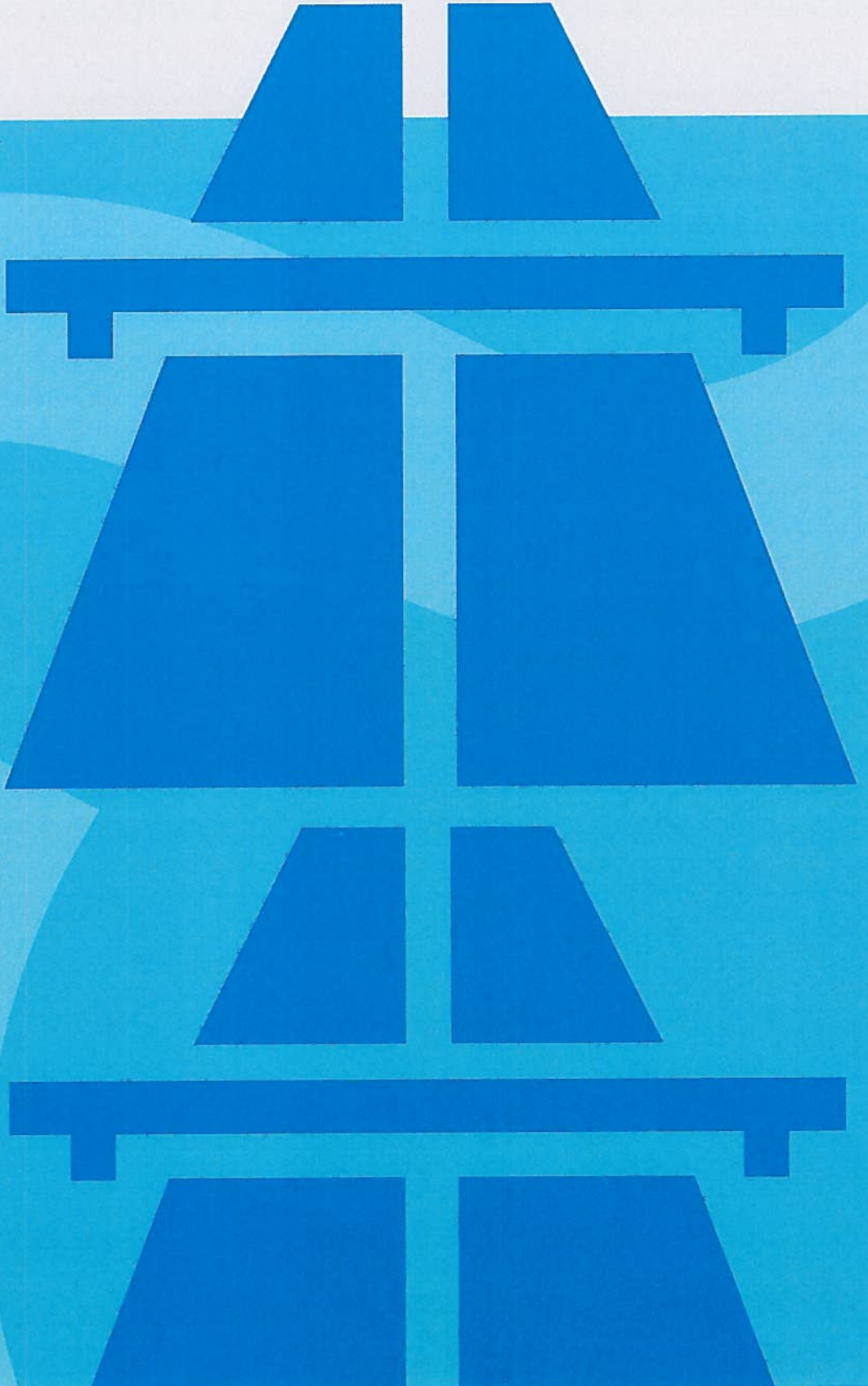




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Tipperary County Council



Adopted Policy on Roadside Memorials – 8 May 2017



Tipperary County Council

Policy on Roadside Memorials

The policy on Roadside Memorials was considered by the Roads & Transportation SPC of Tipperary County Council at its meeting on 20th March 2017. The policy was adopted by Tipperary County Council at its meeting on 8th May 2017.

Tipperary County Council acknowledges that the wish to erect a roadside memorial is a sensitive issue for the parties affected and the general public. The desire to erect a roadside memorial must be commensurate with the necessity to safeguard traffic safety, not create a traffic hazard and general public sensitivities. This policy will not affect already existing memorials erected by members of the public. However, should an existing memorial be damaged and in need of replacement, the replacement memorial will be in accordance with this policy.

Application to Erect a Roadside Memorial

An application to erect a roadside memorial must be submitted for consideration in writing to the Roads Department of Tipperary County Council. The following documents are required:

1. Letter of application to erect a Roadside Memorial.
2. General location map and sketch of the proposed layout including photographs if possible.
3. Dimensioned drawing of the proposed Memorial.
4. Written permission of the landowner shall be included
5. Written permission from the next of kin shall be included.
6. Contact details in the event that additional information is required.

Specification for erecting a Roadside Memorial

- The relevant Engineering/Technical staff will consider all applications individually and make recommendations in accordance with the specifications set out below:
 1. The maximum area of a roadside memorial shall not exceed 600mm wide X 600mm high X 150mm deep.
 2. Where it is proposed to erect a free standing memorial in a roadside hedgerow/road verge its height shall not exceed 1m (one metre) above the centre of the road opposite the memorial. In the interest of Road safety, wooden memorials shall only be erected in this situation.
 3. Where it is proposed that a roadside memorial be affixed to a solid structure such as a roadside wall or fence it shall be permissible that the memorial be in the form of a plaque or cross made from wood, stone or metal.
 4. The memorial shall not be illuminated.
 5. Kerbing is not permitted.

General conditions

- The applicant will be advised in writing of the decision made.
- The location of the memorial shall be agreed with the relevant District Engineer. Where it is not appropriate to locate the memorial at the exact site of an accident, particularly if it is on a hazardous section of road, the applicant shall agree an alternative safe location with the District Engineer.
- The policy in relation to the size and layout of roadside memorials is very specific. They are not intended to appear like gravestones or plots as one might see in a graveyard for example.
- The memorial shall not interfere with the safe use of the public road or interfere with the roadside drainage system or other public utilities.
- The memorial will be kept free from any flowers, ornaments or materials which will give rise to litter over time or cause a distraction to drivers and passer's by.
- The monument contractor/person erecting the memorial shall indemnify Tipperary County Council for all claims that may arise during the erection process. Evidence of appropriate insurances shall be provided prior to any works being undertaken.
- In the event of Tipperary County Council carrying out future road improvements in the area and the memorial needs to be re-located, the applicant will be given the opportunity to re-locate it themselves or the Council will arrange for its re-location. The Council will pay the reasonable cost for the relocation of the memorial in this circumstance.
- Tipperary County Council shall take no responsibility for any damage caused wilfully or accidentally and the person erecting the memorial and his/her successor shall be responsible for its indefinite upkeep and maintenance.
- The erection of memorials/monuments is not permitted on Motorways in Tipperary. This applies to the current Motorways (M7 & M8) and any roads that may be deemed motorways subsequent to this policy being adopted:

Marcus O'Connor
Director of Services, Roads & Transportation.



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AT A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, held in the Council Chamber,
Civic Offices, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary on the 8th day of May, 2017,

IT WAS MOVED BY R. KENNEDY

AND SECONDED BY M RYAN

AND RESOLVED ---

"That Tipperary County Council hereby adopts the Draft Policy on Roadside
Memorials as presented by the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy
Committee".

SIGNED:

Ceolán Siobhán Aodhóir
Cathaoirleach