

**Minutes of June Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 at 11.30am**

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

**Officials Present:** Mr. Dave Carroll, A/District Director  
Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator  
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer  
Mr. Richard Power, Executive Engineer  
Mr. Frank Cussen, Executive Engineer  
Mr. Michael Begley, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer  
**Housing Directorate**  
Mr. Shane Grogan, Administrative Officer  
Mr. Shaun Lonergan, Executive Engineer  
**C&E Directorate**  
Ms. Kathleen Prendergast, Administrative Officer

**Apologies** Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

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Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator, commenced the meeting with the meeting prayer. He called the roll, noted the apologies of Councillor Ryan (Shiner) and confirmed that the remaining Municipal District members were present at the meeting. The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Declan Burgess, welcomed everyone to the June Municipal District meeting.

**1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest**

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

**2.1 Minutes of May Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023**

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District May meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Marie Murphy seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

## **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **3.1 Housing Directorate Report**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Shane Grogan, Administrative Officer and Mr. Shaun Lonergan, Executive Engineer to the meeting. Mr. Grogan congratulated Councillor Burgess and Councillor Murphy on their election and was happy to take questions.

Councillor Marie Murphy requested an update in relation to Abbey Street, Cahir and she also requested an update on the 14 units proposed in Clogheen and noted that they are at Stage II with the Department. She welcomed the Housing Grant Allocation for LA DPGs. Councillor McGrath also requested an update in relation to the Abbey Street, Cahir houses and wanted to thank Jonathon Cooney and Liam Ryan for meeting with the residents of Mountain View Drive. She added that the meeting was engaging and there was very positive feedback from the residents. Councillor Fitzgerald referred to the list of proposed works in the report, Clogheen 14, Ardfinnan 17 and Bansha 14 units. He noted that most villages have land banks and in the past the Councillors were aware of what was in the pipeline. He commented that he has raised this previously and no information was provided. Councillor Fitzgerald also referred to the elected representative nominations process in housing and the lack of information being provided to Councillors and previously spoke to the Housing Director regarding this. Councillor Moloney referred to the 16 vacant units awaiting minor repairs and asked what is the lead time. He also noted that there are a number of houses in Goatenbridge, however it isn't listed as an area of preference on the housing application form and requested that it be included. Councillor Black referred to the eviction ban and the significant number of tenants receiving NTQs. He understood that the Council would assist private tenants, however no help was provided to a recent caller. He requested clarification on the policy and noted that a lot of people are in the same situation. Councillor Kennedy requested clarification of the number of RAS and Leasing properties and asked if the 962 and 382 in the report is a county wide basis. He also requested an update on the development at Boherclough Street and noted that the completion date has gone from Q3 to Q4. He also agreed with Councillor Fitzgerald regarding development in rural areas and referred to the 800 approved applicants in this district and noted that there are 100 houses at different stages of development. Councillor McGrath supported Councillor Moloney regarding having Goatenbridge included as an area of preference. She referred to Newcastle and accepted that no development can take place because of a lack of sewerage treatment facilities similar to Golden. She added that this was impeding development and it is important to keep rural villages alive. Councillor Burgess referred to the Q4 completion date for the units at Boherclough Street and asked if tenants would be in before Christmas. He also requested an update on the roundabout.

In response, Mr. Grogan confirmed that the building contractor at Abbey Street is doing the final walkthrough of the site this week and once it is signed off, keys will be given out. Regarding the Clogheen project, revised costings were provided to the Department and they are awaiting approval. He advised Councillor Fitzgerald, that Robert Johnston and Liam Ryan are tasked with identifying potential sites for development and bringing proposals to the Department. Regarding the development on Boherclough Street, Mr. Grogan confirmed that there have been delays due to Uisce Eireann and it is expected that works will be completed in November. Mr. Grogan thanked Councillor McGrath and agreed to pass her thanks to Jonathan Cooney and Liam Ryan regarding the early engagement with the residents of Mountain View Drive. Mr. Grogan agreed to pass Councillor Fitzgerald's comments to Sinead Carr, Director of Housing regarding the representation process. Mr. Grogan also agreed to discuss with the Housing Assessment Team regarding the inclusion of Goatbridge as an area of preference. He also clarified that the Housing Section facilitate private tenants with notice to quits to liaise with the Housing Agency. Mr. Grogan also confirmed that the figures relating to RAS and Leasing are on a county wide basis.

Councillor Anglim asked how many villages in the District are currently without a sewerage treatment system and requested a special meeting with Water Services and Uisce Eireann. Councillor Crosse wanted to support Councillor Fitzgerald and Councillor Anglim in their request and also requested a more aggressive approach to buying and building houses. Councillor Burgess noted that the work is due to be completed on Boherclough Street in November and asked if tenants would be in before Christmas. Mr. Grogan confirmed that the houses would be made available on Choice Based Letting and they would be allocated as quickly as possible. Mr. Lonergan confirmed that 4 weeks before the completion date, houses would be made available on Choice Based Letting. Councillor Kennedy requested an update in relation to the houses in Moyne that were available for letting on CBL on Friday and were subsequently removed. Mr. Grogan confirmed that this was an administrative error and the housing section will be writing to everyone affected to apologise because their expression of interest is not valid. It was agreed to discuss Councillor Burgess Notice of Motion ID 2626 because it relates to housing.

## **5.2 Councillor Declan Burgess (Ref. ID 2626)**

That Management outline plans in this Municipal District for the 'Ready to Build' scheme. This scheme enables local authorities to make serviced sites in towns and villages available to potential individual purchasers (self-builders). These sites will be available at a discount on the market value of the site for the build.

### **Reply**

The Ready to Build scheme is an important part of the suite of affordable housing options which are being prepared by Tipperary County Council. With this in mind it is proposed to develop 4 serviced sites for sale in the village of Boherlahan. The site is located in the centre of the village and sits near to the Den Montessori school at the Cashel end of the village.

The sites are in the ownership of the Council and it is envisaged that works will commence in the coming weeks to prepare the sites for sale. In addition, a business case is being submitted to the Department seeking funding for the scheme and while we have not had a definitive answer to date the initial indications from the Department are positive.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Fitzgerald.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Housing Team.

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

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Kathleen Prendergast, Community & Economic Development Section to the meeting. Ms. Prendergast thanked the Cathaoirleach and the members and wanted to highlight on Page 16 of their meeting pack that work on the preparation of the Local Economic and Community Plan 2023 -2028 has commenced and she requested that the Members highlight the importance of their constitutes undertaking the citizen survey. She also wanted to highlight the shop local campaign and to share it on their social media platforms.

Councillor Fitzgerald referred to the Community Recognition Fund announcement and the deserving communities. He referred to the significant number of arrivals from Ukrainian and in particularly referred to a number of arrivals to the Mushroom Farm in Golden. He confirmed that they have been welcomed into the community and the community hall in Golden was made available to them to celebrate Christmas. Councillor Murphy wanted to thank Marie Cox and Fiona Crotty for their engagement with the successful applicants. She also acknowledged that the online process was very easy and she wanted to compliment the staff. Councillor Kennedy wanted to thank Ms. Prendergast for the 50 page report which has huge detail. He expressed his disappointment that the footpath in Dundrum didn't qualify for the Community Recognition Fund. Councillor Moloney referred to the Tipperary Women's Mini Marathon and noted that no funding was sought for the event which is disappointing because it is a successful event. He confirmed that there is capacity in the running calendar for the event to take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> September and asked if funding could be found. He confirmed that Moore Abbey Milers would be happy to run it under their permit and Cahir will provide stewards. Councillor Burgess thanked Ms. Prendergast and wanted to highlight a Yoga event in Rockwell on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, which is a great event celebrating inclusion.

In response Ms. Prendergast confirmed that the Community Recognition Fund was a once off, however there are calls to provide it again next year. She confirmed that Tipperary received €997,00 countywide and this District received €374,750. She advised Councillor Moloney that she will raise his query regarding the mini marathon with the relevant team and ask if it is possible to run the event in September. Regarding the Yoga event in Rockwell she confirmed that last year was the first year and they are expecting greater crowds this year. Councillor

Roger Kennedy wanted to congratulate the C&E team and highlighted the Age Friendly EXPO taking place in Thurles on Thursday.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Prendergast and her team.

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

The District Engineer updated the Members and advised that the surface dressing and RI has been completed in Cahir and Cashel and there are some areas remaining in Tipperary. He confirmed that the Bridge Works have gone out to tender and the CIS Scheme will be open for applications in September.

Councillor Moloney requested an update from Active Travel in relation to the roundabout at Super Valu. He also requested an update on Cahir Bridge. Councillor Murphy thanked the District Engineer for the update on the CIS and asked for specific dates. Councillor Anglim asked if everyone who was approved for the CIS this year has paid their contribution. Councillor Hanna Hourigan referred to the damage Coillte has caused to the road in Cappawhite, designed to carry 3 tonne and trucks are bringing up to 50 tonne on narrow roads that are not suitable. Councillor Fitzgerald referred to the road in Ballintemple where there is a gap between the road and some residents and a solution will have to be found. Councillor Kennedy wanted to concur with Councillor Hanna Hourigan in relation to the condition of the road in Cappawhite. He requested that conditions should be put on the felling licences granted to protect the road and compensation should be paid. Councillor McGrath referred to road openings carried out by NBI contractors and the poor reinstatement carried out in Newcastle and Knockgraffon. Councillor Burgess referred to the bridge at Freighduff which badly needs to be cleaned and pointed. He also referred to a water leak at Ardmayle and is worried that it is affecting the integrity of the bridge. Councillor Murphy raised concern regarding a depression on the road left by Uisce Eireann outside the courthouse in Clogheen. She also referred this matter to Uisce Eireann directly.

In response the District Engineer confirmed that Active Travel are dealing with the roundabout at Super Valu and he would ask them to provide an update. He confirmed that the bridge works in Cahir are gone to tender and it is due to close on the 12<sup>th</sup> July. Works include de-vegging and repointing. He advised that he would provide clarification on the application dates on the CIS Scheme and if all applicants have to reapply. He confirmed that a temporary reinstatement was carried out in Clogheen and that the Council signs off on permanent reinstatement and they normally don't get complaints from NBI work. Regarding the CIS Schemes for this year he confirmed that two didn't pay and they would move to the next on the list. The District Engineer confirmed that they are aware of the damage to the road in Cappawhite and they have spoken to Coillte. In relation to the issues in Ballintemple he confirmed that the GSS has spoken to the residents and a resolution would be agreed.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the District Engineer

### **3.8 District Administrator's Report**

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda and Mr. McGowan was available for questions.

Councillor Murphy requested an update in relation to the CLAR funded project in Clogheen. She accepted that the work to upgrade the toilets had been completed, however no work has commenced on the playground. She confirmed that it is important that work progresses during the summer whilst the weather is suitable. The District Administrator confirmed that he will seek clarification and revert. Councillor Kennedy asked where the Community Bus will be sited and the District Administrator clarified the Gardai are managing this initiative and the bus will be servicing Tipperary town and the surrounding area.

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

The orders were noted.

### **5.1 Councillor Tony Black (Ref. ID 2625)**

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

### **5.3 Councillor Michael Fitzgerald (Ref. ID 2627)**

That this Council erect a wall between Oliver Plunket Park and Rockview Estate. Currently, there is a "green fence," but it is not sufficient, and a wall is required to help combat antisocial behaviour and littering and also to provide privacy for residents of both estates.

#### **Reply**

Subject to approval of Elected Members reinstating the fencing will be considered.

The members proposed a wall, however any solution would have to be discussed and agreed with the residents association.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

### **5.4 Councillor Declan Burgess (Ref. ID 2628)**

That this Municipal District reinstates a road crossing warden on the Cahir Road in Cashel. This is in the interest of road safety.

#### **Reply**

Tipperary County Council has no proposal to provide a school warden at Cahir Road, Cashel, at this time, and no funding is provided in Budget 2023 to extend the school warden scheme.

It is noted that there is a zebra crossing provided at this location, adjacent to Oliver Plunkett Park. Drivers are required to stop and permit pedestrians to cross at zebra crossings. Overtaking and parking is prohibited within the area marked by zig-zag lines provided with the zebra crossing.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

**5.5 Councillor Tony Black (Ref. ID 2632)**

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

**5.6 Councillor Michael Fitzgerald (Ref. ID 2633)**

That the Council attend to unblocking the shores and drains at Lower Main Street, Bansha as they are causing severe flooding.

**Reply**

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This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

**6.1 Votes of Sympathy**

- Joe Delaney, "The Beeches", Kingswell, Tipperary Town
- Fr Bill Greene, St Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, Wicklow formerly Kingswell, Tipperary Town
- Anna Slattery, Martin Breen Terrace, Tipperary Town
- Jim Ryan Sandy, Castlepark, Golden

**6.2 Votes of Congratulations**

- Keith Savage and his team for successfully organising Ardfinnan's Mega Family FunDay on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June
- Ben Currivan, Golden, Co Tipperary for being awarded overall Student of the Year 2022/2023 in Cashel Community School
- Nancy Currivan, Golden, Co Tipperary on celebrating her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday

**7.1 Correspondence from the Housing SPC regarding Housing First properties.**

Noted

**7.2 Correspondence from Jean Nelson, Community Volunteer Awards LAMA**

Noted

**7.3 Correspondence from the Sisters of St. John of God and the family of Sr. Eileen Egan**

Noted

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

There was no other business.

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

Signed/  Dated/ 24/7/2023  
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 24/7/2023  
District Administrator

