



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

10th May 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 15 Bealtaine, 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 15th May, 2024, at 11.00 a.m.

Mise le meas,

Carol Creighton

Meetings Administrator

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7.1 Councillor John Fitzgerald (Ref ID 2815)

That this Council would initiate the relevant procedure to facilitate Clerihan Community Council's request, that two vintage signs may be erected on the Clonmel and Cashel Roads from the Village, stating:

"Welcome to Clerihan Village"

This request is supported by both Clerihan Community Council and Clerihan Tidy Towns.

7.2 Councillor Pat English (Ref ID 2817)

That Clonmel Borough District provide an additional safe pedestrian crossing on the Davis Road, Clonmel, adjacent to the old Barlow Factory to cater for the large number of pedestrians from the local area who shop in Dunnes Stores and Lidl etc.

7.3 Councillor Pat English (Ref ID 2818)

That Clonmel Borough District require the Irish Government to hand back the upkeep and maintenance of public water and sewerage services to Local Authorities and to make water a constitutional right by holding a Referendum on same.

7.4 Councillor Pat English (Ref ID 2819)

That Clonmel Borough District upgrade the public lighting in Gortmalogue Housing estate as the existing lighting is in very poor condition.

7.5 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 2820)

That Clonmel Borough District looks at erecting stop signs for motorists exiting Beechwood Drive, Glenaleamy Drive, Knockaun Court and Linden Lea in addition to a 30km speed limit sign being erected at the entrance to Beechwood Close.

7.6 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 2821)

That Clonmel Borough District carries out another speed survey on both the Silverspring road and also on

the adjoining St. Patrick's Road with a view to rolling out traffic calming measures. (Ref my previous motions on this issue).

7.7 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 2822)

That Clonmel Borough District carries out another speed survey on Prior Park Road with a view to rolling out traffic calming measures. (Ref my previous motions on this issue).

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9.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

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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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MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 11.00 a.m. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
PARNELL STREET, CLONMEL ON WEDNESDAY, 17th APRIL, 2024**

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

In Attendance: Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services
Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator
Mr. James Murray, Senior Engineer
Ms. Nicola Keating, District Engineer
Ms. Mary Irwin, Staff Officer
Ms. Anita O'Brien, A/Staff Officer
Ms. Sophia Doheny, Assistant Staff Officer.

Also in Attendance: Mr. Fran Igoe, Regional Co-Ordinator, LAWPRO
Ms. Margaret Morrissey, Senior Community Water Officer,
LAWPRO
Mr. Denis Holland, Senior Engineer, Environment & Climate
Action
Ms. Deirdre Molamphy, Staff Officer, Environment & Climate
Action
Ms. Myriam Madigan, Member of the Public

1.1 Zoom Protocol

The Mayor confirmed with all persons joining the meeting by Zoom that they could see and hear all other Speakers.

2.1 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest

Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator informed the meeting that there were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

3.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 20th March, 2024.

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 20th March, 2024, 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.

4.1 Attendance of Representative from Directorate Environment and Climate Action.

The Report as circulated with the Agenda was taken as read. Denis Holland highlighted the adoption of the Climate Action Plan which took place at the February Plenary Council Meeting. He also informed the members that there was huge interest in the Community Climate Action Fund with applications currently being assessed.

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

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- Councillor English noted that €40,000 Capital Funding has been allocated for the upgrade of the car park at the entrance to St. Patrick's Cemetery and asked for an update on the overall cost of the works.
- Councillor English acknowledged the fact that 32 groups consisting of approximately 700 volunteers have registered to take part in the National Spring Clean in the Borough District.
- Councillor English raised the issue regarding dog fouling stating that fines need to be issued to dog owners and enforcement followed up on in relation to same. He also raised the issue regarding stray dogs roaming in the Old Bridge area and asked that this be followed up, stating that in some instances people have been attacked needing stitches.
- Members concurred with Councillor English in relation to the issue with dog fouling Councillor Ambrose asked if early morning inspections can be carried out similar to what was trialled in Cashel which proved very effective.
- Councillor Ambrose acknowledged the funding received for the provision of 80 additional burial spaces in St. Patrick's Cemetery.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the fact that the new entrance to St. Patrick's Cemetery will be a replica of the entrance on the Waterford Road side.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update in relation to the number of household bin inspections carried out.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update in relation to the number of septic tank inspections carried out and asked how often members of the public should be checking their own septic tanks.
- Councillor Ambrose acknowledged the work being carried out in the Carrigeen Amenity Site and asked that the cost for recycling of newspapers be revisited.
- Councillor Molloy asked if extra water connections can be installed in the old area of St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows:

- In relation to the issue raised regarding dog fouling, Denis Holland informed the members that a more integrated approach is needed and that the infrastructure i.e. bins, mutt bags and raising more public awareness will be reviewed.
- Mr. Holland informed the members that the issues raised regarding stray dogs roaming in the Old Bridge area will be followed up.
- In relation to St. Patrick's Cemetery Mr. Holland stated that the Environment Section will liaise with Clonmel Borough District in respect of capital works.
- Mr. Holland informed the members that it is unlikely that the existing water connections in St. Patrick's Cemetery will be extended.
- In relation to the costs for recycling newspapers, Mr. Holland informed the members that this is under review.
- Mr. Holland informed the meeting that people should have their septic tanks checked yearly to ensure that they are operating correctly.
- In relation to household bin inspections, Mr. Holland informed the members that inspections are carried out on a regular basis throughout the County in accordance with household bye-laws for disposal of waste.

The Mayor congratulated Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer, Environment and Climate Action and wished her well in her new appointment with Waterford County Council. He thanked Denis and Deirdre for their attendance at the meeting.

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4.2 Attendance of Representative from Directorate LAWPRO

The Report as circulated with the Agenda was taken as read. Fran Igoe also gave a presentation to the meeting. This highlighted the deterioration in the water quality in Tipperary which has seen a decline of almost 50% in the last 10 years with most rivers not making the required standard for clean water. Mr. Igoe also highlighted the different funding streams which are being made available to groups and organisations which include the Community Development Fund and the Catchment Support Fund 2024. Mr. Igoe stated that the rivers within the Clonmel Borough District have been proposed as a priority area for action in the next River Basin Management Plan in June.

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:-

- Councillor Fitzgerald stated that simpler and clearer guide-lines are needed for people who wish to comply and that a proactive approach is needed to consult with the agricultural community.
- Councillor Fitzgerald asked if more funding can be made available under the Community Water Development Fund.
- Councillor English stated that it is worrying to see a decline by 50% in the water quality over a 10-year period. He welcomed the treatment of the Moyne and Anner Rivers and asked what the Council can do to help with the problem.
- Councillor Ambrose congratulated Anthony Coleman, Director of Services, LAWPRO and Ruth Hennessy, Executive Scientific Officer, LAWPRO on their presentation before the Oireachtas Committee.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on the future planning for the River Ara.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for examples of rivers which meet the blue-line criteria.
- Councillor Ambrose asked if the funding grants for 2024 are now exhausted.

Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows:

- Fran Igoe agreed that guidelines need to be clear and stated that LAWPRO is working with various community groups and the agricultural community. He stated that public awareness needs to be raised and nature-based solutions need to be encouraged e.g. rain gardens.
- Mr. Igoe stated that the Community Water Development Fund is easily accessed. He informed the members that the catchment support grant is new this year with funding ranging from €500 to €5,000 and up to €40,000 for groups operating at catchment scale.
- The members were also informed that LAWPRO support Biodiversity Week, National Heritage Week and Water Heritage Day which enables groups to run events for Biodiversity Week in May and National Heritage Week in August.
- Mr. Igoe informed the members that the Catchment Support Fund for 2024 is closed.
- Mr. Igoe informed the members that a new Farming for Water European Innovation Partnership (EIP) has been established which will see €50million invested through grant funding targeting up to 15,000 farmers nationally. This project provides funding to farmers to implement target actions to

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reduce losses of nutrients, sediment and pesticides from agricultural lands. Mr. Igoe stated that the office for Tipperary will be based in Tipperary Town. The Mayor thanked Fran and Margaret for their attendance at the meeting.

5.1 Burial Ground Grants 2024.

The grants were proposed by Councillor English, seconded by Councillor Ambrose and agreed by all.

5.2 Tidy Towns Grants 2024.

The grants were proposed by Councillor Ambrose, seconded by Councillor English and agreed by all.

The Mayor and members thanked all the Committees for their great work and commitment to both the maintenance and upkeep of the graveyards and the maintenance of the Towns and Villages.

6.1 Report of District Administrator

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

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor Ambrose stated that she was delighted to see that the Abbey Street Performance Space was progressing with Suirside Construction being identified as the successful contractor and expressed her thanks to Eamonn O'Connell, Executive Engineer for his work on this Project.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update in relation to the current position on the CCTV installation.
- Councillor Ambrose stated that it was positive news that Remcoll are engaging with the Planning Section and looked forward to the revised application being submitted for the Site at Market Place.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update in relation to the repair of the sensory equipment at Mulcahy Park.
- Councillor Ambrose asked if there was an update on the maintenance costs on the Blueway which she raised at the previous meeting.
- Councillor Ambrose welcomed the progress on phase 2 of Kickham Barracks Site with construction to commence on the new garda station Q4 2024/Q1 2025.
- Councillor Ambrose thanked the District Administrator for arranging the workshop with Iarnród Eireann to be held on Thursday, 18th April stating that the current timetable is not fit for purpose.
- Councillor Molloy stated that there had been a great response from the public in relation to the issues at the Railway Station with these queries forwarded to Iarnród Eireann.
- Members asked for an update in relation to the Sports Hub signage and security issues.
- Members requested that Irish Water be contacted again to attend a meeting of the Borough District in relation to the ongoing problems in Clonmel and also highlighted problems being experienced in Rosegreen.

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- In relation to phase 2 works at the Kickham Barracks Site, Councillor English asked if there is full planning permission on the site and if a contractor has been appointed.
- Councillor English welcomed the imminent appointment of a contractor for the works at Suir Island Gardens.
- Councillor English asked for an update in relation to the Jimmy Keating Site at Elm Park stating that this location is an ideal site for social or private housing.
- Councillor English welcomed the fact that quotations have been sought for the repair of the equipment at the Denis Burke Park and Elm Park playgrounds.
- Councillor English asked for an update on the Tree Strategy.
- Councillor English asked for an update regarding the timeframe for a meeting with Minister Eamonn Ryan in relation to the N24.
- Councillor Murphy asked for an update in relation to proposals for Parke's Chemist on Gladstone Street.

Queries raised by the members were responded to as follows:

- The District Administrator informed the members that TUS are developing their own signage for their 3 National Campuses and will revert with the Clonmel designs. The District Administrator stated that she will follow up on the progress of same.
- In relation to the repair of the equipment at Mulcahy Park, Denis Burke Park and Elm Park Playgrounds, the District Administrator informed the members that quotations have been sought and are awaited for these works.
- In relation to the maintenance of the Blueway, the District Administrator informed the members that specific funding was allocated for these works and it was not funded from Clonmel resources.
- The District Administrator stated that she will contact Irish Water again asking them to attend a Meeting to discuss the ongoing issues and stated that she will also highlight the issues being experienced in Rosegreen.
- In relation to the workshop with Iarnród Eireann, the District Administrator highlighted the importance of a full attendance by the members to highlight the issues at the station.
- In relation to the Jimmy Keating Site, the District Administrator stated that she will ask Emma Ryan, Executive Engineer to follow up with the Environment Section.
- The District Administrator informed the members that the Tree Strategy has been received and is hopeful a draft will be presented to the members at the Borough District Meeting in May.
- In relation to the query raised regarding Parke's Chemist, the District Administrator informed the members that this matter is being progressed with the property section.
- In relation to the N24 the District Administrator informed the members that she will contact Mr. Minister Eamonn Ryan and agreed that the focus is on lobbying Government for the funding for the next phase of the N24.
- In relation to the Garda Station, the District Administrator informed the members that the detailed tender design document is currently being prepared to go to tender in Q3 of 2024 with construction commencing in Q1 2025.

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The District Administrator gave a presentation to the members to highlight the works and the projects that had been undertaken and progressed in the last 5 years during the term of the current council. The overall investment both on operations and projects from 2019 to 2024 was €52,337,865. The District Administrator expressed her thanks to the members for their support and, in particular, for making tough decisions when required, to allow the Executive to seek funding opportunities to deliver on making the District a better place for its citizens.

The members complimented and thanked the District Administrator for her presentation. The members thanked the Executive and the Staff for all their work in completing and progressing projects stating that the next 5 years will be an exciting time to see further projects come to fruition. They thanked previous Councillors who had helped bring some of these projects forward.

The Manager thanked the members present and past for their support around various developments that have progressed. She thanked the members for making difficult decisions for the long-term good of the Town of Clonmel and District.

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 English asked for an update on the maintenance programme to be carried out by the OPW on the streams at the Old Bridge.
- Councillor English asked for an update on the maintenance of the bypass grass margins.
- Councillor English requested clarity on the installation of the speed ramps and requested that the policy on same be issued to the members.
- Councillor Ambrose acknowledged the works on the Active Travel Scheme at the Gaelscoil and Loretto.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on resurfacing works at Kilcash.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on funding for the additional signage at Lus na Greine in addition to the pruning of the trees to improve sightlines.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on the speed survey at Lisronagh and also on the footpath repairs.
- Councillor Ambrose thanked Adam Coffey, Executive Engineer for the lovely planting at the entrance to Honeyview Estate.
- Councillor Fitzgerald asked for an update regarding grass cutting at Mulcahy Park to make the park more user friendly.
- Councillor Fitzgerald asked if the green area can be removed on the footpaths in Honeyview Estate and these areas concreted.
- Councillor Molloy welcomed the commencement of the grass cutting in the District.

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

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- In relation to the maintenance works on the streams, the District Engineer informed the meeting that consultants are to be appointed by the OPW to carry out these works.
- The District Engineer stated that she will arrange to circulate the Policy on speed ramps to the members.
- In relation to the grass margins on the by-pass, the District Engineer informed the members that she will follow up and progress.
- In relation to the resurfacing works at Kilcash, the District Engineer stated that we are awaiting the Contractor to progress with the works.
- The District Engineer informed the meeting that she will look at installing advanced warning signs at Lus na Greine and will see if the pruning of the trees can be progressed.
- In relation to the footpath repairs at Lisronagh, the District Engineer stated that she will follow up on same.
- The District Engineer stated that she will discuss the works at Mulcahy Park with the Gardening Section. The Manager informed the members that a Landscape Plan is being prepared and will be discussed with the Members.
- In relation to Honeyview Estate, the District Engineer stated that the green areas on the footpaths will not be removed.

6.3 Report of District Engineer – Housing Voids Programme

The Report was noted by the Members.

6.4. Consideration of Updated Schedule of Proposed District Works 2024.

The District Engineer went through additional changes to the Roads Schedule. These changes were proposed by Councillor Pat English, seconded by Councillor John Fitzgerald and agreed by all.

Item 7.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 12th April, 2024.

These were noted by the Members.

Items 8.1 to 8.7– Notice of Motion

Motion 2790 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy

That the Council would complete the pruning of remaining small number of trees within the Maple Court Estate on the Silversprings road following some works in 2023, (reference my previous Notice of Motion).

REPLY:

The trees in Maple Court will be assessed for consideration for inclusion in the 2024 tree pruning programme in Clonmel.

Seconded by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2799 was proposed by Cllr. Niall Dennehy

That this Clonmel Borough District initiate / explore the option for Application to be Constituted as 'A City Council / Corporation' similar to Galway which is independent of its County Council, with full Autonomy over its own Affairs.

It is clear that Government Policy is NOT to re-instate Clonmel Borough Council / Corporation, illegally and unconstitutionally Abolished in 2014, to the detriment of Clonmel and its Environs.

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REPLY:-

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 saw the dissolution of 80 town councils and the establishment of municipal districts as the fundamental sub-county level of governance and democratic representation in the State. The motion as requested would require a change in legislation and is therefore a matter for the Government to consider further.

As previously advised in reply from the Minister for Planning and Local Government in March 2021, the aim is to achieve stronger, more effective, and more responsive local government. The municipal district arrangement is a key element of the aim to achieve stronger, more effective, and more responsive local government, through more effective local community-focused decision-making and democratic accountability and representation.

Subject to the approval of the District, the motion can be forwarded to the relevant Minister for further consideration.

This Motion was not moved in the absence of Councillor Dennehy.

Motion 2800 was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy

That Clonmel Municipal District resurface the stretch of road between the roundabout at the Loreto Convent and Entrance at Hillview as a matter of urgency.

REPLY:-

The section of road from the roundabout at the Loreto and Hillview to the county boundary is on the roadworks programme for 2024 and will be completed by year end.

Seconded by Cllr. Pat English

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2801 was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy

That Clonmel Municipal District re install the signage at the Cashel Road Roundabout which was damaged recently.

REPLY:

Replacement signage will be installed at Cashel Road Roundabout on the N24.

Seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2802 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District provide additional car parking space on the green area in Griffith Avenue between House No: 9 and House No: 13 to alleviate the large amount of cars parking on both sides of the existing narrow road.

REPLY:

The feasibility of a proposal to remove a section of green area to provide parking at Griffith Avenue is currently being assessed.

Seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2803 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District look at the problem with traffic on the Coleville Road. Residents from Coleville Avenue find it very dangerous when exiting and entering their Estate from the new roundabout. Cars are not stopping at the roundabout and are driving straight through. Also cars are not stopping when they

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are entering the roundabout at the Loreto Convent from the Mountain Road direction. The residents are looking for improved signage at both locations and also the use of raised cushions to slow down the traffic.

REPLY:

With respect to the entrance to Coleville Avenue, we will carry out a speed survey at the location.

With regards to the roundabout at the Loreto, alterations to this junction at the roundabout will be carried out as part of the Safe Routes to Schools project at the Loreto.

Seconded by Cllr. John Fitzgerald
The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 2804 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District re-surface the car track to the rear of houses No: 21 to House No: 40 at Bianconi Drive, Clonmel as the existing surface is in a very poor condition.

REPLY:

This laneway will be added to the list of roads to be considered for resurfacing in the 2025 roadworks programme.

Seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose
The reply to the motion was noted.

Item 9.1 Correspondence

The correspondence as circulated with the Agenda was noted..

Item 10.1 Votes of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was extended to Catherine Carey, Mountain Road, Clonmel on the passing of her mother, Bridget Carey.

Item 11.1 Any Other Business

Councillor Richie Molloy proposed to accord a civic reception to Clonmel Óg on Friday, 10th May, 2024. This was seconded by Councillor Pat English and agreed by all.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

District Administrator

Economic, Community and Rural Development Report to Municipal District

Municipal District	Clonmel BD
Month	May 2024
Thematic Area	<p>The update includes planned actions specific to Clonmel BD since the last meeting in February, 2024.</p> <p>For full information on all county projects please see the relevant Plenary Management Report</p>

Community



Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025

The healthy Ireland funding is for 2023-2025 is pre-allocated for:

Lifestyle & Behaviour Risk Outcome Area: Indicator Increase in % of adults and children who are physically active

Wellbeing Factors Outcome Area; Indicator Increase in % of people over 50 + engaging in one or more social activities at least once a week

Geographical areas pre-picked Nenagh, Cahir, Clogheen, Moycarkey Borris. Programmes and activities are underway in this area for 2024.

HSE and Healthy Ireland SunSmart Programme



The HSE's National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) are offering an exciting opportunity to take part in a SunSmart Sunscreen Dispenser Pilot in 2024.

Tipperary County Council sent in an expression of interest to take part in this pilot programme as in 2023 Tipperary County Council took part in the programme and provided to all of the park runs in Tipperary a dispenser for use at their local park run and feedback was very positive.

This Pilot Project involves provision of a sunscreen dispenser with a UV index display to a small number of community/voluntary groups who are involved in outdoor leisure activities to trial the unit from beginning of May to August.

In partnership with the Municipal Districts locations were identified which would benefit from this programme.

Nenagh MD will requested 8 dispensers for different outdoor and amenity areas.

Carrick on Suir requested 2 dispensers for the community run playgrounds

Valerie Connolly TSP Co Ordinator requested provision at Inch Field Cahir and the Workman's Boat Shed in Clonmel where kayaking takes place. Clonmel Park currently have one dispenser that they use for their run on the Tipperary Blue Way and they also took part in the programme in 2023.

A total of 20 dispenser's will be distributed throughout the County for May until September.

Period & Hygiene Poverty

Tipperary County Council has been awarded €15000 from the Department of Health for Period Poverty. Tipperary County Council will partner with the Tipperary County Library Network and the 3 Local Authority managed pools to provide funding to purchase period poverty products for their facilities.

8 of the Family and community resource centres and 4 of the local youth service's and local development companies will also receive funding from Tipperary County Council.

Expression of interest forms for this funding will also be sent out to local after schools' groups creative art groups and other local groups that may need this funding.

Through this interagency approach we can provide the funding to the different agencies and services to ensure we have maximum support across the County, and collaborating to ensure maximum reach into the communities who need the support.

Comhairle na n-Óg

- One Clonmel member, Michal, attended Dáil na n-Óg on 27th March along with other members
- Comhairle Easter meeting was held in the Council Chamber in Clonmel and was attended by Chief Executive, Joe MacGrath and

Director of Services, Brian Beck. Eddie Meegan from Climate Action also gave an update to the members on the TCC Climate Action Plan

- 2 Clonmel members attend the **Community Conversations** for parent and schools meeting around substance use in Minella Hotel on 16th April
- The Clonmel members are awaiting a meeting with John Leahy, Community Drugs Officer, HSE, to pursue their theme of substance misuse around cocaine in Clonmel.

'Tipperary Together' Community Newsletter

Tipperary Together', is a broad community-focused newsletter that showcases supports and content of interest to community-based groups and individuals. The **'Together Tipperary'** newsletter is issued online on the last Friday of every month and is shared on partner websites and social media.

We would also request that community groups who would like to provide content for the newsletter e-mail tipperarytogether@tipperarycoco.ie or contact a member of the community team on 0818 06 5000.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel



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Quality of Life/Substance MisUse Alliance

Clonmel

- Quality of Life meeting took place on 10th April in the Talbot hotel. Updates were given on QOL projects.
- Parents & Schools Community Conversation took place on the 16th April in Hotel Minella.
- Dr Marie Walsh TUS will code the data from the four Community conversations using NVIVO software.
- The action plan will reflect proposals to address across all areas.

Planet Youth Project is considered with other partners including TETB, CYPSC, SHCP, HSE & TCC.

- Final agreement with Icelandic Partners contract signing completed
- Initial overview from PY Iceland for all stakeholders Wednesday 15th May a 11.30am to 12.30
- Ethical permission in line with Planet Youth surveys in Galway and Roscommon being agreed

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

Gráinne O'Malley commenced her role as Integration Support Worker for South Tipperary in late April. The LAIT is tasked with providing ongoing integration support to International Protection applicants, Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection to enable them to live independently in the community.

Diverse Tipperary Migrant Strategy

Africa Day- Funding of €7,500 has been provided to Tipperary County Council for Africa Day events. Details of the events can be found on this website <https://www.ireland.ie/en/africa-day/> . A family fun day will take place in Carrick-on-Suir on May 24th to include a best dressed African costume competition, Kids' Art competition African Disco, Jungle Photo Reptile zoo, games, jungle Toddler play zone, face painter, tiki bar.

Community Groups in Clonmel MD were supported to apply for the *Community Integration Fund Grant* from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. Grants of up to €5,000 to be awarded to successful organisations to support integration initiatives (Closing date May 8th)

Tipperary Age Friendly

Tipperary Age Friendly EXPO 20th June Tipperary Age Friendly EXPO - Save the Date notice has issued to all previous exhibitors for this year's showcase which will take place in the TUS College Campus Thurles on Thursday 20th June 12 noon to 3pm.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023

On the 28th March the successful applications were announced under Measure 1 of the 2023 ORIS scheme, the following project was successful in the Borough District:

- Signage (KM Markers) for Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway: Provision of distance markers along the Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway - €30,000

PPN Community Climate Action Coaches (Clonmel MD)

The first meeting PPN Community Climate Action Coaches Community Resilience Meeting took place in Raheen House, Clonmel on April 18th. The meeting was well attended and some great presentations were made. A biodiversity walk and mindfulness session were also included. Unfortunately, the 2nd meeting was cancelled due to a family bereavement of one of the Climate Coaches but will be rescheduled.



Putting all that's strong in Tipperary **ON THE MAP** to **connect, inspire and grow** brighter futures **FOR ALL**

Clonmel Municipal District meetings

- Event 1 - Nature & Place Connection
Raheen House Thur 18th April 7-9pm
- Event 2 - Identify Community Strengths
Place4U - Thur 2nd May 7-9pm
- Event 3 - Community Conversations
Place4U - Thur 16th May 7-9pm

Eventbrite Links




LEADER Programme

All projects under the LEADER 2014-2020 are due for completion by the end of June 2024. The new LEADER 2023-2027 programme was launched in the county on April 22nd and South Tipperary Development Company are available to answer queries and commence applications for same. Details and link to the April 29th Webinar for potential applicants are at

	<p>https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/community/rural-development-leader-programme</p> <p>Local Enhancement Programme</p> <p>Recommended allocations for the Local Enhancement Programme main and women’s scheme have now been forwarded to DRCD for review. The scheme was over-subscribed and recommended allocations were based on HP Deprivation Index. Minister Heather Humphreys is due to announce the successful applicants for County Tipperary shortly.</p> <p>Community Recognition Fund</p> <p>Projects are progressing under the 2023 allocation, including Clonmel Town FC youth club recreation area due for completion by early June.</p> <p>The 2024 first round allocation closed on May 3rd and was again oversubscribed for the €1,099,000 available to allocate in 2024 within the County. €1,016,766.35 was requested in applications from the Clonmel district. Applications are being evaluated and the first list of projects will be sent to DRCD for review by the May 31st deadline.</p>
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<p>Sports</p>

 <p>Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TSP has linked with Secondary Schools in Clonmel, the Paddles Up programme is currently been delivered with CTI, High School, Loreto and the Presentation School. - An Inclusive Paddle Up programme is currently been delivered with participants from the National Learning Network. - In partnership with Rowing Ireland and Clonmel Rowing Club the 'Get Going Get Rowing' programme is currently been delivered with CBS; Clerihan NS; Presentation Primary and St. Marys BNS. - Support is been provided to Clonmel Rowing Club to host a Taster Dragon Boating session. - Expressions of Interest were sought from Schools for support for the Cycle Right Programme, Primary Schools from Clonmel MD have been allocated support. - Bikeweek is currently been planned for 11th to 19th May. Support is been provided to Clonmel CC to host cycling activities in the Sports Hub. Funding is also allocated to Clonmel Mountain Bike Club and Slievenamon. A Blueway Cycle with Rehab Care is also receiving support. - Go for Life PALs Training is currently been delivered, 1 Older Adult group from Clonmel attending the training. An Older Adult Festival

is planned for 13th May, in Thurles, participants from Clonmel MD will be in attendance.

- An Inclusive Swim programme is currently been supported with Down Syndrom Tipperary with 1 programme been rolled out in Clonmel.
- Currently, linking with Ferryhouse to develop a youth at risk programme for their residents.
- TSP working with STMHS Rehab & Recovery team to support a postive mental health programme 'Mission Possible'
- On 24th April, TSP supported a 'Youth Olympic Event' with Tipperary ETB CTC which included participants from Clonmel CTC.

Education & Training

- To date in 2024, 6 online Safeguarding workshops were delivered with 80 participants, including volunteers from Clonmel MD receiving training. A Safeguarding 2 was delivered along with a Safeguarding 3 Course. Further Safeguarding Courses are planned for the Autumn.
- Disability Awareness Training was held on 26th February with 15 participants.
- Autism in Sport Training is planned for 20th May, which will be delivered by CARA online. Registration is currently open.
- TSP continues to carry out research with TUS to examine 'Can Virtual Reality be used to coach canoeing skills to new canoeists and, if so, how effective is it compared to traditional canoeing coaching methods?' This is been carried out in Clonmel.
- A Sport First Aid Course was delivered on 13th April with clubs from Clonmel MD attending.

Funding Scheme

- The TSP 2024 Coaching & Development Scheme for Sports Club is open to Clubs with closing date of 16th May. It is expected clubs from Clonmel MD will seek support.

Sports Infrastructure

- Work continues on the development of Phase 2 of the Innovation project 'Suir V' (Virtual Reality of the River Suir) to further develop and enhance the experience and to deliver outreach programs.
- TSP continues to support the development of the Sports Hub on Frank Drohan Road on the TUS campus. Sports Wheelchairs are currently been purchased for use by wheelchair users in the Hub.
- TSP & Canoeing Ireland are in discussions with Tipperary County Council concerning the development of a canoeing feature on Suir Island.
- A new hoist is been procured for the Clonmel Swimming Pool through the TSP SIDP Dormant Account.

**FAI Club Mark:**

The FAI Club Mark is an award based on best practice in the governance, The aim of the FAI Club Mark: Establish minimum operating criteria for football clubs, provide clubs with a road map to good governance, management, and administration, increase club's capacity to operate effectively and grow football in communities throughout Ireland.

Old Bridge FC, Clonmel Celtic FC, Clonmel Town FC, Suirside FC, Rosegreen Rangers FC and Slievenamon Celtic FC/Kilsheelan United have all registered for the FAI Club Mark Award.

Club project workshops held with clubs who have registered or obtained the FAI club mark award. These workshops will be ongoing to help support club development.

FAI Coach Education: (South Tipperary):

- 1 x PDP 1 12 participants (CTI Clonmel)
- 2 x Safeguarding 1 Course with 39 Participants (South Tipperary).
- 1 x Player Development Plan Coaches & Volunteers Workshop (21 participants)

FAI Primary 5's:

This is a 4th, 5th and 6th class program for boys and girls across Tipperary. In Tipperary we had 122 schools participate that included 337 teams with 2696 primary school pupils participating (56% Boys and 46% Girls) in 1340 games.

In addition, Presentation Primary School, Powerstown NS and St Mary's NS will go on to represent Tipperary in the Munster Finals in May 2024.

Futsal In the Yard:

This is a 3rd and 4th class program that runs for 6 weeks in primary schools. As part of this program, we deliver an introductory session

and support the schools over the remaining weeks whilst also providing futsal balls and coaching plans as a resource.

We have recently delivered this program to New Inn BNS.

Walking Football:

Weekly coaching sessions continue with local Clonmel groups such as Rehab Care, Bridgewater & Knocklofty are just about to resume once again at Clonmel Town FC’s facility.

KickFit:

This program is a weekly initiative for football participation amongst females in a recreational capacity. Clonmel Town FC have continued their 2023 program into 2024.

Disney Playmakers:

UEFA Disney Playmakers: This is a new programme that the FAI are running alongside UEFA and Disney in clubs across Ireland for girls aged 5-8 years who are not currently playing football. The program invites these girls to step into the magical world of Disney as they take their first steps on their football journey.


Slievenamon Celtic /Kilsheelan United FC have launched their 2024 program, with three female coaches supporting.

Emerging Talent Programme (ETP):

ETP league squads have been supported at both boys’ and girls’ levels from U12-U16 within the TSS&DL. In addition, Tipperary boys and girls are now beginning their assessments at our Regional Centre of Excellences.

Tourism

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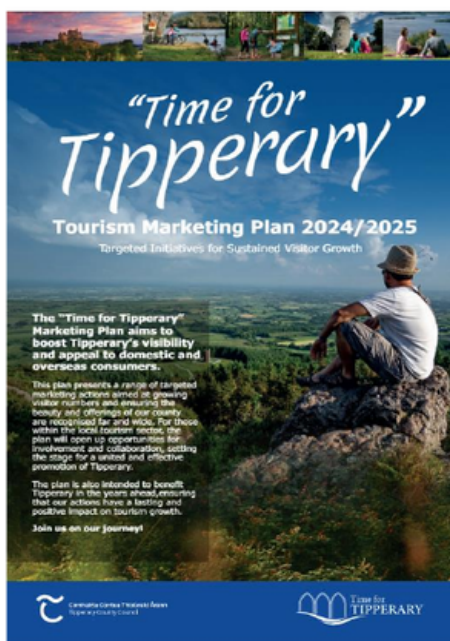


Marketing Plan

Presented at the Elevate Tipperary Tourism Conference recently, the ‘Time for Tipperary’ Tourism Marketing Plan 2024/2025 is currently being implemented. This plan presents a range of targeted marketing actions aimed at growing visitor numbers and ensuring the beauty and offerings of our county are recognised far and wide. For those within the local tourism sector, the plan will open up opportunities for involvement and collaboration, setting the stage for a united and effective promotion of Tipperary. The plan is also intended to benefit Tipperary in the years

ahead, ensuring that our actions have a lasting and positive impact on tourism growth.

Membership of Tipperary Tourism is again at the nominal fee of €100/ business for 2024 and open to all tourism-related businesses and community groups in Tipperary. See: [Tipperary Tourism | Become a Member](#)




Events

Elevate Tipperary Tourism Conference 2024

Resulting from significant pre-event promotion and media placement, national, local, social media, resulted in over-subscription of the landmark Tipperary tourism networking event, with 200 people attending this full day event in the Cashel Palace Hotel.

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Tipp Plots the Future


The Elevate Tipperary Tourism Conference which opened on Wednesday has brought almost 200 tourism industry representatives out in force to put their best foot forward for Tipperary ahead of this coming tourism season.

Delegates included hoteliers, restaurant owners, activity providers – water sports, equestrian, hiking, Chamber of Commerce, public authorities, tour operators, educational establishments, caravan and camping park owners, tour guides, visitor attractions, bars, Tipperary Food Producers and many more.

Caroline Rice, Tourism Development and Marketing Officer for Tipperary, commented how “the

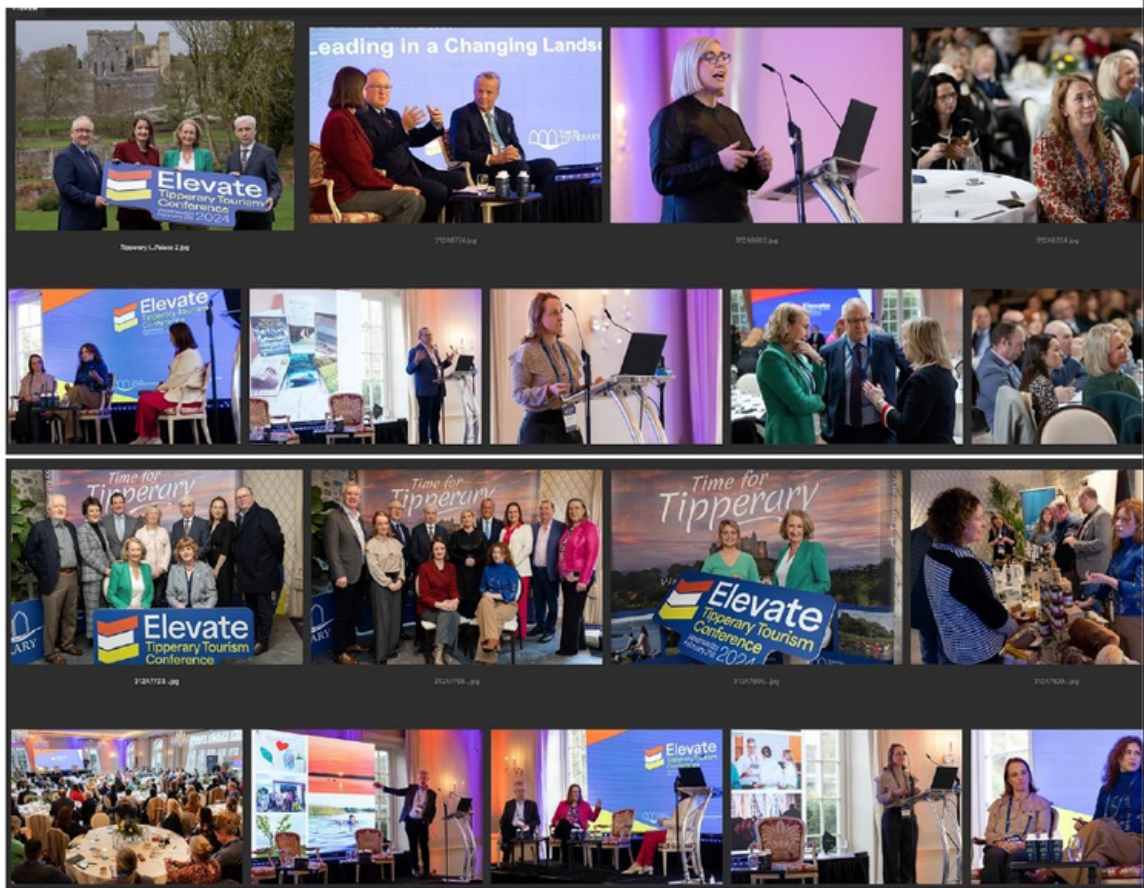
200 attend Elevate Tipperary Tourism Conference

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Alice Mansergh, Paul Keely, Adrian Vartels on stage.

Elevate Tipperary Tourism Conference brought 200 tourism industry representatives to Cashel Palace to showcase Tipperary's offerings for the upcoming tourism season, highlighting collaboration and support from various stakeholders across the sector.



Numerous emails and thanks for organising the event from the tourism sector, for example:

"In the years of attending 'tourism' events organised by Tipperary County Council, today's Elevate Tipperary Tourism was truly outstanding. What struck me most about it was the fact that so much planning and thought

had gone into it, that there actually is a plan, there is a structure and there is somebody at the helm who has the vision and drive to help all providers in the county work together to achieve Time For Tipperary's goal".

"It was a fantastic day, great speakers giving real, and genuine encouragement to us all. Also, a wonderful opportunity to meet and catch up with old friends many of whom I hadn't seen since pre-Covid times. And don't get me started on the unbelievable food served to us all!!! I think everyone was blown away with the quality and variety on offer.

Once again, thank you for yesterday and for all that you do for us 'small fry' in the tourism industry in Tipp, your contribution and support is very much appreciated. I look forward to meeting up again to see where we can go from here".

"The calibre of speakers you exposed the audience to was just brilliant and super insightful. I have no doubt that every single person attending got something from it. From an academic perspective, it was really quite thought provoking and it was wonderful to see the buy in from local businesses from around Tipperary".

Sports Tourism Conference, University of Limerick

The Tourism Officer attended this Roundtable event on March 28th at the Sport for Business / University of Limerick Irish Sports Tourism Conference. There was a great line-up of speakers looking at this key area of the Irish sports and tourism business.



Meitheal



The Tipperary tourism officer attended this event in Killarney during April, representing all of Tipperary within both the Ireland’s Ancient East and Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands brand regions. A number of Tipperary trade attended representing their own products and promoting Tipperary as a destination. This event is organised by Fáilte Ireland and attracts the greatest number of overseas tour operators than any other event organised to promote Ireland as a destination.

Spotlight on Tourism, TUS

TUS Midwest hosted a ‘Spotlight on Tourism’ event for their tourism undergrads, inviting tourism practitioners, including Tipperary Tourism, from the Midwest region to be part of the event. The purpose of the ‘Spotlight’ event was to provide tourism students with insights and understandings on what a career in a tourism might look like, as opposed to hospitality.

Local Government Tourism Conference

Representatives from the Tourism section attended this two day conference in April in Killashee House Hotel, focused on Leading the Change in Tourism. Topics covered included: A Time of Change; Sustainable Tourism & Destination Development; Innovation in Tourism Re-imagining Local Tourism – The Importance of Place; EU Just Transition for Tourism; Global Irish and the Power of Networks.



New Tourism Officers Network

This was established in April, with the inaugural meeting taking place in Naas. This will provide a framework for the sharing of best practice, information and experience to enable the efficient and effective performance of the tourism function of local authorities, amongst other functions. Both the Tipperary Tourism Officer and Munster Vales Tourism Officer attended.

Become an Ireland's Ancient East Champion Workshop

Tourism section representatives attended a Champions Workshop - Thoroughbred Country in the Minella Hotel, Clonmel in April. Developed by Fáilte Ireland, a new Ireland's Ancient East Champions Programme aims to enhance customer service skills and build local product knowledge, with a view to providing an exceptional visitor experience in the county. Details of this workshop were also shared with tourism community groups and businesses in the region.

Audit on Accessible Outdoor Recreational Facilities and Angling in Tipperary

Funded via ORIS 2022 and Tipperary County Council, this important audit is now complete, the process included much stakeholder engagement, desk and field research, including comprehensive references to policies and strategies.

One of the objectives in the Tipperary County Development Plan (2019-2025) is to support the provision of accessible tourism in Tipperary, thereby ensuring that facilities are accessible to people with mobility issues, people with learning disabilities, visual or hearing impairment, young children, and elderly people. Should Tipperary add the concept of 'Accessible Tourism' to its offering, then it stands to become a unique destination in Ireland, offering accessible outdoor recreational holiday opportunities for families and people living with disabilities, with realisable socio-economic benefits across the county.

Based on the audit results, Tipperary is host to c. five outdoor recreation Signature Sites that have potential to become 'Accessible Centres of Excellence' for outdoor recreation and angling. They are well distributed around the county and would provide options for disabled persons and their families/ carers to enjoy new recreational opportunities. In addition to these Signature Sites, the audit identified 5-6 'Satellite Sites' that with moderate interventions (on barriers, WC, surfacing, etc) could become accessible sites offering niche recreational activities.

The audit revealed some interesting findings for each municipal district with general and site-specific observations on accessibility. Audited sites included Clonmel Townpark, Clonmel Blueway, Kilsheelan Blueway, Slievenamon/ Kilcash Woods. Full document is available by emailing the Tourism Officer at caroline.rice@tipperarycoco.ie.

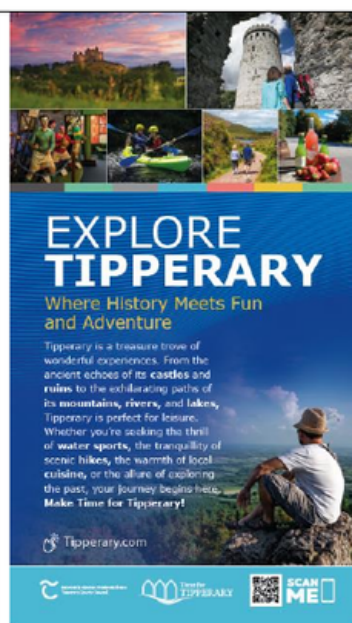
Industry Training

The Tourism Marketing and Development Officer attended the April County Tipperary Chamber Skillnets Steering Group meeting, where Tipperary Tourism's recent training needs survey results were shared with the group.

A Social Media for Tourism Businesses Training Workshop was provided during Local Enterprise Week in March and well attended by the sector. Dates are being finalised for a Digital Marketing 6-week course aimed at tourism businesses and a Tourism 'Experiences' Photography course, working with the Tipperary LEO to deliver these.

Advertising

500,000 copies of 'Your Daily Adventure' publications are printed in 2024, across 5 regional editions, with a combined readership of over 1.3 million. The guides have been produced by Glance since 2002. Huge numbers of readers travel to the featured visitor attractions, activities, entertainments, destinations and shopping experiences they would like to experience during their stay in Ireland. Tipperary is featured as a full page in the South East edition, with 100,000 copies. It is distributed to and merchandised at the key places visitors frequent – hotels, other accommodations, airports, ferryports, visitor attractions, tourist centres, large motorway stations, and more.



Time for Tipperary banner advertisement placed on an online magazine called Tuairisc (www.tuairisc.ie).



Media Coverage

La Cometa TV

Spanish TV Company (La Cometa TV), produced an award-winning travel television program called "Valencians al Món", for one of the official public broadcasters in Spain. This is the most viewed TV program on the channel with more than 150 programmes already produced. They travel around the world visiting and interviewing people born in Valencia who live abroad. In conjunction with Tourism Ireland, they visited Ireland in March to film. Tipperary Tourism provided guidance and assistance with contacts on their itinerary around Clonmel, including Saint Patrick's Well and Ormond Castle. The programme is available to view at: https://www.apuntmedia.es/programes/valencians-al-mon/complets/valencians-mon-irlanda-sant-patrici_134_1698606.html

Tracks and Trails



Tracks & Trails returns for its 11th Season with six episodes across 7 counties on the Island of Ireland. In the final episode in this series, veteran journalist and political commentator Tommie Gorman visits Co. Tipperary to walk part of an ancient trail taken by St. Declan. Confirmed broadcasting is Friday 10th of May on RTE1 at 730pm. Lots of promotion and PR around this transmission and the series, featuring St Declan's Way from Cahir to the Knockmealdown Mountains. Will serve the purpose of increasing the profile of Tipperary as a visitor destination for walking.

Tourism Activator

The EU Just Transition Fund Tourism Activator Mairead Winters is in place to support tourism start-ups and existing providers in the Just Transition Territory by raising awareness and understanding among potential applicants of how the JTF funding and support schemes work. The Tourism Activator has been working with potential applications to elicit quality project proposals and grant applications by liaising with private and community SMEs to identify quality projects within the Just Transition territory of Carrick MD and Thurles MD. Interested applicants can reside in Clonmel but the tourism business will need to be situated within Carrick or Thurles MD boundaries.

The Investment Grant Aid Scheme Private and Community SMEs Webinar on Monday 13th of May at 1 pm provides an overview of eligible funding categories, Expression of Interest closing date 12 Noon 30th of June 2024.

EU JUST TRANSITION FUND
Investment Grant Aid Scheme for
Private & Community SMEs WEBINAR

- Thinking of starting a sustainable tourism business or Are you looking to improve your existing visitor experience? Discover how you may be eligible for up to 80% Funding through the scheme's various categories below 📌
- Development or Enhancement of Sustainable Visitor Experiences
 Development of Sustainable/Low Carbon Tourist Accommodation
 Capital Project Planning & Design
 Accessibility enhancements more inclusive visitor experience
- Join Mairead Winters EU JUST Transition Tourism Activator who will provide relevant information on Funding criteria

Investment Grant Aid Scheme Webinar on Monday 13th of May at 1pm
Registration is Essential - Email mairead.winters@tipperarycoco.ie

This initiative is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union



In addition to her role within the EU Just Territory, The Tourism Activator role involves catalysing rural and community entrepreneurship and enabling success across all of the funding schemes that comprise Fáilte Ireland funding schemes and LEADER. Please contact mairead.winters@tipperarycoco.ie for information and support regarding tourism initiatives.

The Tourism Activator attended the LGMA conference Tourism- 'Leading the Change; which provided invaluable insights into the concept of sustainable tourism with best practice examples. The conference provided context for the wider marketing and development plans that were presented by Tourism Ireland and Fáilte Ireland and the important role local authorities play in implementing key actions from these strategic goals.

Munster Vales Marketing

Kiosk

The visitor information kiosk that was installed in the Talbot Hotel Clonmel in July 2023 has had over 5,000 hits in recent months. This is a great opportunity for tourism related in businesses in Clonmel to be seen and a free way to attract more customers.

Website

Munster Vales has recently updated the content on their website to reflect new businesses and to update current listings. MV is working on improving the website's SEO so that the high-quality tourism offering in this region will appear in front of the international market, especially the North American and French, German and Italian market. MV is working in collaboration with Tipperary Tourism, Thoroughbred Country, Failte Ireland and many more agencies to represent this beautiful region on a national and international level to specific target markets.

Networking and Events

The Tourism Officer attended many networking events in recent months including the LGMA conference Tourism 'Leading the Change' which focused on the concept of sustainable tourism with best practice examples from around Ireland and Europe. It was interesting to see how local authorities are instrumental in implementing key actions.

The Tourism Officer also attended a Failte Ireland workshop in Hotel Minella in April to a large attendance from the tourism businesses, this workshop emphasised the importance of excellent customer service and it was a great opportunity to learn about the fantastic businesses in the local area.



Measure 1 – Direct Grant Support

Grant Approvals

To April 2024, the local Enterprise Office has committed €95,500 in grant assistance to 4 projects in Clonmel MD. This committed figure is distributed between the 3 types of grant-assistance as follows;

Grant Type	Number	Value €
Feasibility	1	8,500
Business Expansion	1	30,000
Priming	2	57,000

This represents 34% of overall approvals for Tipperary at €282,612

Job Creation

The Priming and Business Expansion Technical Assistance grants approved to date have the potential to yield 8.5 full time job equivalents at an average cost per job of €11,235 which represents an excellent return for EU and Exchequer funds. This represents 25% of job creation for Tipperary at 19.

Sector Breakdown for M1 Approvals

Sector	Number	Value €
Manufacturing	1	45,000
IT/ Data Analytics	1	8,500
Food	2	42,000

LEO TIPPERARY METRICS	Output up to 30th April 2024
Gradstart	1

Technical Assistance/ Export	5
Lean	13
Green	5
Trading on line	30
Total Training	419
SYOB	43
Management Development	15
General	361
Mentoring 1 to 1	31
Business Advice Clinics	120
Digital	3
Microfinance Applications	9
Energy Efficiency	3

Local Enterprise Week update 4th – 8th March 2024

The annual Local Enterprise Week in Tipperary was a resounding success, with over **210 local businesses** actively participating in a week-long series of learning and networking events spanning **16 engaging programs**.

Throughout the week, businesses had the opportunity to attend a variety of events, including **Business Advice Clinics** held across key locations such as Nenagh, Thurles, Roscrea, Tipperary Town, Clonmel, and Carrick-on-Suir. Additionally, a diverse range of webinars covered essential topics such as **Self-Employment, Social Media** strategies for **Tourism businesses, Cyber Security**, leveraging **LinkedIn for professional networking, Demystifying Financial Regulations** for small businesses, as well as a discussion on **Intellectual Property**.

In-person gatherings were equally dynamic, featuring a **Green Hubs** event promoting waste reduction, a **Retail Symposium** focusing on industry trends, a day long **Artificial Intelligence workshop in association with Microsoft & LinkedIn, Safety Awareness for Food companies** and a special **Celebration of International Women’s Day** held at Aherlow House Hotel. This collaborative initiative provided invaluable resources and insights to local entrepreneurs, fostering innovation and growth within the Tipperary business community.

The week also included the announcement of **Evie & Eliza Ward of Nenagh-based Nutshed** as LEO Tipperary's **representative in this year's National Enterprise Awards Final** which takes place on 23 May at the Mansion House, Dublin.



Upcoming Events taking place:

Student Enterprise Awards Final Mullingar 9th May

81 of Ireland’s brightest young entrepreneurial minds will compete in the finals from the 26,000 students or so who began their businesses in September 2023 where they will exhibit their fantastic business ideas having been chosen to represent their respective LEO’s and one business will be named Student Enterprise of the Year for 2024.

Our Senior Category Tipperary Representative Seán Brett, Tankit™ from CBS Thurles has been busy since his win at our county final and has met with Teagasc, Abbey Machinery and appeared on RTE’s Country Wide with Philip Boucher Hayes in April. All were very impressed with his business idea which is a portable steel cover for slurry pit manholes and is designed primarily to address multiple farm safety hazards.



Our Intermediate Category winners are Harry Butler, Padraic O’Halloran, H&P Engineering from **Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles** who have developed a Multi-Purpose Slurry Tool as their business idea.

Harry Ryan, HR Agri Photography from **Patrician Presentation Fethard** is our Junior Category national finalist and has his images and videography used by The Farmers Journal.



Presentation Secondary School, Ballygarry students Laura Butler and Jellyan Cantwel represent us in the new category LCVP Challenge.

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed Thurles student Eoin Tarpey will represent Tipperary in the ‘**My Entrepreneurial Journey**’ category.

We wish Tipperary students continued success and are confident they will represent LEO Tipperary well.

National Enterprise Awards Mansion House Dublin 23rd May

Nutshed Limited business from Nenagh is this year’s winner of the Tipperary Enterprise Award for 2024 and will now represent Local Enterprise Office Tipperary at the National Enterprise Awards at the Mansion House in Dublin on the 23rd May.



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Economic Development and Enterprise SPC

The current Economic Development and Enterprise SPC concluded after the last meetings held on May 7th 2024. The Agenda for the meeting included:

- EU Just Transition Tourism Fund Activation
- RRDF Projects in County Tipperary
- A review of the work of the SPC 2019 – 2024

It is expected that a new SPC will be in place for a September 2024 meeting.

Town Painting & Enhancement Scheme

The Painting & Enhancement Scheme has been offered to the Municipal Districts for the 2024 program. €5,695 was offered to Clonmel MD – the largest amount offered to any of the 5 MD - this sum is based on having the largest ratio of the population of the county in the Clonmel MD area.

The funding can be used for painting and general improvements to commercial building frontages; the erection of planters; floral hanging baskets or other environmental improvements and the removal of inappropriate contemporary signage, fittings and general clutter and the replacement with shop fascia signage.

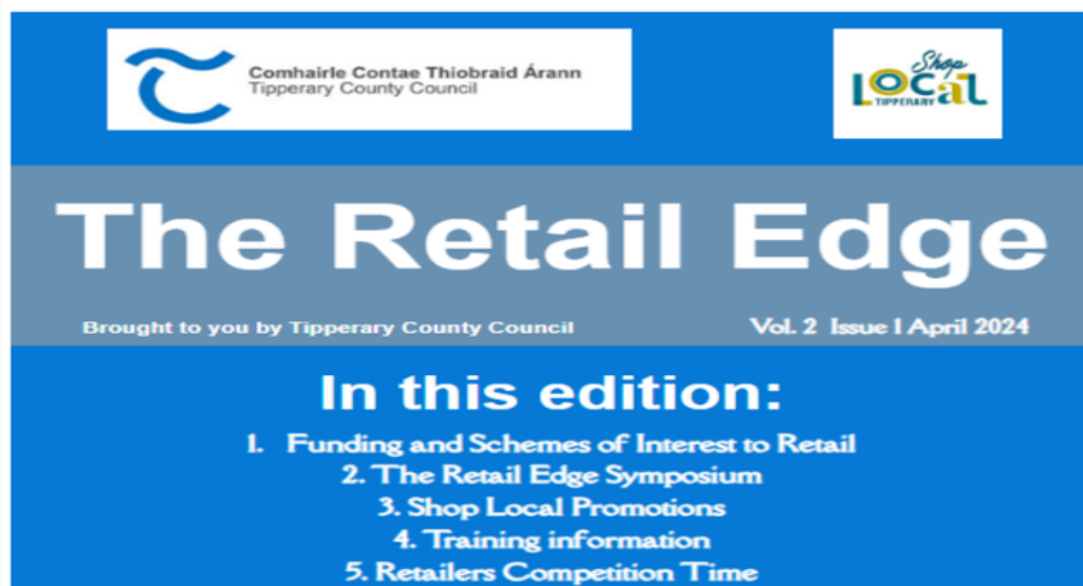
The areas included in the Scheme is at the discretion of the MD and the scheme will enable an Painting and Enhancement Scheme to be administrated over the coming months in the District.

Shop local Tipperary Retail Newsletter

A large database of over 500 businesses in the county has been generated and this is used to target information about Training Events, grant schemes and other useful information for shop owners and businesses in the county.

The Retail Edge Newsletter has a Mission as follows:

- 1). To provide information on initiatives available that support, promote and inform Commercial/Retail businesses across County Tipperary.
- 2). To encourage you to avail of the training opportunities offered by different organisations and agencies.
- 3). To motivate you to use social media channels for business purposes and to inspire you to link-in with our Shop Local Tipperary promotions. The quarterly e-newsletter was issued in April and it was filled with the latest updates for the retail sector from around the county and nationally.



Since inception we have had a number of requests from businesses to be included in the next circulation as they felt that it had some great information that could be shared throughout the businesses.

The Shop Local Social Media Campaign



**All our social media competitions are
FREE**

Tipperary County Council continues to support the Retail sector throughout the county through the provision of a strong Shop Local Tipperary Social Media campaign throughout the year by the council.

The Retail sector is the biggest employer in the county and Tipperary County Council's 'Shop Local Tipperary' online social media campaign continues to

provide promotions that remind all citizens and people in the county, and further afield, of the value and services provided locally by our retail sector.

The platform can, and is also be used by retail businesses themselves to promote their offerings and reach a large number of people on our social media pages. Of course, with some great prizes people that enter our competitions benefit if they are lucky to win a voucher for a Tipperary shop of their choice– and those that enter help us by pushing out, to their friends and followers the message of Shop Local Tipperary.



The target audience of Shop Local Tipperary posts are people living in Tipperary and we seek to continually remind them of the variety of businesses right on their doorstep and how important it is to keep those business going by shopping locally.

**The Retail Edge –
A symposium for County Tipperary’s Retail Sector**

The Retail Edge Symposium was held on March 6th 2024 and it set out to empower Tipperary’s Retail Sector with expert insights and strategies. Industry leaders presented to the retailers of the Premier County in an evening of knowledge-sharing and inspiration at the Tipperary County Council ‘Retail Edge’ Symposium.

The event was aimed at supporting the Retail sector by addressing some of the most challenging areas for businesses at this time.

Renowned retail performance coach Alf Dunbar headlined the event with a Customer Service Master-Class. He delved into the art of delivering exceptional service, fostering customer loyalty, and adapting to evolving consumer trends. All attendees to the event received a free copy of his book which is filled with great ideas to address for the customer service challenges experienced by the retail sector.



Tommy Smyth, an expert in Human Resources, provided tailored HR information for the retail sector. His session covered employment law basics, talent retention strategies and ideas on how businesses can attract top talent. This session was particularly well received as the latest changes to the legal framework for employers was outlined and the retailers were able to get clarity on their responsibilities.

Aine O'Leary, the 2023 winner of the medium-sized Online Retailer of the Year award, shared her inspiring journey to successful online selling. Attendees gained insights into growth opportunities in the online retail space as they heard how she addressed the many challenges to go from local to global with her clothes business. With a great number in attendance, it was a very successful event.





Marketing of County Tipperary as an ideal Remote Working Location.

The launch of the **WorkWise Live Life @ Tipperary** campaign was on Friday 12th April and it will run until Mid- August 2024.

The campaign is rolling out across a variety of channels including Outdoor Advertising, Social Media, Digital Advertising, Press and Radio.



An element of the campaign includes the creation of short videos from the perspective of a remote worker, a hub owner and an employer within the county outlining their personal views of the benefits they have experienced from working remotely in Tipperary.



The **WorkWise; Live Life @ Tipperary** campaign offers a playful insight into the benefits of remote working and the enjoyment of work/life balance in all that Tipperary has to offer.

Stay tuned for our social media campaign and your engagement to help spread the word is very important and keep an eye out in Irishtown for one of our Billboards!



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Culture Team Report
Clonmel Borough District
15th May, 2024

Library Activities

Capital Grant funding for Clonmel Library:



- The Department of Rural and Community Development recently announced a new Library Capital grant scheme. Tipperary County Council secured a grant of €3m for the construction of a new Library for Clonmel. This grant is very welcome and will be of significant benefit to the project. However, there is a funding shortfall which will need to be addressed in order to complete the project. Work has commenced on addressing this funding issue. The Design Team will now commence the public consultation and Part 8 Planning process.

Activities:

- Clonmel Library hosted a poetry workshop by Jenny Cox & Eileen Acheson from Write Minds on 6th March. Write Minds are a local group who aim to create a safe and fun space to develop your writing using creative prompts.



- Brian Gallagher, author of Across the Divide, Taking Sides, Secrets and Shadows, Stormclouds and Friend or Foe visited Clonmel library to talk about his works and the writing process on 23rd February. Over 120 Pupils from St. Oliver's NS, Gaelscoil and Sisters of Charity attended these talks. This event was held as part of Ireland Reads Day.

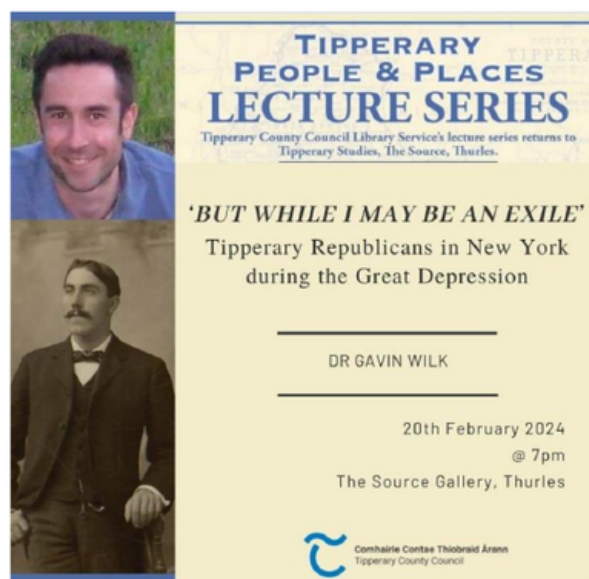


- Manchán Magan, Author of *'Listen to the land speak: a journey into the wisdom of what lies beneath us'* visited Clonmel library on 11th March to speak about his book and research. This event took place as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge.

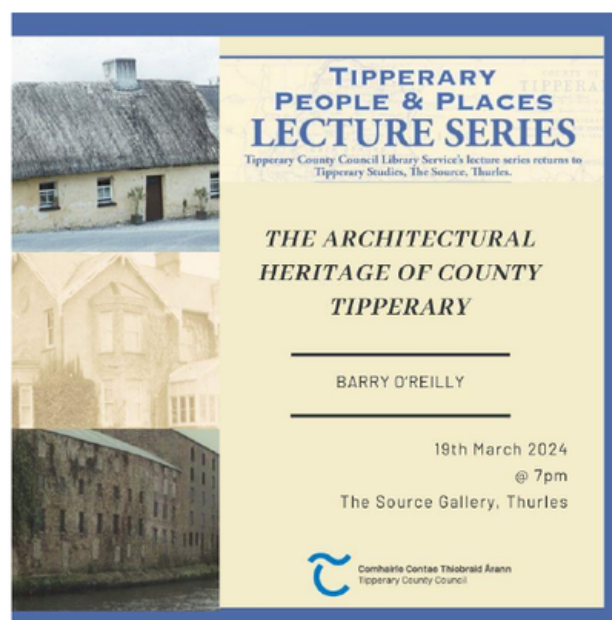


- Clonmel Library hosted a drawbot workshop on 6th March. Pupils from Ballyneale NS, Sisters of Charity NS, Saint Mary's Parochial School and Gaelscoil Chluain Meala attended the workshop which was held as part of the South East Engineering Festival 2024.

Tipperary Studies



- Dr Gavin Will delivered a lecture entitled *"But while I might be an exile: Tipperary Republicans in New York during the Great Depression"* on 20th February as part of the Tipperary People and Places Lecture Series.



- Barry O'Reilly delivered a lecture entitled *"The architectural heritage of County Tipperary"* on 19th March as part of the Tipperary People and Places Lecture Series.

Arts Service



Launch of Tipperary Bealtaine 2024 in Clonmel Library

Bealtaine Festival

- Ireland's National celebration of arts and creativity as we age returns for 2024. The theme this year is "*Lust for Life*" and Tipperary County Council Library Service has a fantastic itinerary of events taking place throughout the county over the course of May. Highlights include a talk by Brent Pope in Littleton. The former rugby player, pundit and mental health advocate will talk about his difficulties with sharing his troubled past and how he battled anxiety and depression.

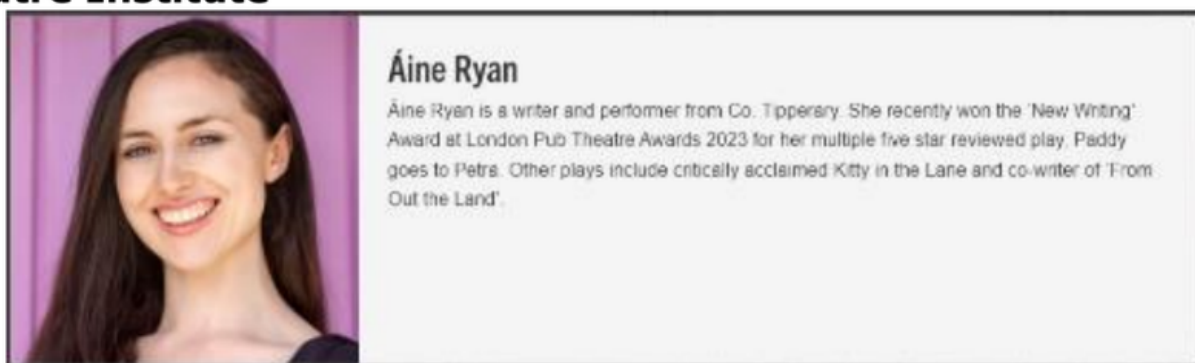
This is just a flavour of what is on offer throughout our libraries in May. You can also register for events such as Upcycling Cafés, Mobility Workshops, Basketry Tutorials, Wood Carving, Drama Workshops, Line Dancing, Sustainability Coaching, Silk Painting and Wellness Courses. Tipperary Bealtaine Festival 2024 presents a busy month of workshops, concerts, poetry, exhibitions, literature, dance and crafts.



Supporting Artists:

- Professional development training and events, in addition to supporting artists development, also provide important networking opportunities for artists in Tipperary and is an area of arts office support consistently identified by artists as of value. This spring we continued our online training provision in partnership with Visual Artists Ireland and partner local authorities in Limerick and Clare.

Six in The Attic – A new partnership with the Irish Theatre Institute



- The Tipperary Arts Strategy 2023-2027 identified a need to create new opportunities to facilitate “networking and collaboration opportunities for artists” and to seek support for the “development of new work by Tipperary practitioners (particularly in the area of theatre)”. We are delighted to work with the Irish Theatre Institute (ITI) as a partner on an initiative which supports playwrights and theatre makers called Six in the Attic and Virtual Attic 2023/24.

Six in the Attic (SITA) is a year-long artist development programme. SITA supports a community of playwrights

and theatre makers to engage, explore, develop, debate, and collaborate on their projects and practice, both in-person and online.

Selection for the programme was made by open call published in October 2023. This year marks a new partnership approach with Tipperary Arts Office, Galway City Arts Office, Leitrim Arts Office, Roscommon Arts Centre and Wexford Arts Office. One artist from each of these counties was selected for SITA 2023/24.

The Six in the Attic & Virtual Attic Artists for the 2023/24 programme were announced in December and we are delighted that Áine Ryan was selected as the Tipperary artist participating in this inaugural year.

PRINTS FOR SCHOOLS Initiative



- An opportunity for Second Level Schools to utilise unique artworks in curriculum delivery.

An exhibition of 32 contemporary prints by Irish artists is available to borrow from the Tipperary Arts Office for cultural and educational purposes.

The prints are specially packed for easy handling and transport and include works by well-known Irish Printmakers including Alice Hanratty, Des Mac Mahon and David Lilburn. In addition, printmaking workshops are offered to participating schools while the exhibition is in the school.

Heritage Service



Heritage and Biodiversity Officers with CE AND Senior Staff from Heritage Council and staff from National Monuments Service and NPWS.

County Heritage Plan Actions:

- Joint training with Heritage and Biodiversity Officers took place in Meath with presentations from the Department and NPWS as well as site visits to new land acquired for national park
- Funding has been allocated from the Heritage Council for this year's programme
- The initial ICAN meeting took place in Cahir in February with our 6 pilot sites and the Tipperary portal and logo is

now being designed and the groups are undergoing training to help get the websites up and running.

- A new Heritage plan is currently being drafted and the Heritage Forum will meet to discuss in coming months.

Irish Walled Town Network

- The AGM of the IWTN took place in Trim County Meath on the 21 March. Róisín O Grady was appointed to the Management Committee as town representative for the Tipperary Towns for a 2-year term
- The new IWTN Strategy 2024 was launched at the AGM



Heritage Officers from Irish Walled Towns Network at IWTN Strategy Launch with Peter Carey Chair of IWTN, Virginia Teehan CE of Heritage Council and Cllr Tommy Reilly, Cathaoirleach Meath County Council

Creative Ireland Programme:

- A total of €138,035 was allocated under Creative Ireland grant schemes for 2024. 17 groups were allocated funding under the community grant and a further 9 received Project Awards.
- A further scheme to deliver Cruinniú na nÓg Creative Irelands day of National Creativity for Youth was launched

in March. Cruinniu na nÓg takes place on June 15th this year.

Royal Sites Bid

- Mapping of OUV attributes of all 6 sites is completed
- Negotiations on MOU with Department are well underway and will be finalised shortly
- A Comparative Analysis Study has commenced and a report will issue in the coming months
- Recruitment is currently taking place for a Royal Sites Project Coordinator
- Stakeholder and public engagement programmes will be rolled out in the coming months

Biodiversity Service

- The Biodiversity Office arranged an event at Cabragh Wetlands in Celebration of World Wetlands Day 2024. The event included project presentations of the Biodiversity Leadership Training Programme at Cabragh Wetlands.
- Tipperary County Council will shortly begin the process of creating the Tipperary Biodiversity Action Plan 2025-2030. A fundamental part of this process is the formation of a Biodiversity Working Group (BWG) which will help to steer the objectives of the plan. The Biodiversity Working Group will be made up of members from a wide variety of stakeholders including but not limited to Local government, State bodies, NGO's, local groups and individuals with an interest in biodiversity.

Museum Service



- The Paddy Cashin Photographic Exhibition has seen huge public engagement with 100s of visitors visiting the Museum. The images displayed Feb - April '24 are 1987 – 1989. Each month a new year will be exhibited.



- ARTiculation Ireland is a public speaking competition which promotes the appreciation and discussion of art, artefacts and architecture in secondary schools throughout Ireland. The competition seeks to engage

students between 16-18 years, regardless of background or experience, with art, artefacts and architecture to develop the confidence and ability to express their opinions and conclusions. The Tipperary Regional Final of ARTiculation 2023/24 was held Friday 15th March in the Council Chamber, Clonmel. 8 students participated representing 5 schools from across Tipperary County. Participating schools were Gael Cholaiste Cheitinn, Clonmel, CBS Highschool, Clonmel, Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel, CBS, Nenagh and Ursuline Secondary School, Thurles.

What's On > Talk/Workshop

HEDGE SCHOOLS - 'of the people, for the people, by the people'

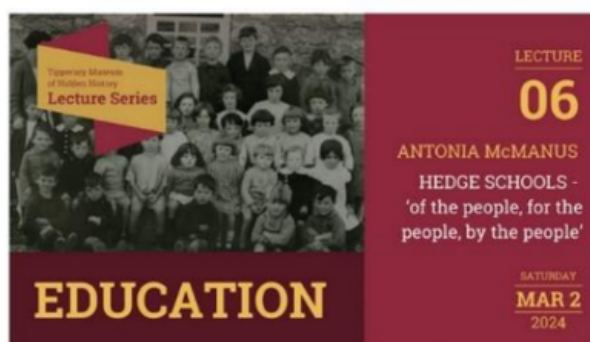
Speaker: Antonia McManus

How could free-paying hedge schools, which had emerged during the Cromwellian era, and spread during penal times, come to dominate Irish education for 130 years? What attraction did they hold for impoverished parents? What prompted hedge schoolmasters to teach during parlous times, and to continue to do so subsequently? Reviled by the Westminster Government and tolerated by the Catholic Church, the establishment of the national education system in 1831 transferred control of Irish education. Parents, however, continued to support the hedge schools, and it was a natural disaster – the Great Famine of the 1840s – that marked the beginning of the end of the hedge schools.

■ Mar 2, 2024

● 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

📍 TUS, Clonmel Digital Campus, Cashel Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91 D8H6



Biography:

Dr. Antonia McManus is formerly of the School of Education, Trinity College, Dublin, where she taught the History of Education for two decades. She was the first Director of the pioneering primary teacher education programme at Hibernia College, Dublin. She is author of *The Irish Hedge School and Its Books, 1695-1831* (Four Courts Press, 2002); *Irish Education: The Ministerial Legacy, 1919-1999* (History Press, 2014); and a biography of T.J. O'Connor (1882-1959) *Labour Party Leader, Trade Unionist, Senator and INTO Stalwart: The best Minister for Education Ireland never had* (Uinsinn Press, 2022).

- The 11th Annual Lecture series continued with Lecture 6 entitled *Hedge Schools – of the people, by the people* by Antonia McManus took place on 2nd March. There were 54 people in attendance. The final lecture in the series Lecture 7 entitled *The role of Religion in Education* will be held on April 6th. All lectures are being recorded and uploaded to our website www.hiddenhistoy.ie afterwards. Currently working on next series – with a change in format to include a one-day seminar in north Tipperary.



Donations received by the Museum in February and March included:

- Midwifery cert from early 1900s.
- WW1 Christmas Tin
- Fencing Swords, complete with face guard and gloves – with Clonmel Fencing Club logo
- WOI era Flute and Spoon (used while incarcerated)

Conservation:

- The wake Blanket has been returned from Rachel Phelan, Conservator. It has been cleaned and mounted for display ready to framing by David Kirwan on site. It will be mounted later this summer by Sven Habermann, Conservation Specialist.

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Clonmel Borough District – May 2024

No.	Item	Update
1.	Project Ireland 2040 Funds – URDF – Approved Projects	<p>Kickham Site – Phase 2: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans for the new garda station remain on target with construction hoped to commence Q4 2024/Q1 2025. Phase 2 ETB/TUS - designs underway. <p>Clonmel Public Realm -</p> <p>The revised Preliminary Business Case remains with the Dept. of Environment for their consideration and approval. We await their response, and we continue to actively liaise with the Dept. of Transport on this matter.</p>
2.	URDF Call 3	URDF Call 3 – Surveys are currently being carried out on all properties listed under the URDF Call 3 listing. Following engagement with the property owners under Derelict Sites Legislation, any properties remaining derelict will be considered for CPO under this funding.
	URDF Call 4	No significant change since the last meeting with the URDF Call for Funding 4 still awaited and no details of criteria or timeframe specified to date.
	Suir Island Gardens	Procurement process for Works Contractor is underway with Works expected to commence in June 2024.
	Suir Island Amenity Park (incl. Bridge)	An Bord Pleanála have written to Tipperary County Council to confirm that the date for determination of the application will now be in August 2024.
3.	Performance Space – Abbey St Car Park	Formal Contract signing took place for Abbey Street in recent weeks. Contractor - Suirside Construction will commence works on site the week of 13 th May 2024. Car park will be closed for the duration of construction – 5 months. Residents and traders have been advised of same.
4.	Market Place	Planning Application was lodged with the Planning Section in the past month. Normal planning process and timeframes and we await planning decision on same.
6.	Clonmel Arms Hotel	Following discussions with the developer this week, the revised plans are near completion and it is hoped that the Planning Application for the Arms will be lodged in the coming weeks.
7.	CCTV Scheme Extension	Following discussions with Inspector Declan Boland, Clonmel Garda Station, who has been working on this application since the initial stages, he confirmed this week that he has been answering

		Final queries sent by the Commissioners Office and he has submitted everything back to Dublin in the past week. He anticipates approval should come through in the coming weeks. Other applications that were ahead of Clonmel have now been approved which is a positive sign for Clonmel.
8.	Tree Strategy	Workshop date to be arranged with Councillors within next fortnight with the consultants
9.	St Patricks Cemetery Entrance	The District is awaiting further direction from Environment Section in relation to same.
9.	Marlfield Flood Alleviation Scheme	Public Consultation took place at the end March and the consultants are putting together a report following the submissions. Information in relation to site investigation works will be available to the council by the end of the summer
10.	Playground Equipment	All playground equipment in Mulcahy Park, Elm Park & Sensory Playground in Mulcahy Park has been repaired. A quotation for the replacement of equipment at Denis Burke Park has to be sought from specialist playground equipment suppliers. In addition to the repairs, the floor surfaces on the Mulcahy playground have been washed and steam cleaned this week.
11.	Landscaping/ Grass Cutting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilderness Area has been sprayed and weeded as a general tidy up for the area • Elm Park and Carrigeen are due to be cut next week • Blueway has been prepared/cut for the triathlon and the Athletic club events that took place last weekend
11.	ORIS	<u>Suir Blueway</u> : - Procurement process for Works Contractor is underway. Works expected to commence in June.

Report Prepared By: Carol Creighton, Administrative Officer, Clonmel Borough District

10th May 2024

2024 Road Works Programme (RWP) - Update for District Council Meeting on 15th May 2024

2024 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
R-706-3/4	Thorny Bridge R-706-3/4	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Preparing road for works and appointing macadam contractor.	5%
R-689-2	Caharclogh Lisronagh R-689-2	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Roadstone appointed - Planned to commence 27th May	5%
L-3278-0	Summerhill Glenconnor Rd L-3278-0	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Base Course complete, waiting on Surface Dressing	60%
L-6510-0	Kilcash to N76 L-6510-0	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Due to commence May 2024	5%
L-2509-2	Drumdeel Sladagh L-2509-2	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Due to commence May 2024	5%
L-1407-0	Railstown Rosegreen L-1407-0	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Due to commence May 2024	5%
L-7201-2	Jossestown L-7201-2	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Due to commence May 2024	5%

2023 Road Maintenance (RM), (Surface Dressing)

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
R-689-3	Market Hill	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Preparing road for surface dressing.	0%
R-706-5	Church Road Kilsheelan	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Preparing road for surface dressing.	0%
L-7205-2	Lavally Lower	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Preparing road for surface dressing.	0%
L-3282-2	Loughtally	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Preparing road for surface dressing.	0%
L-3272-3	Red City Fethard	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Preparing road for surface dressing.	0%
L7202-2	Ballinlough / Colman	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Preparing road for surface dressing.	0%
L-6503-0	Monroe	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Preparing road for surface dressing.	0%
L-7204-0	Caherclogh	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Preparing road for surface dressing.	0%
L-2504-0	Ballinvoher	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Preparing road for surface dressing.	0%

Drainage Grants for 2023

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
R-706-5	Ballyglasheen	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Drainage works continuing	80%
L-2501-2	Graigue, Ballypatrick	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Works substantially complete	90%
R-688-5	Clerihan Village	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey		0%
R-671-1	Raheen Road, Clonmel	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Commenced jetting and camera survey.	10%
L-3279-0	Rathronan Cross	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey		0%

Discretionary Improvement Works (Clonmel Town and Environs)

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
	Mary St Car Park Wall Repairs	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Awaiting agreement for 50% funding from School	0%
	Mountain Road	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	HRA resurfacing	0%
	Joyces Lane	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	HRA resurfacing	0%
	Road Markings & Signage	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Kickham Street li& Fethard Roadned last week	10%
	Clonmel Town Patchworks	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Fethard Road Patch at Crann Ard Complete	15%

Red Roads

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
L-1411-0	Blackcastle/Ballygerald	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Due to commence June 2024	5%
L-3275-1	Ballingarrane Lower	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Preparing road for works and appointing macadam contractor.	0%

Community Involvement Scheme- Currently being assessed

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
	Ballyglasheen	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Local contribution received. Preparing road for works. Contractor to be appointed.	0%

Local Improvement Scheme (LIS Schemes) - Currently being assessed.				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
Safety Improvement Scheme 2024				
	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
	N/A			
Bridge Rehabilitation Works.				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
	N/A			
HD30 - Capital Maintenance on National Road Pavements 2024 (Pavement Repairs & Drainage Works)				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
	N/A			
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
€35,000.00	Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	Gillian Flynn	Planning Pack sent to the NTA & Planning Department for validation. Workshop with members scheduled for May 2024	10%
€900,000.00	Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	Gillian Flynn	Developing the design to obtain NTA approval to proceed to construction. Following approval consultant to finalise detailed design drawings.	15%
€25,000.00	SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	Gillian Flynn	Delay planning publication due to requirement for railing and Architectural Impact Assessment	10%
€850,000.00	SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel	Gillian Flynn	Developing the design to obtain NTA approval to proceed to construction. Negotiations with GAA ongoing.	15%
€15,000.00	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, awaiting approval to proceed to Part 8	10%
€3,000.00	Clonmel Local Transport Plan	Gillian Flynn	Local Transport plan complete	100%
	Clonmel to Marfield Greenway	Louise Farrell	Project on Hold - Preparing tender documents to appoint consultants	10%
	Marfield to Cahir Greenway	Louise Farrell	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-2508-0	Powerstown Drainage Works	Adam Coffey	Drainage Works - Agreement with landowner required.	0%
L-65101-0/L-6510	Kilcash	Emma Ryan	Drainage Works	0%
Towns & Villages Renewal				
Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
	N/A			
IPB Footpath Funding				

	Project Name & Location	Project Manager	Project Details	% Project Complete
	Ash Court Lawn completed	Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
	Ratheen House	Adam Coffey	Awarded to V Plant Planned to commence 1st Week in June	0%
	Ash Court	Adam Coffey	Awarded to V Plant Planned to commence 1st Week in June	0%
	The wheel, Wilderness grove	Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
	Wilderness Grove	Adam Coffey	Awarded to V Plant Planned to commence 1st Week in June	0%
	Old Toberhenna	Adam Coffey		0%
	Wheatfield drive	Adam Coffey		0%
	Elm Park	Adam Coffey	Awarded to V Plant Planned to commence 1st Week in June	0%
	Ash Lawn	Adam Coffey	Awarded to V Plant Planned to commence 1st Week in June	0%
	Railway Close Kilsheelan	Emma Ryan		0%
Development Contribution Levies prior to 2024				
	Kilcash Village Enhancement Works	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Contractor appointed. Work due to commence mid May 2024	5%
	Mountain View Estate Rosegreen Footpaths	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan		0%
	Rosegreen Village Bench	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Location agreed with Rosegreen TT. Works due to commence May 2024	5%
	Kilsheelan-Cloghcarrigeen Footpaths	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan		0%
	Kilsheelan Village - Patching	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan		0%
	Kilcash Driver feedback signs	Nicola Keating & Emma Ryan	Order of feedback sign being progressed.	5%
Development Contribution Levies for 2024				
	Gates at Sheehy Terrace/Gordon St Car Park	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey	Complete	100%
	Raheen Road Resurfacing	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey		0%
	Queen St resurfacing	Nicola Keating & Adam Coffey		0%

Capital Projects Programme - Update for Council Meeting May 2024

Project Name & Details	Detailed Project Status
Clonmel Public Realm	The revised Preliminary Business Case remains with the Dept. of Environment for their consideration and approval. We await their response, and we continue to actively liaise with the Dept. of Transport on this matter.
Suir Island Amenity Park (incl. Bridge)	The planning application remains with An Bord Pleanala for determination. The Board notified TCC that determination by original decision date (02/05/2024) was not possible and that the Board now intends to determine the application before 08/08/2024.
Suir Island Gardens	Procurement process for Works Contractor is underway. Works on track for commencement in June.
Performance Space – Abbey St Car Park	Suirside Construction Ltd. have been appointment as Works contractor. Commencement on site scheduled for 13/05/2024. Estimated 5 month programme.
ORIS:- Suir Blueway	Procurement process for Works Contractor is underway. Works on track for commencement in June.

**Clonmel Borough Municipal District.
Vacant Housing Report.
Municipal District Meeting, 15th May 2024**

Breakdown of Vacant Houses.

Total number of vacant houses:	19
Housing Capital responsible for works:	10
CBD responsibility:	9

Break down of Clonmel Borough District Vacant Houses

Awarded to contractors:	4
Prepared for tender:	1
Being prepared for tender:	4
Pending award to contractors.	0

Housing Capital.

Major Refurbishment in conjunction with Housing Capital:	0
Housing Capital with complete responsibility:	10

Notes:

· Received keys in last fortnight:	1
· District not responsible (keys not yet issued to District):	0



Order Number	Subject	Details	DelegatorList	Council Meeting	District
38018	Section 254 Licence - Scaffolding Licence	Erection of Scaffolding/hoarding at Former Sows Ear, E91 HX05, Davis Road, Clonmel, Co Tipperary from 7th May 2024 to the 31st October 2024.	Creighton, Carol	15/05/2024	Clonmel Borough District
37933	Extension of Section 254 Licence - Scaffolding Licence	Extesnion of Scaffolding/Hoarding Licence at former Drohans Baker, Quay Street, Clonmel, Co Tipperary E91 WV40 from the 1st May 2024 to the 31st May 2024	Creighton, Carol	15/05/2024	Clonmel Borough District
37824	Section 254 Licence - Scaffolding Licence	Scaffolding Licence granted to Presto Construction Ltd, 42 Honeyview Estate, Clonmel for the erection of Scaffolding/hoarding at 7 O'Neill Street, Clonmel, Co Tipperary from the 20th April 2024 to the 20th May 2024.	Creighton, Carol	15/05/2024	Clonmel Borough District
37795	Abbey Street Car Park Performance Area project	The Tender from Suirside Construction Ltd, Lockheed Avenue, Airport Business Park, Co Waterford X91 YR44 in the sump sum amount of 419,306.00 ex VAT, in respect of the construction works contract for Abbey Street Car Park Performance Area project.	Carr, Sinead	15/05/2024	Clonmel Borough District

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9th April, 2024.

RE: N24 WATERFORD TO CAHIR PREFERRED TRANSPORT SOLUTION

Dear Minister Ryan,

We are writing to you on behalf of the First Citizens of Kilkenny & Tipperary County Councils and Waterford City and County Council following a meeting held with all three counties and the Oireachtas Members. We are collectively concerned, dismayed and angered at the need to write to you again on the basis that no funding has been provided to progress the N24 Waterford to Cahir project past Phase 2 Route Option Selection.

We are respectfully requesting that the funding position be reconsidered as we believe it aligns with Government priorities and will also help address safety concerns on the current corridor.

Under section 24 of the Roads Act, you as Minister sets terms and conditions in relation to grants from moneys provided by the Oireachtas towards national roads, capital projects and current expenditure of TII. The following are two of the four terms and conditions set by you:

- Maintenance of existing national roads assets, helping to keep them to a safe and robust standard.
- For projects further back in the development pipeline, i.e., pre-Approval Gate 1 in the Infrastructure Guidelines, the focus of the remaining funding should be on progressing by-passes and other projects that will contribute to supporting the National Planning Framework's national strategic outcome NSO 1: Compact Growth and achieving the objectives of Government's "Town Centre First" policy.

The Preferred Transport Solution (PTS) for the N24 Waterford to Cahir Project is in line with the above terms and conditions in that:

- 62% of the PTS seeks to upgrade / improve the existing N24 national primary road in line with the National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland (NIFTI) Intervention Hierarchy. The proposals seek to improve road safety and the robustness of this critical infrastructure. Forty-three (43) people have lost their lives and ninety-two (92) people have sustained serious injuries on this section of road since 1996.
- 38% of the PTS proposes new off-line road infrastructure in the form of Town Bypasses removing heavy traffic including a high percentage of Heavy Commercial Vehicles (HCVs) from the towns and villages that the N24 national primary road currently passes through. This aligns with the Town Centre First Policy and the principle of encouraging Compact Growth.

- Bypass of Carrick-on-Suir - 10,800 vehicles (820 HCVs) pass directly through the town daily; 51% of trips in both directions want to bypass the town. Four pedestrians have been killed on the N24 in the town since 2016.
- Bypass of Mooncoin - 8,100 vehicles (890 HCVs) pass directly through the village daily; 90% of trips in both directions want to bypass Mooncoin.
- Bypass of Kilsheelan - 8,600 vehicles (800 HCVs) pass through the village daily; 90% of trips in both directions want to bypass Kilsheelan.

The primary aim of Government Road Safety Strategy 2021 to 2030 is to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Irish roads by 50% during the period of the strategy. In this regard, we would point out that the first priority area in this strategy is "Safe roads and roadsides". The N24 contributes to circa 25 to 30% of the annual road deaths in Tipperary and progressing the PTS affords a vital opportunity to improve road safety along the corridor.

The PTS at Clonmel provides new local road links to the north of the N24 and a junction upgrade on the existing N24 Clonmel Inner Relief. It includes significant Active Travel infrastructure on the new road links, adjacent to and crossing the existing N24, to provide safe and efficient local access for all modes in and around Clonmel. In doing so, it relieves significant congestion on the N24 Clonmel Inner Relief Road, optimising the existing infrastructure in line with the NIFTI Intervention Hierarchy.

The PTS includes for improved timetabling for both bus and rail services in line with the NIFTI Modal Hierarchy, which have been incorporated into the traffic modelling to inform the PTS.

Overall, the PTS aligns with the four investment priorities of NIFTI; Improving the Mobility of People and Goods in Urban Areas, Enhancing Regional and Rural Connectivity, Protecting and Renewing the existing national primary road and promoting Decarbonisation through reuse of existing infrastructure, managing demand through the provision of improved public transport services and Active Travel infrastructure and only providing new off-line road infrastructure where deemed critical.

On January 19th 2024 the PTS was announced and a Public Display public consultation opened. The owners of 6,600 landholdings which had been within one of the various options were engaged with and 1,650 people turned up in person at the display. There are currently 2,200 landholdings affected within the PTS corridor. Seven no. homeowners have been identified as being significantly affected and would most likely have their homes purchased by CPO. These homeowners will now be extremely distressed with the prospect of suspending the scheme, having previously been suspended twice over the last 25 years.

We believe it is essential that funding continues for this project to facilitate the delivery of the overall PTS for this critical transport corridor through Phase 3 - Design and Environmental Evaluation and Phase 4 - Statutory Processes, so the benefits of the already significant investment in this project can be realised. Thereafter, there is the potential for the PTS to be delivered on a phased basis, realising the benefits incrementally as funding becomes available. The project could be broken down into its elements e.g. (in no particular order) Active Travel components, Clonmel Local Road Links, Town Bypasses, Targeted Safety Improvements with delivery prioritised based on need/ funding. Figure 1 attached to this note details the PTS which is due for publication, subject to TII approval in April 2024. This clearly identifies the on-line upgrades (62%) and off-line infrastructure (38%)

An allocation of €830,000 is required to close out Phase 2 Route Option Selection and a further €1,700,000 is required to fund the progression of Phase 3 for the remainder of 2024:

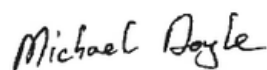
- Therefore, the total requirement for 2024 is €2,530,000.
- A further allocation of €3,812,201 would enable the conclusion of Phase 3, and,
- A further allocation of €1,668,626 would take the project to the end of Phase 4.

This level of investment would place the project in a strong position to enable a long-term sustainable plan to improve the safety and robustness of the N24 national primary road, which is in line with Government Policy and most importantly can then be delivered incrementally as funding is available.

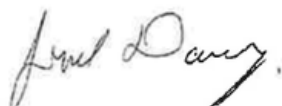
In light of the above we would be grateful if you could reconsider the funding allocation to complete Phase 2 and move to Phase 3 for the PTS for the Waterford to Cahir project, subject to TII milestone approvals, and, for the continued funding of the project through to conclusion.

Thank you for your consideration of the above, if you require any additional information from us, please do not hesitate to ask.

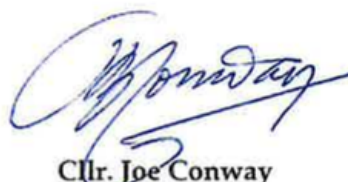
Yours sincerely,



Cllr. Michael Doyle,
Cathaoirleach
Kilkenny County Council



Cllr. Ger Darcy
Cathaoirleach
Tipperary County Council



Cllr. Joe Conway
Mayor
Waterford City & County Council

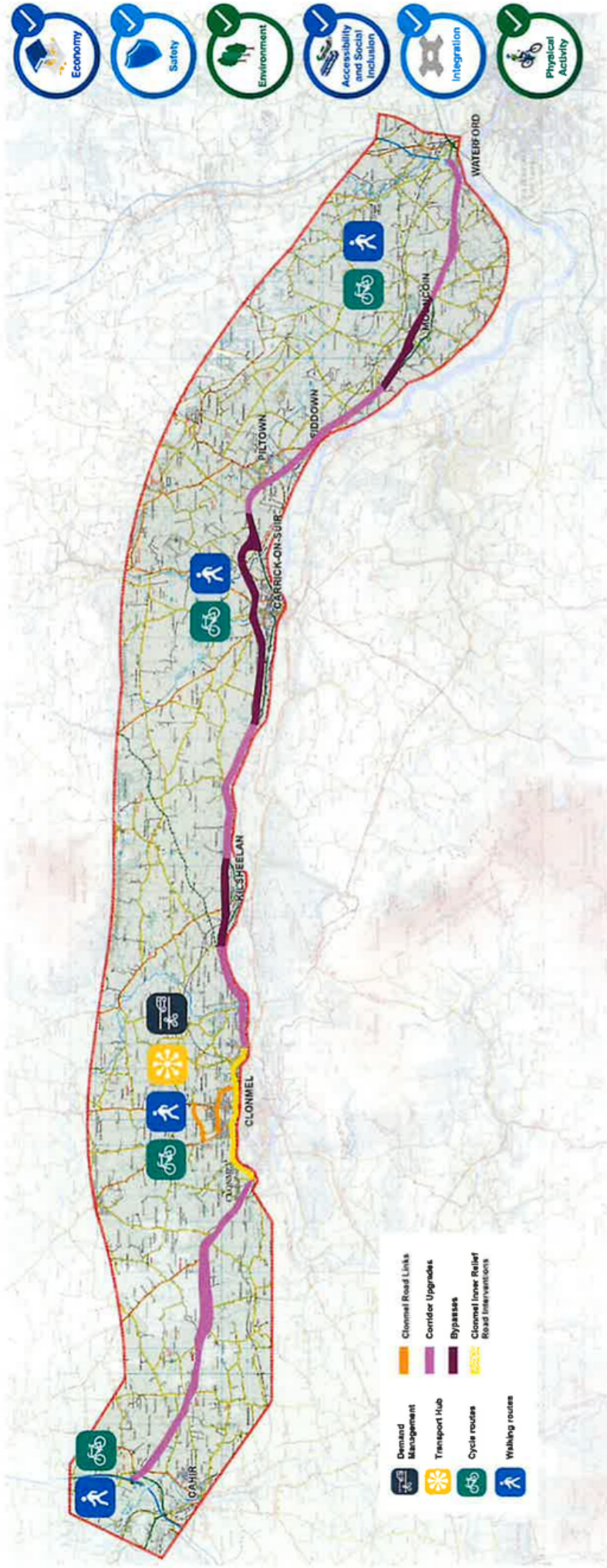


Figure 1 - Preferred Transport Solution