



MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING OF THE THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD ON 17th APRIL 2023

Present: Councillor Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach, presided.

Councillors Noel Coonan, Seamus Hanafin, Shane Lee, Micheál Lowry, Eddie Moran, Jim Ryan, Seán Ryan and Michael Smith.

Also Present:

Eamon Lonergan	Director of Services
Thomas Duffy	District Engineer
Jim Ryan	Executive Engineer
Enda Walsh	Executive Engineer
Sharon Scully	District Administrator
Susan Scally	Asst Staff Officer

1. **Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest.**

There were no Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest raised at the Meeting.

2. **Adoption of Minutes.**

It was proposed by Councillor S. Ryan, seconded by Councillor N. Coonan and resolved:

"That the Minutes of the March 2023 Monthly Meeting which was held on the 20th March 2023 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

Councillor E. Moran raised an issue regarding an estate known as The Retirement Village, Railway Road, Templemore. He advised that the estate is not taken in charge with no public lighting and as such, is dangerous for the elderly residents living there.

Councillor N. Coonan advised that progress is being made and that there is now a Committee established. The contractor has, of late, fixed the electric gates into the estate and has agreed to tidy up the estate.

3. **Update from Environment and Climate Change.**

Michael Moroney, Senior Executive Officer and Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer were in attendance for this item. An Environment and Climate Action Section Update Report for the period 01/01/2023 to 31/03/2023 was circulated to the Members, with the Agenda, in advance of the Meeting and taken as read.



The Members raised the following queries:-

- Dumping in rural areas and on approach roads to towns and villages continues to be a problem.
Update requested on the technology being used to address the problem.
Is it possible to use mechanical methods to remove rubbish from areas?
Campaign to bin your rubbish is very welcome and shows the effects of dumping.
Update on the interaction with Fast Food Outlets to tackle litter problem.
Removal of rubbish immediately could help avoid other rubbish being dumped at the site.
- The provision of further Smart Bins in villages around the District? This initiative has been very successful in areas where the bins have already been provided.
- EV Charging points – infrastructure has been in place in Parnell Street and Slievenamon Road carparks, Thurles for some time. When will the points be switched on?
- Lack of dog waste bins around the District.
- Social Media Campaign on responsible dog ownership – what demographic is targeted with this campaign.
What types of issues are being addressed in the Climate Action Plan being developed by the Council?

Michael replied to queries as follows:

- A lot of work is being carried out to tackle the problem of dumping including:-
awareness with a more graphic visual impact of the effect of dumping;
focus on discussions with fast food outlets;
Anti-Litter Awareness Campaign i.e. clean up initiatives.
- Actively seeking funding to run a pilot scheme for the use of mechanical methods to remove rubbish which is very costly.
- Working with community groups i.e. provision of litter pickers, bags etc.
- Continue to support community groups who are doing tremendous work.
- Utilise technology such as cctv and drones.
- Will be more aggressive with prosecutions which is a lengthy process.
- Will continue to work with the Districts to deal with the issue.
- The Climate Action Plan is to be developed by 23rd. February 2024.
Claire Ryan has been appointed Climate Action Co-Ordinator. Prior to Claire's appointment a pre-draft plan was prepared with over 2,000 submissions highlighting a number of issues.



There are two core elements – the Council have a direct responsibility themselves but also have a role to play in offering support to other sectors of society.

The actual Draft Proposal will be available for public consultation by Q3, 2023. Members will be briefed continuously up to this time.

- Zevi have been engaged by the Government to drive forward the Electric Vehicles Charging Infrastructure Strategy with EV Charging Points at Sports Clubs/Community Centres.
- The provision of Dog Waste Bins will be discussed with the District.
- The roll out of Smart Bins was from an one-off funding stream and the Council would be prepared to seek funding for further Smart bins.

The District Engineer confirmed that the Council are actively pursuing ESB to have the EV Charging Points in Thurles switched on. The Council are ready for connections to be switched on and will continue to engage with the ESB.

The Cathaoirleach thanks Michael and Orla for their presentation and they left the Chamber.

4. To formally approve grants in the following categories:

- **Burial Ground Grants.**
- **Tidy Towns Grants.**
- **Residents Association Grants.**
- **Grants to Sporting Organisations.**

The draft allocation of grants for 2023 in the categories of Burial Ground Grants, Tidy Towns Grants, Residents Association Grants and Grants to Sporting Organisations was circulated to the Members at the Meeting.

The Members commended all the voluntary groups on the great work they carry out.

The Meetings Administrator advised that a number of clubs had not submitted applications and contact is being made with them.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin, seconded by Councillor N. Coonan:-

“that the allocation of Grants for 2023 be apportioned as follows:-



Festivals & Events Grants		
Municipal	€	€
Tangle Around	9,000.00	
Taste of Christmas Roscrea	5,000.00	
Thurles Circling the Square 2023	6,000.00	
Thurles Halloween Arts Festival	4,000.00	
Liberty Music Festival	4,000.00	28,000.00

Community	€	€
North Tipperary Horse Show 2023 Roscrea Equestrian Centre	300.00	
Dancing at the Crossroads	500.00	
Two Mile Borris Village Party	500.00	
Thurles St Patricks Day Parade	2,500.00	
Careers day 2023	500.00	
International Womens Day 2023	300.00	
Ceiliuradh La Fheile Padraig- St Patricks day celebration event	800.00	
Tipperary PPN Intercultural and Peace Celebration	300.00	
Celebration of Women in Soccer	500.00	
Roscrea St Patricks Day Parade	1,000.00	
Open Cross County Race Celebrating 75 years of Moyne Athletic Club	300.00	
Horse & Jockey Walking Festival	300.00	
Littleton St Patricks Day parade	1,000.00	
Thurles Christmas Skyfest	1,000.00	9,800.00

Tidy Towns/Villages Applications	€	€
Refresh Thurles Tidy Towns	1,100.00	
Rathmoy Residents Association	1,100.00	
Castleiney Tidy Village	1,400.00	
Inch Bouladuff The Ragg Tidy Village	2,000.00	
Gortagarry Development Committee	1,100.00	
Drom Tidy Villages Committee	1,400.00	
Knock Tidy Village Committee	1,400.00	
Two Mile Borris Tidy Towns	1,100.00	
Templemore Community Development	2,525.00	
Roscrea Tidy Towns	10,500.00	



Drombane Village Group	1,100.00	
Gortnahoe Tidy Towns	1,100.00	
Killea Tidy Town Group	1,100.00	
Loughmore Tidy Village	1,400.00	
Upperchurch Drombane Development	1,400.00	
Littleton Tidy Towns Association	1,100.00	
Templetuohy Tidy Towns	1,100.00	
Borrisoleigh Community Development Assoc	1,100.00	
Shevry Development Association	1,100.00	
Horse & Jockey Tidy Villages	1,100.00	
Ballyboy Tidy Towns Association	1,400.00	
Clonakenny Tidy Villages	1,100.00	
Ballycahill Tidy Village	1,100.00	
Toomevara Development Committee	1,200.00	
Holycross Tidy Village	1,400.00	
Clonmore Development Committee	1,100.00	42,525.00

Burial Grounds	€	€
Rathnaveogue Burial Ground	700.00	
Upperchurch New Burial Ground Comm	700.00	
Corbally Parish COI	700.00	
St Marys Church Littleton	700.00	
Shyan Burial Ground Comm	700.00	
Drom Old Burial Ground Committee	700.00	
Cooleeney Graveyard Committee	700.00	
Gortagarry Church Ground	700.00	
Moycarkey Old Burial Ground	700.00	
Galboola Littleton	700.00	
Templeree Graveyard Comm	700.00	
Ballymoreen Burial Ground	700.00	
Loughmore Old Cemetery	700.00	
St Burchins Burial Ground	700.00	
Holycross Old Graveyard	700.00	
Killavinogue Graveyard Committee	700.00	
Aglisn Graveyard	700.00	
Killea St James Burial ground	700.00	
Killea St Aodhs new Burial ground	700.00	



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Annameadle Burial Ground	700.00	
Fennor Burial Ground	700.00	
Rahealty Burial Ground	700.00	
Moycarkey St Peters Burial Ground 2	700.00	
Moycarkey St Peters Burial Ground 1	700.00	
Littleton St Kevins Burial Ground	700.00	
Inch Old Graveyard	700.00	
St Michaels Bouladuff	700.00	
Quaker Burial Ground	700.00	
Courageneen Old BG	700.00	
Courageneen New BG	700.00	
Clonakenny Cemetery Committee	700.00	
Boggaun Graveyard Committee	700.00	
Two Mile Borrish Graveyard Committee	700.00	
St Cronans COI	700.00	
Upperchurch Old Burial Ground Comm	700.00	
Durlas Eile - St Marys Thurles	700.00	
Killinan Burial Ground	700.00	
Kyleanna Burial Ground Comm	700.00	
Templetuohy Burial Ground	700.00	
Moyaliffe Graveyard	700.00	
Moyne Old Cemetery	700.00	
Timoney Graveyard	700.00	
Ballycahill Burial Ground	700.00	
Moyne New Cemetery	700.00	
Toomevara Church of Ireland	700.00	
Latteragh Graveyard	700.00	
Boullick Burial Ground	700.00	
Knock Graveyard	700.00	
Calvary Committee Roscrea	700.00	
St Josephs Templemore	700.00	
Kilfithmone Graveyard	700.00	
St Cronans Graveyard	700.00	
Camblin Burial Ground	700.00	
Kilcooley Union of Parishes -	700.00	
Shyan Burial Ground Comm	700.00	
St Brigids Borrisholeigh Burial ground	700.00	



Templebeg Graveyard Committee	700.00	
Temple Seacht Sean Borrisofarney BG Committee	700.00	
Glenkeen Burial Ground Committee	700.00	41,300.00

Residents Grants	€	€
Marlstone Manor Residents Committee	750.00	
Kiltillane Court Residents Association	250.00	
Cluain Airne Residents Association	350.00	
Ashgrove Residents Association	450.00	
Carraig Duin Residents Association	200.00	
Windsor Grove Residents Association	450.00	
Oakdale Park Residents Association	300.00	
Knockanevin Residents Association	350.00	
Horse & Jockey Residents Committee	350.00	
Ard Carraig Residents Association	400.00	
Loughtagalla Residents Association	500.00	
Castlecourt Residents Association Borrisoleigh	200.00	
Willowmere Drive Residents Association	750.00	
Sliabh Na Mban Meadows Residents Association	250.00	
Sli na Suire Residents Association	750.00	
Orchard Residents Association Borrisoleigh	200.00	
Hazelwood Residents Association Thurles	750.00	
Cluain Doire Residents Association	300.00	
Ard Ros Residents Committee Roscrea	350.00	
Orchard Court Residents Association Templemore	300.00	
The 4 Estates /Beechwood Lawns Residents Association Thurles	550.00	
The Willows Residents Association	850.00	
Church View Residents Association	200.00	
Caislean Cuirt Residents Association	200.00	
Cluain Airne Residents Association 2 Cul De Sac	350.00	
Elmwood Residents Association	650.00	
Moyne Road Residents Association	500.00	
Ikerrin Court Residents Association	500.00	
Parkmore Manor Residents Association	300.00	
Castlepark Residents Association	300.00	
Cluain Ard Residents Association Roscrea	300.00	



Cluain Glas Residents Association	850.00	
Farmleigh Residents Association Birr	300.00	
Croke St Residents Association	300.00	14,350.00
Sports Grants	€	€
Moycarkey Coolcree AC	350.00	
Gortahoola Racquetball club	350.00	
Thurles Rugby Club	800.00	
Holycross Ballycahill Camogie club	350.00	
Knock GAA	350.00	
Tipperary Knights	350.00	
Tipperary Warriors Multisports Club	350.00	
Thurles Sarsfields Camogie Club	650.00	
Drom Inch GAA Club	350.00	
Holycross Ballycahill LGFA	350.00	
Borroway Rovers F.C.	350.00	
Durlas Og Juvenile GAA	800.00	
Moyne Templetuohy Camogie Club	350.00	
Moyne Templetuohy Ladies Football Club	350.00	
Templemore Ladies Football Club	450.00	
Loughmore Castleiney GAA	350.00	
Killea GAA	350.00	
Templemore & District Gun Club	500.00	
Moycarkey Borris Camogie	350.00	
Moycarkey Borris Ladies Football	350.00	
Roscrea Rugby Club Girls & Ladies	350.00	
Clonakenny GAA	350.00	
Clonakenny GAA Juvenile Club	350.00	
Roscrea Hurling Club	350.00	
Toomevara GAA Club	350.00	
Gortnohoe Glengoole Camogie Club	350.00	
Templemore Athletic Club	800.00	
Killavilla United AFC	350.00	
Roscrea Rugby Club	350.00	
Thurles Golf Club	500.00	
Upperchurch Drombane Juvenile GAA	350.00	
Thurles Special Olympics Club	350.00	
Templemore Active Retirement	350.00	



Slieve Felim Raparees Ladies Gaelic Football & Camogie Club	350.00	
Moycarkey Borris Gaelic For Mothers & Others	350.00	
Blackcastle Templemore Harps	800.00	
Templemore Golf Club	300.00	
Moneygall GAA	400.00	
Borrisoleigh Camogie Club	350.00	
Roscrea GAA Juvenile Club	350.00	
Thurles Gaels Ladies Football & Camogie	350.00	
Tipp Talons Basketball Club	350.00	
Templemore Badminton Club	350.00	
Two Mile Borris St Kevins FC	500.00	
Thurles Gaels GAA	650.00	
Drom Inch Juvenile GAA	350.00	
Gortnahoe Glengoole GAA Club	350.00	
Moyne Athletic Club	350.00	
Grange Badminton Club	350.00	
Thurles Hockey Club	350.00	
Sallypark St Odhrans FC	350.00	
St Cronans Camogie Club Roscrea	350.00	
Lakeside Pitch & Putt	650.00	
Peake Villa FC	800.00	22,600.00
TOTAL	158,575.00	

5. District Engineer's Report.

An updated District Engineer's Report for the MD was circulated to the Members in advance of the Meeting and taken as read.

The District Engineer advised the Members that only one tertiary submission has been made to date and all submissions were needed as soon as possible. He also advised that approval for funding for work at O'Donovan Rossa Street, Thurles had come through earlier today.

The Members raised the following queries:-

- Traffic islands on the old N8 at Liskeveen were hindering residents from accessing their properties – could this work be undertaken under a Low Cost Safety Scheme?
- Drainage at Horse & Jockey continues to be an issue due to deluges of rain.



- Patch of road on the old N8 Littleton to Horse & Jockey in need of repair.
- Flyover on the N75 National Road in Two-Mile-Borris at the Turnpike is very slippery – can the TII be contacted regarding this issue?
- Cross at Moyneard / Moyne is dangerous and needs barriers installed. There is some fencing at this location but it does not address the issue.
- Signage needed on the N62 Templemore where St. Mary's National School is – it is dangerous for children attending the school as vehicles speed in from the Roscrea Road.
- Footpaths on Patrick Street (outside Doherty Hardware) and on Main Street (outside the old Bank / Garda Station) are in need of attention.
- There are two large potholes on the old N8 road at the roundabout into Cashel which needs attention. Can this issue be passed onto the Tipperary MD whose area this is in?
- Can work on Cuchulainn Road, Thurles be included in the work schedules for O'Donovan Rossa Street?
- Complimented the work carried out on the River Suir walk at Ladyswell, Thurles. However the entrance from Clongour is not wheelchair friendly – can this be addressed?
- Stretch of road on the N62 Derrymore is deteriorating.
- Road in Roscrea Town Centre is deteriorating and in need of repair.
- Road surface outside Brittas Veterinary Clinic on Brittas Road, Thurles in need of repair. There was work carried out on sections either side of this patch.
- Can a centre white line be laid on the roadway from Mill Road to Littleton?
- Can specific parking bays be allocated for motorbikes in Thurles?
- There are sections along Slievenamon Road, Thurles where the roadway between the road and the footpath is sinking particularly outside Ryans Funeral Home.
- Will EV Charging Points be installed before resurfacing work is carried out at The Square, Templemore?
- Road surface on the Suir Bridge at N62 Killough is in need of attention.

The District Engineer replied to queries raised was as follows:-

- The EV Charging Points will be installed in advance of work at the Town Hall, Templemore. The roadworks at this location will include closing of joints and not a full resurface.
- The issue at the Suir Bridge will be examined.
- Contact will be made with the TII regarding pothole outside Brittas Veterinary, Brittas Road, Thurles.
- The provision of centre white line from Mill Road to Littleton will be examined.
- Parking spaces are already assigned to a number of specific groups. We can look at the possibility of assigning specific bays to motorbikes at the Market Quarter, Thurles if it is required.



- The issue with the road verge on Slievenamon Road, Thurles will be monitored. The major works are expected to take place shortly. Repairs have previously been undertaken near pedestrian crossing for public safety.
- The dangerous cross at Moyneard will be examined.
- Some work has already been undertaken on N62 at St Mary's National School however sightlines will hinder the amount of work that can be carried out at this location. Provision of signs identifying school in the area will be taken up with Capital Section.
- A programme of footpaths in need of repairs is being prepared and Patrick Street and Main Street, Templemore will be included.
- Work on O'Donovan Rossa Street, Thurles will depend on funding. Some localised areas on the street can be addressed.
- A photo of a proposal to address wheelchair access at Clongour, Thurles will be shown to Councillor Hanafin after the Monthly Meeting.
- Stretch of roadway at N62 Derrymore will be examined.
- Funding stream to address deterioration of road at Town Centre, Roscrea will need to be identified.
- Drain cleaning is undertaken once the Roads Programme is completed.
- The old National Routes will be examined however there is no funding available.
- Issue with N75 Bridge will be passed onto the TII.

6. Update on District Project Pipeline Plan.

An updated report on the Capital Projects for the MD was circulated to the Members, in advance of the Meeting, as outlined in the table below:-

Project Name & Details	Next Phase Works/Actions
Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme Phase 2 - Thurles	Options assessment and selection of a preferred option design with key statutory stakeholder. Meetings and Workshops with elected members and the public stakeholders in Q2 2023. A Part 8 planning application in Q4 2023.
Proposed Market and Extension to Farm Building, Thurles	Agree Final Design Construction Works to commence in Q3/Q4 2023. Meetings with Stakeholders are ongoing
Littleton Labyrinth Walkway and Cycleway - Phase 1	Bord na Mona employees to construct track. Construction commencement scheduled for August 2023. Ongoing discussions with BnM are taking place as part of a Project Steering Group Options routes for proposed windfarm ongoing



Littleton Bushcraft Centre	Procurement for external consultants to prepare a detailed Feasibility Study of Bushcraft Centre located on Bord na Mona Lands to commence in Q3 2023										
Holycross – Tourism & visitor Centre	Funding application under RRDF was unsuccessful. The future of the project to be considered in line with all available funding streams, including Just Transition funding.										
Templemore Town Hall Cultural and Enterprise Centre and Civic Plaza	Contract to be signed with successful contractor Q2 2023 Works to commence in Q2 2023.										
Gantly Road in Roscrea - <i>An Age Friendly Neighbourhood</i>	Handover of Project from Planning to Thurles MD to commence, once formal offer of funding from Dept has been received. Design Team to be procured.										
Roscrea Town Centre First Master Plan	Meetings are on-going with the consultants O'Mahony Pike (scheduled fortnightly). Agreed that a Final Draft of the Roscrea TCF Masterplan will be submitted to TCC at the end of June and complete by July.										
Templemore Town Streetscape Enhancement Project	Concept stage.										
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The Members raised the following issues:-

- Funding for the 2nd phase of the Littleton Labyrinth.
- Update on the Templemore Town Hall Project.
- Lack of public toilets in Templemore Town Park which is greatly used by the public and is a health and safety issue.

Replies to queries raised by the Members were as follows:-

- Planning Section are leading on the Littleton Labyrinth Project Funding. While funding is high on the priority list, the land is owned by Bord na Mona and this has to be taken into account.



- Contracts with a local contractor for work at Templemore Town Hall are expected to be signed next week. The cost of the project is over €3m with match funding from the County Council with an 18 month expected completion timeframe.
- Signs will be erected advising the public that the toilets in the nearby Sports Clubs are available for use by the public. Following a meeting with the Templemore Development Association, it is intended to provide a disability toilet in the new Town Hall and funding is currently be investigated.

7. Notice of Motion.

There were no Notices of Motion.

8. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence.

Councillor Jim Ryan asked that a letter be sent to An Post requesting their future plans for the former Post Office building on Liberty Square, Thurles which closed in 2019 and is still vacant. An Post had made a commitment when the Post Office closed that the property would not be left idle.

9. Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations.

Votes of Sympathy were extended to:

- Councillor Seamus Hanafin on the passing of his aunt, Sr Carmel Ryan, Presentation Sisters, Youghal, Co. Cork and late of Holycross.
- The Carroll Family on the passing of Martin Carroll (Retired Army), Castleiney, Templemore.

Councillor Hanafin thanked the Members for the Vote of Sympathy on the passing of his aunt. He said that his aunt had given 80 years of service and recognition should be given to the religious orders on the level of service in education they gave in communities.

Votes of Congratulations were extended to:

- The Finn Family whose pub is closing today after 17 years' service in Templemore.
- Mrs. Margaret Collins, Killea who celebrated her 100th Birthday recently.
- Aisling Ryan, CEO of Ryans Event Cleaning on winning the award for PwC Family Businesswoman of the Year 2023 in Dublin recently.
- Liam Devaney from Thurles Martial Arts Academy who won the ICO pro European K-1 Title in Birmingham last weekend.



10. Any Other Business

There was no further business.

That concluded the official business of the April Meeting.

SIGNED: 
CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 15th May, 2023

SIGNED: 
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

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