would attract or retain business in their areas has been particularly successful. Supports from the Council have also included personnel and financial support to festivals whose objective it is to increase footfall into town centers;

From a policy perspective the recently all county adopted Commercial Incentive Scheme is now in place throughout the entire county which provides grant aid to new retail businesses setting up within the town centre. A package of soft supports around marketing; business planning; mentoring; social media etc is also now available to any of the retail businesses in addition to access to "on-line trading vouchers" which are available through the LEO office.

The Council, will also continue to support the on-going promotion of a dynamic town centre through civic improvement initiatives such as the works carried out on Thurles Town Park Playground; the completion of works on Parnell Street in Clonmel and The Blue-way; and civic improvements in Templemore, Nenagh, Tipperary Town and Roscrea. Infrastructural development proposals continue to be progressed for each of the towns and as funding becomes available, will be implemented.

BUSINESS / MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Lisheen mine:

Working alongside the task force, the business development section of Community & Enterprise developed a co-ordinated plan to develop the concept of a National Bioeconomy Campus from the Lisheen site which ceased production in November 2015. The closure plan for the site will continue until the end of 2017. The Irish Bioeconomy Association was established in September 2016 and in conjunction with Tipperary County Council, a successful application was made to REDZ for a feasibility study on the development of pilot scale facilities to serve the prototyping and pre-commercialisation of products from the agri, food, marine, forestry and organic waste streams.

BUSINESS PARKS

Ballingarrane:

In conjunction with the planning section, a draft masterplan for the site was prepared during 2016, dividing the holding in to defined precincts suitable for different industrial sectors. A number of itineraries were also facilitated at this site during the year

Questum:

Working in conjunction with Limerick Institute of Technology and the businesses resident in Questum (Eirechrom, Oneboxvision, Comitass and Anu Pictures), increased occupancy was achieved during 2016 and companies were introduced to a variety of third and fourth level organizations and programme options.

Work is on going with other business parks in the county where the Council has an interest including the Clonmel Business Development Park; the Drangan Enterprise Centre; Ballingarry Enterprise centre; Rear Cross Food Centre and Tipperary Technology Park in Tipperary Town.

Business Liaison supports continued throughout 2016 with a number of companies, a notable initiative being Premier Green Energy in Thurles and the assistance with a number of Chinese delegations during the year, including the visit of Ambassador Dr. Yue Xiaoyong in October.

ENTERPRISE ACTIVITY

The Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs), act as a “First Stop Shop” for anyone seeking information and support relating to starting or growing a business. The Local Enterprise Office supports business start-ups and works to increase the job creation potential of new and existing micro and small businesses through the provision of information, advice, training, mentoring, seminars and grants

LEO Tipperary had a successful 2016 ranking first in the country for the number of Entrepreneurial and Capability Development Initiatives delivered in 2016 with 158 and ranking second in the country in terms of grants paid out. In the period January to December 2016, the Local Enterprise Office considered 45 business proposals and approved grant assistance of €701,921 which will leverage a capital investment in excess of €2.659m. Projects supported included 15 start ups, 16 business expansions and 7 feasibility studies and will yield 95 full time jobs for the County over the next 2-3 years. LEO portfolio firms surveyed at the end of last year highlighted a net increase in employment levels 119 jobs on the previous year.

Supports also provided by LEO include training, management development courses, mentoring etc. Firms also benefitted from export market assessment, exhibition, training and other grants. Dedicated programmes were designed and delivered to support target groups such as the food, steel fabrication, women in business, ICT, young entrepreneurs etc.

Entrepreneurship Promotion:

The County's second “Enterprise Week” involving a series of events designed to promote business development and inspire entrepreneurship took place during March and the various events attracted an attendance of almost 300. “Enterprise week featured a “Who to talk” to event held in Thurles, A Craft Forum in Cahir, A Social Enterprise Workshop in Tipperary town, Procurement Workshop in Thurles, Kick Start Your Digital Animation Studio seminar held in Clonmel in addition to an EEN (Enterprise Europe Network) presentation held at the Horse & Jockey.



Pictured at the Craft Forum in Cahir; Celine Cummins, Design Consultant, Emer Ferran, Design & Crafts Council of Ireland, Kathleen Prendergast, Economic Development Officer TCC, Deirdre Enright, Fruition and Jane Ryan Design



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Andy and Anne Marie Spillane, Savvy Kitchens winners of the 2016 National Enterprise Awards County Final

The County Enterprise Awards took place on 11 March at Bru Boru, Cashel and Borrisoleigh firm Andy Spillane Bespoke Furniture Ltd emerged as the overall winner who progressed to represent the county at the National final held in the Aviva Stadium in June.

Colaiste Phobal Roscrea and Our Lady's Secondary School Templemore won the top prizes at the Tipperary Student Enterprise Awards which took place at LIT Thurles in March. And the two winning schools progressed to represent the County in three categories at the National Finals which took place in Croke Park on April 20. In the national competition, Colaiste Phobal Roscrea won a special merit award in the senior category and Our Lady's Secondary School Templemore won an Innovation Award in the Junior category.

From a pool of 47 entrants and 16 that participated in the boot camp, Tipperary's best young entrepreneurs were announced in December. Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE) competition carries a €2 million investment fund and is run by 31 Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) and is supported by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and Enterprise Ireland. The overall “best young entrepreneur” for the county in 2016 was Jennifer Nickerson from Tipperary Boutique Distillery Ltd in Cahir. Jennifer also won the category for Best Start up and an investment fund from LEO Tipperary worth €15,000.

On-line Trading Vouchers & Financial Supports:

34 On Line Trading Vouchers worth €70,369 were awarded in 2016 to a mix of business interests including retail, service, tourism and manufacturing. Nine mentoring sessions involving 45 participants took place during the year and the LEO continues to promote their availability and take up by the retail sector in the county.

The LEO works closely with Microfinance Ireland to secure loans of between €2-25k for business promoters who fall short of standard bank lending criteria. In 2016, the Local Enterprise Office has put forward 32 applicants for Microfinance loans and 16 applications were successful in securing loan finance amounting to €223,900 and projects supported will contribute 35 jobs to the local economy.

Competitive Call Applications:

Tipperary Local Enterprise Office led 6 applications under the Regional Enterprise Funds Competitive calls in 2015 and in June 2016 received confirmation that funding of €192,740 has been approved by Enterprise Ireland for three of the initiatives to be rolled out in the South & East including a Food Export Cluster, exploiting the potential of AgriTech involving a Symposium and the establishment of Digital and Gaming Corridor to link Clonmel and Thurles. Tipperary will also participate in two other regional initiatives such as a Creative Corridor led by Wicklow and the Non Executive Directors / Take Off Programme led by Wexford.



Food Supports:

The Tipperary Food Strategy 2015 - 2021 was adopted in 2015 and provides the roadmap to grow and develop the food sector in Tipperary.

This vision statement is underpinned by three core strands:

- Support Tipperary Food Producers
- Build the Tipperary Food Brand
- Develop the Food Eco-system in Tipperary



Key actions delivered in 2016 across these three strands:

- Flagship event held in April 2016 – “Great Taste Comes to Tipperary” – 77 eminent Irish & UK food critics, journalists, chefs, buyers travelled to Tipperary for the Irish leg of the Great Taste Awards – covered by RTE’s Nationwide
- Tipperary Breakfast in London – Irish Embassy in London hosted a Tipperary breakfast comprising of UK food buyers and Tipperary Food Producers in September. The keynote speaker was Ewan Venters, CEO of Fortnum & Mason and the Irish Ambassador – Mr. Daniel Mulhall
- A collective food display as part of Tholsel showcasing how the food of the County was developed
- A pilot study to develop the Tipperary Mark of Nourishment was completed by LIT.
- An application for 50% of funding to conduct a feasibility study into the Food Centre of Excellence was awarded by Enterprise Ireland
- Funding to develop a South East Food Export Initiative was secured to help grow and support established micro food companies. The funding was awarded to Tipperary under the LEO Competitive Fund 2015-2017.
- Range of training programmes delivered to support the sector delivered across the county including: Start Your Own Food Business Programme, Labelling Clinic, Primary Hygiene, HACCP and Food Academy Programme.



CEDRA Agri Food & Marine Tourism Projects:

Tipperary County Council was awarded funding for Agri-Food Tourism Projects under CEDRA in November 2016 in the amount of €35,629 (excluding VAT) towards a new initiative titled Experience A Taste of Tipperary... from Castle to Castle which will span four areas across 3 Municipal Districts including Roscrea, Cahir, Nenagh and Lough Derg. The grant approved was at a rate of 65% excluding VAT and relies on local communities to deliver on the various project elements.

The vision is to “establish Tipperary as the food cradle of nourishment internationally through our producer’s ethics, integrity, and excellence”.

TOURISM



300,000 VISITORS

Tourism plays an important role within the economy of County Tipperary with over 300,000 domestic and international visitors injecting almost €90 million into the county annually.

The tourism office coordinates the Councils role in tourism marketing, promotion and product development across the County. This includes the provision of support to Tipperary Tourism Company, the Lough Derg Marketing Strategy Group and Munster Vales. The tourism office works with key agencies involved in tourism to leverage all possible benefit to the county, this includes working with Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland on the new brand for Irelands Ancient East and the Lakeslands brand.

Tipperary Strategic Tourism Marketing, Experience & Destination Development Plan 2016-2021

Tipperary Tourism Company and Tipperary County Council recently developed a new Strategic Tourism Marketing, Experience and Destination Development Plan for Tipperary 2016 – 2021. This countywide plan sets out a fresh proposition for Tipperary. Action orientated, the Plan aims to galvanise and enable growth for Tipperary. Together we believe we can position Tipperary as a leading inland destination within the Top 3 destinations in Irelands Ancient East. The vision for Destination Tipperary is outlined below.



The undiscovered heartland of Ireland - abundant in authentic, yet-to-be discovered experiences that are rooted in a land even more ancient than the historic buildings that remain, yet fully in harmony with the modern world.

MUNSTER VALES



Munster Vales is a tourism destination of domestic and international significance incorporating the Commeragh, Knockmealdown, Galtee, Ballyhoura and Nagles mountain ranges. Following the recent completion a Marketing Plan the Munster Vales concept is now ready for further development to include; marketing, promotions, social media activities, product development and training in a manner that could bring significant socio-economic benefits to the people of the area and provide an enhanced authentic experience for visitors, whilst maintaining an understanding and appreciation of the natural and built environment. The Munster Vales strives to be regarded as the premier outdoor activity offering in Irelands Ancient East.

BUTLER TRIAL



Phase 2 of the Butler Trail was completed in 2016, this included the development of an APP, Audio Guides, individual town brochures and the installation of signage in the towns of Cahir, Clonmel and Carrick on Suir. This project was funded by Fáilte Ireland as part of its first round of funding under Irelands Ancient East and supported by Tipperary Tourism.

THOLSEL

Work progressed, in collaboration with the local community, and a significant local benefactor in bringing the Tholsel project to completion in 2016 on time and within budget. This was assisted through a Failte Ireland Grant for the development of the second floor of the building. In addition, the REDZ funds were used to assist with the professional services and supervision of the work completed on the project. Event Management were employed by Coolmore to complete the overall theme for the building and to specify and install the interpretive / multimedia aspects of the visitor centre. It is anticipated that this service will open to the public in early 2017.

LOUGH DERG MARKETING GROUP



Lough Derg Marketing Group is a well established group comprising of a broad range of stakeholder representatives from the three local authorities, Clare, Galway and

Tipperary County Councils, Fáilte Ireland, Waterways Ireland, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Local Development Companies and the tourism trade. The group continues to implement the objectives of the Roadmap for Lough Derg and manage the Lough Derg Stimulus Fund.

Additional Key Activities under Tourism for 2016 included:



- Management and updating of www.tipperary.com and www.discoverloughderg.ie with support from IT Section.
- Supported the development of the Greenway / Blueway from Carrick on Suir to Clonmel and the development of the Tholsel Visitor Centre, Fethard.
- Administrated the Community Tourism Diaspora fund to 31 festivals and events across the County.
- Arranged for tourism providers to attend consumer shows to promote Tipperary as a holiday destination.
- Secured funding for the development and promotion of walking trails in the County.
- Commenced the development of Experiential Offers that will be promoted on a range of platforms domestically and internationally.

ROADS, TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY



The Policy of the Council is to maintain, develop and improve existing roads and to construct new roads as planning and resources allow.



STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

COUNCILLORS

- Cllr Roger Kennedy (Chairperson),
- Cllr Mattie Ryan,
- Cllr Fiona Bonfield,
- Cllr Michael Fitzgerald,
- Cllr Hughie McGrath,
- Cllr David Doran,
- Cllr Eddie Moran
- Cllr Eddie O'Meara

SECTORAL/PILLARS

- Public Participation Network Representatives:**
- Mr. P.J. English
 - Ms. Angela Hickey
- Business/Community/ Tourism Representative:**
- Mr. Seamus Campbell
- Agriculture & Farming:**
- Mr. Billy Collins
- Development Construction:**
- Mr. Martin Healy

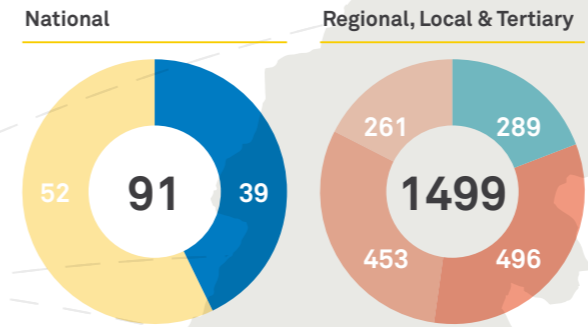
POLICIES AND TOPICS CONSIDERED IN 2016

- Discussion on the formation of policy on Roadside memorials
- Presentations & discussions on:**
- Hedge cutting Pilot Project
 - Invasive species including Japanese Knotwood
 - The Carrick to Clonmel Greenway
 - Visit to the Councils Machinery Yard Operations in Clonmel
 - Special speed limits Review
 - Road Works Programme

COUNTY TIPPERARY ROAD CLASSIFICATION

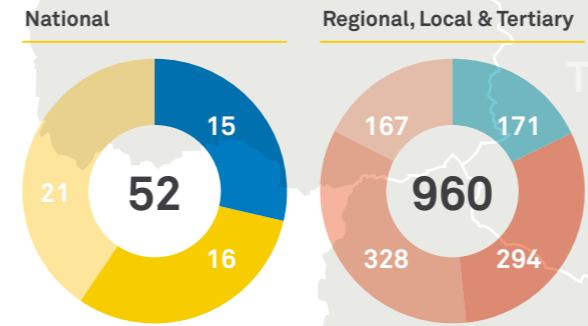
Lengths in Municipal Areas		km
●	Motorway	119
●	National Primary	65
●	National Secondary	145
●	Regional	903
●	Local Primary	1912
●	Local Secondary	1688
●	Local Tertiary	990

Nenagh



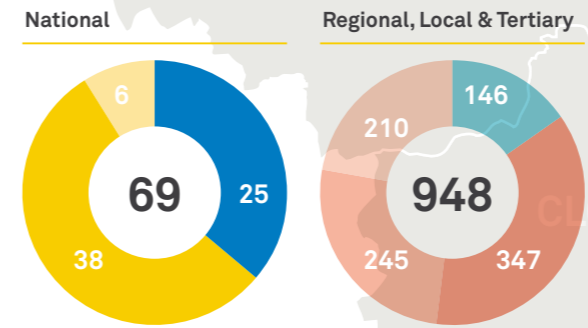
TOTAL
1590km Including Motorways
1551km Excluding Motorways

Cashel / Tipperary



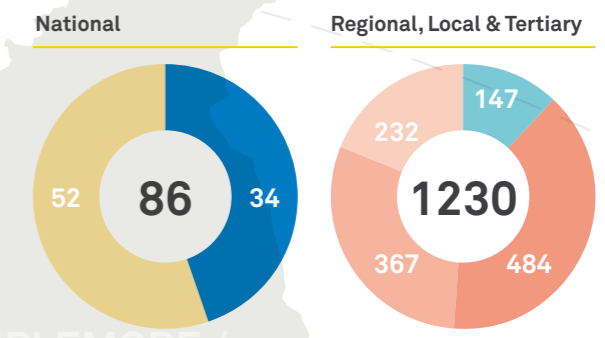
TOTAL
1012km Including Motorways
997km Excluding Motorways

Clonmel



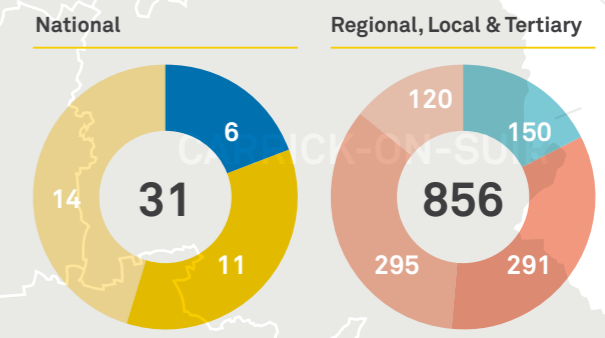
TOTAL
1017km Including Motorways
992km Excluding Motorways

Templemore / Thurles



TOTAL
1316km Including Motorways
1282km Excluding Motorways

Carrick-on-Suir



TOTAL
887km Including Motorways
881km Excluding Motorways

OVERALL TOTAL

5822km Including Motorways
5703km Excluding Motorways

NATIONAL PRIMARY & NATIONAL SECONDARY ROUTES

Works were carried out on National Primary and National Secondary routes during 2016 as follows:

National Primary Road Improvements

- **N24 Davitt Street, Tipperary Pavement Strengthening:** Following detailed discussions in 2016, Irish Water have agreed to undertake an Advance Works Contract to replace watermains & lead service pipes. A road & footpath reconstruction contract will take place thereafter to be funded by TII.
- **N24 Bohercrowe Pavement Strengthening:** Design & procurement of Contractor in 2015. Construction completed in 2016.



National Secondary Road Improvement

- **N74 Ballyhusty Realignment:** Preliminary Design & Part 8 Public Consultation completed - Part 8 report is underway and should be completed in early 2017. TCC now waiting TII approval to proceed to CPO stage.
- **N62 Pavement Overlay works at Kilkillahara:** Works were carried out by Kelly's of Fantane in November 2016.



Photo after construction on the N62 Pavement Overlay works at Kilkillahara

- **N65 Carrigahorig:** A flood study has also been completed which will determine the required finished road levels to mitigate against future road closures due to flooding. An appropriate assessment will be required and possibly a full EIA due to proximity to Lough Derg and Special Area of Conservation. The design for this scheme is progressing



N65 Carrigahorig: Section of flooded road. There is currently a scheme in design to alleviate this.

National Primary Road Safety Schemes

- **N24 Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir Pedestrian Facilities Improvement Works:** Preliminary Design & informal consultation with School Principals and Boards of Management have taken place. TII will review funding when an agreed scheme is in place.
- **N24 Davitt Street, Tipperary Town Traffic Calming Works:** Design/Part 8 completed in 2015. Following detailed discussions in 2016, Irish Water have agreed to undertake an Advance Works Contract to replace watermains & lead service pipes. The Traffic Calming contract will take place thereafter to be funded by TII
- **N24 Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir Rail Bridge.** During 2016, TII & Irish Rail agreed to replace the existing bridge which had a restricted clearance of 4.54m with a new bridge at the standard clearance of 5.03m. Works will be completed in February 2017 during the school mid-term break.

National Secondary Road Safety Schemes

- **N76 -R706 Junction Sight Distance Improvement at Ormonde Stores:** Construction Works completed in 2016.
- **N52-N65 Junction Borrisokane:** Interim scheme to improve visibility at the junction. Scheme is paused pending completion of culvert repair and drainage scheme.
- **N52 Borrisokane Town plus approach (1.7km):** Design began in 2016. A Part 8 was undertaken in 2016 and following significant changes it was decided to revise and undertake a new Part 8 in 2017.

National Primary & National Secondary Improvement of Texture

Works were carried out at a number of locations across the county to improve the skid resistance of the road surface including 3 locations along the N76 at Seskin Kilsheelin.


SUMMARY OF ROADS ALLOCATIONS PAID 2016

National Roads

Improvement	€1,632,062
Maintenance	€1,137,647
Total	€2,769,709

Regional & Local Roads

Discretionary Maintenance	€3,906,528
Restoration Maintenance	€2,421,880
Restoration Improvement	€8,604,136
Specific Improvement Scheme - Lismalin	€26,380
Latteragh Upgrade	€99,893
Bridge Rehabilitation	€355,745
Low Cost Safety Schemes	€216,322
Hedgecutting Pilot Project	€29,151
Severe Weather	€5,334,385
R & L Route Lighting Inventory	17,910
Training Grant	97,500
Total R & L Allocations 2015	€21,109,830
Own Resources Allocation	€8,451,256

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NON-NATIONAL ROADS

This category caters for Regional and Local Roads. The maintenance and improvement of these roads in 2016 was funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport, in addition to the Council's own resources.

The Council received grants for non-national roads amounting to €21,109,830.

The discretionary grant of €3,906,528 was used to supplement the Council's own resources for ordinary maintenance of Regional and County Roads. The Council's own resources allocation was €8,451,256.

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHEMES

The National Development Plan 2007-2013 and Transport 21 (2007-2016) set out the investment programme for National Road infrastructure. With ongoing funding limitations, investments will be over a longer time frame than were envisaged in these Plans. Outlined below is the current position in relation to major projects.

MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

N24 Western Corridor - Waterford to Limerick: All work on this scheme through County Tipperary is currently suspended by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). It has been agreed at Council level that adjoining Local Authorities be requested to jointly promote the scheme to provide more impetus.



The National Development Plan 2007-2013 and Transport 21 (2007-2016) set out the investment programme for National Road infrastructure.

STRATEGIC NON-NATIONAL ROAD PROJECTS

Thurles Inner Relief Road

Preliminary design completed. Awaiting funding to proceed.

R498 Nenagh to Thurles Upgrade Knockalton - Kilconane

Part 8 completed. Land Acquisition stage underway & construction to commence during 2017

R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh bends

Consultants appointed to select preferred route in 2015-2016. Scheme will require major funding in 2017-2018 if it is to be progressed further. Part 8 is expected to be published in April 2017

Ballina/Killaloe By Pass - Shannon Bridge Crossing & R494 Improvement Scheme

Legal challenges have all been cleared. CPO is confirmed and Notices to Treat have been served on the landowners.

LOW COST SAFETY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

A sum of €216,322 was spent for the low cost accident improvement schemes and works were carried out at a number of locations throughout the County during 2016.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEMES

These schemes refer to the upgrading and improvement of tertiary & minor roads where residents contribute 15% of the cost of the works. A number of schemes were completed during 2016 in each Municipal District to which the Council allocated €400,000 from its Restoration Improvement allocation.

BRIDGE REHABILITATION WORKS

A sum of €355,745 was spent in 2016 in respect of bridge rehabilitation works. Works took place at the following locations:

- Aughall Bridge,
- Dolla Bridge,
- Ardfinnan Bridge,
- Coolmoyne Bridge,
- Gourdeen Bridge
- Mullinahone Bridge.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

The County Council is responsible for the provision and maintenance of public (street) lighting throughout the County. The total number of public lights in the network is circa 14,800.

The Council is obliged to meet the National Public Service Efficiency Targets. This means that Energy Consumption must be reduced by 33% by 2020. Tipperary County Council has signed the Covenant of Mayors to give effect to this commitment.

In 2016, Tipperary County Council began the process of upgrading 458 old Sox and Son lights to more energy efficient LED lights.

Public Lighting maintenance is now carried out under contract with Airtricity Utility Solutions. Energia supply the electrical power to the lighting network.



TAKING IN CHARGE OF ESTATES

Carrick on Suir Municipal District

Estate	Date Taken
Cois na hAbhainn, Mullinahone	27/10/2016
Gleann an Locha, Kilkenny Road, Carrick on Suir	27/10/2016
Oaklands, Ballyrichard, Carrick on Suir	27/10/2016
Rosemount Park, Rosegreen	27/10/2016
Cluain Cregg, Cregg Road, Carrick on Suir	27/10/2016

Clonmel Municipal District

Estate	Date Taken
Moylebrook, Lisronagh, Clonmel	26/10/2016

Nenagh Municipal District

Estate	Date Taken
Fairgreen, Finnoe Road, Borrisokane	18/02/2016
Rath Doire, Derry, Rathcabbin	25/10/2016
Springfort Meadows, Nenagh	25/10/2016
Ivy Grove, Ballina	25/10/2016
The Beeches, Ballina	25/10/2016
Shannon View, Ballina	25/10/2016
Arravale, Newtown, Nenagh	21/04/2016
Marine Village (Partial taking in charge as per map), Ballina	17/11/2016

Thurles-Templemore Municipal District

Estate	Date Taken
Ard Carraig, Thurles	23/03/2016
Elmwood, Thurles	23/03/2016
Hazelwood, Thurles	23/03/2016
The Willows, Clongur, Thurles	25/05/2016
Parkmore Manor, Thurles	23/03/2016
Dun Lia, Loughtagalla, Thurles	01/11/2016
Ardleigh, Two-Mile Borris	01/11/2016
Dun na Ri, Two-Mile-Borris	01/11/2016
Glencarrig, Two-Mile-Borris	01/11/2016
The Haven, Roscrea	23/11/2016

Tipperary-Cashel Municipal District

Estate	Date Taken
Beechgrove, Dundrum	24/10/2016

A total of 25 estates were taken in charge during 2016

MACHINERY YARD

The Machinery Yard, which has two bases in Clonmel and Nenagh provides a support service to engineering based activities for all of Tipperary County Council.

The core service objective is to provide machinery (i.e. vehicles, plant and equipment) at a reasonable cost to assist District based staff to carry out their functions. The machinery yard has approx 160 Council owned vehicles under its control, with a replacement value of circa 3.5 million euros. In addition it maintains the former Clonmel Borough Council, Tipperary, Cashel and Carrick UDC vehicles, approx 40 vehicles which would have an additional replacement value of circa 1.2 million euros.



One of 12 New ISUZU 7.5 Tonne Crewcab Pickup trucks Leased for the Roads Districts in 2016



One of 2 New ISUZU 7.5 Tonne Patching Units Purchased in 2016

The activities of the Machinery Yard include:

- Fleet management in compliance with the Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) Act 2012
- The inspection, operation and maintenance of the Council fleet, including its requirements under Statutory Instrument S.I. 348 of 2013 Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) (Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Regulations 2013).
- The supply of plant and machinery as required to the Districts and sections of the County Council
- The acquisition and disposal of plant and machinery
- The provision of a safe, secure site for the storing of machinery
- To have available the staffing levels and skills necessary to maintain and operate the council's plant and machinery fleet efficiently.
- Arranging the hire of commercial machinery for the Districts.

69 The machinery yard has approx 160 Council owned vehicles under its control.

Machinery is hired in for a number of reasons including the need to:

- Satisfy machinery requirements of the Council at peak periods
- Avail of specialist machines with skilled drivers
- Avail of specialist machines for seasonal work
- Avail of plant and machinery for short term hire

There are 12 full time drivers and 6 seasonal drivers based in the Nenagh Yard and 15 full time drivers and 6 seasonal drivers based in Clonmel. The Machinery Yard also operates the winter maintenance service with a fleet of 11 salt spreaders.

The Council operates its own machinery garages in Clonmel and Nenagh to meet the maintenance requirements for the various items of machinery. At present there is a foreman fitter and 5 fitters in the Clonmel Workshop and a foreman and two fitters in the Nenagh Workshop.

The machinery workshop will be responsible for regular inspection of all commercial vehicles in the fleet, the servicing of trucks, pickups, vans and tractors as required by the manufacturers specification, and the repair of vehicles as required.



Road Strengthening during 2016



WINTER MAINTENANCE

Winter Maintenance Service consists of four distinct phases namely:

1. Pre-salting of National Primary & Secondary Routes and major Regional Roads and routes of Strategic importance.
2. Salting and Sanding of ice bound National and Regional Routes.
3. Clearance of snow by means of Snow Ploughs from National and Regional Routes.
4. Clearance of snow by means of Snow Ploughs or Mechanical loaders from County Roads.

Phase 1 is termed pre-cautionary treatment and is generally timed to be completed approx. 2 hours before the start of freezing conditions.



Winter Maintenance of roads in Tipperary is prioritised on the following basis:

- **Priority 1:** National Roads, and Regional Roads of Strategic importance
- **Priority 2:** Regional Roads with High Volume of traffic using the road
- **Priority 3:** Urban Roads and Local Roads on a priority basis, urban centres.

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

The Winter Maintenance period lasts from 1 October to 30 April each year. The aim is to keep priority routes safe and as free as possible from wintry hazards. The NRA provided a grant of €280,000 for National Road winter maintenance.

In the 2015-2016 Winter Service season, there were an average of 55 callouts, using 4,229 Tonnes of Salt.

The County has a roster of 4 Icecast Duty Engineers who are responsible for use of the weather bureau service to examine the forecast, and track the actual conditions for the area and for issue of instructions for required winter maintenance based on the specialist forecasts and local information.

The Winter Maintenance Service is managed and operated by the Machinery Yard. Eleven crews are rostered on a weekly basis using 6 No. 6 Tonne and 5 No. 9 Tonne Salt Spreaders, mounted on Council trucks to pre-salt Priority 1 and Priority 2 Routes (approx. 1,000 Km), in the event of forecast of overnight frost/ice. The Council has agreement with neighbouring Councils on a quid pro quo basis for cross boundary treatments of routes to increase efficiency of operation.

A complete schedule and map of pre-salting routes, and cross boundary agreements is published annually on the County Council website.

Snowploughs can be fitted to the salt spreading vehicles when snow is forecast and clearance of snow by ploughing will commence as soon as snow depths on all or part of the Priority 1 network exceeds 30mm.

The Council also has 21 no. mini-spreaders located in District depots which can be mounted on pickups in the event of ice formed on roads or for severe weather to treat local problem areas such as junctions, steep hills, frost pockets etc.

The NRA manages the national procurement of road salt for National and Non-National Roads and provided approx 4,600 tonnes of salt to the Council in 2016. It also maintains a national reserve of salt for distribution to local authorities in the event of a forecast of a severe weather event, ie a prolonged cold snap, or blizzard conditions.

The Councils covered salt storage capacity is now in excess of 2,700 tonnes and salt storage barns are located in Cahir (600 Tonnes), Clonmel (600 Tonnes) and Nenagh (1,500 tonnes).



Loading of Salt at The Council Salt Depot at Tullaheedy, Nenagh during 2016



Eleven crews are rostered on a weekly basis using 6 No. 6 Tonne and 5 No. 9 Tonne Salt Spreaders, mounted on Council trucks to pre-salt Priority 1 and Priority 2 Routes (approx. 1,000 Km), in the event of forecast of overnight frost/ice.

SEVERE WEATHER/ STORM DAMAGE

Following on from the severe weather events in December 2015 & January 2016, a review of the Councils response was carried out & an action plan was drawn up with actions assigned to appropriate sections. It was decided that the Roads sections would lead up the formation of a Severe Weather Assessment Team. The purpose of the Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) once established would be to assess severe storm alerts and to advise on appropriate actions to be taken by the Council.

The SWAT has been established and comprises of the Senior Engineer (SE) -Roads, Senior Engineer(SE) - Water Services, and District Engineers (x5) under the chairmanship of the SE (Roads). It was decided that the SWAT Chair should convene a teleconference meeting of the Severe Weather Assessment Team on receipt of all Orange and Red Severe storm Alerts from Met Eireann. This meeting should take place within one hour of the receipt of the alert to enable the team to assess the alert and its implications for Council services. The SWAT Team should then determine the appropriate level of response. Every warning should be considered in the context of other relevant information available to the SWAT (information from the Ice Cast System, local knowledge of roads, infrastructure, vulnerable communities etc.). Depending on the nature of the weather impact assessment, a warning and/or a Severe Weather activation plan instruction should be issued to all appropriate sections of the Council as well as to the relevant Principal Response Agencies.



An example of flooding as a result of the severe storms which took place in early 2016.

ROAD SAFETY - ACTIONS 2016

- In December 2016 Tipperary County Council was allocated €371,000 in funding from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs under the CLAR programme. The funding was provided for the provision of 42 Road safety measures in 31 communities across the five Municipal Districts including:
 - National School/Speed Safety Signs
 - Speed Indicators
 - Flashing Amber Lights Replacement
 - Pedestrian Crossing
 - Remove Hedges & upgrade road markings
 - Footpath connectivity to car park
- Organised a publicity campaign on Tipp FM to promote roadside hedge cutting in September and December 2016
- Assisted primary schools in the provision of safer cycling training to pupils in partnership with the Road Safety Authority.
- Provided support to the weeklong Tipp FM Road Safety Campaign organised in co-operation with the Gardai aimed to raise awareness to the dangers on our roads and to encourage people to slow down and take extra care.
- Communicated Road Safety Information bulletins in co-operation with the Road Safety Authority.
- Took part in the An Garda Síochána organized Operation "Slow Down" which took place over the Bank Holiday weekends during the months of March, May and October and over the Christmas/ New Year holiday period in 2016. Operation 'Slow Down' which raised awareness amongst drivers of the dangers of inappropriate and excessive speed. The Council provided variable messaging signs at a number of locations along the N24 Carrick-on-Suir, Clonmel, Cahir, Cashel & Tipperary, N52 Nenagh, N62 Thurles & Roscrea, N74 Cashel, N76 Nine Mile House, R491 Roscrea and R498 Thurles.

TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS

Clonmel, Cashel-Tipperary & Templemore-Thurles Municipal Districts

Tipperary County Council has supported the Community Employment Scheme programmes since their introduction in 1985.

The Council, in partnership with the Department of Social Protection continues to promote and encourage the development of Community Employment. Accordingly, Tipperary County Council sponsors two Community Employment Schemes. Approval was granted for the employment of four supervisors and sixty one participants in respect of the 2016/2017 Schemes. The schemes operates over thirteen locations including the Town and Environs of Cahir, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Clonmel, Templemore, Thurles and Tipperary Town and the communities of Boherlahan, Clonoulty / Clogher, Holycross, Kilsheelan, Nine Mile House and Rosegreen.

The Community Employment Initiatives involve a range of activities including:

- Horticultural, landscaping and environmental improvement projects
- Maintenance works in parks, towns, and cemeteries
- General Operative / Driver / Traffic Management Duties / Road Crossing Wardens

Emphasis is placed on providing valuable employment experience and training for participants. All participants benefit from Mandatory Health & Safety Training which is a transferrable skill required in similar work places.

After achieving mandatory training, participants then follow on with job related or skill specific courses, such as:

- Fork Lift
- Site Dumper Operations Quarrying
- "C" Drivers licence
- 360° Excavator Ticket
- Horticultural Tools and Equipment

The community benefits by having cleaner towns, improvement of amenities and the landscaping of areas. Participants gain in confidence and self esteem that enable them to work as part of a team within their own community. Over 50% of the participants on the schemes have secured employment either during or directly after their involvement in the schemes.



The purpose of the Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) once established would be to assess severe storm alerts and to advise on appropriate actions to be taken by the Council.

MINOR FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS & STUDIES

During 2016, Tipperary County Council made submissions to the Office of Public Works (OPW) in respect of proposals under the Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Studies. Funding approval was received in respect of 7 proposals.

In 2016, works were completed on the R691-4 Ballinure School & R690-4 Lismalin in the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District and at Clonsingle Newport in Nenagh Municipal District, with a total expenditure of €36,730 approximately, for which the OPW supported the schemes in the sum of €31,225.

Works are on-going and will be completed in 2017 on 4 schemes at the L25031-1 Cloughcarrigeen Estate, Kilsheelan; R665 Ballinahalla, Clogheen and L3502-2 Newcastle, Clonmel in the Clonmel Borough District and at Clonsingle, Newport in Nenagh Municipal District, for which a total allocation of €177,300 has been made available by the OPW.

The Council is still in discussion with the Office of Public Works in relation to a number of other proposals and further approvals may be forthcoming.

The Council acknowledges the support of the OPW and will continue to investigate locations where there are reports of flooding and bring forward further Minor Flood Relief Schemes in 2017 where feasible flood relief measures and cost beneficial engineering solutions are identified to provide protection to at risk properties.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Tipperary County Council Roads Section continues to pro-actively implement a comprehensive Health & Safety management system in accordance with our Parent Safety Statement & legal obligations. The focus on health & safety is maintained through regular meetings and committees where issues such as policy/procedures are discussed. Harmonisation of North & South Road Safety Statements was continued during 2016 and is to be completed in 2017. Regular Site Inspections and preparation for a HSA Safety Audit were also undertaken during 2016 along with recording of Accidents & Incidents & investigation of root causes.

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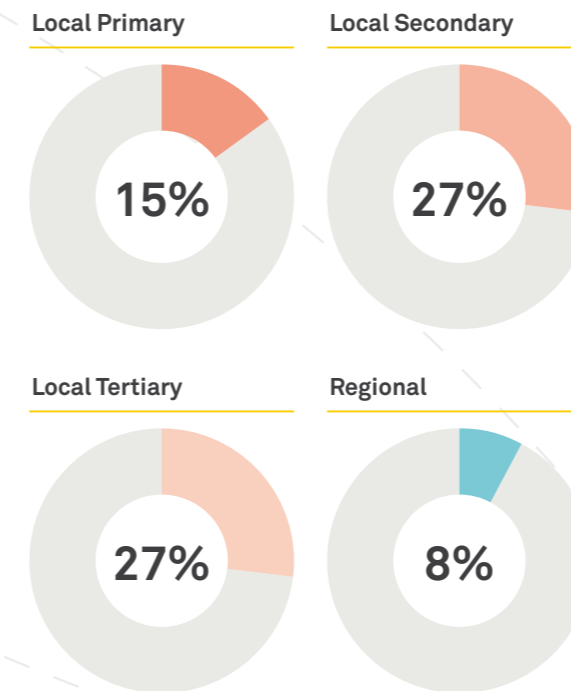
PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

A Pavement Management System is in operation in Tipperary as part of a National electronic database of all Local & Regional roads. The maps displayed on this system provide colour coded information on the road surface condition on a scale of 1 to 10 for each road category.

This information allows Tipperary County Council to quantify in a scientific fashion the different treatments required for the different road categories.

The following illustrates the point and the scale of funding required to bring the complete network to a good standard:

Road category in need of reconstruction



SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT REVIEW FOR COUNTY TIPPERARY

A Special Speed Limit Review for County Tipperary commenced during 2015 and is part of a National Statutory Review. The Public Consultation stage of the Speed Limit Review took place in October/November 2016 when the Draft Byelaws were put on public display for one month. The process was advertised in the National & Local press and the Draft Byelaws were available for viewing by the public in each of the five Municipal Districts and on the Council's website. During this time 65 submissions were received of which 18 (28%) were received online and 29 (45%) were received through the District Offices with the remainder being submitted to the Roads Office.

The Regional & Local Roads submissions were reviewed by the Council's Roads Technical staff and the national road submissions were reviewed by TII. A report on the submissions and objections received was compiled and workshops with the Elected Members in the five Municipal Districts are planned for February 2017. Once this stage is complete the comments from the Elected Members will be reviewed by the Councils staff & TII. Following on from this the Draft Byelaws revision B will be prepared and presented to the County Council.



HEDGE CUTTING

Under the Roads Act 1993, Section 70, the owner or occupier of land is required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road.

Where a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation is a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road or where it obstructs or interferes with the safe use of a public road or with the maintenance of public road, a road authority may serve a notice in writing on the owner or occupier of the land.

It is important to note that under the Wildlife Act 1976 and the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, it is an offence to destroy vegetation growing in a hedge or ditch between the 1st March and 31st August each year.

A total of 201 notices were served on landowners by Tipperary County Council during 2016.



ROADS ABUTTING CERTIFICATES

A total of 523 applications for Roads Abutting Certificates were received during 2016 and a total of 509 Certificates were issued.



ABNORMAL LOAD PERMITS

A total of 269 Abnormal Load Permits were issued during 2016.



ROAD OPENING LICENCES

The MapRoad Roadworks Licencing (MRL) administered by the Road Management Office (RMO) is the national system for the management and processing of roadworks licence applications. On the 1st July 2016, Road Opening Licence Applications processed by Roads Section completed full transition to the new on-line Road Opening Licence System, MRL which initially commenced on a phased basis in November 2014.

This involved the replacement of the paper-based system for road works applications to the new on-line system. Rather than registering with each individual Local Authority, once a utility or civil contractor is registered on the MRL system, this registration enables them to apply to any of the twenty seven Local Authorities in the Country who have moved to the MRL system.

The procedure used in the MRL system is based on the "T" model. "T" model licences contain limits such as total excavation area, advance notification periods, licence validity periods, number of days allowed for works to take place and distances between excavations. Each licence type will have different limits.

Tipperary County Council issued 251 licences in 2016..



SMARTER TRAVEL

National Cycle Network 2014-2015 (extended to 2017)

Following a successful bid for funding under the Government Stimulus Package for Infrastructure Development, €1.9m was awarded by the Dept of Transport, Tourism and Sport for a Greenway Walking/Cycle path on the 19km Clonmel and Carrick-on-Suir towpath. This project was subsequently retitled as a "Blueway" to link with other projects & activities taking place along the River Suir. The detailed design & Part 8 Planning Process was completed in 2014. Tendering was undertaken and a Contractor was appointed by May 2015. Various issues have arisen to delay progress during past two years including significant flooding in winter of 2015/16. The main path works are now approx. 90% complete apart from snaglist items & signage. It is intended that the scheme will be completed by summer 2017 other than a narrow 500m section upstream of Kilsheelan to be undertaken at a later date.



(Completed Blueway footpath/cycle track overlooked by Slievenamon at Poulakerry, Kilsheelan)

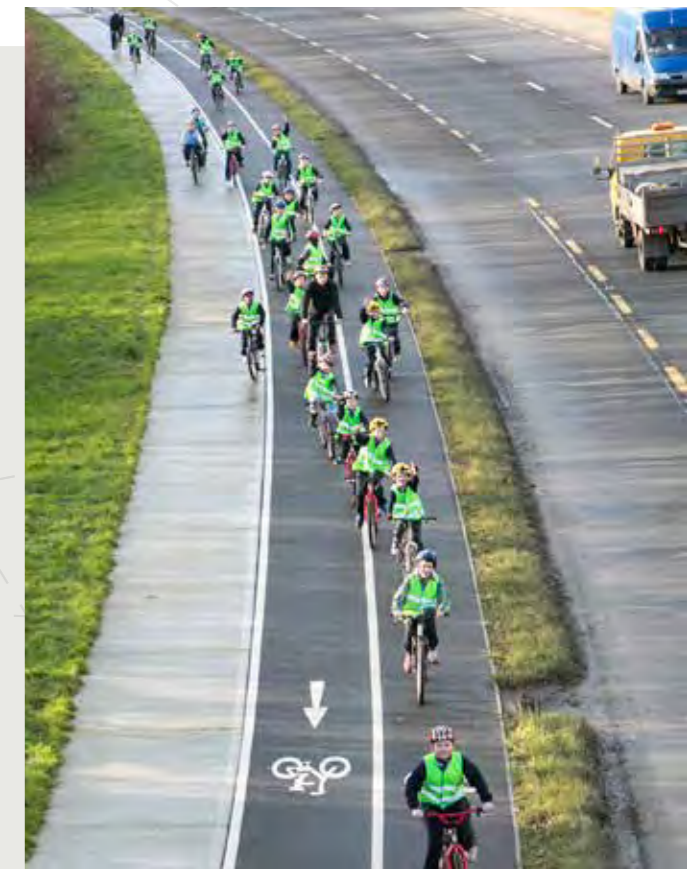


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Active Travel Towns 2014-2016

The Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport allocated funding under the 2014-2016 Active Travel Towns Scheme for Clonmel (€1million) & Thurles (€432,000) to implement measures identified in the Tipperary County Council Walking and Cycling Strategy.

In Thurles, construction of cycle lanes was completed in 2016 at (a) N62 Brittas Road & (b) R659 Stradavoher & Clongour. In Clonmel Cycle Lanes were completed on following Regional Roads (a) Western Road – Ballingarrane R/b (b) Toberaheena R/b – Irishtown & Convent Rd (c) Cashel Road from Queen St – Argaoithe Business Pk). A Walking/Cycle Path along River Suir (Convent Bridge to Old Bridge & Gashouse Bridge towards Mulcahy Park) was also constructed.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



The Planning Section of the Council administers the Planning legislation as contained in the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and the various Regulations made there-under.



PLANNING & EMERGENCY SPC MEMBERSHIP

COUNCILLORS

- Denis Leahy (Chairperson)
- Micheál Anglim
- John Carroll
- Joe Bourke
- Gerard Darcy
- Michael O'Meara
- David Dunne
- Martin Browne

SECTORAL/PILLARS

- Agriculture & Farming
 - Matthew Mounsey
- 1 Development Construction
 - Tom Gallahue
- 2 PPN
 - Seamus Coffey
 - Lyn Mather

SPC MEETINGS & PRESENTATIONS 2016



Meetings were held on:

MARCH
01

APRIL
19

JUNE
21

OCTOBER
04

Presentations made:

Draft Taking in Charge Policy for Residential Developments and the Proposed Variations (No.3 – Renewable Energy Strategy) and (No.4 – Settlement Plans) of North & South Tipperary County Development Plans, the Irish Town Walls Network Capital Programme and the Built Heritage and Structures at Risk Schemes. There was also a discussion on Town Centre rejuvenation.

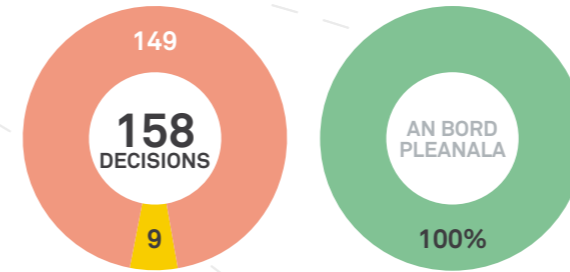
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Development Management involves processing planning applications and various other applications under planning legislation, within the regulatory time frame and ensuring that interested parties have access to all available information which will enable them to assess proposed development. The planning register is available for viewing online at www.tipperarycoco.ie.

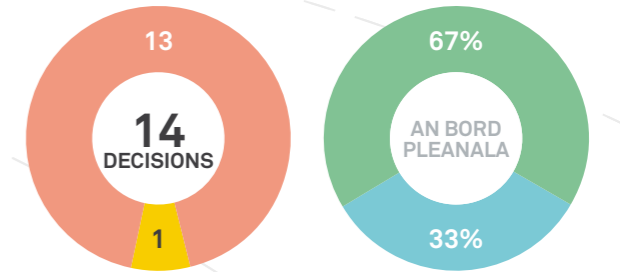
Set out below are figures for 2016 planning applications.

● Granted ● Refused ● Confirmed ● Reversed

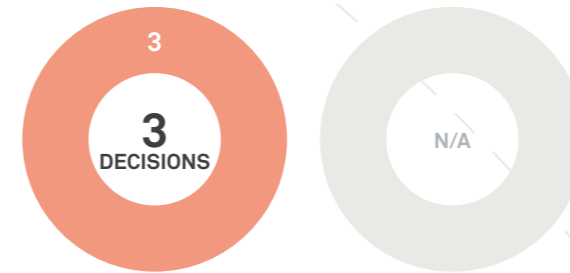
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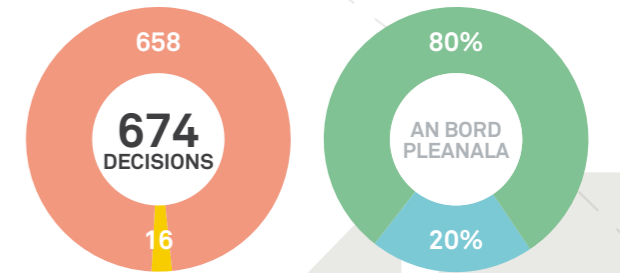
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Housing Development

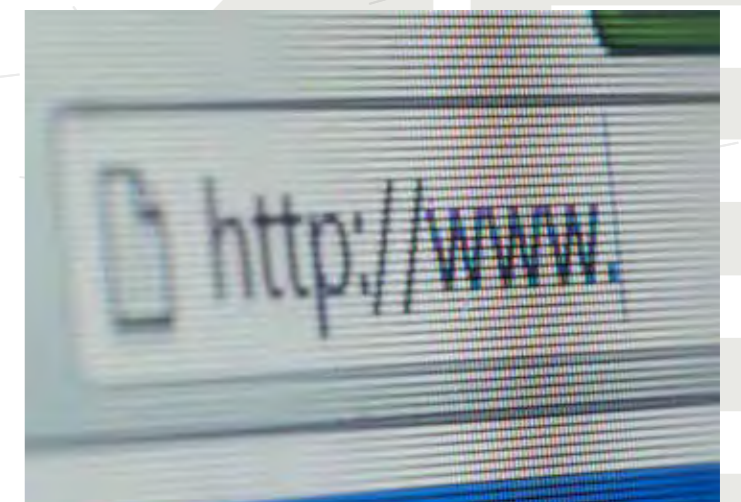


Other Applications



E-PLANNING

The on-going development of the I-Plan system, Enforcement system, and digitising of the Planning Register Map resulted in greater efficiency within the Section and to the public. All planning applications received in 2016 were scanned and made available through planning enquiry system on www.tipperarycoco.ie. The Council's Website was used where appropriate, e.g. details of application forms, weekly lists, variations to plans etc. In addition, the usage of the on-line enquiries system for the general public is increasing.



DEVELOPMENT PLANS/LOCAL AREA PLANS VARIATION (NO. 3) OF THE NORTH & SOUTH TIPPERARY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Renewable Energy Strategy

The Renewable Energy Strategy is a Strategy for County Tipperary to realise the renewable energy potential of the county while preserving the cultural, natural and built environment of the county.

Workshops on the Renewable Energy Strategy took place with the Members on 7th March 2016 & 4th April 2016 following which, the Draft Renewable Energy Strategy, Wind Energy Strategy and Landscape Character Assessment was presented to the Members for noting at the Council Meeting on 11th April 2016. A public consultation process then commenced and submissions were invited from the 22nd April to the 23rd May, 2016.

Following completion of the public consultation programme, a Chief Executive's Report was prepared on the submissions received and circulated to the Members in June 2016 for consideration. A Members' Workshop was held in the on 20th June 2016 to consider the matter.

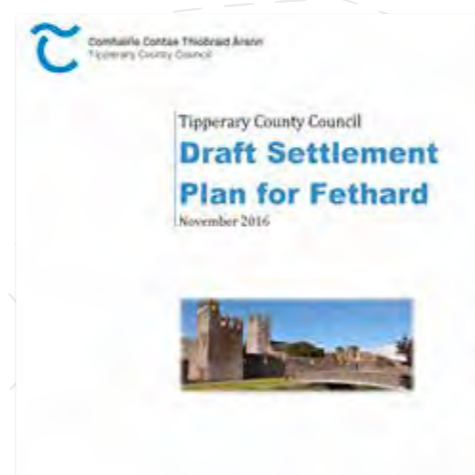
Presentations on the Renewable Energy Strategy were made to the Planning & Emergency Services SPC on 1st March 2016 and 19th April 2016. At the SPC meeting held on the 21st June 2016, the Chief Executive's Report was considered and the SPC unanimously agreed to recommend the Report for adoption by the Council.

The Chief Executive's Report & proposed Variation No. 3 of the North and South Tipperary County Development Plans was presented for the members' consideration at the July meeting of the Council. Material Alterations to the proposed Variations were placed on public display from the 22nd July to the 23rd August, 2016.



The final Variations and Chief Executive Report on submissions received on the material amendments was presented to the members at the Plenary Meeting of the Council 12th September, 2016. At this meeting, the members resolved to make Variation No. 3 of the North and South Tipperary County Development Plans.

Proposed Variation (No. 4) of the South Tipperary County Development Plan: Fethard Settlement Plan.



The North Tipperary and South Tipperary County Development Plans (as varied), sets out the planning policies and objectives to guide the planning and development of the town and villages of Tipperary. The overarching policy in the County Development Plans, will be supplemented by the preparation of new Settlement Plans for each town and village designated 'Service Centres', 'Local Services Centre' and 'Settlement Nodes'. Draft plans supported by background research are currently being prepared for each of these settlements and will be presented to the Members in early 2017.

A Draft Settlement Plan has been prepared for Fethard Town, which will replace the Fethard Local Area Plan, 2011. The draft plan was placed on public display from 25th November 2016 to 23rd December 2016. A Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received and the proposed variation will be circulated to the Members in January 2017.

EXTENSION OF LIFETIME OF TOWN DEVELOPMENT PLANS

In accordance with the provisions of the Electoral, Local Government and Planning and Development Act 2013, a decision has been made to extend the lifetime of the following plans:

- **Nenagh and Environs Development Plan, 2013-2019**
- **Templemore and Environs Development Plan, 2012-2018**



The Development Plans, in accordance with Planning and Development Act, will be replaced with Local Area Plans, following the preparation and adoption of a County Development Plan for Tipperary.



BUILT HERITAGE SCHEME

The Department for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, launched a Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2016, with the purpose to encourage the leveraging of private capital to invest in a number of small-scale, labour-intensive projects to repair and conserve structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Tipperary County Council was allocated €50,000 under the Scheme and 14 no. projects across the county were approved for grant assistance by the Department. The projects have been completed and grants have issued from the Department.

STRUCTURES AT RISK



The Department for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, launched a Structures at Risk Scheme in March, 2016. The purpose of the scheme is to assist with works to safeguard structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Minister for Arts, Heritage & The Gaeltacht has allocated a grant of €7,000 for "Alla-Aileen", Dublin Road, Cashel and a grant of €16,000 for Water Tower, Arravale Rovers, Tipperary Town. Project works have been completed and claims have been recouped from the Department.



TOWN WALLS SCHEMES

Funding was approved by the Heritage Council for conservation works to the Town Walls in Carrick-On-Suir (€30,000), and Cashel (€15,000). Conservation works are now completed.

NUMBER OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN 2016

A total of 1231 planning applications were received from 1st January to 31st December 2016. 221 applications were deemed invalid and 34 were withdrawn. During the year 910 applications were decided with 876 being granted planning permission and 34 being refused. Further information was requested in 320 cases.



ENERGY IN AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE



Tipperary County Council in partnership with Teagasc, Tipperary Energy Agency and Gurteen College, organised the inaugural Energy in Agriculture event on 23rd August, 2016. The event featured case studies, presentations and practical demonstration on renewable energy technologies. The event was a great success attended by over 1200 people and 45 exhibitors and it is planned to hold the event again in 2017.

ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS IN 2016

There were 195 complaints made from 1st January to 31st December 2016. During this period 147 Warning Letters and 81 Enforcement Notices were issued.



ENFORCEMENT

The enforcement part of the Section deals with compliance with the conditions of permissions granted, collection of development contributions and follow up of reports received from the public and/or council officials of possible unauthorised development.

In accordance with Section 154 (14) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the statistics from 1st January to 31st December 2016 are as follows:

Complaints received	195
Complaints investigated	166
Complaints dismissed	118
Warning Letters issued	147
Enforcement Notices issued	81
Prosecutions initiated	10
Cases closed	230



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QUALITY OF LIFE

- HOUSING
- SOCIAL INCLUSION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- TIPPERARY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP
- ARTS
- TIPPERARY MUSEUM
- TIPPERARY HERITAGE OFFICE
- LIBRARY SERVICES

HOUSING



The role of this Strategic Policy Committee is to assist the Council in formulating Housing and Social Policies. It is made up of members of the County Council and representatives from the Community and Voluntary Forum, Trade Union and business sectors. The new Strategic Policy Committee for Housing & Social Policy was set up following the Council merger.



STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

COUNCILLORS

- Cllr Seamus Morris, Chair,
- Cllr Pat English,
- Cllr Imelda Goldsboro,
- Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan,
- Cllr Roger Kennedy,
- Cllr Martin Lonergan,
- Cllr Michéal Lowry,
- Cllr Louise McLoughlin,
- Cllr Marie Murphy,
- Cllr Jim Ryan.

EXTERNAL

- Public Participation Network Representatives:**
- Mr. Liam Hayes
 - Mr. Terry O'Connor
 - Ms Trisha Purcell
- Development Construction:**
- Mr John O Shaughnessy

ITEMS CONSIDERED & DISCUSSED IN 2016

- Antisocial behavior Policy
- Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes
- Social Housing Investment Programme
- Homelessness
- Traveller Accommodation
- Tenant Purchase Scheme
- Housing Assistance Payment Scheme



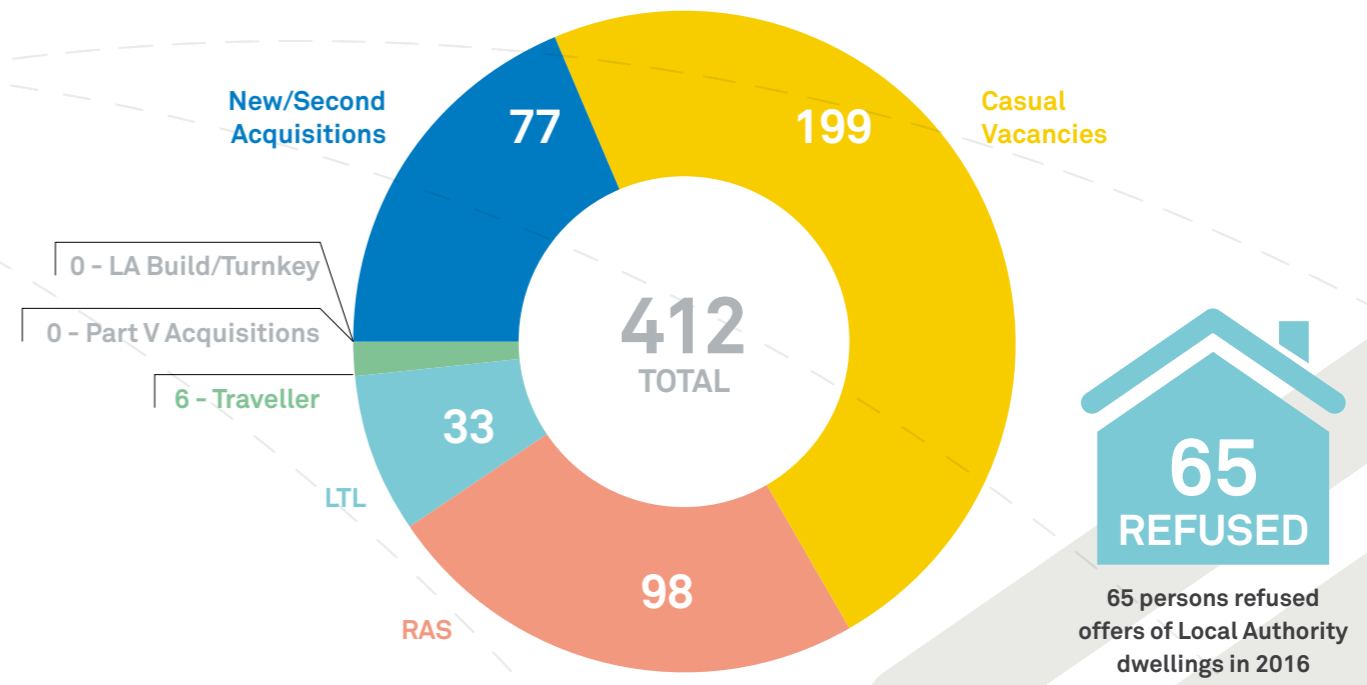
HOUSING NEEDS

The social housing need for Tipperary County Council at the end of 2016 is 2976.



HOUSING ALLOCATIONS 2016

A total of 412 applicants were allocated dwellings in 2016, the following chart shows the breakdown of tenancies allocated by supply type:



SOCIAL HOUSING LEASING INITIATIVE (SLI) / RENTAL ACCOMMODATION SCHEME (RAS)

Under the above Schemes, the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government has allocated funding for local authorities to lease residential properties from private landlords.

The schemes allow the Council to lease good standard accommodation in the private rental sector on medium to long term contracts. These properties are used to provide accommodation for social housing applicants, who are currently unable to provide suitable accommodation from their own resources.

Since the commencement of the schemes, in excess of 1630 properties have been secured on a county wide basis.



Contracts Procured in 2016

HOMELESSNESS 2016

In line with the regional approach required by government to address homelessness, the South East Homelessness Action Plan 2013-2016 was adopted by the Council in April 2013.

The plan sets out the structures, principles and actions required to prevent and eliminate long term homelessness in the region. The plan provides for performance service indicators for the first time in the area of homelessness. It also provides for a more co-ordinated approach to funding arrangements for homeless services in the region, with Waterford City Council being delegated as lead authority in relation to homeless funding.

Central to the provision of homeless services are the




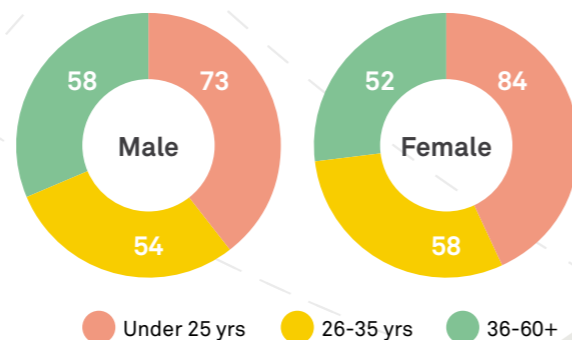
Homeless Action Teams (HAT). The Homeless Action Teams are established in each local authority area in the region and have helped to achieve a standardised approach to care and case management in respect of those clients presenting as homeless. The HAT is a multi-disciplined approach, which meets weekly with representatives from the various service providers for the homeless, such as the Local Authority, HSE, Mental Health Services, Cuan Saor Women's hostel, Novas hostel, Department of Social Protection and South East Simon.

Homeless Supports within Tipperary

- Homeless Action Team (H.A.T.)
- Tenancy Sustainment Service (SE SIMON)
- Resettlement Team

These housing supports address the issue of homelessness and its prevention. Temporary B & B can be made available in an emergency, pending the sourcing of private rented accommodation/ social housing. Inter-county protocols have been established in relation to access to regional hostels for persons presenting as homeless in Tipperary. Tenancy Sustainment Services continue to play a central role in addressing the issue of homelessness.


 **379** in total presented as Homeless in 2016



The Council assisted these persons as follows:

- Offered Local Authority/Voluntary Housing
- Approved persons for Private Rented accommodation(HAP)
- Provision of Hostel/ Bed & Breakfast accommodation

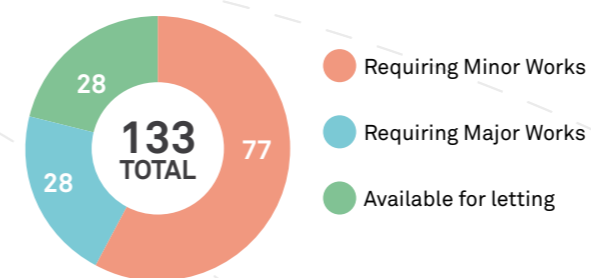
HOUSING RENTS

 **6,242**
Rent Accounts at 31/12/2016

 **€42.90**
Average Rent for 2015

 **97%**
Collection


Vacant dwellings at 31/12/2016



SOCIAL HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – (SHIP)

 Tipperary received an allocation of **€8,484,200** for 2016.

For the main local authority social housing programme, the housing improvement works programme (energy efficiency, DPGs, extensions, returning voids to productive use), traveller accommodation and expenditure projections based on known commitments for voluntary housing funded under the Capital Assistance Scheme [CAS] and a further €3.2m was approved for the housing construction programme.

 In addition, **€10,571,480** was made available for house acquisitions.

HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANT SCHEMES

The Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes cover three grant schemes operated by the Council. The Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability provides for the provision/adaptation of accommodation to meet the needs of people with a disability; works include access ramps, stair lifts, level access showers, extensions, etc. The Mobility Aids Grants Scheme is a fast track scheme to address mobility problems; works include level access showers, ramps, grab rails and stair lifts. The Housing Aid for Older People assists older people in carrying out necessary repair and improvements to their home.

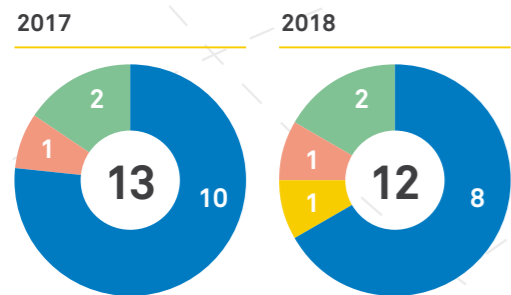
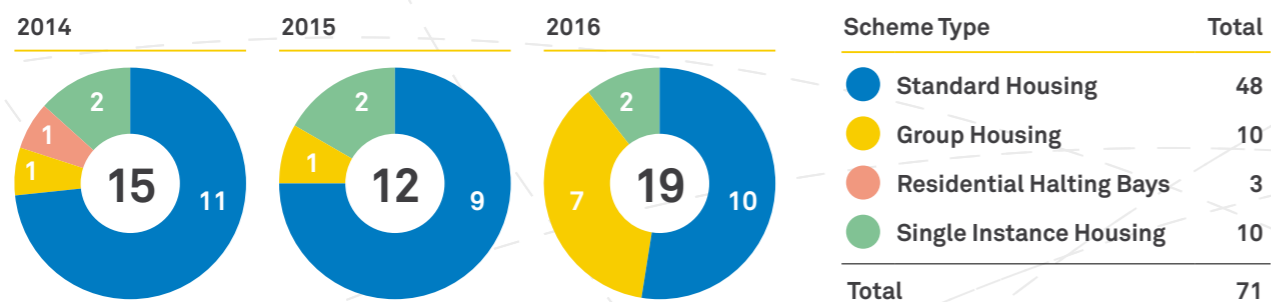
The combined capital allocation, which was notified to this Council in 2016, for the payment of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability, for private dwellings, was **€3,392,683** of which **€678,536** was to be provided from this Council's own revenue resources. The Council has drawn down its full allocation in 2016.

 A total of **364** projects were completed.

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION

Joint Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018

The Joint Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018 in respect of Tipperary County Council was adopted by the Members of the Council in January 2014. The target over the five year period is 71 units.

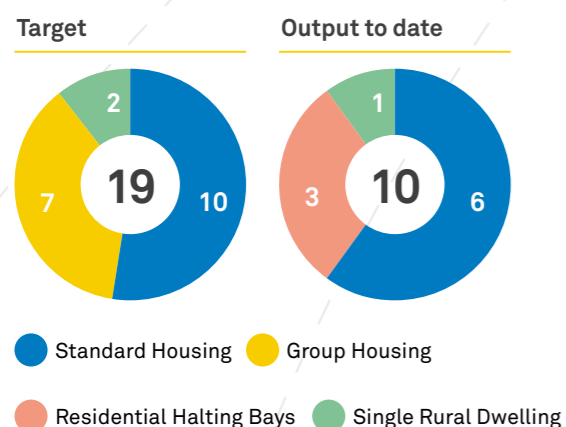


General

With the reduction in funding for Traveller Specific Accommodation, Tipperary County Council is using the various Social Housing Options available to provide accommodation, including Council owned Housing, Rental Accommodation Scheme and Social Leasing.

Progress Report 2016

The following accommodation has been provided to date:



Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation

The Council undertook the Annual Count of Traveller Families and their Accommodation, as required under the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998, on 30th November 2016. The total number of families was 426.

Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee

The Traveller Consultative Committee meets quarterly or as deemed necessary by the members. Membership consists of representatives from the Travelling community, elected members, Council officials and representatives from voluntary and statutory agencies

VOLUNTARY HOUSING

Capital Assistance Scheme

Tipperary County Council are working closely with approved Housing Bodies to assist with the purchase and refurbishment and construction of properties at various locations across the County. An allocation of €700,000 was received in 2016 for the acquisition of 6 units in Thurles.

Acquisitions funded under the 2015 programme are completed, and construction projects are in progress.

Tenant Purchase Scheme

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government announced a new Incremental Purchase Scheme providing for the sale of existing local authority houses to tenants in 2015. All tenants were notified of the Scheme in March 2016 and a total of 144 tenants have applied to purchase their house under the Scheme.

At the end of 2016, 53 tenants have been advised that they qualify and can now purchase their house.

Private Rented Accommodation Inspections

The Housing Authority is continuing to implement and effect enforcement of standards within the private rented sector.

During the year a total of 314 inspections were carried out.

Where necessary, letters issued to owners of property identifying items to be addressed and further follow up action is being taken to ensure compliance with the standards.

Estate Management

Tenant participation in Estate Management has been promoted by Tipperary County Council for a number of years and remains a priority for the coming year. The continued involvement of residents groups in this process can be readily noted from the physical appearance of these estates. A number of groups have availed of grants under this Council's 2016 Estate Management Budget to aid environmental projects. This Council is actively encouraging the participation of further groups in the coming year and training will be provided as required. Many residents groups avail of supports offered by numerous other bodies which form part of an organised inter agency network. These include the HSE, Tipperary Leader Partnership (TLP), Tipperary Regional Youth Services (TRYs), Barnardos and others. All these agencies are working in partnership with Tipperary County Council to improve the quality of life of all residents and tenants within our estates



"Ard Ross Residents Association, Roscrea – Blessing and Family Fun Day July 2016"

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SOCIAL INCLUSION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



TIPPERARY LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (TLCDC)

General

2016 was the second full year of operation for the Tipperary Local Community Development Committee. It was an intensive, exciting and fulfilling year for the Committee, culminating with the commencement of the rollout of the Rural Development Programme 2014-20. The operation priorities of the LCDC were agreed early in 2016 and focused the work of the Committee on implementing a joined-up, cross-sectoral approach to local and community development programming in the county.

The LCDC continues to draw on the expertise and experience of public and private stakeholders within the local authority area to provide effective and efficient services to citizens and communities, and particularly those most in need of those services.

Tipperary LCDC held twelve meetings during 2016 including one special meeting held in July. No meetings took place in August.

During 2016 a number of new members joined the Tipperary LCDC including John O'Shaughnessy (PPN Business Pillar), Carmel McCormack (PPN Environment Pillar), Matt Shortt (Tipperary County Council) and Derval Howley (HSE).

New Alternates elected for the PPN representatives were Imelda Walsh (Agricultural Pillar) and David Shanahan (Business Pillar).



Mr. Charles Stanley Smith continued in his role of chairperson of Tipperary LCDC during the year and Cllr. John Carroll continued as vice Chair.

Ms. Sinead Carr continued in her role as Chief Officer in 2016.

There are three subgroups of the LCDC including the Social Inclusion subgroup and the Sustainable Communities subgroup. A new subgroup, the Finance and Audit subgroup, was formed in late 2016. The Social Inclusion subgroup is made up of Adrian Cunneen, Sara Bourke, Derval Howley, Eileen Condon and Clare Cashman. The Sustainable Communities subgroup formed in 2015 and is made up of Tim Cullinane, Cllr. Joe Hannigan, Catherine Guest and Cora Horgan. The Finance and Audit subgroup is made up of Rita Guinan, Carmel McCormack, John O'Shaughnessy and Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan.

The LECP Advisory board oversees and coordinates the work of the LCDC and the Economic SPC and provides a monitoring role in relation to the Local Economic and Community Plan.

The following is the membership of the Tipperary LCDC as it stands having been ratified by Tipperary County Council 29th January.

Name	Administering Body
Mr. Charles Stanley Smith (Chair)	Tipperary County Council
Cllr. John Carroll (Vice Chair)	Tipperary County Council
Cllr. Joe Hannigan	Tipperary County Council
Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan	Tipperary County Council
Mr. Derval Howley	HSE
Ms. Sinead Carr	Tipperary Education and Training Board
Ms. Rita Guinan	Tipperary Social Enterprise Office
Ms. Carmel McCormack	Department of Communities
Ms. Imelda Walsh	South Tipperary Agri-Environment
Ms. David Shanahan	South Tipperary Development Company
Ms. Sara Bourke	Public Participation Process
Ms. Catherine Guest	Public Participation Process
Ms. Tim Cullinane	Public Participation Process
Ms. Clare Cashman	Public Participation Process
Ms. Eileen Condon	Public Participation Process
Mr. John O'Shaughnessy	PPN Business Pillar
Ms. Imelda Walsh	PPN Agricultural Pillar
Ms. David Shanahan	PPN Business Pillar
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LECP 2015-2020

The LECP 2015 -2020 was adopted by Tipperary County Council in January 2016. Subsequently 2016 Economic and Community Action Plans were devised with monitoring on progress taking place in June and December by the LECP Advisory Group on behalf of the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee and the Local Community Development Committee.

In September 2016, Minister Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, officially launched the Tipperary and other Local Economic and Community Plans, at the National Ploughing Championships, in Scraggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.



Attending the launch of the Tipperary LECP on behalf of Tipperary LCDC was Mr. Charles Stanley Smith (Chair) and Attracta Lyons of the Community and Economic Development Department, Tipperary County Council.

Key priorities for 2016 under the Economic Action Plan were the development of an online suite of marketing tools to attract inward investment; development of tourism destination and marketing plans for Co. Tipperary and The Munster Vales propositions; development of a Canoe Trail on Lough Derg; roll-out of the Town Centre Initiative and the Commercial Incentive Scheme; and development of the artisan food sector through promotional events such as 'Great Taste Comes to Tipperary' and progressing the Mark of Nourishment and Food Centre of Excellence initiatives.

Key priorities for 2016 under the Community Action Plan included:

- The completion of a survey of physical community facilities in the County which will form the basis of informing the priorities for the community capital scheme.
- The development and effective management of play and recreation play infrastructure through a play policy
- The expansion of the Volunteer Centre to service the North of the County.
- A prioritised integrated approach for both Roscrea and Littleton (CAP Area Plans implemented in 2016)
- The extension of the Children and Young Persons Committee remit to the whole of the county
- The development and implementation of a whole county plan in relation to participation in sports and physical activity with particular focus on hard to reach target groups



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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY/LEADER PROGRAMME

The Co. Tipperary Local Development Strategy was approved by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Rural, Regional & Gaeltacht Affairs (DAHRRGA) in May 2016.

The Funding Agreement between Tipperary Local Community Development Committee and its Implementing Partners, North Tipperary LEADER Partnership and South Tipperary Development Company, and its Financial Partner, Tipperary County Council; and DAHRRGA was signed on the 8th July 2016. The LEADER Programme subsequently commenced in Co. Tipperary in August 2016. The programme opened for receipt of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from potential promoters under the Rolling Call in October 2016 with public information meetings held at various venues throughout the county. Plans for Targeted Calls were devised by year end with plans for advertising for EOIs under same in early January 2017.

The signing of the Rural Development Programme 2014-20 Contract



Back Row L-R Jim Finn (Chair of North Tipperary' Leader Partnership), Isabel Cambie (CEO South Tipperary Development Company), Attracta Lyons, (Tipperary LCDC), Michael Murray (CEO North Tipperary' Leader Partnership). Front Row L-R Charles Stanley Smith Chair of Co Tipperary LCDC, Minister Heather Humphries - Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs

SOCIAL INCLUSION COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME (SICAP)

The SICAP programme went into its second year in 2016. The programme is implemented in Co Tipperary by North Tipperary LEADER Partnership and South Tipperary Development Company, referred to as Programme Implementers (PIs).

Both PIs were set targets with regard to the number of disadvantaged individuals engaged through SICAP on a one-to-one basis and the number of local community groups engaged with.

The programme was monitored on an ongoing basis through the LCDC's Social Inclusion subgroup and recommendations regarding rollout and delivery of the programme were made to the full LCDC on a regular basis. The subgroup carried out the End-of-Year review and the Annual Planning process for 2016 in February and a mid-year review and third-quarter review were carried out in July and October respectively. A meeting to consider the 2017 Annual Plan took place in November 2017.

Recommendations regarding payments to the LCDC were made biannually in 2016 based on the successful achievement of the set targets.



PRIDE OF PLACE

At the annual Pride of Place Awards Ceremony on Saturday (26 November), Three Drives Family Resource Centre, Tipperary was presented with one of the top awards in the Competition. It took top place in category nine, which is the Housing Estates category.

Remarking on the Three Drives Family Resource Centre, the judges said they received a memorable and heart-warming welcome from the residents of the category winning estate. This is a huge story of perseverance, innovation and significant collaboration down the years. The presentations were short, to the point and delivered a powerful message. A wide range of much needed and valued services is being delivered.

The judges were really impressed with this project, the people they met, and the impact of the project and the work being done.

The winners of the Pride of Place awards, known affectionately by many as the 'Community Oscars', were announced at the special gala event in Belfast Waterfront Hall in front of an audience of approximately 1000 guests and VIPs with many more people tuning in on-line to watch the live broadcast of the ceremony.



The winners were presented with their awards by Lord Mayor of Belfast Alderman Brian Kingston, Councillor Matt Garrett, Chairperson of Belfast City Council's People and Communities Committee, Dr. Christopher Moran, Chairman Co-operation Ireland, Tom Dowling Chairman of the Pride of Place Committee and George Jones, Chairman of IPB, the event sponsors.

PLAY DAY AND RECREATION WEEK GRANTS 2016



Play Day and National Recreation Week Grants were distributed by the Community and Economic Development section to groups throughout the county. The theme of the play day and national recreation week this year was 1916. -Some of the groups funded included, Thurles Youth Project, Cahir Traditional Music group, Comhairle na nÓg, Camphill Community, South Tipperary Disability Forum and Foroige (Carrick-on-Suir).



COMHAIRLE NA NÓG



Comhairle na nÓg is a youth council which gives young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies.

In 2016, the key issues worked on by Comhairle na nÓg in Tipperary related to positive youth mental health, meaningful linking with decision makers, LGBT youth support and national consultation. Comhairle na nÓg were addressed by Joe MacGrath, CEO Tipperary County Council in the Council Chamber in Clonmel in February. A very successful AGM was held in Dundrum in October 2016, which was attended by Cathaoirleach Siobhan Ambrose. Comhairle na nÓg nominated representatives to the CYPSC, the youth committee of the TETB and the Nenagh Spleodar committee.

TIPPERARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (TPPN)



Tipperary PPN now has a network of 1170 member organisations from the Community and Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental Sectors in Tipperary.

All of the member organisations make up the Plenary of the PPN which is the ruling body of the network. A committee structure called the secretariat administers the PPN and a coordinator is employed to facilitate the secretariat, to develop the network in accordance with the Strategic Plan and National Guidelines. Corena Ward is the PPN coordinator and is based in the Thurles Chamber Enterprise Centre.

The PPN has 3 main areas of work: Representation and Participation; Capacity Building and Information sharing. In 2016 2 Plenary Sessions were held by the PPN. 19 newsletters were circulated detailing information of upcoming events, community activity, fundraising, grants and training.

The PPN through its membership also informs the Community and Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental Sectors of public consultation processes within the partner agencies and participated in 16 public consultations in 2016.

There are 45 PPN representatives on 17 Boards or Committees ensuring that the sectors have a voice and a role within decision making structures across County Tipperary.



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TIPPERARY COUNTY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE (JPC)

The Joint Policing Committee's function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authorities administrative area.

There are 32 members on the JPC comprising of representation from Local Authority Elected Representatives, Oireachtas and community representatives.

At a meeting on the 4th of March 2016 the Tipperary Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2015-2021 was formally adopted

There were 4 County Meetings were held in 2016 rotated across the county and the JPC received presentations and considered other relevant policing matters including: County Crime Statistics, Tipperary Anti Social Behaviour Strategy, South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force.

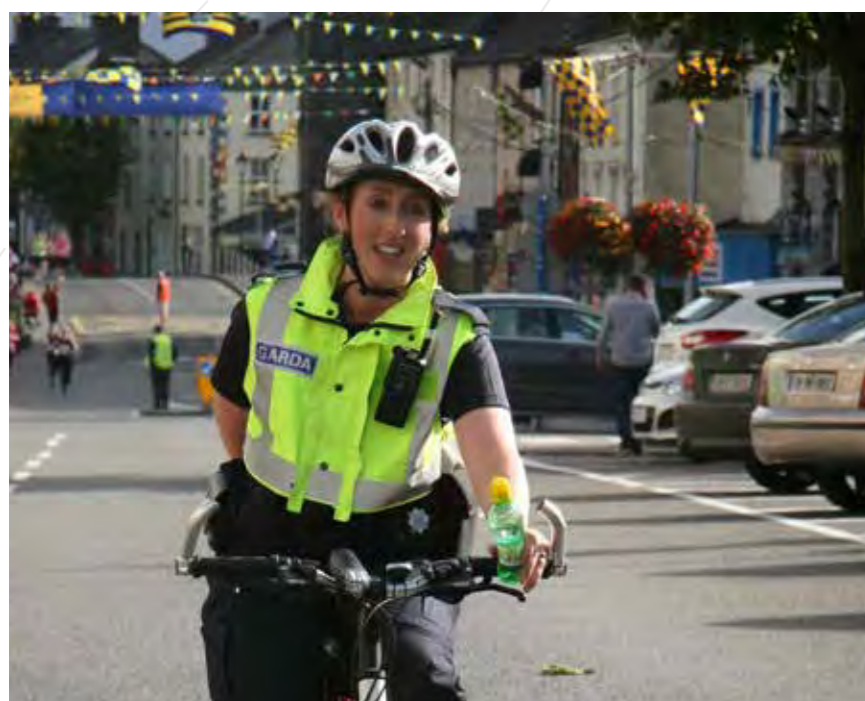
Through the JPC a Policy Paper on CCTV Provision in Public Places within County Tipperary was drafted and prepared. This paper outlined the rationale for a policy, the requirements of the 2005 An Garda Síochána Act in relation to CCTV and data collection and addressed the proposed National Funding available in 2017.

A Communications Strategy was presented and adopted by Tipperary JPC in September 2016.

The roll out of "Know your Patch" continued and is now county wide with dedicated Gardai identified to specific areas across the county of Tipperary. These Gardai work closely with communities providing assistance with initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch, Community Alert, Text Alert, IFA - 'Theft Stop', Property Marking Schemes and ongoing crime prevention advise with the sole ambition to prevent crime.



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TIPPERARY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEES (CYPSC)



The membership of the Children and Young People Services Committee (CYPSC) is comprised of representatives of major statutory service providers, from childcare, family support, school & youth services sectors, as well as from Local Development Companies.

The CYPSC, having completed consultations with children & young people, has been undertaking similar consultations with young adults, pre-school children and parents in the period under review. The findings from these consultations will help to form the priorities of the CYPSC Work Plan, which is a work in progress. The CYPSC Plan will reflect how the integrated service provision within the county is in line with National outcomes : active and healthy, physical and mental wellbeing; achieving full potential in learning and development; safe and protected from harm; economic security and opportunity; and connected, respected and contributing to their world. The Tipperary CYPSC has concluded a procurement process for the provision of a website for the CYPSC which will be a roadmap of services within County Tipperary and will be launched in 2017.



RAPID/COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN TEAMS

The Littleton and Roscrea Community Action Plan Teams commenced meeting in 2016.

The Littleton CAP group met six times over the course of the year. Key priorities for the groups were tackling youth employment and creating more cohesive community. A family event was organised through the CAP group in November 2016. A Youth Work Ireland 'work winners project' was funded in Littleton to support 18-25 years old back to employment/training.



The Littleton CAP Team

The Roscrea CAP group met 4 times in 2016 while the CAP subgroups focusing on Enterprise/Training, Wellbeing/Youth and Environment/Security had their own individual work plans. A CCTV feasibility study was part funded through the CAP process and the age friendly work programme for Roscrea was supported.

Clonmel RAPID undertook a review in 2016 and the RAPID structures in Tipperary Town and Carrick on Suir continued to meet and deliver on their work plans throughout the year.



STRATEGIC PROJECTS UNIT

The Strategic Projects Unit (SPU) was established within Community & Economic Development in late 2014.

The principal role and functions of the SPU in 2016 were:

- Project manage implementation of the EU co-funded projects in which TCC is a partner, including contractual, activity and financial reporting activities;
- Source and identify Calls for Proposals of relevance to TCC;
- Work on behalf of TCC to develop and pursue project applications in collaboration with relevant external agencies

EU part-funded projects, whose implementation continued during 2016 were:

Project Name	Funding Programme	Objective of Project
Realising the Digital Agenda through transnational cooperation between regions (eDIGIREGION)	7th Framework for R&D	Develop a Regional Action Plan to enhance regions' sustainable competitiveness by exploiting regional strengths and smart specialisations to realise the RTD and Innovation aspects of the EU Digital Agenda; project will conclude in April 2017.
Experimentation on Social Policy for Youth (ESPY)	PROGRESS	Examine social policy experiments aimed at reducing the unemployment situation of young people living in rural areas who are at risk of exclusion and/or have low educational levels; project concluded in October 2016.

In addition in April 2016, TCC commenced participation in two new EU part-funded projects:

Project Name	Funding Programme	Objective of Project
Sustainable heritage management of Waterway Regions (SWARE)	INTERREG EUROPE	Aims to achieve a better balance between protection and sustainable exploitation of natural and cultural waterway resources through improving development programmes/policies of partner regions;
Supporting eco-innovations towards international markets (SUPER)	INTERREG EUROPE	Aims to improve SME uptake of environmentally sustainable innovations into their business through improving the development programmes and policies of partner regions.



TCC's Michael Moroney and Roisin O'Grady with SWARE project partners at Kick-off Meeting in La Hague, Netherlands

In terms of project applications in 2016, TCC has participated in eight (8) project proposals submitted to Calls for Proposals under various EU funding programmes. Topics have included innovation in SMEs in Food & Drink and Life Sciences sectors; carbon footprint reduction in low-density/highly dispersed territories; innovative e-learning in road safety; entrepreneurship and the creation and internationalisation of innovative SMEs in rural areas; economic decline in secondary, small and medium sized towns; efficient use of energy and local renewable resources in the business/enterprise service sector; and social eco-entrepreneurs.

Decisions on some of these applications were still awaited at the end of 2016.



TIPPERARY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP (TSP)

Tipperary Sports Partnership's remit is to develop sport and increase physical activity in the county. In 2016, the Sports Partnership has delivered over 50 individual programmes or initiatives with over 6,300 participants. In addition the Sports Partnership has been successful in sourcing in excess of €365,000 in funding to support the delivery of its programmes and initiatives in Tipperary.

In brief, some of the Partnership's key achievements in 2016 include:

- Tipperary Sports Partnership Board was formally established in January with a county wide structure for the Sports Partnership as a committee under Tipperary County Council.
- A new Strategic Plan was developed by Tipperary Sports Partnership 2016 - 2020.
- The seventh Tipperary Women's Mini Marathon was held in Thurles on 25th September with 695 women participating.
- Supported a variety of activity programmes targeting women, including Buggy Brigade Fitness programme and 2 programmes for teenage girls which included 200 girls participating in a Hoops for Girls Basketball Programme which culminated in 16 Schools taking part in a Blitz in Presentation School Thurles. Also a Teen 4 Fit programme took place in Borrisokane Community College for 16 students.

Cycling was strongly supported with the Sean Kelly Classic been the highlight in 2016. Family Cycles in Clonmel & Nenagh and a kids cycle league in Clonmel were also held. In conjunction with Tipperary County Council, as part of Bike Week 20 cycling events took place across the County.



*Tipperary Mini Marathon, Thurles, September 2016.



*Sean Kelly Classic, Carrick, June 2016.

- Work is continuing on the development of an Outdoor Community Sports Hub in Clonmel focusing on Canoeing & Kayaking, which forms part of the Blueway. The course is proving to be a great attraction for Clonmel with visiting clubs including the National Slalom team who are using the course as one of their training venues. On Saturday 12th November a slalom race took place with local participants and national squad members.

The Older Adults Festivals and Games for Life programmes for older adults continue to be supported and rolled out by the Sports Partnership.

In December, the seventh annual Volunteer in Sport Awards was held as part of the Canon Hayes Awards night. Peggy Kennedy from Ardfinnan Ladies Football was the overall winner, 5 other volunteers were also honoured on the night.

The first Tipperary Parkrun was launched in December in Templemore Town Park and will begin in January 2017. This is a collaboration between Tipperary Sports Partnership, Parkrun Ireland, Tipperary County Council and the community of Templemore.



*Community Outdoor Sports Hub Clonmel, November 2016.

- As part of the outdoor sports hub /Suir Paddle programme TSP is continuing to work with the local communities and canoe clubs on the lower River Suir along with TCC and Canoeing Ireland to develop canoeing & kayaking activities. 162 participants received qualifications to date and 70 kids participated in Summer camps.

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Actions that have taken place in 2016 under the Social Inclusion Programme 'Inclusive Communities through Sport' include:

- Twelve programmes targeting People with a Disability, with over 200 participants. Programmes included the Tipperary Boccia League, Inclusive Swim Programme, Enjoy Tennis Programme, Judo Assist, Try Sailing, Schools based Adapted Sports programmes, Football for All, Fighting Fit (boxercise programme), Sportsability Club and wheelchair basketball
- Developed the 'Enjoy Tennis' programme in partnership with Tennis Ireland and we now have a hub with six participating Tennis Clubs in Tipperary.



'Enjoy Tennis' Programme in Hillview Sports Club Clonmel, March 2016.

- A Disability Awareness in Sport workshop was delivered to a full course of 25 participants in LIT Thurles in June.

- Implemented a Sports and Physical Activity programme with North Tipperary Leader Partnership and the Roscrea Area Youth Project. Activities included Sailing, Equine Therapy, yoga and a swim education programme.
- Worked in partnership with Youthwork Ireland Tipperary in delivering the Alternative Learning Programme in Tipperary town, a School Completion programme. Activities included equestrian, golf, hiking and orienteering.
- Continued to support the Activ 8 physical activity programme with Youthwork Ireland Tipperary in Tipperary town, Cashel, Thurles, Littleton and Templemore.
- Mental Well Being programmes - delivered a SafeTalk programme in March 2016 in partnership with HSE West to a full course of 25 participants.
- Worked with Tipperary Rural Traveller Programme in delivering a 'Health for Traveller Men' programme in Tipperary town. Activities included Handball, Soccer and a Martial Arts programme.
- Delivered a Youth Sports programme to traveller youths in Littleton, in partnership with North Tipperary Leader Partnership. Activities included Soccer, swimming and gym introduction.
- Delivered a fitness programme to 15 asylum seekers in the Direct Provision Centre in Carrick on Suir.

69 FAI AGM Festival of Football took place in Tipperary during July with over 30 club visits.



FAI DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

TCC continues to support the FAI in the roll out of soccer initiatives throughout the county but with a particular social inclusive approach.

Initiatives included

- Project Futsal - a project run in conjunction with the FAI and Tipperary ETB where participants take part in a full year of academic and football education. With the ETB, participants gain a full FETAC level 5 award in Sports and Recreation studies. Through the FAI participants complete various coaching modules to further their coaching education. Participants also have to complete over 70 hours work experience during the year which is providing additional help to the football community within the area..
- Social Inclusion continued with after school programmes, blitzes and midnight soccer providing regular football activity for the youth of Clonmel, Carrick on Suir, Tipperary Town, Littleton and Roscrea.
- Player Development (Boys and Girls) The Emerging Talent programme continues to promote the development of the elite under age male and female players in the county with centres of excellence in both South and North of the county providing additional coaching and contact time with over 500 elite underage players from the ages of u10-u16.



- Girls Football continues to grow with almost 20 clubs throughout the county having girl's football within their club structures.
- Summer Camps over 2,300 children throughout Tipperary enjoyed the summer camp programme experience over July and August with 18 clubs throughout the county hosting camps.

- Football For All Clubs are now well established in Nenagh, Roscrea, Cahir and Clonmel and regular sessions are also conducted with the various Rehab Care, Special schools (i.e. St Anne's Roscrea) National Learning Networks and Brothers of Charity services right across the county.
- Intercultural Show Racism. The red card was delivered to 6 schools in South and North Tip during UEFA FARE Week which highlights the issues and also provides information to those that may have been affected in some way during their time in the game. Additionally a 6 week after school programme was delivered to students of 3 schools in the county to highlight and illustrate again how to deal with issues around racism in sport.



- A national record number of 103 schools, 252 teams participated in the Tipperary Primary schools 5th/6th class competition in over 14 days in April/ May. Futsal blitzes for 3rd/4th class and first year secondary schools also took place in Thurles. 30 schools took part here.
- FAI AGM Festival of Football Took place in Tipperary during July with over 30 club visits, Fun days in 5 town, Girls Live Your Goals events and Coach Education Festival



ARTS REPORT



The key objective of The Arts Service is to improve the artistic life of our communities in County Tipperary. We work towards the continuing development of the arts in the county in partnership with stakeholders including our funding partners The Arts Council. The first all Tipperary Arts Strategy was developed during 2016. A Creative County- Tipperary Arts Strategy 2017-2021 was adopted by Tipperary County Council on 12th September 2016.

This strategic plan will guide arts development in the County over the next five year period across six strategic priorities:

- Creative Communities - Public Participation
- Creative Practitioners - The Artist
- Creative Solutions - Arts Partnerships & Collaboration
- Creative Supports - Arts Information and Advice
- Creative Infrastructure - Arts Venues & Festivals
- Creativity & The Public Realm - Public Art

ARTIST IN PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHEME

The Artist in Primary School Scheme placed 12 artists in schools working with students and staff during 2016. A showcase of the work completed under the 2015 scheme was exhibited in 2 locations (Nenagh & Clonmel) in January and February in advance of the closing dates for 2016 to demonstrate the high level of artistic practice which is being supported and developed through this initiative. The scheme supports direct access to the arts for children across a range of artforms and provides employment for artists.



TIPPERARY BEALTAINÉ FESTIVAL

Organised in partnership with Tipperary Libraries, The Tipperary Bealtaine Festival presented a programme of over 90 events in May. Celebrating Creativity in Older Age, the 2016 festival included opportunities for older people to engage with the arts across artform areas including literature, music, the visual arts, film and theatre. Ballina based artist Enda Griffin was commissioned to paint portraits of two Tipperary Writers for the County Art Collection in recognition of their immense contribution to Literature in the County. Michael Coady from Carrick on Suir and Marjorie Quarton from Nenagh both read from their work at the unveiling of their portraits by Councillor Seamus Hanafin, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council.



Tipperary Bealtaine Festival Launch L-R: Matt Shortt, Tipperary County Council; Marjorie Quarton, Writer; Enda Griffin, Artist; Cllr. Seamus Hanafin, Cathaoirleach; Michael Coady, Writer. Photo by Debbie Hickey



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TIPPERARY CULTURE NIGHT

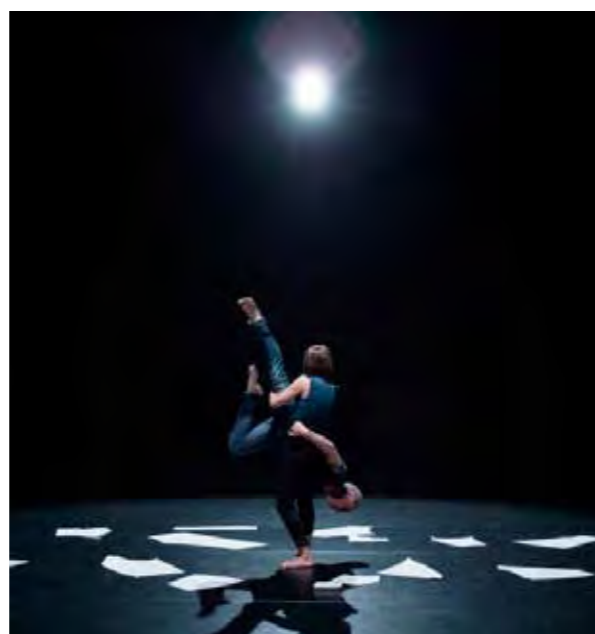
Tipperary Culture Night 2016 was co-ordinated by the Arts Office as part of the national initiative supported by The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht affairs. 26 venues participated in 12 locations across Tipperary, presenting 34 free events ranging from the visual arts and crafts to music, film, lectures, literature and puppetry with over 1400 people participating in 2016. This annual national celebration of our culture and the arts sees cultural buildings, organisations and groups throughout the County come together to showcase the fantastic cultural facilities and resources we have locally and invites broad participation.



Culture Night Launch L-R: Nora Butler, Tipperary Culture Night Ambassador 2016; Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Cathaoirleach; Joe MacGrath, CE. Photo by Gerardine Wisdom

TIPPERARY DANCE RESIDENCY

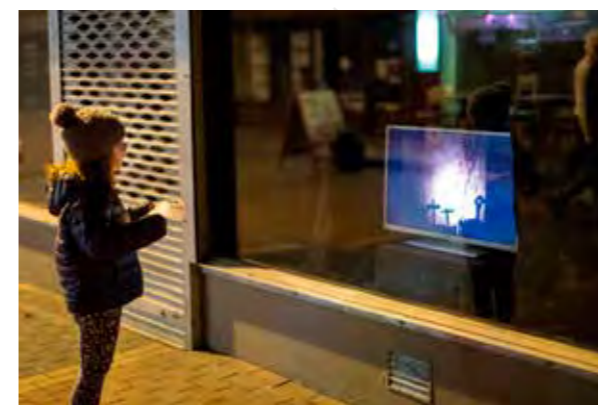
The Tipperary Dance Residency continued during 2016 with Iseli-Chiodi Dance Company in partnership with The Arts Office and Tipperary Excel. This residency has been extremely successful as a long term strategic approach to the development of Dance in the County. Dance Residency activities include international and local professional dance performances, supports for dance artists and audience building initiatives such as the schools programmes, All Day Do Dance, a programme of free dance classes and shows with expert tuition in May and the curation and presentation of Tipperary Dance Platform, an International Dance Festival in Tipperary Town and four other locations around the county in October.



Tipperary Dance Platform -Photos Courtesy of Iseli-Chiodi Dance Company

DESIGNFEST

DesignFest Clonmel ran from 3-8 of November. DesignFest Clonmel is a partnership between Limerick Institute of Technology, Clonmel and Tipperary County Council with support from the Tipperary Local Enterprise Office. This event takes a look behind the scenes of the very broad design world we live in today, providing opportunities to meet some of the key thinkers and influencers in this fast-changing industry. During the course of the six days, DesignFest Clonmel presented works from the cutting edge of where media, arts and digital design connect with a special emphasis on innovation for enterprise, employment and education.



SUPPORT SCHEMES

During 2016, 44 local community and voluntary groups were allocated funding under the Arts Act Grant Scheme which enables and supports independent arts activities and events throughout the county. 24 artists received support through a range of Artist Support Schemes across artforms. During 2016 we also worked closely with Visual Artists Ireland and a range of local partners to support artist's development through three artist's development workshops across a diverse series of topics. Support, advice and/or funding was also provided to a range of arts festivals throughout the County in 2016.



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CULTURAL WORK

TIPPERARY COUNTY MUSEUM



The Tipperary County Museum successfully launched its 1916 programme and the additional funding received from the DAHG 1916 Centenary Fund gave us the scope to create an exhibition equalling National standards. We worked with our local communities, historians, LIT students, secondary & primary schools to engage their vision for 1916. Within our collection we displayed significant artefacts including an Original Proclamation which was loaned to TCM.

The Museums Standards Programme of Ireland (M.S.P.I.) was a priority for Tipperary County Museum as it raises museum standards & increases funding opportunities within the sector. The museum achieved 'Full Accreditation' in June 2013, and in 2016 we submitted 'Maintenance' of those standards through policy revisions and our 5 year strategic management plan.

A Synopsis of Collaborative Projects during 2016 involved, amongst others:

- The Museum's Education Department has been reaching out to schools & groups across Tipperary, liaising with Economic, Tourism, Arts, Heritage Dept within C&E and Municipal Districts to access groups throughout County Tipperary.
- The Butler series and finale tour in June was hugely successful with a trip across Tipperary's Butler strongholds.
- During Walled Towns Day the museum scheduled a talk: 'Prostitution in Medieval Ireland' and a Bus Tour of Tipperary's Walled Towns in association with the Heritage Office and Planning.
- Museum celebrated the 250th Anniversary of Fr. Nicholas Sheehy with display of artefacts in March and a talk during Sept 2016.
- Clonmel Show Committee outreach programming - scheduling a 'Farm Bus' for local primary schools to see firsthand pedigree animals and open to the public.
- Working with Rotary Clonmel to promote CSAWs remembrance Garden and International Polio Awareness through primary schools.
- Festival Cluain Meala & Clonmel Walled Towns Day in association with Tipperary County Council, Suirvalley 3 Day Cycling Festival & Clonmel Busking Festival during August 2016. Over 20'000 people visited Clonmel during this Festival.
- Archaeology Dig Programme was created inhouse to outreach across community groups and schools around the county.
- A number of 1916 Education Projects were held which included:
 - › Museum 1916 lecture series 'Debating 1916' x 6 lectures
 - › LIT Colourisation exhibition based on Museum postcard collection & RTE images.
 - › PROCLAMTAION lens based project in association with Tipperary Dance Platform & Tipperary Arts Office.
 - › 'Cumman na mBan' Exhibition by Aislinn O' Keeffe
 - › Heritage in the Community Exhibition



32,764
combined visitor figures for
Museum Interaction



CULTURAL WORK

HERITAGE PLAN

One of the priority actions for the Heritage Office in 2016 was to produce an all county Heritage Plan. A final draft of the plan was approved by Members at the December Council Meeting.

In 2016 we continued our Built and Natural Heritage Audit of the River Suir going from Rossestown bridge where we finished last year right up to the source of the Suir near the Devils Bit Mountain. There was significant engagement with the local community, especially in locating the source of the River which is represented in different locations on some maps. Over 300 additional previously unrecorded monuments were documented during this audit. Our Raising Awareness programme saw collaboration with Birdwatch Ireland on a citizen science initiative with the 'Tipperary Bird Project' and 4 events took place around the county including a Family Wildlife Day in Cabragh Wetlands.

We also supported geophysical surveying at Annacarty Barracks - a community open day took place for this project in June which linked in with a 1916 commemoration and was featured on Creedons Epic East programme on RTE. The Lough Derg Heritage Project produced 2 workbooks for primary school children in 1st to 6th class on Raptors and these will be rolled out to all schools in 2017.

HERITAGE WEEK

The theme for Heritage Week was '100 years of Heritage' and a number of events took place around the county. We supported a number of events including the 'Tipperary Walled Towns Bus Tour' with Living History expert Michael Moylan and traditional music at the Nenagh Heritage Centre.



Archaeologist Coilin O Drisceoil points to the source of the River Suir



Water Ovens image Kevin Collins



Tipperary Walled Towns Bus Trip Heritage Week 2016



Annacarty Community Day



Muriel McAuley granddaughter of Thomas MacDonagh with her daughter Michelle Drysdale and grandson Matthew at the unveiling of the Thomas MacDonagh statue in Cloughjordan in May.



Pond dipping in Cabragh Wetlands

IRELAND 2016

Building on the preliminary work that had taken place in 2015 with the Department and the Ireland 2016 Office, 2016 was a great success around the county.

In total over 95 projects and initiatives took place around the county. They ranged from publications to exhibitions, theatre, song, dance as well as a number of plaques and gardens. Every school and educational institution in the county took part in Proclamation Day on the 15th March where the flag was raised and the Proclamation read. Many of the schools included a programme of cultural activities on the day.

There was a year long calendar of events in Cloughjordan the birthplace of Thomas McDonagh and in almost every town and village in the county the centenary was marked in some way. Great credit is due to all those who came together and developed these initiatives within their own communities.



Reading Proclamation St Marys Thurles April 2016.



unveiling of plaque in St Marys Thurles.



Una de Paor and Jed Walsh pictured in front of their portraits at Descendents exhibition.



At the launch of Damian Drohan's Descendents exhibition.



Tipperary County Museums Exhibition Road to the Rising.



Extraordinary crowd at the launch of the 1916 Exhibition Road to Rising at Tipperary County Museum.



Sinead McCool talk.



Sinead McCool talk was in relation to the Mna 1916: Women 1916 exhibition in Nenagh.



Carrick on Suir Library knitters.

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the School of History, University College Cork present

TIPPERARY'S REVOLUTIONARY DECADE ROADSHOW

Are you interested in the history of the Easter Rising and the revolutionary decade (1912-1923) in modern Irish history?

Would you like to meet and discuss with professional archivists and expert historians in a friendly informal setting?

Do you have any documents, stories, pictures or artefacts from this period?

If yes, come along to the Revolutionary Roadshow for a day of fun, local and interesting history!

The Source Arts Centre, Thurles
Saturday 23 January 2016

For further information contact :
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CULTURAL WORK

LIBRARY SERVICES

Tipperary County Council Library Service manages, develops and promotes a 12 service-point and 24/7 online public library service of Tipperary County Council for a population of 159,000 based on the principles of social inclusion, accessibility and quality customer service.

The service is responsible for the collection development, preservation and accessibility of all records of historic interest for County Tipperary. The library service develops and promotes access for all citizens to online and digital information resources, including broadband internet PCs, Wifi, online resources and free access to e-government/local authority information and services. The library service aims to foster a culture of reading, literacy and life-long learning in Tipperary by providing a range of services to schools, families and community groups, and promote the library as a place of culture and knowledge.

The service operates a network of twelve libraries throughout the county at:

- Thurles;
- Nenagh;
- Roscrea;
- Templemore;
- Borrisokane;
- Cloughjordan;
- Clonmel;
- Carrick-on-Suir;
- Tipperary;
- Cashel;
- Cahir and
- Killenaule.

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2016

In 2016, there were over 462,000 visits to libraries in Tipperary, 480,000 books were issued and 66,000 Internet sessions were booked.

The Schools Library Service, providing a children's library service to over 160 schools, issued 55,128 books through weekly visits in 2016 during the school year. Sanction and grant-aid for a new Schools Library vehicle was received in Dec 2016. The Summer Book Bus operated in Newport, Clogheen and Mullinahone with 3 new locations added in Clonmel, Carrick-on-Suir and Killenaule this year - issuing over 2,000 books during July & August 2016. 2,893 children participated in the first National Summer Reading Programme 'Summer Stars'. Bookmarks, bags, pencils and certificates were given to families and children with a party day for all participants organized in each branch at the end of the summer.



The Witches of Carrick and assorted ghouls



Carol Service with Scoil Angela Primary School in The Source



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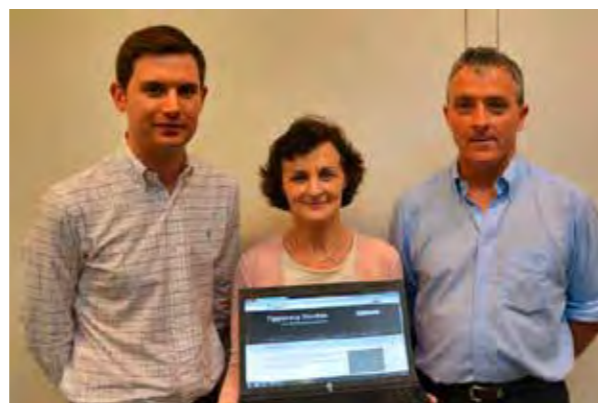
TIPPERARY STUDIES 2016

The launch of the booklet *County Tipperary in 1916: a history in 40 documents* compiled by Denis G. Marnane & Mary Guinan Darmody took place on February 13th in conjunction with Tipperary's Revolutionary Decade Roadshow, hosted by Tipperary County Council and the School of History University College Cork.

The 20 page booklets, comprising of contemporary documents and illustrations was accompanied by a series of six large Pop Up banners. Copies of the free booklet were distributed throughout the county and further afield during the year.



Martin Mansergh, Des Marnane, Mary Guinan-Darmody, Seamus Hanafin, Cathaoirleach Tipperary County Council, Roisín O'Grady and Sean Hogan at the launch of 'County Tipperary in 1916'.



John O'Gorman, Mary Guinan-Darmody and Pat Bracken launch the Tipperary Studies on-line service

Tipperary Studies new website www.tipperarystudie.ie was launched in May 2016 during the AGM and launch of the Tipperary Historical Journal 2016. The Tipperary Studies digitisation project aims to make a range of sources, both historical and genealogical available to everyone, free of charge, whether you reside within the county of Tipperary or in any part of Ireland or the far flung reaches of the world. Many of these documents are unique to Tipperary Studies, all part of the fabric of the history of Tipperary county.

During the summer of 2016 Tipperary Studies set up a Twitter account (@TippStudies) in an effort to promote its profile on social media, and since its inception it has attracted in excess of one million views. This was followed in February 2017 with a Tipperary Studies' FaceBook page, which has also started very strongly, attracting over 150 followers in a little over a month. Both of these platforms have had a very positive impact on the promotion of both our services and digitised online content at tipperarystudies.ie.



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CASHEL LIBRARY

A night of Poetry & Songs of the Revolution; Words inspired by a Rebellion took place in Cashel Library on Tuesday 19th of April.

Noreen Higgins McHugh presented a very informative and well illustrated talk on well-known songs and poems associated with the Easter Rising. Singer/songwriter Billy Bob O'Dwyer performed the majority of the music on the night. The Department of Education and Skills, the public library service and the LGMA held A Poem for Ireland Poetry Competition for post-primary schools, as part of the commemoration events for Ireland 2016. Elio Bonelli from 2nd year in Cashel Community School winner of the Tipperary part of the competition performed his own poem on the night-captivating his audience with his powerful piece of work.



NENAGH LIBRARY

Once again Nenagh library's Summer Reading Programme was a success with hundreds of children in Nenagh and Newport and their respective surrounding areas deciding to become Summer Stars for the holidays. 450 children completed our Summer Stars reading programme during the months of July and August with approx 350 of them coming to our Pirate Day in the library on Saturday, 17th September.



Seeking Jack Sparrow in Nenagh Library

TIPPERARY LIBRARY SERVICE ACHIEVES OHSAS 18001:2007

Tipperary County Council Library Service was formally presented with the Certificate of Registration of Occupational Health & Safety OHSAS 18001:2007 on 4th November 2016 at a NSAI Certificate presentation in Dublin. Presentations were made by the Minister of State with responsibility for Employment and Small Business Pat Breen.

The Library Service, its buildings and facilities, were independently audited by NSAI inspectors in order to ensure they complied with the standard, and the service now joins an elite group of over 3,000 organisations who are currently NSAI certified to a variety of internationally recognised standards.



Maurice Buckley, CEO, NSAI (left) and Minister Pat Breen T.D. (right) with Ann-Marie Brophy, Health and Safety Co-ordinator, Tipperary Library Service at the presentation of the Certificate of Registration of Occupational Health & Safety OHSAS 18001.



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QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT

- ENVIRONMENT
- FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES
- WATER SERVICES
- LAWCO
- CIVIL DEFENCE

ENVIRONMENT



The Environment Section implemented the agreed 2016 work programmes in the following areas: environment protection, waste management and enforcement, infrastructure and maintenance, environment awareness and community services.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE WORK PROGRAMME

Derelict Sites/Dangerous Structures

47 sites were listed on the Derelict Sites Register at the end of 2016.

Levies were applied to 12 properties, 26 notices were issued to owners of Derelict/Dangerous Sites and 13 properties were rendered Non-Derelict. Works were carried out on a number of dangerous structures.

Burial Grounds Maintenance

212 community group committees received grants totaling €131,432 towards graveyard maintenance programmes.



Ballinacourty Burial Ground, Lisvernane, Glen of Aherlow.

Burial ground maintenance works were completed at Kilmore, Rockvale, Ballinree, Holyford, Ballinacourtney, Cloughjordan and Ardcrone. Preparatory works on proposed extensions to 4 graveyards were also completed. Design work was completed for one new burial ground.

Recycling Centres

The Council has five recycling centres which accept paper, cardboard, plastic, timber, garden waste, DIY waste, glass, metal, waste electrical goods, batteries, textiles, waste oil and household hazardous waste for recycling

Recycling Centres	No of Visitors
Clonmel - Carrigeen	20,389
Cashel - Wallers Lot	19,632
Tipperary Town - Donohill	10,238
Roscrea	31,590
Nenagh	67,240

Bring Banks

102 tonnes of cans and 2,780 tonnes of glass and 97 tonnes of textiles were recycled from collections at our 108 Bring Bank sites.

Landfill Restoration

Work continues on the restoration of the Donohill and Ballaghveny sites. Assessments have commenced at two further historic landfill sites at Carrick on Suir and Tipperary town.



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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION WORK PROGRAMME

Water Framework Directive & River Basin Management Plans

The Local Authority Waters and Communities Office (LAWCO) was established in Clonmel in February 2016. It operates as a shared service on behalf of all Local Authorities, with two key objectives:

- To coordinate the water quality work of Local Authorities through agreed regional structures, thereby providing a collaborative approach to river catchment management.
- To engage local communities and promote public participation in the management of our water environment.

The Environment Section works closely with LAWCO to promote collaboration in the management of our natural water environment.



Pollution Investigation and Inspections

In 2016 the Environment Section took 862 samples at 150 monitoring points on 56 rivers in Tipperary. Working with the Environmental Protection Agency the information obtained from this sampling programme determines the water quality status of the rivers and lakes in the county. Currently approximately 50% of the rivers in the county comply with the National Water quality standard of high or good status. Nearly a quarter of rivers are moderate status, which indicates a low level of pollution is consistently impacting these rivers.

The number of pristine unpolluted waters has declined from 15 in 2010 to 6 in 2015. The most recent water quality data indicates losses of high status waters in stretches of the Aherlow, the Tar, the Lingaun, the Multeen, Newport, Clodiagh and Nenagh rivers.



The Environment Section continues to investigate the factors causing poor water quality in stretches of rivers that have been identified as polluted or where monitoring shows deterioration in quality. This investigative monitoring aims to identify the specific problems affecting water quality e.g. septic tanks, agricultural activities, commercial activities etc.

Farm Inspections

181 farm inspections were carried out for the purposes of drinking water source protection, pollution investigation, catchment investigations and GAP follow-ups.

Nutrient Management

47 nutrient management plans were assessed for use of bio solids on agricultural lands.

Air Pollution Enforcements

The main focus was the identification of those operating without valid certification and validating previously registered operators to ensure accurate data.

Petrol stations, dry cleaners & motor vehicle spray painting shops and the smaller scale Pharmaceutical Companies all require permits to operate and require inspection by approved assessors and the local authority.

Sector	Inspections
Dry Cleaners & Pharmaceutical Sector (small scale use of solvents)	9
Vehicle Refinishers and Paint Retailers/Suppliers	13
Petrol Service Stations Petroleum vapor emissions & petrol vapor recovery during refueling	13
Fuel Suppliers Marketing, Sale, Distribution and Burning of Specified Fuels	Visits to suppliers to raise awareness



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Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems

The National Inspection Plan 2015-2017 was published by the Environmental Protection Agency and identifies the number of septic tank inspections to be carried out by Tipperary County Council annually. The inspection plan is risk-based; it focuses inspections to the areas where the potential risk to public health and valuable water resources is higher. A report on the outcomes of the National Inspection Plan can be found on the EPA website: www.epa.ie

Total no. of DWWTs inspected in 2016	48
Advisory Notices Issued	15

Licensed Facilities Inspections Discharge Licences

Activities discharging wastewater directly to a river or large discharges to groundwater require a license, in accordance with Section 4 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts, 1977 – 2007. Once a license is issued, Tipperary County Council continues to monitor these operations to ensure that all treatment systems are operating effectively and are not causing pollution.

Inspections of the licensed facilities	153
Section 4 Licences (Discharge to water) issued	61



WASTE ENFORCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT WORK PROGRAMME

Waste Enforcement

Following the adoption of the 'Enforcement Policy for Unauthorised Waste Activities 2014' Tipperary County Council has during 2016 undertaken a number of actions under the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended, against persons carrying on the unauthorised transfer, collection, holding, recovery and disposal of waste, and, non-compliance with existing authorisations.

Number of enforcement actions	Number
Warning letters issued	75
Enforcement Notices Issued	12
Prosecutions Initiated	0

The number of environmental inspections carried out under Waste Management legislation was 420. These consisted of planned and unplanned inspections under a range of regulations as part of our RMCEI (Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections) plan.

Waste Management Legislation	Inspections
Facility Permit and Registration Regulations 2007-2015	33 inspections of facilities authorised with Waste Facility Permits. 13 inspections of facilities authorised with Certificates of Registration.
Collection Permit Regulations 2007-2015	24 Waste Collection Permit inspections.
Packaging Regs. 2014	2 inspection of a Packaging Major Producer. 3 inspections of suspected major-producers.
End of Life Vehicles Regs 2014	4 inspections of ELV Producers.
Tyres/Waste Tyres Regs 2007	124 inspections of tyres suppliers.
EU (WEEE Regs 2014 & EU Battery Regs 2014	39 WEEE & 78 Battery inspections of WEEE / Battery suppliers.
Farm Plastics Reg 2001	16 Retailers inspected for farm film plastic levy. 3 Farm Plastic recycling inspection days with IFFPG.
Plastic Bag Levy Regs 2001-2007	12 Retailers inspected for plastic bag levy.
Food Waste Regs 2009	18 inspections of commercial food waste producers.
Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning Regs 2009 – 2015	141 Declarations of Notice of agricultural burning 12 inspections of controlled burning were carried out.
Extractive Waste Regs 2009	3 inspections of extractive waste sites.
Road Checkpoints Multi Agency Inspections	5 Checkpoints 6 Inspections with NTFSO
Hazardous Wastes	9 Hazardous waste inspections
CCTV operations	42 CCTV installations
Unauthorized Waste Activity	12 Unauthorised waste activity inspections

Waste Management

As joint lead authority with Limerick Co. Co. on the Southern Regional Waste Plan and our obligations to the Southern Waste Enforcement Lead Authority, the waste enforcement team implemented a number of programmes in relation to tyres, ELV's and the roll out of the Pay By Weight Household Waste Collection System. Two initiatives to assess the impact of "Pay by Weight" at our civic amenity sites were piloted. CCTV surveillance, cleanups and road checkpoints were deployed to address illegal dumping. Waste preventive measures were introduced in the civic offices. Two gateway teams were established to assist the environment section in the removal of litter from the approach roads.

Complaints

The Environment Section received 2,493 complaints, of which 94% were resolved during the year. The Environment Enforcement Officers issued 114 "On the spot fines" for litter offences.



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ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS WORK PROGRAMME

The environment awareness team worked with various community groups to raise awareness through a series of projects. 2,000 calendars showing public awareness events throughout the year were circulated to all Community Groups and Schools in the County.



In 2016 the Council launched a new road sweeper device to remove litter from our roads.

Public Awareness Trailer and Sweeper



Staff members brought the Public awareness trailer to various town centres and also attended the Bansha, Clonmel, Nenagh and Dualla Shows to raise public awareness and provide information on a range of environmental issues.

In 2016 the Council launched a new road sweeper device to remove litter from our roads. Trials were carried out in each of the 5 Municipal Districts, which identified the black spots and the quantities of waste material discarded.



Sweeper Truck cleaning the grass verge just outside Dundrum Village

Dog Fouling Awareness Initiative



A very successful pilot initiative was undertaken in Cashel in association with the Tidy Towns groups and the Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District.

It is intended to roll out this dog fouling awareness initiative throughout the county.

Mutt Mitt Dispensers have been installed in a number of different towns/villages in order to encourage responsible dog ownership and eliminate dog fouling.



Waste Segregation Project

The Environment awareness team organised an initiative with the Knockanrawley Resource Centre in Tipperary Town, and invited 10 families to segregate their household waste over a 10 week period and to avail of the facilities at the Donohill Civic Amenity Centre.

Battery Disposal

In association with WEEE Ireland and the Laura Lynn Foundation, 1,000 small battery boxes were distributed to various community groups for the purpose of collecting used batteries. Large collection drums were placed in the reception areas of Council offices, libraries and swimming pools.

Zero Waste - Cashel

Cashel was selected as Ireland's first pilot town to implement a zero waste programme. The environment section is working with the Southern Regional Waste office and VOICE an environmental charity specialising in waste and the circular economy to involve local community groups.



Photo by John O'Neill

COMMUNITY SERVICES WORK PROGRAMME

Tipperary County Council distributed over 600 trees and wild flower packs to various schools and community groups. 395 community groups registered and participated in the National Spring Clean initiative. Tipperary County Council provided clean-up packs to all participants.

Tidy Towns Grant Scheme



2016 was another exceptional year for the county with many towns and villages recording improved performances and Birdhill announced as the winner of the Tidy village category. Grants totalling €146,270 were distributed amongst 103 towns and villages.

Local Agenda 21 Grants

Grant aid of €31,400 provided assistance to 49 community groups to undertake small-scale environmental projects.

Re-Use/Recycle Initiative

As part of the October Re-Use/Recycle month organised by the Southern Regional Waste Office, six men's shed groups used recycled pallets and paint to create garden furniture.

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Schools Programme

184 schools in the county are registered with An Taisce as part of the Green Flag programme. During the 2015/2016 school year, 52 Tipperary schools received a Green Flag at an awards ceremony in Kilkenny. 6 schools were presented with their first flag for Litter and Waste.

The annual Tidy School Competition attracted 49 entries and shared in a prize fund of €8,400.

The Glás Schools Newsletter was circulated in May and November to all schools in the County.

Control of Dogs Services

A total of 595 dogs were surrendered or seized by the Dog Wardens. Of this number 466 were re-homed. The number of dogs licensed in the county was 9,469. Tipperary County Council works with a number of animal welfare organisations in the re-homing of dogs.

Control of Horses

The number of horses seized in 2016 was 129.

Food Safety

A total of 924 inspections were carried out in all 22 abattoirs throughout the county. These inspections ensure compliance with animal welfare standards and hygiene standards in abattoirs prior to slaughter and also post mortem. A total of 2,319 cattle, 7,121 sheep, 1,095 pigs, 15 goats and 2,515 deer were inspected in these abattoirs.

ENERGY PERFORMANCE

Tipperary County Council continues to reduce energy demand and increase their share of renewable energy in line with the Climate Change Strategy which aims to achieve savings in energy consumption and contribute to a lowering of the TCC carbon footprint.

In 2016 Tipperary County Council undertook a range of initiatives to improve our energy performance. A significant programme of energy retrofit works was undertaken at eight fire stations (Clonmel, Tipperary Town, Cahir, Carrick-on-Suir, Newport, Borrisokane, Thurles and Roscrea) one leisure centre (Tipperary Town), one civic office (Nenagh) and one public lighting system (Carrigeen business park, Clonmel) under the SEAI Better Energy Communities Programme. The works made these facilities more comfortable for the public while saving Tipperary County Council 248,422 kWh and €22,433 annually.

The following table summarises the annual cost and consumption of electricity and fuel by Tipperary County Council in 2015:

2015 Electricity - Total Annual Spend	€2,531,267
2015 Electricity - Annual Spend on Public Lighting	€800,530
2015 Transport Fuels (diesel / petrol / bio fuel) - Total Annual Spend	€977,947
2015 Heating Fuels (Gas / oil / biomass etc) - Total Annual Spend	€399,055
2015 Electricity - Total Annual kWh	13,134,203 kWh
2015 Electricity - Annual kWh used by Public Lighting	8,628,417 kWh
2015 Renewable Electricity Generation	175,490 kWh

Tipperary County Council is on track to meet our target of reducing energy by 33% by the year 2020. The SEAI report on Energy Use in the Public Sector, published in April 2016, outlined energy data from across the public sector and confirmed this.

It is on this basis that SEAI ranked Tipperary County Council 1st out of 31 Local Authorities who have submitted data.

Energy Management



Tipperary County Council became a signatory of The Covenant of Mayors in February 2015. By becoming a signatory, Tipperary County Council have committed to implementing a Sustainable Energy Action Plan for the county, with the aim of cutting CO2 emissions by at least 20% by 2020.

Over the course of 2016 a steering committee was established representing organisations which have a large influence on energy consumption in Tipperary.

This committee has overseen the writing of Tipperary's Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP), which details actions which will help Tipperary meet its goal of reducing carbon emissions by 20% by 2020. The report is being finalised before being put before Tipperary County Council in the spring of 2017.

In partnership with Teagasc, Tipperary Energy Agency, and Tipperary County Council, the inaugural Energy in Agriculture event was held on 23rd August 2016. 1200 people attended to learn about energy generation, and energy efficiency in agriculture from trade exhibitors and industry experts.

FIRE & RESCUE SERVICES



FIRE OPERATIONS

The Council maintains fire brigades in twelve locations (Nenagh, Thurles, Roscrea, Templemore, Borrisokane, Newport, Cloughjordan, Clonmel, Cashel, Cahir, Tipperary Town and Carrick-on-Suir) and in 2016 these fire brigades responded to a total of 1251 incidents. Further significant progress was made in 2016 on finalising the harmonisation of the operational procedures, equipment and training across the newly merged service.

TRAINING AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT

A comprehensive training program was carried out in 2016 by all members of the service. In addition, the Clonmel Fire Training and Development Centre had a very busy year facilitating both internal courses and those run by external customers. The ISO9001 Quality Management Standard was extended from the Training Centre to now cover all of the Fire Service in 2016 following External Audits BY NSAI in August 2016.

FIRE SAFETY

In addition to its operational activities, the Fire Service was also very active in promoting fire safety and continues to inspect public-assembly buildings in an effort to assist building owners to meet their obligations under the Fire Service Act 1981 & 2003.

Activities undertaken during 2016 to actively promote fire safety awareness included:

- Fire-fighters from all brigades in Tipperary visited every 3rd class in Tipperary to deliver the Safety Team programme. The objective of the programme is to educate children about the dangers of fire so that they in turn will bring the message home and thus enhance fire safety in the home and in the community.
- The Fire Service actively participated in Fire Safety Week in October. This involved public awareness sessions in local shopping complexes, motorway service stations, town centres and a number of radio interviews by various staff members. A number of fire stations also held open days at their stations during fire safety week.
- A Hotel seminar was held in the Anner Hotel in Oct 2016. A total of 30 persons attended from Hotel Sector.
- A Pilot Smoke Alarm Project was initiated in conjunction with Community Alert and Neighbourhood Watch Groups where Fire Service Personnel visit houses of people in the Community and carry out Home Fire Safety Visits including installation of Smoke Alarms if required. This project is particularly focussed on homes of the elderly and vulnerable in our communities.
- A Facebook page and Twitter account have been set up for Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service and both are working extremely well with close to 7000 followers.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service retained OHSAS 18001:2007

Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service was recognised at the 2016 National Safety Awards receiving the prestigious award for best Public Service for the second year running (see photo below). The awards, which are organised by the National Irish Safety Organisation, NISO, honour those that have visibly excelled in their pursuit of workplace safety. The award reinforced the status of Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service as safety leaders within their sector.



Back L-R: Fergal McKeivitt, NISO, Marcus O'Connor DOS, Liam Quinn, H&S Officer, Edwin Cahill FF Borrisokane, John Paul O'Dwyer, FF Carrick-on-Suir, Paul Gallagher ACFO. Front L-R: John Lee SSO Roscrea, Garret McLoughlin SACFO, Siobhan Ambrose Cathaoirleach, Dave Carroll, CFO, Wesley Hickey SSO Tipperary Town..

Councillor Siobhan Ambrose, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council was presented with the award at the ceremony in Killarney.

In 2016 Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service was the first Fire Service in Ireland to undertake a fitness programme aimed specifically at firefighters. This was done in conjunction with Limerick Institute of Technology (LIT), under the direction of Dr. Liam Hennessy, the Academic Director of Setanta College who runs the strength and conditioning academic programme at the LIT Campus in Thurles.

BUILDING CONTROL

There were 86 Fire Safety Certificate applications, 59 Disability Access Certificate applications and 301 Commencement Notices received in 2016. A total of 56 Building Control inspections were carried out in 2016.

WATER SERVICES



While responsibility for water services has passed to Irish Water since 01 January 2014, local authorities remain very involved in the sector, acting as agents of Irish Water in relation to the operation and maintenance of services.

This transition means that local authorities operate under Service Level Agreements with Irish Water. Irish Water will be setting the level of service, in light of its contract with the economic regulator, and driving efficiencies and accelerated investment. In conjunction with the Service Level Agreement, an Annual Service Plan must be prepared through a joint planning process between the Council and Irish Water.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

On 13 May 2014 Irish Water published its Proposed Capital Investment Plan (CIP) for 2014 to 2016. Investment is prioritised where it can deliver the most urgently needed improvements in drinking water quality, leakage, water availability, wastewater compliance, efficiencies and customer service.

Irish Water Major Capital Investment Programme - Tipperary

A. Schemes in Construction	Contract Name	Consultant	Contractor	Current scheme Status
Burncourt & Fethard RWSS	Burncourt & Fethard RWSS DBO Contract	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Glan Agua Limited	Completed. This scheme was commissioned in the summer of 2016.
Water Conservation Stage 3 Fethard RWSS	Fethard RWSS Network Rehabilitation and Advance Fethard Sewage scheme	Ryan Hanly	David Walsh Civil Engineering	Main scheme complete. Extra pipelines under construction.
Clonmel Town & Rural WSS (Advance Works)	Graigie Watermain & Borehole Contract No. 3	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Wills Bros.	Contract Started January 2015. Near completion
Water Conservation Stage 3 Nenagh Town	Water Conservation Stage 3 Nenagh Town	JB Barry	Balfour Beatty	Contract started 04 Jan 2016. 78 week contract.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	Nenagh Wastewater Network Advanced Works	JB Barry	Balfour Beatty	Contract started 04 Jan 2016. 78 week contract.
Thurles RWSS Contract 2 (WTP & pipelines)	Clodiagh Intake Advanced Works	Nicholas O'Dwyer	Glan Agua Limited	Contract started in May 2016. Nearly complete.

B. Review Scope and commence construction (IW Reviewing)	Contract Name	Current scheme Status
Clonmel Town & Rural WSS (Advance Works)	Storage North of Clonmel and Pipelines	Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultant appointment. Design ongoing.
Thurles RWSS Contract 2 DBO WTP & Abbey road pipelines	Thurles RWSS Contract 2 DBO Water Treatment Plant & pipelines	Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultant appointed. Design review ongoing. Pre-qual complete. Planning ongoing.
Fethard RWSS	Mullenbawn Springs	IW appointed Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultant
Ardfinnan RWSS/Burncourt RWSS	M&E Works Ballylooby Springs including Drumroe & Kilroe Reservoirs	JB Barry Consultant appointed
Clonmel Town & Rural WSS (EIS & Water Abstraction Order)	Clonmel Town & Rural WSS -WTP, Reservoirs, Intake Works and Pipelines DBO Contract.	Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultant appointment. Design ongoing.
Roscrea Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan	Jacobs Engineering Consultant appointed.
Thurles Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan	Jacobs Engineering Consultant appointed.
Nenagh Sewerage Scheme	WWTP & Network Upgrade	ARUP Engineering Consultant appointed
Water Conservation Stage 3 Burncourt RWSS	Burncourt Water Main Network Rehabilitation	IW reviewing
Grangemockler Sewerage Scheme	WWTP & Network	IW reviewing

C. Continue Planning and Business Case Review (IW Reviewing)	Contract Name	Current scheme Status
Fethard Sewerage Scheme	Fethard Sewerage Scheme	IW reviewing
Ballina / Killaloe Sewerage Scheme	WWTP & Network Upgrade	IW reviewing
Templemore Sewerage Scheme	Network Upgrade	IW reviewing
Borrisoleigh Sewerage Scheme	WWTP Upgrade	IW reviewing

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

This ongoing programme is designed to prioritise spending as effectively as possible, to identifying where funding is most needed through focus on specific asset condition and performance, identifying root causes of problems and addressing these.

The programme addresses issues such as water quality, water availability, H&S, regulatory compliance (EPA), public health and environmental risk, energy efficiency and maintaining levels of service through addressing underperforming assets

All Minor Capital projects put forward by Tipperary County Council are reviewed by Irish Water before approval.



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Minor Capital Program

Programme	Project Name	Current scheme Status
Remedial Action List (RAL)	Templetney	Ongoing with capital scheme
Disinfection Programme	Hollyford, Tullohea,	ANB submitted
Disinfection Programme	Rossadrehid	IW prepared process optimization report. IW to progress.
Quick win programme	Lisvarrinane WWTP	Ongoing
Small WWTP Plant Improvement Programme	Cloughjordan and Mullinahone WWTPs	Cloughjordan - Contractor started Oct 16. Mullinahone - Planning permission granted.
Small WWTP Plant Improvement Programme	10 WWTPs – Assess and Upgrade inlet works	At preliminary stage
New watermain to achieve adequate contact time	Borrisoleigh WS	To start
Building Fabric Upgrade Works	Dundrum WTP	IW preparing works schedule
Borehole development and civil works	Coalbrook	Ongoing
Filter upgrade	Poulavanogue WTP Upgrade	Ongoing
Water Conservation Rehabilitation	Kilrush to Ragg, Tullys Cross to Birdhill, Beggars Seat, Ballina	Contract to start.
Water Conservation Rehabilitation	Garrykenendy	TCC commenced direct labour works.
Water Conservation Rehabilitation	Tipperary	IW reviewing
Water Conservation Rehabilitation	Fethard – Ballinard to Cloneen & Cloneen to Cappanagrane	Ongoing
DMA Program	Fethard & Burncourt leak detection	Ongoing
Water Conservation Rehabilitation	Countywide upgrade to PRVs	Contractors to visit sites to prepare tender bid
Ferric dosing	Borrisokane, Cloughjordan, Cappawhite, Roscrea , Holycross	IW reviewing
Ferric dosing decommissioning	Boherlahan, Ballinonty, Bانشa, Lisronagh, Drangan, Rosegreen, Emly, Borrisoleigh,	IW reviewing
Countywide Disinfection Programme in conjunction with limerick	43 sites Countywide	IW preparing tender documents
WWTPs flow monitoring & sampling	Countywide	IW preparing tender documents
Energy & Efficiency	Nenagh WWTP - fine bubble diffused aeration system	Contractor completed works. Ongoing issues with same
Energy & Efficiency	Nenagh WTP - Raw water pumps	Completed
Filter & coagulation program	Nenagh WTP – upgrade filter media	Contractor to be appointed.
HSQE	Water program	Ongoing
HSQE	Wastewater program	Ongoing
Reservoir refurbishment	Lorrha – access road	

RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

Investing €454,382.57 under the Rural Water Programme, 2016, has seen improvement works to Group Water Scheme infrastructure. Our purpose is to maintain the high compliance of drinking water quality in Tipperary with the priorities set down in the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations, 2014.

Projects under the headings below were carried out:

- the provision of treatment and disinfection facilities (€150,688.93);
- source protection measures (€24,437.50);
- the rehabilitation and upgrade of distribution systems (€260,106.15)
- rural development (€15,300); and
- innovation and research (€6,849.99).

Rural Water Monitoring Committee:

The Council's Rural Water Monitoring Committee has 14 members. Membership consists of 5 members of the County Council, 3 representatives of the group water schemes, 2 representatives of rural organisations in the county and a representative from the National Federation of Group Water Schemes and 3 Council officials. The Committee met on 3 occasions in 2016 in Thurles. Councillor Willie Kennedy a member of the RWMC passed away tragically during the year. The Committee acknowledges Councillor Kennedy's strong commitment to working for the good of the County throughout his public life.

The task of improving the quality, reliability and efficiency of rural water supplies has to be undertaken in a structured way, with the Council, group water schemes and other rural interests working together to achieve shared objectives and making the best use of available resources.

Expenditure in County Tipperary in 2016 in respect of group water schemes covers the following areas:

- an initial block grant allocation (€308,165);
- a supplementary block grant allocation (€149,217.57); and
- annual subsidy for the maintenance of group water schemes (which is recoupable from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DoHPCLG) (€271,164)).

In consultation with the Rural Water Monitoring Committee, the Council makes a submission in January to the DoHPCLG for block grant funding for the year ahead. 2016 was the first of the 2016 – 2018 Multi-Annual Programme and funds for the period were sought in January.

Grants for the provision or necessary improvement of an individual water supply to a house:

During 2016, there were 60 applications received and 56 approved. 44 Grants were paid to applicants with 77% of those paid at the maximum of €2,031. A total of €83,839.65 was invested under the scheme. Responsibility for the administration of the measure remains with Tipperary County Council. Grants paid are recouped from the DoHPCLG.



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Grants payable pursuant to the domestic wastewater treatment systems (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2013:

In 2016, one application was received, approved and a grant of €3,970 was paid to the applicant. Grants are recouped from the DoHPCLG.

Grants Payable Under the Domestic Lead Remediation (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2016 (S.I. No. 56 of 2016).

This is a new financial assistance measure which came into being in 2016. One application was received, late in 2016. Grants are recouped from the DoHPCLG.

Established in line with the National Lead Strategy, the purpose of the Grant is to reduce exposure to lead in domestic drinking water. It will assist low-income households with the cost of replacing lead pipes and fittings within their homes.

Principal features of the scheme are:

- premises concerned must be occupied by the Applicant as his/her Principle Private Residence;
- Applicants must have either:
 - › notification from a Water Supplier advising that there is likely to be lead plumbing within the curtilage of the premises; or
 - › a certificate issued within the 6 months immediately prior to the date of application by a laboratory accredited for testing for lead in drinking water, showing a parametric value for lead in the water supply at the premises which exceeds the statutory limit;
- work carried out before the 12th February, 2016, will not qualify;
- a grant will only be paid after the works have been carried out, on production of receipts and following an inspection by County Council personnel.

The value of a grant payable is determined on the basis of gross household income, (in the previous tax year), and is either 80%, (maximum grant payable is €4,000) or 50% (maximum grant payable is €2,500), of the approved cost of works. This table sets out the assistance available based on the income. Applicants with income greater than €75,000 do not qualify for assistance.



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CONNECTIONS

Water Connections

Permissions to connect to public supplies are granted by Irish Water. 90 water connections were made in 2016.

Waste Water Connections

Permissions to connect to public Wastewater systems are granted by Irish Water. 11 waste water connections were made in 2016.

General

Responsibility for the provision of water and waste water connections has transferred to Irish Water with effect from 01 January 2014. The Council continues to assess all such applications and carry out the required connections on behalf of Irish Water. The existing connection charges will continue to apply until Irish Water, in consultation with the Commissioner for Energy Regulation (CER), introduces revised arrangements.

NON-DOMESTIC WATER

Non domestic water accounts in the county were transferred to Irish Water in November, 2016. Irish Water is now the contact point for customers for billing, payments and customer service. The Council will continue to read meters and transmit that data to Irish Water. Water charges and billing frequency will remain the same until otherwise directed by the Commissioner for Energy Regulation (CER).



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11 waste water connections were made in 2016.*

WATER CONSERVATION

2016 SLA KPI	December 2016 Databook
Maintain UFW at 51.20% by OPEX	50.63% or
2. Maintain lower UFW achieved after CAPEX intervention	32,792m ³ /day

The baseline figure for water consumption is now agreed between IW and TCC.

TCC are now using the IW method of calculating UFW.

IW is now using a domestic property consumption of 395 l/property/day. IW calculated this figure based domestic meter readings.



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THE LOCAL AUTHORITY WATERS & COMMUNITIES OFFICE (LAWCO)

LAWCO is managed jointly by Kilkenny and Tipperary County Councils and operates as a shared service on behalf of all 31 local authorities. The office is headed up by Matt Shortt, Director of Services, with a staff complement of 3 Regional Coordinators, 3 Specialist Staff and 12 Community Water Officers.

LAWCO is tasked with delivering two key objectives for the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) in Ireland:

- (i) assist in coordinating the WFD activities of Local Authorities through agreed regional structures.
- (ii) to encourage local communities, NGO's, sectoral interests and public bodies to share knowledge and work together in the management of our rivers, lakes, estuaries, groundwater and coastal waters.

Public consultation on the draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018- 2021 will run between February 28th to 31st August 2017. LAWCO will hold a series of information meetings across the entire country to facilitate public participation in the formulation of a final agreed plan.

Collaboration with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and the Environmental Protection Agency, together with other public authorities and stakeholders, will be integral to the functions of LAWCO.

During the Summer and Autumn of 2016 LAWCO held a series 16 public meetings from source to sea right across the River Suir catchment, taking in four counties; Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford and Kilkenny. The meetings focussed on the benefits and issues that local communities associate with their local water environment. This process saw close to 400 people turn out to participate. The issues raised were documented and referred to the relevant Local Authority or public body as appropriate, with feedback given to the respective local community. The lessons learnt from this public engagement are now informing the forthcoming public consultation on the draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018 – 2021, and the information received in Suir Catchment will also feed into that national Plan.

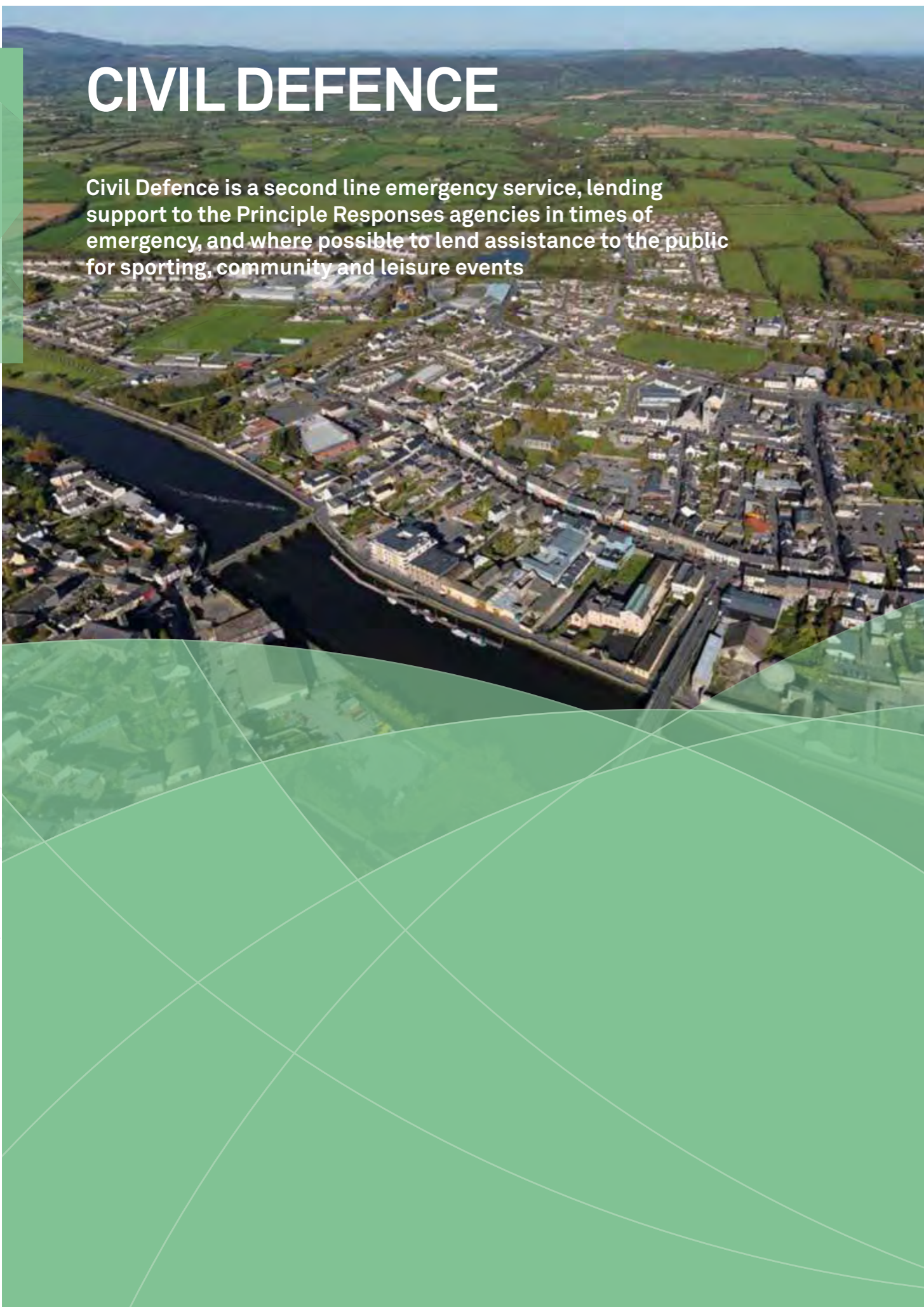


Photo taken at a River Suir public meeting in Cahir shows Dr Fran Igoe and Michael Pollard of LAWCO documenting water quality issues raised by attendees.



CIVIL DEFENCE

Civil Defence is a second line emergency service, lending support to the Principle Responses agencies in times of emergency, and where possible to lend assistance to the public for sporting, community and leisure events



2016 ACTIVITIES

Civil Defence Volunteers played a vital role in the Local Authority flood response in early 2016. Volunteers responded in Clonmel, Kilsheelan, Ardfinnan Carrick on Suir and Newcastle. Civil Defence carried out the evacuation of families in the Kilganey and Old Bridge area that were affected by the flooding.

In addition to the emergency flood response Civil Defence volunteers attended in excess of 200 community events providing First Aid and ambulance cover at events which included the Terryglass Arts Festival, Suir Valley 3 international cycle, and Portroe Festival, Darkness into Light walks. We also gave assistance to Meals on Wheels, Senior Citizens, & numerous sporting and cultural events.

One of the core activities of Civil Defence is in assisting the Gardai with the search and recovery of missing persons. Tipperary Civil Defence responded to callouts for missing persons in Clonmel, Thurles, Roscrea and throughout the County.

As in previous years, Tipperary Civil Defence took part in the Emergency Services Display Days in Kickham Barracks Clonmel and in Clonoulty. At these events, volunteers demonstrated Civil Defence skills and displayed equipment to the general public. This included our Ambulance, Emergency Tent, Command & Control Unit and the K9 search Dog.

Training of members continued throughout the County in the area of Occupational First Aid, Swift Water Flood Response, Search and Rescue Skills, Communications, in addition to Catering and Welfare training. Most of this training takes place at night and at weekends. Civil Defence members received accreditation from QQI, (formerly FETAC), the National Ambulance School, the Food Safety Authority and Rescue 3 and PHECC (pre hospital care council).

In 2016 there was a major investment in the vehicle fleet with many of our older vehicles being replaced by modern newer and more reliable vehicles. In 2016 Tipperary Civil Defence upgraded its fleet with the addition of the following vehicles - 2012 Ford Transit Mini Bus, 2011 Toyota Hilux, and a 09 Mercedes Ambulance.

In addition to the above vehicles Tipperary Civil Defence also acquired a purpose build, K9 vehicle for the transportation and response of our now fully operational Search Dog Scooby. Dog handler Mark and Scooby have been called to assist Garda in the search for missing persons both within the County and at national searches.

Tipperary Civil Defence took part in National Exercise in Radiation Monitoring organised by the Civil Defence College in Roscrea. This involved the taking of soil samples at various locations and the relay of information to the Civil Defence headquarters in Roscrea. It also gave members an opportunity to operate our new Tetra radio system.

In 2016 Civil Defence catering units provided 90 Christmas dinners to the senior citizens of Clonmel in association with the Elm Park Residents Association. Welfare units also assisted with catering and serving of food at the Garda/Careers association young at heart Christmas party in December.

One of the highlights for members was the participation and assistance with the cycle against suicide and in the Emergency Services cycle.

Our annual training camp was held in the Ballymullen Army facility over the June bank holiday weekend. Members enjoyed a weekend of training and learning new skills.

Expenditure

The expenditure incurred by the Council in performing its functions relating to Civic Defence in 2016 was €310,000.



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MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS



- CARRICK-ON-SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
- CASHEL-TIPPERARY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
- CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT
- NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
- TEMPLEMORE-THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

CARRICK-ON-SUIR MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

CATHAOIRLEACH & LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro was elected as Cathaoirleach at the Annual General Meeting of the Municipal District Members on the 29th of June, 2016. Cllr Goldsboro replaced Cllr. Eddie O'Meara, who had been Cathaoirleach since 2014.

Cllr. John Fahey was elected as Leas Cathaoirleach.

PERFORMANCE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT FUNCTIONS

In 2016, the Municipal District Members held an Annual general meeting, eleven monthly meetings, and one special meeting in honour of the late Councillor Jimmy Hogan who died in September, 2016.

The Members also held two joint meetings with the Elected Members for the adjoining Piltown Municipal District in County Kilkenny to discuss issues of mutual interest.

A Schedule of Municipal District Works, totalling €6.1 million, was adopted by the members, who oversaw its implementation. The Schedule of Municipal District Works included the maintenance and minor improvement of the social housing stock in the district, the maintenance and improvement of the road network, the rehabilitation of bridges and the maintenance of open spaces.

In addition the members received reports from each Director of Service in relation to activity in the District, considered 35 notices of motion, and corresponded with the Department of Transport, The Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Waterways Ireland, The Office of Public Works, Bus Eireann and the National Transport Authority in relation to matters concerning the Municipal District.



ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 66 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001

The Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District assisted the following bodies under Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

Carrick-on-Suir Development Association

A grant of €3,500 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Development Association (CoSDA). The Association provides a heritage centre at the Main Street in Carrick on Suir, a community centre in Carrickbeg, Carrick-on-Suir, and is involved in a number of training schemes in the town.

Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee

A grant of €1,500 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee (COSTEDC). The committee has representatives of the Local Authority, the Business Association and the Development Association. It has prepared a strategic plan for Carrick-on-Suir and is involved in a number of different measures to promote the town.

Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band

A grant of €1,900 was made to the Carrick-on-Suir Brass Band. The Band has been established for many years and performed in public without charge on six occasions in 2015.

Clancy Festival Committee

A grant of €3,500 was made to the Committee of the Clancy Festival. The festival is held every year over three days on the weekend of the June bank holiday. It commemorates the Clancy Brothers who were born in the town, and attracts thousands of attendees.

Carrick-on-Suir St Patricks Day Parade Committee

A grant of €500 was made to the St Patrick's Day Committee. The committee organises the St Patrick's Day Parade each year. In an innovative departure, the parade was held after dark on the evening of St Patrick's Day. A highlight of the Parade was the illuminated Carrick Tractors, and the event attracted several thousand spectators.

Sean Kelly Classic Cycle

The members made a grant of €4,000 to a committee seeking to inaugurate a Leisure Cycle Tour of Tipperary based in Carrick-on-Suir. The Tour was subsequently held in June of 2016 and attracted in excess of four hundred cyclists.

Sean Kelly Sports Centre

A grant of €5,000 was made to the Sean Kelly Sports Centre. The sports centre provides facilities for swimming and physical training and attracts thousands of visitors each year.

Sonny Cash Exhibition

An exhibition of the work of Carrick-on-Suir photographer Sonny Cash was prepared by a local committee and displayed in the Carrick-on-Suir heritage centre during 2016. The Carrick-on-Suir Municipal Members assisted this project with a grant of €300.



1916 Commemorations

The Members for the Municipal District approved grants to community groups to assist in the commemoration of 1916. Projects assisted included exhibitions, sports events, memorial gardens, plaques with the proclamation, flag raisings, publications, and a short film.

Grants were issued as follows:

Group Assisted	Amount
St Nicolas Boxing Club, Carrick-on-Suir	€495.00
Carrick-on-Suir Remembers	€1,000.00
Fethard Community Council	€1,000.00
Fethard Business and Tourism Group	€1,000.00
Fethard Historical Society	€400.00
Tracey Park Residents Group	€700.00
Reen Heritage Association	€500.00
Ballyneale Community Hall	€500.00
Clancy Brothers Music and Arts Festival	€700.00
Tudor Artisan Hub	€1350.00
Cardinal Brown Community Hall	€600.00
Glengoole Tidy Towns	€700.00
Moyglass Sports and Leisure Centre	€355.00
Nano Nagle Centre	€700.00
Grants given to commemorate 1916 totalled	€10,000

67 The inaugural Sean Kelly Classic Cycle Tour of Tipperary based in Carrick-on-Suir was held in June 2016 and attracted in excess of four hundred cyclists

Grants to festivals

The District Members assisted a number of festivals that were held in the Municipal District in 2016. The festivals assisted were as follows:

Festival	Amount
Dualla Show	€3,000.00
Dualla Ploughing Competition	€350.00
Ballingarry August Festival	€375.00
Killenaule Rising Festival	€1,500.00
Total grants given were	€5,225



Tidy Town Associations

Tipperary County Council sought submissions from Tidy Towns associations in relation to their plans for 2015. As a result, the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Members decided to make seventeen grants as follows:

Ballingarry Tidy Towns Association	€1,250.00
Ballinure Community Group	€1,000.00
Ballyneale Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
Carrick on Suir Business Assoc	€1,600.00
Cloneen Tidy Village & Graveyard Committee	€1,000.00
Coalbrook Residents Association	€1,000.00
Drangan Tidy Towns Association	€1,000.00
Dualla Tidy Towns Association	€1,000.00
Fethard Tidy Towns Association	€1,400.00
Glengoole Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
Grangemockler Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
Kilcash Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
Killenaule Community Enhancement Assoc	€1,250.00
Killusty Tidy Village Group	€1,000.00
Mullinahone Community Council	€1,250.00
Rosegreen Tidy Towns Association	€1,250.00
The Commons Tidy Towns Association	€1,000.00
Grants total for Tidy Towns Committees	€20,000



Photograph by Pete Smith



Assistance to Residents Associations

The County Council had sought submissions from residents associations in housing estates in relation to the work they carry out. Arising from these submissions, the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District Members decided to make ten grants as follows:

Group or Association	Work Assisted	Grant Amount
An Grianan Residents Association	Upkeep of Green Areas	€500.00
Ard Alainn Residents Association	Upkeep of Green Areas	€500.00
Castle Heights, Carrick-on-Suir	Upkeep of green Areas	€500.00
Clairin Residents Association, Carrick-on-Suir	Grass cutting and planting, maintenance of nameplates	€500.00
Coisabhann, Ballynonty	Upkeep of green Areas	€500.00
Collins Park Residents Association, Carrick-on-Suir	Grass cutting and maintenance	€500.00
Cottage Path, Ballinonty	Upkeep of green Areas	€500.00
Hillview Terrace, Ballinonty	Upkeep of Green Areas	€500.00
Manor Gate Residents Association	Upkeep of green areas, landscaping.	€500.00
Seskin Court Residents Association	Recycling, maintenance and clean up of estate	€500.00
The total granted was		€5,000

Sports Facilities Grants

The County Council invited submissions from clubs and other organisations providing sports facilities. Arising from these submissions, the members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District made thirty grants as follows:

Beneficiary	Amount
Dualla Community Association	€550.00
St Nicolas Boxing Club	€494.00
Sean Kelly Sports Centre	€1,000.00
Glengoole Tidy Towns	€500.00
St Patricks GAA Club	€550.00
Ballinonty Tidy Towns	€500.00
Carrick Swans GAA Club	€550.00
Ballyneale Development Association	€550.00
Slieveardagh United FC	€550.00
Fethard Convent Community Hall	€550.00
Carrick-on-Suir Handball and Racquette Ball Club	€550.00
South Tipperary Tevelopment Company	€500.00
Carrick-on-Suir Development Association	€550.00
Kilcash Community Centre	€550.00
Carrick United FC	€550.00
Ballingarry Senior Social Group	€500.00
Ballingarry Community Centre	€550.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns	€550.00
Ballingarry Camogie Club	€550.00
Ballypatrick Sports Centre	€550.00
Old School of Music	€455.00
Old School Community Centre	€550.00
Slieveardagh Mining Museum	€550.00
Glengoole Hall Committee	€550.00
Kilurney Ballypatrick Sports Field	€500.00
Ballingarry Parish Field	€425.00
Michael Hogan community Field	€550.00
Mullinahone Community Council	€500.00
Rosegreen Development Association	€550.00
Moyglass Sports and Leisure Centre Ltd	€550.00
Total grants made were	€16,374



Christmas Lights

The County Council sought submissions from business and community groups in relation to the provision of Christmas Lights in towns in the District. Arising from the submissions received, the members for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District decided to make grants as follows:

Group	Description	Amount
Killenaule Community Enhancement Group	Erection of lights and replacement of bulbs	€1,845.00
Old School Centre, The Commons	New scheme, acquisition and erection of lights	€2,940.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns	Replacement of lights and extension of scheme.	€5,500
Glengoole Tidy Towns	New scheme, Christmas lights in village and on trees	€1,750.00
Kilcash Tidy Towns	Christmas Tree at Community Centre	€126.00
Carrick-on-Suir Business Association	Christmas Lights in Town Centre, Carrickbeg, Two Bridges, and on trees (Provided by County Council)	€8,500.00
Fethard Community Council	Provision of Christmas lights in Fethard Town	€3,600.00
The total grant given was		€24,260

Tidy Towns Awards

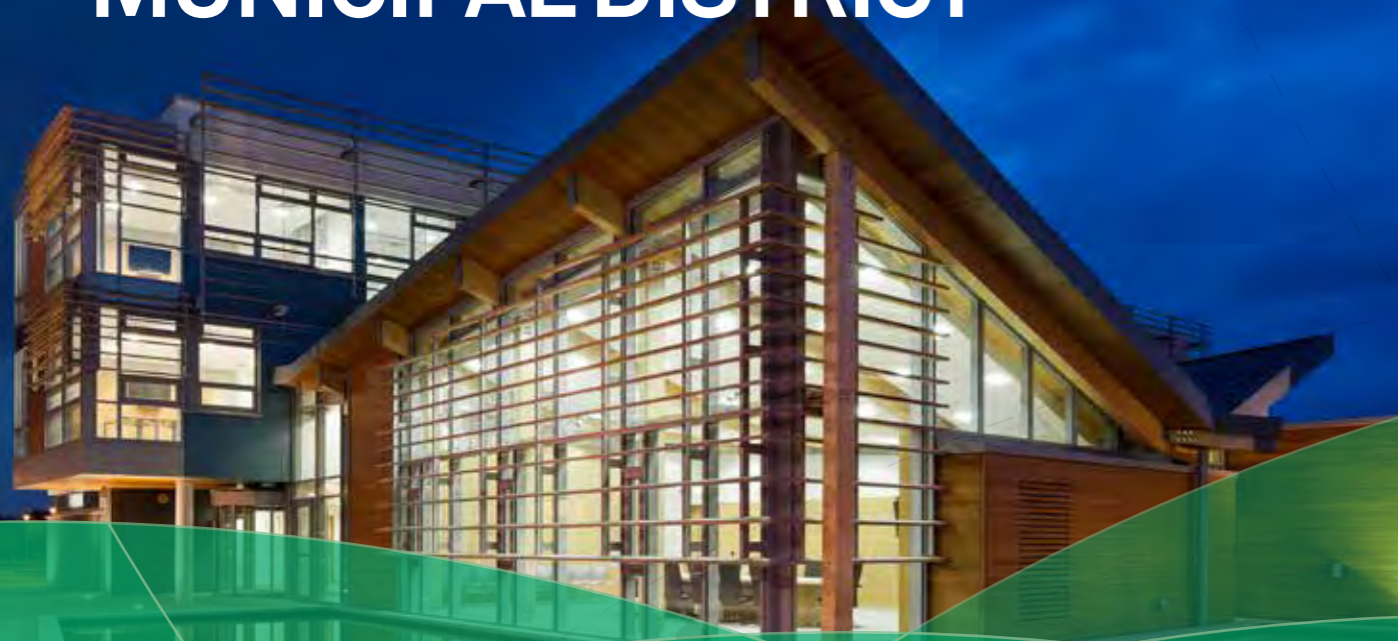
A tidy towns competition was held for those committees in the district which participated in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Prizes were offered in two categories, one for smaller settlements, and the other for larger settlements. Prizes were awarded for the best new entrant and the best improvement in marks awarded. A prize was also awarded for the best performing committee in the Municipal District.

An awards night was held in the Moyglass Community Centre in December, 2016. Awards were made as follows:

Ballinure	Most improved, Category A	€500.00
Glengoole	Best new entrant, Category A	€500.00
Rosegreen	Most improved, all other Categories	€500.00
Ballingarry	Runner up, all other Categories	€500.00
Cloneen	Best overall result, All Categories	€1,000.00



CASHEL-TIPPERARY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



The Annual Meeting of the Cashel- Tipperary Municipal District was held on 27th June, 2016. Councillor Roger Kennedy was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Michael Fitzgerald was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH



Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach.



Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Leas Cathaoirleach congratulates Cathaoirleach.

DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS - JANUARY 2016

Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District held a District Environment Awards event on Monday 25th January to pay tribute to the many groups and individuals in the District who contributed to their local communities. The award winners were as follows:

- Golden National School, Mount Bruis National School, Bansha National School, Cappawhite National School, St. John the Baptist Girls National School, Cashel and St. Francis School Donohill, on attaining the Green Flag.
- St John the Baptist School Girls National School, St John the Baptist Boys National School, The Deanery School, Cashel and St. Ailbe's National School, Tipperary Town on achieving most Consistent School in the Tidy Schools Competition.
- Monard National School on achieving the Best new Entry in the Tidy Schools Competition.
- The Monastery School, Tipperary Town for the best Travel Project in the Tidy Schools Competition.
- Lisvernane National School on achieving Best Energy Project in the Tidy Schools Competition
- Scoil Aonghusa Special School, Cashel on achieving 2nd Place Best Waste Project in the Tidy Schools Competition.
- St. Josephs Primary School, Tipperary Town on achieving 1st Place in the Tidy Schools Competition.
- Mount Bruis National School, Tipperary Town on achieving 2nd Place in the Tidy Schools Competition.
- Golden National School on achieving 3rd Place in the Tidy Schools Competition.
- Shronnell National School on achieving 4th Place in the Tidy Schools Competition
- Cullen National School on achieving 5th Place in the Tidy Schools Competition
- 12 Tidy Towns Committees improved marks in the National Tidy Towns Competition

TIDY SCHOOL WINNERS



Back: Teacher Paudraic O'Dwyer Donohill N.S., Cllr. John Crosse, Alice Flynn Principal Cappawhite N.S., Teacher Paddy O'Shea Emly N.S., Cathaoirleach-Cashel/Tipperary Municipal County Council Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Clíodhna Breen Principal Bansha N.S. and Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald
 Middle: Joan O'Neill SNA Donohill N.S., pupil Paddy White Donohill N.S., Chloe Murphy-McAssey Cappawhite N.S., pupil Emma Durcan Emly N.S., Catriona O'Connor Principal Monard N.S., pupil Cathal Madden Cullen N.S., Lisa Dawson Teacher Bansha N.S., pupil Rory Sampson Bansha N.S. and TD Tom Hayes
 Front: pupil Abbie Nugent Cappawhite N.S., Isabelle Heuston Emly N.S., Jonathan Ryan Monard N.S. and Gary Lillis-Quinn Bansha N.S.

TIDY TOWNS WINNERS

Dundrum and Cashel Tidy Towns representatives with Cashel Tipperary Municipal District Council Administrator Marie McGivern, Cllr. Martin Browne, Cllr. Roger Kennedy and Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan.



Representatives from Bansha, Rossadrehid, Emly and Kilross and Tipperary Town Tidy Town Groups with Cathaoirleach Cashel/Tipperary Municipal County Council Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Marie McGivern, District Administrator, Aidan Finn, District Engineer and Clare Curley, District Director.

CIVIC RECEPTIONS

His Excellency, Kevin Vickers, Canadian Ambassador to Ireland.

A Cathaoirleach's Reception was awarded to His Excellency Kevin Vickers, Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, on 7th April, 2016.

Following the reception the Councillors accompanied Ambassador Vickers to the tiny Killadriffe Cemetery, in Kilmoyler, the final resting place of General William Frances Butler who founded the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Mounties). Ambassador Vickers served with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for more than 20 years before becoming Head of Security at the Canadian Houses of Parliament and being appointed to represent his Country in Ireland.



From Left:- Cllr. Seamus Hanafin, Chairman Tipperary County Council, Ambassador Vickers, Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan, Cathaoirleach Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District



From Left:- Cllr. John Crosse, Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Cllr. Seamus Hanafin, Chairman Tipperary County Council, Ambassador Vickers, Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Aidan Finn, District Engineer. Front:- Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive Officer, Clare Curley, District Director, Marie McGivern, District Administrator and Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer.



Photographed at Killadriffe Cemetery. Left to Right Marie McGivern, District Administrator, Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, His Excellency Kevin Vickers, Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, Cllr. Seamus Hanafin, Chairman Tipperary County Council.



Circle of Friends Cancer Support Service.

On the 8th April 2016 a Civic Reception was accorded to The Circle of Friends Cancer Support group in recognition of their Cancer Support Service to the people of Tipperary and Limerick. Their Support Centre provides a non-judgemental support service to persons affected by cancer in a safe and confidential environment while respecting the dignity and worth of the individual.



From Left:- Founder of Circle of Friends Jennifer Jones Hickey with her parents Tina and Pat Jones.



From Left:- Jennifer Jones (Founder of Circle of Friends) and Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan.



Front:- Marie McGivern, (District Administrator), Circle of Friends committee Maeve Lowry (Director), Monica Fogarty (Ass. Secretary), Nora Hoare (Treasurer), Mary Teresa O' Donnell (Director) and Catriona Molloy Riordan (Director). Middle:- TD Michael Lowry, Cllr. Martin Browne, Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Founder Jennifer Jones Hickey, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Pat Jones (Chairman Circle of Friends), Liam Bergin (Director Circle of Friends), Cllr. Denis Leahy. Back :- Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Aidan Finn (District Engineer), Cllr. John Crosse and Tom O' Donoghue (Director Circle of Friends).



The Circle of Friends committee, volunteers and therapists at the Civic Reception Ceremony.



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Tidy Towns Groups

On the 3rd June 2016 a total of 20 local Tidy Towns groups, were honoured with a Civic Reception. Cathaoirleach, Mary Hanna Hourigan, praised the Tidy Town groups and volunteers who give so tirelessly of their time and who not only improve the environment in which we live, but it also help to cement community relations and build pride in their home place.



Photographed at Tidy Towns Reception

She said that the wonderful and very important work that each of these committees do, helps to motivate sustainable change to make our towns and villages the best place they can be.



SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

In March 2016 the members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Cashel Tipperary District. This provided for a total expenditure of €5,992,261 in respect of Housing Maintenance; Road Improvements; Street Cleaning; Maintenance of Burial Grounds and Maintenance of Amenity Areas.

The main Programmes which benefited under their funding were:

- Strengthening and overlay on Cloughleigh Road/ Rathduff Stud/ Athassal Abbey/ Greenfields & Crossayle/ Dualla Road Cashel/ Ballysheedy Annacarty/ Emlly to Cullen.
- Storm water separation from combined sewers between Aldi Plaza and River Ara resulting in 40% reduction on load to Sewerage Treatment Plant.
- Flood Repair Works – Cullen Village; Ashgrove; Clonoulty; Glengar Springhouse Thomastown, Ballintemple and Curraghmarky.
- Low cost safety Schemes at Lisbohane; Cappaghtratin, Scalagheen and Dundrum.
- Bridge Rehabilitation at Cluen Bridge.
- Surface dressing at various locations including Monard, Solohead and Regional Roads emanating from Tipperary Town.
- Community Involvement Schemes at Camas & Glenough.
- Road Strengthening in vicinity of Windfarms at Rossmore/Piperhill.
- Public Lighting improvements Tipperary Town (Murgasty Area)



Work being undertaken to alleviate the road slippage at Curraghmarky.

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY/ENHANCING TOWNS & VILLAGES

During 2016 the Cashel Tipperary Municipal District worked with the community throughout the District in various ways. This included;

- provision of funding through Grants and Contributions,
- liaison with Voluntary Groups and Associations,
- liaison with Business Groups,
- provision of advice and support and assisting with a variety of events.



TIDY TOWNS GRANTS

In 2016 the successful grants applicants were:

Grant Recipient	Allocation
Aherlow Road Residents Association	€540.00
An Duiche Residents Association	€540.00
Cappawhite Tidy Towns Association	€540.00
Cashel Tidy Towns Association	€3,240.00
Crescent Court Residents Association	€540.00
Dundrum Tidy Towns Association	€540.00
Emly Tidy Towns Association	€540.00
Golden Tidy Towns	€540.00
Kilross Tidy Towns Association	€540.00
Lattin Tidy Towns Association	€540.00
Murgasty Hills Residents Association	€540.00
Murgasty Residents Association	€540.00
Oliver Plunkett Park Residents Assoc, Cashel	€540.00
Spafield Family Resource Centre	€540.00
Summercove Residents Association	€540.00
The Steeples Residents Association	€540.00
Tipperary Tidy Towns Committee	€3,240.00
Donohill Tidy Towns Committee	€540.00
Cullen Tidy Towns	€540.00
Total :	€ 15,660.00



BURIAL GROUND MAINTENANCE GRANT 2016

In 2016 Grants were awarded to following:

Grant Recipient	Allocation
Aglish Graveyard Fund BG	€500
Annacarty- Kilpatrick BG	€1,030
Ballinacourty Burial Ground	€620
Ballintemple Burial Ground	€600
Cashel Cathedral	€500
Cappawhite Old & New B.G. Comm.	€1,100
Clonoulty Old & New & Clogher B.G.	€1,410
Cullen Graveyard Committee	€530
Clonbeg Church St. Sednas Glen of Aherlow	€500
Dangan-Dargan Maintenance Comm.	€530
Emly Old/New Burial Ground Comm.	€1,030
Garranlea Burial Ground Comm.	€500
Hollyford Burial Ground Committee	€620
Kilshane Burial Ground	€530
Lagganstown Burial Committee	€530
Lattin New Burial Ground committee	€620
Monard Church of Ireland Burial Grounds	€500
Old Donohill Burial Ground Committee	€530
St. Senans Burial Ground Committee	€620
St. Mary's Church of Ireland Tipperary Town	€500
Solohead Burial Ground Committee	€600
Templenoie Burial Ground Committee	€530
Toem Burial Ground	€500
Shronell Burial Ground	€500
Total	€15,430

IRELAND 2016 COMMEMORATION FUND.

As part of the Tipperary 2016 programme of activities the Municipal District of made funds available to groups within the district that enabled them organise events or projects as part of the commemoration programme.

The following were the grant recipients:

Grant Recipient	Allocation
Scoil San Isadoir, Boherlahan, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	€630.00
Cashel Library, Friar Street, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	€1,000.00
Knockanrawley R.C., Knockanrawley, Tipperary Town	€850.00
Spafield Family Resource Centre, Old Road, Cashel	€460.00
St. John the Baptist Boys N.S., Old Road, Cashel.	€940.00
St. Joseph's Primary, Murgasty Road, Tipperary Town.	€710.00
Knockavilla N.S., Knockavilla, Dundrum, Co. Tipperary.	€710.00
Tipperary Tidy Towns, 3 James Street, Tipperary Town.	€940.00
Third Tipperary Brigade, Old IRA, Piper Hill, Tipperary.	€940.00
Lattin Tidy Towns, Lattin Village, Co. Tipperary.	€940.00
Tipperary Excel Heritage Company Ltd.,	€940.00
Emly Tidy Towns, Lower Main Street, Emly.	€940.00
Total:	€10,000.00



Emly Tidy Towns Commemoration of 1916



CONNECT IRELAND

Cashel Tipperary Municipal District was selected as a pilot area by Connect Ireland with the focus on inviting new businesses to the area. Connect Ireland works in partnership with other Government Agencies to secure new jobs through connections/links with the Irish abroad. This exciting project known as “Connect Tipperary” was launched by John Delaney, CEO of FAI at The Excel, Tipperary in November 2015. Work continued on this project in 2016. To date, Lamaki Automation Control employing six people have located in Dundrum. “Connect Tipperary” is currently pursuing a number of leads with view to further jobs being created in the District.



From Left:- Terry Clunes Chairman Connect Ireland, Richard O’Keefe and Thelma Harris from the Connect Tipperary committee and Brendan Lonergan Tipperary Chamber of Commerce.



THE SAND MAN CASHEL



As Part of Cashel Arts Festival 2016 and to commemorate the 1916 Rising Daniel Doyle, Dublin based sculptor created a sand sculpture on the Plaza in Cashel.

Cashel City Walls are a designated National Monument, and the area is awarded statutory protection under the National Monuments Acts (1930-2004).

HERITAGE

Cashel City Walls Conservation



Rock of Cashel. Courtesy of Tipperary Tourism

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The Walls, enclosing 14.5 hectares and encompassing a perimeter of 1,550 metres were constructed of locally sourced, roughly coursed limestone blocks with rubble infill. Standing at an average 3 metres high the Walls were built as a defensive rampart with gun towers at North, West and South east angles and contained 5 gates providing access points to the medieval town. Cashel, also known as Caiseal Mumhan meaning the “Stone Fortress of Munster” developed as an ecclesiastical and monarchical stronghold during the early 13th century.

In 2016 the Cashel City Walls Conservation Project successfully secured funding in the sum of €15,000 from the Heritage Council under the Irish Walled Towns Fund. This grant allocation enabled; (a) works to be carried out on the portion of the City Wall opposite the Roselawn Housing Estate to the value of €10,000 and (b) €5,000 enabled a Survey and report on the upstanding section that runs from Aldi to John’s Street, Cashel, Co. Tipperary. The consultant for this project was Mr. John Kelly, of David Kelly Partnership Chartered Engineers, Nelson House, Emmet Place, Youghal, Co. Cork.

City Walls Roselawn



Before Picture



After Picture



TIPPERARY TOWN FESTIVAL 2016

Tipperary Town's "It's a Long Way to Tipperary Festival" took place on the 15th and 16th of July.

The Events included, Yippee Youth Music Event, Penalty Shoot Out, Excel Birthday and Family Fun Day, Youth Event- Art Project, Ice Cream Fun Day, Canon Hayes 10K/5K Run/Walk, Churn Rolling Heats, Monster Hurling Blitz and Food and Craft Fair.



Defending champions and 2016 All-Ireland National Churn Racing Champions Brian Roach (Men's Senior) and Geraldine Kinane (Women's Senior) with the Tipperary Co-op Chairperson Richard Donovan and General Manager Ted O' Connor at the presentation of the 2016 All- Ireland National Churn Racing competition in Tipperary Town on Saturday July 16 at the Tipperary Festival.



Enjoying St. Patrick's Day Parade, Tipperary Town .

TIPPERARY TOWN WELLS

Two wells were installed on the approach roads (Donohill and Cashel) to Tipperary Town.

These works were completed in conjunction with Tipperary Regional Youth Services. The wells are based on Tiobraid Árann which means "The Well of Ara", a reference to the river that runs through the town.



Liam Carey (artist), Ciarán Kennedy (Coordinator Youthreach), Fono Leddy (Youthreach Student), Bernard O' Connor (Sculptor) and Francis Fitzgerald (Tipperary Town Foreman)



STREETSCAPE/SHOP FRONT ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

The Streetscape/Shop Front Enhancement Scheme provided grant aid to assist owners / occupiers of properties situate in the Primary Retail Areas of Cashel and Tipperary Towns to improve the streetscape through:

- Removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and replacement with shop fascia signage (with an emphasis on hand painted signage,
- Painting and general improvements to existing shop frontages,
- Erection of planters, floral hanging baskets etc or other environmental improvements.

In Tipperary Town, 17 businesses availed of the Scheme. An example of the works is Liam O' Grady, premises pictured below:

Liam O' Grady, 12 Main Street, Tipperary Town.



Before Picture



After Picture

In Cashel town 22 businesses availed of the Scheme. An example of the works is D'Arcy Hardware, Friar Street, Cashel.

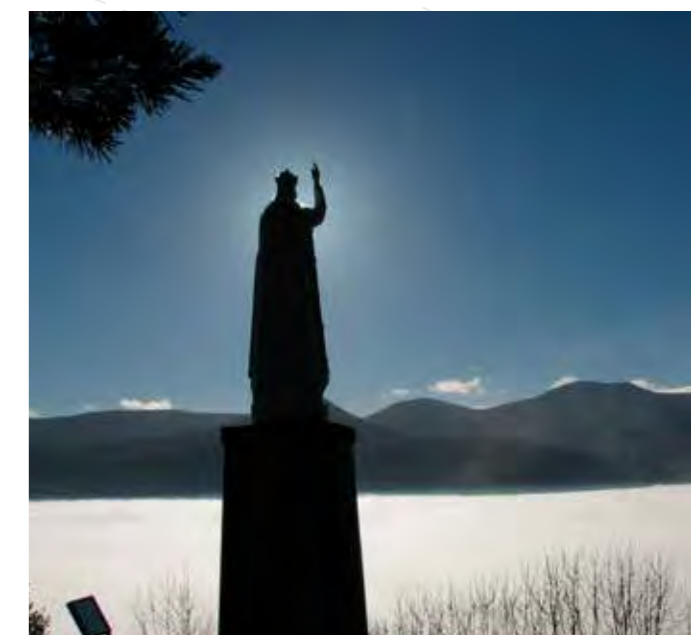
D'Arcy Hardware, Friar Street, Cashel.



Before Photo



After Photo



CASHEL & TIPPERARY TOWN CENTRE FORUMS

Town Centre Forums which were established in Cashel in 2012 and in Tipperary in 2014 continued their work in 2016. These Forums comprise representatives from various stakeholders including Chambers of Commerce; Tidy Towns; Heritage/Tourist Groups and the Council.

The purpose of the Forums are as follows:

- to increase the responsiveness from the Council regarding town centre management issues
- to develop and foster existing relationships between the stakeholders and the Council
- to co-ordinate and focus the actions of key stakeholders in the interests of the retail function of the town as a whole
- to develop a clear management charter for town core areas
- to create greater synergy and communication between key retail stakeholders and the Council.

Some initiatives undertaken were:

Water Wheel Cashel

Cashel Tidy Towns Committee developed a Water Wheel in the green area adjacent to the Dublin Road, Cashel. This was completed with grant funding from the Municipal District.



After Photo



From Left Aidan Downey, Paddy Downey, Christy Hayes (Kneeling) Ned O' Toole, John Ryan and Paul Monks.



Christ the King Statue, Glen of Aherlow courtesy Joe Boland

- Improvement of the Cashel Road approach at Crogue Hill and development of a planting scheme
- Marketing Campaign
- Signage was upgraded/cleaned
- Vacant properties - windows of these properties were used to display / advertise other businesses/ events
- Grant aid was secured from the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government under Rural Economic Development Zone (REDZ) pilot initiative for following Projects:
 - › Kickham Plaza Development (includes paving, street furniture, public lighting)
 - › "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" Sculpture installed at entrance to Market Yard (from Main Street)

TOWN CENTRE INITIATIVE SUPPORT

Tipperary Town

Under the Town Centre Initiative Project Tipperary Chamber of Commerce was granted €4,500 for two projects (a) Improvement of the Cashel Road approach at Crogue hill and to develop a planting Scheme. (b) Tipperary Town Retail & Marketing Campaign "Lets Get Tipperary Buzzing".

A fun day for kids, took place on Saturday 4th June at Abbey Street, Car Park as part of Let's Get Tipperary Buzzing campaign supported by local businesses.



Cashel Town

Under the Town Centre Initiative Project Cashel Chamber of Commerce was granted €6,000.00 for a digital marketing plan for Cashel which included the completion of the Town website and future management.



Zero Waste Project - Cashel Town

In 2016 Cashel commenced its bid to become Ireland's first "zero waste" community in Ireland following in the footsteps of over 200 towns and cities worldwide including San Francisco and Ljubljana.

VOICE, an environmental charity specialising in waste and the circular economy joined forces with the Southern Regional Waste Management Office (SRWMO) to commence a "towards zero waste" pilot in Cashel. This idea is based on the principle of the circular economy whereby very little goes to waste through waste prevention, reuse, and repair, recycling and composting. This initiative has received funding from Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and the SRWMO and will be an 18 month pilot.



CASHEL TOWN CENTRE HEALTH CHECK

In 2016, Cashel was selected by the Heritage Council as one of ten towns in Ireland for the National Town Centre Health Check (TCHC) training programme.

This innovative national 'Towns' capacity building programme is designed by, and for, local authorities, town centre businesses and local citizens/community groups, with close mentoring support from government departments, agencies (particularly the Heritage Council of Ireland), professional practitioners (town planners / architects) and academics who are experienced in town centre revitalisation; urban design; and planning, heritage and environmental management in Ireland and elsewhere.

A key aim of this pilot TCHC training programme is to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation of the critical role that our historic town centres play and the wide-ranging impacts that their viability, vibrancy and vitality have on their overall socio-economic, environmental and cultural growth and development. It is envisaged that this "pilot" training programme will be recognised internationally as a best practice collaborative model for town centre management and revitalisation.

LIT (Limerick Institute of Technology) Thurles and Tipperary County Council undertook a number of surveys in Cashel in December 2016. The surveys include: footfall/pedestrian survey; business/retail surveys; and shopper surveys. The results of these surveys are currently being collated and analysed.



CHARTER OF EUROPEAN RURAL COMMUNITIES

In 1989 a Charter of European Rural Communities within the European Union was founded in Cisse, France and 12 rural municipalities inside the European at that time confirmed their future co-operation and today, there are 28 members from each EU member state today.

There was only one village/town chosen from each EU country as a member of this Charter, Cashel was selected as the Irish representative. A number of small meetings of this charter are held during each year with an Annual Meeting held each summer hosted by one of member towns. A delegation is invited from each member town consisting of a maximum of 10 people with at least four young (18-26 years) delegates attending.

In July 2016, Medzev, Slovakia hosted the annual meeting with the theme "How the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 influenced citizens in small rural communities in Europe?" The meeting was attended by Cathaoirleach Councillor Roger Kennedy together with the delegation from Cashel.

Photo in Medzev



Cashel Delegation including Cathaoirleach Roger Kennedy 2nd Left.



Dance Performance at Medzev

RAPID (REVITALISING AREAS BY PLANNING, INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT)

During 2016 the Municipal District worked with the RAPID Implementation Team (partnership involving Local Authority; State Agencies; Development Bodies; Community Representatives; Youth Services; Voluntary Groups and Residents Groups and the wider Community of the Town) in the further enhancement of the Town.

The Three Drives Family Resource Centre, one of the "Lead Partners" on the Implementation Team achieved a major success in 2016 when they won the Irish Public Bodies "Pride of Place" Award for the Three Drives Estate. This award was achieved through consultation with the community and the development of strong interagency participation and networking locally. In their citation the Judges said that "this is a huge story of perseverance, innovation and significant collaboration down the years".



Veronica Crowe (ETB) and Imelda Farrell from the Three Drives Family Resource centre

BULKY GOODS

In April 2016 Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District carried out a collection of bulky waste goods from householders in Tipperary Town. In association with WEEE Ireland arranged two collections of electrical goods in April.



Picture collecting Bulky Goods. From Left:- Noel Flavin and James Glasheen, Tipperary County Council.



SCULPTURE - IT'S A LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY

The concept of an Art Piece to celebrate the world renowned song “It’s a Long Way to Tipperary” and to serve as a focal point for visitors to Tipperary Town portraying Tipperary’s relative location in the world has been a number of years in gestation with Tipperary Chamber of Commerce (TIRD), Tipperary Town Centre Forum and Galtee Steering Committee.



Picture of Sculpture sited on the footpath at the entrance to the Market Yard from the Main Street (between the AIB and Bank of Ireland).

It is with thanks to the support of The Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas (CEDRA), Department of Environment, Community & Local Government and Tipperary County Council that the project has finally come to fruition in 2016.

The artist Ms. Lynn Kirkham of Greenmantle, Bohernarudda, Templemore, Co. Tipperary was awarded this commission. The basis of the design is the Compass Rose a popular symbol that is recognisable to all cultures the world over. It is a symbol of distance and travel, long journeys, exploration and adventure and it is believed to bring good luck to travellers and give them protection. It is also a symbol of reaching out to spread a message to all parts of the world. The points of the compass stick out around a centre circle to symbolise that all directions have their centre here now and in this place. They are linked by two concentric circular bands; the outer band bears the inscription “It’s a Long Way to Tipperary”. The tines of the compass rose are offset as in a St Brigid’s Cross, the iconic symbol of Ireland. This gives a spiralling visual effect. In the centre of the sculpture is a hole through which local features can be viewed from different angles. The space in the centre is also representational of Tipperary being in the heart or centre of Ireland and indeed the world from all points can lead to or from. The sculpture also relates to a clock and will make a shadow clock on the ground with the sunlight. This symbolises the passing of time and distance measured as time. The sculpture is mounted on a natural piece of local limestone to symbolise the relationship between the urban and industrial and the natural world and the countryside on which we depend.

ART FEATURE CIVIC OFFICES - “THE TREE OF LIFE”



Tipperary County Council commissioned a public art piece for the Cashel Tipperary Municipal District Offices in Tipperary Town. The aim of this commission was to support the ethos of the Tipperary Peace Convention.

The commission was awarded to Mr. Joe Neeson, a Cork based artist. He has designed a feature which is symbolic in representing the notion of peace. It is a stylised representation of the “Tree of Life”. The “Tree of Life” is considered a symbol of knowledge and peace. Lengths of stainless steel tubes are rolled into a spiral form with each tube rolled to an exact curvature. The tubes are joined in a circular path to collectively create the form. Here the notion of the “Tree of Life” is represented with its upward reaching branches and downwards reaching roots.

It is sited in the Plaza of the Civic Offices, Tipperary Town. The commission was funded through the Department of Environment Community and Local Government Per Cent for Art Scheme.

KICKHAM PLAZA

The aim of this project was to create a Town Centre Plaza and improve the appearance of the streetscape by providing an attractive, pedestrian friendly route from the River Ara to Main Street.

The works included the construction of a Civic Plaza at the statue of Charles Kickham and creation of a one way traffic system running from north to south on Kickham Street.



Before



After photo

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

During 2016 Cashel Tipperary Municipal District carried out public consultation process in relation to the following projects:

Circular Road Cashel

Works on this project will comprise:

- Construction of a pedestrian footpath on the northern side of the Circular Road, Cashel, complete with Public Lighting, drainage, fencing and landscaping.
- The footpath is proposed to be 2m in width with a tarmacadam finish. The footway will be at a contiguous level with the existing roadway and will sit on an embankment above the existing field level.
- The existing roadside boundary in the form of stone walls (where still present) is proposed to be retained to form a boundary between the roadway and the proposed footway, this boundary will be breached at the Holycross road end to connect it with the footway on the Holycross road Western side heading back into Cashel.



Photo Circular Road before works

Proposed re-locating of Tipperary Library to Excel Centre

Works at the Excel will enable the relocation of Tipperary Library to the Excel Centre was completed. Works will include demolition of existing entrance canopy; construction of new single-storey extension to include entrance lobby, access ramp and access steps (67m²); sub-division of existing ground floor space to include a change of use of existing book shop to new library (140m²) including a seating area, foyer and new reception area.



The Excel, Mitchell Street, Tipperary Town.

Busking Bye-Law

These Bye-Laws will regulate Street Performers within the Cashel Town Area i.e. a street performer will only be permitted to perform in a specific location for a maximum of two hours in any day. After this two hours he/she will be required to relocate to a different area not within 50 meters of his/her previous location.

TIPPERARY SWIMMING POOL



The Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool is a Council run facility in Tipperary Town. The pool is open to the public from 10am to 9.45pm Monday to Friday and from 10am to 6.45pm on Saturday and Sunday. It offers swimming lessons to adults and children on a group basis, one to one classes and 2 to one classes. The Pool Management have over recent years in conjunction with the Tipperary Energy Agency undertaken a range of cost saving measures in the energy efficiency area. 2016 was a busy year for the pool with 70,273 visitors to the pool.

On Sunday 28th February 2016 the Pool hosted a Munster Branch Gala. Ten clubs took part and over two hundred and fifty swimmers competed.

Sunday May 8th a local club the Tiger Sharks held their invitational Gala and it was a great success, Congratulations to everyone involved. Teams from all over Munster competed in this one day event. In total over 350 swimmers competed.

The pool was busy all summer with summer camps visiting the pool as part of their activities. Knockanrawley, Summer Camp; School Completion Group; The Three Drives Summer Camp; Canon Hayes Summer Camp all came swimming on a weekly basis during the summer.

A warm welcome on board to two new members of staff, Maurice Mulhair, and Caoimhe O'Brien

RAISING THE EUROPEAN FLAG IN THE CASHEL

The City of Joensuu, Finland, called upon all European cities, towns and municipalities to raise the European Flag above every town hall or display it in any way possible and then share a picture on our city web pages and in social media.

On Thursday 28th July, 2016 Cashel- Tipperary Municipal District, was part of the connecting Europeans Initiative in Cashel Town.



Photographed is Mr. Vincent McGrath, Ms. Mairead Ryan, Cathaoirleach Roger Kennedy and Councillor Martin Browne.



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LAUNCH OF FREE WIFI IN CASHEL

Eile Communications Ltd., Cahir Road Cashel were commissioned to install free Wi-Fi in Cashel Town Centre – (Plaza area).

This free service will be of great benefit to the citizens of Cashel and surrounding area and the many visitors who visit the Town each year. It will undoubtedly add further to the enhancement of the visitor experience and the revitalisation of Cashel Town Centre.



Back (Left to Right): Aidan Finn, District Engineer, Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, Front (Left to Right): Clare Curley, District Manager, Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Aiden Hynes, Chamber, M. McGivern, District Administrator, Elaine Moriarty, O.P.W.

TWINNING

Tipperary Town is twinned with Mautern Austria and a contribution was provided to the Town Twinning Committee in 2016 which facilitated the hosting of a visit of Group from Mautern to Tipperary Town.



CASHEL TIPPERARY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT RETIREMENTS 2016

- Mary O' Sullivan, Clerical Officer.
- Michael Ryan, Driver for Tipperary County Council.
- Mikey Morey, General Operative.

Mary's Farewell



From Left:- Mary Graham, Mary O' Sullivan, Marie McGivern.



From Left: Una O' Sullivan, Sandra O' Halloran, Martina Ferncombe, Mary Comerford, Mary Lynch, Adeline Walsh, Alice Roche, Catherine O' Connor, Mary O' Sullivan, Mary Corcoran, Mairead Moloney, Cathriona Crowe and Mairead Ryan.



CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT



Councillor Andy Moloney was elected Mayor and Councillor Catherine Carey was elected Deputy Mayor for the District for 2016/2017.



CIVIC RECEPTION

Clonmel Borough District accorded a Civic Reception to Cahir Camogie Club on the 10th June 2016, in recognition of winning the All-Ireland Club Intermediate Camogie Championship Final.

Clonmel Commercials Gaelic Football Club was honoured at a Civic Reception held on the 6th May 2016 in recognition of winning the Munster Senior Club Football Championship and reaching the Semi-Final of the All Ireland Senior Club Football Championship.



FREEDOM OF CLONMEL

The Freedom of Clonmel was awarded to Professor Micheál O'Súilleabháin on Friday 22nd January, 2016 in a ceremony held in the Town Hall, Clonmel.

Born in Clonmel in 1950 he grew up in Mitchell Street. Past Freedom of Clonmel recipients include Charles Steward Parnell (1855), William Gladstone (1886), and President Eamonn DeValera (1960).



Speaking on the award, Professor O'Súilleabháin said: "For me, Clonmel is my First Place. The River Suir is my First River. The Comeraghs that sweep down towards the town are my First Mountain Range. And the "sunny shoulders" of Sliabh na mBan, visible from the town, is my First Poetic Call..."

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A significant contribution continued to be made to social and cultural life at local level, through support for a wide range of groups and events, which included:

- The Junction Festival
- Festival Cluain Meala
- Patricks Day Parades
- Banna Cluain Meala
- Halloween Zombie Walk
- Christmas Santa Dash

Support was also provided for local communities through the operation of the Community Grant and Amenity Grants Schemes, Tidy Town Grants, Burial Ground Grants and Clonmel and Cahir Town Painting and Enhancement Scheme. Details of the various supports provided are detailed later in the report.

The seven Tidy Towns committees in the District who competed in the National Competition in 2016 Clonmel, Cahir, Marlfield, Ardfinnan, Kilsheelan Grange and Newcastle all received increased marks with a variety of awards being presented across the District. In December the Mayor and Members of the Borough District hosted a celebratory evening in celebration and acknowledgement of their commitment to their communities.



ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE

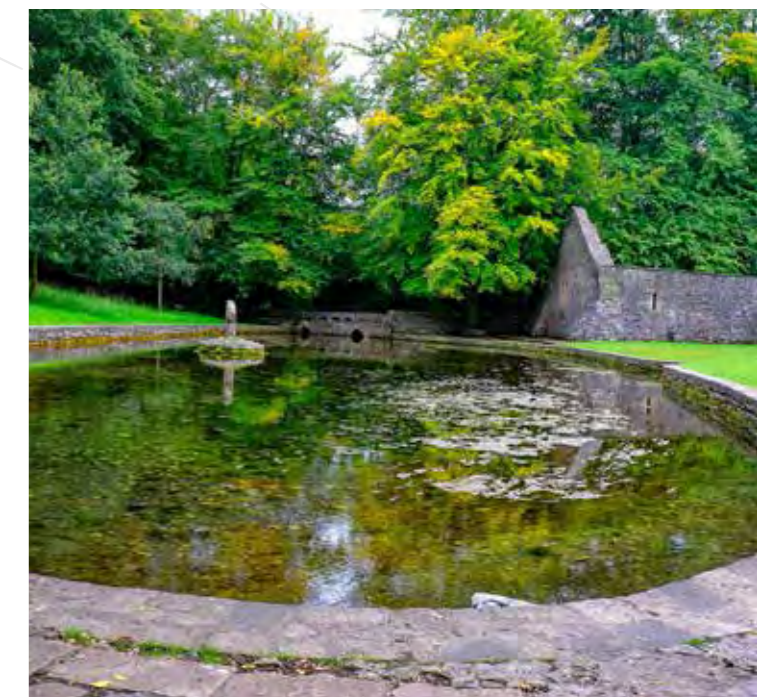
To commemorate the events of 1916, the theme of this year's St Patricks Day Parade was, "Clonmel Centenary Parade". The parade was lead by Derek Williams, Chairman of Clonmel Commercials Gaelic Football Club. In Cahir a vibrant and colourful parade drew huge crowds in support of the many community floats on show.



CAR PARKING STRATEGY



Mary Street Carpark enhancement works were completed, which saw road resurfacing works, footpaths replaced, electronic road signage and a barrier system implemented. These measures were agreed as part of the 2013-2020 car parking strategy for Clonmel.



PART 8 - INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

RIVER SUIR BLUEWAY

The River Suir Blueway is a recreational water based activity trail that has been developed for use by non-motorised water activity enthusiasts. The Blueway offers a range of activities, both on the water (e.g. kayaking, stand-up paddling, snorkelling etc) and alongside the water (e.g. walking, cycling).

Part 8 Planning was granted by Clonmel Borough District on the 18th May 2016 for:

- Weir Kayak/Canoe Pass & Slalom Course at Lady Blessingtons Weir, Clonmel
- Kayak/Canoe Access Steps at Sandybanks Marlfield
- Kayak/Canoe Access Steps Kilsheelan
- Kayak/Canoe River Access in Ardfinnan



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CONVENT BRIDGE TO MULCAHY PARK WALK/CYCLE TRACK

The aim of the project is to improve the scenic non motorised movement corridor from Convent Bridge across to Mulcahy Park and help promote a culture of cycling and leisure walking in Clonmel.

The route hosted the launch of National Mobility Week in October 2016.



CLONMEL SPORTS HUB - FRANK DROHAN ROAD

In July 2016 the Elected Members adopted a Part 8 report in connection with the development of a Sports Hub on lands at Frank Drohan Road comprising:

- 400m athletics track with associated in-field training and competitive areas, finishing straights and boundary fencing.
- BMX track with associated competition areas and boundary fencing.
- An adventure playground
- Skateboard Park
- Tiered seating / viewing areas and pedestrian walkways / hard landscaped areas.
- Perimeter walkway / running / cycling track.
- Single-storey Pavilion building to accommodate cycle storage, workshop and toilet facilities.
- Two-storey tower to accommodate storage, official's area and Public Address system.
- Flood-lighting to athletics track and BMX track and public lighting to car-parking and walkways throughout the site.
- Landscaping and planting throughout the site.
- Additional car-parking and bus parking bays to front of site and alterations to existing layout.
- Vehicular access from Cashel Court.
- Internal site boundaries and fencing / gates.
- Site boundary works to North, East and West boundaries.

Site drainage works including surface water and foul drainage and connections to existing drains.

PUBLIC FACILITIES - CAHIR

In June 2016 a Part 8 report was considered and adopted by the Elected Members in respect of the redevelopment of the existing public toilets at Castle Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary. This proposal involves demolition of the existing public toilet building and erection of new 27sqm single storey public toilet building consisting of four separately accessed toilets, service room and associated site works.

1916 COMMEMORATION

As part of the Tipperary 2016 programme of activities Clonmel Borough Council made funds available to groups within their district to organise events or projects as part of the 1916 commemoration programme -

Clonmel Folk Club	€1000
2CANDO Arts	€950
Irish United Nations Veterans Association	€1000
Cahir 1916 Commemoration Committee	€1000
Scoil Teampall Toinne	€500



SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

In March 2016 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Clonmel Borough District. This provided for total expenditure of €7,409,221 on housing maintenance, roads, drainage, amenity areas, street cleaning and burial grounds.

Schedule of the main programmes affecting the Clonmel Borough District in relation to road and infrastructure during 2016 were;

- Surface dressing works at Ballyporeen, Kedrah, Mortlestown, Donoughmore, Clonwalsh, Ballyclerihan and Newchapel.
- Road strengthening works at Kilcaroon, Grangemore, Ballymacadam West, Marlhill, Killaidamee, Ballybacon, etc..
- Footpath replacement works were carried out in Ballyporeen and Clogheen.
- Community Involvement Schemes at Lyrefune, Ballyporeen and Castlevew, Ardfinnan.
- Flood Relief Works were carried out in Ardfinnan.
- Rehabilitation works were carried out on Tar Bridge, Newcastle.
- Road resurfacing works were carried out on the road leading to the Swiss Cottage in Cahir.
- Sandybanks carpark resurfacing works
- Completion of Village Enhancement Scheme works at Kilsheelan.
- Phase I Improvement Works at Suir Island have been completed with the northern portion of the site now developed as a carpark. The site was identified as an opportunity site in the Clonmel and Environs Development Plan 2013 to improve the amenity and commercial function of the town centre.

CAHIR AND CLONMEL TOWN CENTRE INITIATIVES

Clonmel Borough District, as part of its Town Centre Initiative, sought to improve the Clonmel and Cahir streetscape through an enhancement and painting scheme which supported owners in improving and enhancing their properties and public areas by painting and carrying out general improvements to commercial and residential building frontages. Almost 30 applications were received under the scheme.



30 applications were received under the scheme.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS/EVENTS

Clonmel Borough District supported business and community groups in relation to the provision of Christmas Lights in towns within the District.

In Clonmel the Festive turning on of the Christmas lights saw huge crowds descend on O'Connell Street to see Santa and Mrs. Claus switch on the lights accompanied all day by local musicians, schools and various artists culminating in a performance by the Pearly Whites. In addition a What's On Guide was developed to publicise the many events and functions hosted throughout the festive period.



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Applicant	Approved
Ardfinnan Playground Committee	€850
Burncourt Community Council	€1,000
Cahir Social & Historical Society	€500
CARE Cancer Support Centre	€500
Clonmel Bridge Congress	€500
Duhill Community Centre	€300
Elm Park Community Development & Family Resource Centre	€200
FEI Sheehy Challenge	€475.91
Friends of Bridgewater House	€1,000
Knockmealdown Active	€500
KPlan Community Centre	€300
Pastoral Council Clogheen	€1,046
Skeheenarinky Flower & Vegetable Show	€300
South Tipperary Beekeepers Association	€300
South Tipperary Arts Centre	€500
South Tipperary Autism Support Group	€1,000
South Tipperary Mental Health Consumer Panel	€500
St Pauls Community Centre, Clogheen	€500
Vee Rovers Football Club	€300
Clonmel Mountain Bike Club	€500
Ballyporeen Parish	€500
Total Community Grants Funding	€11571.91

TIDY TOWN GRANTS

Applicant	Approved
Ardfinnan Tidy Towns Association	€1,000
Ballyporeen Community Council	€600
Cahir Tidy Towns Association	€500
Clogheen Tidy Towns Association	€800
Grange Tidy Village Group	€500
Kilsheelan Tidy Towns Association	€2,500
Lisronagh Residents Association	€700
Marlfield Village	€1,250
New Inn Tidy Town Association	€700
Newcastle Tidy Town Association	€1,500
Redmondstown Residents Association	€300
The Wilderness Residents Association	€1,000
Total Tidy Town Grants Funding	€11,350

BURIAL GROUND GRANTS

Applicant	Approved
Ardfinnan Burial Ground Committee	€500
Ballybacon Lady's Abbey & Tullaghmelan	€1,270
Ballysheehan Burial Ground Committee	€410
Burnchurch Burial Ground	€380
Cahir Abbey Burial Ground	€380
Cahir New Burial Ground Committee	€500
Clerihan Old/New Burial Ground Committee	€500
Derrygrath Burial Ground Committee	€410
Duhill Burial Ground Committee	€480
Grange New Cemetery	€500
Kiladrieffe Burial Ground	€410
Kilcommon Cemetery Cahir	€380
Killaloan Burial Ground	€480
Knockgraffon Burial Ground Committee	€410
Kyle Burial Ground Committee	€380
Loughkent Burial Ground Committee	€410
Loughloher Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€380
Marlfield Burial Ground Maintenance	€380
Mortlestown Burial Ground Committee	€380
New Chapel Burial Ground	€480
Newcastle Burial Ground Committee	€1,290
Old Church Street Cahir	€410
Old Kilsheelan Burial Ground	€410
Outrath Burial Ground Committee	€410
Rathronan/Donoughmore/Baptistgrange Burial Grounds	€1,300
Rochestown Burial Ground	€380
Shanrahan Burial Ground Maintenance	€500
St Mary's Churchyard, Mary Street, Clonmel	€380
St Nicholas Church Graveyard, Clonmel	€450
St Paul's Churchyard, Cahir	€380
Templetenny Burial Ground Maintenance Committee	€380
Templetney Graveyard Committee	€410
Tullaghmelan Churchyard, Newcastle	€380
Whitechurch Burial Ground Maintenance	€410
Total Burial Ground Grants Funding	€16,910



NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



CATHAOIRLEACH

The Annual Meeting of Nenagh Municipal District was held on 23rd June 2016. Councillor Phyll Bugler was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Michael O' Meara was elected Leas Cathaoirleach.



Members of Nenagh MD at Annual Meeting on 23rd June 2016

Civic Receptions

On the 17th June 2016, the Nenagh Municipal District accorded a joint Civic Reception to the following:- Sinead Meagher on winning doubles gold medal and singles silver medal at the 2015 World Handball Championship; Nenagh AFC under 17 team on becoming FAI champions; Fr. Dan Woods for his work on the development of Kilcommon Prayer Garden; Keelan McGrath and Colm Slattery for their All-Ireland success in traditional music.

1916 COMMEMORATION OF THOMAS MACDONAGH

During 2016 a calendar of events in Cloughjordan was put in place by the Thomas MacDonagh Commemoration 2016 Steering Group which was facilitated by the Nenagh Municipal District.

This included:

- Provision of a bronze statue of Thomas MacDonagh which was unveiled on 2nd May by Muriel McAuley, grand-daughter of Thomas MacDonagh.
- Unveiling of plaque at former schoolhouse and laying of wreath on the grave of Joseph & Mary Louise MacDonagh, parents of Thomas MacDonagh on Easter Sunday.



Statue of Thomas MacDonagh at Main Street, Cloughjordan

- Acquisition of a site for development of a Garden of Remembrance.
- Hosting of the 2016 Tipperary Fleadh Cheoil.



The In Tune for Life Orchestra performing at Concert in Cloughjordan to launch the Tipperary County Fleadh

- Poetry reading and Cine Club presentation.
- Hosting of the North County Hurling Final.
- Special sprint finish in Cloughjordan 19.16 km into the Visit Nenagh Classic race.
- Parade of schools, clubs and local organisations to coincide with unveiling of statue.



Paul & Oscar Mc Auley, Great Grandson & Great Great Grandson of Thomas MacDonagh at the grave in Grawn of Thomas MacDonagh's parents at Easter

- Hosting of the March 2016 meeting of Tipperary County Council and turning of the sod for the Garden of Remembrance.



Cllr. Seamus Hanafin, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council & Cllr. Ger Darcy, Cathaoirleach, Nenagh Municipal District turning the sod on the Garden of Remembrance

SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

In March 2016 the Members agreed the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Nenagh Municipal District. This provided for a total expenditure of €8,067,138 on housing maintenance, roads, drainage, amenity areas, street cleaning and burial grounds.

The key projects affecting the Nenagh Municipal District in relation to Roads and infrastructure during 2016 were:

- Completion of 39.6 kilometres of road pavement overlay work
- Completion of 25.4 kilometres of road pavement surface dressing work
- Ongoing gas, water and sewer network infrastructure in Nenagh town
- The completion of street enhancement projects at Glebe Lane Nenagh and Grange Road, Ballina
- Improvements to the District's footpath infrastructure in Nenagh, Newport, Ballina, Rearcross, Toor, Portroe and Cloughjordan.

In addition to the above, a total of €1.341m was spent on storm damaged roads and bridges including a further allocation of €61,000 in May 2016.

The special funding allowed the District to address longstanding flooding issues at:

- Clonbealy, Newport
- Cunnahurt East, Nenagh
- Ballyartella, Ballycommon
- Moanfin, Nenagh
- Ballythomas, Ardcroney
- Ballyphilip, Nenagh
- Englishtown, Ballina

It also allowed the District to carry out flood alleviation studies at Ballina and Dublin Road Nenagh.



NENAGH LEISURE CENTRE WHITE FLAG

Nenagh Leisure Centre was awarded the White Flag which is a national standard for Leisure Centres and Hotel Leisure Clubs. It encompasses Safety, Hygiene, Customer Engagement and HR Criteria. Nenagh Leisure Centre achieved the highest points in the Bronze category together with achieving a Silver Accessibility White Flag. This award recognised the commitment to providing leisure centre facilities to as many people as possible in the community.



Tom Mackey, Nenagh Leisure Centre Manager accepts White Flag Award

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

During 2016 the Nenagh Municipal District worked with the community throughout the District in various ways. This included provision of funding through grants and contributions, liaison with voluntary groups and associations, liaison with business groups, provision of advice and support and assisting with a variety of events.

The following contributions were allocated to local organisations and residents groups:

- Local Organisations - €30,000
- Residents Associations - €15,000
- Special Grant Scheme for Sports Clubs & Voluntary Groups - €5,000.

Events supported included:

- St. Patrick's Day Parades



Nenagh St. Patrick's Day Parade on 17th March

- Spleodar
- Nenagh Castle Fest
- Visit Nenagh Classic



Visit Nenagh Classic finish on Pearse St., Nenagh



NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AWARDS EVENING

On the 25th November 2016, the Nenagh Municipal District held its annual Awards Evening. The evening was a great success, recognising the hard work being carried out by community groups across the District under a number of categories.

In addition to the awards to community groups on the night special awards were also presented to Cillian Dunne and Aaron Delaney.



Presentation to Cillian Dunne in recognition of his achievement on winning two silver medals and one bronze medal at the International Wheelchair and Amputee World Junior Games 2016



Presentation to Aaron Delaney in recognition of his achievement on being crowned Irish National Dance Champion in his age group in May 2016



Terryglass won Ireland's Best Kept Village in the All Ireland Best Kept Town Competition

ENHANCING OUR TOWNS & VILLAGES

Nenagh Municipal District assisted property owners in the Primary Retail Area of the town of Borrisokane to improve and enhance their properties by facilitating grant aid towards painting and enhancement works.

A Window Box Scheme was rolled out in Nenagh Town to improve the streetscape and public realm through supporting owners of properties and public areas by operating this scheme. 97 window boxes were erected, watered and maintained by Nenagh Municipal District.

Additional grant funding was given to the five centres in the District who achieved the highest level of marks in the national Tidy Towns Competition. This funding enabled the voluntary committees in Terryglass, Kilbarron, Silvermines, Ballina and Birdhill to undertake additional enhancement works.



Information Board erected by Kilbarron Tidy Towns Group with funding from Nenagh Municipal District

Further grant assistance was given to Ballinahinch, Carrigahorrig, Kilcommon, Portroe and Toor to help them in their efforts to enhance their areas.

Once again the results of the Tidy Towns Competition were excellent in the Nenagh Municipal District with Birdhill claiming the title of Ireland's Tidiest Village, a title they previously held in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Terryglass won Ireland's Best Kept Village in the All Ireland Best Kept Town Competition, and retained their gold medal status in the Tidy Towns Competition. Silvermines and Nenagh retained their silver and bronze medal respectively.



Representatives of Terryglass Tidy Towns Committee

RIVERWALK SIGN

In 2015, the Tidy Towns Committee in conjunction with Nenagh Municipal District consulted with Birdwatch Ireland and Inland Fisheries to obtain information on the types of birds and fish that could be found along the Nenagh River Walk. Upon receipt of this information Nenagh Municipal District commissioned an artist to design signage to highlight the abundance of wildlife along the River Walk.

The result has been a very impressive interpretative sign that was erected on the Dublin Road in 2016, close to an access point to the Nenagh River Walk. It is also intended to produce further copies of the image and distribute them to the Primary Schools in the town so that they can be used for educational purposes and hopefully get the children interested in wildlife.



Nenagh Riverwalk Sign

NEWPORT TOWN PARK

During 2016 funding was secured through the Limerick Hinterland Study for the provision of a Town Park including a Playground in Newport. Following assessment of available sites, the Council succeeded in acquiring a site at Mulkear View, Newport which will be used partly for the development of the Town Park and partly for housing purposes.

STEREAME

During 2016 21.5 hectares (53 acres approximately) of serviced development land was acquired at Stereame, Nenagh.

The lands will provide for the consolidation and possible future expansion of the First Data Research and Development Centre. They will also be able to accommodate any related commercial/technological developments.

The Council intends to draw up a Master Plan for the development of the lands. The plan will include for Housing, Commercial, Technological and Recreational uses.

The Council has also agreed, in principle, to sell on 10 acres of the lands to the Éire Óg GAA Club which will allow the club to provide extra playing facilities close to its McDonagh Park base.



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

During 2016 Nenagh Municipal District carried out a public consultation process on the proposed development of a walled garden to include the provision of seating, landscaping, gateway and window opening to the grounds of Nenagh Castle, known as Gill's Garden.

Public consultation was also undertaken on Car Park Pay & Display Bye-Laws 2016 which were adopted by members in April 2016.

TAKING IN CHARGE

The following were taken in charge in the Nenagh Municipal District during 2016:

- Tountinna, Arra Mountains, Ballina
- Fairgreen Estate, Borrisokane
- Arravale, Newtown
- Cornode, Garrykennedy
- Millennium Cross access road & parking area, Cloneybrien, Portroe
- Rath Doire, Rathcabbin
- Springfort Meadows, Nenagh
- Ivy Grove, Ballina
- The Beeches, Ballina
- Shannon View, Ballina
- Part of Marine Village, Ballina

TWINNING

Nenagh Town is twinned with Tonnerre in France. A contribution of €3,000 was paid to the Twinning Committee in 2016.

Proposals are also being developed for twinning of Ballina/Killaloe with an area in France. For this purpose a visit took place in December 2016 of representatives from both Nenagh Municipal District and Killaloe Municipal District to Basse Goulaine which is situated in the Loire Valley near Nantes.


The delegation met with the Basse Goulaine Twinning Committee. The aim of the twinning initiative is to promote Tourism, Heritage and School exchanges between the towns. It is hoped that the twinning committee from Basse Goulaine will visit Ballina/Killaloe in 2017.



Meeting of representatives from Nenagh MD & Killaloe MD with le Comité de Jumelage de Basse Goulaine



A visit to the Christmas Markets in Nantes

 *Nenagh Town is twinned with Tonnerre in France.*



TEMPLEMORE -THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT



ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

Councillor Joe Bourke was elected Cathaoirleach and Councillor Micheál Lowry was elected Leas Cathaoirleach of Templemore-Thurles Municipal District at the Annual General Meeting which was held on 22nd. June, 2016.



CIVIC AWARDS

7 Civic Receptions were held in the Templemore Arms Hotel on 24th. November, 2016 for the following recipients:

- Ciarán Byrne on winning the All Ireland Title in Recitation in Scór na nÓg 2015.
- Noel Joyce on winning the All Ireland Title in Aithriseoireacht in Scór Sinsear in 2015.
- Grainne Dwyer was named Player of the Year in 2014 and Thurles Sports Person of the Year 2014 .
- Áine Ryan on her international debut in San Francisco with her play «Kitty in the Lane»
- Greg Broderick on winning The Aga Khan Cupin Show Jumping at the Dublin Horse Show
- Michael Doyle on winning Two All Ireland Boxing Titles
- Nicole Drought on being nominated Irish Motorsports Driver of the Year.

Awards were also held for the three Primary Schools who came first, second and third in the District in the Tidy Schools Competition 2016.



7 Civic Receptions were accorded by Templemore-Thurles Municipal District during 2016.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Grants/Contributions

Financial support was provided to local communities through the operation of the General Grants Scheme and contributions in the amount of €47,650.00 were awarded to:

- 41 Residents Associations for enhancement works such as shrubs, tree planting, erection of estate name plate, enhancement of green area and purchase & maintenance of grass cutting equipment.
- 40 Sporting Bodies for the provision of playing facilities for young people and promotion of female participation.
- 25 Voluntary Groups involved in unique activities.

Grants were also awarded to:

- 20 Tidy Towns Associations in the amount of €37,300.00
- 50 Burial Ground Committees in the sum of €35,000.00

Financial contributions were made to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committees towards the running costs of the St. Patrick's Day Parades which were held in the towns of Templemore and Thurles.

Parkrun, Templemore

Templemore-Thurles Municipal District contributed €1,500.00 towards the cost of setting up the Parkrun initiative in Templemore Town Park which will be the first of its kind in Tipperary.



SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESSES IN OUR TOWNS AND VILLAGES

Christmas Lighting

The Members of Templemore-Thurles Municipal District approved an allocation of €15,000.00 from the General Municipal Allocation to assist with the provision of Christmas Lights in towns and villages in the District:

Roscrea	€9,000
Borrisoleigh	€1,000
Littleton	€1,000
Moyne	€1,000
Clonmore	€1,000
Holycross	€500
Clonakenny	€500
Templetuohy	€500
Gortnahoe	€500

Christmas Lighting in the towns of Thurles and Templemore is undertaken by the County Council.



Thurles town was deemed “Cleaner than European Norms” and came 5th. in the ranking of 40 towns and cities in the IBAL 2016 Anti Litter League.

Town Centre Painting Initiative

Templemore-Thurles Municipal District operated a Town Centre Painting Initiative which concentrated on buildings in bad disrepair and falling into dereliction in prime retail areas in the towns of Roscrea, Templemore and Thurles.

Irish Business Against Litter

Thurles town was deemed “Cleaner than European Norms” and came 5th. in the ranking of 40 towns and cities in the IBAL 2016 Anti Litter League. A dedicated team of Council employees was established a number of years ago and a work plan put in place to ensure all public areas are cleaned to a high standard.



SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

The Members adopted the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District on 23rd. March, 2016.

This provided for a total expenditure of €8,851,807.00 covering road maintenance, housing maintenance, street cleaning, maintenance of amenities, drainage works and burial ground maintenance. The expenditure included a special allocation of €1,050,000 which was secured from the Department to repair damaged roads and undertake drainage improvements in 35 different locations as a result of the prolonged heavy rainfall in December 2015/ January 2016.

A summary of other projects carried out under the Schedule of Municipal District Works is as follows:

- The District has responsibility for the repair and maintenance of 1,170 local authority houses across the District. Normal housing maintenance repairs were undertaken on 765 houses at a cost of €616,617.00. Pre letting repairs were carried out on 37 houses at a cost of €402,290.00, the majority of which was recouped from the Department under the Voids Programme.
- 20 roads improved under the Restoration Maintenance Programme at a cost of €532,814.00.
- 24 roads upgraded under the Restoration Improvement Programme at a cost of €1,793,910.00.
- Bridge Rehabilitation Works undertaken to Aughall Bridge at a cost of €15,000.00.
- Footpath improvements carried out in 5 different locations amounting to €83,500.00.
- Resurfacing of road at Killinan, Thurles which was funded from Roads Development Levies.
- River drainage maintenance works on the Clodiagh, Black, Cromogue, Farneybridge/Ballinahow and in Roscrea/Templemore area at a cost of €48,973.00.
- Village Enhancement Works were completed in Ballycahill, The Ragg and Gortnahoe due to a decision by the Members to allocate €75,000.00 from the General Municipal Allocation.
- Completion of a tree surgery programme in the District.
- Replacement of wetpour surface in Loughtagalla Park Playground, Thurles at a cost of €29,134.00.



CAPITAL PROJECTS

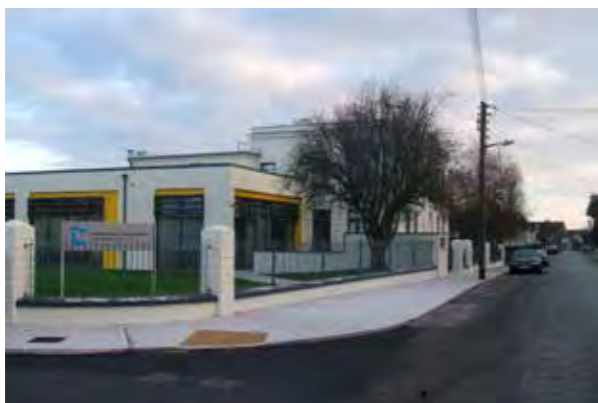
Thurles Town Park

The official opening of Thurles Town Park took place on 27th. April, 2016 where a large attendance gathered to participate in the Opening. The Park has proven to be extremely popular given its strategic location within the Town Centre and adjacent to The Source Arts Centre and Thurles Leisure Centre.



Refurbishment and Extension of Offices at Castle Avenue, Thurles

Conack Construction Ltd. Limerick were successful in securing the contract to extend and refurbish the Offices within an 18 month timeframe and work commenced on site on the 17th. August, 2015. The project involved a re-organisation of the existing listed building to provide suites of cellular and open plan offices, a new contemporary extension housing a public reception area and District Chamber and accommodation for the library staff in the single storey library building with a single storey book archive and equipment storage extension to the rear. Works on the building were completed in December, 2016 ahead of the scheduled programme.



Liberty Square, Thurles

The Part 8 process for the refurbishment of Liberty Square and the development of a car park off Liberty Square, Thurles commenced in December 2016. It is expected that works on the development of a car park off Liberty Square will commence in Quarter 3 of 2017.

Templemore Town Park Wildflower and Landscaped Garden

The District was successful in securing a grant of €40,000.00 in November, 2016 under the Town / Village Renewal Initiative to develop a Wildflower Garden and Landscaped Area on the old disused outdoor swimming pool site in Templemore Town Park. Demolition works are complete and a design agreed with local community representatives with an expected completion date in early 2017.

Roscrea Enhancement Scheme & Roscrea Traffic & Transportation Plan

The Council has engaged Consultants to prepare the Roscrea Traffic and Transportation Plan 2016 which will take account of proposals contained in the Roscrea Enhancement Scheme.

Development of Carpark at St. Patrick's Cemetery

Detailed plans and specification for the Part 8 process were completed this year and plans were placed on public display in the last quarter of the year.

69 The official opening of Thurles Town Park took place on 27th. April, 2016

COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED IN 2016

- The Templemore Thurles Municipal District Community Safety Committee was established on 27th. July 2016 which affords the Members the opportunity to raise issues of a policing concern pertaining to their District with the Superintendent.
- Five Drainage Area Committees were established on 22nd June 2016 and include representatives from local landowners.

SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT

Templemore-Thurles Municipal District supports the Housing Section in providing administrative assistance with regard to applications for social housing support, housing recommendations/ allocations and Housing Assistance Payments for Thurles town and Templemore town. Rent review and rent assessments service is also provided for Thurles town.

THURLES TOWN PARK BYE-LAWS

Bye-Laws made under Section 199 of the Local Government Act 2001 for the use, operation, protection, regulation and management of Thurles Town Park came into operation on 1st. March, 2016.



ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS

- ▶ CORPORATE SERVICES
- ▶ HUMAN RESOURCES
- ▶ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)
- ▶ WEBSITE
- ▶ SPORTS AND SOCIAL

CORPORATE SERVICES



CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

The Corporate Policy Group (CPG) comprises of the Cathaoirleach and the five Chairpersons of the Strategic Policy Committees and it is supported by the Chief Executive.

The role of the CPG includes advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and reviewing of policy for Tipperary County Council. However, full decision-making authority remains with the Elected Council.

The CPG may also make proposals for the allocation of business between the Strategic Policy Committees and for the general coordination of such business.



Council Meeting held in Cloughjordan to commemorate the 1916 Rising.

During 2016, there were 11 meetings of the CPG.

Among the items considered at their meetings were:

- Conferral of Civic Receptions by Municipal Districts
 - › Circle of Friends Cancer Support Centre – Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District
 - › Tidy Towns Group – Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District
 - › Fr. Dan Woods, Kilcommon – Nenagh Municipal District
 - › All Ireland winning Comhaltás members – Nenagh Municipal District
 - › Annual Awards Night – Templemore-Thurles Municipal District
- Consultancy Boundary Commission Submission
- Corporate Governance
- Performance Indicators 2015
- Tipperary Food Strategy
- Corporate Communication Alert Service
- Strategic Policy Committees Policies 2016
- Appointment of members to Committees/Boards
 - › Rural Water Monitoring Committee
 - › Ratification of sectoral representatives to SPC's
 - › Tipperary Transport Co-ordination Committee
 - › Thurles Regional arts Centre
 - › Tipperary Joint Policing Committee
- Representation at Official Events Protocol
- Draft Service Delivery Plan 2016
- Tipperary Renewable Energy Strategy and Tipperary Landscape Character Assessment
- Annual Report 2016
- Annual Financial Statement 2016
- Arts Act Grants 2016
- Budgetary Process 2017
- Local Property Tax-Consideration of local adjustment factor
- Twinning Update
- Tipperary Covenant and Mayors Sustainable Energy Action Plan 2016-2020

Committee Meetings	
Corporate Policy Group	11
Joint Policing Committee	1
Economic Development and Enterprise SPC	5
Housing SPC	5
Planning and Emergency Services SPC	4
Roads and Transportation SPC	1
Rural Water Committee	3
L.C.D.C.	11
Local Traveller Committee	1
Audit Committee	4

Municipal Districts		
Thurles/Templemore	10	1
Carrick on Suir	10	1
Cashel/Tipperary	10	1
Clonmel	10	1
Nenagh	10	1

Payments to Members of Tipperary County Council	
Councillors Conference Expenses	€16,456.69
Councillors Training Expenses	€76,482.86
Allowance paid to SPC Chairpersons	€29,322.45
Cathaoirleach's Allowance	€29,667.42
Leas Cathaoirleach Allowance	€5,933.49
Chair Municipal District	€35,715.91
Members Representational Pay	€658,485.91

Meetings of the Council			
	Monthly	Budget	Annual
Tipperary County Council	10	1	1

CUSTOMER SUPPORT SERVICES



The Council operates an integrated model for customer support in the form of a Customer Services Desk. There is a Service Level Agreement with each Section to provide clarity on the roles of CSD and the Section / Municipal District. The Council are operating the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) in order to relay messages from CSD to the Sections / Districts.

Customer Services Desk - Facts and Figures

In 2016 CSD (Clonmel and Nenagh together) handled in the order of:

- 130,000 phone calls
- 30,000 public counter queries
- 10,000 emails
- 100,000 items of post
- CRM s created 13,160

Training

Staff at CSD, together with the 5 Municipal Districts' Reception staffs received further advanced professional Customer Services training during 2016. Other targeted staff from across the organisation also received Customer Services training as part of an ongoing process of striving for the gold standard in customer service excellence in Tipperary County Council.

Customer Services Desk - 1st Floor Clonmel Civic Offices

This is an integrated public office for Clonmel Borough District, Planning and Environment Sections, staffed on a rostered basis. Finance, Human Resources and Franchise also provide services at this desk. Meeting rooms are provided nearby, and public access is available to iPlan, planning application files and other online resources

TCC Customer Services Best in the Country

Tipperary County Council won the category award for Outstanding Customer Services at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards , held in Dublin on 24th November. TCC was shortlisted along with Fingal County Council, Cork City Council and Limerick City and County Council.



The Excellence in Local Government Awards showcase best practice in local government and recognise the skills, hard work, innovation and enthusiasm within local government that can often go unrecognised. The awards are judged by a panel of expert judges working in the field of local government.

The Council was represented at the awards by our Cathaoirleach Cllr Siobhán Ambrose, Pat Slattery, Patsy Brislane, CSD Supervisor and Siobhán King CSD Nenagh.

The Award from Chambers Ireland is significant recognition of each of the frontline Customer Services Desk staff in Clonmel and Nenagh Civic Offices for the high standards they are setting and the excellent service they are providing to the public.

In order for customer service to operate to such a high standard, it requires all council staff to support the front line customer services staff providing timely information such as dealing with referral calls and emails. Praise is also due to IT staff for developing and supporting the CSD systems, and other Customer Services Desks in Clonmel, Nenagh and the Municipal Districts all of which provide high quality services to the People of Tipperary.



It provides for a single phone number for Tipperary County Council including the Borough and Municipal Districts -

0761 06 5000



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Freedom of information Act 2014 was enacted on 14th October, 2014. It confers three very important rights on members of the public who seek access to information held by government departments, local authorities and other designated bodies. These rights are:

- The right of access to official records held by Public Bodies.
- The right to have personal information about them held by such bodies corrected or updated where necessary.
- The right to be given reasons for decisions made by public bodies which affect them.

Since its inception in 1997 the Freedom of Information Act has been widely used by members of the public to access records held by Public Bodies.

A total of 101 Freedom of Information requests were received by Tipperary County Council in 2016.

The following table shows the number of FOI requests to Tipperary County Council in 2016 and the decisions made on those requests:

Carried Forward to 2016	1
No. of FOI requests received	101
No. of Requests for personal Information	16
No. of Requests for non-personal Information	81
Mixed	4
No. of requests granted	61
No. of requests part granted	12
No. of requests refused	14
Carried forward to 2017	2
Withdrawn/Handled outside of FOI	13

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HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS

In accordance with the Local Authority Higher Education Grants Act, Tipperary County Council provides higher education grants for eligible students.

The Council adopts a scheme of grant each year with the Minister for Education and Skills. Since 2012/2013 Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) has been processing all new applications. Accordingly, Tipperary County Council are no longer processing new higher education grant applications, they are processing applications for students continuing their current studies since academic year 2011/2012.

69 Since 2012/2013 Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) has been processing all new applications.

Total Applications Assessed 2016/2017	1
Approved and paid	1



CIVIC RECEPTIONS

A Civic Reception is the highest honour that the Council can confer on an individual, group or organisation who have achieved outstanding success in sporting, cultural, academic, scientific, political or other areas.

DURING 2016, TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL CONFERRED A CIVIC RECEPTION TO THE FOLLOWING:

Labhras O'Murchu - 28th January 2016



Labhras O'Murchú in recognition of his contribution to Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann & his promotion of Irish Music & Culture. This reception was held in Brú Ború, Cashel.

Michael Mouse Morris - 2nd June 2016



Michael Mouse Morris in recognition of his unique achievement as Trainer of the Irish and English Grand National Steeplechase Winners in 2016 with 'Rogue Angel' and 'Rule the World'. This reception was held in The Tholsel, Fethard

CIVIC WELCOMES

Football Association of Ireland - 28th July 2016



Kevin O'Malley - 21st September 2016



South Tipperary ICA Federation - 2nd October 2016



On the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the South Tipperary ICA Federation.

Fly the Flag of Europe for Peace Unity and Liberty - July 2016



HUMAN RESOURCES



The unified Tipperary County Council is one of the largest employers in the county with a total of 1,115 employees (full time equivalent and retained) at the end of 2016.

The Human Resources Department deals with the following areas:

- Recruitment, Remuneration and Conditions of employment.
- Development and Implementation of Staff Training/Development Programmes
- Superannuation (Pension Entitlements)
- Employee Welfare/Relations
- Industrial Relations.
- Maintenance of Personnel Records
- The CORE computerised Human Resources System.
- Performance Management and Development System (PMDS)

WORKFORCE PLANNING & RECRUITMENT

Each Local Authority is required to have in place an approved workforce plan. As part of the Tipperary merger process, an extensive workforce planning exercise was carried out in 2013 and has been in the process of implementation since. During 2016, there was a significant increase in recruitment activity, in the context of open and confined competitions which provided a range of opportunities for existing employees and also new employees to this Authority.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The Council continues to work in partnership with unions and employee representatives to achieve harmonious working relationships and improved working conditions with safe, effective and efficient work practices.

STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

In keeping with current national policy and the objectives of our Corporate Plan we continue to ensure that staff at all levels of the organisation have the opportunity to develop to their full potential and acquire the appropriate level of knowledge and skills to carry out their job. The Human Resources Section has a dedicated training team which is responsible for drafting and implementing a comprehensive training programme. Training requirements are based on the needs identified through the Performance Management Development System (PMDS) and during the year, prioritisation was given to Health and Safety Training, training required for specific roles and also developing new skills. A number of staff were also provided with funding for 3rd level courses under the Staff Education Assistance Scheme.

In order to ensure effectiveness and value for money, training was mainly delivered in-house and at the Regional Training Centre, Roscrea using in-house and external trainers. Congratulations are extended to all employees who engaged in the training programme in 2016.

SUPERANNUATION

The Human Resources Department administers the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and associated Spouse's and Children's Scheme and Widows and Orphans Pension Schemes for all grades. It carries out the following functions:

- Calculation of retirement lump sums and pensions, death gratuities, lump sums in respect of retirements, preserved benefits etc.
- Transfer of service to and from other Public Sector bodies
- Calculation of statements regarding service and estimates of benefits
- Registration of new scheme members.

EQUALITY

The two main equality policies in place in Tipperary Local Authorities are:

- Dignity at Work Policy and
- Equality and Diversity Management Policy

There are a number of Designated Contact Persons in place and it is their role to provide assistance to employees as required in accordance with the equality policies. The list of Designated Contact Persons is attached to the Dignity at Work Policy on Sharepoint.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM (PMDS)

National policy continues to place a very high priority on the use of performance management and development systems in Local Government. With the creation of revised directorates post merger and consequently new teams, increased emphasis has been placed on ensuring that team development plans and personal development plans are in place for all teams and employees.

EMPLOYEE WELFARE/ RELATIONS

We continuously strive to create a work environment that is conducive to promoting a healthy and progressive workforce. Initiatives that have been taken include the following:

- Staff Support Programme including Employee Support Staff
- Access to Occupational Health Professional
- Employee Handbook
- Superannuation Handbook
- Information/Induction package to new employees
- Long Service Awards
- Pre-retirement Courses
- Return to Learning Project

Tipperary County Council facilitates the taking of the various Family Friendly leave arrangements including Work-Sharing, Parental Leave and Carers Leave.

During 2016 a programme of lunchtime talks took place with an emphasis on well being.

CORE HR PAYROLL AND SUPERANNUATION SYSTEM

A new HR Payroll and Superannuation System (CORE) was introduced in 2010. This entailed the rollout nationally of 10 modules between 2010 and 2013.

In 2016, following the Council's migration of the Payroll function to the Payroll Shared Service Centre – MyPay, we commenced preparation for the migration of the Superannuation Function to MyPay. This is a significant piece of work which involves gathering of service histories for all staff, identifying pensionable allowance, regular rostered overtime etc. It is anticipated that this function will move to MyPay in late 2017.

RETIREMENTS

EMPLOYEES RETIRED FROM SERVICE IN 2016 :

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| • Michael Hayes | • Liam Coen |
| • Martin Bohan | • Patrick Bartley |
| • Patricia Buckley | • Michael Morey |
| • Michael Graham | • Martha Jones |
| • Patrick Power | • Joe Poyntz |
| • Patrick Bourke | • Mary O'Sullivan |
| • Christine McGee | • Ger Kennedy |
| • Michael Ryan | • Michael Coonan |
| • Paul Mulcahy | • P.J. Corrigan |
| • David Celino | • Joe Sherlock |
| • Patrick Barnaville | • Donnacha Commins |
| • PJ Lonergan | • Michael Lawrence |
| • Joseph Ducie | • Michael Maher |
| • Joseph Cleary | • Diarmuid O'Sullivan |
| • Liam Maunsell | • Marie O'Rourke |
| • Michael Haverty | • Tony Conway |
| • Michael Ryan | • Joe Sweeney |
| • John Kennedy | • Martin McGrath |
| • John Horrigan | • Patrick Hahessy |
| • Thomas O'Dwyer | • Seamus Coffey |
| • Thomas Mulcahy | • John Hoare |
| • PJ Kinehan | |

Tipperary County Council and its customers have been well served by these employees who have given years of exemplary service. We wish each and every one of them health and happiness for many years to come. Our hope is that they remain in constant contact with their many friends and colleagues.



Michael Coonan's Retirement



Donnacha Commin's Retirement



Mary O'Sullivan Retirement



Pat Power's Retirement



Patricia Buckley's Retirement



Michael Hayes Retirement

In addition to the above we fondly remember a number of colleagues who sadly died in service during 2016 and in doing so express again our sincere condolences to their families.

- John Maher
- John Nolan
- Michael Lillis
- Liam Ryan
- Kathleen Wright

Death of Councillor WILLIE KENNEDY



On 7th March 2016, Tipperary County Council learnt of the untimely death of our friend and colleague Councillor Willie Kennedy, Councillor Kennedy, from Glastrigan

Borrisoleigh, Thurles was a serving member of the County Council and also was Leas Cathaoirleach of Templemore-Thurles Municipal District, a member of the Council's Roads Strategic Policy Committee, and served as chairman of the Vocational Education Committee/Education Training Board between 2009 and 2014.

Councillor Kennedy's work will have a lasting impact on those who worked with him and on the county he served owing to his passionate beliefs and genuine love of the county he served since he was first elected to the County Council in 1985.

Willie will be remembered "as a genuine, friendly colleague who was committed to representing the people of Tipperary, One of life's gentlemen, a good friend and a valued councillor, who was well liked by all who met him and well respected by all those who served with him.

Ar dheis de go raibh a h-anam dilis

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The following was achieved by the Information Systems team, in 2016:



CITIZEN, ELECTED MEMBER

Objective: Provide an accessible, comprehensive customer service platform for the public, elected members and staff, through the use of information technology and the internet. Provide a technical support service to the Elected Members.

ACHIEVED

- Facilitated and assisted in the implementation of a map based and app friendly alerts communications channel called Mapalarter
- Supported and facilitated the www.exploretipperary.ie and the www.discoverloughderg.ie, www.tipperary.ie/com projects
- Enhanced and refreshed the council web site of www.Tipperarycoco.ie to include Online Consultations and map integration
- Used the website and social media extensively for communications
- Continued to rollout the Customer Relationship Management System across the organisation.
- Updated elements of the web based Planning GIS Enquiry System to a more user friendly platform.
- Facilitated the Elected Members in their use of tablets and smart phones to access their email and documentation.
- Enhanced the Elected Members area of www.councillink.ie to improve usability.
- Enhanced the Guest, Staff and Members WiFi in the organisation.

STAFF, BRAND, SERVICE

Objective: Provide the tools, systems, solutions and infrastructure to enable the staff and the business sections achieve their business objectives. Provide a technical support service to staff in the areas of Networks, Applications, eDev/Web and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

ACHIEVED

Networks, Data Centre, Phones and Infrastructure

- Delivered maximum uptime and performance of Networks/Systems across all offices for all Users.
- Kept our Network, Systems and Data safe and secure.
- Completed the upgrade of the Data Centre infrastructure without any noticeable downtime. All services now running on the new infrastructure. 100 Servers migrated during the project.
- Continued to decommission and power off servers in the Clonmel Data Centre-just two remaining.
- Facilitated staff moves in several offices across the organisation (e.g. approx 100 temporary moves in Clonmel civic offices).
- Successfully passed an audit by independent external consultants on our compliance with Microsoft licensing software usage.
- Facilitated the move of the Library staff into the new Library HQ in Thurles. Integrated the Library Phone Systems into the County Council. Facilitated Provided high speed connectivity between Thurles Library HQ and Nenagh.
- Liaised with the Architects and Staff re IT requirements for the new Thurles Municipal District office and the new Carrick on Suir offices.
- Completed the Flood Forecasting system implementation, in conjunction with the Office of Public works.
- Completed the CCTV project for the Clonmel Civic Offices and the Clonmel IT Post Office.
- Commenced the process of redesigning the disaster recovery environment for organisation.
- Continue to manage and facilitate security (Mobile Device Management) on smart phones and Tablets.
- Continued with rollout of wireless network additional connections provided to Museum Clonmel and Thurles Municipal District Office.
- Implemented new technology changes to the Phone Systems in the Tipperary office, Planning Office in Clonmel and in the Source in Thurles and implemented four digit extensions.
- Facilitated phone moves and changes on an ongoing basis.
- Implemented large file sharing solution for organisation.
- Continued to upgrade our desktops to windows 7.
- Provide technical support and maintenance for the IT and Network systems such Email, File Services, Networks, Connectivity, Security, Servers, Operating systems, Database systems, etc.



eDevelopment/Web

- Developed and Implemented an 'Energy Management System' to track expenditure and energy usage.
- Supported and facilitated the www.exploretipperary.ie and the www.discoverloughderg.ie, www.tipperary.ie/com projects
- Developed and implemented a "whatsonintipp.ie" festival and events calendar.
- Developed and Implemented a Legal Cases system.
- Developed a Corporate tender tracking system
- Moved the domain registrations to a different company, in preparation for the Local Government Management Agency's exit from IT operations,
- Merged several of our sharepoint sites and consolidated licensing.
- Enhanced and refreshed the council web site of www.Tipperarycoco.ie to include Online Consultations, the Model Publication scheme and map integration
- Enhanced the Elected Members area of www.councillink.ie to improve usability.
- Continued with the development of the Safety Management System.

Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

- Commenced implementing a new technology platform for our Geographical Information System (GIS).
- Updated elements of the web based Planning GIS Enquiry System to a more user friendly platform.
- Updated the County Data Hub GIS data with new data sets.
- Implemented a GIS system to facilitate a Roads speeds limit web based consultation process.
- Provided Analysis and Reporting services to Planning and Community and Economic Development Sections to assisting in making national returns and Irish language.
- Created a web based geographical system to support the commercial incentive scheme being run by Community and Economic Development.
- Enhanced the Property interest register system.
- Completed the upgrade of the environmental laboratory system.
- Continued to provide technical support and maintenance of our geographical information systems e.g. Planning Enquiry, Online Digitisers, etc.



Applications

- Implemented an Internet Monitoring system.
- Facilitated the Elections (polling cards, data extracts, enquiries, electoral register, etc.).
- Applied upgrades, patches and enhancements to the business systems e.g. I-Plan, I-House, Impala, I Docs, CRM, etc.
- Designed, developed and implemented a pilot for a new Housing repairs module, in the CRM system.
- Continued with management of smart and mobile phones and the billing process.
- Managed the SQL Servers database environment.
- Commenced planning for the Agresso FMS Upgrade project.
- Continued to provide technical support and maintenance of our business systems e.g. I-Plan, I-Docs, I-House, CRM, etc.

ALL TEAMS

Provided technical support to staff across the organisation in relation to business systems, web sites, network, pc's, laptops, mobile devices, smart phones and IT systems.

In 2016, **4,807** calls were logged in helpdesk.



SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB



NENAGH

2016 was a successful and enjoyable year for our Social Club (Nenagh).

Our fortnightly lotto, Easter and Christmas Draws yielded a total of €15,000 in prizes for our members and these were supplemented with indoor soccer, Treasure Hunt, and the hit show "Breaking Dad".

The Christmas Panto, Beauty and the Beast, was the most successful yet, with over 260 tickets ordered by Members. The annual Mass (and meal) in remembrance of deceased staff and members was as usual very well attended.

Tickets for all shows and events were subsidised for club members, and we also contributed to the annual Kiddies Party.

We also continued to operate our 'Holiday Fund' for those members who want to save for a break away, for a special family occasion or just to have funds to meet annual bills.

The committee is comprised of

- Peter Cleary (Chair)
- Rosemary Joyce (Treasurer)
- Paraig Cantwell,
- Brian Dunne,
- Olive Dwan,
- Nuala Freeman,
- Maureen Grace,
- Siobhan King
- Linda McSherry,
- Aven Melia,
- Mary Murphy,
- Miriam Ryan,
- Mary Stephens.

Thanks to all our members, especially those who participated in events. A special word of thanks to those who organised events during the year.

As always we would welcome new members to join the committee and would love to hear new suggestions for events coming from our members.

CLONMEL

The Sports and Social Club continued to run a broad range of events and outings in 2016.

Included among them were Hill Walks to the Comeraghs and Knockmealdown Mountains in March, July and October. The July Walk was followed by a BBQ in Four Mile Water which was a great success. We also ran our annual trip to the children's Panto at UCHL attended by over 200, a shopping trip to Dundrum Shopping Centre and the Annual 25 Drive which was attended by 30 members.



A new event for us this year was the Dungarvan Greenway Cycle in August. This event was a big hit with all who attended and will no doubt become an annual event.

We also sponsored a Night at the Clonmel Races which was an all-in package including entry to the Races, Race Card, Free Bet, BBQ & Music. Over 50 staff attended this very successful outing.

If you are interested in organising an event or joining the Sports & Social Club please contact any member of the committee as follows:

- Marian Scully, Chairperson
- Rosemary Purcell, Secretary
- John O'Mahoney, Treasurer
- Mary O'Mahoney
- Fiona Crotty
- Jimmy Kelly
- Anne-Marie O'Flynn
- Mick McCarthy
- Tom Byrne
- John Fitzgerald
- Lisa Condon
- Aidan Walsh
- Geraldine Tobin
- Gerard Quigley

We would like to thank all our members for their continued support. New members and event organisers are always welcome.

FINANCIALS

- FINANCE
- MOTOR TAXATION
- FRANCHISE SECTION

FINANCE



The Finance Department is responsible for the overall control and management of the Council's finances, both Revenue and Capital. It is responsible for the short and long term financing of the Council's operations.

Included among the wide range of services provided by the Finance Department are:

- Financial Control, Cash Flow and Treasury Management
- Preparation of the Draft Annual Budget
- Preparation of the Annual Financial Statement
- Administration and maintenance of the Financial Management System – Agresso
- All payments including loan repayments and insurance premiums
- Recoupment of government grants and subsidies
- Guidance in procurement to all sections
- Maintaining financial records and the making of various reports and returns
- In the course of its work, the Finance Department liaises with all sections of the Local Authority.

MAIN SECTIONS WITHIN FINANCE:

Financial and Management Accounting

Financial Accounting involves the preparation of the Annual Financial Statements (AFS), other statutory returns, reporting to external agencies and dealing with the Local Government Audit process.

Management Accounting involves the preparation of quarterly management reports to assist with budgetary control and the decision-making process within each directorate.

The Annual Budget process is managed in this section, in consultation with all the service divisions.

Treasury management, bank reconciliation, debtor management, monitoring of the Capital Account and ensuring draw down of grants are some of the other activities carried out by this section.

Internal Audit

The role of internal audit is to provide independent assurance that the organisation's risk management, governance and internal control processes are operating effectively.

Internal Audit objectively examine, evaluate, and report on the adequacy of internal controls as a contribution to the proper, economic, effective and efficient use of resources.

During 2016, the Internal Audit section undertook a number of audits and the findings and recommendations from each audit were reported to management and the Audit Committee. Internal Audit also undertook follow up audits to assess the implementation of the recommendations from previous audits.

Accounts Payable

All invoices are certified for payment by the relevant sections of the council and forwarded to the Finance Department.

These include payments for goods and services provided to the Council for both revenue and capital purposes. The payments are then processed and paid by the Finance Department. Checks are carried out for Tax Clearance Certificate or Sub-Contractor's Certificates as appropriate. Withholding Tax is deducted at the prescribed rate from payments in respect of "Professional Services" and paid over to the Revenue Commissioners.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997 which came into effect on the 1st of January 1998, requiring local authorities to pay interest on payments which are not paid within the prescribed period.



Procurement

The Tipperary County Council Corporate Procurement Plan 2016-2018 was adopted by the management team in March 2016 and rolled out to all departments immediately after.

The corporate procurement plan sets out Tipperary County Council's procurement objectives for the period 2016 – 2018. The objectives reflect both national and local procurement policies and priorities. The plan has been prepared in the context of the developing national procurement agenda and the recent merger of ten separate authorities to form Tipperary County Council.

The purpose of the procurement process is to obtain value for money, and to give all potential suppliers a fair opportunity to tender. The general principles used in all elements of procurement are: equality of treatment, transparency, mutual recognition and proportionality.

Revenue

This section mainly deals with the collection of Commercial Rates, Housing Rents, Housing Loans and other charges i.e. the collection and receipt of all monies due to the Council.

Summary of Major Revenue Collections for 2016										
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Debtor type	Incoming arrears @ 1/1/2016	Accrued - current year debit (Gross)	Vacant property adjustments	Write offs	Waivers	Total for collection = (B+C-D-E-F)	Amount collected	Closing arrears @ 31/12/2016 = (G-H)	Specific doubtful arrears*	% Collected = (H)/(G-J)
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Rates	8,639,032	30,795,848	4,946,062	399,366	-	34,089,452	26,395,322	7,694,130	1,411,859	81%
Rents & Annuities	639,242	13,494,783	-	24,278	-	14,109,747	13,747,114	362,633	-	97%
Housing Loans	489,867	1,523,244	-	676	-	2,012,434	1,598,700	413,735	-	79%

*Specific doubtful arrears = (i) Vacancy applications pending/criteria not met & (ii) Accounts in examinership/receivership/liquidation and no communication regarding likely outcome

AGRESSO Support

The Agresso Support Team maintains the council's Financial Management System, helping to ensure proper control over all the organisations assets and liabilities.

Motor Tax

The Motor Tax Office's principal responsibility is the processing of motor taxation applications.

The Office also processes the following:

- Trade Plate Applications
- Trailer Licences
- Changes of Ownership (pre 1993 vehicles)
- Motor Taxation Refunds
- General Motor Tax queries

MAIN REPORTS PRODUCED BY FINANCE:

The Annual Budget

The Finance Department prepares the overall Draft Revenue Budget in consultation with the County Manager and the Management Team.

The budget is presented to the Corporate Policy Group and to the Elected Members for adoption at the Annual Budget Meeting.

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS)

Each local authority is required to prepare an Annual Financial Statement (AFS) by the end of March of the following year and to publish it by the end of June.

These financial statements undergo an independent audit by the Local Government Audit Service.

The AFS details the income and expenditure for the financial year for both revenue and capital. The Balance Sheet shows the assets and liabilities of the County Council at the end of the year.

The AFS is presented to members at a Council Meeting and audited by the Local Government Auditor.

Quarterly Management Reports

The quarterly management report provides details of the income and expenditure for the various services provided by the council, and is compared to Budget for purposes of ensuring proper and ongoing budgetary control.

Department/IMF Quarterly Reporting

All Local Authorities report financial performance quarterly to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

These reports consist of a quarterly Income and Expenditure Report, a General Government Balance (GGB) Report which essentially consists of an abbreviated Balance Sheet, a Capital Account report and Debtors report.

In addition, various reports are produced for budget holders in Tipperary County Council relating to all aspects of the councils activities.

Public Spending Code

All Irish public bodies are obliged to treat public funds with care, and to ensure that the best possible value-for-money is obtained whenever public money is being spent or invested.

The Public Spending Code is the set of rules and procedures that apply to ensure that these standards are upheld across the Irish public service.

The Public Spending Code for Tipperary County Council was published and submitted to the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) on 31st May 2016.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Revenue Account details monies spent and received on day-to-day items such as payroll, insurance, loan repayments, the purchase of materials and the maintenance of roads, housing, landfill sites, burial grounds, and so on.

There are four principal sources of Revenue Income for local authorities:

- Commercial Rates;
- the provision of Goods and Services, e.g. Planning Fees, Rents;
- the Local Property Tax and
- Other Grants e.g. Road Grants.

The Council's Capital Account, on the other hand, relates to the Council's activities in terms of creating assets. These include the building of council houses and road construction. When such schemes are completed, the day-to-day receipts and expenditure incurred in their maintenance is accounted for in the Revenue Account. The monies spent by Tipperary County Council on capital projects are recouped by means of State Grants. Occasionally, the Council borrows money for such projects. Housing Loan Redemptions and Planning Contributions are also credited to the Capital Account.

Revenue Account

	Expenditure €	Income €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
Housing & Building	28,070,701	28,632,423	561,722
Road Transport & Safety	41,662,802	27,754,003	(13,908,799)
Water Services	13,177,943	12,973,549	(204,394)
Development Management	10,726,255	4,368,395	(6,357,860)
Environmental Services	18,819,473	3,734,589	(15,084,883)
Recreation & Amenity	10,311,771	2,480,798	(7,830,974)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,498,436	864,553	(633,884)
Miscellaneous Services	12,312,751	6,519,556	(5,793,195)
Local Property Tax / GPG		23,320,110	23,320,110
Pension Levy		1,672,120	1,672,120
Rates		30,795,846	30,795,846
	136,580,132	143,115,942	6,535,810
Transfer from / (to) Reserves			(6,530,866)
Surplus for Year			4,944
General Reserve at 1st January 2016			5,542,326
General Reserve at 31st December 2016			5,547,270

Capital Account

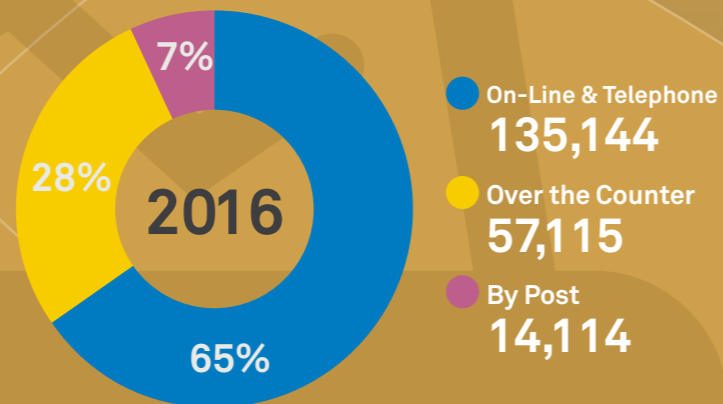
Programme	Balance 2015 €	Expenditure €	Income €	Net Transfers €	Balance 2016 €
Housing & Building	(2,335,214)	15,780,439	15,559,124	141,151	(2,415,379)
Road Transport & Safety	6,097,247	7,753,533	4,235,491	5,679,886	8,259,091
Water Services	5,825,699	3,585,806	3,147,685	(131,130)	5,256,447
Development Management	25,303,536	2,900,035	4,480,343	(3,258,191)	23,625,653
Environmental Services	9,290,423	1,862,570	1,713,800	488,134	9,629,787
Recreation & Amenity	4,461,491	1,270,958	297,956	765,503	4,253,992
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	45,105	-	-	-	45,105
Miscellaneous Services	31,069,310	5,158,658	201,967	1,620,118	27,732,737
Totals	79,757,596	38,311,999	29,636,365	5,305,473	76,387,435



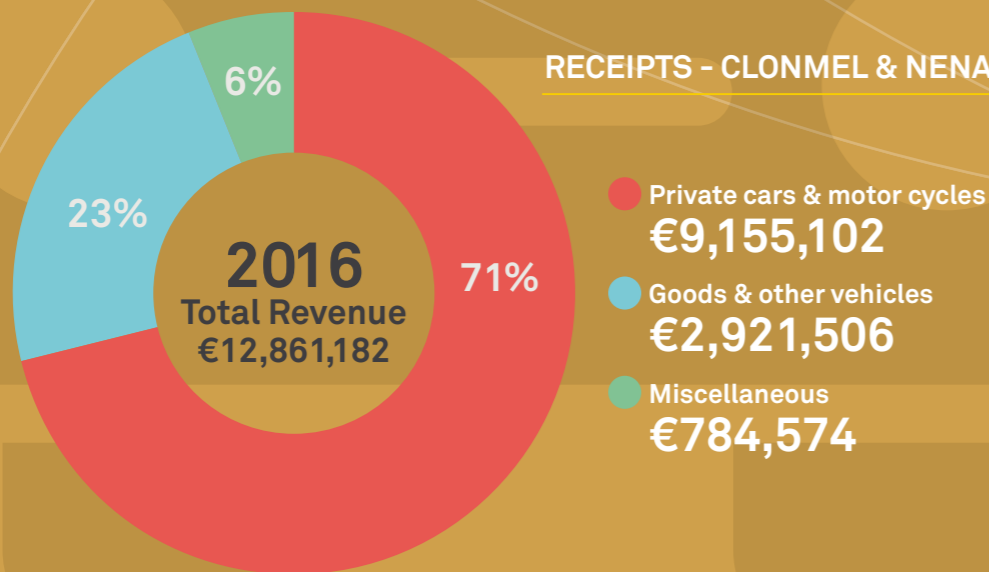
MOTOR TAXATION



NUMBER OF TAX DISCS ISSUED



RECEIPTS - CLONMEL & NENAGH



MOTOR TAX ON-LINE

The usage of the on-line motor tax facility www.motortax.ie continues to grow incrementally across all local authorities and Tipperary County Council is continuing its policy of promoting this facility.

The total number of Tax Discs issued to the 31st December 2016 amounted to 206,776. In percentage terms the amount of discs issued on-line as of this date was 65.36% thereof.

A percentage of 61.01% was reflected for the equivalent period in 2015.

In addition the Council also has facilities available at Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary and Thurles Municipal District Offices. These outlets cater for persons who do not have a Laser or Debit Card available to them. Payments are accepted in Cash or Postal/Money Order and the on-line aspect of the transaction is carried out by a member of staff.

A total number of 3,991 transactions have been carried out by the three Municipal Districts from the 1st of January 2016 to 31st December 2016.

Computers with internet connection are also available for use by members of the public wishing to tax on-line at the Libraries in the County and at the Main Reception Areas of the Civic Offices in Clonmel and Nenagh.

**The statistical analysis contained in the M1 Table above has been amended to reflect the revised NSI calculation mechanisms.*

Average number of postal applications and percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions) from receipt of application

	No	%
On the same day	13,908	98.54%
On the 2nd or 3rd day	140	0.99%
On the 4th or 5th day	20	0.14%
Over 5 days	46	0.33%
Total	14,114	

*M.1 Percentage of motor tax transactions which:

	2014	2015	2016
Are dealt with over the counter	37.06	30.88	27.81
Are dealt with by post	9.50	8.11	6.83
Are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	53.44	61.01	65.36

M.2 Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. motor tax transactions issued) from receipt of application

	2014	2015	2016
(a) on the same day	19,322	16,724	13,908
(b) on the 2 nd or 3 rd day	875	261	140
(c) on the 4 th or 5 th day	34	39	20
(d) over 5 days	153	81	46

M.3 Public Opening Hours

	2014	2015	2016
Average number of opening hours per week	19.58	20.00	20.00



FRANCHISE SECTION

A General Election was held on 26th February, 2016.



The following candidates were successfully elected to the 32nd Dáil for the Dáil Constituency of Tipperary.

- Mr. Michael Lowry (non-party)
- Mr. Mattie McGrath (non-party)
- Mr. Jackie Cahill (Fianna Fail)
- Mr. Seamus Healy (non-party)
- Mr. Alan Kelly (Labour)

It should be noted that prior to this General Election, there were 6 T.D.'s for the North Tipperary and South Tipperary Dáil Constituencies.

Following on the Electoral (Amendment) (Dáil Constituencies) Act, 2013, 24 No. District Electoral Divisions from Tipperary Dáil Constituency were transferred to the Offaly Dail Constituency

A New Polling Scheme was adopted by the members of Tipperary County Council and became effective on 12th January, 2016



The Franchise Section is responsible for the preparation of the Register of Electors. This Register, prepared annually, is a list of persons registered to vote in elections/referenda.

The following are the relevant dates in the process:

1st November	Publish Draft Register
1st February	Publish Register of Electors
15th February	Register comes into force

The Register of Electors 2016/2017 had a total Electorate of 124,010 and a breakdown of the total electorate in each local electoral area is as follows:

Carrick on Suir	17,131
Cashel-Tipperary	21,708
Clonmel	27,201
Nenagh	29,440
Templemore-Thurles	28,530
Total	124,010

APPENDICES

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deepening on location and theme
of JPC

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- Deputy Mattie McGrath
- Deputy Michael Lowry
- Deputy Seamus Healy

LA Elected Member

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- Cllr. Catherine Carey
- Cllr. Phyll Bugler
- Cllr. Fiona Bonfield
- Cllr. Hughie McGrath
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- Margaret Sheehy
(PPN Nenagh MD)
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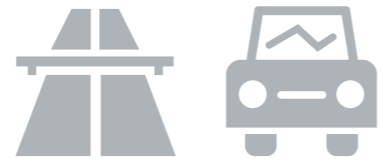


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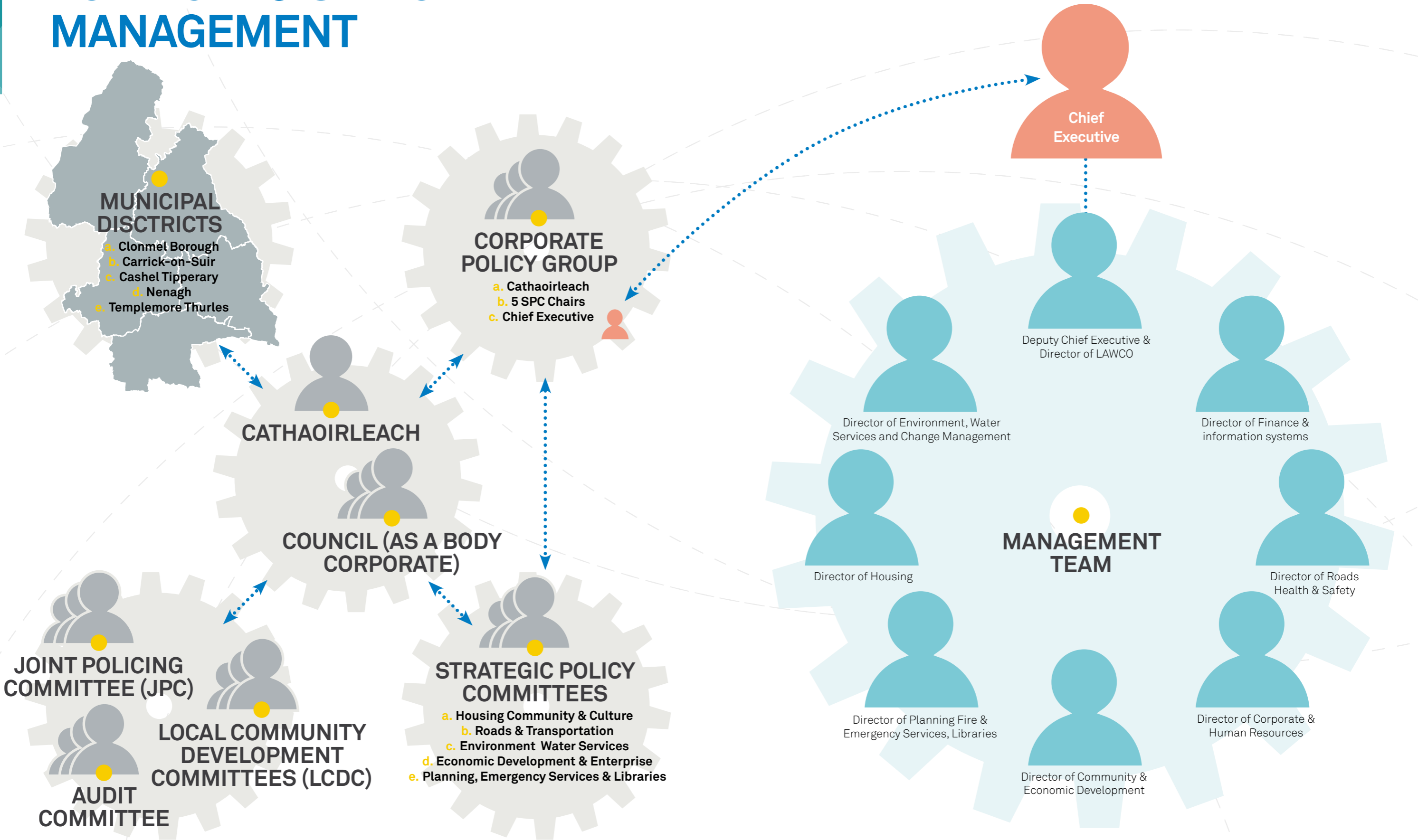
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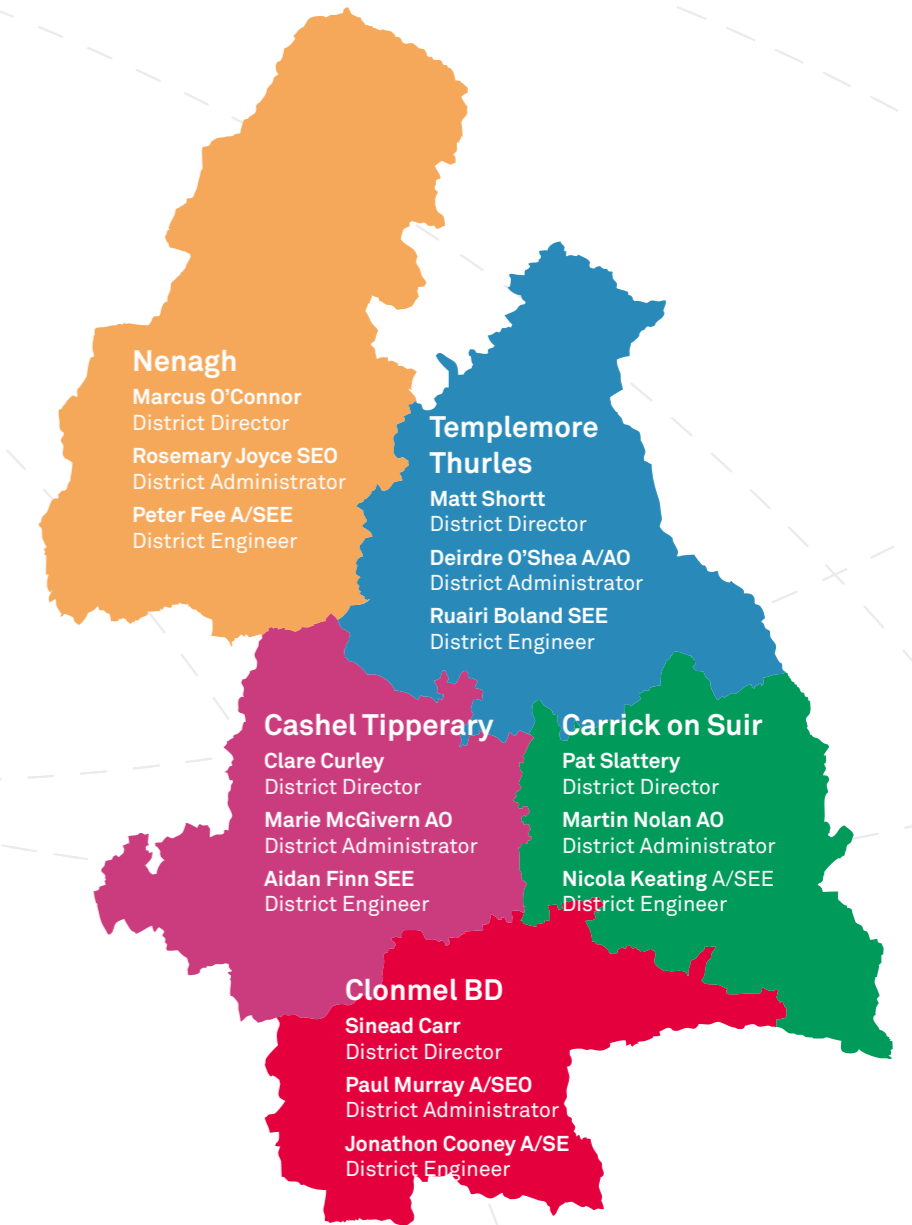
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Topic	Indicator	Value	Observation
Housing: H1, H2 & H4 Approved	A. Overall total number of dwellings provided by the LA during the year	1044	
	B. Number of dwellings directly provided	105	
	B1. Number of dwellings constructed	0	
	B2. Number of dwellings purchased	105	
	C. Number of dwellings provided under RAS	-12	
	D. Number of dwellings provided under the HAP Scheme	909	
	E. Number of dwellings provided under the SHCEP	42	
	F. The overall total number of social housing dwellings in the LA at year end	7404	
	G. The total number of dwellings directly provided (constructed or purchased) by the local authority	4863	
	H. Total number of dwellings provided under the RAS	1095	
	I. Total number of dwellings provided under the HAP if operated	1097	
	J. Total number of dwellings provided under the SHCEP	349	
	K. No. of single rural dwellings that are planned for demolition or sale due to dereliction	10	
Housing: H5 Approved	A. Percentage of the number of dwellings at H1G that were vacant on year end	2.73 %	
	The number of dwellings within the overall stock that were not tenanted at year end	133	
	A. Expenditure in the year on repair & maintenance of housing bought or built by the LA divided by H1G	€493.46	
	Expenditure on repair and maintenance of LA stock compiled on a continuous basis during the year	€2399712	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Observation	
Housing: H3 & H5 Approved	A. Average time taken from date of vacation of dwelling to date when a new tenancy had commenced	21.1 wk		
	B. Average cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted during the year ready for re-letting	€6772.52		
	No of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in the year (excl. those vacant for estate refurbishment)	275		
	No. of weeks from when previous tenant vacated dwelling up to date new tenant's first rent debit	5802.5 wk		
	Total expenditure on repairs necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings included above	€1862443		
	A. Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at end of June 2016	7327		
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected during the year	314		
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2016 that were found not to be compliant with the Standards Regulations	64.97		
	D. Number of non-compliant dwellings that became compliant during 2016	23		
	The number of dwellings inspected that were found not to be compliant with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations	204		
	Housing: H6 Approved	A. Number of adults in emergency accommodation long-term as a % of the total number of homeless adults	54.55 %	
		Number of adults classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on night of the 31/12/2016	22	
		Number of adults on that date who had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months	12	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Observation
Roads: R1 & R2 Approved	% Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating	99 %	
	% Local Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating	93 %	
	% Local Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating	92 %	
	% Local Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating	64 %	
	% Regional roads that received a PSCI rating during the year	38 %	
	% Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	8 %	
	% Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	17 %	
	% Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	40 %	
	% Total Regional road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	34 %	
	% Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	15 %	
	% Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	21 %	
	% Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	40 %	
	% Total Primary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	17 %	
	% Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	27 %	
	% Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	23 %	
	% Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	31 %	
	% Total Secondary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	11 %	
	% Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 1-4	27 %	
	% Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 5-6	13 %	
	% Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 7-8	16 %	
% Total Tertiary road kilometres with a PSCI rating of 9-10	8 %		
A1. Kilometres of regional roads strengthened using Road Improvement grants	15.0 km		
A2. Road Improvement Grant amount spent on Regional Roads (strengthening)	€1846803.00		
B1. Number of kilometres of regional roads resealed using Road Maintenance grants	29.6 km		
B2. Road Maintenance Grant amount spent on Regional Roads (resealing)	€962724.00		
C1. Kilometres of Local roads strengthened using Road Improvement grants	81.5 km		
C2. Road Improvement Grant amount spent on Local Roads (strengthening)	€6414332.00		
D1. Number of kilometres of Local roads resealed using Road Maintenance grants	75.2 km		
D2. Road Maintenance Grant amount spent on Local Roads (resealing)	€1459154.00		
Motor Tax: R3 Approved	% of motor tax transactions online	69.07 %	
Water: W1 Approved	% of Private Drinking Water Schemes in compliance with statutory requirements	1.00 %	Data from EPA not available at time of print.

Topic	Indicator	Value	Observation
Waste: E1 Approved	No. households in an area covered by a licensed operator providing a 3 bin service at 31/12/2016, (2016 census)	20587	
	% households within the LA that the number A represents	34.85 %	
Environmental Pollution: E2 Approved	Total number of pollution complaint cases	1394	
	Number of pollution cases not investigated or finalised	1250	
	Number of pollution cases that arose in 2016 not finalised	144	
	Number of pollution cases in respect of complaint during the year	1394	
	Number of pollution cases closed during the year	1250	
	Total number of cases on hand at year end	144	
Litter Pollution: E3 Approved	Percentage of area unpolluted by litter		Data from Tobin Consulting not available at time of print.
	Percentage of area slightly polluted by litter		
	Percentage of area moderately polluted by litter		
	Percentage of area significantly polluted by litter		
	Percentage of area grossly polluted by litter		
Planning: P1 Approved	Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	27.50 %	
	Total no. of new buildings notified to the local authority	160	
	No. of new buildings notified to the local authority during the year subject of at least one inspection	44	
Planning: P2 & P3 Approved	A. Number of planning decisions subject of appeal to An Bord Pleanála determined by board in 2016	25	
	B. % of the determinations which confirmed (with or without variations) the decision made by the LA	72.00 %	
	Number of determinations confirming the LA's decision with or without variation	18	
	A. Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the LA during 2016 that were investigated	166	
	B. Total number of cases that were closed during 2016	230	
	C. % cases at B dismissed re Section 152(2) or closed because statute barred or exempted development	51.30 %	
	D. % of cases at B that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0 %	
	E. % Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	48.70 %	
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2016	660	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	118	
	Number of cases at 'B' that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	0	
Number of cases at 'B' that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	112		

Topic	Indicator	Value	Observation
Planning: P4 & P5 Approved	AFS Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area	€28.32	
	AFS Programme D consisting of D01, D02, D03 (inclusive of the central management charge)	€4518742.58	
	A. The average no. of weeks taken to deal with applications for fire safety certificates received in the year.	11.19 wk	
	Number of fire safety certificates issued in respect of applications received	72	
	The number of weeks from the date on which a complete and valid application was received by the local authority to the date on which a fire safety certificate issued to the applicant, with any partial week decimalised to two decimal places, totalled for all fire safety certificates issued in respect of applications received in 2016.	805.86 wk	
Fire Service: F1 Approved	AFS Programme E expenditure divided by the census 2016 population served by the Fire Service	€48.97	
	AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service & E12 Fire Prevention	€7822744	
Fire Service: F2 & F3 Approved	A. Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of Fire		NOT APPLICABLE
	B. Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations in respect of Fire	5.53 min	
	C. Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of other accidents		NOT APPLICABLE
	D. Average time (mins) to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations in respect of other accidents	6.09 min	
	A. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 mins	46.44 %	
	B. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is after 10 mins & within 20 mins	41.28 %	
	C. % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is after 20 mins	12.27 %	
	D. % of non-fire cases in which first attendance at scene is within 10 mins	29.44 %	
	E. % of non-fire cases in which first attendance at scene is after 10 mins & within 20 mins	53.58 %	
	F. % of non-fire cases in which first attendance at scene is after 20 mins	16.98 %	
	Total no. of call-outs in respect of fires during the year	825	
	No. of fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes	333	
	No. of fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 mins & within 20 mins	296	
	No. of fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 mins	88	
	Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents during the year	426	
	No. of non-fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 mins	111	
	No. of non-fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 mins & within 20 mins	202	
No. of non-fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 mins	64		

Topic	Indicator	Value	Observation
Library Service: L1 Approved	Number of library visits during the year	462450	
	Number of items borrowed during the year	480400	
	A. Number of library visits per head of population	2.90	
	B. Number of items issued to borrowers during the year	480400	
Library Service: L2 Approved	The Annual Financial Statement Programme F data / by the population of the LA area per 2016 census	€19.82	
	AFS Programme F02 Cost of Library Service	€3162161	
Youth and Community: Y1 & Y2 Approved	A. Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na nÓg scheme	75.76 %	
	Total number of secondary schools in the LA area at year end	33	
	Number of second level schools in the LA area from which representatives attended the Comhairle na nÓg AGM	25	
	A. Number of organisations included in the County Register and the proportion who opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	11.44	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the local authority area	1145	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College when they registered for the PPN	131	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2016	225	
Corporate: C1 & C2 & C4 Approved	Wholtime equivalent staffing number at year end	982.83	
	Percentage of paid working days lost due to sickness absence through medically certified leave	4.21 %	
	Percentage of paid working days lost due to sickness absence through self- certified leave	0.30 %	
	Number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave	9707 day	
	Number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave	663 day	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave	312.69 day	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave	4 day	
	All ICT Expenditure in the period 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016 divided by the WTE no.	€2745.12	
	Total revenue expenditure on Account Elements	€2697987	
Corporate: C3 Approved	Total page views of the LA website in 2016	1304601	
	Total number of social media users at 31/12/2016 following the LA on social media sites	7049	
	The cumulative total page views of all websites operated by the LA during 2016	1304601	
	Total no. of social media users who, at 31/12/2016, were following the LA on any social media sites	7049	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Observation
Finance: M1 & M2 Approved	A. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2012 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€5676314	
	B. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2013 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€5503094	
	C. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2014 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€5536783	
	D. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2015 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€5542326	
	E. Cumulative balance at 31/12/2016 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure of the AFS	€5547270	
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2016 as a percentage of Total Income from the AFS statement	3.88 %	
	G. Revenue Expenditure per capita in 2016	€856.02	
	The 2016 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€143115942	
	The 2016 Total Expenditure figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€136580132	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2012	78.0 %	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2013	77.0 %	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	72.0 %	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	78.0 %	
	Collection level of Rates from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	81 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2012	93.0 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2013	93.0 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	92.0 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	95.0 %	
	Collection level of Rent & Annuities from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	97 %	
	Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2012	74.0 %	
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2013	77.0 %		
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2014	76.0 %		
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2015	77.0 %		
Collection level of Housing Loans from the Annual Financial Statement for 2016	79 %		

Topic	Indicator	Value	Observation
Economic Development: J1 to J3 Approved	A. The no. of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the year	119.0	
	A. The no. of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in the year	33	
	A. The no. of participants who received mentoring during the year	143	
	B. The no. of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in the year	32	

MEMBERS CONFERENCES IN 2016

Conference	Venue
Living with Dementia	Galway
Brexit	Carlingford
Local Authority Budgets 2017	Letterkenny
Waterways Ireland	Clonakilty
Entitle to Health Services	Carlingford
Kennedy Summer School	New Ross
Local Economic & Community Plans	Clonakilty
The Councillor and Local Development and Enterprise	Letterkenny
Padriag Pearse Summer School	Rosmuc
Entitlement to Health Services	Clonakilty
The Councillor and Local Development Enterprise	Letterkenny
A Programme for Government	Wexford
Domestic Water Saving	Clonakilty
Public Banking Forum of Ireland	Dublin
Tourism Conference	Carlingford
The Seanad and the Councillor	Bunclody
Housing Grants and Schemes	Carlingford
Auditing and Governane in Local Government	Carlingford

MEMBERS TRAINING IN 2016

Training	Venue
AILG Module 1	Monaghan, Waterford and Mullingar
AILG Annual Conference	Buncrana
AILG Module 2	Wicklow, Letterkenny and Killarney
AILG Module 3	Clare, Louth and Cavan
AILG Module 4	Galway, Cork and Longford
AILG Autumn Seminar	Gorey
AILG Module 5	Offaly, Sligo and Kilkenny
AILG Module 6	Wexford, Dublin and Roscommon
Road Safety Authority iSafer Conference	Dublin Castle
SEAI Energy Show	Dublin
LAMA Spring Seminar	Sligo
Irelands Solar Energy Future	Cork
SEAI – Energy Strategies in the Public Sector	Dublin
ISCH – Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Dublin
Irish Planning Institute – National Planning Conference	Athlone
ISCH Housing Finance Conference	Kilkenny
ICSH Partnership Working for Housing Associations	Dublin
IPI – Future of Planning and Architectural Heritage	Dublin
IPI – Planning and architectural Conservation Areas	Dublin



REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE ROSCREA

The Roscrea Regional Training Centre continued with its commitment to providing quality training and development to both Public Sector Staff and the Private Sector. Training grant assistance for Roads, Water and Environmental sectors all contributed to another successful year. Continued expansion of our training programmes ensured our workforce received current knowledge and skills necessary to carry out their duties in a professional and safe manner.

TRAINING STATISTICS

A total of 4,812 person training days were delivered in 2016 to both public and private sector employees. Outturn for each constituent Local Authority is shown in table below.

Funding

Training Grant assistance for the constituent Local Authorities was available as follows:

UISCE Éireann (water training grant)	= €225,500
Tipperary County Council allocation	= € 46,000
DTTAS (regional & local roads training grant)	= €472,500
Tipperary County Council allocation	= € 97,500
Environment Training Grant	= € 18,000

With the continued support of Management, Tipperary County Council employees can look forward to further training in 2017, leading to improved personal development and a healthier / safer work environment for all.



Confined Spaces Training

TIPPERARY LOCAL AUTHORITY TRAINING

636 employees from Tipperary County Council attended courses run by the centre.

Person Training courses received		Person Training days received	
2015	2016	2015	2016
1,549	988	1,868	1,307

Tipperary County Council employees completed accredited courses as follows:

C.S.C.S.

Signing, Lighting & Guarding at Roadwork's	Completed by 12 employees.
Health & Safety at Roadwork's	16 Employees
Locating Underground Services	6 Employees
Telescopic Handler	4 Employees

F.E.T.A.C. Certificate:

Waste Water Plant Operators Course	- 4 employees
Water Plant Operators Course	- 4 employees
Occupational First Aid	- 20 employees

I.O.S.H.

Supervising Safely for Construction	- 10 employees
PSDP & PSCS	- 6 employees

City & Guilds

Safe Use Pesticides & Herbicides	- 60 Employees
Confined Spaces	- 29 Employees



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