

Minutes of December Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Tuesday 19th December, 2023 at 11.00am

Members Present: Councillor Declan Burgess, Cathaoirleach
Councillor John Crosse
Councillor Michael FitzGerald
Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan
Councillor Roger Kennedy
Councillor Máirín McGrath
Councillor Andy Moloney
Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

Officials Present: Mr. Sharon Kennedy, District Director
Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer
Mr. Richard Power, Executive Engineer
Mr. Frank Cussen, Executive Engineer
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer
C&E Directorate
Ms. Margo Hayes, Administrative Officer
Ms. Marie Cox, Administrative Officer
Planning
Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer

Apologies Councillor Micheál Anglim
Councillor Tony Black
Councillor Marie Murphy

Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator, commenced the meeting with the meeting prayer. He called the roll, noted the apologies of Councillor Michael Anglim, Councillor Tony Black and Councillor Marie Murphy. The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Declan Burgess, welcomed everyone to the December Municipal District meeting. He particularly wanted to thank Mr Dave Carroll for his work in the District and welcome Sharon Kennedy as the new District Director. He noted that this is the largest MD in the County and he is looking forward to working with Ms Kennedy given her knowledge and expertise. Ms Kennedy thanked the Cathaoirleach and referred to Tipperary UDC where she previously worked in the 90s and confirmed is looking forward to working on the different projects because she appreciates there is a lot happening in the District. Councillor Crosse wanted to be associated with the comments and particularly wanted to thank Dave Carroll for his fantastic job and he is looking forward to working with Ms. Kennedy. The Cathaoirleach welcomed Margo Hayes and Marie Cox from Community & Economic and Kieran Ladden from Planning. He also wanted to particularly welcome Terence and Margaret Coskeran to the meeting.

1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

2.1 Minutes of November Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 27th November, 2023

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District November meeting held on 27th November, 2023 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Roger Kennedy seconded by Councillor Andy Moloney.

Matters arising from the minutes

Councillor requested an update on the proposed workshop with FOCUS Ireland which had to be rescheduled. He referred to a recent incident in Cahir and stressed that it is important that the Superintendent of the Cahir area is also invited to attend. He has concerns that there is no policy for dealing with anti social behaviour. The District Administrator agreed to keep the members up to date.

3.1 Consider additional funding allocations under the Festival & Events Grant Scheme 2023

On the proposition of Councillor John Crosse, seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy, the additional Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2023 allocations were agreed as follows:

FESTIVAL & EVENTS GRANT SCHEME 2023			
TIPPERARY- CAHIR - CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT			
No.	<u>Festival / Event</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposed Grant</u>
1	<u>Golden -Kilfeacle Festival on the Suir</u>	<u>Golden Kilfeacle Festival</u>	<u>€1,500.00</u>
3	<u>Kilross Tidy Towns</u>	<u>Remembrance Garden Event</u>	<u>€300.00</u>
4	<u>Golden into Light</u>	<u>Golden Tidy Towns</u>	<u>€1,500.00</u>
5	<u>The Duhill Singathon</u>	<u>Duhill Community Council</u>	<u>€400.00</u>
6	<u>New Inn Festival - Mary Doyle Run & Oct Spookfest</u>	<u>New Inn Festival Committee</u>	<u>€500.00</u>
7	<u>Newcastle First Responder</u>	<u>Newcastle CFR</u>	<u>€500.00</u>
8	<u>Grange Community Council</u>	<u>Grange Annual Field Evening</u>	<u>€700.00</u>
-	<u>Total</u>	-	<u>€5,400.00</u>
	<u>Municipal Grants</u>		
No.	<u>Festival / Event</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposed Grant</u>
1	<u>Tipperary Town Festival</u>	<u>Tipperary Town Festival Committee</u>	<u>€2,000.00</u>
-	<u>Total</u>	-	<u>€2,000.00</u>

Councillor Roger Kennedy referred to the recent Christmas Market event run in the Abbey Street Car Park and asked why it wasn't held in the Market Yard where the canopies were already in place and the car park was closed for the day to facilitate the set up for the event. He also referred to the trees on the boundary of the car park which would need to be pruned. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) noted that the event required a large space and the Market Yard car park wouldn't have been big enough and she also wanted to support Councillor Kennedy in relation to the trees. Councillor Crosse stated that overall it was a fantastic event and the car park was closed Friday morning, however noted that the L&N car park was nearby. He stated that if it was in the Market Yard car park it would be more problematic. The District Administrative advised that the event infrastructure came in the previous night and 11 individual licences were granted together with the existing traders in Abbey Street. He advised that there was no scope for moving it and the Abbey Street wouldn't have the same demand on a Friday as the Market Yard car park.

3.2 Community & Economic Directorate Report

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Margo Hayes and Ms Marie Cox, Community & Economic Development Section to the meeting. Ms. Hayes thanked the Cathaoirleach and advised that C&E represents many sections including Community, Sports Partnership, Tourism, Economic and LEO and she highlighted some of the projects including the following:

- Community Recognition Fund was to support the development of infrastructure and facilitates in recognition of communities who welcomed Ukrainians including Dundrum who received funding for projects which are underway.
- Local Development Strategy 2023-2027 for County Tipperary and she referred to her presentation at the October MD Meeting.
- The Building Acquisition Measure (BAM) and referred to two properties in Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District which was purchased – 7/8 Main Street and Galbally Road.
- CLAR investment programme which supports infrastructural projects in rural areas including Galtee Rovers St Peacauns GAA Club and Lattin Cullen GAA.
- Comhairle Na nOg AGM 2023 was held in October and 107 young people attended and she wanted to particularly thank past members Councillor Burgess and Councillor McGrath.
- Healthy Tipperary Ireland Fund 2023-2025 focus on 4 geographic areas in the County and two are in this MD and they are Cahir and Clogheen. Health Tipperary in partnership with Connecting for Life, Mental Health Ireland, Tipperary GAA and Tipperary County Council will print and supply 73 boards to each of the County's GAA Club.
- Tipperary Sports Partnership ran a number of successful walking programmes including walking football.
- Munster Vales had a three page spread in the Sunday Independent and welcomed a number of high profile influencers including Liana Modonova. She stayed overnight in Cahir and visited a number of attractions and her content reached over a million people. Another travel creator Jess Glynn who visited

the Rock of Cashel and walked the Galtee Mountains has a following of over 30,000.

- Painting and Enhancement offered funding of €4,317 to Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD for painting and general improvements to buildings.
- Simon Howe is continuing his work on broadband.

Marie Cox informed the members that the 2024 Local Enhancement Programme was recently announced. Tipperary LCDC will have €178,045.98 and a further €35,609.20 specially for Women's Groups. This is for Capital investment only and the objective is to improve and enhance community facilities for all.

The Cathaoirleach congratulated Councillor Andy Moloney on the Mental Health event in Cahir and the involvement of Youth Mental Health. Councillor Kennedy acknowledged the huge amount of areas covered by C&E including Age Friendly, CLAR and the Community Recognition Funding. He noted that €2.9m of the €50 m allocated has been drawn down to date and referred to the project in Dundrum to provide a walkway. In this regard he spoke to the Taoiseach at the opening of Stanwix Houses in Thurles and raised it with him at the time and he was advising to make an application. Councillor McGrath thanked the team and acknowledged the Local Enhancement Programme which will provide €213,655 to communities and thanked the team for opening the Christmas Retails Support Scheme to smaller towns and villages. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) referred to the Building Acquisition Fund and noted that town centre regeneration is critical. She referred to the CLAR Measure 1 applications and she understood that there may be another announcement. Councillor Moloney thanked the team for the presentation at the SCP and for the comments in relation to the Mental Health event in Cahir. He advised that it was an initiative in collaboration with Oakpark and it ensured that any money raised stayed locally. He acknowledged the speakers including Francis Black and John Leahy. He also referred to the Ladies Mini Marathon which was a successful event and many ran for local charities including Cuan Saor and Little Blue Hero's.

In response Ms. Cox confirmed that they received applications totalling €6 million for the Community Recognition Fund and she confirmed that Tipperary received €997,00 countywide and this District received €374,750. She confirmed that Tipperary has drawn down 30% of the funding. In relation to Councillor Kennedy's comments she confirmed that at the time she did clarify that they were not accepting further applications and there was no mechanism to apply. She confirmed that the details of the Local Enhancement Programme will be launched in the new year and any applications will go through the evaluation committee. Ms Hayes noted that there was a huge issue drawing down the money for the BAM projects and it was a great credit to Michael Begley.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Hayes, Ms Cox and he asked if the comments would be brought back to the C&E team.

3.3 Consider Director of Services' Report on Proposed Taking in Charge of Rocksprings, Kilross, Co Tipperary

Mr Kiernan Ladden put forward the Director of Services' Report for the taking in charge of Rocksprings, Kilross and noted the significance because it was the first DPI which was being put before the elected members for adoption. Councillor FitzGerald welcomed Terence and Margaret Coskeran to the Chamber and noted that today common sense prevailed. He wanted to thank the members of this Council who supported his Notice of Motion and it was approved unanimously. Together with Uisce Eireann, the Department and our own planning section this estate of 5 houses who have been developed and maintained by Terence Coskeran will be taken in charge. Mr Coskeran has waited so long with so many set backs, good news, bad news and finally we made sure it would happen. Mr Coskeran received great support at Oireachtas level when it was brought to the public petition committee by Deputy Martin Browne. Mr Coskeran did everything he was asked to do and back in 2016 when everything was completed at great cost to himself he submitted an application to have the estate taken in charge. Councillor FitzGerald took great pleasure in proposing the motion, seconded by Councillor John Crosse. Councillor Kennedy stated that he was delighted to be associated with the motion and since 2014 he has been very critical of Uisce Eireann and the DPI system being taken in charge. Tipperary has one of the largest amount of DPIs in the country and finally one has been taken in charge and he wanted to thank Kieran Ladden and Denis Holland. Councillor McGrath also added support and noted that one down and 10 to go. The Cathaoirleach with the permission of the elected members gave Mr Terence Coskeran an opportunity to address the meeting. Mr Coskeran stated that it was a big day and even though he did everything right he was still wrong. He wanted to thank everyone at the meeting particularly Councillor FitzGerald who he probably spoke to every day since 2015 and he also wanted to thank the public petition committee and Deputy Martin Browne. He also wanted to thank Kieran Ladden and Eamon Lonergan and all he wanted was it completed and he has now achieved what he set out to do.

Councillor Moloney referred to the L31237 which is within the 30 km speed limit and noted that the estate is not in charge. He also referred to Duneske which he previously raised and the 48 houses which are currently being built. Councillor Hanna Hourigan also requested an update on Glen Court. Mr Ladden confirmed that tenders have been sought for site investigation work which is expected to be completed in Q1 next year. He confirmed that he is aware of planning and the construction traffic on the road. Regarding Glen Court, Mr Ladden confirmed that tenders have been sought for a underground CCTV survey and he has been speaking to Uisce Eireann. They are working through technical issues however there are issues around wayleaves which are complicating matters. Regarding Councillor Moloney's query Mr Ladden confirmed that the area he is referring to is not a housing estate but a series of one off houses and he advised him to follow up with the road section.

3.4 District Engineer's Report

The District Engineer advised the members that they have completed a large volume of work in 2023 which was set out in the report and was available to

answer questions. He also offered clarification in relation to Councillor Kennedys earlier query that two years ago an assessment of all trees was carried out in the District and a 4 year programme was put in place to manage trees. Tree surgery priorities was based on need and they have a list similar to the roads programme.

Councillor FitzGerald noted that people in the last few weeks are getting letters again this year when work was completed by Jim Breen last year and the District Engineer advised that this may be an administrative error. Councillor Burgess referred to the development in Boherclough Street and it is now Christmas week and Uisce Eireann were supposed to be finished. Councillor Ryan (shiner) requested an update on the bus stop on the Link Road and referred to her most recent correspondence where it stated that a design had gone to the NTA and then an application for funding will be submitted. She noted that it is frustrating that it is taking so long because it is just a bus stop. Councillor Kennedy wanted to thank the engineering staff and the outdoor staff for all the work that was completed in 2023. He also wanted to echo the remarks made by Councillor Burgess in relation to Boherclough Street and in particular referred to the sequencing of the traffic management lights for the people coming into town last Saturday. He stated that the Tesco roundabout was clogged, however acknowledged that there is never an issue when the contractors are on site. Councillor Kennedy also wanted to support Councillor Ryan (Shiner) in relation to the bus stop on the Link Road and he also expressed frustration at the delays. Councillor Kennedy referred to the 332 bus from Cashel to Limerick under the TFI programme and it has been so successful that they are looking at putting plans in place for a double decker. As a result, he noted that a lot of landowners may be getting notices and given the 1st March deadline for cutting hedgerows. Councillor McGrath wanted to thank the team and request an update on the infill of lights at Newcastle. She also requested traffic feedback signs in Ardfinnan due to speeding in the village. Councillor Moloney requested an update on the roundabout at the Super Valu junction. Councillor FitzGerald highlighted an issue with roadside drainage where there was damage caused by a truck. Councillor Burgess requested an update on the Knockavilla Regeneration and Safety Measure in the village and welcomes the work under TVR and Active Travel because residents are anxious to have safer connectivity to the school.

In response the District Engineer confirmed that the delays with Uisce Eireann are extremely frustrating. He also confirmed that they would look to submit a new application under the TVR in early 2024. In relation to the bus stop on the Link Road the District Engineer confirmed that Active Travel are the lead and the design is gone to the NTA who have come back with comments. The District Engineer confirmed that he wasn't aware there was an issue with the traffic management in Boherclough Street. The District Engineer also agreed to liaise with the NTA in relation to any changes to the 332 bus route. He also advised that the Newcastle Infill Project will be progressed in 2024. Regarding the feedback sign in Ardfinnan he confirmed that external funding for safety improvements would be required and they are expensive. He agreed to arrange for a traffic survey to be completed. He confirmed that in relation to the Super Valu junction there was an on site meeting last week to progress the project. The

District Engineer noted that he will investigate the damage to the drainage in Killeacle. Councillor McGrath acknowledged that the road was repaired at Pollardstown yesterday. Councillor Kennedy referred to the Vacant Houses Report and noted that 5 houses are ready for letting, however they are not on CBL.

3.5 District Administrator's Report

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

Councillor Moloney requested an update in relation to the Cahir Regeneration RRDF Project. Councillor Kennedy requested an update in relation to the interpretive centre for Cashel. Councillor McGrath asked if the villages have been chosen for the Village Painting Scheme for next year.

In response, Mr Frank Cussen confirmed that the verification for the overall RRDF project has been received from the Department and this will be completed and returned in the coming weeks. He also confirmed that we have already received approval to demolish Castle Court Hotel and the contracts for this project will be signed in the next day or so. Councillor Moloney wanted to thank Mr Cussen and Mr Swords for being proactive to progress the project by securing the approval to use the match funding. The District Administrator advised that details relating to the Interpretive Centre in Cashel are commercially sensitive but it is hoped to have it finished in the next 6 to 8 weeks. He also confirmed that any decision in relation to the Village Painting Enhancement Scheme would be subject to a workshop. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested an update in relation to the Tipperary Town to Limerick Junction project. Mr Frank Cussen confirmed that EIR are planning to lay a fibre cable and a date in January has been agreed.

4.1 Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders

The orders were noted.

5.1 Councillor Andy Moloney (Ref. ID 2736)

That this council remove the pinch points along the R670 at Killeenabutler and between Shamrock Lodge and Rochestown due to the number of accidents on the road in recent years.

Reply

The locations in question will be considered for application under the Safety Improvement Scheme in the coming years.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Máirín McGrath.

5.2 Councillor Annmarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref. ID 2742)

That this District assess safety concerns on the N24 Cahir Side of Bansha village. There are a couple of houses outside the village (on the right hand side) along the N24 where there have been 2 recent vehicle and pedestrian accidents.

Reply

Details of the incidents will be sent to TII for consideration.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

6.1 Votes of Sympathy

- Joanne O'Dwyer, Cashel, Co Tipperary
- Reps of Rev Tadgh Furlong P.P., Tipperary Road, Cappawhite, Co Tipperary.
- Reps of Monsignor James Ryan, The Parochial House, Bohereenglas, Cashel, Co Tipperary

6.2 Votes of Congratulations

- Clonoulty Rossmore GAA Club for winning the West Under 21A Hurling Championship Final.
- Larkspur Park on the official opening by the Minister for Sport & Physical Education, Thomas Byrne TD of the new tennis court and LED lights.
- The Byrnes Family, Reddan's Walk, Tipperary Town on competing in the final of Ireland Fittest Family Competition.
- The Bonnar Family, Ballycraddock, Dunhill, Co. Waterford on competing in the final of Ireland Fittest Family Competition.
- Craft Circle Group, Cashel Library, Friar Street, Cashel for dedicating your time to create a wonderful Christmas tree which was recently unveiled in Cashel Library
- The 2 Johnnies, c/o Pat Fox Studios, Carrigeen, Cahir to you and your production team on everything you have achieved in 2023 including your 2FM radio programme, successful podcast, new series on RTE and your sell out gigs in Cork and the 3 Arena. You should also be commended on your continued support of local charities and promotion of County Tipperary and Cahir town in particular.

7.1 Update on the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction Project.

Noted and the Elected Member stressed the importance of a dual carriageway.

7.2 Response from the Minister of Transport

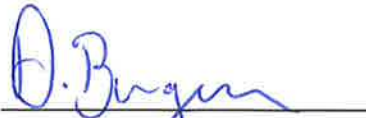
Noted

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

Councillor Kennedy referred to a previous Notice of Motion requesting deer warning signage to be erected in Dundrum. He also referred to road naming signs which were never erected in the Cashel area and are throughout the rest of the District. The District Engineer confirmed that signs were erected in the Hollyford area, however he will enquire about the signs for the Cashel area. Councillor Cross also welcomed a deer cull by the Department.

Cathaoirleach wanted to wish the elected members and their family a very Happy Christmas and hopes that they take a break. He also wanted to thank the management and staff for their engagement and work rate and wanted to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and happy new year.

This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.

Signed/  Dated/ 22/01/2024
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 22/01/2024
District Administrator

