



Management Report to Council



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June dates for your Diary

| <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> |
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| | | | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> 10am: Community Culture & Library Services SPC Meeting |
| <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>9</u> 9am: CPG Meeting |
| <u>12</u> 10am: TCC Plenary Meeting - Nenagh | <u>13</u> 10am <u>Planning & Emergency Services SPC Meeting</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>15</u> 10am: Nenagh MD Annual Mtg followed by Ordinary Mtg | <u>16</u> |
| <u>19</u> 10am: Thurles MD Annual Mtg followed by Ordinary Mtg | <u>20</u> | <u>21</u> 11am: Clonmel BD Meeting | <u>22</u> 12pm: Carrick-on-Suir Annual Mtg followed by Ordinary Mtg 4pm: Clonmel BD Annual Mtg | <u>23</u> 10am: JPC Meeting |
| <u>26</u> 10am: Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD W/Shop followed by Annual Mtg followed by Ordinary Mtg | <u>27</u> 10am: Cllr Workshop CCTV Operation & Maintenance | <u>28</u> | <u>29</u> | <u>30</u> 10am: AGM Plenary Council |

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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



New Policy/Strategic Issues

Policy Changes/Updates

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was held on 29th May 2023. The following items were considered:


- EV Charging Infrastructure – Progress to date and future proposals;
- Local Authority Fleet – Alternative Fuel Trials.

The next meeting of the SPC is scheduled for 4th September 2023.

Directorate Priorities

| Major Current Issues | Progress to date | Next Stage |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Major inter-urban routes | <p>2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Arup appointed Oct 2019 for Phase 1-4. Website launched August 2020. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete in Sept 2020. Transport Options & Alternatives Public Consultation complete Aug 2021. Phase 2: Preferred Transport Solution announced May 2022. Phase 3: Design Update No. 1 took place on 23 January 2023. <u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched February 2021. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021.</p> | <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 2: TCC published the Options Selection Report in March 2023. Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation Processes has commenced. This will define land take required for the preferred option. <u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2: Options selection commenced and options were announced 3 May 2022. Phase 2 is due to be completed in 2023. This will announce a Proposed Transport Solution and open a Public Consultation process on same.</p> |



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| Capital Programme 2023 | Implementation of Programme | Progress schemes and draw down grant funding before end of TII financial year. |
| Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2023 | Implementation of Programme | Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding. |
| Implementation of Active Travel Investment Programme 2023 | Implementation of Programme | Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding. |
| <p>Rural and Community Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLÁR • Community Involvement Scheme 2023 • Local Improvement Scheme 2023 | <p>Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department</p>  | <p>CLÁR 2022/23 – 2 no. Measure 1 applications approved by Department of Rural and Community Development completed at Drombane Village Car Park and Clonakenny playground enhancement. Projects for 2023 under development for submission to DRCD in June 2023.</p> <p>The allocation for Community Involvement Schemes in 2023 is €804,600. Schemes have been prioritised for 2023 and offer letters issued for payment of the local contribution.</p> <p>The allocation for Local Improvement Schemes in 2023 is €744,914. Schemes have been prioritised for 2023 and offer letters issued for payment of the local contribution.</p> |
| Consultation | Annual Meeting with TII to be scheduled in Q4 2023. | Continued consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff. |
| Road Safety | | Tipperary County Council has completed the preparation of the Road Safety Strategy 2022-2030 and Phase 1 Action Plan 2022-2024. The strategy has been presented to SPC and agreed by all agencies; it will be launched on 1 st June 2023. |



Department of Transport (DoT)

| Tipperary County Council Regional and Local Roads Allocations 2023 | |
|---|--------------------|
| Restoration Improvement | €17,446,000 |
| Restoration Maintenance | €2,546,500 |
| Supplementary Restoration Maintenance | €2,001,500 |
| Discretionary Grant | €4,800,500 |
| Bridge Rehabilitation | €904,752 |
| Specific Imp. Grants | €681,000 |
| Strategic Regional and Local Roads | €825,000 |
| Safety Improvement Works | €605,000 |
| PSCI: Survey Support | €44,000 |
| Training Grant | €129,500 |
| Drainage Works | €1,192,000 |
| Former National Roads | €600,000 |
| Cycle Signs | €11,000 |
| Speed Limits (Housing Area Signage) | €19,660 |
| Speed Limits (Rural Speed Limit Signage) | €13,500 |
| Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Works | €907,887 |
| Community Involvement Scheme | €804,600 |
| Total Allocation | €33,532,399 |



2023 GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR NATIONAL ROADS

| Tipperary County Council – National Roads Allocations 2023 | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Improvement | Allocations 2023 |
| National Primary | |
| HD15 and HD17 Minor Works | €1,710,000 |
| Pavements incl. Safety Works | €1,200,000 |
| National Secondary | |
| HD15 and HD17 Minor Works | €906,000 |
| Minor Works | €500,000 |
| Pavements | €1,700,000 |
| Engineering Support for National Primary, National Secondary, and Pavement Design and Supervision | €350,000 |
| Tipperary Bridge Rehabilitation | €250,000 |
| Total Improvement Allocations 2023 | €6,616,000 |
| Construction of New Roads | Allocations 2023 |
| Cashel/Mitchelstown | €25,000 |
| NDP – N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction | €2,500,000 |
| Total Construction of New Roads Allocations 2023 | €2,525,000 |
| Maintenance | Allocations 2023 |
| Total National Primary Maintenance & Route Lighting | €362,456 |
| Total National Secondary Maintenance & Route Lighting | €385,328 |
| Engineering and Winter Support to the National Primary and National Secondary - Maintenance Programme | €88,300 |
| Total Maintenance Allocations 2023 | €836,084 |
| Total TII Grant Allocation for National Roads | €9,977,084 |



2023 GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR GREENWAYS

| Greenways | Allocations 2023 |
|--|-------------------|
| Cashel to Cahir Greenway- Cashel to Cahir Town | €100,000 |
| East Limerick Greenway (Tipperary) | €50,000 |
| Lough Derg Greenway – Ballina to Dromineer | €300,000 |
| Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield | €300,000 |
| Suir Blueway, Gas House Bridge – Suir Island, Clonmel | €100,000 |
| Suir Blueway – Marlfield to Cahir – Marlfield Village to Swiss Cottage | €150,000 |
| Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link – Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden | €150,000 |
| Local Authority Greenways Support 2023 | €250,000 |
| Total Greenway Allocation 2023 | €1,400,000 |

GREENWAY PROJECTS

| GREENWAY PROJECT | CURRENT UPDATE |
|--|--|
| Suir Blueway - Gas House Bridge - Suir Island, Clonmel | Preparing to submit planning application to An Bord Pleanála. |
| Suir Blueway - Waterford Greenway Link - Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden | Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal and Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility under review by TII. |
| Suir Blueway - Marlfield to Cahir | Phase 0: SAR approved and Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility substantially complete and to be submitted to TII for approval. |
| Lough Derg Greenway - Ballina to Dromineer | The second non-statutory public consultation on the route corridor options concluded on 12 January 2023. The submissions made by interested parties have now been reviewed by the Project Design Team. |
| Cashel to Cahir Greenway - Cashel to Cahir Town | Phase 0: Scope and Pre-Appraisal substantially complete and to be submitted to TII for approval. |
| Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield | Environmental surveys and site investigation on site at present. Planning application to An Bord Pleanála to be prepared by Q3 2023. |



ACTIVE TRAVEL

On 1st February 2023 the council received notification from the National Transport Authority of an allocation of €4,633,000 for Active Travel Schemes in 2023 (see full details hereunder). In 2021 and 2022 Tipperary County Council, with the support of the NTA, secured additional funding for projects throughout the year and an expansive programme of much needed active travel infrastructure was delivered across the County.

The active travel funding programme, now in its third year, has established a portfolio and pipeline of high-quality active travel schemes in Tipperary and across the country with several schemes at an advanced delivery stage and many at construction. Construction inflation during this period has also added to pressures on the available funding for the delivery of the programme. As a result, it is less likely that Tipperary County Council will secure additional funding for projects during this year.

Initially, while establishing the Active Travel programme, a considerable proportion of our projects were delivered under bundled schemes such as footpath packages, which meant their delivery and approval process was relatively simple as per the NTA Simplified Project Approval Process for minor works; this ensured that projects got to construction quickly.

As the scale and complexity of our projects has increased, and with the unwinding of the bundle scheme delivery approach, it necessitates the need to secure additional formal “Gateway” and “Hold Point” approvals to progress to the next project phase, such as planning and construction.

In February 2023 the NTA published a Guide to Rapid Build Active Travel Facilities. All schemes now require a Rapid Build Options report which focusses on traffic calming, reducing the vehicle carriageway and road space rebalancing. Projects may now be deprioritised if a rapid build option is not possible. At each stage the project is reviewed for alignment with national policy and the NTA’s priorities, with the focus being to maximise the kilometres of active travel infrastructure delivered with the available resources. Key priorities are:

- utilising road space reallocation as a first option to deliver active travel infrastructure
- implementation of shuttle systems in line with the National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland (NIFI) which prioritise future investment by the intervention hierarchy of Maintain, Optimise, Improve and New Infrastructure (in that order)
- prioritising projects that have the greatest potential for modal shift to sustainable modes to achieve the Climate Action Plan targets of 1,000km of new active travel infrastructure to be built by 2025
- prioritising the fast tracking of projects currently on the programme at an advanced stage in the project cycle, such as construction or near construction
- ensuring current schemes are reviewed and layouts updated to future proof them for alignment with new design guidelines to be issued in the coming months as part of the updates to the National Cycle Manual.

Given the shift away from bundled, small scale projects, towards the delivery of a network of cycleways, whilst maximising the amount of active travel Infrastructure delivered for the available funding, has resulted in a lengthening of the time taken to secure the necessary formal approvals to progress schemes through the project design stages, as well as approvals to proceed to construction.



Active Travel Schemes 2023 – Update

| Project Name 2023 | Current Update | 2023 Allocation |
|--|---|-----------------|
| N24 Cycle Scheme, Clonmel | Preparing Part 8 planning application | €50,000 |
| Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link | Preparing An Bord Pleanála planning application | €50,000 |
| Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel | Preparing to submit Part 8 planning application | €280,000 |
| R445 Lisbunny - Nenagh Active Travel Scheme | Contractor to be appointed – awaiting construction approval | €430,000 |
| Ballina Active Travel Scheme | Develop design | €5,000 |
| Active Travel Connectivity, Supervalu Junction, Cahir | Develop Options Selection Report for NTA | €59,700 |
| Active Travel Connectivity, Bowes Corner Thurles | Snagging works to complete | €150,000 |
| Clairin Footbridge, Carrick On Suir | Prepare tender documents for works contractor | €450,000 |
| Carrick on Suir Active Travel Scheme | Develop Detailed Design | €70,000 |
| Cahir Road to Convent Road Active Travel scheme, Clonmel | Preparing to submit Part 8 planning application | €80,000 |
| Birdhill Active Travel Scheme | Works nearing completion on link to train station. Preliminary design substantially completed for the Village | €50,000 |
| SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel | Preparing Part 8 planning application. | €50,000 |
| SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel | Preparing to submit Part 8 planning application | €200,000 |
| SRTS (R2) St. Brigid's National School, Donaskeagh | Awaiting An Taisce Delivery Plan for the School | €5,000 |
| SRTS (R2) Cullen National School | Awaiting An Taisce Delivery Plan for the School | €10,000 |



| Project Name 2023 | Current Update | 2023 Allocation |
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| SRTS (R2) St Mary's Central National School, Killenaule | Awaiting An Taisce Delivery Plan for the School | €20,000 |
| Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel | Finalising Preliminary Design | €30,000 |
| Rosegreen Active Travel Scheme | Works Complete | €50,000 |
| Nenagh Urban Greenway | Preparing An Bord Pleanála planning application. | €150,000 |
| Borrisokane Community College Footpath linkage | Contractor due on site | €32,000 |
| Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active Travel Scheme, Ballina | Finalising Preliminary Design | €62,000 |
| Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity Scheme | Develop Design | €15,000 |
| Active Travel Scheme Ladyswell Street, Cashel | Prepare Detailed Design Drawings | €30,000 |
| Cahir Road Active Travel Scheme, Cashel | Contractor on Site | €500,000 |
| Ballylooby Active Travel Scheme | Contractor to be Appointed – awaiting construction approval | €150,000 |
| Old Road Active Travel Scheme, Cashel | Works Complete | €68,400 |
| Emly Village Footpaths | Works Complete | €18,900 |
| Carrick Beg Footpath Improvements, Carrick on Suir | Appoint Contractor | €150,000 |
| Suir Footpath and Cycleway Scheme, Thurles | Finalise design and appoint contractor | €48,000 |
| Schools & Third Level Linkage Thurles Town | Awaiting approval on the Options Assessment Report | €180,000 |
| R445 Roscrea Footpath and Cycleway scheme | Appoint a Contractor | €480,000 |
| Castlemeadows Active Travel Scheme Thurles | Part 8 planning complete | €15,000 |



| Project Name 2023 | Current Update | 2023 Allocation |
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| Inch National School | Develop Options Assessment Report | €10,000 |
| Nenagh Local Transport Plan | Finalise list of options for the Nenagh Transport Plan | €118,000 |
| Thurles Local Transport Plan | Finalise list of options for the Thurles Transport Plan | €118,000 |
| Clonmel Local Transport Plan | Finalise list of options for the Clonmel Transport Plan | €118,000 |
| Active Travel Staff Costs | | €330,000 |
| | | €4,633,000 |



| Directorate Projects (Capital) | | |
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| Project | Progress to date | Next Stage |
| Nenagh Municipal District | | |
| N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge | This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design and procurement for same is now underway with the preparation of tender documents. | Preliminary design is expected to commence after consultants have been procured and appointed in 2023. |
| N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme | The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ road pavement improvement works ▪ addressing a number of road safety issues ▪ the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village ▪ the extension of footpaths to the speed limit on the Portumna side and to the R493 Terryglass Road on the Borrisokane side of the village ▪ public lighting improvements ▪ some public realm improvements. RPS consultants have been appointed to continue with the preliminary design and complete planning procedures for the scheme. Consultation with local residents and stakeholders has commenced which will inform the design of the scheme. | It is anticipated that the Preliminary design will be completed and an application to An Bord Pleanála will take place in Q4 2023. |
| Thurles Municipal District | | |
| N62 Thurles Outer Bypass | Route Selected in 2011 and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbying for it to be included in the next NDP. | Continue lobbying for scheme to be included in the next NDP. |
| N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2 | This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The works consist primarily of planning and inlay work. Other works include the replacement of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs and public realm improvements. Consultants were appointed and the preliminary design and Part 8 planning process completed in December 2022. | Detailed design work will continue in 2023. |
| N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel | This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town | It is anticipated that work will commence in 2024. |



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| | of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The scheme is at preliminary design stage. | |
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| Directorate Projects (Capital) | | |
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| Project | Progress to date | Next Stage |
| Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District | | |
| N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening | This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded this contract in July 2022. Works and Temporary Traffic Management are underway and progressing well. Works will continue in phases over the 18-month contract period. | Contract management throughout 2023. Works are ongoing on-site. |
| N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening | This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village. GLAS Civil Engineering were awarded this Contract in July 2022. Works substantially completed in May 2023. | Maintenance period commencing and settlement of Final Account. |
| Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District | | |
| N74 Ballyhusty Realignment | This scheme involves the realignment of approx. 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. Tony Kirwan Civil Engineering Ltd was awarded the contract. Works are nearing substantial completion and defects period will commence through 2023. | Works substantially completed and 12-month maintenance period commenced. Settlement of Final Account to be agreed. |
| (N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town | This scheme involves the N74 Fr Mathew Street in Tipperary Town. Preliminary and detailed design stages are completed. Tender documents have been prepared for the procurement of a Contractor for the works. | Appointment of a Contractor in Q2 2023 with work commencing in Q3 2023. |
| N74 Golden to Knockroe Pavement Improvement Scheme | This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.5km of pavement on the N74, located approximately 4km west of Cashel Town. The scheme is at tender stage. | It is anticipated that construction will commence and be completed in Q2 2023. |
| N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach | This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. TII have approved the preliminary Design and the Part 8 Planning process will be advertised in May. | Part 8 planning process ongoing. Latest date for submissions is 7 th July. To be presented to MD on completion of submission period. |



| Project | Progress to date | Next Stage |
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| Clonmel Borough District | | |
| N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming | This is a continuation to the east of the Clonmel Inner Relief Road to a point beyond the 60kph speed limit and is approximately 1.6km in length. This scheme involves traffic calming and the inclusion of improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities as well as road pavement strengthening. Preliminary Design is under way along with liaison with TII Road Safety engineers. | The Planning process will commence following obtainment of TII technical approvals. |

| Strategic Non-National Road Projects | | |
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| Project | Progress to date | Next Stage |
| R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends | The CPO was published in August 2020, an Oral Hearing was held on 1 st & 2 nd December and the CPO was confirmed on April 16 th , 2021 without modifications. RPS consultants were appointed on 3 November 2022 to complete the design work and procure a works contractor for the scheme. | The consultant is expected to have the tender documentation prepared by Q4 2023 so that a works contractor can be appointed by Q1 2024. |
| Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme | The Main Contractor for the scheme is John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. Works commenced on site in August 2022. | The scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete. |
| Thurles Inner Relief Road | <p>Thurles Inner Relief Road is a proposed local link between the N62 and the Mill Road. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction a new priority junction with Mill Road and 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir public lighting flood alleviation works along the River Suir. <p>This scheme is on the NDP and DoT approval will be required to allow it to go to detailed design. Lidl has completed construction of a section of the road for access to new store.</p> | Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition. |



Work is progressing on the Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme.

Pictured above are representatives of the Department of Transport, Clare & Tipperary County Councils, and RPS Consultants, at the site of the Kilmastulla River Bridge Crossing.



**Age Friendly and Disabled Parking,
Friar Street Car Park, Cashel**



ROADS ADMINISTRATION

| Admin/Licensing Process 2023 YTD | Number |
|--|---------------|
| Roads Abutting Certificates Requested | 274 |
| Roads Abutting Certificates Issued | 204 |
| Abnormal Loads Permits Requested | 119 |
| Abnormal Loads Permits Issued | 99 |
| Road Opening Licence applications received | 466 |
| FOI requests processed | 12 |
| AIE requests processed | 1 |
| Internal Roads Abutting Requested | 23 |
| Internal Roads Abutting Issued | 19 |
| Proposed Estates to go on Public Display for Taking in Charge Process | |
| Ardlui, Thurles | |
| Caislean Court, Thurles | |

ROAD SAFETY

Road Safety Section sponsored coverage of the Munster Senior Challenge Cup Final between Nenagh Ormond and Young Munster on Tipp FM. It was the first time that any Tipperary rugby team had reached the final. The messaging targeted a predominantly male audience and urged people not to text while driving, not to drink and drive and to slow down.

The Road Safety Section also published a new brochure “Road Safety for Older Adults”, which offers road safety tips for pedestrians, on medicines and driving, using roundabouts and meeting cyclists on the road.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

A new Public Lighting policy was adopted by the Council in December 2022. Public lighting queries are dealt with daily by the Roads Section, the Customer Service Desk and the Municipal/Borough Districts. Enerveo (formerly SSE Airtricity) is notified of the relevant queries and corrective action is taken as appropriate.

Tipperary County Council has responsibility for the management and maintenance of more than 17,800 lights in the county and public lighting is the biggest user of energy in the Council's overall energy usage.

Tipperary County Council is participating in the National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP) which will see 11,600 lights upgraded to LED across Tipperary. This project is being rolled out on a regional basis with Tipperary County Council included in the Eastern region. Kilkenny County Council is leading the project in the region. Tipperary County Council continues to engage with the lead partner in preparing for the project commencing in Tipperary later this year.



Do Chomhairle:
ag lasadh ár bpobal –
ag cosaint ár n-aeráid

Your Council:
lighting our community –
protecting our climate

Upgrading of lights to LED is ongoing in advance of the PLEEP project commencing.

For the benefit of Members, the following are the options available to facilitate reporting of public lighting faults:

- **Internet: www.airtricitysolutions.com**
- **Internet: www.enerveo.com**
- **Phone: Enerveo Call Centre 0818 372 772**
Customer Services, Tipperary County Council - 0818 06 5000

EV CHARGING

EasyGo, in partnership with **eir**, and working with Tipperary County Council are progressing with the proposed installation of Electric Vehicle Chargers across Tipperary which will see the company investing €600,000 into the county. This involves the installation of thirteen new fast electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in County Tipperary, providing 18 charging points.

eir and **EasyGo** have joined forces to develop new charging points across the country, to accommodate the growing number of EVs on our roads. Electric

vehicles accounted for 24% of all new cars sold between January and March 2023 - surpassing diesel car sales for the first time. Installing these chargers in easily accessible town centre locations, will increase the appeal of EVs for drivers, greatly extending the accessibility of charging points and thus the range of the vehicles. Transport accounts for one-third of Ireland's energy-related CO2 emissions so increased adoption of EVs is a key aspect of Ireland's Climate Action Plan.

The EasyGo network is today used by more than 42,000 Irish EV drivers who can avail of charging at more than 3,000 charge-points nationally.

The EV chargers to be installed in Tipperary will be found in: Ballina, Borrisokane, Cahir, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Clonmel, Fethard, Nenagh, Newport, Roscrea, Templemore, Thurles & Tipperary Town. Installation of these chargers will commence in June taking a few months to have these rapid chargers installed and operational.

These installations mark the continuation of the rollout of this programme nationally. Throughout this programme, **EasyGo** and **eir** will utilise Tritium's world-first, next-generation simultaneous DC Rapid Chargers, adding up to 100km range to an Electric Vehicle in just 15 minutes.



EV Chargers installed in John's Lane Car Park, Nenagh, by Tipperary County Council

ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2023



Lisnagrough Road Improvement



Metal Bridge R503 HRA



Metal Bridge R503 HRA



Toureen, Cahir



L3152 Toureen, Cahir – DBM & Surface Dressing



L3285 Garryntemple to Coole DBM & Surface Dressing

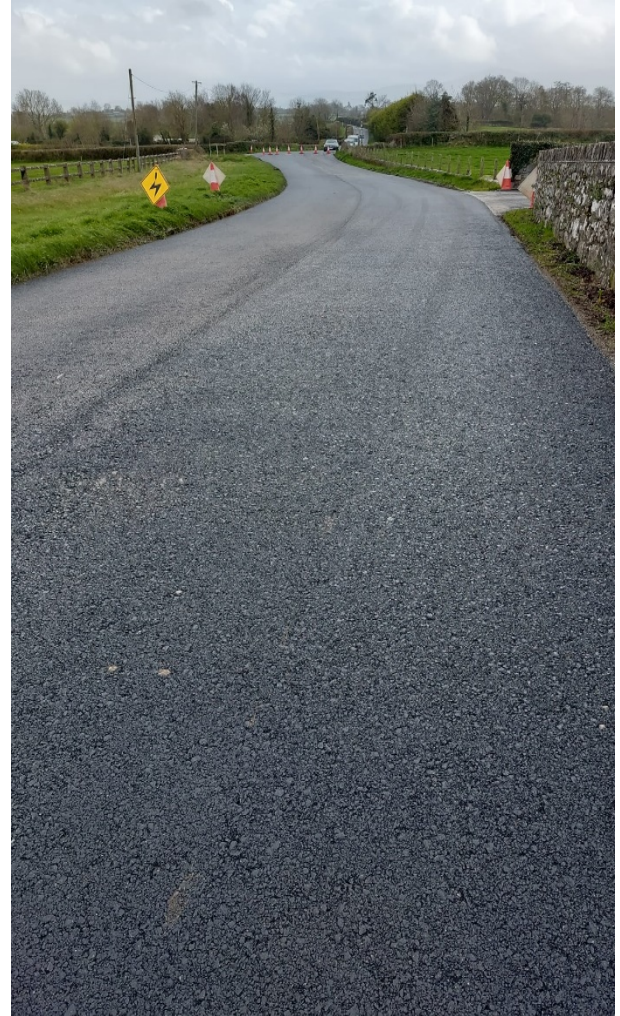


Footpath Works - Ardfinnan





Drainage Works – Newcastle



**R670 Garnavilla to Rochestown
DBM & Surface Dressing**

Roads Capital Office – Grangemoekler Pavement Improvement Scheme

Project Details:
Approximately 1.2km of pavement strengthening, 1850 tonne of Binder Course, 7500 m² of surface course, 3500m² of new footpaths, landscaping, and street furniture.

Approx. Cost:
€1.7M



Grangemoekler Village March 2018



Grangemoekler Village March 2023

Brief Description

Grangemoekler is located on the N76 in the Carrick on Suir Municipal District. Traffic volumes passing through the village are approximately 5,500 AADT including 6% Heavy Goods Vehicles. The scheme was selected for use as a Pilot Scheme for the development of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) standards for the design of similar works in urban areas.

The Studies

Visual surveys indicated that the existing pavement was suffering structural failure. Serious rutting and surface deformation were plainly evident. Surveys indicated that a pavement repair of up to 200mm was required on sections of the road. The local Church and the Community Hall were not connected by footpaths to the local housing estates. Parking was not defined which led to hazardous conditions for pedestrians crossing the road. Existing footpaths were narrow in various locations.

Objectives of the Scheme

It was recognised from the start that a key objective was to maintain access to properties and to maintain the flow of traffic on the N76. There are no suitable diversion routes to allow the road to be closed to facilitate the construction. In addition to the main purpose of rehabilitating the road pavement, further objectives include the improvement of the village environment, definition of the carriageway widths and provision of parking.

The Process

Approvals of the Design were obtained through the Part 8 Planning process and also from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The design includes high quality materials and extensive hard and soft landscaping to improve the village environment which will assist in reducing vehicle speeds in the village. The Works proceeded through to completion in May 2023.

PROJECT PROFILE



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

| <u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u> | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u> | <u>Current status</u> | <u>Progression in Previous Months</u> | <u>Next Stage</u> |
| Clonmel Local Area Plan | Draft Plan being prepared | Draft Plan provided to Members and workshops held with Elected Members. | Update Draft Plan to take account of Elected Members' comments and publish Draft Clonmel LAP at end of July. |
| Nenagh Local Area Plan | Draft Plan being prepared | Draft Plan provided to Members and workshops held with Elected Members. | Update Draft Plan to take account of Elected Members' comments and publish Draft Nenagh LAP at end of July. |
| Thurles Local Area Plan | Draft Plan being prepared | Draft Plan provided to Members and workshops held with Elected Members. | Update Draft Plan to take account of Elected Members' comments and publish Draft Thurles LAP at end of July. |
| Roscrea Local Area Plan | Draft LAP and CE report being considered | Draft Roscrea LAP and submissions provided. Workshops held with Elected Members on recommendations, and to take account of Members' considerations. | Draft Roscrea LAP to be adopted or amended at June Plenary meeting. If amended, further public consultation on Material Amendments to take place from 25 June 2023 until 24 July 2023. |
| Residential Zoned Land Tax | Supplemental Maps, showing additional sites not previously shown on the draft maps, were published on 1 st May 2023, allowing 4 weeks (until 1 st June 2023) for receipt of submissions. | Determinations on relevant submissions to Draft Maps were notified to landowners by 1 st April 2023. Landowners had a right to appeal the TCC determination to An Bord Pleanála by 1 st May 2023. TCC has received notification from An Bord Pleanála that 18 no. landowners have appealed their respective determination. | Evaluation of, and where required, formal determination/ decision, on submissions made to the RZLT Supplemental Maps. Notification to landowners by 1 st August 2023. Landowners have a right to appeal a respective determination to An Bord Pleanála by 1 st Sept 2023. Workshop with Elected Members was held on 24th May 2023. |



| <u>Town Centre First (TCF)/ Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)</u> | | | |
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| <u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u> | <u>Current status</u> | <u>Progression in Previous Months</u> | <u>Next Stage</u> |
| Town Centre First Policy | Roscrea Town Centre First (TCF) Masterplan preparation under way. Town Team in place. Consultants appointed and draft has been issued. Plan to be finalised by end of June after further consultation during the month of May. | Optioneering report presented to the Town Team and Council team to consider in April. Draft plan presented to the Councillors, Town Team, and Council staff at three sessions on the 11 th of May. | Review Draft Further public consultation 24 th of May. On going meetings with Town Team. On going meetings with Team consultants. |
| | TRO working with Clonmel Borough to support formation of new Town Team in Clonmel and prioritise actions in the existing TCF Action Plan | Presentation to Clonmel Town Forum in March 2023 | Form new Town Team & prioritise actions. |
| | TRO liaising with Carrick on Suir to work towards new Town Centre First Plan & Town Team | Meetings with COSTEDC in Q1, 2024 | Continue to work with COSTEDC & District to progress |

| <u>National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u> | | |
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| <u>Project</u> | <u>Progress in Previous Months</u> | <u>Next Stage</u> |
| Tipperary Town Regeneration | Market Yard – Works fully completed. | Market Yard –Works are fully completed. |
| | River Ara Walkway –Contractor appointed in June, 2022 and works substantially completed in early May, 2023. Bridge installed under the Outdoor Recreation | River Ara Walkway – Works are substantially completed. Snagging in progress. |



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| | Infrastructure Scheme. The purchase of the land is completed. Walkway opened to the public in December, 2022. | |
| Fethard Town Park | <p>Phase 1 - Groundworks and 3G pitch – Works comprising of 3G pitch and grass pitch have been completed.</p> <p>Phase 2a - Pavilion and Public Realm Works – Works comprising of construction of pavilion, car park and public realm works completed in early April, 2023.</p> <p>Phase 2b – Stand and Community Annex to the Pavilion – Works were completed in early April, 2023.</p> <p>Fethard Town Park fully opened on Saturday, 8th. April, 2023.</p> | <p>Phase 1 – Completed.</p> <p>Phase 2a – Completed.</p> <p>Phase 2b –Completed.</p> <p>Minister Heather Humphreys will officially open the facility on Sunday, 18th. June, 2023.</p> |
| Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza | Detailed designs agreed. Tenders received through e-Tenders assessed and Tender Assessment Report completed. Final Business Case under Decision Gate 3 submitted to the Department in December, 2022. Full Approval of Funding issued by the Department in March, 2023 together with an increase in RRDF funding of €903,560. Contract signing undertaken on 27 th . April, 2023. | Construction works commenced on Monday, 15 th . May, 2023 and estimated programme duration is 13 months. |
| Thurles Market Quarter - Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers | Pre-Tender Approval under Decision Gate 2 received from the Department. Tenders received through e-Tenders assessed and design team appointed. Preliminary design completed. Ongoing meetings being held with Mary Immaculate College and Thurles Farmers’ Market. Detail design is in progress. Tender documents for the construction stage being prepared. | Complete detailed designs by end of Q2 2023. Finalise tender documents for the construction stage. Tender action, evaluation and award for the construction stage will take place in Q3 2023. Commence works in Q4 2023 with estimated completion in Q2 2025. Ongoing meetings taking place with key stakeholders. |



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| <p>Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan</p> | <p>Phase 1 - Visitor Experience Development completed. Phase 2a – Concept Development and Predesign substantially completed. Broad agreement reached with project partners on scope of works. High Level costings completed. Draft Cost Benefit Analysis completed. Some survey work undertaken. Ongoing meetings being held by the Project Steering Committee and District Delivery Group.</p> | <p>Phase 2b – Complete Part 8 Planning in Q3 2023. Commence detailed design in Q3 2023 with completion in Q4 2023.</p> |
| <p>Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan-A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter Category 2</p> | <p>Surveys, Part 8 Planning, and detailed design completed.</p> | <p>Category 2 project completed.</p> |
| <p>A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre – Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter Category 2</p> | <p>Part 8 Planning approved. All surveys required have been completed. Detailed designs completed. Purchase of two sites for the proposed car park is completed.</p> | <p>Category 2 project is completed.</p> |
| <p>Kilsheelan - Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing & Low Carbon Planning</p> | <p>Design team appointed. Pre-Tender Approval received from the Department. Detailed design completed. Procurement for the construction stage completed. Final Business Case prepared under Decision Gate 3 and submitted to the Department end of April, 2023.</p> | <p>Appoint contractor and commence works on site in Q3 of 2023 subject to approval of the Final Business Case by the Department. Estimated completion of construction works in Q1 of 2024.</p> |
| <p>Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh</p> | <p>Final Business Case to proceed to implementation stage under Decision Gate 3 and appoint the design team submitted and approved by the Department on 4th. November, 2022. Successful and Unsuccessful Letters issued</p> | <p>Complete required surveys, preliminary design & Masterplan in Q2 2023. Commence the Part 8 Planning process in Q3 and complete in Q4 2023. Commence detailed design in Q4 2023 and complete early Q2 2024.</p> |



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| | <p>November, 2022. Design team appointed in February, 2023. Preliminary design and survey work in progress. Project Steering Committee and District Delivery Group meetings are ongoing.</p> | |
| <p>Carrick -on-Suir Regeneration Plan - ‘A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community’s Ambition’ Category 1</p> | <p>Funding announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10th. November, 2022 under Phase 1. Verification Forms completed for the Due Diligence and Verification Stage and returned to the Department on 12th. January, 2023. Approval in Principle received from the Department under Decision Gate 1 on 6th. April, 2023. Funding Agreement reviewed and submitted to the Department on 17th. April, 2023. Phase 1 - Pre-Tender Approval Report prepared and submitted to the Department on 28th. April, 2023. Approval received from the Department on 2nd. May, 2023 to progress through Decision Gate 2 Pre-Tender Approval and proceed to tender for the construction stage for Phase 1 works. Tender documents for Phase 1 works reviewed and finalised. Request for Tenders for the construction stage advertised on e-Tenders in May, 2023.</p> <p>Phase 3 - Request for tenders advertised on e-Tenders on 14th. February, 2023 for the engagement of a design team to prepare detailed designs and oversee the construction phase for the Digital Hub. Tenders assessed and evaluation completed. Design team appointed in May, 2023. The purchase of the old An Post building is almost complete.</p> <p>Phases 1, 2, 4 and 5 design team - Request for Tenders advertised on e-Tenders in May, 2023 for the</p> | <p>Phase 1 - Complete tender action, evaluation and award by start of Q3 2023. Prepare Final Business Case for submission to the Department. Appoint contractor and commence works in Q3 2023 subject to Department approval. Complete Phase 1 works in Q4 2023.</p> <p>Phase 3 – Finalise purchase of An Post building in Main Street. Commence work on detailed designs and Part 8 Planning for the Digital Hub.</p> <p>Phases 1, 2, 4 and 5 design team - Complete tender action, evaluation and</p> |



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| | engagement of a design team to manage the construction stage for Phases 1, 2, 4 and 5. | award of the contract for a design team to oversee the construction stage for Phases 1, 2, 4 and 5 in Q3 2023. |
| Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy – Category 1 | Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10 th . November, 2022 under Phase 2. Library - Tender documents for the engagement of a design team to manage the design and construction stages of the library completed. Request for tenders for the engagement of a design team for the library advertised on e-Tenders on 26 th . April, 2023 with closing date for submission of tenders on 6 th . June, 2023. Part 8 documentation for the library is in progress. | Awaiting written contact from the Department in regard to requirements for Phase 2 approved projects. Library – Complete Part 8 Planning by end of July, 2023. Appoint design team by end of Q2 2023 and complete detailed designs by end of Q3 2023. |
| Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea | Funding for the project was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys on 10 th . November, 2022 under Phase 2. | Awaiting written contact from the Department in regard to requirements for Phase 2 approved projects. |

| <u>National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u> | | |
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| <u>Project</u> | <u>Progress in Previous Months</u> | <u>Next Stage</u> |
| Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme-Phase 1 and Phase 2 | Phase 1: -New Car Park off Liberty Square is completed. Works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square are completed. Phase 2: -Proposed enhancement works relate to the Western end of Liberty Square and junctions of the approach roads. Scheme extents drawing completed. Consultants appointed to prepare the Part 8 drawings and documentation. Surveys, assessments and data collection completed in Q3 2022. Options | Phase 1: - Completed. Phase 2: - Finalise preliminary design. Commence Part 8 Planning in Q4 2023 and complete in Q1 2024. Complete detailed design by end of Q2 2024. Complete cost estimate by end of Q3 2024. Extensive consultations ongoing with other statutory bodies. |



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| | Report completed. Preferred design option agreed. | |
| Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration - Clonmel Regional Sports Hub and Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 | <p>Regional Sports Hub – All works substantially completed end of February, 2023. Works consisted of development of athletics track, BMX track, adventure playground, tiered seating/viewing areas/pedestrian walkways, perimeter walkway/running/cycling track, pavilion, lighting, boundary treatment.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 All works substantially completed early December, 2022. Works consisted of construction of main plaza, central plaza, new street including footpaths and car parking, landscaping and boundary treatment.</p> | <p>Regional Sports Hub – Works are substantially completed. Snagging is in progress.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1- Works are substantially completed. Snagging is in progress.</p> |
| A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre | <p>Approval in Principle issued by the Department in November, 2022 under Decision Gate 1 and further information sought by the URDF Unit submitted in December, 2022. Site visit held with URDF Department Team in December, 2022. Approval received from the Department in February, 2023 to proceed to develop a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy for Decision Gate 2 – Pre-Tender Approval. Approval also provides for the appointment of a design team and completion of detailed design. Stage 2 documentation (Design Brief and BIM Brief) under the Restricted procurement procedure process is currently being finalised for the engagement of a design team. Communications Plan and branding for the Centre has been completed and agreed and name of Centre identified. Project Steering Committee and District Delivery Group meetings are ongoing.</p> | <p>Finalise documentation for Stage 2 Restricted Procedure and issue to tenderers who were successful under Stage 1 in the next few weeks. Complete tendering process and assess tenders received for the engagement of a design team. Appoint the design team. Complete the detailed design. Submit Project Brief and Procurement Strategy to the Department for approval under Decision Gate 2-Pre-Tender Approval.</p> |

PLANNING SECTION

Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles and Roscrea

With the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 now in place, progress on the preparation of Local Area Plans for the Key Towns and District Towns in the County has commenced. The Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 sets out a Core Strategy for the development of towns and villages in the County. The plan sets out the character, potential and vision for growth as demonstrated in the Town Profile Plan for Key and District Towns which will inform the preparation of a new Local Area Plan. The Town Profile Plans set out a baseline for the towns with key socio-economic data such as jobs ratio, transport modes, housing stock etc. In particular, the compact growth area and walking and cycling proximity as indicated, will support low-carbon development patterns including local transport planning and town centre

The Planning Section has commenced the background research and survey work and an external environment team have been commissioned to prepare the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment. Workshops have taken place with Elected members in October 2022, an Issues Paper published for each LAP and Public Consultation Events took place in November 2022.

A draft Roscrea Local Area Plan was published on 24th February 2023 and submissions were invited until 11th April 2023. 19 submissions were received (1 late submission was also received). These submissions have been summarised and recommendations provided within the Chief Executive's Report on the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029. Workshops were held with Elected Members in late May to discuss the CE report and the Draft LAP. A decision to adopt or amend the Draft LAP will be made at the June Plenary meeting. If a decision is made to amend the Draft LAP, the amendments will be published for public consultation from 25 June 2023 to 24 July 2023.

Working Draft LAPs have been prepared for Clonmel Nenagh and Thurles and workshops on each of the LAPs took place with the members in late May and early June to discuss the Draft LAPs before they are made available for public comment. Draft Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles will be published in late July 2023. Further public consultation will take place in accordance with legislative provisions.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

As set out in Housing Policy Objective 15.2 of Housing for All, a new tax to activate land for residential purposes, and which will in time replace the Vacant Site Levy, has been introduced by the Department of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as a Land Activation Measure.

The Residential Zoned Land Tax provisions of the Finance Act 2021 set out criteria to facilitate the identification of lands which fall within the scope of the tax. The Planning Authority are responsible for preparing and publishing maps based on this criteria. These maps are to be based on the local authority development plan and where relevant, local area plan zoning maps i.e. where land is zoned and suitable for residential development. The legislation also sets out certain lands which are to be excluded from the scope of the tax.

All land that was zoned for residential development, or residential development and a mix of other uses, in a development plan or local area plan, before 1 January 2022 and which remains subject to the relevant zoning on that date, is liable for consideration within the initial scope of the Residential Zoned Land Tax. This is intended to encourage activation of existing planning permissions on lands which are identified as

being in scope and to incentivise suitable lands without planning permission to commence the process of engagement with planning authorities.

Draft maps were published on November 1st 2022 and were subject to a consultation period until January 1st 2023. A total of 91 submissions were received. These submissions have been reviewed, and where necessary, a referral to statutory consultees and internal sections of Tipperary County Council, was issued, requesting information to assist with determinations of submissions. A formal determination / decision, where necessary, was required to be notified to the landowner by 1st April 2023. 62no. notifications of determinations were issued by Tipperary County Council.

Landowners, to whom determinations were notified, had a right to appeal the determination to An Bord Pleanála by 1st May 2023. Tipperary County Council has been notified by An Bord Pleanála of 18 no. appeals received. The planning section is currently preparing to send background documentation, which informed the determinations, to An Bord Pleanála. An Bord Pleanála must make a decision not later than 16 weeks from date of receipt of the appeal.

In addition, a further review and assessment has been undertaken to identify any additional sites that come into scope for the tax, with these sites included on a Supplemental Map, which was published on 1st May 2023, and on which submissions can be made not later than 1st June 2023. A formal determination / decision by Tipperary County Council will be required on submissions received by landowners which request a site to be excluded or which challenges the in-scope date of a site, and a notification of such determinations must be notified to the landowner by 1st August 2023. The landowner has a right to appeal the local authority's determination to An Bord Pleanála by 1st Sep 2023. A Final Map will be published on 1st December 2023.

A workshop was held with the Elected Members on 30th January 2023 and a subsequent workshop was held on 24th May 2023 .

Town Centre First (TCF) / Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)

Tipperary County Council was awarded funding earlier this year of €100,000 to deliver a Town Centre First Plan for Roscrea Town. The funding has been awarded under the Department of Rural and Community Affairs' "Our Rural Future", Ireland's Rural Development Policy 2021-2025. The plan will help to develop Roscrea's own unique vision and plan for its future development and once complete, will provide a basis for the town to seek support from multiple funding streams, including the Rural Regeneration Development Fund, (RRDF) and the Town & Village Renewal Schemes. A Town Regeneration Officer was appointed in November by Tipperary County Council and will initially work with Roscrea as the first pilot town in the County to have a TCF plan developed. The first steps will be to establish a Town Team for Roscrea for which expressions of interest were received as part of a public consultation process during the summer. A contract will be awarded shortly to appoint consultants to support the delivery of the Town Centre First Plan with the TRO and a timeframe for completion has been set for the summer of 2023.

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Project Implementation

The National Development Plan (NDP) 2018-2027 established four new funds to help drive the specific core priorities detailed in the NPF (National Planning Framework). These four funds included an Urban Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The following projects are currently being delivered.

Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel, which will re-imagine how civic, cultural, educational, enterprise and tourism uses can work together to regenerate and create a new role for the town. The project includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely: Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel – Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement. Funding was received for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub. Both elements of the project are substantially completed and snagging is in progress. **Total project costs approved are €15,163,247 and URDF grant awarded is €10,594,961.**



Kickham Barracks Plaza Completed

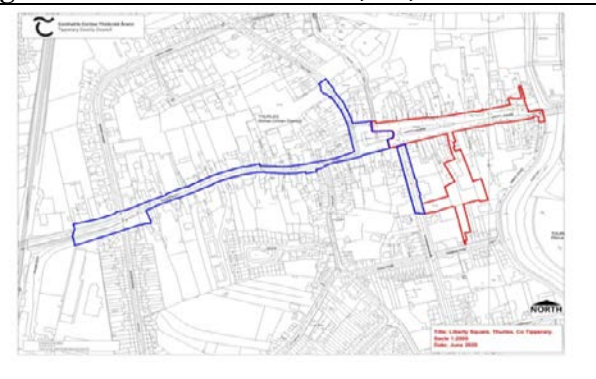


Clonmel Regional Sports Hub Completed

Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. Funding was received in 2019 to undertake works to the Eastern end of Liberty Square and to develop a new car park off Liberty Square. Additional funding of €1m was secured in March, 2021 to undertake enhancement works to the Western end of Liberty Square and the junctions of the approach roads. Phase 1 works are fully completed. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of Phase 2 of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €10,700,291 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €5,390,291.**



Liberty Square Phase 1 Completed



Liberty Square Phase 2 in Blue Shading

A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh: -The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr’s Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development, to new cutting-edge research on technologies, to incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland’s first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include Public Realm and Amenity Enhancement to Friar Street Civic Plaza, Martyr’s Road Town Park, Martyr’s Road streetscape improvements, including cycleways. Funding was approved in March, 2021 under the Second Call for funding support from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €12,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €9,525,000.**



Sustainable Energy Centre of Excellence, Nenagh

Tipperary Town Regeneration - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It includes: Upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre; Development of an 800m gravelled walkway parallel with the existing river channel and connecting to the existing path near Glenview; Installation of a new pedestrian bridge to access the walkway from the Link Road. Funding was approved in 2018 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. This project is completed. **Total project costs approved are €1,442,018 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,081,513.00.**

Market Yard Completed





River Ara Walkway Completed

Fethard Town Park

The project proposal is for the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emly Diocese and Healthy Ireland. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. This project was completed in early April, 2023 and opened to the public on 8th. April. **Total project costs for Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works are €3,137,927 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,003,445.**

Groundworks and pitches together with the stand and community annex of the pavilion were funded by the Magnier Foundation (Coolmore Ireland).



Fethard Town Park Completed

Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza

The project proposal is a flagship urban regeneration project to conserve and establish Templemore Town Hall as an economic, cultural and community hub of the town, the District and the Mid-West Region. The project was prepared by the Council in partnership with Garda Training College, Templemore College of Further Education, Templemore Community Development Association, the

Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Funding was approved in 2019 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €4,014,746 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,011,060.**



Photomontage of Templemore Town Hall Enterprise & Cultural Centre

Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter - A Tourism-led Regeneration Plan

It comprises a Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within a context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €896,712 and RRDF grant amounts to €672,534.**



Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter

Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan ‘A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter’ Plan for the town, through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions, to build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (west) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter (east) and thereby regenerate the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. This Category 2 project is completed. **Total project costs approved are €487,500 and RRDF grant amounts to €365,625.**



Photomontage of proposed improvements at Main Street, Castle Lane and Strand Lane, Carrick on Suir

A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre: Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter

A suite of measures that will re-vitalise Cahir’s historic Square as a living-working quarter. The project will provide a dynamic town centre Square with a focus on pedestrian priority and civic space. The re-development will be focused around Market House, a flagship Business Development Centre based in one of the most historic buildings on the Square. Funding was approved in 2020 under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. This category 2 project is completed. **Total project costs approved are €986,354 and RRDF grant amounts to €663,362.**



A Photomontage of the Proposed Cahir Square and Cahir Market House Business Centre

Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration through Recreation, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion’s Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated market space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers; will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors while also acting as a base for the MIC Students’ Union. The project was awarded RRDF Funding in April, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €3,825,700 and RRDF grant amounts to €3,443,130.**



Existing



Thurles Market Quarter

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Kilsheelan – Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing and Low Carbon Planning

The project has been developed as a demonstrator scheme to show the practical implementation of Tipperary County Council’s ‘Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing’.



The guidelines include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be model for serviced site developments across the Country and an initiative to revitalise villages in Tipperary and nationally. The scheme at Kilsheelan was subject to a Part 8 process and approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. The project also includes the development of a new public park in the heart of this picturesque village and a new arrival point for the River Suir Blueway. The project was awarded RRDF Funding in April, 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total**

project costs are €670,833 and RRDF grant amount is €603,750.

Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh

Funding has been approved to prepare detailed designs and planning for the adaptive re-use of the former iconic 1940's Rialto cinema into a modern digital and enterprise hub facility using best practice and appropriate modern architectural intervention to provide excellent office, collaboration and meeting spaces. The associated brownfield site will be master-planned to explore the potential for further digital and enterprise office space, the creation of a new streetscape along Emmet Place, the potential provision of town centre residential units and the delivery of a new public amenity heart in the town centre. The Hub will be an exemplar sustainable, green, town centre regeneration project that will revitalize the town centre of Nenagh through the provision of much needed incubator enterprise space, public realm enhancement, improved permeability/linkages with existing streets and backland/infill development through planning for the delivery of town centre homes. The overarching aim and purpose of the proposal is to promote economic development and increase employment opportunities while preserving and saving a protected historic structure which was purchased by the Council in December, 2020. The project was awarded RRDF Funding in January, 2022. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs are €1,511,059 and RRDF grant amounts to €1,208,847.**



Proposed Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub

Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition'

This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of extensive public realm enhancements in the town centre, development of Suir Blueway linkages and the regeneration of the Ormond Castle Quarter. Improvements will consist of (i) the transformation of Main Street, Sean Kelly Square, Greystone Street, Ball Alley Street and Chapel Street through the installation of high-quality public realm; (ii) provision of a new Enterprise and Digital Hub in a vacant town centre building owned by An Post on Main Street which will be managed and operated by Carrick on Suir Tourism and Economic Development Committee; (iii) the creation of an arrival point at Sean Healy Park through design, enhancement and orientation measures integrating

best practice in user needs for kayakers, cyclists, walkers and other users and the integration of the Suir Blueway Tipperary into the town centre through the creation of shared spaces along the Quays and linkages to Main Street.; (iv) public realm upgrade of Castle Street and repurposing of Ormond Castle Park as a high-quality Amenity and Biodiversity Park. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 1 on 10th. November, 2022.

Total project costs amount to €17,989,387. RRDF grant approved is €14,391,509.



Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy This project follows on from the successful Category 2 RRDF application for the planning and design of a new Business Development Centre in the heart of Cahir, public realm enhancements in the centre of the town and the development of a car park on a central backland site. Improvements will consist of (i) the restoration and redevelopment of the vacant Cahir Market House and former Council Offices into a Business Development Centre which will be run by Cahir Development Association and

provide offices, a large training and conference room, co-working spaces and hot desks to satisfy the unmet demand in the town (ii) the refurbishment of the historic Granary building to provide a state-of -the-art library for the community; (iii) Cahir Square Public Realm Enhancements to include the recalibration of the traffic circulating around the Square to a more rationalised flow that prioritises pedestrian and cyclist movements and the redistribution of public realm in favour of recreational space;

(iv) the provision of a new car park consisting of 86 car parking spaces, coach parking, EV charging, and bicycle parking on disused backlands off Church Street which will involve the demolition of two derelict vacant buildings that were acquired by the Council under the Category 2 approved project. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th. November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €14,894,686.**

RRDF grant approved is €11,915,749.



Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street – Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea

This project will deliver a transformational change to the public space around Gantly Road and promote regeneration of town centre brownfield land through the activation of the surrounding lands. The project will be the catalyst and first phase in the implementation of the Gantly Street Age Friendly



Neighbourhood, an ambitious masterplan to create a more vibrant and appealing place for people of all ages to address specific social, environmental and economic challenges within the community. The works will involve (i) the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in accordance with Age Friendly principles; (ii) the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths; (iii) extensive bio-retention rain gardens and (iv) the provision of water service and utilities infrastructure to service the Gantly Road Age Friendly Masterplan area. The

regeneration and re-imagining of Gantly Street is critical to the overall delivery of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood masterplan area into the future. Development of the Gantly Street masterplan area will transform a central area of Roscrea, create opportunities to provide homes, business and amenity space for local residents to enjoy and lead to knock-on socio-economic benefits for the whole of the town. Funding was announced by Minister Heather Humphreys under Phase 2 on 10th November, 2022. **Total project costs amount to €5,639,145. RRDF grant approved is €4,511,316.**

Conservation Grant Schemes 2023

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2023** seeks to encourage the conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas. The scheme also seeks to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craft workers and trades people.

The allocation for Tipperary County Council under the scheme for 2023 is **€126,000**. Tipperary County Council also received an extra allocation of **€21,377** under the supplementary ring-fenced funding for historic thatched structures.

30 applications were received under the scheme for 2023. The closing date was the 23rd January, 2023. 24 projects were recommended by RIAI Grade 1 Conservation Architect, Michael O’Boyle after a thorough assessment was carried out. The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage approved grants ranging from €2,500 up to €11,000 as follows:-

| Project Name | Funding |
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| • 1978 - Wolfe Tone Memorial, Liberty Square, Thurles, Co. Tipperary | €9,500.00 |
| • Curraghbawn House, Newtown, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary | €3,000.00 |
| • Coalfield House, The Commons, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. | €2,500.00 |
| • The Old Parochial House, Mill Street, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary. | €11,000.00 |
| • St. Mary's Church, Bailey Street, Killenaule, Co. Tipperary | €11,000.00 |
| • 132 Main Street, Templemore, Co. Tipperary | €3,000.00 |



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| • Lower Gate House, Lower Gate St, Cashel, Co. Tipperary | €3,000.00 |
| • Bawnbeg, Coolagarranroe, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary | €2,500.00 |
| • Kilcorrion House, Lorrha, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary | €2,500.00 |
| • J Ryan, Graigue, Clogheen | €2,500.00 |
| • Church of St John the Baptist, Clonoulty, Tipperary | €9,000.00 |
| • T Mason Building, Friar Street, Thurles | €2,500.00 |
| • Dromore House, Newport, Co Tipperary | €3,000.00 |
| • Ballyboe, Ballypatrick, Co Tipperary | €3,000.00 |
| • Cahir Presbyterian Church, Abbey Street, Cahir | €3,500.00 |
| • St. Marys Church of Ireland, Thurles | €7,000.00 |
| • Labourers Cottage, Greenmount, Newcastle | €5,000.00 |
| • McGrath's Shop, Main Street, Fethard, Co. Tipperary | €9,500.00 |
| • Grenane House, Tipperary, Co. Tipperary | €3,500.00 |
| • Alta Villa, Cashel Road, Barnora, Cahir, Co. Tipperary | €11,000.00 |
| • Ballybrado House, Ballybrado House, Cahir, Co. Tipperary | €3,000.00 |
| • 7 Castle Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary | €9,500.00 |
| • Old AIB Building, Bank Street, Templemore, Co. Tipperary | €3,500.00 |
| • Thatch Monsea, Monsea, Ballycommon, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary | €2,500.00 |

Projects who received Extra Funding under the Supplementary Ring-Fenced Funding for Historic Thatched Structures are as follows:-

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| • Bawnbeg, Coolagarranroe, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary | €7,100.00 |
| • J Ryan, Graigue, Clogheen | €7,100.00 |
| • Thatch Monsea, Monsea, Ballycommon, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary | €7,177.00 |

Letters have issued to all applicants outlining any special conditions that need to be met under the terms of the scheme. All works will be assessed and inspections carried out during the coming months. Works must be completed by the end of September so the projects can be inspected and grants paid out.

The **Historic Structure Fund 2023** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. Tipperary County Council received 18 applications under the various streams for the scheme. Once again a thorough assessment was carried out by Michael O'Boyle, RIAI Grade 1 Conservation Architect, 7 projects were recommended to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and 4 projects were in turn successful as follows:-

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| • T Mason Building, Friar Street, Thurles (Stream 1 Historic Shopfronts) | €14,800.00 |
| • Peahill, Ballylooby, Cahir, Co. Tipperary (Vernaular Structures) | €10,000.00 |
| • Suir Mills, Cashel Road, Barnora, Cahir, Co. Tipperary (Stream 1) | €45,000.00 |
| • Alta Villa, Cashel Road, Barnora, Cahir, Co. Tipperary (Stream 1) | €37,500.00 |

Any queries on both schemes can be directed to Jacqui Dowling, Staff Officer, Planning Section.

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/23 to 29/05/23

| Application Type | Number of decisions made | Number Granted | Number refused | Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála | Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála |
|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|---|--|
| Individual House | 76 | 69 | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| Housing Development | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| NIA/EIA | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Applications | 306 | 296 | 10 | 5 | 2 |
| Total | 389 | 372 | 17 | 5 | 4 |

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 66 complaints received from the 1st January to the 30th April 2023. During this period 53 Warning Letters and 11 Enforcement Notices were issued.

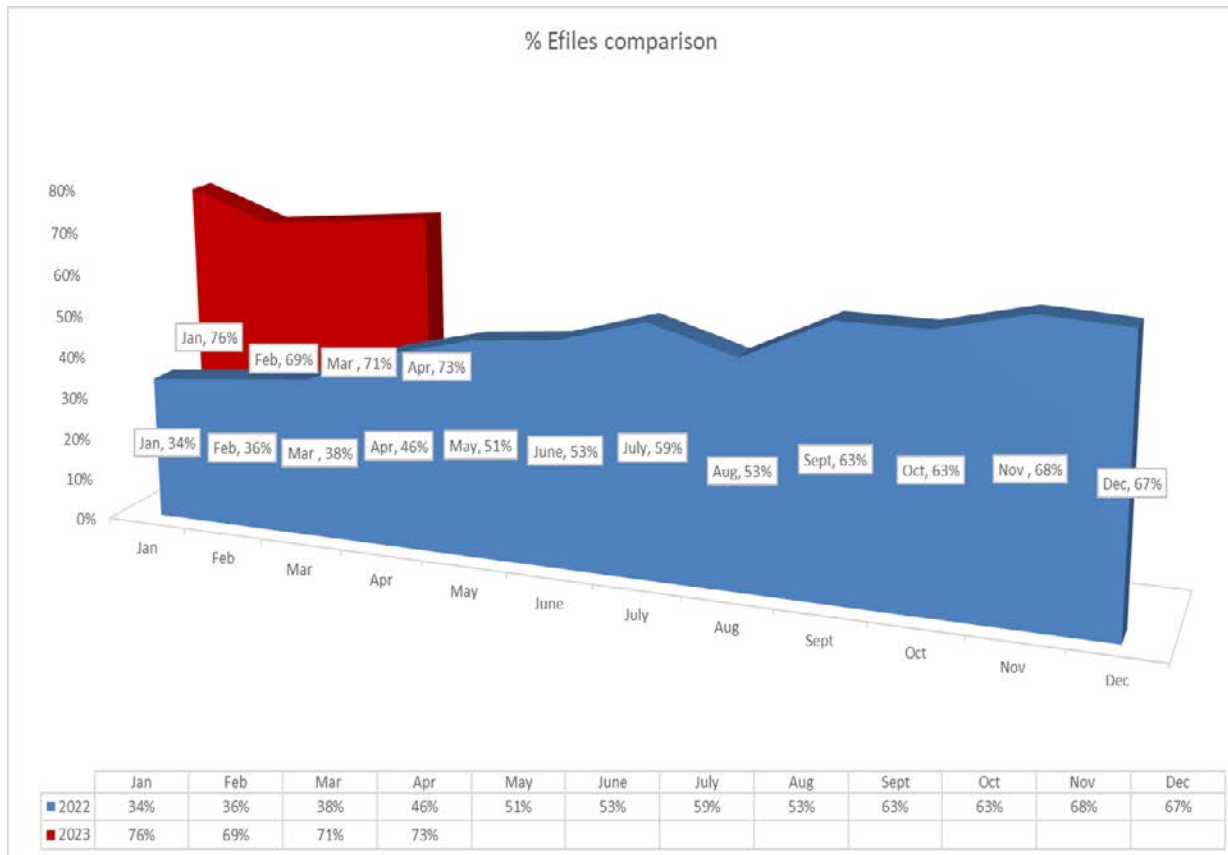
Taking in Charge: Estates

| Applications Being Processed | DPI Developments | Taken-in-Charge in 2022 | Taken-in-Charge in 2023 | Advertised/to be advertised in 2023 | Applications 2023 |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 23 | 21 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 3 |

- 7 developments (202 housing units) were taken-in-charge by Tipperary County Council in 2022.
- 3 developments are currently with the Roads Section to be advertised for taking-in-charge.
- 1 development has been issued to Uisce Éireann seeking a ‘No Objection to Proceed’ to take take-in-charge.
- 3 taking-in-charge applications have been included for assessment as of May 2023.
- There are currently 21 Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) housing estates in County Tipperary which the Planning Authority is unable to progress at present.

E-Planning

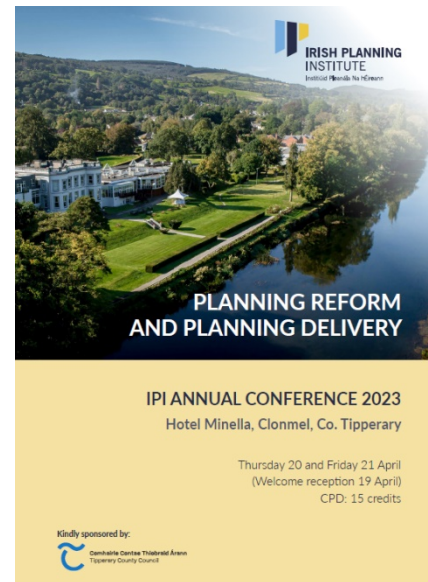
In association with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), Tipperary Planning Authority has successfully completed the pilot of phase one, two and three of planning portal <https://planning.localgov.ie>. During our first full year live on the planning portal over 50% of applications were received online. Set out below are the monthly figures % of E- applications received by month for 2022 and 2023 in Tipperary. In first 3rd of 2023 51% of submissions received, were received via the portal. Work is continuing with the LGMA and our third-party providers and part 8 applications are now online with six from Tipperary currently on the planning portal. We continue to liaise with the other 17 iPlan sites who have gone live on the planning portal in 2022 & 2023. Nationally at the time of writing we have now assisted the following planning authorities to go live: Galway County, Westmeath, Kilkenny, Limerick, Waterford, Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Leitrim, Louth, Meath, Mayo, Monaghan, Sligo, Wicklow and Laois. It is planned that the remaining iPlan authorities will go live in the first half of 2023 and the Apas/Odyssey planning authorities also.



Irish Planning Institute Annual Conference 2023.

Tipperary County Council hosted the Irish Planning Institute Annual Conference, 2023 which was held at Hotel Minella, Clonmel on 20th and 21st April 2023. The conference was attended by nearly 300 delegates. Kieran O'Donnell TD, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage attended and gave a keynote address.

Contributions at the conference from Cathaoirleach Roger Kennedy, Director of Services Sinead Carr, and Acting Senior Planner Anne-Marie Devaney demonstrated the significant ambition and innovation of the Council in developing and delivering tourism, regeneration, technological and climate action projects throughout the county.



Energy and Farm Diversification Show (formerly the Energy in Agriculture Show)

The launch of the Energy and Farm Diversification Show (formerly the Energy in Agriculture Show) took place recently. In attendance was the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue TD, as well as representatives from the show's organising committee and main sponsors.

The Energy & Farm Diversification Show is a collaboration between Teagasc, Tipperary County Council, Irish Farmers Association, Tipperary Energy Agency, Macra Na Feirme, Gurteen College and TUS Midlands Midwest.

This one day show incorporates a large trade exhibitor showcase, outdoor practical demonstrations, networking opportunities with industry experts and an extensive talks programme. The talks, which include several first-hand accounts from farmers, are split into three distinct streams: Energy in Agriculture, Smart Climate Land Use and Farm Diversification.



Planning & Emergency Services SPC

The first meeting of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2023 was held on 14th March 2023. Updates were given on Roscrea, Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles Local Area Plans and on Project Ireland 2040. The next meeting is due to be held on 13th June 2023.

FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



| SECTION PRIORITIES | | |
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| Major Current Issues | Progress in Previous Month | Next Stage |
| Major Emergency Management | Finalising the Business continuity software package. Ongoing engagement with MW regional steering & working groups. | Proposal from Inoni on how to proceed received and currently under consideration. |
| Building Control | Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment. Onsite inspections ongoing | Complete annual inspection programme for 2023 reaching Dept. guideline targets |
| Health & Safety | Audit to ISO 45001 & 9001 completed in Jan 2023 – successfully certified to both standards | Implement annual objectives as per service delivery plan |
| Fire Safety | Fire Safety Strategy prepared and signed off for delivery in 2023 | Primary schools programme underway along with station visits by schools at end of school year. |



| CURRENT PROJECTS | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Project | Progress in Previous Month | Next Stage |
| Cashel Fire Station | Construction underway with planned completion date of Oct 2023 | Ongoing monitoring of progress |
| Roscrea Fire Station | Improvement works included in Department allocation. | Seek department approval to appoint design team – application currently with Department. |
| New appliances | Final design meeting held with Emergency One and TFRS | Delivery expected in June 2023 |

| ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES | To 22nd May 2023 |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Number of Emergency Calls Attended | 612 |
| Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received | 53 |
| Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted | 29 |
| Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received | 40 |
| Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted | 19 |
| Number of Commencement Notices Received | 162 |

New Fire Appliances

Our two new fire appliances have now been delivered from factory in Scotland to Scania Dealer in Ireland for pre-delivery checks and registration and they will be delivered to Roscrea and Tipperary Fire Stations in a number of weeks. The appliances are being completed at a total cost of just in excess of €400k per appliance which is being fully funded from the capital programme of the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management.



New Fire Appliances awaiting delivery to Tipperary

Cashel Fire Station

Construction of our new station in Wallers Lot in Cashel is well underway with works on target to be completed before year end.



New Cashel Fire Station

National Road Traffic Collision Instructor Course

A 2-week National Road Traffic Collision Instructor Course was held in Nenagh Fire Station over 2 weeks in May 2023. 18 no. Fire Officers (including Station Officer in Borrisokane Fire Station) received intensive training in all aspects of dealing with Road Traffic Collisions in order to qualify them to train fire fighters locally in their respective Fire Stations and Fire Services. This course was delivered by Officers working on behalf of the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management.



National Road Traffic Course Nenagh Fire Station May 2023

Hazardous Materials Chemical Protective Clothing Course

A 1- week Hazardous Materials Chemical Protective Clothing (CPC) Course was held in Thurles Fire Station in May 2023. 12 no. recently qualified Firefighters from Tipperary and Laois Fire Services attended and successfully completed this course. This course teaches firefighters to wear CPC and effectively deal with Hazardous Materials Incidents.



Hazchem CPC Course Thurles Fire Station April 2023

Recruitment Drive

In order to attract prospective Firefighters to the Fire Service, Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service have undertaken great efforts to promote and attract people to the sector. In the past number of months, firefighters from across the county have taken a more proactive approach to this. A number of ‘Open nights’ and ‘Recruitment Days’ across Tipperary were held, where Firefighters displayed their skills and answered any questions the public may have about joining the service. Firefighters in Clonmel and Tipperary Town also took to the streets handing out information packs and flyers. These efforts were matched by a social media campaign in conjunction with media interviews, career talks and attendance at a county careers expo held in Thurles earlier in the month. These efforts to date have yielded a number of applicants putting themselves forward for consideration.



Station Tours

Now is the time of year when we see a huge increase in demand for fire station tours. This is a fantastic way to connect with the communities we serve and to spread the 'Fire Safety' message. Where possible we will always try to facilitate these requests and are delighted to welcome schools back into our stations. We have also carried out a number of visits to preschools and are always delighted with the interaction from students and teachers alike. This year we are placing a special emphasis on the 'STOP, DROP and ROLL' technique and have even created a short original cartoon to demonstrate this.

It remains a priority for Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service to engage with the public in regard to all matters relating to Fire Safety, in doing this we as a community can reduce the risk and subsequent consequences of a fire occurring.



Transition Year Youth Fire Service Programme

Community Fire Safety has always been to the forefront of Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service, through our Community Smoke Alarm Scheme, our 3rd Class Primary Schools Programme and many more initiatives with which we strive to help our communities take a more active role in their own fire safety. While we have always been very active promoting Fire Safety at a primary school level there has, up to now, been less of an opportunity to do this at a secondary school level. Consequently, last year we launched the Youth Fire Service Programme. This is aimed at the secondary school senior cycle, primarily, but not limited to, transition years. This programme runs in conjunction with the secondary school curriculum covering areas such as Fire Science, Case Studies and even Career Investigation (where we look to the Fire Service for potential career opportunities). There is both a theoretical and practical element to the programme, which seems to appeal to all, both student and teacher alike.


At the end of this 4-week programme students will understand the basics of fire safety and their responsibilities both in and out of the workplace. They will also gain first-hand experience in dealing with small fires and extinguishers. In addition to this, students will obtain a certificate in Fire Marshal training which will be valid for 3 years and can be taken into industry.

Since the start of 2023 we have put more than 500 students from 5 secondary schools through the pilot stage of the Youth Fire Service Programme and all feedback has been very positive. Interest in the programme is also very high and many schools have already come forward to request that their school be considered for this programme next year.





Civil Defence

| Activities | Ukrainian Response |
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| <p>Ukrainian Displaced Persons Response</p> | <p>Tipperary Civil Defence continues to be deeply involved in the response to Ukrainian Crisis assisting with operation in both Littleton and Clonmel Rest Centers. Civil Defence continues to assist with the provision of transport to move rest center residence to onward accommodation . Civil Defence also assists housing staff in the purchase of essential clothing items for use on arrival and assists at the registration process.</p> <p>Transport and assistance are also given to take residence to the local INTRO Offices and other Dept of Social Protection facilities. Ongoing support in given to the H.S.E with the provision of transport to medical and doctor appointments as well as the provision of First Aid at both Littleton and Clonmel . Tipperary Civil Defence Officer is a member Tipperary County Council Ukrainian Response Team and also the Ukrainian Community Response Forum</p>  |
| <p>Health & Safety Risk Assessment Review</p> <p>Community Support & Duties</p> | <p>Civil Defence is currently reviewing our Risk assessments for our activities including operations and related activities in the rest centers. Instructors and senior volunteers are actively engaged in this process. A successful Internal Audit took place in March and is currently awaiting dates from NSAI to go forward for Audit for ISO 450001</p> <p>Volunteers continue to support their local community with the provision of first aid and ambulance cover at an array of event over the last few weeks</p> <p>Volunteers provided first aid cover events including Darkness Into Light, Triathlon and 10k road races</p> |





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| <p>New Recruit Training</p> | <p>Due to the COVID 19 pandemic no recruitment has taken place for some time into Civil Defence, until this year. Training is ongoing following the recruitment of new volunteers in both Clonmel and Thurles centers. The 5 components of the minimum training standard have to be achieved before volunteers can be on active duty</p> |
| <p>Dormant Account Fund</p> | <p>Following a recent application to the Dept of Defence, Tipperary Civil Defence has been approved a grant of €28,000 for the purchase of a multipurpose van for use particulate in the sections ability to respond to the Ukrainian crisis, but also for general operations. A very welcome grant allocation. It is hoped to purchase a van shortly.</p> |

Library/Cultural Directorate

[Bealtaine Festival 2023](#)



Launch of the Bealtaine Festival in Roscrea Library

- Each year in the month of May, Bealtaine takes place as an annual nationwide festival celebrating the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is an initiative of Age & Opportunity, the national organisation working to enable the best possible quality of life for us all as we age. Locally the Tipperary County Council Bealtaine Festival is led by The Arts Office and Library Service working with other partners such as arts venues and community groups. Events take place in Arts Centres, Libraries, Day Care Centres, Community Halls, in Nursing Homes and with Active Retirement Groups.



- The Tipperary Bealtaine Festival was officially launched on 5th May in the Roscrea Library by Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council. As part of this event, artist/folklorist Michael Fortune and participants from Age Friendly Roscrea showcased their work and findings from their recent folklore and reminiscence project. In Michael Fortune began work on a project with staff and participants from Age Friendly Roscrea recording stories, tales and memories in the centre and also in people's homes. For the Tipperary Bealtaine Programme, Michael and the group have produced this material into a pop-up exhibition featuring images, text and films. A series of these films were shown at the launch and some of the participants spoke about their positive experiences.





- Killenaule Library welcomed Suzanne Dennehy for Laughter Yoga on Thursday 11th May, and Mairead Kennedy for a Decoupage workshop on the 18th May as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library held an intergenerational art workshop which was facilitated by Margueritte Kent. The children, along with their grandparents, created art based on 'the wonder of the garden', which included the children getting out into the garden and then coming in to create their masterpieces. This event took place on 15th May as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- There were plenty of memories shared as Templemore Library hosted a very special celebration of our local Nonagenarians on 19th May. The Library welcomed twelve local residents who are aged over 90 for a gathering with plenty of treats, singing and an opportunity to catch up with old friends & neighbours. It is a huge milestone to make the 90-plus club and staff of Templemore Library wanted to make the morning as special as possible. Our special guests were treated royally with some wonderful music provided by the talented students of Ours Lady's Secondary School and an array of sandwiches and cakes. This event took place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- The Active Retirement Association in Cashel organised by Catherine O'Dowd held an activity morning in Cashel Library on 21st May. Geraldine McGann, Maura Purcell and Margaret Hennessy sang a number of songs and there was poetry by Margaret Tuohy, Mona Rogers, Maura Barrett. Catherine O'Dowd who entertained with her fantastic dress up inspired by the film *The Best Exotic Marigolds Hotel*. This event took place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.

- Member of St. Vincent Day Care Centre visited Tipperary Town Library on 16th May to participate in a table quiz and coffee morning. This event took place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Tipperary Town Library held a Qi-Gong with Mairead Ryan on 19th May. Qi-Gong is a system of coordinated body-posture and movement, breathing, and meditation used for the purposes of health, spirituality, and martial-arts training. This event took place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Tipperary Town Library hosted a drama workshop on 23rd May with Gerry Stembridge. Gerard Stembridge is a writer and a director who has worked extensively in theatre, film, TV and radio, first coming to prominence with the RTÉ radio comedy series Scrap Saturday in the early 1990s. This event took place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Thurles Library hosted a Smartphone Workshop in conjunction with Tipperary Education & Training Board. Over twenty-five people were in attendance. This event took place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Dr Pat Bracken, Library Staff member gave a talk on sport in Victorian Tipperary in Roscrea Library on 10th May. This event was part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Nenagh Library held an introduction talk to ‘Breathwork and Mindfulness Meditation’ with Mia Magan of Tipperary ETB. This event took place on 4th May as part of the Bealtaine Festival



- Nenagh Library held a cookery demonstration with Colleen O’Hara on 18th May. This event took place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Nenagh Library hosted an event entitled Memories and Melodies with Jean Farrell on 23rd May. Jean Farrell writes a weekly column in The Westmeath Independent. Her many readers identify with Jean’s humorous interesting view of life, as she looks back over the many changes which have taken place in Ireland, since she was a young child, in the 1950s. During the show, Jean read some of her most popular articles while her sister accompanied singing well-known songs linked to these.



- Cashel Library held a laughter yoga class on 11th May. The laughing movements of laughter yoga mimic

the breathing technique, which forms the core of yoga. Like yoga, laughter yoga includes meditation, affirmations, and light stretches and has excellent benefits for the body. This event took place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Limerick hurling manager visited Tipperary Town Library during the Bealtaine Festival to wish the staff well with the festival.

Library Service



At the launch of the Citizen Science Kits at Carrick-on-Suir Library Photo from L-R: Carol Delany, Carrick on Suir Library; Cllr David Dunne; Brian White, Carrick on Suir Lions Club; Lorcan Scott, The Heritage Council; Cllr Roger Kennedy; Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian; Róisín O’Grady, Heritage Officer

- Tipperary County Council Library Service is taking part in a pilot project to make ecology equipment freely available for citizens looking to join the fight against biodiversity loss. The Heritage Council is working with ten library services across the county, of which Tipperary is one, to make Citizen Science Kits available for loan through libraries. It is expected the kits will be used by students looking to conduct their own studies, amateur ecologists and by community groups such as Tidy Towns, River Trusts and Field Groups who want to gather information to bolster local biodiversity projects. The kit is free to borrow for members of Tipperary County Council Library Service. Membership is free and you can join in any of our twelve branches or online at www.tipperarylibraries.ie. This new service was launched in Carrick-on-Suir Library on 29th March.



L-R: Top Row: Marguerite Ryan, Autism Awareness Roscrea, Aine Beausang, Roscrea Library, Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Ann-Marie Brophy, Senior Executive Librarian, Marissa Hayes, Autism Awareness Roscrea; L-R: Bottom Row Rachel Hoban, Templemore Library; Cllr Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach of Thurles MD; Valerie Madden, Roscrea Library

- Cllr Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach of Thurles Municipal District, launched the first in a series of social stories, in Roscrea Library on 24th April. A social story provides a social learning tool for people of all ages with additional needs, learning difficulties and those on the Autism Spectrum. They are short descriptions of a particular situation, event or activity, which include specific information about what to expect in that situation and why.



Michelle Brady, Thurles Library with pupils from Scoil Angela Primary School

- Thurles Library hosted a visit from Scoil Angela Primary School on 21st April where Library Staff organised an art workshop and story time. This was part of the Spring into Storytime initiative.



- Thurles Camera Club launched an exhibition of their work in Thurles

Library on 2nd May. Over 60 people attended the launch and the exhibition will be on display for the month of May.



Family and friends of the late Phil Bourke at the ceremony to officially donate his wood carving



- Thurles Library received a donation of a wood carving from the family of the late Phil Bourke in April 2023. Phil was born in 'The Hollow', Shevery, Upperchurch in 1926 and celebrated his 95th birthday in the company of his family just five days before his passing. In his 70s, Phil

took up carving and excelled at it, creating fabulous pieces with intricate patterns from Bog Oak and other types of wood.

Phil's son, Phil Bourke Jr gave some context to the piece when speaking at the launch.

"He felt that to provide historical context, he should begin with the 'Flight of the Earls' in 1607 and carve many of the influential characters and events in the intervening period up to the Easter Rising of 1916".



- Nenagh Library hosted a jewellery making workshop with silversmith Christina Keogh on 18th April. Christina began by working with decorative arts and antiques dealers Christies in London and then as an archaeologist in Ireland. She is a graduate of the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland's prestigious jewellery goldsmithing course at their unique workshops in Kilkenny.



Shirley McLoughney with Rosemary Joyce, Nenagh District Administrator

- Nenagh Library is hosting an art exhibition entitled Waste not – Want not by Shirley McLoughney during the month of May. Her pictures are of pressed flowers – delicate, colourful creations taken from her own garden as well as wildflowers taken from nearby forests, wetlands, lake lands and river sides. The exhibition was launched by Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator, Nenagh on 8th May.
- Nenagh Library hosted an information session on mental health supports and services in Tipperary, by Rosemary Ryan, area leader of Mental Health Engagement. This event took place on 10th May.



- Clonmel Library organised a puppet and storytime event with Des Dillon. The event was held over two mornings on 18th and 19th April for four preschools with over sixty pupils attending. This event was part of Spring into Storytime initiative.



- Clonmel Library held a series of 3D printing workshop on 18th April, 2nd May & 16th May. Staff members demonstrated the various features available using the Library iMac PC and 3D printer.



- MNA 100 Project – Clonmel Library facilitated students from Clonmel Presentation Secondary School students who carried out research

women from Clonmel who were involved in the Irish Revolutionary Years. Historian Sinead McCoole facilitated a workshop for the students in the library on 20th April. They were also introduced to the library's local history collection and give access to same.



- Clonmel Library hosted an Illustration Workshop with Róisín Hahessey on 22nd May. Students from the Sisters of charity 2nd and 3rd class were invited to the workshop with over sixty children and their teachers participating.
- Tipperary Town Library held a gardening workshop with Siobhan O'Mahony on 19th May



- Tipperary Town held a Storytime for Naionra Gaelscoil Pre School Knockanrawley Tipperary town preschool visit on 27th April and Lullabies & Laughter playschool on 26th May.



- Cashel Library hosted a talk entitled An Túr Gloine by Stephanie Woods on 26th May. This talk focussed on the women artists of Stained-Glass Studio and in particular on the works of Sarah Purser, Evie Hone and Catherine O'Brien and the windows they created in Tipperary.

- Killenaule Camera Club launched an exhibition of their work in Cashel Library on 9th May. The exhibition will be on display for the month of May.
- Cashel Library hosted a talk by Aaron Burchael entitled Campervan conversation on 16th May. Camper van enthusiast Aaron Burchael who hosts Charlie and Me Our Camping Vlog on YouTube, escaped the tedium of Covid-19 lockdown by transforming a scrapped ambulance into a mini-holiday home on wheels. He spoke about how to undertake such a conversion and all things camping.



- Templemore Library held a Sing, Dance & Play party with Firefly Parties on 4th April. Over thirty children took part in this event which was held for the Spring into Storytime Festival.



- Templemore Library held a painting workshop with Catriona Dwan of Tipperary ETB on 5th May. Fifteen people attended the class.



- Templemore Library's commenced a six-week Mother & Baby Programme on 29th May. This programme is being provided by Pamela Quirke of Tipperary ETB.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a Teddy Bear Storytime with Rikey Austin (Howe), author of the Alice's Bear Shop series of books on 11th April. Over twenty children attended the event where Rikey read several stories and children took part in arts and crafts.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted the radio Drama Kintsugi, written by Patricia Cantwell and performed by Patricia Cantwell and John Corcoran, with music by John Corcoran and Kieron Judge. This event took place on 10th May. The drama was centred on an interview with the late Kathleen Hackett, a former resident at Sonas Nursing Home, Clonmel. The original play was produced as a radio drama as

part of the Healthy Ireland Keep Well Campaign 2021.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted a Living Earth Festival event, provided by Calmast on 16th May. Calmast is South East Technological University's STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) engagement centre. Ms Hahessy's 4th class from the Presentation Primary School were invited over to take part in this art-based workshop, which involved ink printing using objects from nature such as leaves, twigs etc and was focused on learning about biodiversity.



Cllr Ger Darcy, Noirín Duggan, Branch Librarian, Borrisokane & Cloughjordan Libraries and Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian

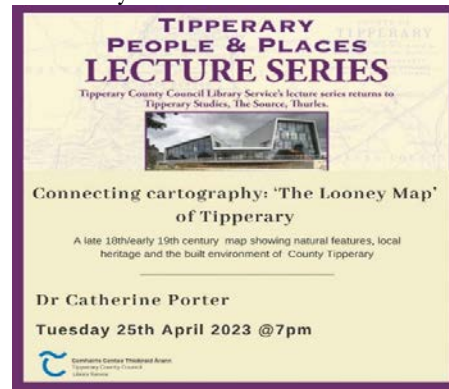
- Cloughjordan Library re-opened on 5th May. Noirín Duggan, Branch Librarian, Borrisokane Library has been appointed as Branch Manager. Cloughjordan Library had been closed following the passing of

Marie Brady, Branch Librarian. Marie gave 35 years of very loyal service to the citizens of Cloughjordan. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

Tipperary Studies



Members of the Looney Family with Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council



- Dr Catherine Porter, University of Limerick gave a talk entitled *Connecting cartography: "The Looney Map" of Tipperary* on 25th April as part of the Tipperary People and Places Lecture Series.



- David Donoghue, retired diplomat and Irish head of the Anglo-Irish Secretariat in Belfast gave a talk in Thurles Library entitled *One Good Day: my journey to the Good Friday Agreement* on 23rd May

Arts Service

A range of grants and schemes to support Arts Development in the county were awarded for 2023 as follows:

- **Tipperary Arts Act Grant Scheme** – intended to assist organisations in stimulating public interest in the arts, promoting the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or in improving standards in the arts in the county. **35** groups were awarded funding to support artistic projects & events in 2023, the value of the support is **€38,350**.
- **Tipperary Artist Awards** – intended to support professional artists under three categories, professional development, creation of new work, reaching audiences. **33** artists were awarded funding for 2023, the value of the support is **€28,312**.
- **Tyrone Guthrie Centre Regional Bursary Scheme** - two bursary awards were granted to professional artists living in Tipperary to develop work at the County Monaghan workplace for artists.
- **Local Drama Scheme** – One drama group received support towards their development proposal to run a skills refresher course for their members.
- **BLAS International Summer School of Traditional Irish Music & Dance.**

Tipperary County Council advertised two bursaries to attend this year's summer school at the University of Limerick. The value of the bursary covers 1 week's tuition (one-week

intensive of masterclasses, Irish language, lectures and concerts). The purpose of these bursaries is to support professional development of artists.

- **Artist in Primary School Scheme** - The aim of this scheme is to give pupils in schools all over the county the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off unique project to be originated and planned between the artist and the school. **12** schools were successful in receiving support under this scheme. Projects have commenced in Lackamore National School, Newtown Upper National School, Moycarkey NS and Lorrha National School. Please see images from the projects below.



Lackamore NS



Moycarkey NS

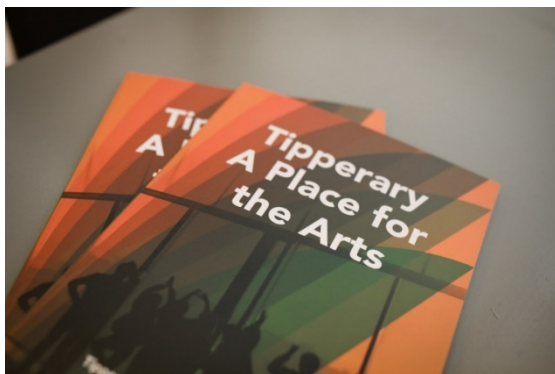


Newtown Upper NS

Tipperary A Place for the Arts, Arts Strategy 2023 -2027 launch



From L-R: Cllr Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach, Thurles MD, Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council, Sinead O'Reilly, The Arts Council, Melanie Scott, Arts Officer



- On Thursday 27th April, Tipperary A Place for the Arts, Tipperary Arts Strategy 2023 - 2027 was launched at the Source Arts Centre, Thurles by Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council and Sinead O'Reilly, A/Strategic Development Director & Head of



Local, Place & Public Art, The Arts Council. The audience enjoyed short performances by Music Generation Tipperary featuring children from Barnane National School, poetry by Cahir poet Breda Joyce and an excerpt from PUCKED a play by Cathal Ryan (from The Ragg) and directed by Jack Reardon (Clonmel). We are looking forward to working with members of Tipperary County Council in implementing this strategy over the next five years to maximise opportunities for arts development within the county.



Tipperary Bealtaine Festival 2023

- Tipperary Arts Office together with our colleagues in Tipperary Library service worked together once again to present the Tipperary Bealtaine Festival, an extensive, interactive programme running throughout the month of May celebrating creativity as we age across the county. This

year's programme included over 120 events across the county, a mix of workshops, live and online performance, exhibitions and socially engaged projects across a wide range of art forms including theatre, music, literature, film and visual arts. The festival was launched in Roscrea Library by Cllr. Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach with an event featuring participants of Age Friendly Roscrea. Working with artist/folklorist Michael Fortune they showcased their work and findings from their recent folklore and reminiscence project. Michael and the group exhibited this material as a pop-up exhibition featuring images, text and films which was available to view in the library for the month of May.

- Nenagh Arts Centre celebrated Tipperary Bealtaine festival with a number of free workshops (exploring topics such as ageing creatively and learning about local history) as well as live music and theatre performances, culminating in a performance of the play 'Paddy goes to Petra', written and directed by Upperchurch theatre maker Áine Ryan, on Tues 30th May. The work of Cloughjordan artist Helen Costello also featured, with her Seen Unseen exhibition on display in the Arts Centre throughout the month of May.

- The Tudor Artisan Hub creative team presented a total of 6 workshops and demonstrations at the Sean Healy Library in Carrick on Suir, inviting participants to engage in their Mending Matters programme, and learn simple and practical skills to repair, repurpose and renew belongings.



- Artist Aoife Barrett takes her *Print Van Go* travelling studio to Clonoulty this year to explore the joys of herbal health and the many and varied uses and needs for herbs. Aoife is working with Clonoulty's young at heart club and has invited the wider community to drop in too. The *Tinctures, Tonics and Teas* project is based around creative workshops that involve planting and growing herbs, sharing herbal remedies, recipes, printmaking and textiles.





The Recollection Collection
Millennium Family Resource Centre



- Katy Goodhue is a visual artist who lives and works in the Slieveardagh Hills and presented the Slieveardagh Recollection Collection at the Millennium Family resource Centre in Glengoole, an exhibition of items from a project where older members of the community come together to celebrate their collective and individual pasts.



- Aisling Fitzgerald and Joey Maguire led The Retracing Project with an aim to creatively engage older people with their childhood leisure memories through nature, art and heritage. Capturing stories and memories of Glengarra Wood and Mountain Lodge Burncourt, the project created a portal for social history to entwine with creative practice that engages with our natural and architectural heritage. Prompted by a reprinting of the original Nature Trail pamphlet of Glengarra Wood (courtesy of Galtee Honey Farm), a series of recorded interviews with senior citizens from the Galtee Vee Valley were featured, alongside woodland drone footage and interviews of retired foresters and former hikers, as part of a short documentary film. The Tipperary Bealtaine Music Tour is a centrepiece of the Tipperary Bealtaine offering each year, and this year professional musicians once again visited a number of day care centres, nursing homes and hospital settings- including Borrisokane Day Care Centre, St Conlon's Nenagh, as well as centres in Tipperary Town, Templemore, Thurles, Holycross and Cashel.



- In Newport, artists Chelsea Canavan and Andy Spearpoint worked with Newport Day Care centre on *Sound Sight and Story*, a project where residents shared stories associated with items of personal significance to co-create artworks and soundscapes.



- Finally, to wrap up a jam-packed month, The *Write Minds* group will bring their *Return of the Light* poetry and wellness initiative to The Main Guard in Clonmel on Friday 26th May at 7.30pm for an evening of spoken word with a guest performance by *Belle Voci* Choir.

Heritage Service

County Heritage Plan Actions:

- An *Archaeology Ireland* Guide to the Heritage of Cahir has gone to print and will be available shortly. A Seminar for owners of vacant properties in collaboration with Planning and the Museum will take place in Thurles on June 17th. Filming has also started on a series of films about the life of Charles Bianconi.

Heritage Plan Consultation

- Tipperary County Council is developing its second all-county **Heritage Plan**.
- The plan will be framed within the context of national heritage policy as set out in the Heritage Act 1995 & Heritage Act 2018, Heritage Ireland 2030, Culture 2025, and the Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC).
- The contribution of all interested parties is being sought in order to fully inform the preparation of the Heritage Plan. This will assist Tipperary County Council in planning and delivering heritage actions in the county.
- Interested parties and members of the public are invited to have their say by completing a short questionnaire which can be accessed <https://consultations.tipperarycoco.ie/form/heritage-pre-draft-consultation>. This questionnaire will be available until **Monday 19th June 2023**.
- Drop in Clinics: Heritage personnel held consultative drop in clinics for the Heritage Plan in the following locations:
 - Tuesday 30th May, Thurles Municipal District Offices, Castle Avenue
 - Wednesday 31st May, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town
 - Thursday 1st June, Civic Offices, Clonmel
 - Friday 2nd June, Carrick on Suir Municipal District Offices
 - Tuesday 6th June, Civic Offices, Nenagh

Irish Walled Town Network

- Funding has been allocated to complete a digital storyboard on Tipperary's Medieval Walled Towns. Our booklet a Guide to the Medieval Walled Towns of Tipperary are also available.

Community Monuments Fund

- Seven projects have received funding under the Community Monuments Fund 2023.

Stream 1 Capital Works

- Boolabaun Castle
€75,605
- Kilnarath Church
€100,000
- Loughloher Castle /TowerHouse
€28,831 (vegetation removal)

Stream 2 Conservation Plans

- Loughmoe Castle
€29,520
- Kilsheelan
€8,487

Stream 3 Interpretation

- Monastic Site Emly
€12,915
- Graves of the Leinstermen
€1,283

National Biodiversity Action Plan

Actions:

- Tipperary County Council advertised the post of Biodiversity Officer recently and the closing date for applications is June 19th.
- Funding was allocated to Community Engagement Initiatives, County Wetlands field survey phase 2, Lough Nahinch projects, Quagga Mussel and Alpine Newt projects for 2023.
- Biodiversity Week took place from the 19th – 28th May, 4 events were awarded funding under a grant scheme with over 14 events taking place throughout the county. The Heritage Office funded a Sustainable Gardening Course at the Cabragh Wetlands Centre on Sunday 28th May.

Creative Ireland Programme:

- Eleven projects have been awarded funding through the Creative Ireland Community Award.
- Ten projects have been awarded funding through the Creative Ireland Project Award.

Cruinniú na nÓg

- Cruinniú na nÓg our national day of creativity for children and young people takes place on Saturday 10th June 2023. There are over 30 events taking place throughout Clonmel, Cashel, Fethard, Nenagh, Roscrea & Thurles. Please visit the link below for further information.



<https://cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie/events/location/tipperary/>

Commemorations Programme:

Seven projects are receiving support under this grant scheme in 2023. As a follow on to last year's Aleen Cust project, a workbook for children, *Ever and Always: The Marvellous Story of Aleen Cust-Britain and Irelands first female Vet*, was launched in April at the Mountbellew Agricultural College by Niamh Ni Chroinin TG4's newly appointed ambassador for children and presenter on Cula4. The workbook written by Eithne O Halloran of Kylemore Abbey and illustrated by Sara

Nyland aims to raise awareness of this trailblazing woman in our schools. The book was launched with St Michaels Girls National School in Tipperary town



Cllr Roger Kennedy Cathaoirleach, Roisin O Grady Heritage Officer, John and Dinkie Harold Barry of Cordangan, Principal, Staff and Pupils at St Marys Girls NS Tipperary town receiving their copies of the Aleen Cust Workbook (photo Martin Quinn)



Cllr Roger Kennedy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council & Roisin O'Grady Heritage Officer at the Aleen Cust Schools Workbook launch Mounbellew (photo Jacinta Fahy)

Royal Sites Bid

- Steering Group meetings are ongoing and Section 149a agreements have been signed between the Irish Local Authorities.
- The next step with the Department will be the drafting of the project MOU.
- The mapping of the OUV attributes of all sites is underway

- The job specification for Royal Sites Project Coordinator is finalised.

Museum Service



From L-R: Helen O’Carroll, Kerry County Museum, Labhaoise Ni Lonagrain Ni Chomahara, overall winner, Julia Walsh-Drohan, Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, Damien Dullaghan, Tipperary County Librarian

Articulation All Ireland Final

- On Wednesday April 19th Students from *Gael Coláiste Cheitinn, Clonmel, Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel* and *The Ursuline, Thurles* took part in the All Ireland Final of ARTiculation 2023. The event was held in The People’s Museum, Limerick to an audience of 50 people. Students from Tipperary and Kerry gave 10-minute presentations on art or artefacts of their choosing. The competition was won by Labhaoise Ni Lonagrain Ni Chomahara from Gael Coláiste, Cheitinn, Clonmel. Labhaoise presented on her Epiphone Guitar. It was the first year Gael Coláiste Cheitinn participated in the competition. This international project is coordinated in Ireland by Julia Walsh, Tipperary Museum and the judges for the All Ireland Final were Damien Dullaghan, Tipperary Libraries and Helen O’ Carroll, Kerry County Museum.

- The Education Office working with two Museum placement staff hosted two “*Easter Family Workshops*” on April 4th and 6th. Families followed clues around the Museum to find objects and then answer a question before participating in an Art/Craft workshop. 24 people attended the event.



- Over 420 children visited the Museum in April with organised class visits from Patrician Presentation Secondary School, Fethard, Scoil Ruain, Killenaule and Sisters of Charity



Museum partnering with Calmast

- Calmast is South East Technological University’s STEM Engagement Hub. It was established to address issues in STEM (Science,

Technology, Engineering and Maths). Calmast is now engaging with Tipperary Museum of Hidden History to deliver on sustainable and environmental projects with Calmast, and this partnership commenced with the Clonmel Show Pedigree Farm Day in May.

Museum supporting national research Project with T.U.D.

- Tipperary Museum is supporting a research Programme with **Technological University Dublin** and funded by the Irish Research Council to research festivals and digitisation in rural Ireland with Dr. Bernadette Quinn and Dr. Brian Vaughan. The project is called **Festivals, Audiences and the Digital Experience (FADE)**. The outputs will be feed back to the stakeholders and inspire further festival and digitisation practices and programming.



Clonmel Agricultural Show Pedigree Day

- The Museum hosted the Clonmel Agricultural Show Annual Pedigree

Day in Clonmel for local schools on 19th May. Museum staff met with over 650 students & 150 members of the public across the day.



- The Museum celebrated International Museum Day on 18th May with a Wellness Walk which included historical facts about the area given by Museum staff. Over thirty-seven people went on the walk.



- Our staff Well-Walk started at 5.30pm Friday 19th May from Horse & Jockey. We visited the famous landmark where the Derry-naflan Chalice was found and the burial site of Goban Saor. This was hosted by



Tipperary County Council
Workplace Partnership and
Tipperary Museum Wellness Team -
29 staff participated from Clonmel,
Tipperary, Thurles and Nenagh
across the Council.

Conservation:

- The following items will be sent for conservation in 2023: 1930s boy's Communion suit and Dr. Pat O' Callaghan's Travelling leather suitcase. The Museum is also due the return of a wake blanket and Land League flag from Textile conservator, Rachel Phelan in the coming weeks.



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 30th April 2023

| | | EXPENDITURE | | | | INCOME | | | NET | |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| | Expenditure € | Adopted Full Year Budget € | % Budget Spent to date | Budget Remaining € | Income € | Adopted Full year Budget € | % Budget Raised | Budget outstanding € | Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) € | |
| A | Housing & Building | 14,533,972 | 39,850,258 | 36% | 25,316,286 | 13,519,751 | 39,112,215 | 35% | 25,592,464 | (1,014,221) |
| B | Road Transport & Safety | 18,117,267 | 59,643,759 | 30% | 41,526,492 | 12,311,523 | 41,463,621 | 30% | 29,152,098 | (5,805,744) |
| C | Water Services | 4,699,869 | 16,085,133 | 29% | 11,385,264 | 4,387,701 | 15,506,586 | 28% | 11,118,885 | (312,168) |
| D | Development Management | 7,124,626 | 19,701,481 | 36% | 12,576,855 | 3,459,236 | 8,234,425 | 42% | 4,775,189 | (3,665,390) |
| E | Environmental Services | 10,970,205 | 34,821,401 | 32% | 23,851,196 | 4,932,447 | 16,243,760 | 30% | 11,311,313 | (6,037,758) |
| F | Recreation & Amenity | 4,795,474 | 14,932,200 | 32% | 10,136,726 | 869,303 | 2,675,783 | 32% | 1,806,480 | (3,926,171) |
| G | Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 507,226 | 1,844,743 | 27% | 1,337,517 | 328,374 | 1,212,277 | 27% | 883,903 | (178,852) |
| H | Miscellaneous Services | 6,357,826 | 18,092,337 | 35% | 11,734,511 | 5,967,228 | 16,600,010 | 36% | 10,632,782 | (390,598) |
| LG | Local Property Tax | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 8,995,436 | 26,986,309 | 33% | 17,990,873 | 8,995,436 |
| RA | Rates | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 12,261,328 | 36,936,326 | 33% | 24,674,998 | 12,261,328 |
| | Totals | 67,106,466 | 204,971,312 | 33% | 137,864,846 | 67,032,328 | 204,971,312 | 33% | 137,938,984 | (74,138) |



Capital Account – Year to Date 30th April 2023

| | Expenditure Expenditure YTD € | Income Total income YTD € |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| A Housing & Building | 12,257,864 | 10,161,700 |
| B Road Transport & Safety | 5,771,510 | 4,667,431 |
| C Water Services | 762,508 | 1,019,719 |
| D Development Management | 3,376,585 | 2,788,497 |
| E Environmental Services | 740,435 | 140,416 |
| F Recreation & Amenity | 213,421 | 176,833 |
| G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 35,749 | 23,699 |
| H Miscellaneous Services | 671,375 | 30,213 |
| Total | 23,829,447 | 19,008,508 |

| Collection Rates | YTD 202304 | YTD 202204 | YTD 202212 |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Rates | 27% | 31% | 88% |
| Rents | 73% | 72% | 90% |
| Housing Loans | 95% | 92% | 97% |

Note regarding Rates figures -

- 2022 year-end % takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the current month end figure.
- 2022 year-end % also takes account of Rates Waiver of €0.8m
- 2022 figures include credit brought forward of €1.41m.



COMMERCIAL RATES

Rate Accruals for 2023 amounted to **€36,839,065**. This has been adjusted downwards in the amount of €55,080, following decisions on appeals to the Valuation Tribunal following ReVal 2019. Further reductions may follow as other appeals are decided.

Arrears of €5,921,516 were brought forward from 2022, giving the total amount to be collected as €42,705,501.

Receipts of **€11,431,456, (27%)**, were recorded to 30/04/2023.

EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME FOR COMMERCIAL RATES

Approximately 3,850 (88%) of customers are eligible to benefit from our Early Payment Scheme in 2023.

If fully subscribed and availed of this could achieve total reductions in their rates of €653,680.

The terms for our Early Payment Scheme for 2023 are: -

- Applied to all ratepayers with an annual rates bill of up to €26,000.
- To avail of the Early Payment Reduction of 6%, subject to a maximum of €600, payment of rates must be made in full, by 31st July 2023.
- Customers paying by Direct Debit can avail of the scheme if payment is made by September 2022.

The scheme is open to customers with arrears on their accounts where they meet the following requirements:

- a) Pay a minimum amount which is equivalent to the annual rates by the same timelines outlined above and
- b) Enter into a structured payment plan to address and eliminate arrears.

VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF

Commercial Rates remain payable on vacant property. Where a property is vacant on the date of making the rate, owners must notify the local authority and advise that the property is vacant and for letting, or is closed for refurbishment or repair.



Vacancy relief will be applied to qualifying property in accordance with the following scale:

| Category | % Relief/Payment |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill up to €5,000 | 100% Vacancy Relief |
| Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000 | 80% Vacancy Relief 20% to be paid |
| Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000 | 60% Vacancy Relief 40% to be paid |

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Business Systems & GIS

- Continued to apply upgrades and patches to the Business systems in the organisation
 - iReg upgraded to 5.0.2
 - iHouse Live upgraded to 3.8.4
 - iHouse Test upgraded to 3.8.4
- Disabled the last two of the old Agresso MS4 Servers (6 in total).
- Set up the main vendors on the new security privileged access management (PAM) system (Ascendas, Unit4, LGMA, Version1, DCampbell etc.)
- Implemented the Planning PACE system which replaces the PDC system to map planning application sites.
- Commenced the updating of internal and external Planning viewers
- Redeveloped and tested the Property System GIS system and it is now up and running.
- Commenced the roll out of the updated version of MapInfo to 29 users
- Purchased new AutoCAD Licences renewed subscriptions
 - 43 AutoCAD LT Users
 - 18 AEC users
 - 5 AutoCAD Revit Lt Suites
- Created analysis maps of the towns in the Cahir Cashel Tipperary MD for Engineering staff.
- Updated our GIS systems with the latest GeoDirectory/Bord GAIS/ESB data received from these Agencies
- Facilitated 3rd Party Requests for Data
- Provided desktop support for AutoCAD, LabWorks, ArcGIS, MapInfo, Sat Nav updates
- Provided corporate phones and setup on management tools.

Website and eDevelopment

- Continued to provide web training to staff for new www.tipperarycoco.ie website
- Provided/Supported online consultations for
 - Town Centre First - public surveys
 - part 8's (seven)
 - RZLT- Phase 2
- Progressed the following Web Projects
 - Property Portal rebuild & upgrade
 - Climate Control sub-site for Climate Action Team
 - Local Economic and Community Plans(LECP)
 - Workwise Hubs
 - Consultation Portal rebuild & upgrade
 - Housing Guide- qualification matrix content & guide to schemes for TCC
 - Discover Lough Derg redevelopment
 - TippSports centralised dataset of sports facilities
 - Upgrade to TipperarySports website
 - Local Area Plans- Clonmel, Thurles, Nenagh & Roscrea Amendments
- Progressed the following Sharepoint projects
 - Reports built for Dept returns-housing grants
 - Dynamic address look ups from Sharepoint to iHouse
 - Upgrade to Kwizcom plugins to support business systems
 - Support and Maintain approx 150 custom back-office systems



Networks, Infrastructure, Phones

- Continued to facilitate Blended Working requirements
 - Set up approx. 185 Users to date for blended working, all users required a hardware refresh and some additional software such as softphone
- Progressed the Upgrade of the Email system- new on premise Exchange
 - Configured and migrated approx. 2/3 mailboxes.
- Continued with upgrade of desk phones and softphones
 - Continued with upgrade program on desk phones to latest version hardware – Ballingrane office and Carrick District Office
 - Installed softphones licenses for 100 users
- Continued to facilitate New Offices & Office Re-configuration
 - Assisted to date with all IT Elements for new office setups and major office reconfiguration projects.
- Continued to implement Security measures
 - Continued with vulnerability management rollout
 - Deployed privileged access management platform
 - Enrolled all vendors on privileged access management
 - Completed build of secondary site
 - Begun move of cluster to secondary site
 - Continued with cybersecurity training initiatives.
 - Begun process of identity applications / services for micro segmentation.

All Teams

- Continued to provide technical support to staff and elected members
- Continued to manage and support business systems, websites, geographical, phones, desktop, devices and network systems.