

**Minutes of March Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 11.00am**

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

**Officials Present:** Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Director  
Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator  
Mr. James Murray, Senior Engineer, Roads  
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer  
Mr. Tim Kilmartin, Executive Engineer  
Mr. Frank Cussen, Executive Engineer  
Mr. Michael Begley, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer

**Housing Directorate**  
Ms. Cora Morrissey, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Robert Johnston, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Deirdre Flannery, Senior Staff Officer  
Mr. Shaun Lonergan, Executive Engineer

**C&E Directorate**  
Anthony Fitzgerald, Senior Executive Officer

**Planning**  
Mr. Jonathan Flood, A/Senior Executive Planner  
Ms. Lauren Butler Ryan, District Planner

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Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Director, 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 Micheál Anglim, welcomed everyone to the March Municipal District meeting.

**1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest**

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

## **2.1 Minutes of February Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District February meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor John Crosse seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy.

### **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **3.1 Housing Directorate Report**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Cora Morrissey, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Robert Johnston, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Deirdre Flannery, Senior Staff Officer and Mr. Shaun Lonergan, Executive Engineer to the meeting. Ms. Flannery made a presentation to the members updating them on the activities of the housing rent section.

Councillor Marie Murphy thanked Ms. Flannery for the presentation and acknowledged the engagement of MABS and thanked Ms. Flannery and her team. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) referred to hardship cases who have difficulty paying arrears and asked if MABS can help with arrears other than rent. Ms. Flannery advised that 48 tenancy warning letters were issued last year for rent arrears and 2 went to court, however were agreed before entering court. Ms. Flannery advised that when looking at a tenants ability to pay they look at the full picture including rent and other outgoings. Councillor McGrath noted that tenants notify the Council when their income reduces and asked if the bulk of the arrears arise because tenants fail to notify the Council of increased income. She asked if there is a way to prevent this and should we remind tenants. Ms. Flannery confirmed that a substantial amount of the arrears relates to back dated rent arrears. She confirmed that statements are issued regularly and a separate letter is issued reminding tenants of their responsibility. Councillor Kennedy requested a copy of the presentation. Councillor Murphy referred to pensioners who reach 80 and asked when their pension increases will this mean that their rent will go up and if they don't know this would lead to a substantial increase. Ms. Flannery agreed to run a report on all tenants over 80 to see if this is an issue.

Councillor Burgess requested an update on the houses on Boherclough Street and in particular when the construction of the roundabout would commence. He also asked for an update on the Belmont Housing Association Development and when it will be finished and requested confirmation that they are 4 disability units. Councillor Máirín McGrath noted that Mountain View Dive, Cahir is at Stage 2 and to date that no meeting has been held with the residents. She advised that the meeting was due to be held before the new year and requested that the housing section liaise with the resident association. She also noted that the houses on Abbey Street have been allocated which is fantastic news and she wished the new tenants the best of luck. She also referred to Kilkenny Voluntary Housing

Association who have received funding for a 2 bed property in Tipperary Town and she requested clarification that tenants would be taken from approved housing applicants on Tipperary's housing list. She also noted that there are houses currently for sale in Goatenbridge, however Goatenbridge is not listed as an area of choice on the housing application form. She noted that there will also be more houses becoming available in Cois Taire, Goatenbridge and she requested that it would be included as an area of preference. Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) thanked housing for the report and noted that there are 21 vacant houses and 14 awaiting minor repairs, who are being dealt with by the district. She also requested a breakdown of how many houses have been purchased under a notice to quits. Councillor Fitzgerald noted that there are 816 approved housing applicants in the Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District and accepted that the highest demand is within the three towns. He noted that houses are being provided in the larger villages, 12 houses in Bansha and 14 houses in Ardfinnan. He stated that the housing section now could focus of other villages. He accepts that Golden has been ruled out because there is no waste water treatment plant and asked if we are looking at other villages for land because people will live where the houses are available. He asked when the present houses under construction are completed have areas for future development been identified. Councillor Hanna Hourigan referred to the notice to quits and the plans to buy houses from landlords. She asked if we have plans to buy other houses on the market and in relation to HAP tenants subject to the Second Chance Scheme can we purchase these houses. Councillor Murphy also referred to Mountain View Drive and the need to meet with the residents. She also asked if all the houses allocated at Abbey Street have been accepted. Councillor Murphy referred to the 12 houses in Clogheen at Stage 1 approval and appreciates that the approval from the Department is a 4 stage process. However, she asked if the housing section should be considering more of the one stage process for the developments under €6m which would mean quicker approval. She also asked how many houses in the Energy Retrofit Scheme are in the Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD. Councillor Roger Kennedy referred to the 115 houses under construction and notes that there are 816 approved applicants. He also noted that there are two voluntary housing bodies in Cashel that will deliver 80 houses before the end of the year and all of this is welcome, however it is not enough. Houses are needed urgently and he wanted to know what are the short term plans and are there any other vacant houses for homeless. He appreciates there is a hostel in Cashel, however this is only suitable for single people and not families. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked how many notice to quits are in the District.

In response, Ms. Morrissey confirmed that she would speak to Liam Ryan in relation to organising a meeting with the residents of Mountain View Drive and the members will be advised once a date has been confirmed. She confirmed that Kilkenny Housing Association are an Approved Housing Body in the South East and any tenants in Tipperary will be taken from Tipperary's housing list. Regarding allocating houses in Goatenbridge the housing authority would consider anyone approved in the catchment area, however she did agree to discuss it with Jonathan Cooney again. She confirmed that notice to quits will be

covered in more detail at the special housing meeting on Wednesday, however to date housing have purchased 70 houses. She confirmed that the housing team are liaising with people who have received notice to quits to work with them. She advised that she will confirm whether or not everyone has accepted the offers of tenancy at Abbey Street, Cahir after the meeting. In relation to Councillor Kennedy's query she confirmed that the housing team have an ambitious housing capital programme of 200 houses over the next 5 years and the team are also working with AHBs. In relation to tenants on the Second Chance Programme, Ms. Morrissey confirmed that it would depend on the level of anti-social behaviour involved. She also confirmed that the Council is currently concentrating on purchasing houses with notice to quits and not houses on the open market.

Mr. Shaun Lonergan confirmed in relation to the development at Boherclough Street that the development is expected to be completed by November, 2023 and the contractor is on track. The District Engineer confirmed that work on the roundabout at Boherclough Street is due to commence in July/August, 2023. Mr. Lonergan also confirmed that there are 27 houses identified for the Energy Retrofit Scheme for 2022 and housing are currently surveying properties for the 2023 Scheme. The average cost per house is €48,000. Councillor Moloney asked if there are any checks carried out to ensure that houses allocated are kept in good condition and notes that some tenants keep a significant number of animals. Ms Morrissey confirmed that the Housing Section have 5 Community Liaison Officers who link in with tenants and provide tenancy sustainment where necessary. Also, they provide pre-tenancy training to all new tenants and their roles and responsibilities as tenants are explained including how many animals can be kept. Ms Morrissey also confirmed that in relation to bins and refuse the housing section work closely with the Environment Section who carry out household surveys to ensure tenants have a bin service. Councillor Burgess requested whether or not the Belmont Housing Association properties would require further work to be carried out the by Council and Ms. Morrissey confirmed that they wouldn't.

Mr. Robert Johnston advised the members that the Housing Section are continuously looking at areas to develop particularly serviceable land suitable for housing and they are liaising with Uisce Eireann. Regarding the single stage process there was a regional workshop to facilitate this process. Councillor Michael Fitzgerald asked if there was any update on the scheme in Cullen and Mr. Johnston agreed to revert to Councillor Fitzgerald on this. Councillor Crosse acknowledged the great work on identifying potential sites, however it can be a long process due to Uisce Eireann and other problems, therefore there needs to be more vision. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) notes that the Housing Section are actively looking, however she has written to Jonathan Cooney in relation to Glen Court and she is waiting on an update. Councillor Hanna Hourigan noted that there is huge potential for a developer and Kieran Ladden, Planning Section is aware of this. Mr. Johnston agreed to link in with planning in relation to Glen Court.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Housing Team.

### **3.2 Community & Economic Directorate Report**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Anthony Fitzgerald, Head of Enterprise, Community & Economic Development Section to the meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald thanked the Cathaoirleach and the members and wanted to highlight some economic achievements including that the Local Enterprise Office came 2<sup>nd</sup> (to Dublin City) in the country for job creation with 238 new jobs during 2022. He also noted that €44,058 was received under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022 for a feasibility study to develop a Digital Hub in Cashel and work has now started to identify a suitable location in Cashel.

Councillor Marie Murphy thanked Mr. Fitzgerald for the report and congratulated the team on being 2<sup>nd</sup> to Dublin City on job creation. She noted that the Community Recognition Fund applications were submitted to the Department by the 15<sup>th</sup> March and she asked when do they expect a response given that 60% of the funding has to be spent by the third quarter. She also wanted to acknowledge that Clogheen and Cahir have been chosen to benefit from the Health Ireland Fund and she wanted to thank Fiona Crotty and Aine Roche. Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) asked if there was any proposal to extend the Broadband Connect Points Initiative.

In response Mr. Fitzgerald advised that in relation to the Community Recognition Fund given the tight time scale he hopes that applicants would have a decision in 2 to 3 weeks. He will pass on Councillor Murphy comments to Fiona Crotty and Aine Roche in relation to the Health Ireland Programme. Mr. Fitzgerald confirmed that 21 Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) have been connected and are providing high speed broadband and this is leading the way to attract agencies like Microsoft. Funding streams in 2021 and 2022 allowed for this and there is no indication if further funding will be available. He noted that it is important that current schemes are running the best they can before introducing more schemes. He also advised that a number of Digital Hubs are being planned across the County.

Councillor Michael Fitzgerald referred to the FAI Club Mark registration and he noted that in the past the Council had a development officer with the FAI who did tremendous work in the community. He also referred to broadband and the black boxes hanging on poles and asked if there was any engagement with EIR to bring broadband to individual residents. Mr. Fitzgerald agreed to come back to the members in relation to the FAI Development Officer post and he also agreed to discuss with Valerie Connolly in relation to any upcoming sports programmes. Mr. Fitzgerald advises that in terms of broadband, Tipperary is leading the way with 25% coverage with NBI Ireland. Regarding the black box and ducting for houses, EIR or whatever provider the householder choses is responsible for getting the connection to the house. He acknowledged that in some cases there are difficulties due to the age of the house and the condition of the ducting.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Fitzgerald and his team.

### **3.3 To consider Chief Executive's Report for Dan Breen House Part 8 Application for Refurbishment and Re-Purposing for Tipperary Youth and Further Education Training Centre.**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Jonathan Flood, Planning Section and Mr. Michael Begley, Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force to the meeting. Mr. Flood presented the Chief Executive's Report and confirmed that there were four submissions made during the consultation period; Trish Carroll, An Taisce, Mary Alice O'Connor, Tipperary Revitalisation Taskforce Heritage Representative and Carmel Fox, Tipperary Revitalisation Taskforce, Chairperson. Mr. Flood confirmed that that proposal was good and the submissions were broadly supportive, however one had concerns in relation to parking. Mr. Flood confirmed that the number of car parking spaces to be provided is based on a parking need survey. He recommended that the Part 8 proposal should proceed as proposed. Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) noted that this is a key objective of the Taskforce and will help young people to stay in education. She wanted to thank Michael Begley, Tipperary County Council and the ETB and she proposed the Part 8. Councillor Hanna Hourigan welcomed the proposal and thanked all involved. She said it was a good day and great to see Dan Breen House where the Town Council had many meetings now re-purposed as an further education and training centre. Councillor Hanna Hourigan seconded the proposal. Councillor Crosse welcomed the proposal and thanked Jonathan Flood and he was delighted it was going ahead. However, he noted that he was approached by Donovan Mart regarding a submission during the planning process and they also requested a meeting with council staff. They were concerned about the operation of their business given the increased traffic. Councillor Fitzgerald welcomed the proposal which was very positive and a good news story for Dan Breen House. Councillor Fitzgerald stated that he sits on the governing body of UCC and asked if it would be possible for them to also utilise this space to provide an outreach facility for UCC. Councillor Burgess welcomed the development and congratulated the stakeholders. He noted that the building was of great historical value and it is great that it will have a new purpose for the town. Councillor Kennedy welcomed the Part 8 and fully supported it and he acknowledged Colin Cummins, ETB and the work to get it to this stage. He referred to the TUS Campus in Clonmel and the TUS and MIC Campus in Thurles. He would welcome UCC to Tipperary however Dan Breen House would not meet their needs because they would require a bigger space. Mr. Flood advised Councillor Crosse that no submission was made by Donovan Mart and there was no engagement from them at pre-planning stage. He advised that Part 8 is a statutory process and this has to be followed. He noted in relation to Councillor Fitzgerald's comments that this proposal is designed for a particular user. Councillor Crosse thanked Mr. Flood and noted that it was a fantastic news story and hoped that common sense would prevail in relation to the problem with traffic. Anthony Coleman noted that the traffic at Dan Breen House would not impact on the mart because they would not be authorised to use parking in Dan Breen House.

On the proposition of Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner), seconded by Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan it was resolved:

*“That having considered the Chief Executive’s Report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2023 in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, for the proposed Part 8 Development for the proposed development for repurposing Dan Breen House (Protected Structure) as a youth and further education training centre. Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District decide that the proposed development be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive’s Report.”*

### **3.4 Update from Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force (TTRTF)**

Michael Begley, Tipperary Town Revitalisation Task Force Co-ordinator made a presentation to the members on the work the Task Force is currently involved in and plans for the future. Mr. Begley thanked the members for their support and acknowledged the financial support from the GMA. He also wanted to thank Anthony Coleman and his team, particularly Frank Cussen.

Councillor Kennedy thanked Mr. Begley and noted that the Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund Scheme will benefit the town particularly bringing vacant properties back into use. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) thanked Mr. Begley and Mr. Coleman and acknowledged the financial support from the GMA and match funding for projects. Mr. Begley confirmed that 3 potential sites had been identified for the food hub and the task force are currently liaising with planning. Once agreed they will progress to detailed design stage.

The following Councillors were nominated to the Task Force Sub Committees

- Councillor John Crosse was nominated to the subgroup dealing with Economic Infrastructure.
- Councillor Michael Fitzgerald was nominated to the subgroup dealing with Tourism & Events.
- Councillor Tony Black was nominated to the subgroup dealing with Social Infrastructure.
- Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan was nominated to the subgroup dealing with Physical Infrastructure.

### **3.5 Consider the Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme Allocations 2023.**

On the proposition of Councillor Marie Murphy, seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy, the Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2023 allocations were agreed as follows:

<b>TIPPERARY FESTIVAL &amp; EVENTS GRANT SCHEME 2023 TIPPERARY- CAHIR - CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</b>		
<b>COMMUNITY GRANTS</b>		

<b>No.</b>	<b>Festival / Event</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Grant</b>
1	The Ramble 2023	Hillwalking Community Radio Club	€ 400.00
2	Trathnon Bealtainne	Annacarty Donohill Active Retirement Association	€ 500.00
3	Donohill Festival of Soccer	Donohill and District Soccer Club	€ 750.00
4	Glen of Aherlow Winter Walking Festival	Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society	€ 750.00
5	Suaimhneas sna Coillte	Glengarra Mountain Lodge Conservation & Restoration Group c/o Burncourt Community CLG	€ 750.00
6	Burncourt Annual Pumpkin Festival	Burncourt Community CLG	€ 1,500.00
7	Ballyporeen Gala	Ballyporeen Gala Committee	€ 750.00
8	St Patrick's Day festival Cahir	Cahir Development Association CGL/Cahir Tidy Towns	€ 2,000.00
9	Funday Sunday festival Cahir	Cahir Development Association CGL/Cahir Tidy Towns	€ 2,500.00
10	Christmas Festival	Cahir Development Association CGL/Cahir Tidy Towns	€ 1,500.00
11	Cashel St. Patrick's Parade	Cashel St. Patrick's Parade Committee	€ 2,000.00
12	The Forge Players Annual Drama	The Forge Players, C/O Trish O'Brien	€ 750.00
13	Ballylooby CC St Patricks Day	Ballylooby Community Council	€ 600.00
14	Ballylooby Gala Day	Ballylooby Community Council	€ 750.00
15	Bally Senior Citizens Christmas Party	Ballylooby Community Council	€ 400.00
16	Discovering the bio-diversity of the River Ara Walkway	Tipperary Tidy Towns	€ 1,000.00
17	Bansha Agricultural Show	Bansha Agricultural Show	€ 800.00
18	New Inn Christmas Lights	New Inn Tidy Towns	€ 800.00
19	Solohead Heritage Group	Solohead Heritage Group	€ 800.00
20	St Declans Way Walking event	Knockmealdown Active	€ 750.00
21	Triple C, CCC, Cahir Craic agus Ceoil	Rockwell Orchestra in association with Rockwell Music Academy	€ 800.00
22	Vee Valley Festival	St Pauls Community Council	€ 1,500.00
23	St Patrick's Day festival Cappawhite	Cappawhite Community Council Ltd	€ 800.00
24	Scare in Cahir	Friends of the playground Cahir	€ 1,000.00
25	Easter Trail	Friends of the playground Cahir	€ 500.00
26	Aherlow Kilross Community Christmas Market	Aherlow Kilross Community Council CLG	€ 500.00



27	Winter Solstice Walk	The Rhododendron Walking Festival Committee	€ 500.00
28	Autumn Equinox Sunrise Walk	The Rhododendron Walking Festival Committee	€ 500.00
29	Aherlow Kilross Senior Citizens Gala Christmas Party	Aherlow Kilross Senior Citizens Committee	€ 300.00
30	The Dom Ryan Memorial Tractor Run	Duhill Community Council	€ 750.00
31	The Duhill Festival of Well- being and Positive Ageing	Duhill Community Council	€ 750.00
32	Boherlahan Community Association Sports	Boherlahan Community Association	€ 400.00
33	Galtee Challenge and Half Crossing	Galtee Walking Club	€ 750.00
34	Outstanding Pride 2023	Youth Work Ireland Tipperary (Tipp Town Youth Project)	€ 750.00
35	Multeen Players Drama Production	Knockavilla Community Council	€ 750.00
36	Summer Festival at the Castle	Cahir Social & Historical Society	€ 1,200.00
37	Summer Markets May/June/July/August	Tipperary Chamber of Commerce CLG	€ 1,000.00
38	Halloween	Tipperary Chamber of Commerce CLG	€ 1,000.00
39	Christmas Switch on	Tipperary Chamber of Commerce CLG	€ 1,000.00
40	"In the Midst of Plenty" in the Excel Theatre Tipperary	Enchanted Croi Theatre	€ 1,000.00
41	Trathnona Bealtaine	Cappawhite Active Retirement Association	€ 500.00
42	Cahir Trad Fest	Michael and Mary Harty	€ 2,000.00
43	St Patricks Day	Tipperary Chamber of Commerce CLG	€ 2,000.00
44	Ardfinnan Mega Family Fun Day	Ardfinnan Community Council	€ 2,000.00
45	Golden -Kilfeacle Festival on the Suir	Golden Kilfeacle Festival	€ 1,500.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>€43,800.00</b>
	<b>MUNICIPAL GRANTS</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>FESTIVAL</b>	<b>Grant</b>
1	Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival	Ballyporeen Community Council CLG	€ 5,000.00
2	Cashel Arts Festival 2023	Cashel Arts Festival	€14,000.00
3	The Rhododendron Walking Festival	The Rhododendron Walking Festival Committee	€ 3,000.00
4	General Liam Lynch Commemoration Weekend	General Liam Lynch Commemoration Committee	€ 3,000.00
5	The Tipperary Festival	The Tipperary Festival	€ 3,000.00

6	Donohill Music & Sports Weekend	Donohill Development Council	€ 3,000.00
7	Tipperary Chamber Summer Festival	Tipperary Chamber of Commerce CLG	€ 3,000.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>€34,000.00</b>
	<b>Overall total</b>		<b>€77,800.00</b>

### 3.6 Consider the Tidy Towns Grant Allocations 2023.

On the proposition of Councillor John Crosse, seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess, the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2023 allocations were agreed as follows:

<b>TIPPERARY-CAHIR-CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT TIDY TOWNS &amp; RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GRANTS 2023</b>		
<b>NO.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ALLOCATION 2023</b>
1	Ardfinnan Tidy Towns	€ 2,200.00
2	Aherlow Road Residents Association	€ 1,000.00
3	An Duiche Residents Association	€ 1,000.00
4	Ballyporeen Community Council	€ 1,200.00
5	Bansha Tidy Towns	€ 1,200.00
6	Burncourt Community Council	€ 1,200.00
7	Cahir Tidy Towns	€ 5,000.00
8	Cappawhite Tidy Towns	€ 1,200.00
9	Cashel Tidy Towns	€ 5,000.00
10	Clogheen Tidy Towns	€ 1,200.00
11	Clonoulty Tidy Towns	€ 1,200.00
12	Churchview Residents Association, Lattin	€ 750.00
13	Donohill Tidy Towns	€ 1,200.00
14	Dun Chormaic Residents Association	€ 1,000.00
15	Duhill Community Council	€ 1,200.00
16	Emly Tidy Towns, Emly	€ 2,000.00
17	Goatenbridge Tidy Towns	€ 1,200.00
18	Grange Tidy Towns	€ 1,200.00
19	Highfield Residents Association	€ 600.00
20	Kilmananagh Residents Association	€ 1,000.00
21	Kilross Tidy Towns	€ 1,200.00
22	Lattin Tidy Town, Lattin	€ 1,200.00
23	Murgasty Residents Association	€ 1,000.00
24	New Inn Tidy Towns	€ 1,200.00
25	Newcastle Tidy Towns	€ 1,200.00
26	Oliver Plunkett Park Residents Association	€ 1,000.00
27	Summercove Residents Association	€ 1,000.00

28	Rossmore Tidy Towns	€	1,200.00
29	Spafield Family Resource Centre	€	400.00
30	The Rhododendron Walking Festival	€	1,100.00
31	The Steeples Residents Association	€	1,000.00
32	Tipperary Town Tidy Towns	€	5,000.00
33	Golden Tidy Villages, Golden	€	1,200.00
34	Rockview Residents Association, Cashel	€	1,000.00
35	Thomastown Tidy Towns, Thomastown	€	1,200.00
36	Woodlawn Residents Association, Cashel	€	600.00
37	Ballylooby Community Council Cahir, Co. Tipperary	€	900.00
38	Crescent Court Residents Association, Cappawhite	€	1,000.00
39	Rosemount Residents Association, Cahir	€	600.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>54,550.00</b>

### 3.7 Consider the Burial Grounds Grant Allocations 2023.

On the proposition of Councillor John Crosse, seconded by Councillor Michael Fitzgerald, the Burial Ground Grant Allocations 2023 were agreed as follows:

<b>Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District</b>		
<b>Burial Ground Grant Allocations 2023</b>		
	<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Allocation 2023</b>
1	Annacarty-Kilpatrick Burial Ground	€ 1,670.00
2	Ardfinnan Burial Ground Committee	€ 935.00
3	Ardmayle Burial Ground	€ 935.00
4	Ballinacourty Burial Ground	€ 935.00
5	Ballybacon Burial Ground Committee	€ 887.00
6	Ballydrennan Burial Ground	€ 665.00
7	Ballysheehan Burial Ground	€ 735.00
8	Ballinatemple Burial Ground	€ 887.00
9	Bansha Old Burial Ground	€ 887.00
10	Blessed Sacrament Golden	€ 735.00
11	Cahir Abbey Burial Ground	€ 735.00
12	Cahir New Burial Ground	€ 935.00
13	Cahir Quaker Burial Ground Committee	€ 735.00
14	Cappawhite Old & New Burial Ground	€ 1,822.00
15	Cashel Cathedral Burial Ground	€ 887.00
16	Clonbeg Church St. Sednas Glen of Aherlow	€ 665.00
17	Clonoulty Old & New & Clogher Burial Ground	€ 2,335.00
18	Cullen Graveyard Committee	€ 735.00
19	Dangan-Dargan Maintenance Committee	€ 735.00
20	Derrygrath Burial Ground Committee	€ 735.00
21	Duhill Burial Ground, Duhill, Cahir	€ 887.00

22	Castlegrace/Duhill Community Council, Clogheen	€	665.00
23	Emily Old/New Burial Ground Committee	€	1,600.00
24	Garranlea Burial Ground Committee	€	665.00
25	Grange New Cemetery	€	935.00
26	Hollyford Burial Ground Committee	€	935.00
27	Kiladriffe Burial Ground	€	735.00
28	Kilcommon Cemetery, Cahir	€	665.00
29	Kilfeacle Burial Ground	€	887.00
30	Kilshane Burial Ground	€	735.00
31	Knockgraffon Burial Ground	€	735.00
32	Kyle Burial Ground Committee	€	665.00
33	Lady's Abbey Burial Ground Committee	€	735.00
34	Lattin Cemetery Committee	€	665.00
35	Lattin New Burial Ground	€	935.00
36	Lena Rice Graveyard Parish Committee	€	665.00
37	Loughkent Burial Ground Committee	€	735.00
38	Loughloher Burial Ground Mtce Committee	€	735.00
39	Monard Church of Ireland Burial Grounds	€	665.00
40	Mortlestown Burial Ground Committee	€	665.00
41	Mount Bruis Burial Ground Committee	€	735.00
42	Mullough Abbey Burial Ground Committee	€	665.00
43	Neddans Graveyard Ardfinnan	€	665.00
44	New Inn Graveyard Parish Committee	€	887.00
45	Newcastle New Burial Ground Committee	€	665.00
46	Newcastle Old Burial Ground Committee	€	887.00
47	Old Church Street Cahir	€	887.00
48	Old Donohill Burial Ground Committee	€	735.00
49	Outrath Burial Ground Committee	€	887.00
50	Protestant Burial Ground, Ardfinnan	€	665.00
51	Rossmore Church Grounds, Rossmore	€	665.00
52	Shanrahan Burial Ground Maintenance	€	1,552.00
53	Solohead Burial Ground Committee	€	887.00
54	Shronnel Graveyard Committee	€	665.00
55	St. John the Baptist Graveyard, Clonoulty	€	665.00
56	St John the Baptist Graveyard, Cashel	€	665.00
57	St. Johns Famine Graveyard, Tipperary	€	665.00
58	St Mark's Famine Graveyard, Cashel	€	665.00
59	St Mary's Church of Ireland Tipperary Town	€	665.00
60	St Senan's Burial Ground Committee	€	935.00
61	St. Mary's Church Dundrum	€	665.00
62	St. Paul's Churchyard, Cahir	€	735.00
63	The Reigh Famine Burial Ground	€	887.00
64	Tubrid Burial Ground, Cahir	€	735.00
65	Templenoie Burial Ground Committee	€	735.00
66	Tullaghmeelan Graveyard Ardfinnan	€	735.00

67	Tullameelan Churchyard, Newcastle	€	665.00
68	Lagganstown Burial Ground	€	735.00
69	Toem Burial Ground, Cappawhite	€	665.00
70	Whitechurch Ballylooby	€	735.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>58,498.00</b>

### 3.8 District Administrator's Report

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda. Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Director introduced Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator to the members.

Councillor Burgess thanked Mr. Coleman and congratulated him on his promotion and noted that it was great for consistency that he was being kept in the District. He welcomed Mr. McGowan and hoped he will find working in the District rewarding. Councillor Burgess referred to the Cashel Town Park and Bishops Walk project and noted that applications for RRDF funding is expected to open at the end of the year and requested that preparations are made to put in an application. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) thanked Mr Coleman and welcomed Mr. McGowan. She requested an update on the playground in Donohill and asked if a protective measure could be put in place to stop children in the playground at the River Ara Walkway running out near the pond. She also noted that there is no CCTV in the District and asked how do we start this process. Councillor Murphy thanked Mr. Coleman and welcomed Mr. McGowan. She referred to the CLAR funding received for the upgrade works in Clogheen playground and asked when will the work commence. She noted that work had started on the upgrade to the toilets which was also part of the project and was very complementary of the upgrade works completed to the toilets in Ballyporeen.

Councillor Kennedy wished Mr. Coleman best of luck and welcomed Mr. McGowan. He referred to an email he received during the week advising that Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool Committee Meetings would no longer be held and he feels that this is a backward step. He noted that due to the lack of a proper ventilation system some of the pieces relating to Sean Treacy were removed from the museum part of the swimming pool and are now gone from the town. Councillor Hanna Hourigan stated that there are no words to express her gratitude to Anthony Coleman and his new role is much deserved. She wanted to concur with Councillor Kennedy in relation to the decision to disband the Sean Treacy Swimming Pool Committee.

In response, Anthony Coleman advised the members that Bishops Walks will reopen to the public next month and the contractor is waiting on the boardwalk. He also confirmed that this project was funded using our own funds and we will be ready for any RRDF funding call. In Donohill a decision was made to close the playground due to repairs required to a piece of equipment and a specialised contractor is required to carry out the repairs. At present there are no fencing

proposed for the River Ara Playground and parents attending with children will be present to supervise. However, the whole situation is being monitoring and it is unfortunate and disappointing that there has been issues of anti-social behaviour. In relation to CCTV there is a policy in place and this was recently discussed at Plenary level. Funding streams are required for the installation together with ongoing maintenance and monitoring. Approval is also required from An Garda Siochana. Regarding the CLAR funded project in Clogheen a contractor has been appointed to commence work on the toilets and a new engineer in the Cahir area is due to commence in the coming weeks who will link in with the playground committee. Mr. Coleman advised the members that Sean Treacy Swimming Pool was previously under the Water Services Section, however the day to day running of the pool is now under the District and any updates are included in the District Administrators report. The service is managed in the same way other services that are provided by the District and there didn't seem to be a requirement for a committee. He confirmed that some of the historic pieces were removed from the Swimming Pool given the high moisture levels in the pool it probably wasn't the best environment.

Mr. Coleman thanked the members for their co-operation and support. He noted that a lot has been achieved and there are a lot of projects being progressed.

### **3.9 District Engineer's Report**

The District Engineer updated the Members and advised that at present they are at the planning stage of the roads programme. Also, they have received approval for a Safety Improvement Scheme at Gorteenamona. He also confirmed that funding had been received for improvement works to the bridge in Cahir.

Councillor McGrath congratulated the team on the good news in relation to the Safety Improvement Scheme and asked if there was any decision in relation to the funding for the Red Roads. She requested that the Barnahown Road, Araglen be prioritised. Councillor Burgess requested an update in relation to the design for Knockavilla. He also noted that it is taking a considerable amount of time for some public lights to be fixed and requested an update. Councillor Murphy thanked the team for commencing the active travel works in Ballylooby and she also asked when will the traffic calming work be completed at Clogheen National School. She requested funding to upgrade the iron bridges. She noted that the upgrade works to the road to Kings Yard was including under Climate Change Fund and she requested that passing bays be included in any works. Councillor Moloney referred to the rivers survey carried out at the Main Bridge in Cahir and noted a problem with the reflector barriers which is causing a build up of silt banks. Councillor Hanna Hourigan requested an update in relation to Barronstown Cross and welcomed Joe and David Moloney to the meeting. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) also supported Councillor Hanna Hourigan's request for an update in relation to Barronstown Cross and also an update in relation to the HD 28 Project for Bansha Road, Tipperary Town. Councillor Fitzgerald noted that the quality of resurfacing work is better than anything he has seen particularly

the works at Racecourse and Garraun. He also requested an update in relation to Barronstown and the Rossadrehid Road used by the Uisce Eireann and Coillte. Councillor Kennedy wanted clarification on what distance would be involved in the project at Gorteenamona. Councillor Kennedy also supported Councillor Murphy in relation to funding for iron bridges and noted that residents and landowners would be willing to contribute.

In response the District Engineer confirmed that he would be hoping to hold a workshop before the next meeting to get approval on the red roads. He confirmed that the design has been completed for the works in Knockavilla and they are currently liaising with third parties involved. He confirmed that National Broadband, traffic management and public lighting is a shared service and is managed at county level. Regarding Councillor Murphy's queries he confirmed that the active travel project in Ballylooby is managed by Paddy Crowley and he also agreed to look at passing bays at Kings Yard. The District Engineer confirmed that the funding for bridges is for Cahir town only to de-veg and repaint and this work will commence in July. He advised Councillor Ryan (Shiner) that the HD 28 Project will include skid resistance surfacing and a section near the Amber Filling Station. Regarding issues of speeding at Bansha Road a feasibility report is being prepared and funding will be sought from the TII. The District Engineer has sought clarification in relation to the Rossadrehid Road and it could be included in the next CIS Scheme. He confirmed that the sightlines at Gorteenamona and the Cross at Kiln will be part of the works under the Safety Improvement Scheme. In relation to Barronstown Cross the District Engineer confirmed that this project is being managed by Roads Capital and the TII because it is a regional route. They have access to data since 2016 which indicates 3 accidents, however they are currently waiting on accident data for 2021 to 2022. Councillor Hanna Hourigan wanted to clarify that a Safety Audit will be done and the Gardai report for 2021 to 2022 with accident figures will feed into that report.

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

The orders were noted.

#### **5.1 Councillor Tony Black (Ref ID 2579)**

This item was not discussed because Councillor Black was not available.

#### **5.2 Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref. ID 2580)**

That this District write to the Court Service requesting the reinstatement of the District Court sitting in Tipperary Town. In March 2020 at the outbreak of Covid 19, District Court Services were removed from Tipperary Town and transferred to Nenagh, with Court Services stating that this move would be reviewed at a later stage. Currently people from West Tipperary must travel to Nenagh, (a round trip from Tipperary Town to Nenagh is more than 100km) and there is no direct public transport from Tipperary town to Nenagh.

This amalgamation of Court Services to Nenagh is a downgrading of the court services for West Tipperary and is also adding to the lengthy backlog of cases being heard, causing further stress to those having to travel to Nenagh for Court appearances.

## **Reply**

Subject to the approval of Elected Members a letter will issue to the Courts Service of Ireland in relation to this matter.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Fitzgerald.

### **6.1 Votes of Sympathy**

There were no votes of sympathy.

### **6.2 Votes of Congratulations**

There were no votes of congratulations.

### **7.1 Correspondence from Circle of Friends Cancer Support Centre.**

Noted

### **7.2 Garda report on speed check near Shronnell National School, Tipperary Town**

Noted

### **7.3 Response from Uisce Eireann in relation to the Galtee Regional Scheme**

Councillor Fitzgerald stated that he was disappointed with the reply from Uisce Eireann and it was an insult to the people affected by this. He noted that the Galtee Regional Water Supply has perfect water and the boreholes are to be used to supplement the supply when the reservoir is low. However, there can be no excuse that the reservoir is low at present and he suggested that Colin Cunningham, Uisce Eireann be requested to attend the next meeting. Councillor Fitzgerald referred to a 101 year old woman who is afraid to drink the water. Councillor Burgess shared the concerns of Councillor Fitzgerald and stated that the response is disrespectful. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked if the response from the Garda in relation to the speed checks has been sent to the Parents Association.


### **8.1 Any other business appropriate to a meeting of Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD arising with the permission of the Cathaoirleach.**

The members agreed to hold a Civic Reception for Liam Carew and Shane O'Connor winners of the BT Young Scientist Award on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.



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

Signed/  Dated/ 24<sup>th</sup> 4-23.  
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2023  
District Administrator