



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

12th January 2024

A Chara, Iarthar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Míosúil de Buirge Chluain Meala Dúiche, a bheidh ar siúl i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla an Bhaile, Sráid Parnell, Cluain Meala, ag 11.00 am ar an dé Céadaoin 17 Eanáir, 2024.

You are hereby requested to attend the Monthly Meeting of Clonmel Borough District to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Parnell Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on Wednesday 17th January, 2024, at 11.00 a.m.

Mise le meas,

Carol Creighton

Meetings Administrator

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That the footpaths within the Ashcourt Housing Estate in Clerihan are given urgent attention having regard to their dangerous condition. Many of the footpaths are showing significant damage as a result of trees planted when the estate was built, in many instances there are dangerous breaks causing ridges which are a trip hazard. Furthermore, where trees have been removed, holes or gaps remain.

8.2 Councillor John Fitzgerald/Councillor Michael Murphy (Ref ID 2743)

That the Borough Council as a matter of urgency install a "Smart Bin" in Rosegreen Village in accordance with previous discussions at the Borough Council.

8.3 Councillor Michael Murphy (Ref ID 2744)

Following on from previous works along the L7205-2, that the remaining sections are considered for resurfacing under the 2024 Area Roadworks Programme having regard to its poor condition as you head back towards Clerihan

8.4 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 2746)

Following a recent onsite meeting with residents in Highfield Grove that his Council looks at improving the sightlines for motorists exiting this estate by upgrading this junction.

8.5 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 2747)

That following representations from the Kilsheelan/ Kilcash Parish Council that this Council looks at both upgrading the public lights around the bus stop opposite the Ormonde Stores and in tandem looks at the provision of a footpath from this bus stop down Chapel road and into the village

8.6 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 2748)

Following representations from residents in Fairfield's that this Council looks at the provision of additional car parking spaces within the estate in 2024

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Invitees

- Siobhan Ambrose
- Sinead Carr
- Ms Carol Creighton
- Niall Dennehy
- Pat English
- Cllr John FitzGerald
- Ms Mary Irwin
- Ms Nicola Keating
- Joe MacGrath
- Cllr Richie Molloy
- Michael Murphy
- Mr James Murray
- Ger Walsh

Clonmel Borough District Protocol for Zoom Meeting

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

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

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Present: Councillor Richie Molloy, Mayor
Councillor Michael Murphy
Councillor Siobhán Ambrose
Councillor Pat English
Councillor John Fitzgerald
Councillor Niall P. Dennehy

In Attendance: Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services
Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator
Ms. Nicola Keating, District Engineer
Ms. Liz Mc Grath, Senior Staff Officer

Also in Attendance: Ms. Aine Mc Carthy, A/Senior Executive Officer, Planning
Ms. Fiona Crotty, Administrative Officer, Community and Enterprise
Mr. Noel Buckley, Town Centre Team.

Apologies: Ms. Ita Horan, L.E.O.

Item 1.1 Zoom Protocol

There was nobody in attendance by Zoom.

Item 2.1 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest

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

Item 3.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 15th November, 2023.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 15th November, 2023, as presented, were proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. Pat English and agreed by all.

Arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising.

Item 4.1 Attendance of Representative from Directorate Community and Economic Development.

The report as circulated with the agenda was taken as read. Ms. Fiona Crotty informed the meeting regarding items not included in the circulated report as follows:

- The Local Economic and Community Plan 2024-2029 has been brought to the plenary of Tipperary County Council and the Tipperary LCDC and adopted, we are now working on the Implementation Plan 2024-2025 as per the guidelines which identifies specific actions to assist in achieving the high level goals/ objectives and outcomes of the plan.
- The provision of Slainte Care in Clonmel is to be extended for a further 3 years.
- Planet Youth, Galway has undertaken a health and wellbeing survey in 91 schools in the west of Ireland. One of the wellbeing indicators measured was lack of sleep, with results showing that 56% of students are not getting enough sleep. This study is to be replicated in the rest of the country with Tipperary being the lead in this rollout.

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- Clonmel has being identified as an Age Friendly Town and Mr. John Lonergan, former governor of Mountjoy Prison is the Age Friendly ambassador.

Queries / Comments raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor English welcomed the extension of Slainte Care for a further 3 years and thanked Carol Creighton and Catriona Crowe for their work regarding the possibility of providing a community house in the Old Bridge.
- Councillor English stated that a Substance Misuse Alliance was required to be put in place.
- Councillor English informed the meeting that The Tipperary Sports Partnership welcomed the number of events taking place on the river and also the provision of grant assistance.
- Councillor Murphy welcomed the fact that Clonmel had the added value of being a Slainte Care town and stated that a cross directorate approach be applied to include Environment, C.B.D., Community and Enterprise. Private industry could also partner with the local authority.
- Councillor Murphy requested that Ms. Crotty explore the possibility of providing an e bike scheme.
- Councillor Ambrose paid tribute to Questum and Anthony Fitzgerald and his team for their work. She also acknowledged the work carried out by the Age friendly team and its ambassador Mr. John Lonergan.
- Councillor Ambrose stated that she wants Clonmel to be considered as a “one stop shop” destination, whereby a visitor can holiday, shop, cycle, canoe and partake of other outdoor activities.
- Councillor Ambrose thanked L.E.O. for the work that has been undertaken and informed the meeting that additional retail units will be made available in 2024.
- Councillor Fitzgerald concurred with the provision of a bike scheme and the concept of Clonmel being a “one stop shop” for visitors to the town.

Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows:

Fiona Crotty Administrative Officer informed the meeting that she would revert to each of the councillors individually in relation to the matters which each of them had raised.

Item 5.1 Presentation on the Town Centre Team by Noel Buckley.

Councillor Molloy welcomed Aine Mc Carthy and Noel Buckley to the meeting. Mr. Buckley made a short presentation to the meeting outlining the activities of the Town Centre Team.

Questions / Comments raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor Molloy expressed how pleased he is at the existence of the Town Centre Team and the possibility of property owners being able to avail of grants.
- Councillor Murphy stated that the creation of town teams was a further dilution of the powers which the former Borough had.
- Councillor Murphy requested that a review of the parking byelaws be undertaken before 2025.
- Councillor Murphy welcomed the spirit of positivity that is apparent in the town and welcomed the provision of grant assistance to property owners.

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- Councillor Fitzgerald concurred with the comments made by Councillor's Molloy and Murphy.
- Councillor Dennehy welcomed Aine Mc Carthy and Noel Buckley and expressed support for their objectives.
- Councillor Dennehy expressed dissatisfaction regarding the absence of discretionary funding for the Borough.
- Councillor Dennehy stated that C.B.D. needs to rekindle its relationship with Waterford County given our close proximity.
- Councillor Dennehy welcomed the fact that work is to commence on the Clonmel Arms and commended those who were involved in advancing the matter.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the provision of funding streams for property owners and thanked Noel Buckley and Aine Mc Carthy for their presentation.
- Councillor Pat English concurred with the comment made by Councillor Ambrose.
- Ms. Sinead Carr, Director of Services addressed the meeting. She thanked Noel Buckley and Aine Mc Carthy for their presentation. She acknowledged the achievement of securing the installation of the Christmas lights, and thanked businesses, elected members and council staff in this regard. Ms. Carr in response to Councillor Murphy's query regarding the review of the byelaws. Ms. Carr stated that the Director of Services for roads has a team in place to examine this issue. Any amendment of the byelaws has to be done in consultation with other stakeholders, for example The Chamber of Commerce and ATS. It also has to be brought to the relevant SPC.

Item 6.1 Report of District Administrator

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to members with the agenda.

Questions / Comments raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor Ambrose thanked Carol Creighton, Liz Mc Grath, Mayor R. Molloy, Banna Cluain Meala and Philip Meaney for the success of the Christmas Events and the installation of the Christmas lights.
- Councillor Ambrose wished Joe Mulcahy and his team well regarding the Clonmel Arms. She also welcomed the introduction of the new town bus and enquired if the routes would be increased.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the reopening of the former town hall and enquired when the works on the housing section would be completed.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the provision of signage and bins at the new sports hub.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on the removal of the old telephone kiosks.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update regarding the cluster housing in Kilsheelan.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the URDF.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update in relation to the following: C.C.T.V.; Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the play equipment at Mulcahy Park.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update regarding the outstanding Blueway works.
- Councillor Ambrose enquired about the Section 85 signed with Kilkenny Co.Co.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update in relation to Abbey Street and the railway station.
- Councillor Molloy requested that a thank you letter be forwarded to Maureen Purcell of S.T.A.G for the groups work in Market Place.

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- Councillor Murphy expressed satisfaction in relation to the works commencing on the Clonmel Arms. He thanked Adam Coffey E. E. and Carol Creighton A.O. for their involvement in the project.
- Councillor Murphy requested that a county wide policy on parking be implemented and a review of Clonmel's parking bye laws be undertaken.
- Councillor Murphy requested a summary of GMA monies and how it is spent.
- Councillor Fitzgerald concurred with Councillor Murphy's praise of Adam Coffey E.E. and Carol Creighton A.O. regarding the redevelopment of the Clonmel Arms site.
- Councillor Fitzgerald informed the meeting that Cnoc Aoibhinn, Ballyclerihan doesn't have any public lighting and vehicles have been vandalised in the estate.
- Councillor Molloy concurred with Councillor Fitzgerald's comments in relation to Cnoc Aoibhinn and stated that the area around the Borstal is poorly lit.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update in relation to bins/signage at the Sports Hub.
- Councillor English asked if a reply was received from An Garda Síochána in relation to the reduction in personnel in the Gardai, reinstatement of Community Gardaí and the number of personnel employed in the drugs unit.
- Councillor English asked for an update from Irish Rail on the upgrading of services.
- Councillor English enquired if it is possible to exert some pressure on the Garda Commissioners Office in relation to the installation of CCTV.
- Councillor English requested an update regarding the housing scheme in Kilsheelan
- Councillor English asked if there was an update from the Environment Section on the replacement of the Dog Pound in Kilsheelan.
- Councillor English complimented and thanked Liz McGrath, Senior Staff Officer for the successful delivery of the Santa Parade which was held in Clonmel on 2nd December 2023

Queries raised by the members were responded to as follows:

- In relation to the signage and refuse bins at the Sports Hub, the District Administrator stated that the Borough District will be paying for the signage and she will raise this issue again at the Sports Hub management meeting to be held in the coming weeks.
- The District Administrator stated that Eir will be removing the telephone kiosks and she will revert to Councillor Ambrose on the timeframe involved when she gets the date.
- In relation to the installation of CCTV, the District Administrator stated that Declan Boland (Garda) will revert to her when he has an update in relation to this matter.
- In relation to the works on the Blueway, the District Administrator informed the meeting that works cannot be carried out until after the flood season.
- In relation to Irish Rail, the District Administrator stated that she is awaiting a reply to her correspondence.
- In relation to the flood alleviation works at Marfield, the District Administrator stated that Michael Scully, A/Senior Executive Engineer will give an update on the works at the January Meeting and intends to meet with locals during Q1 of 2024.
- The District Administrator stated that she will ask Jonathan Cooney, Senior Engineer for a report on the works in the Housing Section and report back to the members.
- In relation to Cnoc Aoibhinn, Clerihan the District Administrator informed the meeting that the estate in question has to go through the T.I.C. process. She agreed to request Kieran Ladden S.E.E. to provide an update to the members.

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Item 6.2 Report of District Engineer – Roads Programme

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

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor Murphy expressed concern in relation to the road condition at Apple Farm, Moorstown.
- Councillor Murphy requested that an audit of our bins be undertaken.
- Councillor Murphy requested that Clonmel District be first in the queue in 2024 for the roll out of the roads programme.
- Councillor English asked for an update regarding the gates at Sheehy Terrace/O'Neill Street.
- Councillor English asked if there was an update on the sequencing of the traffic lights at Queen Street and Oakville.
- Councillor English asked for an update on the works at Ballybeg.
- Councillor English raised the issue of safety regarding the equipment at Denis Burke Park and Elm Park and asked that these items be checked.
- Councillor English enquired about capital funding for the completion of works on the chapel at Kickham Barracks Plaza.
- Councillor Ambrose enquired about the process of determining which district goes first when it comes to the scheduling of works.
- Councillor Ambrose enquired about safety grants for Rathronan and Ballybeg.
- Councillor Ambrose thanked Eamon Lonergan, Director and Adam Coffey for the works carried out in St. Patrick's Cemetery.
- Councillor Ambrose asked if there is a plan in place to keep the gullies clean around the District.
- Councillor Molloy enquired about the status of the gates at Sheehy Terrace/O'Neill Street.

Queries raised by the Members which Ms. Nicola Keating, District Engineer responded to were as follows:

- In relation to the road at The Apple Farm, the District Engineer informed the members that the T.C.C. will carry out emergency repairs to the value of €23K
- The District Engineer informed the meeting that an audit of the districts litter bins has commenced.
- The District Engineer informed the meeting that she will try to get more of the roadworks programme completed earlier in the year. James Murray Senior Engineer informed the meeting that inclement weather during the Autumn delayed the programme. Sinead Carr, D.o.S. commented that the most important factor is that the work is carried out within the year.
- In relation to the gates at Sheehy Terrace/O'Neill Street, the District Engineer informed the members that a contractor has been appointed.
- In relation to the traffic lights at Queen Street/Oakville, the District Engineer informed meeting that the sensors were checked and in working order. The issue at this location can be due to the volume of traffic which is present.
- The meeting was informed that works will be progressed at the chapel on Kickham Barracks Plaza which will include the installation of toilet facilities.
- The District Engineer stated that she will follow up with Eric Ryan, Town Gardener, regarding the playground equipment at Denis Burke Park and Elm Park.

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Item 6.3 Report of District Engineer – Housing Voids Programme

The report was noted by the Members.

Item 7.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 8th December , 2023

The report was noted by the Members.

Items 8.1 to 8.7– Notice of Motion

Motion 2720 was proposed by Councillor Michael Murphy

That the approach roads to Ballyvaughan Bridge, Powerstown are included in the 2024 Area Roadworks Programme, having regard to their appalling condition. This area should also be prioritised for temporary emergency repairs.

REPLY:

This road will be considered for next years road works programme subject to the availability of a budget for the works and prioritisation based on its condition rating.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Fitzgerald.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2721 was proposed by Councillor Michael Murphy

That the remaining section within the Ballingarrane Estate is considered for resurfacing in the 2024 Area Roadworks Programme, having regard to its poor condition.

REPLY: -

This road will be considered for next year’s road works programme subject to the availability of a budget for the works and prioritisation based on its condition rating.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Fitzgerald.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2729 was proposed by Councillor Michael Murphy

That the Council would examine the entrance /exit to Newpark Kennels/Stud on the main Clonmel to Clerihan road for possible inclusion in any “Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme” application in 2024. Currently the exit is extremely treacherous for motorist’s, urgent action required so as to avoid a serious accident.

REPLY:-

Unfortunately, Low Cost Safety Applications have closed for 2024 and had already been submitted to DTTAS prior to the receipt of this Notice of Motion. The improvement of sightlines here may be possible under the Low Cost Safety Application 2025 if it goes ahead, subject to the rules of the scheme allowing this type of work and the agreement of the land owner.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Fitzgerald.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2734 was proposed by Councillor Niall Dennehy

That all Clonmel Borough District Monthly Meetings and workshops for 2024 be broadcast live to give the public whom we represent a fuller understanding of procedure, in an open and transparent way.

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REPLY:-

The matter was previously considered by the Plenary Council and referred to the Privilege and Procedure Committee for consideration and it was deferred owing to the cost and staffing implications involved. Equally there is no provision allowed for live streaming in the Budget for 2024 or is it in the current Clonmel Borough District Standing Orders and, in any event, the Council would have to consider a number of issues in terms of Defamation/Litigation Issues, Hacking/Editing of Content, IT issues during live-streamed Meetings/, Ensuring a Quality Stream and Accessibility Features, all of which require additional staffing resources and additional budgets.

In any event, the District Meetings are currently managed in an open and transparent manner with the notice of meetings and agenda published online in advance of Meetings. The public and press can attend meetings in person or remotely and the press report on the meetings on a monthly basis.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Pat English.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2739 was proposed by Councillor Pat English.

That Clonmel Borough District erect safety bollards on the footpath beside the Emigrants Rest pub on the Glenegad Road, Old bridge Clonmel to stop cars parking on both sides of the very narrow road.

REPLY:-

The placing of bollards will be considered along the footpath adjacent to the Emigrant's Rest along the Glenegad Road to prevent cars parking on this section of footpath, subject to the availability of the budget in 2024.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2740 was proposed by Councillor Pat English.

That Clonmel Borough District erect signage on the Dungarvan Road, Old Bridge in the area of Michael Collins Row and St. Kevin's Terrace to help residents exiting their houses. This is due to the large volume of traffic passing through the Old Bridge.

REPLY: -

A sign will be erected warning of concealed entrances ahead for traffic travelling from Dungarvan towards Old Bridge.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Siobhan Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2741 was proposed by Councillor Pat English.

That Clonmel Borough District revise the speed limit at Redmonstown junction on the N24 Waterford road back to 60KM from the current 100KM in the interest of public safety. The setting of speed limits is a reserved function of the members of the council.

REPLY: -This location has been forwarded to the Roads Department for consideration in the next Speed Limit Review. The location has been added to the list of locations to be considered. This will commence following the issue of new guidance from the Department of Transport.

The new guidance is expected in early 2024.

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

Item 9.1 Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

Item 10.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

The members proposed a vote of sympathy be extended to Mary Irwin, Clonmel Borough District on the passing of her mother Helen Ryan and to Eamon O'Dwyer on the passing of his daughter, Joanne O'Dwyer. A vote of sympathy was also extended to the family of Shane Mc Gowan on his passing.

Item 11.1 Any Other Business

Councillor Molloy thanked his fellow councillors and council staff and wished everyone a happy Christmas.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

District Administrator

Clonmel Borough Meeting Environment & Climate Action Section Update 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023	
Infrastructure & Maintenance	
Burial Grounds - Clonmel (St Patricks)	A new section providing additional plots to St Patricks Graveyard, was completed in Quarter 3, 2023.
Community Services	
Environment & Climate Action SPC Meeting	<p>The Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee meeting took place on the 6th December 2023. Presentations were given and discussions held on the following topics;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Draft Climate Action Plan for Tipperary 2024-2029; •Reaffirmation of commitment to the EU Covenant of Mayors; •Launch of the Community Climate Action Fund; •EPA's Local Authority Environmental Enforcement Performance Report 2022; •Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024-2030, -Septic Tank Grants -Air Monitoring Forecasting -Deposit Return Scheme ("Re-turn") -Separation of waste at collection (3 bin system). <p>The next meeting of the SPC will be held on the 31st January 2024.</p>
Tidy Town & Burial Ground Maintenance Grants	7 Tidy Town Applications received and a total of €12,000 was paid. 21 Burial Ground Maintenance Grant applications were received and a total of €12,600 was paid.
Climate Action & Energy Management	
Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP)	The Council is required to adopt a new Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) no later than the 24th February 2024. The Tipperary Draft LACAP was published in September 2023 and submissions were invited from stakeholders and members of the public. A report on submissions (with proposed modifications) was circulated to Elected Members for their consideration and a workshop will be held on the 1st February 2024 by Zoom . Members will be requested to adopt the Draft LACAP at the February plenary meeting, with or without modifications.
Community Climate Action Fund	<p>On the 6th December 2023 the Community Climate Action Fund was launched, the closing date for expressions of interest is 27th February 2024. €700,000 has been allocated to Tipperary County Council by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications for the first tranche of funding, which will run over an 18-month period. This funding is being provided to fund community climate action projects and initiatives for capacity building within local communities. Marie O'Donnell is the Community Climate Action Officer and will administer this fund.</p> <p>Projects can address the following five themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Home/energy 2. Travel 3. Food and waste 4. Shopping and recycling 5. Local climate and environmental action.
Control of Dogs	
	The number of Dog Licences purchased in the Borough District in 2023 was 811.
Control of Horses	
Reports received	The Environment Section received 9 complaints, in relation to the control of 31 horses in 2023.
Pickups	3 horse pickups occurred in 2023.
Derelict Sites	
	<p>5 Notices, pursuant to Section 8(2) of the Derelict Sites Act 1990, issued in 2023. 3 Notices, pursuant to Section 8(7) of the Derelict Sites Act 1990, issued in 2023. 1 property was removed from the Register.</p> <p>Staff also continue to engage with owners of properties to carry out repair works and are currently engaging with owners in relation to 5 properties in the Clonmel Borough District.</p>

Litter enforcement	
No. of Litter Fines	There was 21 Fixed Payment Notices (FPNs) issued in 2023 in the Clonmel Borough, 16 of which were litter fines.
Irish Business Against Litter (ISAL) Survey	The final litter survey of 2023 by business group Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) showed that Clonmel ranked 6 out of 40 towns / cities surveyed and is "Cleaner than European Norms".
Public Awareness	
Picker Pals Programme 2023-2024	The Section has committed to continue funding the Picker Pals programme into 2024, with 20 classrooms (1st and 2nd class) being funded in the 2023-2024 academic year. This innovative primary school programme is run by environmental NGO VOICE (Voice of Irish Concern for the Environment) and equips children to become the next generation of environmentalists, by leading their families on local litter-picking adventures. To date, welcome Zoom calls have been completed, packs have been distributed and a fun-filled calendar of events planned for the year ahead focusing on litter picking adventures.
National Stop Food Waste Day / Clonmel Show	To promote the National Food Waste Recycling campaign, the awareness team attended The Clonmel Show on the 2nd July and distribution over 300 food waste caddy packs. The 2023 campaign focused on proper food waste segregation, emphasising all food waste being fully separated from its packaging to prevent contamination at compost / anaerobic digestion facilities.
Sustainable Development Goal Week	To celebrate Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) week, the awareness team visited the Clonmel Library to promote food waste prevention, in line with supporting SDG goals 12 and 13.
Roadside Anti-Litter Campaign	As part of the Anti Road Side Litter Campaign to "Think before you throw" a Litter Pick week was launched on 8th August. 6 groups and an estimated 141 volunteers from the Clonmel borough registered to take part in the litter pick week which ran from the 21st to 27th August. The campaign's focus was to urge everyone to take personal responsibility for disposing of their litter correctly to "Keep Tipp Litter Free" and to protect our environment for now and for future generations. A radio campaign was run on Tipp FM and Beat FM and a targeted social media campaign was used to highlight this issue to motorists and passing pedestrians.
Waste Management	
Waste Enforcement Actions	In the Clonmel Borough 3 Notices pursuant to Section 14 of the Waste Management Act 1996 (as amended) were issued and 3 Notices were complied with.
Household Waste Surveys	129 Surveys were undertaken in the district,, 107 households were compliant (83%).
2023 Anti-dumping Initiative	Mattress amnesty days, household hazardous waste collection days and roadside anti-litter projects were completed. A Carrigeen clean-up / fencing project was also completed.
Civic Amenity Sites	
Carrigeen Business Park, Frank Drohan Road, Clonmel	The total number of visitors to the Carrigeen Recycling Centre in 2023 was 20,813. A mattress amnesty took place at Carrigeen Recycling Centre on the 25th to 27th July 2023. Mattresses only from domestic households were accepted free of charge, up to a maximum of 3 mattresses per household. The total number of mattresses collected at Carrigeen Recycling Centre was 260.
Environmental Protection	
Environmental Protection (countywide)	As at the 19th December 2023, 724 samples were taken as part of Water Framework Directive (WFD) sampling programme. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •59 monitoring samples were taken in respect of effluent discharge licences issued, pursuant to Section 4 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977, as amended. •74 Farm inspections were performed. •10 Source Protection investigations were undertaken. •21 Nutrient Management Plans have been submitted and assessed. •40 Septic tank inspections were performed under the National Inspection Plan.

Air (countywide)	<p>Tipperary County Council along with Limerick, Clare, Offaly and Laois County Councils undertook a joint project funded by Dept of Environment, Climate & Communications (DECC) to address compliance and enforcement of the solid fuel regulations, which came into operation on the 31st of October 2022. The objective of the project was an intelligence gathering operation to identify the percentage of non-compliant fuels on the market and the primary source of same.</p> <p>Inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Pollution Act 1987 (Solid Fuels) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 529 of 2022) -31 onsite inspections were carried out. • European Union (Installations and Activities Using Organic Solvents) Regulations 2012 -5 certificates were issued; 6 inspections were carried out and 4 annual reports were received. • European Union (Paints, Varnishes, Vehicle Refinishing Products and Activities) Regulations 2012 -3 certificates were issued and 3 onsite inspections were carried out. • Air Pollution Act, 1987 (Petroleum Vapour Emissions) Regulations, 1997 -14 petroleum vapours inspection were carried out and 22 certificates were issued.
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Awareness (countywide)	LET'S CLEAR The Air campaign -A social media campaign was rolled out in December based on the Dept. of Environment, Climate & Communications (DECC) Clean air campaign, with the message that Choosing low smoke fuel is better for your health. Further information at www.gov.ie/cleanair
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Rural Water Programme

Annual Maintenance Subsidy (countywide)	<p>In 2023, 72 Schemes received an invitation to apply for an Annual Maintenance Subsidy in January 2023, with a closing date for applications of the 30th June 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •72 applications were received. •Annual Maintenance Subsidies to the value of €623,650 were paid (70 Group Water Schemes).
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Septic Tank Grant Scheme	<p>Septic Tank Grants: A revised scheme for septic tank improvement grants was introduced on the 1st January 2024. Details of the new grant scheme were circulated to each Elected Member and further information is available from the Rural Water Team.</p> <p>As at the 18th December, 2 applications were received and €5,000 was paid.</p>
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Current Capital Projects (countywide)	<p>Current Capital Projects: There are 7 Group Water Schemes (GWSs) currently engaged in capital projects, assisted by the rural water team. Up to the 18th December 2023, €50,398 was invested.</p> <p>Private Well Grants: As at the 18th December, 81 new applications were received, 72 grants were awarded during 2023, 6 were refused (alternative source in proximity) and none were withdrawn. A total of €316,151 has been invested with 77 applicants paid.</p>
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Water Quality (countywide)	<p>455 drinking water samples were taken as part of the Rural Water Programme, 40 of which were investigative follow up samples. 22 on site drinking water audits were performed (Small Private Supplies).</p>
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Complaints

Description	Open	Closed
Air	0	3
Animal Related	13	96
Infrastructure	6	2
Litter	19	130
Noise	0	10
Waste Enforcement	11	69
Water	0	9
Complaints Open	49	
Complaints Closed		319
Total Received		368



LOCAL AUTHORITY WATERS PROGRAMME (LAWPRO)

BRIEFING NOTE FOR CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT

JANUARY, 2024

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The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) is a local government national shared service, working on behalf of all 31 Local Authorities in Ireland, and funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). Tipperary and Kilkenny County Councils jointly manage LAWPRO.

Water Framework Directive objectives are implemented through River Basin Management Plans and Programmes of Measures, reviewed and adopted every 6 years. In July 2014, The Department of Environment, Community & Local Government issued the European Union (Water Policy) Regulations 2014, which gave effect to the three-tier governance framework and placed new obligations on local authorities in coordinating the catchment management and public participation elements of the Water Framework Directive.

The 2014 regulations assign responsibility to local authorities for regional coordination, public participation, and support to the EPA and Minister in the development and implementation of River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) and Programmes of Measures (POMs).

The regulations provide for the establishment of Regional Water Framework Directive Offices to deliver on these obligations. These responsibilities are in addition to longstanding Water Protection responsibilities delivered by local authorities.

In response to these increased responsibilities, LAWPRO operate as a national WFD office enabling these new obligations to be delivered on behalf of all local authorities, while providing support in catchment assessment, community engagement and community development.

The strategic role of the LAWPRO Office is as follows:

- a) To promote knowledge sharing and coordination in implementing RBMPs and POMs by local authorities, public authorities, sectoral interests and community groups
- b) To coordinate/undertake statutorily required public consultation in development of the RBMPs and POMs on behalf of the Minister and a public awareness campaign in water resources management
- c) To seek consistency of RBMP implementation across agencies
- d) To assist the Minister and the EPA and work collaboratively with local authorities in the development of RBMPs and POMs
- e) To mobilise and support engagement of voluntary and community groups in protecting our natural waters.
- f) To foster linkages with industry and agricultural sectors nationally
- g) To develop linkages with local sectoral representatives such as employer groups, farming organisations, angling groups, tidy towns.

LAWPRO's specialist staff are based in multiple local authority offices across five regions – Border, Midlands and East, South East (which includes Tipperary), South West and West. We coordinate efforts to achieve good or high-status water quality in our rivers, lakes, transitional and coastal waters, and groundwaters as required by the European Union Water Framework Directive.

Progress updates, case study presentations, reports from implementing bodies and collaborative projects with other organisations and agencies, are provided to the five Regional Operational Committees and discussed at the associated Regional Water & Environment Management Committees. This promotes collaboration between the respective Local Authorities, Water Framework Directive (WFD) implementing public bodies and other stakeholders.

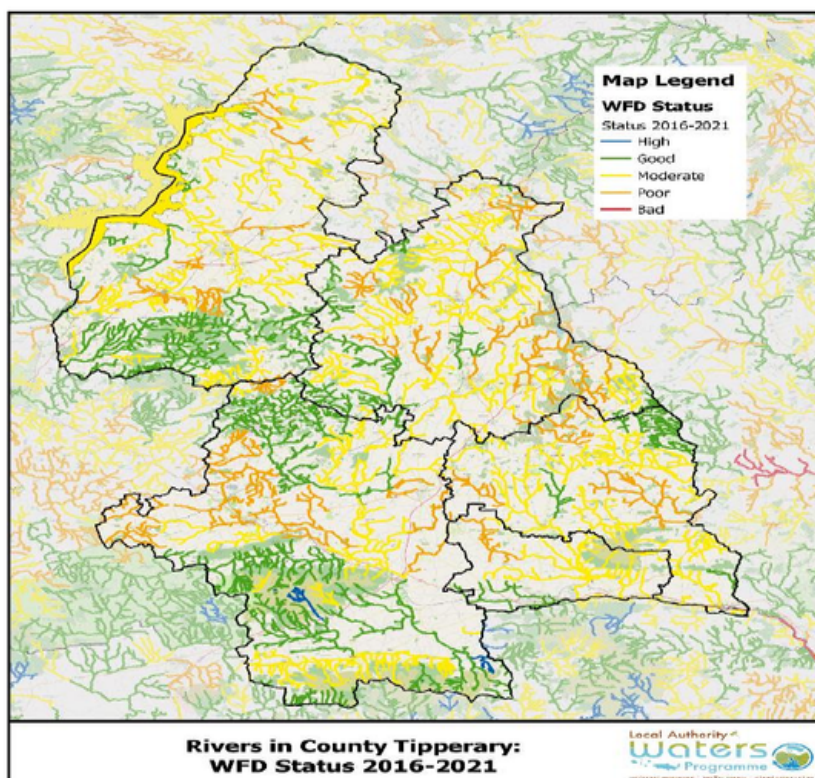
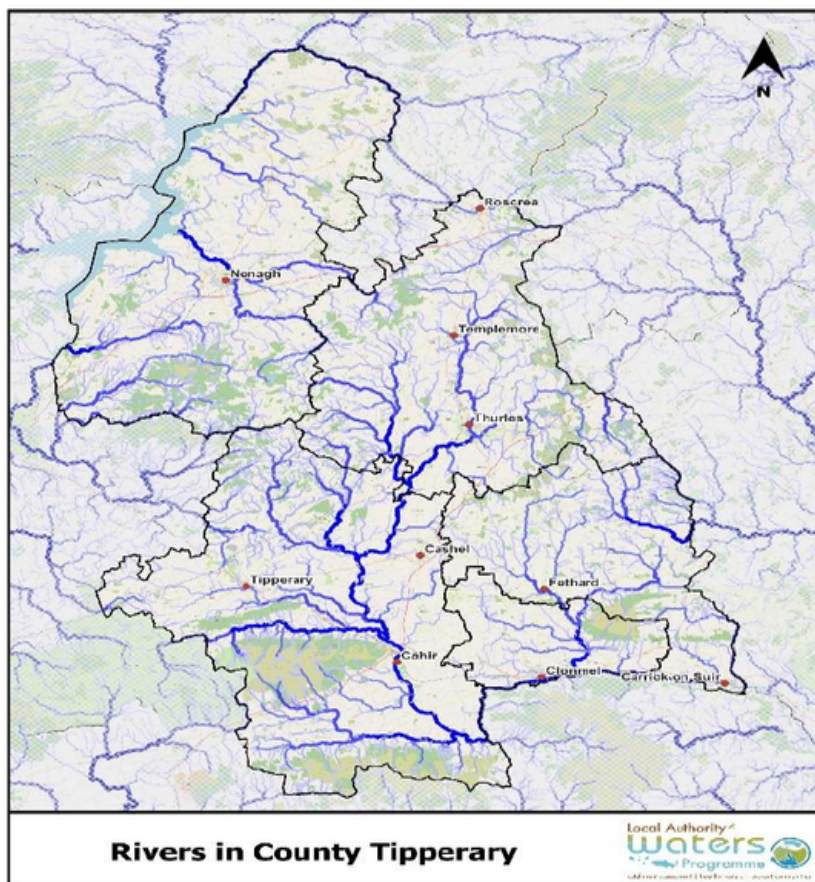
LAWPRO is working to identify the issues affecting water quality in every county in Ireland. Where issues are identified, we collaborate with the relevant local authority, public body, and water stakeholder to find a solution. Community engagement is the cornerstone of this approach to combine local and expert knowledge for a better understanding of what's happening in a local catchment and waterbody. Good water quality benefits everybody, it is essential for nature to flourish and our economy to thrive.

RBMP for Ireland 2022 – 2027

LAWPRO are awaiting a publication date from Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage for the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022 – 2027. In support of delivery of the plan, LAWPRO are advancing a number of actions:

- I. A Roadmap for the development of the template Catchment Management Plans is being prepared by LAWPRO's Catchments Team.
- II. A Roadmap for the establishment of Catchment Community Fora is being prepared by LAWPRO's Communities Team.
- III. Proposed workshops on the Catchment Community Fora will be scheduled after the publication of the RBMP and no earlier than the Autumn.

Water Quality in Tipperary - Maps showing Rivers in Tipperary & Water Framework Directive Water Quality Status in Tipperary



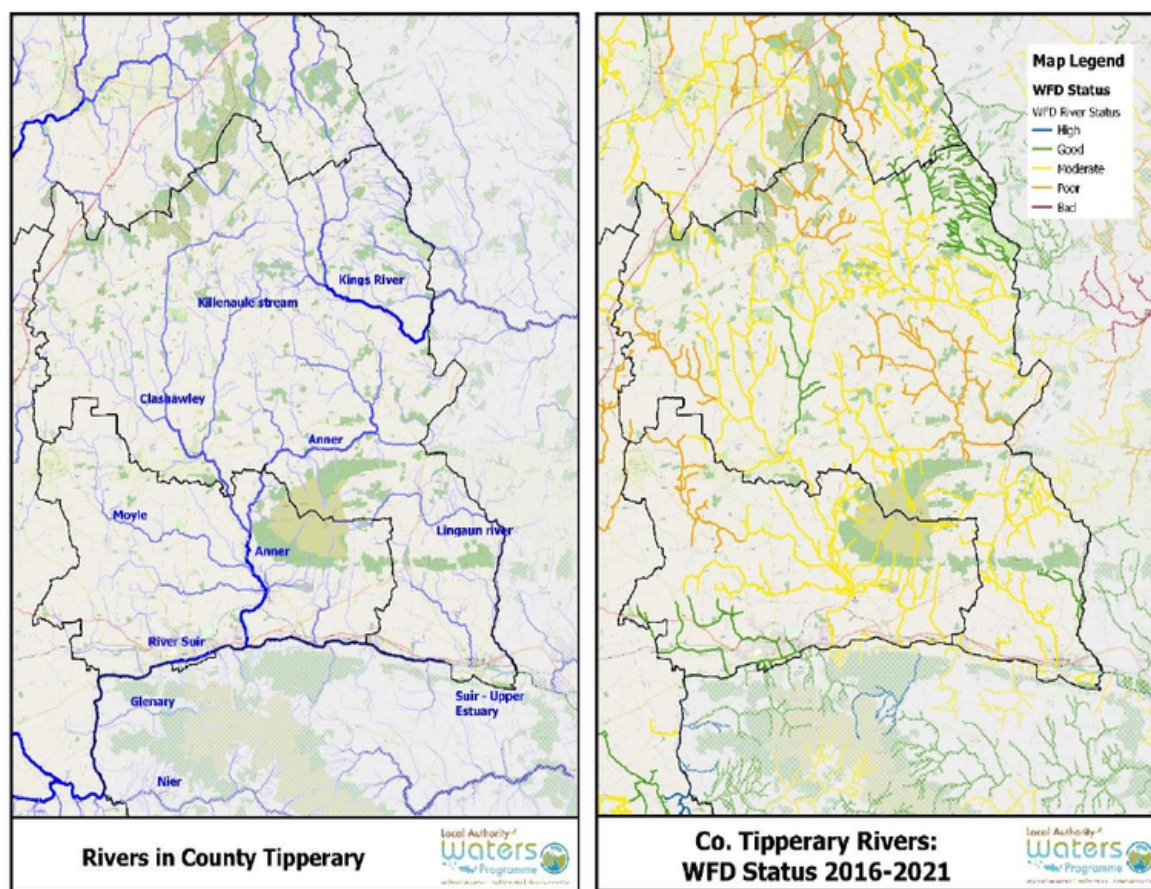


Figure 1 Map showing status of rivers in Clonmel and Carrick on Suir Districts

Water quality in county Tipperary continues to face challenges; the Environmental Protection Agency’s Water Quality in Ireland 2016 – 2021 reported the highest rate of water quality decline nationally in Tipperary. Currently only 33% of monitored water bodies in Tipperary are a satisfactory quality (good or high status) compared to 61% in 2010 – 2012.

The River Basin Management Plan for Ireland (RBMP) details the actions to be implemented to protect and restore water quality. LAWPRO, as the national WFD office, have a key role in coordinating the implementation of these actions while also working with communities and carrying out detailed scientific assessments in prioritised areas.

Catchments Team

LAWPRO’s national Catchment Science team comes from a range of disciplines including environmental science, agricultural science, aquatic ecology, hydrogeology, and hydrology. These scientists carry out scientific assessments (local catchment assessments) in selected water bodies that are at risk of not meeting the water quality objectives set out for them under the Water Framework Directive.

During the local catchment assessments, the scientists walk the river to gather chemical, biological and environmental information to figure out what activities (or pressures) are impacting on water quality. This very often identifies highly complex issues across a range of sectors. LAWPRO then refer this information to the relevant implementing or regulatory agency for that activity, such as the Local Authority, EPA, Forest Service and Teagasc's Agricultural Sustainability Support and Advisory Programme (ASSAP) where it relates to agriculture. These agencies then apply their influence through regulatory or awareness raising mechanisms to bring about improvements and changes to the activities impacting on water quality.

In 2023 and early 2024 the Catchment Science team continue to focus on completing the local catchment assessments in 2nd cycle Priority Areas for Action. Once the new River Basin Management Plan is published LAWPRO will commence work in 3rd cycle Priority Areas for Action (PAA).

In Tipperary, LAWPRO catchment scientists are currently working in the catchments of the Lingaun, the Aherlow, the Ara, the Nenagh river and the Bunow. In the Clonmel District the Suir – Lower Anner has been proposed as a Priority Area for Action in the next River Basin Management Plan, and work in this area will be scheduled once the new RBMP is approved by government. This PAA will include the tributaries of the Anner and the river Suir in this area. See Figure 2 for details of the 3rd Cycle Priority Areas for Action, these are the river catchments that LAWPRO and Tipperary County Council will be carrying out detailed local catchment assessments in 2024 – 2027.

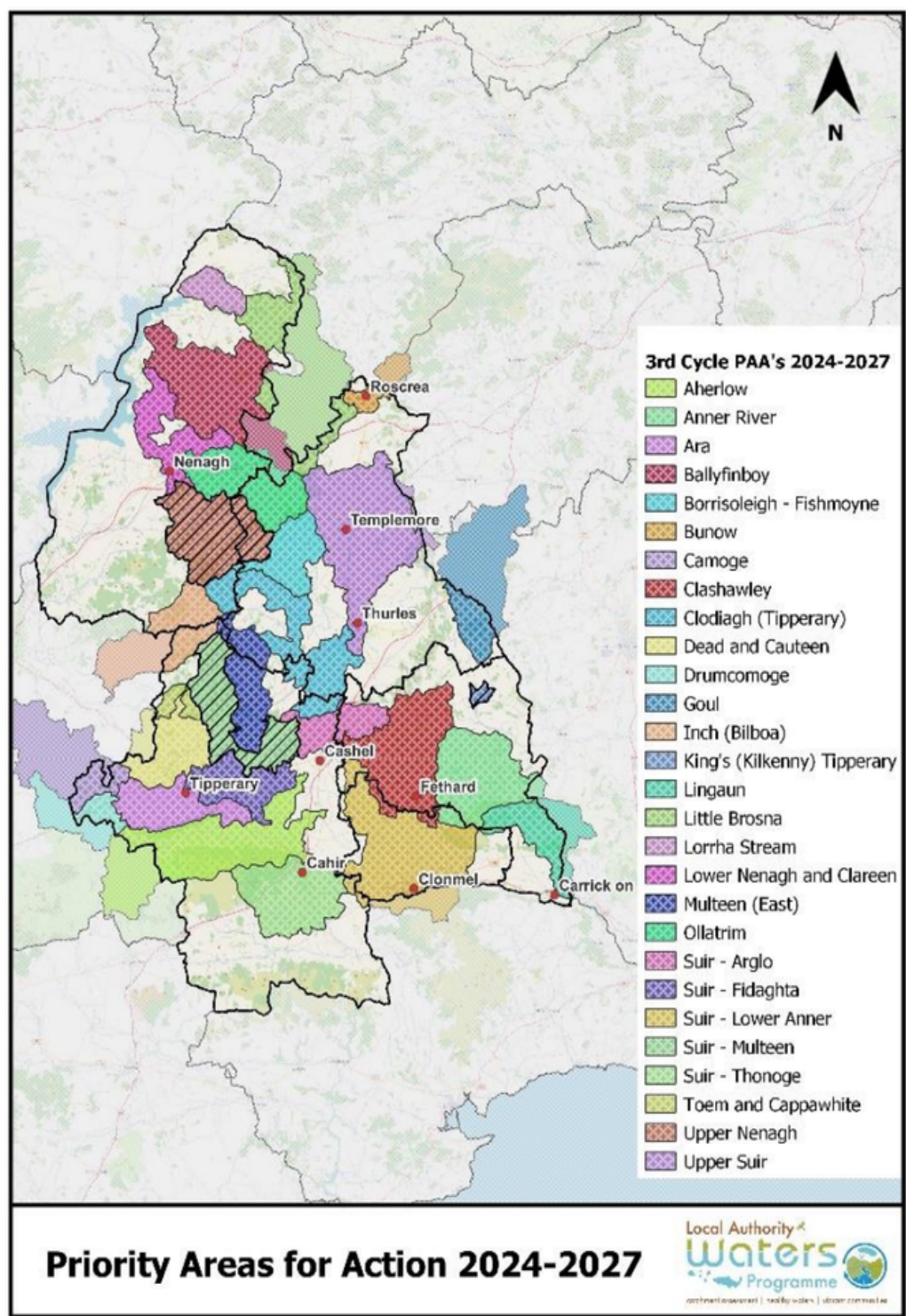


Figure 2 Map of 3rd Cycle PAAs in Tipperary

The Catchment Science team is one aspect of on-going efforts to protect and restore good water quality in Ireland. The success of this collaborative approach is dependent on the continued efforts of Local Authorities and various other national and regional agencies and sectoral stakeholders.

If you have any queries about the work of the catchment science team, please contact Ruth Hennessy, Catchment Manager: rhennessy@lawaters.ie or 085 8030164.

Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems / Septic Tank Grant Scheme

The grant assistance scheme in relation to domestic wastewater treatment systems (septic tanks) has been amended and the maximum grant available has been increased from €5,000 to €12,000 and the eligibility requirement for householders to have registered their domestic wastewater treatment system before 1st February 2013 has been removed. Further details were provided to councillors by email from the Environment Section on 8th December 2023.

Communities Team

A core aim of LAWPRO is to engage communities in caring for local water bodies through active participation and stewardship of local streams, rivers, lakes, and coastal areas. To achieve this, we work with a broad range of community groups, including Tidy Towns, Heritage Groups, Catchment Associations, Rivers Trusts, and new groups wishing to take on water quality as a thematic area of interest. By supporting capacity building in existing community groups and assisting new groups to grow, LAWPRO is enabling and empowering local communities to take action to improve or maintain good water quality.

LAWPRO currently has a team of 10 Community Water Officers who operate at a local level across the country. As a result of staff turnover, and two additional CWO positions sanctioned in 2023, 5 new CWOs will join the LAWPRO team early in 2024, bringing the Community Water Officer numbers up to 15. Three new posts at Senior Community Water Officer level were also sanctioned in 2023, and these positions were filled in late 2023 in three regions: Midlands and East, West and South East.

Community Water Officers focus on community engagement to raise awareness of water quality issues and activities, both at water body and wider catchment scales in all areas. By providing support and advice to community groups for projects and initiatives that enhance local waterbodies, LAWPRO is building capacity within communities to take on issues related to water quality.

Community Water Officers maintain regular and ongoing engagement with local communities, providing information and education on water quality issues, policy and science. This approach promotes trust and fosters participation and active involvement in water matters at a local level.

The Communities Team is also involved in designing and delivering bespoke training courses and citizen science initiatives, which fosters linkages between public bodies, funding providers and local communities.

Our Communities Team leads on the delivery of several key elements of LAWPRO's work programme, including:

- The **Community Water Development Fund**, which supports community groups to enhance the quality of local streams, rivers, lakes and coastal areas, or raise awareness/water literacy about local waters. Applications for 2024 funding are currently being assessed – a full list of successful projects will be available on www.lawwaters.ie.

The main projects funded in Clonmel under the Community Water Development Fund in the past have been driven by SuirCan Limited who continue to roll out a river invasive species mapping and mitigation project along the River Suir and its tributaries.

SuirCan have also carried out a very interesting eDNA Citizen Science River Suir Project which was an innovative ecological project involving 43 citizen scientist volunteers mapping three threatened species; white clawed crayfish, sea lamprey and freshwater pearl mussel. This project was shortlisted for a LAMA award in 2023.

SuirCan was also awarded funding to host an event on hedgerows: - “Why Hedgerows Matter” is a free event on Saturday 13th January 2024 on a farm in Cashel. On the day there will be a hedge laying and cutting demonstration, with a staff member from the Department of Agriculture speaking on the TAMS scheme and also a presentation from Birdwatch Ireland.

In 2023 SuirCan was awarded funding of €2,000 for invasive plant species mapping and mitigation on the River Suir and its tributaries.

Over the past few years Kilsheelan Tidy Towns received funding towards the purchase and planting of native trees in the village.

- LAWPRO partner with the Heritage Council for National Heritage Week and Water Heritage Day which runs each August.
- LAWPRO encourage and provide financial support to local community groups to run events during heritage week, linked to a water theme. LAWPRO also sponsor a Water Heritage Day Award.
- Catherine Seale was recently assigned to Tipperary as Community Water Officer, email: cseale@lawwaters.ie

Head Office

LAWPRO’s Head Office operations provide the corporate services necessary for the programme, to enable efficient and effective support to the wider programme so that the strategic objectives, and annual work plans can be achieved. Head Office provides financial operations support, communications and marketing services, community funding services, health & safety management, and information technology support. Head Office also supports the Senior Management Team with human resources and recruitment functions.

The programme is 100% funded by Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage through a Memorandum of Funding Agreement. This agreement allows for recoupment based on certified expenditure. LAWPRO’s budget in 2024 is €9,819,324 for the Water Framework Directive Programme.

1) Training & Information Seminars / Webinars

- a) LAWPRO, on request from DHLGH, delivered a bespoke 2-day training course in Catchment Science and Management to ACRES Co-operation Project teams. The course is helping to inform training for agricultural advisors.
- b) LAWPRO is currently rolling out the 8-day Catchment Science & Management training course to Local Authority and implementing body staff.
- c) DHLGH/LAWPRO/Engineers Ireland co-hosted 4 webinars on Mainstreaming Nature-Based Solutions (NBS)– the objective of the series is to provide a whole life narrative and decision-making framework for the many parties involved in delivering NBS. Structured on a universal design and delivery process, identifying stakeholders and project disciplines that should be involved at each stage. To view past presentations and to find guidance on the adoption of Nature Based Solutions in Ireland visit the NBS pages on the LAWPRO Website

2) Communications and Public Engagement

- a) LAWPRO attended the 2023 National Ploughing Championships in Laois and hosted a stand in the 'Nature and Heritage' marquee and were in the DHLG Water section along with MARA, and Rural Water. The stand had a video display in the background with a quiz and give away items and leaflets on actions for water quality.
- b) GAA Green clubs – Phase II clubs are now advancing actions under 5 themes (Waste, Water, Biodiversity, Energy, and Transport). LAWPRO have supported club activities with a Water Fund, administered by the GAA to the value of €30,000. Clubs were invited to apply for funding up to €1k to undertake water-based activities linked to the Green Clubs Toolkit. [GAA Green Club Programme | GAA DOES](#)
- c) An Taisce GLOBE Programme Ireland student projects [About GLOBE in Ireland - Ireland - GLOBE.gov](#) . LAWPRO provided a prize fund of €3,500 under the nature-based solutions category.
- d) **National Heritage Week** – 12th - 20th August / **Water Heritage Day** – 20th August. Partnership agreement for Heritage Week and Water Heritage Day 2023 signed with the Heritage Council. LAWPRO provided funding to community groups to host water related events and encourage groups to apply for the Water Heritage Award. Community Water Officers will work again with groups to plan and run events in 2024.
- e) **Tidy Towns Regional Awards** – the Waters and Communities Award is funded by LAWPRO, Inland Fisheries Ireland and Waterways Ireland.
- f) National **Biodiversity Week** Ireland 2024 on 17th – 24th May (TBC), LAWPRO will provide funding and support for water orientated events in 2024.

Waters European Innovation Partnership (EIP) Project

LAWPRO in partnership with Teagasc / ASSAP and Dairy Industry Ireland (DII) submitted a bid for funding in a competitive call under the European Innovation Partnerships (EIP) initiative of Ireland's Rural Development Programme. A budget of €50m over 5 years has been allocated to the project. DHLGH has agreed to fund the administrative costs of the Water EIP with €10m allocated over 5 years.

The project specifically focuses on reducing losses of phosphorus, nitrogen, sediment and, where relevant, pesticides to water from agricultural lands by promoting the adoption of innovative best practice in nutrient management, the application of nature-based Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) and other suitable measures at the farm level following the principals of Integrated Catchment Management (ICM) and science.

The project has now moved to the implementation phase with Service Level Agreements being finalised with DHLGH and DAFM, and a separate MOU between LAWPRO and project Partners Teagasc and DII to follow. Project offices have been set up in Rossmore Village Centre in Tipperary Town and an ICT package to develop a system to digitise the process from engagement to final payment has gone out to tender.

The Water EIP Research hub has been established and involves researchers from a number of institutions including University College Cork, University College Dublin, Dundalk Institute of Technology, Atlantic Technical University and the James Hutten Institute UK. This innovative approach will complement core project evaluation and facilitate input from the academic community and applied research. The Water EIP took part in the poster session at the Teagasc Agricultural Catchments Programme (ACP) Conference in Wexford in November and an informal information session was also held.

A pilot phase of farm visits was held throughout October to test the efficacy of the approach. 47 farms were engaged by ASSAP advisors across several farm sectors including tillage, dairy and dry stock. The farms were selected to ensure a variety of agricultural pressures were represented. These visits have validated the proposed process and have also led to a refinement of the measures to provide clarity for both advisors and farmers. The refined measures will be further tested at the end of January when the Water EIP is rolled out to a group of approximately 50 farmers in the Castleisland area who are suppliers of the Kerry Co-op, in tandem with the Kerry Evolve Sustainability Scheme.

The grant payment system is currently being established and the first grants will be paid to farmers in the coming weeks.

Engagements with coops operating in County Tipperary are also progressing and meetings with farmers and processors are scheduled to take place in the coming months.

LAWPRO Staff Recruitment

LAWPRO is currently expanding the programme and recruiting additional staff both for the Water Framework Directive Team and the new Water EIP Project Team.

- a) Six of the 19 Water EIP posts have been filled and offers are underway for 11 positions and two more recruitment competitions are being planned.
- b) 12 of the 15 WFD team posts have been filled or offers accepted and three recruitment competitions are planned.
- c) There are a number of vacancies arising within LAWPRO as a result of the recent recruitment campaigns and backfilling of these and other vacancies is ongoing. A full complement of staff is expected to be in place by June 2024.



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Tipperary County Council

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Clonmel Borough District – January 2024

No.	Item	Update
1.	Project Ireland 2040 Funds – URDF – Approved Projects	<p>Kickham Site: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans for the new garda station remain on target with funding secured and commencement in 2024. Phase 2 ETB/TUS joint preliminary business case and designs underway. The Arts Officer has applied for funding in December 2023 to progress additional works within the Chapel. <p>Regional Sports Hub: - The project is now in the defects liability stage and the contractor is working through the snag list at present.</p> <p>Clonmel Public Realm - The Preliminary Business Case (PBC), required as part of the application for funding, has been revised in accordance with The Department of Transport's recent comments. The PBC was received by TCC in early December and has undergone internal review. It has been re-submitted to the department and TCC awaits a response.</p>
2.	URDF Call 3	Clonmel potential property list devised and property owners will be approached to upgrade/sell to Council by agreement or CPO.
	URDF Call 4	Indications are that the 4th URDF Call will be announced early in 2024
	Suir Island Amenity Park (incl. Bridge)	The planning application is with An Bord Pleanála for determination. The public consultation period and deadline for making submissions/observations has now passed. 3 no. submissions were received. TCC is currently formulating responses to submissions where appropriate. The application is due to be decided by 02/05/2024.
	Suir Island Gardens	Following deadline extension to facilitate tendering contractors, the revised deadline for the works contractor tender is 8th Jan. Tender evaluation and report to follow thereafter. Subject to approval of successful tender designate, contractor appointment expected Jan/Feb 2024.
	Kilsheelan Cluster Housing	Members will be updated at the January meeting regarding project status.

3.	Clonmel Bus Service	The new bus service is receiving very positive reviews. In less than a month since the service commenced, over 10,000 passengers have availed of it.
4.	Marlfield Town & Village Renewal Project	The installation of the signage and seating around the village will be starting this week. Final footpath will be laid the following week.
5.	Performance Space – Abbey St Car Park	Tender deadline for Works contractor has now passed. Tender evaluation is underway and tender report to be concluded week ending 19th January 2024. Subject to approval of successful tender designate, contractor appointment expected Jan/Feb 2024.
6.	Town Hall Repairs	Works have been completed with the exception of some minor snag items.
7.	Market Place	The C.E. and Director of Services have met with representatives of Remcoll who have indicated that they will have a planning application lodged by March 2024.
8.	Clonmel Arms Hotel	Demolition Works have commenced at the Clonmel Arms Site and will continue for approximately 12 weeks. Ongoing consultation between the contractors and the council is continuing throughout the demolition phase.
9.	C.C.T.V. Scheme Extension	No written approval yet from Commissioners Office
10.	Enhancement and Painting Scheme	This scheme is now closed and all successful recipients have received their grants.
11.	Tree Strategy	Work is on going in relation to creating the strategy.
12.	Marlfield Flood Alleviation Scheme	Michael Scully, A/Senior Executive Engineer, will update members at the January meeting.
13.	Playground Equipment	Equipment and works in Mulcahy Park playground are complete. Investigation to be undertaken at Denis Burke Park and Elm Park.
14.	ORIS	<u>Suir Blueway:</u> - Preliminary design complete. Detailed design and contractor procurement to be completed by February/March 2024. Works on site to commence after the flood season (March/April 2024).
15.	Additional updates: -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparations for St. Patricks Day will commence in the near future. • Tipperary Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2024 is now open for applications. The closing date for receipt of applications is 12 noon, 14th February 2024.

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12th January 2024

Capital Projects Programme - Update for Council Meeting January 2024

Project Name & Details	Detailed Project Status
Clonmel Public Realm	The revised Preliminary Business Case was issued to the Department of Transport mid-December and we now await their response.
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2023 Road Works Programme (RWP) - Update for District Council Meeting on 17th January 2024

2023 Restoration Improvements (RI) - Wet mix/Macadam/Recycling, etc.) - Already Agreed as part of the 2022 - 2024 Road Works Programme (RWP)

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
L - 1409 -1	Attykit Rosegreen	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L-6501-0	Rathkenty Lisronagh	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L-1409-1	Rosegreen Village West	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L-2501-3	Ballypatrick Village to N76	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L-6503-0	Carraigwillian	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
L-6517-0	Heathview Kilcash	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L-1408-0	Bawnatanvoher Rosegreen	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
R-688-5	Rathduff Upper Cashel Road	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
R-689-3	Market Hill	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L-3272-3	Market Hill Jxn to Cahir	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
R-688-6	Rathduff Upper Cashel Road	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%

2023 Road Maintenance (RM), (Surface Dressing)

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
L1408-0	Rathsallagh, Rosegreen	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L2513-0	Ballydine	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L2509	Drumdeel	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L2514-0	Kylanoreashy	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L7207-0	Ballynattin	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L-3280-0	Clashaniska	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
L-3277-0	Ballingarrane North (Garryroe)	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
L-3277-0	Ballingarrane North	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
L-6503-0	Monroe	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
L-7205	Lavally	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
L-3620	Marfield - Coole	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%

Drainage Grants for 2023

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
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R688	Clerihan	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
R689	Fethard rd	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
L2514 -0	Kylanoreashy	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L1409-1	Attykit Rosegreen	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
Discretionary Improvement Works (Clonmel Town and Environs)				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
	Rathronan Crossroads Resurface & Kerbs	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
	Baron Park Main Rd - Resurface Patches	Adam Coffey & Hugh Houlihan	Complete	100%
	Street lighting Lisronagh	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Street light at bus stop and Bottle banks - awaiting contractor	0%
	Rathronan Close	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
	Summerhill Drive - Traffic Calming	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Site to be investigated.	0%
	13 Ard Fatima - Install 2 Speed Ramps	Nicola Keating & Hugh Houlihan	Site to be investigated.	0%
	Honeyview Estate - Install a Speed Ramp	Nicola Keating & Hugh Houlihan	Site to be investigated.	0%
	Joyces Lane/The Quay	Hugh Houlihan & Adam Coffey	Resurfacing to be completed 2024.	0%
	Cherrymount	Hughie Houlihan	Complete	100%
	Auburn Park	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
	Gates at O'Neill St./Gordan St. Car Park	Adam Coffey & Hugh Houlihan	Tender awarded - Contractor to commence in February.	80%
	Macadam Patchworks in Clonmel Town	Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
Red Roads				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
L-6515	Tullohea	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L - 2514 -0	Kylanoreashy	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L-7272-0	Ballincor	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L-2514 -0	Butlerstown	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
Community Involvement Scheme- Currently being assessed				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
	Mary Lacy O'Shea	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Withdrawn by applicant on 2nd June 2023.	N/A
Local Improvement Scheme (LIS Schemes) - Currently being assessed.				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
	Jerome Tobin, Lisbalting	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
Safety Improvement Scheme 2023 (Low Cost Accident Scheme)				
Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete	
R - 688-6	Rathduff	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
R-687-3	Jamestown	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
R688-4	Ballybeg	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
R688-4	Mocklerstown	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
Bridge Rehabilitation Works.				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
	Gas house Bridge (2022)	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
L - 6513	Sir Thomas's Bridge	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Contractor due to commence in 2024	10%
HD30 - Capital Maintenance on National Road Pavements 2023 (Pavement Repairs & Drainage Works)				

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
	Yet to be finalised.			
NP HD15 & HD17 National Route Fencing Retrofit Projects 2023				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
	CLMD M. Works-Fencing Retrofit 19 on the N24	Emma Ryan	Project Assessment is ongoing	15%
Active Travel Measures for 2023 (subject to final agreement with the NTA)				
Cost	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
€50,000.00	Cycle Scheme Clonmel	Gillian Flynn	Scheme not progressing in 2024 under NTA Funding	10%
€50,000.00	Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	Gillian Flynn	Consultants working on Planning pack & Environmental reports. This is a Part 8 planning application. Consultations with the Soccer Club have resulted in a change in alignment.	10%
€280,000.00	Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	Gillian Flynn	Developing the design to obtain NTA approval to proceed to construction	15%
€80,000.00	Cahir Road to Convent Road Active Travel scheme, Clonmel	Gillian Flynn	This project is to be incorporated into the Clonmel to Marfield greenway Project - Residents concerned with the alignment - negotiations ongoing.	10%
€50,000.00	SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	Gillian Flynn	Awaiting approval to proceed to Part 8	10%
€200,000.00	SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel	Gillian Flynn	Part 8 is adopted, developing design to proceed to construction	15%
€30,000.00	Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel (Previously TCC/21/0014 Light Segregation Schemes)	Gillian Flynn	Consultant working on the planning documents and drawings following NTA peer review	10%
€50,000.00	Rosegreen Active Travel Scheme (Previously TCC/22/0007 New Footpaths Package A)	Gillian Flynn	Works Complete, fencing to be complete	95%
€118,000.00	Clonmel Local Transport Plan	Gillian Flynn	Draft Local transport plan 1st public consultation closed 11th September 2023 , public consultation on material amendments to launched in November 2023. no transport submissions	80%
€100,000.00	Clonmel to Marfield Greenway	Gillian Flynn	Consultant working on the planning documents and drawings - An Bord Pleánala application.	10
€200,000.00	Marfield to Cahir Greenway	Gillian Flynn	Phase 0 SAR Approved by TII. Feasibility Report Phase 1 submitted to TII for approval, progression to Phase 2 dependent on N24 Transport Solution & approval of Feasibility report	5
Climate Change Adaptation				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
L-6517	Road flooding- Brittas	Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L2502-2	Ballypatrick - Drainage and resurfacing	Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
L6511-0	Drainage and resurfacing - Ioor	Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
R-707	Drainage and resurfacing - Cherrymount	Adam Coffey	Complete.	100%
Towns & Villages Renewal - (€200,000 - Received January 2021)				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
L-3287-0	Marfield Village Renewal Project	Nicola Keating/Adam Coffey	To be completed next week.	97%
IPB Footpath Funding				
Project Name & Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete	
Dr. Croke Place (concrete laneway)e	Hugh Houlihan & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%	
Carrigeen - Both sides between Nos. 46 & 47	Adam Coffey	Length = 50m; Area 50sq.m. Works will be done in Q1 2024	0%	
Raheen Road - Raheen House to the Tech	Adam Coffey	Will form part of Active Travel - Safe Routes To Schoole Scheme.	N/A	
College Avenue	Hugh Houlihan & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%	
River St	Hugh Houlihan & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%	
Elm park	Hugh Houlihan & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%	
Gael Schoil	Hugh Houlihan & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%	
Morton St	Hugh Houlihan & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%	
Western Rd Cul de sac	Hugh Houlihan & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%	

	Queen St	Hugh Houlihan & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
Development Contribution Levies for 2021 (€209,467)				
	Kilcash Village	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Resurfacing works surveyed, tender documents being prepared - awaiting Irish Water repair completion	10%
	Clonmel	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
	Rosegreen Village	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%
Development Contribution Levies for 2022 (€248,293)				
Clerihan Village	Clerihan Village	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
Lisronagh Village	Lisronagh Village	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
Kilsheelan Village	Kilsheelan Village	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Complete	100%

**Clonmel Borough Municipal District.
Vacant Housing Report.
Municipal District Meeting, 17th January 2024.**

Breakdown of Vacant Houses.

Total number of vacant houses: 20
CBD responsibility: 12

Break down of Clonmel Borough District Vacant Houses

Awarded to contractors: 2
Prepared for tender: 4
Being prepared for tender: 5
Major Refurbishment in conjunction with Housing Capital: 1
District not responsible: 8

Notes:

- Received keys in last fortnight: 1
- District not responsible (keys not yet issued to District): 0
- Housing Capital to complete first stage works: 1

Order No.	Subject	Details	Order Date	Delegator List	Council Meeting	District
36414	Clonmel Urban Realm	Clonmel Urban Realm-Ground Investigations Contractor payment	7/12/23	Sinéad Carr	17/1/2024	Clonmel Borough District
36415	Suir Island Gardens	Suir Island Gardens – Increased Design Team Fees	7/12/23	Sinéad Carr	17/1/2024	Clonmel Borough District
36467	Casual Trading Licence	Casual Trading Licence issued to Emmanuel Savage to trade at the Quay Car Park	20/12/23	Carol Creighton	17/1/2024	Clonmel Borough District