



Management Report to Council



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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



**Tipperary County Council
N74 Fr. Mathew Street, Tipperary Town
Road Improvement Scheme - Contract Signing**



Pictured at the contract signing:

Pictured above: Elected Members of Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District; Liam Brett, Director of Services, Tipperary County Council; Sharon Kennedy, District Manager; Aidan O’Connell, Mott MacDonald; Pat O’Sullivan and Niall Casey, Glas Civil Engineering; Joe Reilly, Barry Transportation; Michael Woulfe, Senior Executive Engineer, and Roads staff.

Photograph by Caitriona Kenny.



Tipperary County Council is pleased to announce that GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd., has been appointed to carry out a road improvement scheme on the N74 Fr. Mathew Street, Tipperary Town.

This scheme is approximately 1,250 metres in length. It commences at the Bansha roundabout and extends along the N74 through Fr. Mathew Street, including a short section of the N24, and terminates in the vicinity of the 60 km/h speed limit at the eastern side of the town. Mott MacDonald were the design consultants for the scheme, and Barry Transportation consultants will supervise the contract works on behalf of Tipperary County Council.

The rehabilitation works and safety measures will involve upgrades to the road layout with reduced carriageway width, widening and extension of footways with new paving, new road pavement, upgrades to public lighting, upgrade of an existing, and provision of a new signal-controlled pedestrian crossing at the Irish Wheelchair Association.

Surface water drainage network upgrade works are included with provision of sustainable urban drainage elements, flood alleviation works at Pike Cross, watermains and sewerage upgrade works, future proofing of services and service diversions, undergrounding of overhead power lines, enhanced soft and hard landscaping including the provision of trees and upgraded street furniture.

Traffic calming measures will include the provision of new town gateway signage and upgrade, and access improvement works to St. Michael's Cemetery car park.

Access to all properties and businesses will be maintained throughout the 18-month period of the works. Works of this nature will cause some disruption, but it is the intention of Tipperary County Council and our contractor to minimise this as far as possible.

Property owners will be contacted in advance as the scheme progresses.

A scheme website has been developed which will provide details of the scheme, traffic management arrangements, and contact details - the website address is www.n74Tipperarytown.ie.

Stakeholders and the public are encouraged to engage with the contractor and the council through the scheme website, to provide feedback and address any issues, as the scheme progresses.

Liam Brett, Director of Services, Tipperary County Council, stated that “this scheme will result in improved safety for vulnerable road users. It will also reduce noise, improve landscaping, reduce traffic speeds, and improve services, road surfaces, footpaths and crossing points. The Council has been working closely with our funders Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Uisce Éireann to bring this project to construction. I am delighted that the Council has now awarded the contract for the project and I look forward to works proceeding over the coming year”.

Cathaoirleach of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District, Cllr. Declan Burgess noted that “this is a significant investment in Tipperary town and this Municipal District. I look forward in particular to the enhancement of public areas making it safer for local people, shoppers and visitors. I wish to thank the public in advance for their co-operation and patience”.

Cllr. Burgess acknowledged that the works would cause some disruption during construction and asked that every effort be made to minimise this to protect businesses and those travelling to work, schools, and shops.



New Policy/Strategic Issues



Policy Changes/Updates

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was convened on 20 May 2024 to review the work of the committee over the period from 2019-2024.

The next meeting of the SPC is scheduled for Q3 2024.

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>2 no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2021-2030:</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Arup appointed Oct 2019 for Phase 1-4. Website launched August 2020. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete in September 2020. Transport Options & Alternatives Public Consultation complete August 2021. Phase 2: Preferred Transport Solution announced May 2022. TCC published the Options Selection Report in March 2023. Phase 3: Design Update No. 1 took place on 23 January 2023.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council August 2020 to complete Phase 1-4. Website launched February 2021. Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility complete April 2021. Phase 2: Options selection commenced and options were announced 3 May 2022. The Proposed Transport Solution was announced on 19th January 2024. A non-statutory public display of the Preferred Transport Solution was held from 23 January to 9 February 2024. Four in-person public displays were held in Carrick, Clonmel, Cahir and Mooncoin.</p>	<p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation Processes has commenced. This will define land take required for the preferred option. Design Update No. 2 planned for Q2 2024. An Bord Pleanála application programmed Q1/Q2 2025.</p> <p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2 – The Options Selection Report is due to be published in Q2 2024. TII has not provided an allocation for 2024 and therefore this project is shelved. Funding is required for the project to progress to Phase 3.</p>
Capital Programme 2024	Implementation of Programme	Progress schemes and draw down grant funding before end of TII financial year.
Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2024	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of available grant funding.

<p>Implementation of Active Travel Investment Programme 2024</p>	<p>Implementation of Programme</p>	<p>Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of available grant funding.</p>
<p>Rural and Community Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLÁR • Community Involvement Scheme 2024 • Local Improvement Scheme 2024 	<p>Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>	<p>Successful CLÁR projects will be progressed in 2024.</p> <p>The allocation for Community Involvement Schemes in 2024 is €804,600 and schemes have been offered across all Districts.</p> <p>The allocation for Local Improvement Schemes in 2024 is €1,493,546 and schemes have been offered across all Districts.</p>
<p>Consultation</p>	<p>Consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff.</p>	<p>A date for the Annual Meeting with TII has been requested.</p> <p>Municipal and Borough District priorities are to be agreed at their July 2024 meetings.</p>



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Neenagh Municipal District		
N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge	This scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work continues on this challenging scheme. A ground investigation has been completed and the scheme has been formally categorised as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design. A tender competition for design phases 1 and 2 has been completed.	Preliminary design will commence when TII funding becomes available. No funding allocation has been provided by TII in 2024.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	The scheme in the village of Carrigahorig involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ road pavement improvement works ▪ addressing a number of road safety issues ▪ the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village ▪ the extension of footpaths to the speed limit on the Portumna side and to the R493 Terryglass Road on the Borrisokane side of the village ▪ public lighting improvements ▪ some public realm improvements. RPS consultants have been appointed and the Preliminary design has been completed.	Part 8 planning procedures commenced in June 2024.
Thurles Municipal District		
N62 Thurles Outer Bypass	Route Selected in 2011 and reserved corridor in place. TCC lobbying for it to be included in the next NDP.	Continue lobbying for scheme to be included in the next NDP.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 447m of pavement on the N62 road through Thurles. The scheme involves changes to the road layout, road rehabilitation, replacement and widening of existing footpaths, provision of essential pedestrian infrastructure such as crossing areas, build outs, surface water drainage improvements, undergrounding of overhead power lines and public realm improvements. The preliminary design and Part 8 planning process have been completed. Consultants for the detail design were appointed in April 2024 and the detail design has commenced.	It is anticipated that construction will commence in 2025 subject to the availability of funding.



N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 1km of road pavement on the N75 National Secondary road within the town of Thurles from its junction with Mitchel Street to the Anner Hotel. The design of the scheme has been completed and is ready to go to tender for construction works.	TII has instructed TCC not to go to tender for construction works due to funding restrictions.
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Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District		
N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of 3.5km of pavement on the N24 National Primary route. GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd were awarded this contract in July 2022. Works are substantially completed and will be followed by a maintenance period.	12 months maintenance period.
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
Project	Progress to Date	Next Stage
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme involves the N74 Fr Mathew Street in Tipperary Town. Preliminary and detailed design stages are completed and a Contractor Glas Civil Engineering has been appointed to carry out the works, which commenced on April 29 th , 2024.	Construction work will take approximately 18 months and it is anticipated that the scheme will be completed by Q3 2025.
N24 Knockagh Roundabout approach	This scheme comprises the pavement strengthening of approximately 1.6km of the N24 National Route extending east from the Knockagh Roundabout. TII have approved the Preliminary Design. The scheme obtained Part 8 Planning approval at the July 2023 meeting of the Municipal District. Tenders have been received and TCC now waiting for TII approval to Award the Contract.	Contract Award.
Clonmel Borough District		
N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming	This is a continuation to the east of the Clonmel Inner Relief Road to a point beyond the 60kph speed limit and is approximately 1.6km in length. This scheme involves traffic calming and the inclusion of improved pedestrian and cyclist facilities as well as road pavement strengthening. Preliminary Design is under way along with liaison with TII Road Safety engineers.	The Planning process will commence following obtainment of TII technical approvals.



Strategic Non-National Road Projects		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends	The CPO was published in August 2020, an Oral Hearing was held on 1 st & 2 nd December and the CPO was confirmed on April 16 th , 2021 without modifications. RPS consultants were appointed on 3 November 2022 to complete the design work and procure a works contractor for the scheme. The detail design was substantially completed in Q4 2023. Advance works were completed in Q1 2024.	Archaeological investigations to commence in June/July 2024. It is anticipated that a Contractor for the Main Works will be appointed and works will commence in Q4 2024.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	The Main Contractor for the scheme is John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. Works commenced on site in August 2022.	The scheme will take approximately 3 years to construct and is expected to be completed in Q2 2025.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	<p>Thurles Inner Relief Road is a proposed local link between the N62 and the Mill Road. The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a signalised junction on the Slievenamon Road at the Clongour Road junction; a new priority junction with Mill Road and 5 no. intermediate priority junctions to provide access; 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir; public lighting; flood alleviation works along the River Suir. <p>This scheme is on the NDP and DoT approval will be required to allow it to go to detailed design. Lidl has completed construction of a section of the road for access to new store.</p>	Ongoing discussions with DoT regarding approvals to proceed to Detailed Design and Construction.

Shannon Bridge Crossing, Killaloe By-pass, R494 Upgrade

Images below of Ballina where the boom of the 600-tonne crane was lowered over the R494 due to storm conditions. This crane is being used to install new bridge sections.





GREENWAY PROJECTS - UPDATES

Greenways	Current Update	Allocations 2024
Cashel to Cahir Greenway- Cashel to Cahir Town	Feasibility report currently being finalised to be submitted to TII for approval.	€80,000
Lough Derg Greenway – Ballina to Dromineer	Options selection report and cost estimates currently being finalised for the scheme.	€80,000
Marlfield Blueway Clonmel – Convent Rd to Marlfield	Draft tender documents submitted to TII for approval to appoint new technical consultants for the project.	€80,000
Suir Blueway, Gas House Bridge – Suir Island, Clonmel	An Bord Pleanála decision was initially due 05/05/2024. ABP has provided new date of 08/08/2024 for the planning decision.	€150,000
Suir Blueway – Marlfield to Cahir – Marlfield Village to Swiss Cottage	Feasibility report being updated following feedback from TII.	€80,000
Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link – Carrick on Suir to Kilmeaden	Feasibility report being updated following feedback from TII.	€120,000
Local Authority Greenways Support 2024	A/SEE has been appointed to Greenway projects	€100,000
Total Greenway Allocation 2024		€690,000



ACTIVE TRAVEL - UPDATES

Project Name 2024	Current Update	2024 Allocation
Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link	Finalising Part 8 planning pack for the project	€35,000
Cashel Road Active Travel Scheme, Clonmel	NTA has approved the scheme to proceed to construction; Contractor to be appointed for the project	€900,000
R445 Lisbunny - Nenagh Active Travel Scheme	Contractor has been appointed for the works with an expected start date of end of July 2024	€703,000
Active Travel Connectivity, Supervalu Junction, Cahir	NTA has approved the scheme to proceed to Part 8 planning	€20,000
Cláirín Footbridge, Carrick On Suir	Works ongoing on site	€570,000
Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	Planning pack sent for planning validation	€5,000
SRTS (R1) Loreto Secondary School, Clonmel	Design has been approved by the NTA and awaiting sign off of the PCD for the project	€25,000
SRTS (R1) Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, Clonmel	Works expected to start on site in early July	€850,000
SRTS (R2) St. Brigid's National School, Donaskeagh	Updated design has been agreed with the NTA	€45,000
SRTS (R2) Cullen National School	Delivery plan received - need to tender for design team	€2,000
SRTS (R2) St Marys Central National School, Killenaule	Updating design following further feedback from the NTA	€5,000
Davis Road Active Travel Scheme Clonmel	Design being finalised following feedback from the NTA	€15,000
Nenagh Urban Greenway	Updated design has been submitted to the NTA for planning approval following their feedback in May	€35,000
Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active Travel Scheme, Ballina	Updated design and options report following feedback from the NTA on the scheme	€25,000



Project Name 2024	Current Update	2024 Allocation
Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity Scheme	Awaiting NTA feedback on the updated design submitted	€5,000
Cahir Road Active Travel Scheme, Cashel	Project complete	€10,000
Emly Village Footpaths	Updated design has been approved by the NTA	€80,000
Carrick Beg Footpath Improvements, Carrick on Suir	Project complete	€60,000
R445 Roscrea Footpath and Cycleway scheme	Grass seeding completed in the last week	€10,000
Castlemeadows Active Travel Scheme Thurles	Detailed designs drawings submitted for review with NTA	€80,000
Inch National School	Safe Routes to School Design elements have been approved by the NTA	€10,000
Nenagh Local Transport Plan	Completed	€3,000
Thurles Local Transport Plan	Completed	€3,000
Clonmel Local Transport Plan	Completed	€3,000
Active Travel Staff Costs	Replacement Executive Engineer has joined the team in May 2024 following the vacancy created in October 2023	€350,000
Ardfinnan Bridge	The design team is progressing the Preliminary Design for the project	€150,000
Total		€3,999,000
Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams		
Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	Tipperary County Council is working with the NTA on the review of the Primary Bus Stop locations within the county to finalise a works schedule	€500,000
Total NTA Allocation 2024		€4,499,000

ACTIVE TRAVEL WORKS 2024

The pedestrian Cláirín Bridge in Carrick-on-Suir is currently being upgraded - see photos below of the bridge removal and the lifting in of the new deck. Works are scheduled to be completed by July.

The replacement bridge is a precast concrete portal frame installed by Triur Construction Ltd.





PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

<u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Section 55 review record of protected structures for Clonmel, Nenagh Thurles	Report with Elected Members and on agenda of July Plenary, outlining recommendations of the Executive and setting out next steps.	Consultation took place between 15 th March and 3 rd May. 14 Submissions received. Report prepared.	Elected Members required to resolve to transpose and add Structures into the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) in the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 at July Plenary. Letters to be sent to property owners within 2 weeks of July Plenary. Structures then amalgamated in the RPS for the County.
Residential Zoned Land Tax	Determinations on exclusion / inclusion of lands on Maps sent prior to 1 st July. Determinations can be appealed to An Bord Pleanala	Consultation open on exclusion / inclusion of lands on Maps from 1 st Feb 2024 to 1 st April 2024 and on land use zoning changes from 1 st Feb 2024 to 31 st May 2024. Determinations made on exclusions / inclusions.	Make Determinations on potential land use zoning change requested by 31 st July. Review appeals by An Bord Pleanala if applicable. Begin drafting Final Maps.
Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 (TCDP)	Two-Year Progress report required under Section 15 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) with Elected Members and on agenda of July Plenary, for noting.	Planning Section engaged with all relevant internal sections to ascertain progress on completing objectives. Report drafted and provided to Elected Members for July Plenary.	For noting only. Continue to monitor progress of objectives in the TCDP.



<u>Town Centre First (TCF)/ Town Regeneration Officer (TRO)</u>			
<u>Policy Changes/Up-Date</u>	<u>Current status</u>	<u>Progression in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Town Centre First Policy	Carrick on Suir - Funding confirmed for new TCF Plan	Meetings with COSTEDC & Municipal District to finalise tender brief.	Ongoing
	Draft Newport TCF Plan .	Draft Plan published for submissions. Town Team formed	Finalise draft.
	Nenagh TCF Plan to be prepared.	New town team formed and Thrive funding secured	TCF plan to be developed
	Thurles Renewal Strategy to be updated to TCF Plan	Initial meeting re formation of new town team in July. Thrive funding secured	Town team priorities to be developed
	TCF Suite of Funding supports for towns < 10,000	Agree allocations & notify Councillors	Ongoing

<u>National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Templemore Town Hall Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza	Construction commenced end of May, 2023 and making good progress.	Complete construction works September, 2024.
Thurles Market Quarter - Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers	Final Business Case approved by the Department. Successful/Unsuccessful letters issued to tenderers. Contracts signed on 18 th . June, 2024.	Commence works in July 2024 with estimated completion in Q3 2025.
Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan	Preliminary Business Case completed. Surveys completed. Part 8 Planning completed.	Category 2 project is completed.



<p>Rialto Digital and Enterprise Hub, Nenagh</p>	<p>Applications for Fire Safety Certificate and Disability Access Certificate submitted and feedback obtained from Fire Services Authority sent to design team for integration into detailed design.</p>	<p>Complete detailed design.</p>
<p>Carrick -on-Suir Regeneration Plan - 'A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering Our Community's Ambition' Category 1</p>	<p>Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park- Works commenced mid-November, 2023 and are in progress. Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay and Phase 3 Digital Hub - Tender documents for the construction stage under preparation.</p>	<p>Phase 1 Healy Park, Strand Walk and Ormond Park - Complete works by end of July, 2024. Phase 2 Castle Street, Chapel Street and North Quay - Complete tender documentation. Advertise for tenders September, 2024. Phase 3 Digital Hub - Complete tender documentation. Advertise for tenders July, 2024. Appoint contractor in Q3 2024.</p>
<p>Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy – Category 1</p>	<p>Library and Market House Business Development Centre– Detailed design substantially completed on the library. Stage 1 tender documents for the establishment of a Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Council owned buildings advertised on e-Tenders on 27th. May, 2024 with closing date for receipt of tenders on 28th. June, 2024. Car Park Site –Demolition and enabling works contract in progress.</p>	<p>Obtain Approval in Principle from the Department. Library and Market House Business Development Centre –Complete detailed designs on the library. Complete Stage 1 tendering process associated with the establishment of a Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Council owned buildings. Car Park Site – Complete demolition and enabling works in July, 2024.</p>
<p>Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea</p>	<p>Brief for the engagement of a design team under preparation.</p>	<p>Obtain Approval in Principle from the Department. Finalise Brief for the engagement of a design team.</p>
<p>Tipperary Town - Social, community and heritage led regeneration of Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell</p>	<p>Approved for funding under Call 5, Category 1, RRDF in May, 2024. Verification documentation issued to the Council on 6th. June, 2024 for completion.</p>	<p>Complete verification documentation for submission to the Department by closing date of 28th. June, 2024.</p>

<u>National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)</u>		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Progress in Previous Months</u>	<u>Next Stage</u>
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme - Phase 2	Phase 2 Western end of Liberty Square and junctions to approach roads - Extensive consultations ongoing with statutory bodies. Draft Part 8 Planning Report substantially completed by consultants.	Phase 2 – Complete Part 8 Planning Report. Advertise Part 8 in July, 2024 and complete Part 8 Planning process in September, 2024.
A Pathway to a Low Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the Transformational Urban Regeneration of Nenagh Town Centre	Tender process for the engagement of a design team completed. Successful/Unsuccessful letters issued to tenderers. Design team appointed on 30 th . May, 2024.	Complete preliminary design in Q4 2024.
<p>URDF Call 3 URDF Call 3 seeks to tackle long term vacant and derelict buildings and sites across URDF towns and cities primarily in order to accelerate the provision of residential development and regenerate town centres. An allocation of €5m has been approved for Tipperary County Council under this Call and €1m of this allocation has been paid in advance to assist with early activity under an approved acquisition programme in the URDF designated towns of Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles.</p>		

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Funds: Projects completed to date

The following projects are delivered.

- Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration – Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub
- Tipperary Town Regeneration: Market Yard and River Ara Walkway
- Fethard Town Park
- Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Category 2
- A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre – Re-establishing the Historic Square as the Living-Working Quarter - Category 2
- Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter-A Tourism Led Regeneration Plan – Category 2
- Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement -Phase 1 New Car Park and Eastern end of Liberty Square

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund – Fifth Call, Category 1

Tipperary Town Social, Community and Heritage Led Regeneration of Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell was successful under this Call and project summary as follows: -

Proposal involves the regeneration and repurposing of Dan Breen House and Tipperary Courthouse and Bridewell. Works will involve (i) the alteration, refurbishment, extension and repurposing of the centrally located Dan Breen House (former Council offices vacant since 2011), into a dynamic services, education, training and social impact centre operated by Youth Work Ireland-Tipperary and Tipperary ETB (ii) the refurbishment, alteration, repurposing and extension of the Courthouse and the refurbishment, alteration and repurposing of the Bridewell buildings into a social development, education and training services centre for adults with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities which will be operated by MooreHaven. The long-term sustainable use of the sites will be secured, buildings of heritage importance will be conserved, vacant building stock will be enlivened and much needed services will be provided that together will drive socio-economic development in the town and contribute to the towns revitalisation. **The project value is €9,970,000 and grant funding of €7,980,000 has been approved through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Match funding of €1,990,000 is being provided by MooreHaven and Youth Work Ireland Tipperary who will also be responsible for the operational costs of the facilities on completion of the works.**

Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028

A Two-Year Progress Report is a statutory requirement in accordance with Section 15(2) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) (“the Act”) which requires that ‘*The Chief Executive of a planning authority shall, not more than 2 years after the making of a development plan, give a report to the members of the authority on the progress achieved in securing the objectives*’ of the Development Plan.

This Report is provided as an agenda item for noting to the July Plenary meeting.

Local Area Plans

Work has commenced on the preparation of proposed Local Area Plans for Tipperary Town and Carrick-on-Suir with the intention to publish Q3. Pre-Draft (non-statutory) consultation took place from 7th May 2024 until 4th June 2024, with public events for each town held in local libraries. Extensive consultation with relevant stakeholders ongoing. Reports on submissions received to be provided to Elected Members in early July for noting. 19 & 21 submissions received in Tipperary Town and Carrick-on-Suir respectively. Workshops to explain processes to be provided for Elected Members in July.

Work has also commenced on the Cashel and Templemore Local Area Plans.

Record of Protected Structures

Following the making of the Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles, a process under Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) (“the Act”) was commenced in order to transfer the Record of Protected Structures for each of the respective towns to the Record of Protected Structures for the TCDP.

A Report on the Section process is provided as an agenda item for resolution by Elected Members to the July Plenary meeting.

Public Consultation on the Section 55 process took place for seven weeks between 15th March 2024 and 3rd May 2024. A total of 14 submissions were received. The aforementioned report provides a summary of all submissions made, along with considerations and recommendations on each submission to issues raised. The report also outlines the effect of the resolution by Elected Members and next steps.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

Public Consultation on the Draft Maps opened on 1st February. People had an opportunity to make submissions on whether lands should be included / excluded on the Final Maps until 1st April, and until 31st May to make submissions on requests to amend the land use zoning of lands.

13 Submissions were received on whether lands should be included / excluded on the Final Maps. 9 of these submissions were from landowners, and specific “Determinations” were required on these 9 submissions. These landowners were notified of Determinations prior to 1st July 2024. 4 additional ‘Evaluations’ were made.

2 Submissions were received requesting changes to land use zoning. Landowners are required to be notified of decisions on these submissions by 31st July 2024.

Landowners will have the opportunity to appeal Determinations to An Bord Pleanála. Final maps will be drafted having consideration to (i) the Draft Maps, (ii) Determinations and (iii) any decision made by An Bord Pleanála on appeals.

Conservation Grant Schemes 2024

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2024** seeks to encourage the conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas. The scheme also seeks to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craft workers and trades people.

The allocation for Tipperary County Council under the scheme for 2024 is **€126,400**. Tipperary County Council also received an extra allocation of **€30,341** under the supplementary ring-fenced funding for historic thatched structures.

42 applications were received under the scheme for 2024. After an in-depth assessment was carried out by Michael O’Boyle, RIAI Grade 1 Conservation Architect engaged by Tipperary County Council, 21 projects were recommended including 2 projects under the ring-fenced thatch funding. The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage approved the 21 recommendations and awarded grants ranging from €2,500 up to €18,000. Works must be completed by the end of September 2024 so the projects can be inspected and grants paid out.

The **Historic Structure Fund 2024** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. Tipperary County Council received 19 applications under the various streams of the scheme. Once again a thorough assessment was carried out by Michael O’Boyle, RIAI Grade 1 Conservation Architect engaged by Tipperary County Council, 7 projects were recommended to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and 6 projects were in turn successful.

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

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/24 to 31/05/24

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	Number of Decisions confirmed by An Bord Pleanála	Number of Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	83	78	5	3	1
Housing Development	10	8	2	1	1
NIA/EIA	1	1	0	5	0
Other Applications	316	309	7	10	5
Total	410	396	14	19	7

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 100 complaints received from the 1st January to the 31st May 2024. During this period 90 Warning Letters and 13 Enforcement Notices were issued.

Taking in Charge: Estates

Applications Being Processed	DPI Developments	Taken-in-Charge in 2023	Taken-in-Charge To-Date in 2024	With District & Awaiting Approval	Applications Received in 2024
24	21	4	0	2	1

- 0 developments (0 housing units) have been taken-in-charge to-date by Tipperary County Council in 2024.
- 2 housing estates are currently with Roads section for advertising.
- 1 taking-in-charge application has been received to-date in 2024.
- There are currently 21 Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI) housing estates in County Tipperary which the Planning Authority is unable to progress at present.

Planning & Emergency Services SPC




The first and second meeting of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC for 2024 were held on 22nd February and 23rd May. Updates were given in February on Residential Zoned Land Tax, Emergency Services, Planning workload update and project Ireland 2040 update. In May the updates were on Temporary Waiver Development Contributions Update, Emergency Services, Carrick-on-Suir LAP and Tipperary Town LAP. The date for the next meeting will be confirmed when new SPC in place.

FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	Tipperary County Council has taken over the Chair of both the regional steering & working groups.	Coordinate and administer this function in the region for 2024/2025
Building Control	Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment. Onsite inspections ongoing	Complete annual inspection programme for 2024 reaching Dept. guideline targets
Quality, Health & Safety	Audit to ISO 45001 & 9001 completed in Jan 2023 – successfully certified to both standards	Implement annual objectives as per service delivery plan
Fire Safety	Fire Safety Strategy prepared and signed off for delivery in 2024	Primary schools programme underway along with station visits by schools at end of school year.
ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES		To 17th June 2024
Number of Emergency Calls Attended		785
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received		44
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted		52
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received		33
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted		39
Number of Commencement Notices Received		308

Civil Defence

Activities	Ukrainian Response
<p>Multi Agency Training</p>	<p>Combined training has taken place with the National Ambulance Service and Civil Defence involving the running of a real time scenario for cardiac arrest from on set to full A/Paramedic response. This was an extremely useful session and demonstrated with value of interagency training.</p>  <p>Inter-Agency meeting and pre-event briefing session were held in Wexford in advance of Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann which will be held in Wexford this coming August. Tipperary Civil Defence will be giving assistance to Wexford Civil Defence and will be working closely with the HSE, National Ambulance Service and other PRA's for the duration of the festival.</p>   <p><i>Medical Teams from Irish Red Cross, the Order of Malta & Civil Defence attending pre Fleadh Medical Brief</i></p>
<p>Health & Safety Risk Assessment Review</p>	<p>Civil Defence is currently reviewing our Risk assessments for our activities & facilities. Instructors and senior volunteers are actively engaged in this process. A number of policies are currently being worked on and our Red Tag Policy for the reporting of defective equipment is now in place.</p> <p>Volunteers continue to support their local community with the provision of first Aid and Ambulance cover at an array of events over the last few weeks.</p>

Community Support & Duties

Events include Darkness into Light, Clonmel and Carrick, Triathlon, 10k road races and Mountain Bike Races.

Civil Defence has also assisted the Local Authority in the provision of medical cover for a number of Civic Receptions, Older Adult Festival, The Tipperary Museum Pedigree Day, and most recently the 2-day election count in Thurles Co Tipperary .



Training

Minimum training standard continues for volunteers and in addition First Aid Responder Training is ongoing
More specialized training has taken place in Life Jacket Competency in Thurles



Life Jacket competency training Thurles Pool

Mass Casualty event organized by Dublin Fire Brigade and support by Dublin Civil Defence was attended by Tipperary Civil Defence Officer as an observer on the day



Response to missing Person

Tipperary Civil Defence were recently mobilized to assist the Gardai in the search for a missing Clonmel man. Following a multi-Agency search, the man was very quickly located. Sincere condolence to his family.



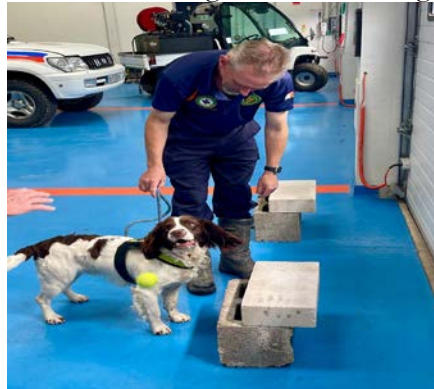
Appointment of A/CDO

Following the departure of Anthony Graham, Matt Peters has been appointed/Civil Defence Officer, and will be based in Thurles. Matt is a long-standing volunteer Instructor with Tipperary Civil Defence



K9 Training

Our K9 handler recently attended a training and assessment session set by the Civic Defence College for assessment and recertification of our National search dog capacity. Our K9 handler was introduced to his new dog who we hope will be undergoing more intensive training over the coming weeks.



Library/Cultural Services Directorate

Library Service

Bealtaine Festival 2024



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



- Nenagh Library held a Needle Felting workshop with Sandra

Coote on 2nd May. This event was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- 'Nenagh Library held a 'A Taste of Summer' cookery demonstration by Colleen Kelly of Tipperary ETB. on May 9th. This event was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Nenagh Library held an event entitled 'Antiques are Green' - Learning the value of vintage and antique with Anne-Louise Mitchell, auctioneer on 14th May. This event was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival
- Thurles Library held a Beginner's Tai Chi class with Caroline Rainsford on 16th May. This event was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival.

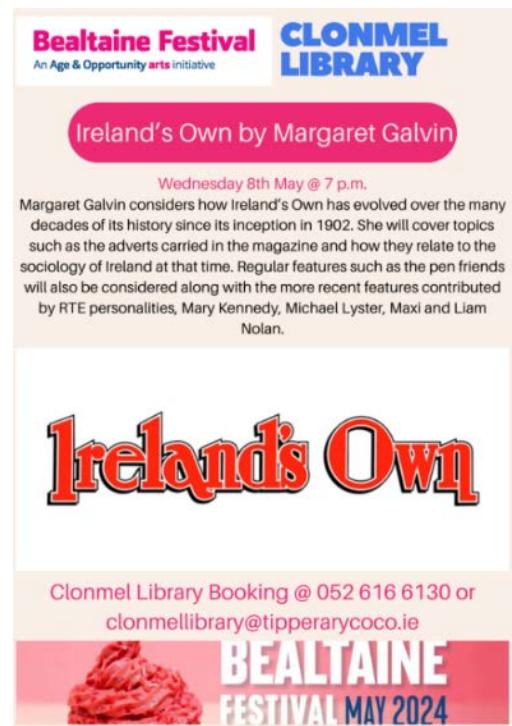


- Thurles Library hosted a Gardening Demonstration & Talk with 'The Irish Gardener' Peter Dowdall on 7th May where there was over 70 people in attendance. Peter Dowdall is a regular contributor to the RTE 1 TV programme "RTÉ Today". This event was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Thurles Library organised a book reading by local author Susie Murphy. Susie is the author of A Matter of Class, a historical romance saga set in Ireland, England and America during the 19th century. This event was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival.

- Clonmel Library hosted a performance of the play "Big fish, small splash" written by local author, Jim Keane on 1st May. Over 50 people attended the performance which was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival.
- Clonmel Library held four mindfulness workshops with life coach Sarah Covey during May. This event was held as part of the Bealtaine Workshop.



Bealtaine Festival **CLONMEL LIBRARY**
An Age & Opportunity arts initiative

Ireland's Own by Margaret Galvin

Wednesday 8th May @ 7 p.m.

Margaret Galvin considers how Ireland's Own has evolved over the many decades of its history since its inception in 1902. She will cover topics such as the adverts carried in the magazine and how they relate to the sociology of Ireland at that time. Regular features such as the pen friends will also be considered along with the more recent features contributed by RTE personalities, Mary Kennedy, Michael Lyster, Maxi and Liam Nolan.

Ireland's Own

Clonmel Library Booking @ 052 616 6130 or
clonmellibrary@tipperarycoco.ie

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- Clonmel Library hosted a workshop by Margaret Galvin on the history of Ireland's Own since its conception in 1902. This event took place on 8th May and was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Roscrea Library hosted a beginner's workshop on Woodcarving with artist Paradzai Havatitye on 23rd May. This event was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Templemore Library hosted a Creative Weaving and Basketry Workshop with local artist Lynn Kirkham on 3rd May. This event was held as part of the Bealtaine Workshop.



- Aishling Martin, Templemore Library held a workshop on creative collage techniques on 8th May. This event was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Killenaule Library held Sustainable gardening and growing with nature workshop with Adrian O'Connor, Tipperary ETB on 16th May. This event was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Killenaule Library held a Upcycling and decoupage workshop with Mairead Kennedy, Tipperary ETB on 30th May. This event was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Tipperary Town Library held a series of Top to Toes Mobility classes during the Bealtaine Festival in May. These were very well attended and included a group from the Moorehaven Centre.



- Tipperary Town Library hosted a performance by St Ailbes School choir on 3rd May. This event took place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- Cahir Library hosted a sustainable gardening workshop with Gardening expert Adrian O'Connor on 14th May. This event took place as part of the Bealtaine Festival.



- The Carrick Library Miscellany took place on 22nd May. This is a highlight every year of the Bealtaine Festival. There was spoken word, either poetry or prose or sometimes both from 6 performers: Margaret O'Brien, Timmy Quan, Shirley O'Shea, Tom Nealon, Mary O'Donnell and Walter Dunphy. There were also musical interludes performed by Chris Britton and Laura Britton, with three songs played by special guests Keith O'Shea and Ray Nolan.



- Cashel Library hosted a Wellness Course with Jennie Hannigan on 7th May. This event was held as part of the Bealtaine Festival.

Library Service



- Nenagh Library hosted a talk on personal safety by Garda Maureen Finnerty on 18th April. The Active Retirement Group, Nenagh attended this event



- Nenagh Library hosted an art exhibition by local artists Maree Ryan and Gráinne Treacy during May. The event was launched on 3rd May and there was great interest in the exhibition throughout the month.



- Library staff members, John Kelly, Nenagh Library and Jackie Kennedy, Thurles Library, took part in the HSE Health & Wellbeing Event in Abbey Court Hotel on June 12th. They promoted library services such as

the Magic Table, Borrowbox app and Healthy Ireland at your local library.



- Thurles Library hosted an exhibition entitled *All Hands Together 2024*. This exhibition consisted of a series of large patchworks by The Spike Quilters, Littleton. The exhibition was launched on 30th April with over 70 people in attendance.



- Thurles Library organised a series of events to celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg on 15th June. These included workshops in jewellery making, comic strips and robotics. Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people.



- Library staff members, Jackie Kennedy, Thurles Library, Anne Kinsella, Thurles Library and Catherine Fogarty, Tipperary Town Library took part Age Friendly Expo, TÚS Campus, Thurles on 20th June where they

showcased Library Services such as the Magic Table, Borrowbox app and Healthy Ireland at your local library.



- Clonmel Library hosted a talk by Dr Sabine Eggers entitled *Me(NOT)pause* on 24th April. The talk focussed on the stages of menopause and how synthetic drugs, food supplements and herbal remedies can work synergistically to maintain and improve patient's health.



- Clonmel Library launched the Summer Stars Reading Programme 2024 on 12th June with class visits from St Oliver Plunkett's NS 4th class. Over 48 pupils participated in a range of organised activities including science experiments and group games. Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries and online each summer. It runs from June to August



- Roscrea Library, in partnership with North Tipperary Development Company held twelve English conversation classes between April and June.
- Roscrea Library hosted a *Just Transition Information Evening* on 10th April with Mairead Winters, Just Transition Fund (JTF) Tourism Activator.



- Templemore Library hosted an exhibition by Castleiney National School for three weeks commencing in May. The school took part in a Creative Cluster funded by Creative Ireland and the Dept of Education. Four local schools each worked with an artist

over a year to explore learning through creativity. The children worked with sculpture, painting, land art, writing, podcasting and film. Their work was on display in our exhibition space from May 24th – June 14th



- Templemore Library hosted a visit by the English Language Learning Group from Tipperary ETB on 11th June. The class were given a tour of the Library and shown the many resources available to them in the Library.
- Tipperary Town Library organised a series of events to celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg on 15th June. These included workshops in drumming, song writing, music and Vikings.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library have launched a new monthly meeting of a Dementia/Memory Café This will now be held once a month and is a welcoming place and open to

anyone living with dementia along with their friends and family members, it offers a safe space where people can meet up with others with similar experiences. The first café session was attended by representatives from groups linked to the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, including ALONE, South Tipperary Development CLG, SICAP Carrick-on-Suir, Family Carers Ireland and the HSE. Local musicians Gay Brazel and Willie Stuart entertained with a lively music session accompanied by Margueritte Keating of the Irish Dementia Working Group and Gemma O'Donnell, Dementia Advisor (South Tipp).



- Cashel Library hosted a talk by Abigail Browne entitled *Chronic Pain Management* on 19th April. Abigail Browne is a physiotherapist who runs Empower Physiotherapy in Cashel.



- Carrick-on-Suir Library hosted two performances of 'It's Now or Never' on 29th May. This play was produced by the Tudor Artisan Hub Collective from interviews held with Day Care Centre, Sonas Nursing Home, and Greenhill Nursing Home about when they were growing up as teens and young adults in the 40s, 50s, and 60s.



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the range and breadth of material the Journal has covered since the first issue in 1988.

- Moyglass author Nikita Catherine launched her second novel “The Provincial Election” in Cashel library on June 18th

[Tipperary Studies](#)



- Tipperary Studies held the launch of the Tipperary Historical Journal 2024 on 28th May. The annual Tipperary Historical Journal has established itself, both here and abroad, as an authoritative source of new research on the history of County Tipperary. The Tipperary Historical Journal, since its inception, has published new research on Co. Tipperary spanning a multitude of disciplines. It is virtually impossible to describe

Arts Service

A range of grants and schemes to support Arts Development in the county were awarded for 2024 as follows:

- **Tipperary Arts Act Grant Scheme** – intended to assist organisations in stimulating public interest in the arts, promoting the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or improving standards in the arts in the county. **41** groups were awarded funding to support artistic projects & events in 2024, the value of the support is **€57900**.
- **Tipperary Artist Awards** – intended to support professional artists under three categories, professional development, creation of new work, reaching audiences. **25** artists were awarded funding for 2024, the value of the support is **€26,250**.
- **Tyrone Guthrie Centre Regional Bursary Scheme** - two bursary awards were granted to professional artists living in Tipperary to develop work at the County Monaghan workplace for artists.
- **Local Drama Scheme** – Three drama groups received support towards the cost of professional development for their members.
- **BLAS International Summer School of Traditional Irish Music & Dance**. Tipperary County Council Arts Office awarded one bursary to attend this year's summer school at the University of Limerick. The value

of the bursary covers 1 week's tuition (one-week intensive of masterclasses, Irish language, lectures and concerts). The purpose of these bursaries is to support professional development of artists.

- **Artist in Primary School Scheme** - The aim of this scheme is to give pupils in schools all over the county the opportunity to work with a professional artist on a once-off unique project to be originated and planned between the artist and the school. This year the Arts Office also commissioned a special project in Moyne National School located in a Decarbonization zone. **11** schools were successful in receiving support under this scheme this year.

Please see images from some of the projects below.



Donohill National School with artist Thomas Wollen



Dualla National School with artist Katy Goodhue



Participants partaking in workshops at @6s&7s gallery, Tipperary Town, during the Tipperary Bealtaine Festival.



Tipperary Bealtaine 'In-conversation' event with artists Patricia Hurl and Aideen Barry at the Source Arts Centre, Thurles.

Tipperary Bealtaine Festival 2024

- Tipperary Arts Office together with our colleagues in Tipperary Library service worked together once again to present the Tipperary Bealtaine Festival, an extensive, interactive programme running throughout the month of May celebrating creativity as we age. This year's programme included over 120 events across the county, a mix of workshops, live performance, exhibitions and socially engaged projects across a wide range of art forms including theatre, music, literature, film and visual arts.



Deirdre O'Leary & Susan Doyle performing at Nenagh Hospital

- **The Tipperary Bealtaine Music Tour** is a centrepiece of the Tipperary Bealtaine offering each year, and this year professional musicians once again visited a number of day care centres, nursing homes and hospital settings. This year Deirdre O'Leary, Susan Doyle, Eamon O'Malley, Joe Roach and James

O'Donovan performed in centres right across the county including Cashel Day Care Centre, Tipperary University Hospital, Fethard Day Care Centre, Nenagh Hospital, Newport Day Care Centre, Templemore Day Care Centre, Hospital of the Assumption, Thurles, and Knockanrawley Resource Centre, Tipperary Town.



Creative Places Tipperary 'Drawing a Crowd'

- Creative Places Tipperary town in partnership with Tipperary County Council Arts Office and Promenade hosted a free outdoor celebration of creativity, art and performance at The Market Yard in Tipperary Town on Saturday, May 18, from 1-5pm. This event was part of the Planning for Outdoor Performance (POP) outdoor event series. This initiative is funded by the Arts Council's Invitation to Collaboration Scheme with additional local authority support and is aimed at helping artists and communities create new arts experiences in Ireland's public and unusual spaces. 'Drawing a Crowd' showcased how outdoor

public spaces can be used in creative ways, with a programme that attracted all ages and showcased up-and-coming and established artists, circus performers, youth groups, dancers and musicians.



Tipperary Youth Arts Hub

- The Tipperary Youth Arts Hub was identified to support practice and sharing between all involved in youth arts in Tipperary and to support the development of this area of practice. It offers free training opportunities to youth workers, artists and youth practitioners living in Tipperary. The most recent Youth Arts Hub training opportunity held in Templemore College of Further Education on Tuesday, 14 May, specialised in Street Art in Youth Work Settings. Led by artists Helen O'Keeffe and Claire Coughlan, this workshop supported youth workers and artists to gain practical and creative skills in street arts techniques when working with young people. It was a practical, hands-on training that equipped youth workers and artists with new skills and facilitation methods that support young people to use visual art for self-expression and advocacy. Youth workers and

artists developed their creative toolkit in digital and socially engaged street arts, exploring techniques such as stencilling, spray painting, paste-ups and online tools.

that will provide a listing of all festivals and events happening across the county.

Heritage Service

County Heritage Plan Actions:

- Funding has been allocated from the Heritage Council for this year's programme
- Work is currently ongoing to design our Tipperary Heritage webpage on the Irish Community Archive Network website.
- A new Heritage plan is currently being drafted and the Heritage Forum will meet to discuss in coming months.



Festivals promotion campaign

- As part of its commitment to supporting festival activity in the county, Tipperary County Council Arts Office are now rolling out a Festivals Promotion Campaign for the county. The intention of this campaign is to highlight the vibrant festival scene in Tipperary and enhance its reputation as a top destination for festivals and events. This campaign will feature on social media, using distinctive branding to maximize visibility and engagement and will highlight a number of festivals supported by the Council in a timely manner to inform the public about when and how to attend. We are also developing a dedicated subsite on the Tipperary County Council website that will function as a landing page, directing traffic from our social media channels to a page

Tipperary Heritage Week event grant scheme



- National Heritage Week takes place from the 17th – 25th August 2024 with Connections, Routes

and Networks as the theme this year. Tipperary Heritage Office launched our Heritage Week event grant scheme in May to support groups in hosting Heritage Week events throughout the county.

Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN)

- Tipperary Heritage Office along with five other Tipperary based heritage and historical groups who have joined the Irish Community Archive Network attended our first in-person regional meeting in Springfort Hall, Mallow, Co. Cork on Friday 24th May. Kilshannig Heritage Society provided a warm welcome and a guided tour of heritage sites in the area. This was a great day with incredibly knowledgeable speakers.



Heritage Office staff from Tipperary, Cork, Galway, Wicklow, Clare & Mayo County Councils in Mallow on the 24th May.

Community Monuments Fund

- Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan TD, announced that funding amounting to €420,131 was awarded to 6 Tipperary projects through the

2024 Community Monuments Fund to help owners and custodians of archaeological monuments to safeguard them into the future. First established in 2020, the Community Monuments Fund aims to conserve, maintain, protect and promote local monuments and historic sites. Funding is available to allow conservation works to be carried out on monuments that are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support. The aim is to encourage access to monuments and improve their presentation and also to build their resilience to help them withstand the effects of climate change.

Projects awarded funding this year include:

Loughloher Castle - €116,862

Kilsheelan Church and Graveyard - €100,520

Purcell's Castle - €100,000

Boolabaun Castle - €49,982

Blackcastle - €27,060

Knockelly Castle - €25,707



Before and after images of Boolabaun Castle
Creative Ireland programme and Cruinniú na nÓg report



Smartphone Filmmaking workshop, Nenagh Arts Centre



Groovy Hands Drumming Tipperary Town



Cahir Comhaltas musicians performing in Cahir



Keen to be Green, Raheen College Clonmel

- **Cruinniú na nÓg**, Ireland's national festival of creativity for young people was celebrated on Saturday 15th June across Tipperary. **Cruinniú na nÓg** is a flagship initiative of the **Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan** to enable the creative potential of children and young people. Tipperary Creative Ireland office together with Tipperary Library Service, Tipperary Museum of Hidden History, Arts Centres &

creative providers throughout Tipperary were delighted to present a busy day of FUN creative activities for all. This year's festival for children and young people featured Dance, Circus, Music, Painting, Arts & Crafts, Robotics, Jewellery-making, Storytelling, Lego-making, Drama, Curating, Films, Workshops, Baking, Drawing, Clayworks, Youth Theatre and Zine-making. This year was our biggest festival ever including over 50 events & creative projects, with participants and audience members in excess of 2000.

Creative Ireland Health and Wellbeing Funding

- We are delighted to announce that additional funding from Creative Ireland has been awarded to Tipperary County Council under the Creative Health and Wellbeing strand. This funding will support an 18-month project working with Helium Arts to provide creative activities to **children with life-long physical health conditions** across Tipperary, Clare and Limerick. We will work with partners in Limerick County Council, Clare County Council and the HSE. Helium Arts empowers children with lifelong health conditions through creativity and the arts, giving them an opportunity for connection, belonging, imagination and joy.

Biodiversity Service



- The Biodiversity Officer Attended the LAWPRO conference on Nature Based Solutions (NBS) on the 16th of May Conference in Dundalk
- The Biodiversity officer attend an event on 22nd May at the Knockanrawley Resource Centre in Tipperary Town pesticides and moving towards a no-spray policy for Tipperary Town.
- The Biodiversity Officer attended the 2024 All Ireland Pollinator Plan Council Conference on 13th June, where relevant topics such a grass management and reducing pesticide use were discussed.



Biodiversity Week, Terryglass

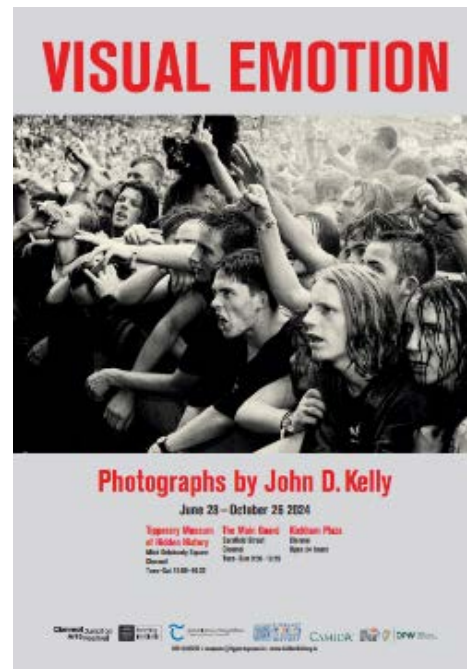
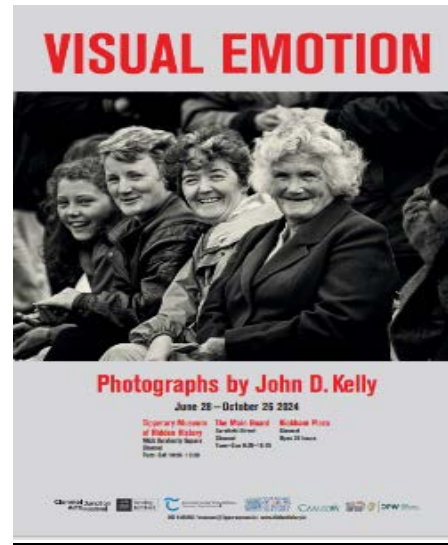


Biodiversity Week, Cabragh Wetlands

Biodiversity Week took place from 17th-26th May. A number of events which were supported by Tipperary County Council were held throughout the County, including the following:

- Why Hedgerows Matter – Clonmel Apple Farm
- Life along the Shores of Lough Derg – Terryglass
- A guided walk and talk on Swifts – Cahir
- A talk on the Native Irish Black Bee – Cabragh Wetlands
- Discover the Hidden World of Moths – Cabragh Wetlands

[Museum Service](#)



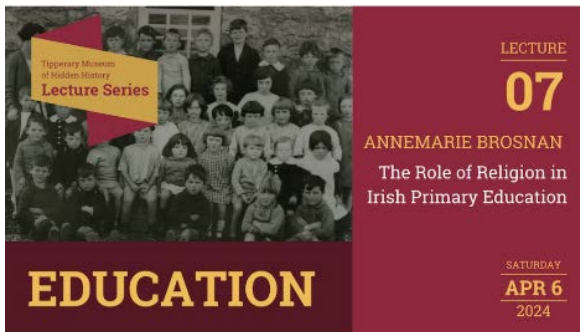
John D Kelly Photographic Exhibition

- "Visual Emotion: A Survey of 40 Years of Photography" to be showcased at Tipperary Museum of Hidden History in July 2024 for Clonmel Junction Arts Festival Clonmel, Ireland Tipperary Museum of Hidden History is delighted to announce their forthcoming exhibition entitled

"Visual Emotion: A Survey of 40 Years of Photography" as part of the 2024 edition of Clonmel Junction Arts Festival this July. Renowned Clonmel photographer John D. Kelly will showcase his masterful collection, encapsulating four decades of photographic artistry. This exhibition promises to be a must-see for both art enthusiasts and aficionados of photography alike. With Kelly's distinguished career spanning over four decades, "Visual Emotion" provides a rare opportunity to witness the evolution of his profession and the emotional depth imbued in each frame".

- **Exhibition runs from 27th June – Oct 26th 2024**

It was launched by Clonmel Mayor Cllr Michael Murphy at his inaugural reception, with Eamonn Lacey Nationalist Reporter and friend to John D Kelly.



- The final lecture in the series entitled *The Role of Religion in Irish Primary Education* was given by AnneMarie Brosnan, Mary Immaculate College on 6th April.

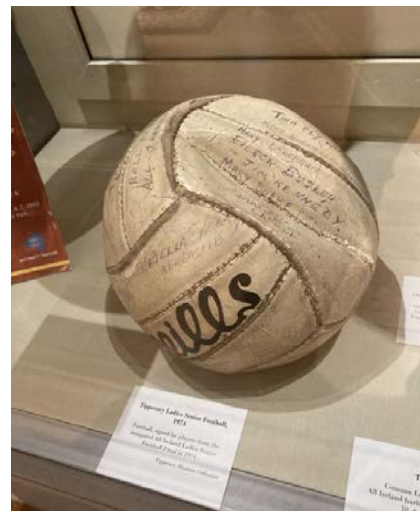
- On May 25th and June 15th, a two-part watercolour workshop for adults was held with artist Rutuja Kulkarni from the RATS Group. 11 people attended both sessions.
- A group of 22 Museum Patrons travelled to Ballitore Quaker Museum in Co. Kildare on May 10th for the 'series fieldtrip'.



- Clonmel Show Pedigree Day:** Friday 31st May saw 350 pupils from local primary schools attend the annual Museum/Clonmel Show pedigree day. This year saw the addition of 2 new heritage specialists demonstrating straw craft, butter making and water divining.
- As part of the *museum stewardship programme*, two textile artist were given a one on one session re: the textile collection. The items which were viewed will then be used for inspiration for the workshops going forward



- A very interesting piece was handed into the Museum in mid-June. Large sections of clay pot which was found in the River Suir by a local man. This is the second of these pots that this man has uncovered, the first being intact and is currently on display in the NLI medieval section. Jayne Sutcliffe Collections Officer has contacted a specialist in the field of pottery and their first theory is that it may be Mediterranean in origin (possibly Greek) which would highlight the use of the Suir for trade etc.



- The 1974 LGFA All-Ireland Final Match Ball was loaned to Croke Park Museum by Tipperary Museum of Hidden History for their upcoming exhibition which will focus on the anniversaries of LGFA, Camogie, Handball & Rounders. The exhibition, which opens the 19th of June and will end in June 2025.



FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 31st May 2024

		EXPENDITURE				INCOME			NET	
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Budget Remaining €	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	Budget outstanding €	Actual Overall Surplus/ (Deficit) €
A	Housing & Building	29,677,038	47,811,603	62%	18,134,565	28,327,179	47,104,166	60%	18,776,987	(1,349,859)
B	Road Transport & Safety	26,535,864	60,638,999	44%	34,103,135	18,178,666	41,698,401	44%	23,519,735	(8,357,199)
C	Water Services	5,928,917	14,930,489	40%	9,001,572	5,401,929	14,366,139	38%	8,964,210	(526,988)
D	Development Management	10,586,955	23,356,907	45%	12,769,952	5,846,722	11,031,135	53%	5,184,413	(4,740,233)
E	Environmental Services	16,213,574	52,473,153	31%	36,259,579	8,070,923	32,619,608	25%	24,548,685	(8,142,651)
F	Recreation & Amenity	6,793,282	15,841,198	43%	9,047,916	1,291,799	2,668,927	48%	1,377,128	(5,501,483)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	985,158	2,012,720	49%	1,027,562	722,113	1,327,851	54%	605,738	(263,045)
H	Miscellaneous Services	8,138,726	17,088,811	48%	8,950,085	8,117,792	18,186,945	45%	10,069,153	(20,934)
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	11,898,683	28,556,840	42%	16,658,157	11,898,683
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	15,174,369	36,593,868	41%	21,419,499	15,174,369
	Totals	104,859,514	234,153,880	45%	129,294,366	103,030,174	234,153,880	44%	131,123,706	(1,829,340)



Capital Account – Year to Date 31st May 2024

	Expenditure	Income
	Expenditure YTD €	Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	15,978,503	14,094,264
B Road Transport & Safety	4,670,747	4,087,978
C Water Services	1,596,795	1,296,374
D Development Management	7,875,358	8,202,849
E Environmental Services	442,096	251,017
F Recreation & Amenity	1,045,107	827,179
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	101,483	30,641
H Miscellaneous Services	464,926	76,029
Total	32,175,015	28,866,331

Collection Rates	YTD 202405	YTD 202305	YTD 202312
Rates	46%	34%	90%
Rents	82%	79%	92%
Housing Loans	99%	98%	99%

Note regarding Rates figures -

- 2023 year-end % takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the current month end figure.



COMMERCIAL RATES

As at 24/06/2024 Rate Accruals for 2024 amounted to **€36,409,211**.

Arrears of **€5,520,979** were brought forward from 2023, giving the total amount to be collected as **€41,930,190**. Write offs in the amount of **€171,381** have been processed to date in 2024.

Receipts of **€20,779,448, (51%)**, were recorded to 24/06/2024.

INCREASED COST OF BUSINESS GRANT

Registration for the ICOB Grant is now closed. All eligible rates customers were written to advising them of the grant and how to register.

The grant is available to qualifying businesses as a contribution towards the rising costs faced by businesses. The grant is intended to aid businesses but is not intended to directly compensate for all increases in wages, or other costs, for every business.

The grant is based on the value of the Commercial Rates bill received by an eligible business in 2023.

- For qualifying businesses with a 2023 Commercial Rate bill of <€10,000, the ICOB grant will be paid at a rate of 50% of the business's Commercial Rate bill for 2023.

- For qualifying businesses with a 2023 Commercial Rate bill of between €10,000 and €30,000, the ICOB grant will be €5,000.

- Businesses with a 2023 Commercial Rates bill greater than €30,000 are not eligible to receive an ICOB grant.

What businesses are eligible to receive the grant?

- The business must be a commercially trading business currently operating from a property that is commercially rateable.
- The business must have been trading on 1st February 2024 and must intend to continue trading for at least three months from the date of Registration.
- The business must provide confirmation of their bank details.
- The business must be rates compliant. Businesses in performing payment plans may be deemed to be compliant.
- The business must be tax compliant and must possess a valid Tax Registration Number (TRN).



ICOB#2 is also available to ratepayers in the Retail and Hospitality Sectors.

All applicants for ICOB#1 were emailed advising them to check that they had entered the correct Business Categories on their submission to ensure that they would receive the ICOB#2 payment if eligible.

At 24/06/2024 a total of 2,585 submissions have been received for ICOB#1. 1,080 Grants have been paid out to date to a value of €2,070,764. A further 107 have been finalised and will be paid at end of the week, bringing the total submissions processed to 46%.

Local Authorities are awaiting some further clarification from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, before commencing to pay ICOB#2.

Please note that Tipperary County Council reserves the right to claw back any grant payment which is later found to be incorrect. This includes any circumstances such as error by the recipient business or the local authority making the payment, or where a business makes a false declaration of eligibility.

RATES PAYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME 2024

Approximately 4,150 (90%) of customers are eligible to benefit from our Rates Payment Incentive Scheme in 2024. If fully subscribed and availed of this could achieve total reductions in their rates of €648,249.

The terms for our Rates Payment Incentive Scheme for 2024 are: -

- Applied to all ratepayers with an annual rates bill of up to €26,000.
- To avail of the Early Payment Reduction of 6%, subject to a maximum of €600, payment of rates must be made in full, by 31st July 2024.
- Customers paying by Direct Debit can avail of the scheme if payment is made by September 2024.

The scheme is open to customers with arrears on their accounts where they pay a minimum amount which is equivalent to the annual rates by the same timelines outlined above, and enter into a structured payment plan to address and eliminate arrears.



VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF

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

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

Category	% Relief	% Payment
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill up to €5,000	100%	0%
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000	80%	20%
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000	60%	40%



DIGITAL AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Business and GIS Systems

Procured and built election laptops, and installed eCount software for the local and European elections (June 2024)

Progressed the replacement of older unsupported architecture hosting systems including:

- The Suir Flood Forecasting System – at Design Phase
- Fire Services Rostering and Scheduling software – at Build Phase
- Museum and Archive systems – at Consultation Phase
- Swimming Pool Software – at Consultation Phase

Continued with supporting the suite of existing business systems:

- Security Patching
- Application troubleshooting
- System upgrades
- Systems Analysis
- User Support

GIS Systems

Continued with:

- Migration of planning PACE System to new environment
- Updating Tipperary Co Co mapping apps with the new Tile services from Tailte Éireann.
- Analysis and development of business case for overhaul of GIS technologies.
- Upgrading GIS Layers with data received from External agencies

- Providing desktop support for AutoCAD, LabWorks, ArcGIS, MapInfo, Sat Nav updates

Mobile Phones and Billing

- Provided corporate phones and setup on management tools.
- Assisted with mobile phone queries
- Liaised with third party suppliers and continued to process invoices
- Commenced procurement of Mobile Voice and Data Communications - at Analysis/Consultation phase

General Tasks

- Continued development of ICT Health and Safety to maintain ISO 45001 status
- Assisted in Procurement for TCC IT Section

Networks, Infrastructure, Phones

Commenced MS 365 project preparatory work as follows:

- prepared on prem AD & Exchange environment for 365 replication
- prepared MS 365 tenant for replication.

Facilitated Elected Members/Local Elections as follows:

- Setup phone number and audio announcements with list of candidates to facilitate visually impaired voters.
- Setup new Elected Members with MS 365 accounts.
- Prepared a request for tender and went to the market for a Managed Print Services contract. Issued a recommendation for same.

- Negotiated with a Supplier regarding our virtualisation software licencing. Issued a recommendation for same.
- Continued to assist with IT Elements of building works in Civic offices Clonmel and Parnell Street. Facilitated staff moves.
- Continued to upgrade network equipment in the buildings.

Security

Continued with:

- Implementing the security segmentation project
- Replacing the security software on all our smartphones
- Providing online security training
- Conducting organisation wide phishing test and providing follow up training where relevant.
- Patching our systems.
- Engaging Vulnerability Management as a Service (VMaaS)



Websites and eDevelopment

- Commenced preparing for the migration of Sharepoint systems to MS 365
- Provided web and communications support for elections
- Facilitated online public consultations
- Continued with:
 - Web security patching and updates
 - Server patching and updates
 - Development and support for Local Economic Community Plans (LECP)

All Teams

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

