

**Minutes of January Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District  
hosted in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and held  
remotely on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 11am**

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**Members Present:** Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan, Cathaoirleach  
Councillor Micheál Anglim  
Councillor Tony Black  
Councillor Declan Burgess  
Councillor John Crosse  
Councillor Michael FitzGerald  
Councillor Roger Kennedy  
Councillor Máirín McGrath  
Councillor Andy Moloney  
Councillor Marie Murphy  
Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

**Officials Present:** Mr. Pat Slattery, District Director  
Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator  
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer  
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer  
Ms. Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner  
Mr. Jonathan Flood, District Planner, Cahir  
Ms. Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer  
Mr Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian

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Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator, commenced the meeting with the meeting prayer. He called the roll and confirmed that all the Municipal District members were present at the meeting. The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan, welcomed everyone to the January Municipal District meeting.

**1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest**

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

**2.1 Minutes of December Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District December meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Roger Kennedy seconded by Councillor Michael FitzGerald.

## **Matters arising from the minutes**

Councillor Fitzgerald raised the matter of the need for a public representative to sit on the Road Safety Working Together Group. Councillor Fitzgerald asked if there was any reply because it was more important than ever that a local representation sit on this group. In response the District Administrator indicated that the matter was raised with the Roads Section and we are awaiting a reply. The Cathaoirleach indicated that the Members supports this issue.

### **3.1 Consider the Chief Executive's Report on the Part 8 Development – Cahir Public Realm, to include Cahir Square, Church Street, Old Church Road, St Mary's Street and Castle Street, Cahir**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Caroline Conway and Mr. Jonathan Flood from Planning Section to the meeting. She thanked everyone for the work on the numerous workshops and public consultants. Councillor Moloney noted that there were concerns regarding the fire escape at Market House, fountain restoration and the detail of a landscape plan. He proposed that trees could be planted in planters and if there was an issue in a particular location they could be moved. The District Administrator set out the context of the report and confirmed that 8 no. submissions were received up to the closing date of 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021. The work to Market House and the fire escape is dealt with in a separate planning application. Consultants are preparing a revised design to ensure fire compliance. The car parking issue was dealt with at the last meeting and the report will be circulated. Mr. Flood referred to the Chief Executive's Report circulated with the agenda and indicated that 8 submissions were received, many with no concerns and very supportive of the plan. Other issues raised included the provision for outdoor dining in the winter months, traffic management, lack of public consultation and the overall design including landscaping. Mr. Flood confirmed that the issues of traffic management are outside the scope of the proposed development and he outlined details on the numerous workshop and public consultations that were held with local business people.

He recommended that the proposed development should proceed subject to the following recommended requirements and conditions:

- The mitigation measures outlined under the Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment and Archaeological Impact Assessment shall be undertaken in full.

The District Administrator in relation to the planting scheme confirmed that the Council would have regard to any environmental issues and comply with sustainable urban design guidelines.

Councillor McGrath thanked the Planning Section, the officials for the numerous workshops and public consultation including meetings with business owners. She also thanked Mr. Flood on the clarification received around the fountain and planting and that hopefully Cahir can secure the RRDF funding required to deliver the proposed plans.

Councillor Moloney highlighted that it was a great day for Cahir Town and that the town needs infrastructure to improve the economic development of the town. Cahir is a destination town and huge numbers are visiting the town therefore more car parking is needed. Sustainable planting is needed to divert water run-off entering the river. In June 2011 he met with Council officials in Cahir Castle with Councillor Murphy and these plans were proposed. Councillor Moloney thanked all the team that had helped to progress this project.

On the proposition of Councillor Andy Moloney, seconded by Councillor Máirín McGrath it was resolved:

“That having considered the Chief Executive’s Report dated January 2022 in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, for the proposed Part 8 Development of Cahir Public Realm, to include Cahir Square, Church Street, Old Church Road, St. Mary’s Street and Castle Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary, Reference P8.21.16 that Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District decide that the proposed development be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report”.

Councillor Murphy agreed with Councillor Moloney that it was a historic day and 11 years in the planning and now it was important to secure funding to implement the plans.

### **3.2 Environment & Climate Change Directorate**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Marion O’Neill, S.E.O., Environment & Climate Change Section to the meeting. Ms. O’Neill referred to her report circulated with the agenda and highlighted the Anti-dumping Initiative 2021, Litter Infrastructure Support Grant Scheme, 2021 and CCTV. She is looking forward to working on new initiatives in 2022 and was open to questions.

Councillor Burgess asked if the household checks on waste disposal would commence again given that the covid restrictions have been lifted and his concern about illegal dumping. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked if she could get a percentage of the checks carried out because illegal dumping in the Cordangan and Glen of Aherlow seems to have increased during the pandemic - is there potential for other initiatives to prevent illegal dumping in the town and hinterland. She also asked if the Council is using a site beside Scallagheen for dumping construction material and could this be investigated. She requested an update in relation to the compliance with the Section 14 Waste Management Notices served on 6 properties in Glen Court, Emly. The dumping is building up again and there is an issue with rodents. There is a property for sale on Main Street, Tipperary with a derelict site notice, however the notice has been removed. Councillor Moloney thanked the Environment & Climate Change team for the Christmas tree collection as take up appeared to increase on last year. He asked is horse fouling covered by the same legalisation as dog fouling. He

appreciated the delay is progressing the Cahir graveyard negotiations because of change to the parish priests and asked if it could be progressed. Councillor Kennedy asked if the CCTV footage captured under the Anti-dumping Initiative could be used in court prosecutions or are there any GDPR concerns. He suggested that more media coverage around successful prosecutions would act as a deterrent.

In response, Ms. O'Neill indicated that the household inspections continued during covid restrictions and follow ups were done by letter. There were two successful prosecutions for noncompliance and more door-to-door visits can now take place with the restrictions lifted. Public awareness training was provided to 47 new Council tenants in Tipperary MD. There is new legalisation which allows the issuing of a fixed penalty notice. She advised that this year they plan to roll out the food caddy bin to target food waste. Under the initiatives on illegal dumping they will be targeting scenic areas, working with community groups and highlighting projects on social media. The Environment Section will investigate the dumping at Scallagheen. In relation to the clean-up in Glen Court, the legalisation is limiting because the Council cannot enter to clean up private property. It is positive that the derelict site on Tipperary Main Street is for sale and that the new owners may develop the property. In relation to the horse fouling unfortunately it is not covered by legalisation and therefore not an offence.

Any media coverage on successful prosecutions is at the discretion of the media. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked for the Environment & Climate Change team to provide details of how many of the Glen Court residents have complied with the notices issued. Councillor Burgess highlighted that dog fouling was an issue in Cashel and asked if the Council had any plans to run an awareness campaign. Councillor Murphy advised that the legalisation around CCTV is to be updated and it will be before the Oireachtas in the coming weeks. She also advised that Limerick County Council were fined €110,000 for using CCTV without proper authorisation and that some of the legalisation is not fit for purpose. This is a national issue and its disappointing that the Data Protection Commissioner is slow to move on social media breeches, however can spent 3 years investigating Limerick County Council. She requested an update on the timeline for the introduction of the new legalisation. Councillor Anglim asked Mr. Boland if a new meeting could be arranged with the new land owner neighbouring the graveyard in Ardfinnan about acquiring land for an extension of the graveyard. Ms O'Neill advised that she understood that the new legalisation will be before the Minister in March and that the Waste Management Act will be amended accordingly. Mr. Boland advised in relation to the development of the Cahir burial grounds that the Council is engaging with the Cahir Parish Committee. Mr. Boland will also make contact with Councillor Anglim regarding the Ardfinnan Burial ground.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms O'Neill and her team for all her work.

### **3.3 Culture/Library Services Directorate**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian to the meeting. Mr. Dullaghan first wanted to update the members on the Taoiseach's announcement on Friday night in relation to the lifting of covid restrictions. He is still waiting on formal instruction from the Department, but he is anticipating that all restrictions on social distancing will be lifted which is a positive day for the Library Service and the Arts. A lot of their services and events had to move online or outdoors during the pandemic which worked well, and this hybrid model will stay in place.

Councillor Murphy requested an update on when Cahir Library will move to the Granary building. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) congratulated Mr. Dullaghan on the transformation of the new section at the Excel and asked if the My Open Library can be progressed. In response Mr. Dullaghan advised that a detailed design is nearly complete on Cahir Library and the next stage would be construction tender documents. The property is a listed building therefore care and extra time has to be taken on the renovation. The District Administrator clarified that an application for RRDF category 1 funding has to be submitted before the end of April and a decision on funding should be made by September/October. Tenders documents will be ready to go early next year, if funding approved. Councillor Murphy was of the opinion that funding was already in place for the new library and Mr. Dullaghan confirmed that the anticipated project cost is €365,000 and Council received €100,000 towards the design stage. He also confirmed that a decision on My Open Library is made at Central Government and are awaiting an update. The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Dullaghan.

### **3.4 District Engineer's Report**

The District Engineer's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda. The District Engineer advised that they are waiting on funding and budget to commence the works programme. Hoping to bring the 2022 works program to the members for approval at the February meeting.

Councillor Burgess asked for an update on the public lighting at the Kiln, Cashel which is a popular walking route. He understood an application had been made through the Town & Village Renewal Scheme. He also asked if a programme could be put in place to check storm drains. Councillor McGrath thanked the Council for the upgrade works at Mullough, Newcastle to improve sightlines. She also requested a timeline for works on Kilganney Bridge which is closed as it is a huge inconvenience. She asked where will funding come from and hopes it will not affect other planned projects. Councillor Kennedy requested an update on the Friar Street Car Park extension and will the Members be briefed once the design is complete. He also supports Councillor Burgess on the public lighting at the Kiln and understood the public lighting would be completed following upgrade works to the Ardmayle Roundabout. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested an update on the River Ara Project and Market Yard Project. She understood an application to upgrade the toilets was unsuccessful; is there any other funding

available. She queried when tree pruning is due to start. Councillor Fitzgerald also queried the timeline on the Market Yard works and stated there was a lot of social media commentary on where the money was coming from for the works. Councillor Murphy concurs with Councillor McGrath that the closure of Kilganny Bridge is a huge inconvenience and noted that Kilganny to Coakley's Cross is on the roads programme for this year and could the works be organised together. Councillor Anglim referred to his Notice of Motion 2104 in relation to speed cushions at Clogheen school. The driver feedback sign has made no impact and a site inspection would need to be carried out.

In response the District Engineer said:-

- He is familiar with the lack of lighting at the Kiln, Cashel and will talk to Roads Section to progress it.
- There is a programme in Autumn to monitor storm drains, but he will follow it up.
- Kilganny Bridge – tenders are due back mid-February and works to be completed by the end of March. Shouldn't affect funding on other projects if flagged to the Department early.
- Design of Friar Street Car Park should be ready Q2 or Q3 and the Members will be consulted.
- River Ara project to start set-up in June and site works to start in July.
- Work on the Market Yard Car Park delayed a day due to the contractor experiencing staffing issues, but it will be completed by the weekend.
- Tree pruning will commence in a few weeks.
- In relation to Clogheen school the Council will install speed data checks.
- Resurfacing works to Market Yard was carried out as part of the roads programme and does not require a Part 8 approval. The Part 8 for the Market Yard Upgrade Project did not cover the resurfacing of the car park.

Councillor Anglim requested that the Council reconsider the use of ramps at Clogheen School and a table top at the Junction of the Old Coop/Goatenbridge Road, Ardfinnan similar to the one installed in Clerihan village as it would slow traffic entering the village outside the shop. The District Engineer confirmed he would look at the junction and a redesign may be possible under the Low-Cost Safety Scheme. The District Administrator confirmed that they are trying to find alternative sources of funding to carry out upgrade works to the toilets in Market Yard.

### **3.5 District Administrator's Report**

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda.

Councillor Burgess requested that the closing date for the Festival and Events Grants Scheme be extended given that restrictions have been lifted to give groups a chance to reassess plans. RRDF funding for Cashel Town Park development was unsuccessful - is there other funding streams available to

progress the project. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked that Casual Trading Bye Laws be enforced because some traders in the Market Yard are extending their pitches into the carpark. Councillor Moloney requested clarification for residents' associations who are applying for grants because there was some confusion last year between different district requirements. Councillor McGrath thanked the Council in assisting with reopening Newcastle Playground. She also requested that the deadline for the Festival and Events Grants Scheme be extended. The Cathaoirleach also supported this request. Councillor Kennedy also requested if the capacity restrictions would be lifted in the swimming pool.

In response the District Administrator said:

- The Festival & Events Grant is a countywide scheme offered by the Arts Office and he would request a deadline extension because it is appreciated that many groups may not have been planning for St Patrick's Day parades and other events.
- Progress on the design stage of Cashel Town Park is continuing and further public consultant will be required, and the members will be updated in a few weeks. The Council won't be ready for a category 1 funding application for the town park; however, there are elements which can be progressed.
- Site selection for a proposed Cashel Interpretive Centre is being progressed
- The Council received 11 expression of interest for casual trading licences including two for the pitches at The Vee and the Glen of Aherlow; therefore, a draw took place for these pitches. Detailed applications are now required including relevant insurances.
- The Council will monitor the impact Casual Traders are having on traffic and car parking at the Market Yard.
- Grants for Residents Associations are dealt with under the Tidy Towns Grants and it is a separate scheme to Clonmel. Insurance is a requirement because of the potential for claims and it protects the Council and the residents' groups from claims.
- Great to have Newcastle Playground open and thanks to the community and to other communities for the great work on playgrounds.
- Met with the manager of the pool regarding lifting restrictions and it is hoped to get swimming lessons started next week. Also, to have the regular routine with school groups back with increased capacity.

Councillor Kennedy advised that the Charter Youth meeting which was scheduled for May 2021 will now take place in April or May this year. They were previously approved funding under the Festival & Events Grant and will they be required to make a new application. The District Administrator confirmed they would and thanked Councillor Kennedy for the update.

#### **4.1 Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders**

The orders were noted.

### **5.1 Councillor John Crosse (Ref. ID 2336)**

I am calling on Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District Office to clean and upgrade the signage around Tipperary Town. I have been lobbied by business people in town in relation to same.

#### **Reply**

The local GSS has been asked to assess the signage in the town with a view to cleaning or replacing as required. The TII who are responsible for signage on the national routes have also been asked to assess their signage in the area. They will carry out an assessment in Q1 of this year.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy.

### **5.2 Councillor Declan Burgess (Ref. ID 2340)**

For this Municipal District to write to Irish Water management requesting the necessary upgrades to watermain infrastructure surrounding the Springmount Water plant are included in future capital projects for the area. There has been a high volume of breakdowns in this area and an obvious need for rehabilitation works of their children in this residential area and feel a speed ramp would encourage motorists to proceed through the area in a more responsible manner.

#### **Reply**

This Notice of Motion requests Irish Water to carry out upgrade works to the watermain infrastructure surrounding the water treatment plant at Springmount, Golden. If the elected members agree to the Notice of Motion, it will be forwarded by Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel District to Irish Water for consideration.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

### **5.3 Councillor Declan Burgess (Ref. ID 2341)**

For this Municipal District to carry out an assessment of the ongoing speeding issues entering Cashel town from Clonmel Road. From the hurling field to Ard Mhuire/Upper Friar Street many vehicles aren't reducing speed entering into the town centre. This MD should consider installing traffic calming measures here.

#### **Reply**

Speeding and the enforcement of the speed limits is a matter for An Garda Siochana. A speed survey will be carried out at this location. The survey will be



analysed and a design completed in line with the Council's Traffic Calming Policy if speeding is identified. Following this the location will be submitted for funding under the Low-Cost Safety Scheme if traffic calming measures are required.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

#### **5.4 Councillor Annmarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref. ID 2342)**

That this Council assess and repair any uneven surfaces and footpaths in Tipperary Town Graveyard.

#### **Reply**

The Environment & Climate Action Section and Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Cashel MD will assess the works required to replace/construct footpaths in St. Michael's Cemetery and cost the plan for inclusion in the capital budgets, with the intention of starting some of the works later this year.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Tony Black.

#### **5.5 Councillor Michael Fitzgerald (Ref. ID 2344)**

That efforts be made to address the speeding on the Dualla Road, Cashel.

#### **Reply**

Speeding and the enforcement of the speed limits is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

A speed indicator sign was installed just before Christmas and there are numerous 'slow' signs on the route. A speed survey will be carried out at this location. The survey will be analysed, and a design completed in line with the Council's Traffic Calming Policy, if speeding is identified. Following this the location will be submitted for funding under the Low-Cost Safety Scheme if traffic calming measures are required.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess.

#### **5.6 Councillor Tony Black (Ref: ID 2345)**

That this Council will investigate Springfield Road, Tipperary town with a view to placing an electronic speed indicator sign on this road.

#### **Reply**

Speeding and the enforcement of the speed limits is a matter for An Garda Síochána. The Municipal District will carry-out an inspection of the area

to examine appropriate traffic control measures in-line with Tipperary County Council's Traffic Calming Policy. Should traffic control measures be deemed necessary an appropriate funding source would then need to be secured to carry out any identified works.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Ann Marie Ryan (Shiner).

### **5.7 Councillor Tony Black (Ref: ID 2346)**

That this Council will place speed ramps on Station Road, Dundrum to encourage vehicles to slow down on this residential road.

#### **Reply**

New signage was erected in the area in the past month. The effectiveness of the new signage will be monitored in the coming months before any additional measures are considered.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess.

### **5.8 Councillor Tony Black (Ref: ID 2347)**

That this Council will place a 50km speed sign in Lisvernane on the approach road from Galbally.

#### **Reply**

The sign will be replaced in the coming days.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

### **6.1 Votes of Sympathy**

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

- Eoin Rafferty of Meelick, Co. Clare and late of Tipperary Town
- Mike Kiely of Dundrum Drive, Tipperary Town
- Denis Tarrant of Knockballynoe, Kilfeacle, Co. Tipperary
- Phyliss Begley of Upper Main Street, Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary

### **6.2 Votes of Congratulations**

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- Cashel Community School on becoming Munster Senior A Schools Camogie Champions.

- Cashel King Cormacs on becoming FBD Insurance Minor A County Camogie CHampions.

### 7.1 Any other Business


Councillor Murphy wanted to acknowledge the contribution made by Sr. Aine Power and Sr. Elsie Walsh who were leaving Clogheen Convent after 46 years service to the Clogheen and Ballyporeen communities. A thanksgiving mass was celebrated by Bishop Cullinan for the Mercy Sisters. Councillor Kennedy wanted to thank the District Administrator for organising the Waller's Lot meeting.

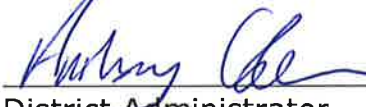
The District Administrator handed over to Mr. Pat Slattery who wanted to provide an update on the unsuccessful RRDF bid for Tipperary Town. Mr. Slattery recognises that there has been a lot disappointment and media attention in relation to the unsuccessful bid. Whilst the Council has got provisional feedback on why the bid failed the Council has arranged a meeting with Eddie Forsyth, Department of Rural and Community Development to get further feedback.

It has been decided by the Council to separate the 3 proposed projects. The project at Limerick Junction can be progressed with funding from Horse Racing Ireland and other funding streams and the Council will proceed with the development of Dan Breen House as a Youth and Further Education and Training Centre and the modernisation of Canon Hayes Recreation Centre. The Council is committed to secure funding to ensure that the projects progress on the same timeline as if the RRDF bid was successful. Funding will be provided to put a design team in place and a tender process will be progressed in the coming months. Mr. Slattery thanked the members and confirmed that this was a positive day for Tipperary Town and the Council is committed to moving forward these priority projects.

The District Administrator also advised the Members that given the easing of restrictions they are waiting on direction from Corporate Services on when face to face meeting can go ahead. However, the standing orders allow for the continuation of a hybrid model.

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

Signed/  Dated/ 28/02/2022  
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 28/02/22  
District Administrator