

16th June 2023

A Chara,

larthar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Míosúil de Buirge Chluain Meala Dúiche, a bheidh ar siúl i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla an Bhaile, Sráid Parnell, Cluain Meala, **ar 11.00 am ar an dé Céadaoin 21 Meitheamh**, ²⁰²³.

You are hereby requested to attend the Monthly Meeting of Clonmel Borough District to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Parnell Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on **Wednesday 21st June**, **2023**, at **11.00** a.m.

Mise le meas,

Carol Creighton

Meetings Administrator

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Notices of Motion

7.1 Councillor Michael Murphy (Ref ID 2603)

That the laneway in College Avenue behind house numbers 46 to 57 is considered for resurfacing under the 2024 Area Roadworks Programme having regard to it's poor condition.

7.2 Councillor Michael Murphy (Ref ID 2618)

Calling on the Council to erect a "Concealed Entrance" sign either side of E91 EY60, located at Carrigawilliam, Lisronagh, having regards to the danger at this dangerous junction.

7.3 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 2619)

What is the latest timeframe regarding the rollout of Camper Van/ Motor Home overnight facilities at Suir Island Car Park??

7.4 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 2620)

That this Council tries again to make contact with the owner of the lands around St. Patrick's Well with a view to investigating the possibility of providing vehicular access to the well for older persons or those with a disability.

7.5 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 2621)

That this Council writes again to the OPW requesting that they engage with Kilcash Tidy Towns with a view to both improving the directional signage to Kilcash Castle in addition to erecting signage outlining the history of the Castle.

7.6 Councillor Michael Murphy (Ref ID 2622)

Following the resurfacing of Anne Street in recent years, that the Council would reinstate the double yellow lines at the corners of the junction between Anne Street and both Grattan Place and O Neill Street respectively.?

7.7 Councillor Pat English (Ref ID 2629)

That Clonmel Borough District look at replacing and upgrading some of the old timber play equipment at

7.8 Councillor Pat English (Ref ID 2630)

That Clonmel Borough District provides 2 X No. speed ramps / cushions on the road section in Cherrymount from house no. 17 to house no. 31.

7.9 Councillor Pat English (Ref ID 2631)

Following on from my previous notice of motions that Clonmel Borough District provide a safe pedestrian crossing in the Old Bridge area between the Emigrants Rest Pub and Ely's Shop, Old Bridge, Clonmel.

Correspondence

8.1 Correspondence

Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations

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AOB

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Invitees

Clonmel Borough District Protocol for Zoom Meeting

The following rules will apply in relation to how the meeting will be run to ensure everyone can make a useful contribution:

- 1. The Mayor will at the outset, call a roll call of participating members and ensure that they can hear and see those in attendance;
- Each Member participating will confirm that they can hear and see the proceedings and also ensure that there are no other persons present who are not entitled to be either hearing or seeing the proceedings and/or recording the proceedings;
- All Members will mute their microphone until they are called on to speak by the Mayor;
- 4. Any Member that wishes to ask a question/query should click on the "Participant" tab at the bottom of their screen and then click on the "Raise Hand" tab which should appear to the right of the screen. This will allow the Mayor and host to see who wishes to speak;
- 5. The Mayor/Meetings Administrator will indicate which Members have raised their hand to speak;
- 6. The Mayor will call on those Members in sequential order to speak or raise a question/query on that particular agenda item;
- 7. The Mayor will then call on any Member attending at a meeting room in either of the Civic Offices by video link to raise any queries;
- 8. The relevant Staff Member will reply to the queries raised;
- 9. Each speaker should mute their microphone immediately after speaking;
- 10. If a Member loses connectivity or leaves the meeting, they should inform Georgina O'Loughlin by email to georgina.oloughlin@tipperarycoco.ie;
- 11. All members of the media will be required to turn off their video and mute their microphone throughout the full proceedings and must maintain silence and observe any direction given by the Chair or by the Meetings Administrator;

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 11.00 a.m. IN TOWN HALL, PARNELL STREET ON WEDNESDAY, 17th MAY, 2023

Present: Councillor Pat English, Mayor

Councillor Siobhán Ambrose Councillor Niall P. Dennehy Councillor Michael Murphy Councillor Richie Molloy Councillor John Fitzgerald

In Attendance: Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services

Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator

Mr. James Murray, Senior Engineer Mr. Roger Noonan, District Engineer Ms. Mary Irwin, A/Staff Officer

Also in Attendance: Mr. Michael Tierney, Executive Engineer

Mr. Denis O'Toole, EasyGo

Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner

Mr. Damian Dullaghan, County Librarian Ms. Marie McMahon, Museum Curator.

Item 1.1 Zoom Protocol

There were no elected members or members of the media attending the meeting by Zoom.

Item 2.1 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest

Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

Item 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 17th April, 2023.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 17th April, 2023, as presented, were proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald and agreed by all.

Arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Item 4.1 Attendance of Representatives from Planning Directorate

The district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Planning Directorate was taken as read.

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor English asked if the Local Area Draft Plan is still on schedule to be published in July, 2023 and when the workshop for the Members regarding the Residential Zoned Land Tax will be held.
- Members requested an update regarding final approval for the Cluster Housing in Kilsheelan.
- Councillor English asked for an update on the taking in charge of the Churchview Estate in Clerihan.
- Councillor English requested an update on the taking in charge by Irish Water of the Water Pumping Station in Crann Ard.
- · Councillor English asked for an update on the lighting at Westgate Court.
- Councillor English enquired if there was an update on the Crann Ard Application.
- Members looked for an update on the preferred corridor for the N24.

 Councillor Ambrose enquired whether the Built Heritage and Historic Fund Schemes are advertised and whether the owners of these buildings are written out to annually to notify them of these schemes.

Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows;

- Caroline Conway informed the Meeting that the Draft Local Area Plan will be placed on public display in July for 6 weeks and confirmed that a workshop will be held with the elected members on the 2nd June.
- In relation to Residential Zoned Land Tax, Ms Conway confirmed that workshops will be held end of May/early June with the elected members.
- Ms Conway informed the meeting that the preferred corridor on the N24 will be on public display in September/October and will have to be published by the end of this year.
- In relation to the Cluster Housing at Kilsheelan, Kieran Ladden informed the meeting that the e-tenders process has been finalised and is with the Department for consideration.
- In relation to the Churchview Estate in Clerihan, Mr Ladden informed the meeting that TCC is working with the developer to progress the taking in charge process for this estate.
- In relation to lighting at Westgate Court, Mr Ladden stated that this matter is currently being investigated and assessments are being carried out.
- In relation to Crann Ard, Mr Ladden informed the Members that TCC is liaising with the developer to ensure that any defects on the site are rectified.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Conway and Mr. Ladden for their attendance at the meeting and for the great work being undertaken by the Planning Directorate.

<u>Item 4.1 Attendance of Representatives from Library/Cultural Services/Biodiversity</u>

The district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Directorate was taken as read. Marie McMahon highlighted the various events, exhibitions and workshops taking place in the Museum and thanked Councillor Siobhán Ambrose for facilitating the recent visit by Minister Eamonn O'Cúiv on Easter Sunday to view the Civil War Exhibition.

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

- Members requested an update on the construction of the New Library.
- Councillor Pat English asked if there was an update on the appointment of the Biodiversity Officer.

Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows;

- Damian Dullaghan informed the Meeting that the Library is currently at the detailed design stage.
- Mr Dullaghan stated that funding has been secured for the appointment of a Biodiversity Officer and the position will be advertised within the next few weeks.

All Members complimented Damian, Marie and the Staff on all the great work being carried out by the Library and Museum.

5.1 Attendance of Michael Tierney, Executive Engineer and Dermot O'Toole EasyGo-Presentation on rollout of EVCP

Michael Tierney circulated a briefing note to the Meeting and went through the report in detail.

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

• Councillor English asked if the population base in Clonmel is taken into consideration when rolling out the electric car park points.

- Councillor Ambrose enquired if the slow charging points will be replaced with fast charging points.
- Councillor Ambrose asked about the proposals for Delahunty Square and Davis Road
- Councillor Ambrose asked if grants are available for hotels, schools etc. encouraging work
 places to install infrastructure
- Councillor Ambrose asked if there are monetary incentives for community centres or sports clubs to install.
- Councillor Ambrose asked about the cost to fully charge an electric car and the length of time it takes to charge.
- Councillor Murphy stated that there are not enough charging points in Tipperary and that
 the Council need to collaborate with other providers stating that they should be in the core
 town centre area.
- Councillor Murphy asked if the Council was collaborating with businesses by introducing them to Easygo.
- Members asked for a timeframe on the upgrading of the slow charging points to fast charging points.

Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows;

- Dermot O'Toole stated that Easygo will be sharing data with the Council so chargers will be consumer based rather than placed in a specific location.
- In relation to the slow chargers being replaced with fast charging points, Mr. O'Toole stated that this will be looked at but that the biggest constraint in upgrading relates to power supply.
- In relation to Delahunty Square, Michael Tierney informed the meeting that works have been postponed until the new Library has been constructed.
- In relation to Davis Road, there will be 1 charge point installed and when data is reviewed, depending on usage, a second charge point may be installed.
- In relation to grants and monetary incentives, Mr Tierney informed the meeting that a scheme is being worked on at the moment but has not been finalised.
- Mr. O'Toole stated that the approximate time to fully charge an electric car is 20-25 minutes at a cost of €25 but suggested that vehicles be charged at home as much as possible as more cost efficient.
- Mr Tierney stated that E.S.B. Networks need to be upgraded in areas to allow for fast charging. He also informed the meeting that it is hoped to have the 50KW increased to 150KW charge points available in public access car parks in time. It is hoped to increase the number of charging points in larger towns and the rural areas will also have to be considered.

The Mayor thanked Mr O Toole and Mr Tierney for their presentation and attendance at the meeting.

6.1 Agreed date for AGM - Friday 23rd June, 2023.

The 23rd June, 2023 was proposed by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose for the AGM, Seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy and agreed by all.

Item 7.1 Report of District Administrator

The District Administrators Report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

Questions raised by the Members were as follows:

- Members queried the €100 reduction in the Burial Ground Grants Allocation and requested that this be looked at again with a view to increasing this years allocation to keep it in line with previous years.
- Councillor Murphy requested an update on the E-Bike Scheme.
- Councillor Murphy raised the issue of the anti-social behaviour on the Blueway and asked that the District Administrator write to the Gardai requesting extra police bike controls on the Blueway at the Weekend.

- Councillor Molloy requested an update on the Section 3 Notice issued on the Clonmel Arms
 Hotel and also requested that action be taken on the owners of the Derelict Site beside
 Eason's Shop in Gladstone Street.
- Councillor Ambrose requested a timeline for the appointment of the Facility Manager at the Sports Hub.
- Councillor Ambrose requested that litter bins be provided at the Facility.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the recent announcement by Minister Stephen Donnelly of a €75m investment for the upgrade of equipment in Tipperary University Hospital and also the new Garda Station for 2024.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the playground equipment at Mulcahy Park.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for a timeframe for completion of Part 8 Abbey Street.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the Painting and Enhancement Scheme for business premises and requested that as well as advertising on social media that it be advertised in the local press.
- Members requested an update in relation to Market Place and the Clonmel Arms.
- · Members requested an update on the CCTV installation.
- Councillor Dennehy asked for an update on the LAMA event held recently in Clonmel and queried why he had not received any correspondence in relation to this event.
- Councillor English welcome the soft launch of the Sports Hub and asked for an update on security.
- Councillor English asked for an update on the date for the meeting with Iarnród Eireann.
- Councillor English asked if Michael Scully could attend the next meeting to provide an update on the Marlfield Flood Alleviation Scheme.
- Members welcomed the positive news from the NTA in relation to the Town Bus Service.

Queries raised by the members were responded to as follows:

- In relation to the Burial Ground Grants, Sinead Carr will talk to the Environment and Climate Action Directorate to see if additional funding can be obtained.
- In relation to the Clonmel Arms Hotel, the District Administrator stated that a Section 3
 Notice has issued which affords the developer 6 weeks to reply and will be followed up
 after this time period.
- In relation to Derelict Sites, the District Administrator stated that this issue will be addressed under URDF Funding in collaboration with the Environment Section.
- In relation to the query raised regarding E-Bikes, the District Administrator stated that she
 will liaise with the Active Travel Team to see if funding can be obtained under this Scheme
 and she will provide an update on this at the next Meeting.
- In relation to anti-social behaviour on the Blueway, the District Administrator informed the Meeting that a meeting had been held with the Gardaí to look at these issues.
- The District Administrator informed the Meeting that the official launch of the Sports Hub will be on the 9th June, 2023 and that an official invitation to the event will be issued by TUS
- In relation to security at the Sports Hub, the District Administrator informed the meeting that TUS will be dealing with security issues. She also stated that the Sports Manager is being appointed from the 6th June.
- In relation to the bins, the District Administrator stated that this issue has been raised with TUS and she will follow up on same.
- In relation to the playground equipment at Mulcahy Park/Sensory Park, the District Engineer informed the meeting that quotations have been received and that the contract will be awarded in the coming week.
- In relation to performance space at Abbey Street, the District Administrator informed the
 meeting that Mr. Eamonn O'Connell, Executive Engineer will be in attendance after the
 meeting with site maps to provide an update.
- In relation to CCTV installation, the District Administrator stated that it is currently with the Garda Commissioner and a decision is still awaited.
- In relation to the Painting and Enhancement Scheme, the District Administrator agreed to advertise on the local press as well as social media platforms.

- In relation to the Market Place development, the District Administrator stated that the owners are currently engaging with the Planning Section and she will request an update on same from Planning.
- In relation to the query raised regarding LAMA Awards, the District Administrator to follow up with Corporate Affairs and provide an update on same to Cllr. Dennehy.
- In relation to Iarnród Eireann, the District Administrator stated that she has made contact again regarding a meeting and is still awaiting a reply.
- In relation to the update on the Marlfield Flood Alleviation Scheme, James Murray stated that he will ask Michael Scully to prepare a briefing report to be circulated at the next meeting.

Item 6.2 Report of District Engineer - Roads Programme

The District Engineer's report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on the entrance to St. Patrick's Cemetery.
- Councillor Ambrose asked if there was an update in relation to the Garda Database regarding accidents at the Rathronan Bend.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the sign at Ballybeg Junction.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on the flashing lights in Rosegreen and she thanked Emma Ryan, Executive Engineer and Eric Ryan, Town Gardener for meeting with the Tidy Towns Group in Rosegreen.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the provision of additional bins, a toilet facility and drinking water machines on the Blueway.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the works carried out in Kilcash, Lavally and Rosegreen.
- Councillor Murphy requested that signage be provided in relation to the pedestrian crossing on the Bypass.
- Councillor Murphy requested that the streetscape in the core town centre area be looked at in relation to replacement of litter bins, sign-poles and unused telephone boxes.
- Councillor Molloy requested that signage be installed to notify visitors of the location of car parks in the town.
- Councillor English requested an update on quotations regarding the work to be carried out at St. Patrick's Cemetery.
- · Councillor English asked for an update on the Fethard Road/Rathronan resurfacing works.
- Councillor English requested an update on the surface dressing at Cashel Road/Rathronan Cross
- Councillor English concurred with Councillor Murphy regarding the lack of signage on the bypass.
- Councillor English requested an update on the footpaths and gates at Sheehy Terrace.

Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows:

- In relation to St. Patrick's Cemetery, the District Engineer informed the Meeting that the
 detailed design has been received and that a quotation will now be sought and it is
 envisaged that these works will be completed in the summer months.
- In relation to the extension at St. Patrick's Cemetery, the District Engineer stated that there is enough space in the Cemetery for the next 8–10 years. He informed the meeting that a quotation is being sought for the provision of new footpaths and associated drainage works and that once these quotations are received that a contractor will be appointed subject to approval of funding from the Environment Section.
- In relation to the database regarding accidents at Rathronan, the District Engineer informed the Meeting that no information has been received to date in relation to this.
- In relation to the signs at Ballybeg, the District Engineer stated that he will look at this signage and repairs will be carried out at this bend.
- In relation to the flashing lights in Rosegreen, the District Engineer informed the Meeting that these works will be carried out within the next few weeks.

- In relation to the provision of water refill stations and toilet facilities on the Blueway, the
 District Engineer stated that the infrastructure will have to be checked to see if suitable
 and he will revert back with update.
- In relation to the provision of bins on the Blueway, the District Engineer stated that he will
 give this consideration and provide a report back as a lot of issues would need to be
 clarified regarding ongoing maintenance.
- In relation to signage and road markings on the N24, the District Engineer stated that he will get an official reply for TII on these requests.
- In relation to the upgrading of the streetscape in the town centre, the District Engineer stated that these works will be carried out as part of the Urban Realm Works but agreed to review maintenance of signs and bins.
- The District Engineer informed the Meeting that new signage will be provided in relation to the Car Parks in Clonmel.
- The District Engineer informed the Meeting that works on the Fethard Road/Rathronan Crossroads will be carried out in early to mid-June.
- In relation to footpath works, the District Engineer informed the Meeting that the contract will be awarded this week and work carried out over the summer months.
- In relation to the gates at Sheehy Terrace, the District Engineer stated that quotations will be back this week and that a door to door survey has been carried out with the Residents regarding the O'Neill Street Gates and an update on these will be provided to the Councillors.
- In relation to the surface dressing works at Cashel Road/Rathronan Cross, the District Engineer stated that small maintenance works will be carried out and that all potholes will be filled.

<u>Item 8.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders - Period up to 12th May, 2023</u>

The Orders as circulated with the Agenda were noted.

Items 9.1 to 9.13 - Notice of Motion

Motion 2598 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy

That the Council would consider improving pedestrian safety at the crossing located at the entrance to the Fairfields Estate. I am available to meet the Engineer onsite in advance in order to exactly explain the issue.

REPLY:

The District Engineer shall arrange to meet with Cllr Murphy on site to examine this issue with a view to resolving as necessary.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Richie Molloy.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2599 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy

That the District Engineer would examine the exit of the estate of 6 houses at the top of the hill as you approach Marlfield Village. This exit is extremely dangerous due to the poor sightlines. I am available to meet the Engineer onsite in advance in order to exactly explain the issue.

REPLY:

The District Engineer will assess this location on the ground and provide an update to Cllr Murphy prior to the June meeting

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2600 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy

That the Council would urgently call for the extension of the 50km zone as you approach Clonmel from the east along the N24, in particular that this zone should extend beyond the junction at two-mile bridge, (beside Annerville House). It is extremely dangerous for

motorists arriving at this junction turning west onto the N24 towards Clonmel. Urgent action is required in order to prevent a very serious accident at this location.

REPLY:

Under the Road Traffic Act 2004, a local authority may make Special Speed Limit Bye - laws to change the default speed limit on any public road within its administrative area. With regard to national routes prior written consent is also required from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). All local authorities are currently awaiting publication of updated Guidelines for Setting & Management of Speed Limits in Ireland. This is expected before year end, after which time Clonmel BD will be in a position to consider this Notice of Motion.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English. A number of members spoke to the Motion. The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2601 was proposed by Cllr. Niall P. Dennehy

That the people's Constitutional right to 2 ballot papers be upheld at next year's Local Elections:

- 1) To a 12 Member Borough Council/Corporation.
- 2) To a 7 Member South Tipperary County Council Area. As prior to 2014.

REPLY:

Article 16 of the Constitution sets out clearly and distinctly the overarching requirements that apply to the membership of Dáil Éireann. In addition, and complementary to the constitutional provisions of Article 16.2 in particular, Part II of the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended) provides for a constituency review following each Census of Population and establishes, among other things, the terms of reference of a Constituency Commission.

Unlike the position for Dáil and European Parliament constituencies, there is no constitutional or legislative requirement for the revision of local electoral areas. The Electoral Reform Act 2022, signed into law on 9th February 2023, provided for, among other matters, the establishment of the new statutory, independent Electoral Commission - An Coimisiún Toghcháin. A function of the new Commission is to make reports and recommendations in relation to constituency boundaries arising from the 2022 provisional census results, and the requirements of Article 16.2.2 of the Irish Constitution. The Electoral Act also amended Part V of the Local Government Act 1991 in respect of the review of local electoral areas. Under Chapter 8 of Part 2 of the Electoral Reform Act 2022, future reviews of local electoral areas are now a function of the newly-established An Coimisiún Toghcháin.

Boundaries for local electoral areas and municipal district are determined by statutory instrument of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Section 23 of the Local Government Act 2001 empowers the Minister to divide a local authority area into local electoral areas and to amend those areas. However, in advance of deciding to make an order under section 23 of the Act, the Minister must, in accordance Part V of the Local Government Act 1991 (as amended), request the Electoral Commission to make a report having regard to such matters as may be specified by the Minister. The Minister must have regard to this report when deciding to make an order in relation to any amendment to local electoral area boundaries.

Prior to the establishment of the Electoral Commission in Feb 2023, recommendations on local electoral boundary changes were made by an independent boundary committee established for that purpose. A boundary committee has been required since 1994 for electoral areas. A Boundary Committee established in 2017 and which reported in June 2018 recommended alterations to municipal districts and local electoral areas which were implemented in December 2018. The districts and local electoral areas for County

Tipperary were defined by SI No. 156 of 2019 and which were used at the 2019 local elections.

On 28th February 2023, in reply to a PQ, Mr Darragh O'Brien, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, indicated that he had no plans to make an order under section 23 of the Local Government Act 2001 amending local electoral areas in advance of the 2024 local elections.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English

All members spoke in favour of the Motion and supported the restoration of Corporation or Borough Status. The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2602 was proposed by Cllr. John Fitzgerald

That this Council support the work of Clonmel Tidy Towns in its efforts to win the All Ireland Pollinator Plan - Local Authority Pollinator Award.

REPLY:

The District are working very closely with the Tidy Towns Committee in an effort to help them achieve success again in the Tidy Towns Awards 2023. They have been involved with the District in creating the Grass Cutting Plan for the town, planting progammes and clean ups which will all work positively towards achieveing their goals outlined in the Tidy Towns Plan. Additional to the normal assistance provided by the gardening staff of the District, a landscaping plan has been introduced this year with added funding to cater for additional planting along the Blueway, features on the quay walls and planters throughout the main streets of Clonmel

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Richie Molloy The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2604 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

I am asking that Tipperary County Council's Arts Officer carries out a study in conjunction with local artists regarding both the Arts Facilities and Performance Spaces (public and private) that are currently available in Clonmel with a view to identifying the current shortfall in specific spaces relating to the Arts in Clonmel. I believe that analysis of this study will enable us to plan for the future development of the Arts in Clonmel.

RFPI V:

The recently adopted Tipperary Arts Strategy 2023-2027 identifies two actions in relation to the issue raised under the notice of motion. These actions are under Strategic Priority 2- Creative Infrastructure. The Objective is "To explore the potential and feasibility for alternative venues for arts activities to address gaps in the infrastructure as identified in the consultation". The specific action relating to Clonmel reads "Seek funding to lead research into models of delivery in response to the specific venue-related issues outlined by the arts sector in Clonmel." And following that to "seek funding to assess the feasibility of potential options from a capital and operational perspective." As this is a significant piece of work that requires a range of expertise and time to research, it is intended to make a funding application later this year to seek funding to progress this action. The potential funding stream usually opens in September annually (tbc) and there are also plans to investigate other potential sources of funding in support of progressing this action.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2605 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

That the Council's Roads Section would again examine the junction at the turn off from the Western Road on to the Glenconnor Road with a view to identifying suitable measures that could be inserted at this location in order to make it easier especially at peak times for traffic coming from the Glenconnor Road exiting onto the Western Road.

REPLY:

The District Engineer will review the line markings at this location in the short term and upgrade if deemed necessary. In the medium term the Roads capital section will be asked to examine this junction with regard to any potential design improvements that could be implemented such as a roundabout or traffic lights.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy. The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2606 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

That following several onsite meetings (pre and post covid) between myself, Council Engineers and members of the school management in Rosegreen we are now asking that this Council writes to the National Transport Authority asking them to allocate funding for this project through their Active Travel Fund. This project will involve the extension of the Council's footpath and the replacement of the two styles at either end of the footpath with two ramps. Furthermore, this proposal also includes the erection of new fence which will act as a buffer between the school and the footpath. This footpath links the Mountain View Estate and the main road through the village via part of the school grounds and when completed the new upgrades will make it easier for both residents and schoolchildren to access this shortcut.

REPLY:

These proposed works will form part of Active Travel's 2024 funding application to the NTA The Motion was seconded by Councillor Murphy The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2607 was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy

That Clonmel BC reopen the lane way between O Neill Street and Gordon Street Car Park as soon as possible.

REPLY

This laneway was initially closed at the request of O'Neill St residents due to anti-social behaviour in the laneway. CBD has commenced a survey on O Neill st to ascertain if the majority of the residents want the laneway to be reopened or remain closed. Once all responses are back CBD shall be able to make a decision on this motion.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Pat English The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2608 was proposed by Councillor Richie Molloy

That Clonmel BC look at the sewer at the Bus Stop on Queen Street, after recent road works, cyclists are reporting the danger this sewer is presenting since the works were completed.

REPLY

Clonmel Borough District has reverted to the contractor responsible for carrying out the road improvement works at this location and requested that this road gully be rectified immediately

Cllr Molloy shall be kept informed of progress.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Murphy The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2609 was proposed by Councillor Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District organise the cleaning of the back River to the rear of Clonmel Rowing Club as it is overgrown with hanging trees and weeds.

REPLY

Maintenance of the River Suir within the Clonmel environs falls within the remit of the OPW as part of their role under the Clonmel Flood protection Scheme. CBD is currently in consultation with the OPW regarding a maintenance programme. Prior to the commencement of maintenance works on the Suir the OPW are required to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) which is currently being prepared. Once this is completed CBD will be in a position to arrange the required maintenance works.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2610 was proposed by Councillor Pat English

That this District Council raise awareness of Lymes Disease which is widespread in Ireland by erecting signs to warn the Public in our Parks of the dangers associated with this tick borne disease.

REPLY

It is not considered part of the districts duties to raise awareness of the risk of Lymes disease. However, the District Administrator shall liaise with the HSE to ascertain what (if any) public awareness campaigns are running or are proposed to be run in the near future and shall respond to ClIr English in due course.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Richie Molloy The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2611 was proposed by Councillor Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District provide a footpath from St. Patricks Well Cross, Marlfield to St. Patricks Well

REPLY

The L3288 from Patricks Well Crossroads to St Patricks Well is an average width of 5 metres, therefore a 1.8m footpath cannot be accommodated without acquisition of private property adjacent to the road. The acquisition of same, along with the scale of the proposed works (approx 200 metres) would lend this proposal to a capital works scheme, and as such is beyond the scope of the CBD municipal works programme. A potential source of funding for this scheme may be via the ORIS programme, and this proposal can be given further consideration for the next ORIS application.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose The reply to the motion was noted.

Item 8.1 Correspondence

The correspondence as circulated with the Agenda was noted.

Item 9.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

There were no votes of sympathy or congratulations recorded.

Item 10.1 Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Signed:		Dated:
	Mayor of Clonmel Borough District	
Signed:		Dated:
	District Administrator	

Clonmel Borough District Housing Services -June 2023

All figures 01/01/2023 - 31/05/2023

Housing Construction

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Governments 4 stages of approval are:

Stage 1: Layout Design and confirm approval of scheme for Expenditure

Stage 2: Assess project prior to Statutory Approval Submission

Stage 3: Approve Detailed Design Solution and Pre Tender Cost Estimate

Stage 4: Review Tender Returns in advance of Contract Award

Address	No of Units	Current Status	Next Stage
Prior Park Grove, Clonmel	41	Turnkey Project on Site	Phased Delivery, 2023/2024 (6 delivered in 2022)
Glenconnor Road, Clonmel	31	Turnkey, Completed	Tenants moving in.
Ballyclerihan	14	Contractor on Site	Completion Q4 2023
William Street, Clonmel	4	Stage 2 Approved	On Hold
Ard Na Sidhe , Clonmel	9	Turnkey Contractor on site	Undergoing Final Snagging Currently
Wheatfields, Clonmel	34	Turnkey Contractor on site	Phased Delivery 9 to be delivered in 2023
Thomas Street, Clonmel	61	Turnkey	Contracts being finalised
Glenconnor Road, Clonmel	6	Part V and Turnkey	Contracts Signed, works to commence Summer 2023

Voluntary Housing

We have seen some activity from Approved Housing Bodies in the District who are interested in acquiring one off houses with CAS funding. The Department have approved the purchase of a unit which will be used to house the current vulnerable occupants who had received a notice to quit. Three further applications are pending with the Department. If approved, these units will be used to house homeless families.

Housing Grant Allocations

The Council has received confirmation that we will receive a total of €3,408,125 in private grant funding for 2023. The allocation we have received for LA DPG's is €2,110,262 for this period which is the highest allocation in the country.

The scheme has now opened up to P1, P2 & P3 applications for 2023 for both private and local authority grants.

Energy Efficiency Works

Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP)

The 59 Houses as part of the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2021 are fully completed and recoupment has been received from the Department together with works complete on the Midlands programme.

100 Housing units were approved under the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme 2022 across the 5 districts with works divided into four tender packages,

Tender 1 Nenagh MD and includes houses in Cloughjordan and Ballina. Tender 2 Thurles Templemore MD and covers houses in Roscrea, Borrisoleigh, Templemore and Thurles. Tender 3 incorporated Clonmel Borough and Carrick-on-Suir Districts and covers houses in Clonmel Town and Carrick-on-Suir Town. Tender 4 was the Tipperary Cashel Cahir District and covers houses in Tipperary Town and Cahir Town.

All four tenders have been advertised and contracts are being awarded in the coming weeks.

A list of properties from each Municipal/Borough District has been submitted for EERP 2023. The lists of houses will be assessed in accordance with the Departments guidelines and then submitted for approval.

Works typically involve insulation, upgrades of windows and doors and installation of heat pumps (renewable energy heating systems), as committed to under the Programme for Government. Main aim of the retrofits is to reach a BER of B2.

Housing Loan Applications

Number of Applications Received	36
Valid	11
Approved	7
Number of loans issued	8
Total value of loans issued	€896,500

Tenant Purchase Scheme (countywide)

Formal Applications to purchase received	49
Applications Approved (i.e. offer letter issued)	27
Sales Completed	5
Total Proceeds of Sales Received	€325,300

RAS and Leasing

Total RAS properties including Ras Vol	962
Total Leasing inc HFL	382
Total Rent Reviews Carried Out	128

<u>HAP</u>

	No of signings
HAP	82

Housing Applicants and Vacant Houses

District	Approved Applicants	Vacant Houses
Clonmel	612	21

Breakdown of Vacant houses

Available for Letting	Minor Repairs	Major Refurbishment
3	18	0

Offers of Tenancy

	Offers	Accepted	Refused	Pending
Tenancy	49	41	1	7
Nominations	3	0	0	3
to AHB				
Total	52	41	1	10

Approved Housing Applicants

Clonmel Borough District	
Ballyclerihan	26
Clonmel Town	537
Kilcash	6
Killusty	2
Kilsheelan	21
Lisronagh	7
Marlfield	12
Rosegreen	1
	612

Economic, Community and Rural Development Report to Municipal District	
Municipal District	Clonmel MD
Month	June 2023
Themeatic Area	The update includes planned actions specific to Clonmel MD since the last meeting in March 2023.
	For full information on all county projects please see the relevant Plenary Management Report
Community	Local Economic and Community Plan
	Tipperary County Council is preparing a new Local Economic & Community Plan for the period 2023-2028. We invite you to have your say on the future sustainable economic and community development of the county over the next five years. As part of the Consultation process, we are undertaking a citizen survey. Please click on the link below to access the survey
	https://tipperarycoco.com/community/community/community-
	latest-news/2023/have-your-say-local-economic-community-plan- survey
	Community Recognition Fund
	Community Recognition Fund's objective is to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across Tipperary in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries. Approved recipients outlined below will receive funding to support the development of their facilities which will enhance its purpose for the community.
	 Clonmel Rowing Club €2,500 Dr. Pat O Callaghan Complex €117,500 (Clonmel Town Football Club CLG)
	Town and Village Renewals
	Applications have been made for the Building Acquisition Measure Scheme. A building on Gladstone Street, Clonmel was identified and an application was submitted. However, there is no feedback to date.

Local Development Strategy

The Local Development Strategy for delivery of LEADER 2023 to 2027 will be submitted to the Department for review by the end of June 2023. The Local Community Development Committee and the partners of South Tipperary Development Company and North Tipperary Development Company have held public consultations, workshops with the LCDC, and briefings with the Councillors and Strategic Policy Committees.

Comairle na n-Óg

All 40 Comhairle seats are now filled across Tipperary with a very diverse grouping from Urban/Rural areas while also including members of the Syrian & Roma communities.

Youth health is the theme for 2023.

Clonmel & Carrick subgroup is working on social safe spaces (social health). They will be looking at meeting areas and teen activities in the area, creating awareness of existing services but also looking at gaps and what is needed in terms of youth-friendly spaces locally. They will link back with TCC regarding the submission made to CDP previously. This group is hoping to get this work done in summer 2023 as some problems arose with recent meetings. Co-Chair for this subgroup recently stepped down but was immediately replaced following a vote.

Decision makers work:

- TCC Chief Executive, Joe MacGrath met with Comhairle at the Easter meeting in Nenagh Council Chamber
- They hope to meet the Management Team again in September
- They hope to bring back meeting the elected representative's input to a meeting in 2023.
- They are seeking a linkage with the Water campaign over the summer.
- Members did a presentation to Tipperary PPN at a plenary event in Rosegreen with great success.
- Female members also attended the Woman in Politics event (SHE) in The Source, Thurles, recently.
- Comhairle has representations on CYSPC, VEC youth committee, Health promotion Committee YWIT locally.
- They have been involved in several consultations in Dublin including Young Voices on EU Dialogue and Mental health day in Youth Work Ireland.
- Attended the national Showcase 2023 in Croke Park which highlights the work of Comhairlí around the country. Tipperary highlighted the very strong links with decision-makers locally but was disappointed that none of Tipperary's TDs attended the event.
- On June 6 members will attend the Munster networking event in Limerick.

'Tipperary Together' Community Newsletter

Tipperary Together', is a broad community-focused newsletter that showcases supports and content of interest to community-based groups and individuals.

The '*Together Tipperary'* newsletter issues online on the last Friday of every month and is shared on partner websites and social media.

We would also request that community groups who would like to provide content for the newsletter e-mail <u>tipperarytogether@tipperarycoco.ie</u> or contact a member of the community team on 0818 06 5000.

This newsletter continues to be a very popular resource for dissemination of information for community groups.

Quality of life



Tipperary Age Friendly will host its **2nd EXPO** providing information and talks to support positive ageing in County Tipperary. This takes place in the TUS College Campus on **Thursday 22nd June from 12 noon to 3pm**. The event is free to attend. To support transport provision to attend the event Community Group can get a grant of €200 towards the cost of transport to attend.

The **AGM of Tipperary Older Peoples Council** will take place in the Source Thurles on 12th September. A new executive and Chairperson will be elected for the year ahead at this meeting.

Positive Ageing Week 2023 1st to 7th October celebrates ageing and the contribution and agency of older people and will continue with the theme of Challenging Ageism and reframing how we thin, feel, and act towards ageing and older persons. In partnership with the Tipperary Age Friendly Alliance and Tipperary PP,N we will put together a campaign showcasing Positive Ageing in September and events for Positive Ageing Week.



Healthy Ireland 2023 to 2025 will focus on 4 specific geographic areas for its primary actions Nenagh, Cahir, Clogheen and Moycarkey Borris. Complimentary all county actions will include Health and Wellbeing talks and events a mix of in-person and online monthly events.

Changing Places:

Tipperary County Council was awarded €80,000 in 2021 from the Disability Awareness Participation Fund (DAPF). Following successive Expression of Interest phases suitable partners were identified and two locations for the Changing Places facility are Semple Stadium Thurles and Boher Community Hall, an official launch will take place in July.



Healthy Communities Clonmel

Oldbridge Residents group is currently putting a business plan together to submit to Clonmel Borough for the use of a building as a community house. A number of groups in the area are forming a joint committee to propose to manage the building.

A request has been made for Marlfield Residents groups to the Borough team to request a modular unit be located on a green area as a community space for adult education classes, community meetings, and other activities. If successful Marlfield Residents group will receive an allocation of €30,000 through SHCP Seed Funding to support this initiative which will be dependent on the planning being successful.

Quality of Life Alliance for Clonmel BD took place on 17.04.23 and following the meeting a mapping of services and agencies forming the alliance has taken place and a 2023 Action plan agreed

The Inclusive Social Network plans to develop a train the trainer training for Inclusive Universal Access and Disability Awareness Training in partnership with Tipperary Volunteer Centre and the Disability Officer in the HSE South Tipperary, Healthy Ireland, and Tipperary Age Friendly is still being developed.

TUS is currently completing the affirmation cards for the cancer wellbeing project and engaged with cancer support services in Clonmel and Tipperary Town for the initiative. There will be a launch day for this in Circle of Friends and C.A.R.E Cancer support service in Clonmel.

The Home Energy Pilot scheme in partnership with Energy Communities Tipperary Cooperative and Tipperary Age Friendly evolved to include Millennium Family Resource Centre, Age Friendly Roscrea, Silver Arch Family Resource Centre, and Three Drives Family Resource Centre. The findings will be evaluated by South East Technological University.

Sports



Participation

 A 12-week Swim for a Mile programme was completed in Clonmel Swimming Pool with 17 participants engaging in the sessions, the participants improved their swimming techniques and progressed from a minimum base of 2 lengths of the pool to 64 lengths over the 12 weeks.



- The Schools Paddling Programme 'Paddles Up' was completed with 3 schools from Clonmel MD on the Suir Blueway, 144 students took part in the programme.



 An Inclusive Paddles Up Programme was also held in Clonmel with the National Learning Network and Scoil Aonghusa with 26 participants.



- On the 22nd April, TSP supported Canoeing Ireland and Clonmel Canoe Club to host the 'For the Love of It' Paddling Event with 60 young people enjoying Slalom, Freestyle, Sup, Open Canoe, Canoe Polo & Water Safety. The event was a huge success with Clonmel proving an ideal location to host all disciplines in one area.
- TSP is supporting the 'You Can Move' Wellness Event on the Suir Blueway in Clonmel as part of National Cancer Survivors Day on the

- 4th of June, Participants will take part in kayaking and walking activities.
- Bikeweek took place from the 13th to the 21st of May, with funding support allocated to 13 differegroupsoup, including Clonmel CC who delivered a 4-week Kids Cycling Kids League and Adult Spin and Slievenamon CC who also ran a Kids Skills Programme and a Bike Maintenance Evening.
- In partnership with Rowing Ireland and Clonmel Rowing Club the 'Get Going Get Rowing' programme was delivered to pupils in the Sister of Charity, High School, Gael Scoil, Clerihan, and Presentation Secondary School. 199 pupils have engaged to date.
- Expressions of Interest were sought from Schools for support for the Cycle Right Programme, 48 schools have been offered support across Tipperary including 8 Primary Schools from Clonmel MD.
- The Wibbly Wobbly Programme was completed in TumbleTotos in Clerihan and Clonmel Childcare and is currently in Busy Bees in Clonmel and Kilsheelan EYS.
- On 27th April, TSP supported the Youth Training Centres Youth Olympics which took place in Moyle Rovers with over 190 participants taking part in a variety of activities.
- A Movement for All Online exercise programme was delivered for disability services, including services from Clonmel MD (Rehab Care, Knocklofty, Suir Drop & Rehab Care the Mill).
- On the 8th May, 43 older adults took part in the TSP Older Adults Festival, with representatives from Clonmel MD.



Education & Training

- 6 online Safeguarding workshops were delivered with 73 participants to date, including volunteers from Clonmel MD receiving training, 1 Safeguarding 2 workshop was delivered with 13 participants and a Safeguarding 3 workshop with 13 participants.

- Disability Awareness for Sport was delivered by CARA in January with 20 participants gaining valuable insight into integrating people with disabilities into their sporting activities.
- Coaching Teenage Girls workshop was held on 7th March online to support coaches working with teenage girls.
- TSP has commenced a piece of research with TUS to examine 'Can Virtual Reality be used to coach canoeing skills to new canoeists and, if so, how effective is it compared to traditional canoeing coaching methods?'
- TSP along with the network of Sports Partnership sponsored the 2023 Federation of Sports Volunteer in Sport Awards. Niall O'Sullivan, Clonmel AC was selected by the FIS Judging Panel and the Tipperary VIS.



Funding Scheme

 The TSP 2023 Coaching, Development for Sports Clubs and Return to Sport closed on the 10th of May. 43 Clubs were successful under the Coaching & Development Scheme and 50 under Return to Sport. Clubs from Clonmel MD were awarded funding under the schemes.

Sports Infrastructure

- Work has commenced on the development of Phase 2 of the Innovation project 'Suir V' (Virtual Reality of the River Suir) to further develop and enhance the experience and to deliver outreach programmes.
- TSP continues to support the development of the Sports Hub on Frank Drohan Road on the TUS campus.



FAI Club Mark:

The FAI Club Mark is an award based on best practices in governance, the aim of the FAI Club Mark is: Establish minimum operating criteria for football clubs, provide clubs with a road map to good governance, management, and administration, increase club capacity to operate effectively and grow football in communities throughout Ireland.

Slievenamon Celtic FC has registered for the FAI Club Mark Award. Clonmel Town FC continue to work toward completing their application and Clonmel Celtic FC are receiving ongoing support as they prepare to embark upon the process.

Club project workshops are held with clubs that have registered or obtained the FAI Club mark award. These workshops will be ongoing to help support club development.

FAI Coach Education: (South Tipperary)

- 4 x PDP 1 Course completed via blended learning (online through Zoom) and (in-person) 62 participants.
- 1 x GK Fundamentals 12 participants (South Tipperary)
- Football Fitness 61 participants (Tipperary).
- 2 x Safeguarding 1 Course with 65 Participants (South Tipperary).

Tipperary Mini Olympics

The Tipperary Mini-Olympics which is a wellbeing initiative incorporating all Youth Reach Centres and CTCs in the Tipperary region took place at the end of April 2023 in Clonmel and was a major success and we were happy to support it.

Walking Football:

Weekly coaching sessions continue with local Clonmel groups such as Rehab Care, Bridgewater & Knocklofty continue taking place within Clonmel Town FC's facility.

FAI Primary 5's School Competition:

The FAI primary 5's is returning this year with schools hosting in-house blitz days across Tipperary and the normal format with schools playing to

win their county in small, medium, and large schools with 4th, 5^{th,} and 6th classes participating.

- 294 primary school teams
- 158 Boys Teams
- 136 Girls' Teams
- 2352 pupils participating
- 621 games

Women's Girls Football:

Girls' Football continues to grow with almost 25 clubs throughout the county having girls' football within their club. The Tipperary Women's District Ladies League competed in the Angela Hurst competition with players participating from clubs across this municipal district.

FAI/AVIVA Soccer Sisters:

The **FAI/AVIVA Soccer Sisters Easter 2023 Programme** was delivered in a new format to clubs in Tipperary. The aim of the new format was to focus on the development of all members at Grassroots clubs. The objective was to retain girls in football by developing the skills and awareness of both coaches and parents. To that end, a coach education, parent education and player development session took place focusing on girl's development between the ages of 7 – 14 years.

Disney Playmakers:

UEFA Disney Playmakers: This is a new programme that the FAI is running alongside UEFA and Disney in clubs across Ireland for girls aged 5-8 years who are not currently playing football. The program invites these girls to step into the magical world of Disney as they take their first steps on their football journey.

The UEFA Disney Playmakers programme ran successfully in Slievenamon Celtic FC for the first time with 12 new girls beginning their footballing journey on the program.

FAI Football Camps

Planning took place with clubs across Tipperary to run the FAI Football Camps. To date, Development Officers have been liaising with clubs to facilitate the camps, recruiting camp coaches, and assisting those coaches with Garda Vetting, Safeguarding, and Coach Education. Local FAI Football Camp coach training also took place. The camps will begin on July 3rd and run for 8 weeks this summer.

Emerging Talent Programme (ETP)

ETP league squads have been supported at both boys' and girls' levels from U12-U16 within the TSS&DL. In addition, Tipperary boys and girls are supported within Regional Centres of Excellence weekly, including players from Clonmel MD.

Tourism

PR - Travel Classics

Supported by Tipperary Tourism, Thoroughbred Country and Cashel Palace attended Travel Classics in Ashford Castle from 24th April as one of a small selection of sponsors. Travel Classics is an international travel writers' conference. The Tipperary representatives met and connected with 19 Travel Publishing house editors and over 40 travel writers over three days. There was also the opportunity to showcase the Tipperary Food Producers. In partnership with the Ashford Castle chef, a 'Taste of Tipperary' menu was designed for the sponsored event.



Overseas - US Sales Mission

Representatives from Thoroughbred Country, Cashel Palace, Ireland Chauffeur Travel, and Tipperary Food Producers undertook a Sales Mission to the USA at the start of May. States visited included Atlanta, Washington DC, Baltimore, and New York, where 63 travel agents were met. Destination Tipperary was presented to promote the destination and showcase a one-stop shop for the agents. Ireland Chauffeur Travel is the tour operator/DMC

to logistically piece together an entire visit; Cashel Palace showcasing the newest 5-star hotel in Ireland; Thoroughbred Country and Tipperary Food Producers offering new, first of their kind, visitor experiences. The overall welcome received was amazing. All participants have each had inquiries since returning





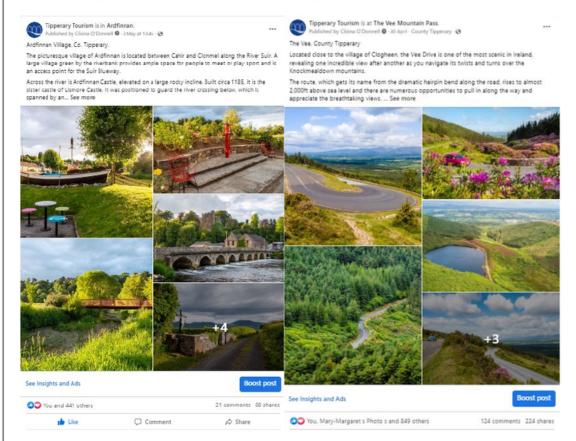
Overseas - Meitheal

The Tourism Marketing and Development Officer and Destination Lough Derg Marketing Officer attended this tourism trade show in Gleneagles, Killarney in March. It was a valuable opportunity to connect with other Tourism Officers from across the island and meet Tour Operators seeking inspiration, maps, and itineraries. Other Tipperary tourism representatives attending included Hotel Minella, Cashel Palace Hotel, Brookfield Farm, and Thoroughbred Country.



Social Media

Number of followers, reach and engagement are all increasing month on month as we head into the Summer. Followers are really engaging with the great photography pieces which are being posted each week.



Littleton Labyrinth Signage

Resulting of Leader funding secured in 2022, the Littleton Labyrinth Signage Strategy has now commenced with Design Works, who won the tender for this. Tipperary Tourism is working with Bord na Mona and Tipperary County Council and a wider steering group to develop a network of recreational 'peatway' trails as a new tourism and recreational product. This element of the project focuses on developing a brand design that will build recognition of the offer going forward and also guide the design direction of other aspects of the project, including interpretation panels, trail maps, and signage.

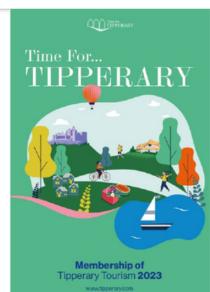
Tipperary Tourism Membership

The Tipperary Tourism Membership Drive was very successful with good interest from tourism organisations in becoming part of Tipperary Tourism

in 2023. Good press coverage, direct emails and mail-outs to the tourism database took place over April and May.

New members can come onboard throughout the year and be kept updated about opportunities and information of relevance to them. If anyone wishes to become a member, email tourism@tipperarycoco.ie at any time. All members' details will also be included on www.Tipperary.com.





Tipperary Tourism June Networking Event

Tipperary Tourism Board agreed to organise a number of networking opportunities throughout the year for members, subject to demand. Collaboration and working together are proven to make a Destination stronger. The initial networking evening for Tipperary Tourism members is proposed for Tuesday 20th June, incorporating a brochure exchange, refreshments, and the Derrynaflan Walk. It will be an opportunity, in a very relaxed setting, to meet those in the same tourism industry and share information. It is open to all Tipperary Tourism members.

Tipperary Age-Friendly EXPO

This will take place in TUS, Thurles on June 22nd. Tipperary Tourism will host a stand here along with some Tipperary Tourism members.

Suir Blueway Consultation Evening

Suir Blueway/ Waterford Greenway Public Consultation Meeting took place in Minella Hotel Clonmel on Wednesday 29th March. The aim of this Fáilte Ireland organised event with local businesses was to share some high-level information on the concept and opportunities associated with the Blueway. It also facilitated tourism businesses attending to engage with the Blueway and cross-sell with each other. Tipperary County Council provided a high-level overview of the investment that has already gone into the Blueway/Cycleway and future plans.



Just Transition Fund

To facilitate a just transition towards a low-carbon economy in the Midlands, the EU and the Government of Ireland, have established a €169 million Just Transition Fund for the period 2023-2026. As part of this fund, the EU has awarded Fáilte Ireland €68million for a Regenerative Tourism Scheme to invest in the sustainable development of tourism in the Midlands with the aim of creating jobs and sustaining communities. The fund will support the transition of an identified area in Tipperary, including Carrick-on-Suir and Thurles Municipal Districts, within Ireland's Ancient East to a carbon-neutral destination through funding of sustainable tourism projects that are designed to have significant regenerative impacts on local communities and peatlands. The fund will be used to create more reasons for tourists to visit the Midlands and to ensure they have memorable experiences when they are here.

Fáilte Ireland intends to launch the Regenerative Tourism Scheme in July/August 2023. Tipperary Tourism attended a Drop-In Clinic that took place in the Anner Hotel on 9th May and also encouraged Tipperary Tourism members to attend from the identified area, to share ideas on how the fund could help develop tourism in a sustainable way.

Survey of Community-Based Tourism (CBT) Amenities

Tipperary Tourism assisted Fáilte Ireland with their Survey of Community-Based Tourism amenities, Ireland's Ancient East (IAE), 2023. It is a follow-up survey to a 2019-20 study, which indicated that communities and CBT are playing a significant role in delivering an authentic and meaningful visitor experience across Ireland's Ancient East (IAE). The purpose was to update the original baseline in the wake of the Covid pandemic and to share the findings/ learnings across the IAE region.

Tipperary Tourism Product Development

Ongoing meetings with Fáilte Ireland to drive the development of the Tipperary Destination and Experience Development Plan, with a view to ensuring that Tipperary County Council's Tipperary Transforming Plan is reflected within it.

Cashel Public Realm & Signage / Cashel Destination Town Plan

The Tourism Marketing and Development Officer continues to support the MD in the delivery of this project.

The proposed development of a new Visitor Centre is being appraised under three headings: Iconic Heritage; World Class Visitor Experience; Sustainable Tourism

Equine Tourism / Thoroughbred Country

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Tourism are working in partnership with Fáilte Ireland, Kildare County Council, and Kildare Fáilte on the development of equine tourism experiences across the county connected nationally under the Thoroughbred Country Experience brand, to jointly deliver the Thoroughbred Country Visitor Experience Development Plan.

Fethard Horse Country Experience (FHCE)

The Tourism Marketing and Development Officer continues to support the marketing consultant appointed to promote Fethard and the FHCE. The aim is to increase visitor numbers and build awareness of Fethard within the context of the Thoroughbred Country Experience, developing itineraries and packages accordingly.

Tipperary Tourism Policy documents

Tipperary Tourism continues to adhere to the following Policy documents:

- Policy Development Tourism Marketing, Experience and Destination Development Plan for Tipperary 2016 – 2021
- Tipperary Transforming, Tourism Product Development Plan 2020-2030.

Munster Vales

Training

Eight training courses were held so far this year with a combined attendance of 128 people. The training was based on digital marketing, how to boost sales, and SEO workshops so that tourism businesses can make more online sales and convert visitors to their websites into paying customers. This training is funded by the Local Enterprise Offices.

Product Development

Munster Vales are planning to apply for LEADER funding later this year for a feasibility study to develop a Munster Vales Way which would connect the existing five long-distance walks from Carrick on Suir to Charleville. We will also seek funding for a feasibility study on motorcycle tourism in Munster Vales, signage for the region, and for marketing campaigns. This is in line with the Strategic Development Plan 2020-2025.

Visitor Information Kiosks

Two kiosks are under development at present funded by ORIS Measure 1 funding in 2022. The kiosks will be located in the Talbot Hotel Clonmel and the Dungarvan Park Hotel. All of the attractions, walks, heritage sites, craft shops, and food experiences in the Clonmel and surrounding area will be listed on the kiosks. There will be a launch event for each in the coming months.

LEO



Measure 1 - Direct Grant Support

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The Evaluation & Approvals Committee have evaluated and approved a total of €351,959 at 2 EVAC Meetings in 2023. Funding on the following projects - 9 x TAME Grant for €16,400 1 x Priming Grant for €6,996 and 6 x Business Expansion grants for €328,563. Grant funding will leverage an investment of €890,216 into the area and creating 26 full time positions.

The main metrics for 2023 have now been set with a strategic focus on the following areas:

- Ongoing strategic alignment with Enterprise Ireland
- Focus on Businesses employing 10+
- First Time Exporters
- Addressing the Productivity Challenge
- Digital Transformation
- Micro Enterprise Green Strategy

We will continue to work with our client base of 283 Companies focusing on First Time exporters and supporting them on their journey.

Ongoing promotion of programmes such as Green Start and Digital for Micro.

LEAN for Micro

9 applications approved to date - €36,299

Lean For Micro is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – it is not just for manufacturing companies. Lean tools and techniques are helping companies across the globe to address competitiveness issues within their businesses by building the capability of their people to identify problems, improve operations and create a more innovative organisation. In a nutshell, Lean is about doing things quicker, better and saving costs. Lean strives to remove waste and to continually improve a company.

Green for Micro

6 applications approved to date - €12,870

The aim of the Green for Micro programme is to assist businesses in lowering their carbon footprint, reducing costs, and improving the environmental profile of the business in the marketplace.

Digital Start

5 Digital applications approved to date - €17,220

Small businesses need to maximise every advantage - and implementing a digital strategy can give businesses a real edge. Digital Start is a pilot an initiative from the Local Enterprise Office designed to give Local Enterprise Office funded clients* that digital edge - from optimising processes to deliver a seamless digital customer experience, the aim is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business.

Trading on Line Vouchers

A total of 29 grants were approved valued at €58,720

1 - 1 Mentoring support

223 1- 1 mentor assignments completed

Training & Development Workshops – 644 trained to date

From 1 April to date 9 training programmes were delivered

- Selling Online what's involved
- Costing & Pricing workshop
- Search Engine Optimisation workshop
- Basic Book Keeping in person numbers not great, completing via mentoring
- Trading Online Voucher Seminar
- Facebook & Instagram Advertising (2 part)
- Start Your Own Business course (virtual in week 4 of 6 week programme)
- Digital Marketing one to one clinic
- Safeguarding Your Business from Cyber Attackers.

8 x weeks in-person Start Your Own Business Course (Clonmel) just completed

6 x weeks hybrid Start Your Own Business Course (Nenagh) just completed Training numbers to date 644 (SYOB 65 participants, Owner Management Development Programme 16, General Training 563)



Business Clinics

110 individual business clinics have been completed to date

Student Enterprise Awards 2022/2023

Participating Schools	24/29 Secondary Schools
Participating Students	1868
Male	1085
Female	783

	Senior	Intermediate	Junior
County	113 Students	27 Students	35 Students
Finalists	30 Teams	10 Teams	12 Teams

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR TIPPERARY STUDENTS AT STUDENT ENTERPRISE FINALS

Students from Tipperary were represented very well in the prize-giving ceremony at the National Final in Croke Park where 82 students businesses were in contention across three categories Junior,

Intermediate and Senior. Each team exhibited its businesses which were judged by a team of national business experts and mentors.

Students from Ursuline Secondary School Thurles won **Most**Commercial Potential for their business Phone K.O.S.I.E in the very competitive Senior Category.

Congratulations to Kate McKenna, Orla Hayes, Sarah Brett, Issy Carr, Ellen O'Mara who worked under the guidance of their teacher, Ms. Sharon Hynes.



CBS Thurles **Premier Woodworking** was awarded **2nd place** nationally in the **Intermediate Category**. Well done on this excellent result for Padraic Callanan and Sean Bergin. Their teacher Fergus O'Brien is no stranger to success in the programme when his team Handy Hose won 1st place in 2020 in the Senior category.



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh's Rian O'Keeffe under the stewardship of his teacher Martina Harahill won 1st prize nationally in the



Also, on the day four 1st year students Oran Bourke, Rian O Keefe,

Luke Hackett, and Sean Lacey with direction from their teachers Martina

Harrahill, Mr. Cunningham, and Ms. Treacy from Coláiste Dún Iascaigh got a

very special mention at the final prizegiving for their fundraising for the

Dillon Quirke Foundation has raised €30,590 with their

Student Enterprise Programme business Ard Foireann.

On the day they were also treated to a tour around Croke Park and

photos on the side line to mark their extraordinary fundraising efforts.

Building Better Business Mid-West



The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment is holding a series of free events for businesses which will highlight the opportunities and challenges presented by the transition to a low-carbon economy and the digital transformation.

Building Better Business in the Mid-West is open for businesses based in Clare, Limerick, and Tipperary.

LEO offices in Tipperary, Clare & Limerick collaborated together on the day to provide information to businesses in the Mid-West on supports available through their Local Enterprise Office.



The event was opened and closed by Minister Simon Coveney Minister for Enterprise, Trade, and Employment. Professor Eamonn Murphy gave an overview of the Mid-West Regional Enterprise Plan. The event included two-panel discussions.

Panel I – Focussed on a low carbon economy. Tipperary was presented by O'Dwyer Steel Dundrum.

Panel II – Discussion focussed on "How has Digitalisation improved Business".

Tipperary was presented by **Orlaith Ryan, Shorla Oncology**The event provided information to businesses on the support available through all government agencies and was an excellent Networking event for all.

North Tipperary Social Enterprise Networking Event – The Source Arts Centre, Thurles





On Tuesday 30th May, the Local Enterprise Office presented to the Social Enterprises in North Tipperary on the support available to them through their LEO. Patrick Killeen, NTDC outlined funding opportunities for Social Enterprise in the new Leader Programme. Also, there on the day were representatives from social enterprise loan finance providers Community Finance Ireland and Clann Credo.

National Enterprise Awards at The Mansion House Dublin

Premier Utilities Limited T/a **TruePOS** competed against 30 other finalists from every local authority area around the Country for a share of the €35,000 winner's prize fund at the

National Enterprise Awards final which took place on Thursday

1st June at The Mansion House Dublin. Categories this year included

'Best Export Business,' 'Best Start-Up' and 'Innovation,' along with

"One to Watch" and a "Sustainability / Green" award in addition to eight Regional awards.



The overall winner at the National Enterprise Awards was Advanced

Cosmetics who are based in Ballina and supported by Local Enterprise

Office Mayo. The "concept to shelf" manufacturing company was set up

by cosmetic chemist Noreen Hackettin in 2018, before launching to market

in 2022. The business has achieved significant success, securing

contracts with some of the biggest brand names in the cosmetics industry.

Announcing the award winners at the Mansion House, Minister Coveney

said; "The National Enterprise Awards are the highlight of the small business & enterprise calendar. Year on year, the diversity of businesses and the standard of companies that are coming through the process is getting stronger. We should not be surprised given the innovation and endurance that businesses have shown in the past couple of years. We have some outstanding winners but the finalists on the whole have been excellent, and this is very much the start of their journey. We will ensure they continue to get the support they need to grow their businesses as small businesses in Ireland are at the core of every town, village, and community and are vital to our economy."



Several other companies won across a range of categories at the Awards, which were established by the Local Enterprise Offices to celebrate the impact and quality of small businesses across the country.

Tipperary Food Producers Network

Tipp LEO & Tipp Co Co continue to support the TFPN with funding received to assist with operations, events, and co-ordinator costs for 2023.



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General Food Updates

Mid-West Food Strategy

Feasibility study for the food sector and its requirements is due to be completed with a report and recommendations for the future strategy of the food sector within mid-west counties by Mid-June 2023

Economic

Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

The SPC met on May 30^{th,} 2023. The items covered on the Agenda included:

- Local Development Strategy
- Local Enterprise Office Mid-year Report and Updates
- Retail Sub-Group on Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme

County Economic and Enterprise Forum

This Forum met on 16th May 2023. New members to the Forum include Liam Brown TUS, Michelle Alyward County Tipperary Chamber, Helen King Tipperary Food Producers, Declan Wynne Skantec, and Alan Burton Fiserv. Also, Christina Clancy will now represent Enterprise Ireland on the Forum. Discussions at this meeting included:

- Overview of the County Economic and Enterprise Forum (for the new members)
- Presentation of 'Republic of Work' (co-working space and innovation hub in Clonmel
- The SETU Strategic Plan
- Updates by member organisations

Painting and Enhancement Scheme 2023

The sum of €5,605 was provided (based on population) to Clonmel MD to assist in addressing the enhancement of the streetscape in the current year.

Commercial Vacancy Incentive Scheme Promotions

As of May 2023, 92% of all the properties that are vacant in the Prime Retail Area may be eligible to avail of the full benefit of the current scheme -i.e. a grant of 90% of their rates demand for their first year in business. This would enable a new business to start to channel this money into their start-up costs and therefore the selection of premises in the Prime Retail Area should be more attractive.



20 applications have been successfully processed to date in 2023 under the new system and a number of additional recent applications are currently being processed. Of these 2 were from the Clonmel MD. Promotion of the scheme continued online via social media and on Tipp FM.

Shop Local Tipperary

Ongoing promotions on the Facebook and Instagram Shop Local Tipperary pages continue to send out the message of the diverse offerings of businesses and services that we have right on our doorsteps across County Tipperary.



One of our competitions was directed at businesses to get them to engage with our efforts and included a prize of €500 marketing budget for the business. The winner of this competition was Edel's Boutique.



Our Easter Competition was won by Noreen Ryan.

Her nominated friend Mary Fogarty also won a prize



A collaboration with the newly restored Cashel Palace Hotel has resulted in a prize of a Champagne Afternoon Tea for two is the current promotion.

A like and a share enter you into the competition.

This style of promotion is proving to be a very effective way to get people to include the Shop Local Page on their feed. It also appeals to businesses to like and share such posts.

We will continue to promote Local businesses across the county.



EU 50 Celebrations.

May 8^{th,} 2023 was Europe Day - the 50th anniversary of our EU membership since our decision to join the EEC in 1972. Communities across the country celebrated this special day and Tipperary County Council partnered with the North and South Branches of Tipperary Macra Na Feirme for a live debate on the theme of our membership of the EU. The Motion explored the fact that 'Membership of the EU may be our greatest protection from today's challenges'. A very exciting debate, with the two teams contesting each other's idea,s fully engaged the audience.

Both Macra na Feirme branches have a very strong tradition in debating and they have held national awards in the skill of debating a number of times in the past. An evening of great entertainment was had by all.



In what was a very tight debate, the winning team, by a margin, was North Tipperary Macra. Team Members were William Clancy, Bill Gleeson, Sean Kelly, and Reanne O'Dwyer.



South Tipperary team members, Tom Long, Anita Lonergan, Mary McCarthy, and Edel Ryan were delighted to receive a specially commissioned medal.



Winner of the Best Speaker The award went to Edel Ryan.



A specially commissioned medal was presented by Cathaoirleacht Rodger Kennedy to C.E. Joe MacGrath.

Broadband

National Broadband Plan (NBP)

The National Broadband Plan (NBP) is the Government's initiative to deliver high-speed broadband services to all premises in Ireland. This will be delivered through investment by commercial enterprises coupled with intervention by the State in those parts of the country where private companies have no plans to invest.

High-speed broadband services will be delivered to every premise in Ireland through a combination of;

- a. **Commercial investment** by the telecommunications sector within an area (known as the (NBP) Commercial (BLUE) area)
- State intervention in those areas where commercial providers acting alone will not provide this service (known as the (NBP) State led-Intervention (AMBER) area)

Table 1 below identifies the total number of Premises in County Tipperary per National Broadband Plan (NBP) statistics

National Broadband Plan (NBP) - County Tippe	rary Statistics	1
Total Number of Premises	85,278	
Number of Premises situate in the (NBP) State led- Intervention (AMBER) Area	30,490	36%
Number of Premises situate in the (NBP) Commercial Investment (BLUE) Area	54,788	64%

Note ¹ refers to link: https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/5634d-national-broadband-plan-map/

1. (NBP) State Led-Intervention Area known as the "AMBER" area

To deliver the National Broadband Plan (NBP) State Led-Intervention "AMBER" area, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) went through a rigorous procurement process to choose a company to design, build, operate, and manage a new high-speed Fibre broadband network on behalf of the state.

Following the award of this state led-contract to Granahan McCourt in November 2019 – a new Irish registered company, namely National Broadband Ireland (NBI™) was incorporated and together with their build partners - including KN Group, Actavo, TLI, and Secto. Nokia is providing all the active equipment for the project and 4Site is NBI's network design partner – have commenced the roll-out of high-speed Fibre broadband to every home, business, Farm, and school (regardless of how rural or remote) in the National Broadband Plan (NBP) state led-Intervention "AMBER" Area in the Country.

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) to date has identified more than 30,490 premises (which are situated within the (NBP) State led- Intervention (AMBER) Area) in County Tipperary that require access to high-speed Fibre broadband; and including –

- · 21 Broadband Connection Points (BCPs),
- 35 rural BCPs National Schools
- 19,960 homes,
- 3,965 Farms,
- 5,334 residential/ commercial businesses and
- 1,210 commercial

In June 2021, NBI™ commenced the large-scale roll-out of high-speed fibre Network cable across the county and the current build status & projected delivery time-Frames (as per End April 2023) for each of the twenty-two (22) Deployment Area (s) situate in the (NBP) State led-

Intervention (AMBER) Area in County Tipperary are shown on **Table 2** below –

NOTE			
NBI™	Premises	Status	Anticipated
Deployment Area			Date for
			Connection 2
CLONMEL (R)	1,567	Available to	Available to
		Order/Pre-Order	Order/Pre-
			Order
GORT	1	Available to	Available to
		Order/Pre-Order	Order/Pre-
			Order
JOHNSTOWN	424	Available to	Available to
		Order/Pre-Order	Order/Pre-
			Order
ROSCREA (R)	1,021	Available to	Available to
	1,021	Order/Pre-Order	Order/Pre-
		oraci, ite oraci	Order
TIPPERARY (R)	2,894	Available to	Available to
TITLE COUNTY (IX)	2,034	Order/Pre-Order	Order/Pre-
		Order/Fre-Order	Order
CARRICK-ON-SUIR	2,078	Network Build in	January 2024 -
CARRICK-ON-SOIR	2,076		June 2024
CACHEL	2 127	Progress	
CASHEL	2,137	Network Build in	July 2023 -
		Progress	September
LICCRITAL	200	Notice de Build in	2023
HOSPITAL	309	Network Build in	January 2024 -
		Progress	June 2024
MULLINAHONE	1,609	Network Build in	January 2024 -
		Progress	June 2024
NENAGH	2,749	Network Build in	January 2024 -
		Progress	June 2024
BALLINAMULT	305	Survey Complete	January 2025 -
			December 2026
BALLINDERRY	1,464	Survey Complete	January 2025 -
			December 2026
BANAGHER	169	Survey Complete	January 2025 -
		,	December 2026
CAHIR	3,178	Network Build in	July 2024 -
		Progress	December 2024
HOLLYFORD	2,049	Network build is	January 2025 -
	_,,,,,,	planned to	December 2026
		commence in July,	
		2023	
TALLOW	39	Network Build in	July 2024 -
TALLOW .		Progress	December 2024
TEMPLEMORE	2,742	Survey Complete	January 2025 -
ILMIFLEMORE	2,742	Survey Complete	December 2026
DIDD	694	Cumrour Donding	
BIRR	684	Survey Pending	January 2025 -
			December 2026

LITTLETON	2,423	Survey Pending	January 2025 - December 2026
MITCHELSTOWN	424	Survey Pending	January 2025 - December 2026
NEWPORT	1,167	Survey Pending	January 2025 - December 2026
OGONNELLOE	548	Survey Pending	January 2025 - December 2026
Additional Premises	466	NA	TBC

Note2 the dates provided above are estimated and based on the current view of $\mathbf{NBI}^{\mathsf{TM}}$

Each of the aforementioned (NBP) NBI™ Deployment Area spans a distance of approximately 20 Km and are built around a central Local or Regional Exchange building housing NBI™ OLT active Equipment. There are three (3) NBI™ Regional Exchanges in the County and located in the towns of Roscrea, Tipperary Town and Clonmel. These Regional Exchange buildings connect, via existing high-speed Fibre Networks, to a new NBI™ Data Centre in Dublin.

The current NBI™ Update / Progress Figures for County Tipperary (per end April 2023) are shown in **Table 3** below-

а	Total number of - NBP State led- Intervention Area Premises covered in Tipperary: 30,349
b	Total number of – Premises not yet Surveyed by NBI™ : 4,304 premises (14%) (100% of Tipperary premises will be Surveyed by the end 2023)
С	Total number of - NBI™ (NBP) State led- Intervention (AMBER) Area Premises PASSED with Fibre and are "BUILD COMPLETE" and available to Customers to place an Order for a high-speed broadband connection with a Retail Service Provider: 5, 872 (19%)
d	Total number of – Premises with "BUILD IN PROGRESS" is 12,203 (40% of the overall Total) Currently working in Seven (7) NBI™ Deployment Areas (as shown in Table 2) In total, over 60 NBI™ Planning applications have been determined (under Section 254 of the planning act, 2000 (as amended) by Tipperary County Council to date, for development consisting of placing 1,289 poles and 3,242 Km of new Fibre Network cable.

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	Additionally, over 320 NBI™ Road Opening Licence (ROL) applications have been submitted and approved by Tipperary County Council to date (excludes Eir Ltd FMR ROL applications)
е	Over 70% of Tipperary premises will have Network build completed by End 2024
f	Total number of – New Customer Connections to the NBI™ Fibre Network in Tipperary: 1,822 (May, 2023) (31% UPTAKE on Premises PASSED by NBI™) "The take-up for new NBI™ Customer Connections is exceeding Expectations and shows a high level of Interest for high-speed Fibre broadband services in Rural Tipperary"

Table 4 below – identifies the Projected delivery time-Frames for NBI™ to Complete the delivery of the (NBP) State led- Intervention (AMBER) Area in County Tipperary

Year	Survey Complete	Build Commencing	Build Complete
2020	20%	10%	
2021	51%	20%	
2022	86%	61%	20%
2023	100%	98%	51%
2024		100%	72%
2025			98%
2026			100%
2027			
2028			

National Broadband Ireland - NBI™ does not sell broadband services to Customers. They operate a Wholesale service where they partner with Retail Service Providers (RSPs) throughout Ireland who in turn deliver a service to the customer's door – see link https://nbi.ie/where-can-i-buy/ The Retail Service Providers that are currently setup and certified to sell NBI™ Network services include for Cellnet, kerry Broadband, Atlantek Broadband, Clare WiFi Networks, Lightnet Telcom, Roctel, BBnet, eir, Chill Wifi, Real Broadband, Budget Broadband, HiSpeed, Rural Wifi, Westnet, Carnsore Broadband, NuWave, Ivertec, Elio Networks, Mynet, Magnet, Zintek, ClearWave, Fastcom, Rocket Broadband, Aptus, Premier Broadband, Rural Broadband, Vodafone, Sky, Pure Telecom, Regional Broadband, Net1, eBroadband, Viatel, Eurona Ireland, Blacknight, Beacon Broadband, Tipp Broadband, KerNet, Whizzy Internet, Airwave, MTS, IMS, IFA, Digiweb and 6NET.

2. Connected Communities – the (NBP) Broadband Connection Point Initiative

The (NBP) Broadband Connection Point Initiative will unlock the potential in our Rural communities.



Whether that is connected to work, the creative arts, eHealth, educational support, or business support, the BCPs will be supported to provide the digital services that their communities need.

"These premises are not merely a stop-gap measure ahead of the arrival of the National Broadband Plan, it is our hope that they will instead become long-term community assets, fixtures of their communities, providing nextgeneration services to Ireland's rural heartlands."

High-quality digital connectivity offers an unprecedented opportunity to transform rural Ireland. It will support the sustainability of rural communities by enabling more people to continue to live and work in rural locations and encouraging others to relocate to rural areas.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the importance of digital connectivity in supporting many aspects of our daily lives.

Throughout the crisis, digital connectivity helped many people to avoid becoming socially isolated; it enabled students to continue their education through online learning; and it demonstrated its potential to support economic activity through remote working and the delivery of services online.

Improved connectivity and digital innovation will help communities to have greater outreach.

It will support older people to live independently in their communities, but with access to more support and services through connected technologies. It will mean a better quality of life for rural dwellers, enabling people to access online information and resources including the provision of online services such as education and personalised health care. In the longer term, it is envisaged that many of the BCPs will act as a central point for the provision of digital services in the community.

The (NBP) BCP delivery Programme is now completed in County Tipperary and the following Broadband Connection Points have been connected and are providing high-speed broadband WiFi services to members of the public;

- 1) ROSSMORE COMMUNITY HALL, ROSSMORE, CASHEL, E25D429
- 2) DROM COMMUNITY HALL, DROM, BORRISOLEIGH, THURLES, E41X285
- CURREENEY COMMUNITY HALL, CURREENEY, KILCOMMON, THURLES, E41XC62
- 4) AGLISH COMMUNITY HALL, AGLISH, ROSCREA, E53E132
- 5) KILLURNEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILLURNEY, BALLYPATRICK, CLONMEL, E91H7W4
- 6) MOYGLASS COMMUNITY HALL, MOYGLASS, FETHARD, E91WK25
- 7) KILLOSCULLY COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILLOSCULLY, NEWPORT, V94FK20
- 8) KILLEA COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILLEA, TEMPLEMORE, E41T6Y0THE
- PAVILLION, BALLINDERRY SPORTSFIELD, BALLINDERRY, NENAGH, E45 F627
- 10) BALLINAHINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE, ROSSFINCH, BALLINAHINCH, BIRDHILL, V94 CVC0
- 11) BOHER PARISH HALL, BOHER, BALLINA, V94 EY06
- 12) FANURE COMMUNITY HALL, FANURE, ROSCREA, E53 AE02
- 13) KILCOLEMAN COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL CENTRE, BURGESS GAA CLUB, PAIRC NA NGAEL, KILCOLEMAN, NEWTOWN, NENAGH, E45 YH76
- 14) THE APPLE CAMPING & CARAVAN PARK, MOORSTOWN, CAHIR, E21 YX33
- 15) DONASKEAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, DONASKEAGH, E34 AK24 (HSB CONNECTION TO THIS BUILDING IS "GIGABIT FIBRE")
- 16) TERRYGLASS COMMUNITY HALL, TERRYGLASS, NENAGH, E45 FC42
- 17) BALLYLOOBY CASTLEGRACE GAA CLUB, BALLYLOOBY CASTLEGRACE GAA CLUBHOUSE, KILROE, BALLYLOOBY, E21 TA47
- 18) LATTERAGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, SALLYPARK, LATTERAGH, NENAGH, E45 EF68
- GURTAGARRY COMMUNITY HALL, GORTAGARRY, TOOMEVARA, NENAGH, E45 FA43
- 20) LISMACKIN COMMUNITY HALL, LISMACKIN, ROSCREA, E53 Y589
- NORTH TIPPERARY FOOD WORKS, MAIN STREET, REARCROSS, NEWPORT, V94YW08





The BCP Initiative is a collaborative effort involving the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, the Department of Rural and Community Development, National Broadband Ireland, the Local Authorities and Managers of the BCP sites.

The receipt of DRCD connected hubs Funding has supported our community involvement with remote villages and the aim is to develop our Broadband Connection Points into active "Remote Digital Hubs – Connected Communities".





The Tipperary BCP Network has to-date completed a number of pilot Digital Skills and digital literacy courses.

Working with the DRCD, a number of public and private sector partners, these pilot programmes seek to upskill from no knowledge to working proficiency and to support the exploration of STEAM subjects and coding by school children and families.

"Digital literacy Courses will offer new skills to learn, work and navigate everyday life in our digital world. The skills involve the ability to use devices, software, and apps safely and with confidence"

Acquiring digital skills is as important as physical access to broadband infrastructure to enable individuals and communities to maximise the benefits of high-speed broadband connectivity.

The internet and digital technologies are transforming the way people live and work, but figures from the Central Statistics Office show that the use of these technologies decreases in older age categories.

A number of Digital Skills Training Programmes are currently being rolled out in the Broadband Connection Points in County Tipperary in association with –

- a. Our Kids Code and Trinity College, Dublin
- b. NALA
- c. Hi Digital and Vodafone and Active Retirement Ireland
- d. Microsoft Ireland™ Dream Space Den
- e. KINIA and Youth Work Ireland
- f. Our Rural Future: Digital Initiative Programme 2021 –Smart Skills for Farming Communities (Tipperary) in association with –

ICMSA - Making Sense of Milk Price

IFA - Agri Technology for Improved Resource Efficiency

Teagasc - Fertiliser Spreader Setup, Calibration tools, and GPS Control

Teagasc - Precision Technology Use on Farms

Tipperary County Council is continuing its Digital Skills Journey and partnering with Microsoft Ireland™ and OurKidsCode and Offering these

Programmes to our Students and their Families throughout the Tipperary BCP Network.

Tipperary's BCP Digital Network ran "OurKidsCode" pilot programmes in Boher BCP, Drom BCP and Rossmore BCP in the past few months and all have turned out to be so successful down to in no small part to the enthusiasm of their committee members, local community and their associated primary schools in their catchment area.

"OurKidsCode" is a programme run outside of school times and is open to families to participate in a four-week facilitated workshop programme and aims to improve participants' confidence in computing and technology with

parents learning alongside their children by participating in creative computing workshops for families of all shapes and sizes.

The theme of "OurKidsCode" for 2023 is sustainability i.e. to ensure that OurKidsCode remains in the community as an ongoing offering to new families. To be able to do this we needed to have the skills and capacity in each community to be able to deliver the programme independently as and when needed by the community.

To achieve this, we worked with Trinity College to deliver a Volunteer Champion Training Programme in February, 2023 where ten (10) volunteers received training on how to deliver/facilitate a full four-week workshop.

At the end of this training, all participants now have the skills, knowledge, and ability to successfully facilitate a programme in their community BCP before the end of 2023.

The Dream Space Showcase - Microsoft Ireland™ do your:bit Challenge in January 2023 saw the launch of Microsoft Ireland™ do your:bit challenge in collaboration with Microsoft Dream Space, OurKidsCode and our Tipperary BCP Network supported by the Department of Rural and Community Development. We invited our rural schools located near our BCP network to the opportunity to participate in this challenge, culminating in them pitching their digital innovation projects to judges at Microsoft Ireland™ Dream Space One Microsoft Place, Dublin in June 2023.

This follows on from almost 400 primary school student's involvement in Digital Skills workshops which took place in 2022 in collaboration with OurKidsCode and Microsoft Dream Space. We have already seen Boher N.S., Rossmore N.S., Drom N.S., Newport Boys N.S., Ballinahinch N.S., Barnane N.S., Lackamore N.S., and Newport Convent N.S. take part and are now eager to learn and experience more.

3. (NBP) - Commercial Investment in Gigabit Network services within the (NBP) Commercial (BLUE) area

The telecommunication sector employs approximately 25,000 people and has invested circa €3.3 billion over the past 5 years in new and upgraded networks.

Recent announcements from Virgin Media, SIRO, and eir indicate that the vast majority of premises in urban and suburban areas will be covered with fibre to the home services (FTTH) with Gigabit network services being made available to all these locations by 2028.

This NBP Commercial investment will result in Gigabit Network services being made available to the vast majority of premises, in Primarily Urban and Suburban areas covering circa 77% of the premises across the State. These new Gigabit Network (s) in County Tipperary are for the most part being delivered by SIRO, and Open eir.

a) SIRO was launched in 2015 as a joint venture between ESB and Vodafone with the aim of delivering the first 100% fibre-to-the-building broadband across regional Ireland. The SIRO Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Network is built using the ESB's overhead and underground infrastructure, ensuring a fast, reliable and sustainable network.

SIRO is currently deploying high-speed Fibre broadband (FTTH) in the towns of Nenagh, Clonmel, Roscrea and Cashel. In October, 2021 SIRO announced an expansion (Phase 2) of its Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) Network and Under this Programme deployment works recently commenced in the town of Thurles ₃ and works are planned to commence in Tipperary town in June, 2023. The Financial Investment of SIRO in the County is circa €20 million.

Note 3 "Tipperary County Council is trialing new Pilot technologies with Industry to support the "Dig Once" principle - as part of the Liberty sq, Thurles Refurbishment Project - and innovative uses of existing technologies to deliver more effective public services through the Government's Digital Innovation Programme - including the development of an extensive network of ducts and chambers under the public footway -to pilot the use of "underground Shared Telecommunications Infrastructure"

"SIRO started using this pilot Infrastructure in November 2022 and it is now available to the telecommunications industry to use"

SIRO does not sell broadband services to Customers. They operate a Wholesale service where they partner with Retail Service Providers throughout Ireland who in turn deliver a service to the customer's door – see link https://siro.ie/broadband-for-home/

The Retail Service Providers that are currently set up and certified to sell SIRO Network Services include for DigiWeb, Sky, Virgin Media, Vodafone, Airwire, Blacknight Solutions, Carnsore broadband, Fastcom, Pure telecom and Westnet.

- b) In 2019, Open eir commenced the build of their IFN Project in County Tipperary - which plans to cover all Urban areas in the county with greater than 1,000 urban premises and;
- c) To date, Open eir has passed over 20, 000 premises in Urban areas with Gigabit Network services (FTTH) in towns of Nenagh, Ballina/ Killaloe, Tipperary, Templemore, Thurles, Clonmel and Cahir.

In November, 2022 – Open eir commenced FTTH works commenced in the town (s) of Cashel, Roscrea and Carrick-on-Suir in Early 2023, and works are Planned to commence in the "Service Centres" of Fethard, Two-Mileborris and Cappawhite in Mid-2023, and thereafter Newport at the End 2023.

Under its Commitment Agreement with the State signed in 2017 - OPEN eir recently completed the deployment of its Gigabit Network to 16,000 premises in County Tipperary.

In total, Open eir has to date passed c.36,000 premises with Gigabit Network Services in County Tipperary (and when completed, approximately 54,000 premises in the County will have access to an Open eir FTTH connection) – given a Financial Investment in the County of circa €30 million.

The Retail Service Providers that are currently setup and certified to sell Open Eir Network services are as follows; –

see link https://www.openeir.ie/open-eir-irelands-largest-wholesale-full-fibre-network/



d) Enet "Open Access Networks" operates a wholesale Network service using the existing State funded "Metropolitan Area Networks" In total, (8) Metropolitan Area Networks have been deployed in the county and these are located in the towns of Clonmel (phase 1) and Cahir, Carrickon-Suir, Cashel, Nenagh, Roscrea, Templemore, Tipperary Town (phase 2)

These Networks are capable of delivering virtually unlimited bandwidth to their Customers.

Enet has delivered over 130 Network connections to date and their end Users include for Schools, Bank Branches, SMEs, Credit Union offices, Gov Departments and State Agencies (Hospitals/Garda Stations etc)

4. Commercial Investment in Fixed Wireless high-speed broadband Services (FWA)

Fixed wireless access (FWA), uses Radio waves to deliver internet services between two stationary locations such as a mobile tower and a customer's home or office.

The service provider known as "Imagine" - continues to upgrade and expand its WTTx network (FWA) services in County Tipperary and to date - over 58,486 premises and businesses in the County are covered on the Imagine Network from 22 Mast/ and Tower locations both within and in surrounding counties − refer to the link: Imagine Link Imagine focus on rural areas with no connectivity − and where NBI™ Fibre is not planned to be deployed until 2025/2026

There are a number of Companies 4 operating in County Tipperary that also Offer (FWA) Services including -

- Arra Communications www.arra.ie
- Celtic Broadband www.celticbroadband.ie
- Echoitbroadband www.echoitbroadband.ie
- Wirelessconnect www.wirelessconnect.ie
- Munster Wireless www.munsterwireless.com
- RuralBroadband www.ruralbroadband.ie
- Premier (Wireless) Broadband www.premierbroadband.ie
- Pure Telecom www.puretelecom.ie
- Bbnet Broadband www.bbnet.ie
- Orion Broadband www.orcs.ie
- Imagine <u>www.imagine.ie</u>
- Magnet Network

Note ⁴ Other Companies may also be offering (FWA) services in County Tipperary that are not listed above.

SpaceX (StarLink) offer's high-speed, low-latency broadband internet services in remote and rural locations in County Tipperary - using Emerging non-terrestrial networks such as low-earth orbit satellites. Refer to the link: https://www.starlink.com/

5. Commercial Investment in Mobile Phone (MP) and Mobile Broadband (MB) Services

A Mobile Network Operator (MNO), also known as a wireless service provider, wireless carrier, cellular company, or mobile network carrier, is a Provider of wireless communications services that owns or controls all the elements necessary to sell and deliver services to an end User, including radio spectrum allocation, wireless network infrastructure, back haul infrastructure, billing, customer care, provisioning computer systems, and marketing and repair organizations. There are three MNOs operating in Ireland; namely Three Ireland, Vodafone PLC and Eircom Limited. There's

also seven mobile virtual network operators (MVNOs) using the main networks to deliver mobile services.

Mobile virtual network operators (MVNOs) lease wireless telephone and data spectrum from the aforementioned major carriers for resale.

As of Q1 2022, the market share of MVNOs in Ireland is 13.4%. At the end of Q4 2022 there were 8,863,983 mobile subscriptions in Ireland, including mobile broadband ('MBB') and Machine to Machine ('M2M').

If mobile broadband ('MBB') subscriptions (355,089) and M2M subscriptions (2,818,877) are excluded 5, the total number of Mobile Subscriptions is 5,690,017.

Note 5: Machine-to-Machine ('M2M') mobile subscriptions are machines with SIMs. These machines could include anything from SIMs inside car engines to vending machines, industrial control systems etc and a Mobile broadband ('MBB') device provides a mobile computer with a wireless data connection to a cellular service.

https://www.comreg.ie/publication/quarterly-key-data-report-q4-2022

In 2021, 87% of people used a Mobile Device to access the Internet (up from 73% in 2016), which corresponds to the number of regular internet users (87% of people in 2021). Source: Eurostat, European Union survey on ICT usage in Households and by Individuals.

Examples of typical Mobile data Usage include -

- Sending 1 email: 20KB
- 1 Social media update (with photo): 350KB
- Instant messaging for 1hour: 1MB
- 1 hour of web browsing: 10MB
- Streaming 1 hour of music: 28MB
- Downloading one app: 40MB
- Streaming 1hour of video: 117MB

County Tipperary is served by three (3) Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) namely Eircom Limited ("eir"), Three Ireland (Hutchison) Limited ("Three") and Vodafone PLC and these MNOs offer the following technologies –

- 2G which emerged c1995 and support voice calls and SMS, with relatively low data speeds.
- 3G with emerged in the early 00s and support voice calls and higher data speeds than 2G.
- 4G which appeared around 2011 and support faster data speeds than 2G and 3G. A 4G network does not support traditional voice calls like 2G and 3G, but can support an Internet Protocol (IP) voice service called Voice over LTE (Volte).
- **5G** supports new technologies, faster speeds through lower latency and higher throughput.

The telecommunications regulator "ComReg" has a Mobile Signal Checker Map that is searchable by Eircode and by Mobile Phone Operator (MNO) to see what Outdoor data services might be available in a particular area.

This map is available at https://coveragemap.comreg.ie/map.

The MNOs and the Tower Companies continue to maintain and deploy Telecoms Infrastructure in order to Improve customer availability to 2G Voice Calls, 3G Voice and Data, 4G Data services and 5G.

5G stands for "Fifth Generation" Wireless Technology, also known as the next evolution of mobile technology after 4G LTE.

5G will bring faster speeds through lower latency and higher throughput, improved efficiency and reliability, as well as increased capacity to sustain a massive increase in connections between devices and the internet. The current 5G deployment model used by the mobile network operators is to upgrade their existing high-power Macro-cell Infrastructure with 5G-ready equipment. However,

In order to meet the emerging/ever-increasing appetite for bandwidth-demanding services - the long-term challenge for all "stakeholders" is to deliver "Network densification" and the resulting need to deploy additional - more local - 5G Network Infrastructure which will support/ enhance Network performance both indoors and outdoors by lessening the strain on the outdoor Macro-cell network.

6. The European Commission - wiFi4EU Initiative



https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/activities/wifi4eu

WiFi4EU is a ground-breaking initiative that promotes free access to Wi-Fi connectivity for citizens in public spaces including public areas, public buildings, libraries, and museums in municipalities throughout Europe. The "Tipperary Wifi4EU Network" consisting of 51 Free-public wifi Access Points across 6 towns was completed in 2021 with the support of Funding from the European Commission and the Department of Rural and Community Development and is currently being maintained across 51 free WiFi Access Points by Magnet plus in the towns of Nenagh, Thurles, Roscrea, Tipperary, Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel.

The "Tipperary WiFi4EU Network" was deployed with the support of the Local Chamber of Commerce and the Property Owners, who kindly agreed to permit WiFi equipment to be attached to their Shop Façade facing onto Public Street.

The demand for this Free on-street Wi-Fi connectivity service, first introduced in Tipperary town in September 2020 has grown Exponentially

over the past three years. The past year saw an overall increase of 60% in the number of service users across the Network.

Over seven (7) million customers used this free service across Europe in 2022.

For more Information re this Initiative and /or for copies of Mapping – please email broadband@tipperarycoco.ie

7. The .IE Digital Town Awards 2023 -



At the recent National .IE Digital Town Awards, 2023 which were held in Athlone -

Our Digital Projects were declared as "Winners" in three of the ten digital categories on Offer, and including –

- 1. The "Overall Winner"
- "Community Digital Winner, Rossmore, Co. Tipperary" Rossmore Scratchers Rural Connectivity

The installation of a Broadband Connection Point (BCP) was a game changer for Rossmore. It enabled Rossmore Scratchers, a coding club, to provide a space for digital projects through STEAM for children and adults alike. It is volunteer-led, has diverse community involvement, a clear understanding of community needs, all of which is managed on a limited budget. A great example of a community being given the digital tools, and taking it from there.

3. "Agri-tech Winner, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary" Smart Skills for Farming Communities

This programme was developed to help farmers use new technologies to make their work easier, save time and money as well as improving the sustainability and profitability of their farm. 60% of farmers report that there are barriers to digital training and supports. This project addresses that problem by providing very practical digital training in areas such as soil fertility technology; grassland management technology; tech for time and labour saving; and farm management systems and useful Apps.

This project addresses the digital skills gap amongst farmers and helps them access digital technologies that hold the key to a smarter, more competitive, and resource-efficient agricultural sector.

These Awards recognise and reward projects with a digital element that have been created by town groups and local communities. They promote awareness, knowledge, use, and understanding of digital in Ireland by its citizens, businesses, and communities. They also highlight the benefits and possibilities of digital and celebrate the digital achievements of local towns, big and small.

Well done to our "Tipperary BCP Network" for winning these National awards.



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Tipperary County Council

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Clonmel Borough District – June 2023

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No.	Item	Update
1.	Project Ireland	Kickham:- Project Complete
	2040 Funds -	Military Chapel –Improvement works complete.
	URDF – Approved	Regional Sports Hub:- Official Launch of the facility was on the
	Projects	9 th June and opened by Taoiseach Leo Varadkar. Running track
		fully lined and now operational. Sports Coordinator in place since
		6 th June. Working group have now met twice in relation to
		operations at the facility. Regular meetings of this group will take
		place initially and after the bedding in period, it will be quarterly that they will meet. Gardai will attend these meetings when
		required in relation to security and anti-social behaviour at the
		facility
		Clonmel Public Realm - Investigating the possibility of funding
		this project through Pathfinder & the Climate Action Fund.
2.	URDF Call 3	No update. Awaiting report back from the Department in relation
		to funding and priority lists on derelict properties that were
		submitted last month
	URDF Call 4	No Update. Funding Call expected in Q4 of 2023.
	`Suir Island	Final review of documents before submission to An Bord
	Amenity Park	Pleanala.
	(incl. Bridge)	
		Finalising the tender package. Programme to upload to E-
	Suir Island	Tenders first week of July with an anticipated start date of the
	Gardens	1 st week in Sept. Predicted works programme will last 6 months.
3.	Active Travel	Active Travel Team progressing with the 2023 works. Update on
	Projects	all projects was provided at the last meeting by Gillian Flynn.
		Since then, just to note that the Part 8 for the Cashel road will
		be published in the coming weeks, hopefully by the end of June
4.	Clonmel Bus	National Transport Authority (NTA) provided workshop for
	Service	members prior to this meeting.
5.	Marlfield Town &	Sandybanks Marlfield – Disabled Bay to be installed in coming
	Village Renewal	fortnight. Benches will be fitted at the same time at Sandybanks.
	Project	Marlfield Lake – Works on viewing point 95% complete. Awaiting
		handrail prior to opening to the public. Awaiting delivery of
		Village signage. Additional seating will be provided at lake side
		in coming weeks also.

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	ь.	Регтогтапсе Space – Abbey St	Part & Public Consultation underway. Submissions due in by 30 June. Hope to have the CEO Report issued before members at
		Car Park	the 12 th July meeting for final approval.
ŀ	7.	Town Hall Repairs	Repairs will be incorporated into overall works in the Town Hall
			building which are currently underway
	8.	Market Place	Owners engaging with Planning Section in relation to designs
	9.	Clonmel Arms Hotel	Council meeting planned with owners of Clonmel Arms this week in relation to Section 3 Notice that was issued approx. 6 weeks ago
	10.	Clonmel CCTV Scheme Extension	Gardai confirmed that Garda Commissioners office have been making various queries on the application therefore we are hopeful that approval will come through soon. Progressing with preparatory works with ESB. They working on need to ensure adequate power sources available at all CCTV locations.
	11.	Enhancement and Painting Scheme	Advert also placed in local paper as well as through social media avenues. Encouraging town centre building owners to take up on the scheme if their property is in need of a facelift
	12.	Tree Strategy	Consultants will work until September on the project/tree strategy.
	13.	Marlfield Flood Alleviation Scheme	 The current status of the Scheme is: The Environmental and Financial assessment of the 5 Design options has been completed. Submission of the Design Options Report is expected before the end of June. A preferred option will be reached following a full review of this Report from TCC and OPW. This preferred option will then be presented to the Public for further consultation towards the end of the Summer.
	14.	Playground Equipment	Contractor ahs been appointment and will commence work in August
	15.	ORIS	<u>Suir Blueway:-</u> Towards latter part of the summer, design package will be prepared.
	16.	Additional updates:-	 Campervan Site at Suir Island – Being piloted for this Summer. Awaiting signage and then it will be operational with 12 bays and water points. Substance Misuse Committee meeting has been held with all relevant agencies on issues for Clonmel Town.

Report Prepared By: Carol Creighton, District Administrator, Clonmel Borough District

15th June 2023

2023 Road Works Programme (RWP) - Update for District Council Meeting on 21st June 2023

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	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	
R - 688-6	Rathduff		Install bi-directional single post chevrons and advance warning signs for bends for traffic travelling southbound	
R-687-3 R688-4	Jamestown Ballybeg		Installation of 1 No driver feedback sign, along with associated "Go Slow" signage	
R688-4	Mocklerstown		Road at bend to be resurfaced subject to assessment of skid resistance. Renew line markings on southbound approach to crossroads. Improve signage location and provide extra advance stop signage	
ridge Rehabilitation Works.				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project
Rodd Humber	Gas house Bridge (2022)	Roger Noonan & Adam Coffey	Works complete except for underwater survey of abutments, to be done in Q1/Q2 2023	Complete 90%
L - 6513	Sir Thomas's Bridge	Roger Noonan & Adam Coffey	Structural Inspection and associated repairs - Survrey completed awaiting report	10%
D30 - Capital Maintenance	on National Road Pavements 2023 (Pavement Repairs & Dr.	ainage Works)		
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P HD15 & HD17 National Re	oute Fencing Retrofit Projects 2023			
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project
	CLMD M. Works-Fencing Retrofit 19 on the N24	Emma Ryan & Adam Coffey	Project Assessment is ongoing	Complete 15%
ctive Travel Measures for 2	022 (subject to final agreement with the NTA)			
Cost	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
€50,000.00	Cycle Scheme Clonmel	Gillian Flynn	Design Report submitted to TII for approval	10%
€50,000.00	Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	Gillian Flynn	Consultants working on Planning pack & Environmental reports. This is an An Bord Pleanála planning application.	10%
€280,000.00	Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	Gillian Flynn	NTA approval to proceed to Planning, Publish Part 8 by end June	15%
€80,000.00	Cahir Road to Convent Road Active Travel scheme, Clonmel	Gillian Flynn	Awaiting NTA approval to proceed to Planning	
€50,000.00	SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	Gillian Flynn	Consultant working on the planning documents and drawings	10%
€200,000.00	SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel	Gillian Flynn	Awaiting NTA approval to proceed to Planning	15%
€30,000.00	Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel (Previously TCC/21/0014 Light Segregation Schemes)	Gillian Flynn	Consultant working on the planning documents and drawings	10%
€50,000.00	Rosegreen Active Travel Scheme (Previously TCC/22/0007 New Footpaths Package A)	Gillian Flynn	Works Complete	
€118,000.00	Clonmel Local Transport Plan	Gillian Flynn	Consultant working on development of draft transportation plan, public consultation on plan programmed for late July 2023.	50%
€100,000.00	Clonmel to Marifield Greenway	Gillian Flynn	Consultant working on the planning documents and drawings - An Bord Pleánala application.	
€200,000.00	Marifield to Cahir Greenway	Gillian Flynn	Phase 0 SAR Approved by TII. Consultant working on Feasibility Report Phase 1.	
imate Change Adaptation				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
L-6517	Road flooding- Brittas	Emma Ryan		100%
L2502-2 L6511-0	Ballypatrick - Drainage and resurfacing	Emma Ryan		
R-707	Drainage and resurfacing - Toor Drainage and resurfacing - Cherrymount	Emma Ryan Adam Coffey		
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owns & Villages Renewal -	(C200,000 - Received January 2021)			
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	
L-3287-0	Marlfield Village Renewal Project	Roger Noonan/Adam Coffey	Works on going., To be complete early 2023	60%
			 	

PB Footpath Funding - Clor	nmel Town - awaiting 2023 funding				
	Project Name & Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete	
	Dr. Croak Place (concrete laneway)		Length = 60m; Area = 249sq.m. Q1 2023 proposed.	0%	
	Carrigeen - Both sides between Nos. 46 & 47	Adam Coffey	Length = 50m; Area 50sq.m. Works will be done in Q1 2023	0%	
	Raheen Road - Raheen House to the Tech	Adam Coffey	Will form part of Active Travel - Safe Routes To Schoole Scheme. Anticipated 2023 works	0%	
	College Avenue	Hugh Houlihan & Adam Coffey		0%	
	River St	Hugh Houlihan & Adam Coffey Hugh Houlihan & Adam Coffey		0%	
	Elm park		Complete	100%	
	Gael Schoil			0%	
	Morton St			0%	
	Western Rd Cul de sac			0%	
	Queen St	Hugh Houlihan & Adam Coffey		0%	
Development Contributi	on Levies for 2021 (C209,467)				
·	Kilcash Village	Roger Noonan & Emma Ryan	Waiting on new framework Q1 2023 to get a competitive quote on resurfacing works	0%	
·	Clonmel	Roger Noonan & Adam Coffey	Some works are being progressed at present, intention to complete Q1 2023	30%	
	Rosegreen Village	Roger Noonan & Emma Ryan	Monies to be spent on landscaping & planting, at crossroads where traffic calming was done in 2022. Further AT funding for footpathe extension received 2023. These works will be complketed once AT footpath works are done.		

- 1	Development Contribution Levies for 2022 (C246,293)				-		
	Clerihan Village	Clerihan Village		Extensive footpaths repairs in ashlawn due to tree damage, trees will be replanted and new tarmac in main road in estate. Works continueing. Needs to be white lined.	90%		
	Lisronagh Village Lisronagh Village		Roger Noonan & Adam Coffey	Resurfacing, new footpaths, extensive powerwashing and tarmac to bustop and concrete bay beneath clothes bank	100%		
	Kilsheelan Village	Kilsheelan Village	Roger Noonan & Emma Ryan	Macadam works awarded to Caherclough. Commenced in late August 2022, contractor due on site w/c 13th Feb. patching on roads to eliminate ponding, just off N24 entrances to estates. Weather has halted progress, Q1 2023 plan, TCC have installed some gullies recently, caherclough will shape resurfacing works into gullies. Complete			

Clonmel Borough Municipal District.

Vacant Housing Report.

CBD Council Meeting, 21st June, 2023.

Breakdown of Vacant Houses.

Total number of vacant houses: 24.

CBD responsibility: 17.

Break down of CBD,

Awarded to contractors: 9.

Being prepared for tender: 4.

Prepared for tender: 3.

District not responsible: 1.

Notes,

- Received keys in last fortnight: 2.
- District not responsible, (No keys handed over) 1.

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- 1				Licence granted to Kevin O'Mahony for erection of				
ı	34068	Section 254 - Scaffolding Licence	Licences/Declarations/N	scaffolding/hoarding at 32 Mitchel Street, Clonmel.	30/05/2023	Creighton, Carol	21/06/2023	Clonmel Borough District
- 1				Extension of Scaffolding Licence granted to John Sisk & Son				
-1				Ltd for erection of scaffolding/hoarding at 16 O'Connell St.,				
-	33891	Scaffolding/Hoarding Licence		Clonmel to 31st May, 2023.	16/05/2023	Creighton, Carol	21/06/2023	Clonmel Borough District