



Management Report to Council



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ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE



New Policy/Strategic Issues - Infrastructure SPC meeting held on 1 June 2021

Policy Changes/Updates

A meeting of the Infrastructure SPC was held on 1 June 2021 and the following items were considered:

- Draft Policy on the Provision of Disabled Parking Spaces in Residential Areas approved by SPC. The Policy was presented to Plenary Council at June meeting and approved by Resolution.
- Interreg North-West Europe SMART-SPACE Project – Presentation given by Tipperary Energy Agency and Tipperary County Council, Roads Department.
- Irish Water Transformation – Presentation by Denis Holland, Senior Engineer.
- Meeting scheduled for 6 September 2021.

Directorate Priorities

Major Current Issues	Progress to date	Next Stage
Major inter-urban routes	<p>Submission on N24 to NPF. Two no. N24 projects notified on NDP 2027: <u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Consultants Arup appointed by Kilkenny County Council in August 2020 to complete Phase 1 to 4.</p> <p>Website launched in February 2021.</p> <p>Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility was completed in April 2021.</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction.</u> Arup appointed on 22 October 2019 to complete Phase 1 to 4.</p> <p>Website launched in August 2020.</p> <p>Phase 1: Concept and Feasibility completed in September 2020.</p>	<p><u>Waterford to Cahir:</u> Phase 2: Options selection commenced.</p> <p><u>Cahir to Limerick Junction:</u> Phase 2: Options selection commenced and is due to be completed by April 2022.</p> <p>Transport Options and Alternatives Public Consultation took place between 25 June and 6 August 2021.</p>
Capital Programme 2021	Implementation of Capital Programme	Progress schemes and draw down grant funding before end of TII financial year.



Implementation of Operational Road Works Programme 2021	Implementation of Programme	Completion of programme within budget and drawdown of all available grant funding.
Rural and Community Schemes (CIS, LIS, CLÁR)	Implement in conjunction with Districts and Community and Enterprise Department	<p>CLÁR 2021 – Applications for Measure 1 submitted to Department of Rural and Community Development – allocation of €104,000 has been notified.</p> <p>2021 CIS Scheme – schemes offered and being completed across all Districts. 2021 Allocation €1,194,000.</p> <p>2022 – 2023 CIS Scheme advertised for applications with closing date 6 August 2021. Applications received are currently being assessed across all Districts.</p> <p>2021 LIS Scheme R1 & R2 – schemes offered in accordance with priority lists and are being completed across all Districts. 2021 Allocation €721,621.</p>
Consultation	Continued consultation with TII, Elected Members and staff	Annual Meeting with TII to be scheduled.
Public Lighting	Public lighting policy adopted in May 2018	Implementation of policy ongoing.
Road Safety	Strategy adopted in June 2018	Implement Strategy in conjunction with Road Safety Together Working Group. New strategy to be developed in 2021/2022. Meeting of the Road Safety Working Together Group scheduled for Q3 2021.



Department of Transport (DoT)
REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROADS ALLOCATIONS 2021

Tipperary County Council Regional and Local Roads Allocations 2021 (Initial)	
Restoration Improvement	€15,221,000
Restoration Maintenance	€2,546,500
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance	€1,820,000
Discretionary Grant	€4,772,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	€695,000
Specific Imp. Grants	€150,000
Strategic Regional and Local Roads	€500,000
Safety Improvement Works	€560,000
Speed Limits	€27,900
Cycle Signs	€6,500
Active Travel	€168,405
Training Grant	€129,500
Drainage Works	€1,192,053
Community Improvement Scheme	€1,194,000
PSCI: Survey Support	€44,000
Former National Roads	€500,000
Total Allocation	€29,526,858



2021 GRANT ALLOCATIONS
FOR NATIONAL ROADS

Tipperary County Council – National Roads Allocations 2021 (Initial)	
Improvement	Allocations 2021
National Primary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€250,000
Major Schemes	€1,025,000
Pavements	€900,000
National Secondary	
HD15 and HD17 Minor Works	€500,000
Minor Works	€2,000,000
Pavements	€2,480,000
Engineering Support to Local Authorities for National Primary and National Secondary, and Pavement Design and Supervision	€300,000
Total Improvement Allocations 2021	€7,455,000
Maintenance	
Total National Primary Maintenance	€370,481
Total National Secondary Maintenance	€393,335
Engineering and Winter Support to the National Primary and National Secondary - Maintenance Programme	€88,300
Total Maintenance Allocations 2021	€852,116
Total TII Grant Allocation for National Roads	€8,307,116



Directorate Projects (Capital)		
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Nenagh Municipal District		
N52 Borrisokane Street Improvement Works	Construction commenced in November 2018 and reached substantial completion in January 2021.	Final snag items are expected to be completed in Q4 2021.
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. The ground investigation is now complete and a report is awaited, which will further inform the design team of available options.	The next stage will be decided after completion of the ground investigation report.
N65 Carrigahorig Pavement Improvement Scheme	This scheme was intended to be a re-alignment of 0.6km section of the N65 on the southern approach to Carrigahorig village. The scheme has since developed into a pavement improvement scheme which deals with a number of road safety issues in the village and will also involve the provision of an extension of footpath from the village to the R493 Terryglass Road. Feasibility work has been completed and the Preliminary Design stage has commenced. Land acquisition is currently underway for the provision of the footpath extension to the R493 Terryglass Road and for widening of a footpath in the village.	Land acquisition and preliminary design work will continue in 2021.
Thurles Municipal District		
Thurles bypass	Response received from TII to Plenary Council letter of September 2018, Thurles bypass is not on the National Capital Plan.	Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition.
N62 Slievenamon Road Thurles, Phase 2	This scheme involves improvement of National Secondary route between the Dunnes Roundabout and junction with Liberty Square. Topographical and Pavement Condition Surveys complete. Consultants appointed, draft design 95% completed.	Design to be completed and Part 8 to be advertised in Q4 2021.
N62 Templemore approach roads (Thurles Road)	N62 Templemore (Thurles Road) – The scheme started at the junction of the N62 and the R501 continuing south for approximately 2km. Works commenced in November 2020 and are substantially completed.	Final snag items are being completed.
N62 Templemore approach roads (Roscrea Road)	This is the second of two schemes on the Thurles Road and Roscrea Road approaches to the town of Templemore. N62 Templemore (Roscrea Road) – The scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 700m of road pavement on the N62 National Secondary road on the northern approach to Templemore.	Construction due to commence in Q3 2021.



N62 Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 5.5km of pavement on the N62 National Secondary Road from Kilnoe (M8) to Thurles Road South. The scheme is at preliminary design stage.	Consultants are currently being appointed to complete the design and procure a Contractor to carry out the works. It is anticipated that subject to the availability of funding that construction on this scheme will commence in 2022.
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 scheme is at preliminary design stage.	It is anticipated that design will be completed in 2021 and subject to the availability of funding that construction will commence in 2022.

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. Design work is being undertaken by Tramore House Road Design Office. Cleaning and surveys of drainage system has been carried out.	Publication for Tender.
N76 Grangemockler Pavement Strengthening	This scheme includes pavement improvement and traffic calming through the village, improvements to footpaths, landscaping and pavement strengthening. Part 8 Planning approved at the July meeting of Carrick on Suir MD.	Detailed design and preparation of contract documents.
Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District		
N74 Ballyhusty Realignment	This scheme involves the realignment of approx. 1km of the N74 at Ballyhusty. A Compulsory Purchase Order was advertised in September 2020 and submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval. Tender has been advertised in August 2021.	Receipt of Tenders in September and appointment of contractor. Commencement of works.
(N24 Main Street) N74 Fr Mathew Street, Tipperary Town	This scheme proposes a significant upgrade to the public realm through the centre of Tipperary town between Church Street and Cashel Road. The scheme is 1.6km in length and encompasses two national routes through the town, the N24 and N74. The Part 8 for the scheme was passed in January 2021 and the Municipal District Council decided not to proceed with the N24 Main Street element of the scheme. The Fr Mathew Street element of the scheme is at final design stage.	It is anticipated that works will commence in Q1 2022.
N74 Golden to Knockroe Pavement Improvement Scheme	This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.5km of pavement on the N74. The scheme is located approximately 4km west of Cashel Town. The scheme is at preliminary design stage.	Consultants appointed to complete the design and procure a Contractor to carry out the works. It is anticipated that subject to the availability of



		funding that construction on this scheme will commence in 2022.
N24 Ballydrehid Realignment	This scheme involves the preparation of proposals for possible improvements to the N24 at Ballydrehid. Feasibility report submitted to TII.	Awaiting TII response.
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. Draft Preliminary design report prepared, Draft Part 8 documents being prepared.	Complete preliminary design for submission to TII for approval, followed by Part 8 planning process.
Project	Progress to date	Next Stage
Clonmel Borough District		
N24 Clonmel Inner Relief Road Pavement Improvement	This scheme involved the rehabilitation of approximately 7.3km of pavement on the N24 National Primary road in county Tipperary. Construction commenced in October 2019 and works have now been completed.	In 12-month Defects period.
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	Part 8 procedures and preliminary design work is completed. The CPO was published in August 2020 and Oral Hearing was held on 1 st & 2 nd December 2020. The CPO was confirmed on April 16 th 2021 without modification.	It is anticipated that, subject to the availability of funding, work on the scheme will commence in 2022 and will take approximately 18 months to complete.
Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme	Clare County Council is lead authority. Planning procedures, the Oral Hearing and design have been completed. The tender competition for the works contract will be completed in Q3 2021. A minor works contract for site clearance and laying a section of sewer is substantially complete.	It is anticipated that the main contract will be awarded in Q4 2021 and subject to availability of funding work will commence early in 2022 and will take approximately 3 years to complete.
Thurles Inner Relief Road	The proposed scheme comprises approximately 1.1km of new road with 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. The scheme includes a 50-metre span tied bowstring arch crossing of the River Suir along with ancillary drainage, attenuation ponds (2 no.), ducting, water mains, public lighting and flood alleviation works along the River Suir.	Negotiations for land acquisition are ongoing. Secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition. Lidl has completed construction of a section of the road for access to new store.

ROADWORKS PROGRAMME (2021) - TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL

The Roadworks Programme 2021 is progressing with works to be completed by October. Photographs of the quality work being delivered by the Council and our contractors, in conjunction with our District Offices, is evident on the following pages.

The Covid-19 risk continues to be managed in line with government guidelines and Roads Response Plans, with Roads section delivering a full range of services.

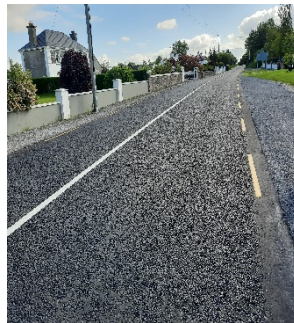
ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME 2021



Cloneen Village

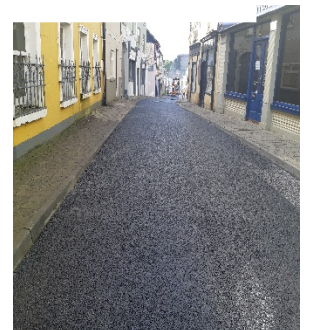
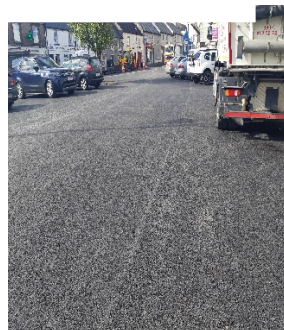


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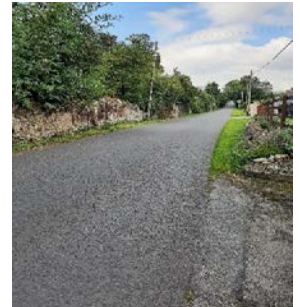
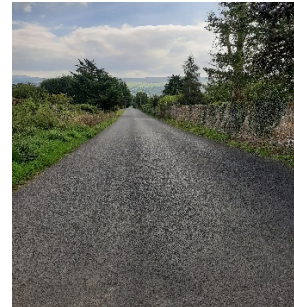
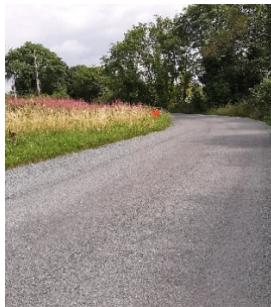


Toomevara



Lavelly to Darcy's Cross

Ballyclerihan to
Poulmucka



Graigue to Temple-Etney

Mylerstown



Ballinahinch Village

Newtown Village



Hawthorn Estate, Nenagh



Grennanstown, Toomevara



Ballagh Village



Bonarae, Cappawhite



Maudemount



Station Road,
Tipperary Town



R639 Thurles MD (Former National Road N8)



ROADS ADMINISTRATION

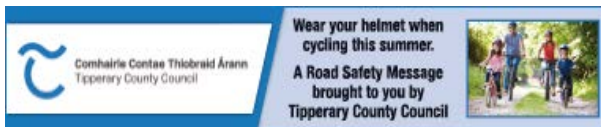
Admin / Licensing Process During 2021	Number
Roads Abutting Certificates Requested	488
Roads Abutting Certificates Issued	423
Abnormal Loads Permits Requested	114
Abnormal Loads Permits Issued	112
Road Opening Licence applications received	582
FOI requests processed	9
AIE requests processed	0
Estates Taken in Charge 2021	
Ash Court, Cahir Road, Clonmel	
Springfield Grove, Rossmore Village, Tipperary Town	
Springfield Crescent (part of), Rossmore Village, Tipperary Town	
Friarsfield, Killenaule Road, Fethard (Phase 1)	
Friarsfield, Killenaule Road, Fethard (Phase 2)	
Meadowlands, Moangarriff, Clonmel	
Cluain Orga, Cashel	
Proposed Estates in progress for Taking in Charge	
West Meadows, Boherlahan, Cashel	
Ard Abhainn, Ballina	
Bellevue, Coolbawn	
Townspark, Clonmel Road, Cahir	

CLÁR MEASURE 1

The Council, under CLÁR Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures made a submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development for funding for a number of projects in 2021. Three projects have received approval to proceed, Drangan NS, St. Brigid's NS Donaskeigh, and Carrig & Riverstown GAA & Community Car Park within a total allocation of €104,000.

ROAD SAFETY

In June, Roads Section ran a campaign in local newspapers and on Tipp FM urging cyclists to "Be Safe, Be Seen, Be Visible". The campaign was timed to coincide with the end of the primary school year, when many children would be taking to their bikes for summer.



In July, Roads Section ran an advertising campaign to alert people walking or running on roads, where there is no footpath, to the dangers posed by agricultural machinery during the summer months. This campaign ran in local papers. The banner message was "Listen out! Look out! Step in" when you hear or see agricultural machinery on the road."



NENAGH MACHINERY YARD SITE RE-DEVELOPMENT

The Part 8 Planning application for the re-development of the Nenagh Machinery Yard and Civic Amenity Site was approved by the members of Nenagh Municipal District at their meeting held on 17 June 2021.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

A Public Lighting policy was adopted by the Council in May 2018. All public lighting queries are dealt with daily by the Roads Section, the Customer Service Desk and the Municipal/Borough Districts. SSE Airtricity is notified of the relevant queries and corrective action is taken as appropriate.

Tipperary County Council has responsibility for the management and maintenance of more than 17, 288 lights in the county and public lighting is one of the biggest users of energy in the Council's overall energy usage. Upgrading of lights to LED is ongoing throughout Tipperary.

The Council will continue to avail of external funding where same is available from SEAI, TII and EU funding for energy efficiency projects. TII have allocated funding for the upgrade of street lights to LED on the N52 Nenagh Bypass, N62 in Roscrea, N24 Tipperary (Limerick Road) and N74 at Thomastown.

Tipperary County Council and SSE Airtricity have reviewed all work practices to comply with the working recommendations for dealing with Covid-19 and its related restrictions.

Tipperary County Council has advertised the Public Lighting Maintenance Contract and is currently in the process of assessing the responses received. This contract is for a two-year period with options to extend by two further periods of 12 months each.

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

- **Internet: www.airtricitysolutions.com**
- **Phone: Airtricity Utility Solutions Call Centre - 1850 372 772**
- **Customer Services, Tipperary County Council - 0761 06 5000**

ROAD MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

PUBLIC LIGHTING AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT

Tipperary County Council in conjunction with the RMO and 23 other local authorities has signed up to participate in a large-scale street lighting upgrade to LED. The primary aim of the project is to enable Local Authorities to reach their statutory energy efficiency target to be 50% more energy efficient by 2030.

The southern region project has gone out to tender and work is ongoing on the preparation of the tender documents for the Eastern Region.



The Excellence in Local Government Awards 2021 (ELG Awards), sponsored by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage are held to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by local authorities all over Ireland. The Roads Department is delighted to inform you that Tipperary County Council has been shortlisted in the seventeenth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2021 for the project:

- **Interreg North West Europe (NWE) SMART-SPACE Project** in Enhancing the Urban Environment.

This year, the awards will be hosted via an online ceremony on Thursday 18 November 2021. Best of luck to all involved in the project on behalf of Tipperary County Council, Tipperary Energy Agency and project Partners.

Smart-Space aims to facilitate the uptake of smart lighting in small/mid-size towns to enhance energy-efficiency and reduce CO2 emissions.

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Energy Agency are partners in the Smart Space project along with three other European cities Sint-Niklaas and Ostend in Belgium and Middleburg in the Netherlands.

In Tipperary, the project will replace 600 standard street lights with LED street lights. These new LED lights will be equipped with smart technology allowing the Council better control over the light and can provide information on energy use. In some areas a pilot will be trialled where motion detectors will allow lights to dim down if there is no movement in the area and light up again once the system detects cars or pedestrians approaching. Another pilot project will see street lights that can change colour for events being trialled in Liberty Square, Thurles.

The three pilot areas which have been chosen in Tipperary to take part in the project are Thurles, Clonoulty and Drangan.

The SMART-SPACE project is co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund under the transnational co-operation programme Interreg North-West Europe.

www.nweurope.eu/smart-space

The Project has now commenced with SSE Airtricity installing street lights in the three locations.

Contract Signing May 2021 Interreg North-West Europe SMART-SPACE Project



**Noel Cummins, Contract Manager SSE Airtricity,
Councillor Michael Smith, Cathaoirleach, Liam Brett,
Senior Engineer, Roads.**

HEDGE CUTTING

The 2021/2022 Hedgecutting Season commenced on 1 September 2021 and runs through to 28 February 2022. All landowners and occupiers of land are requested to note that Section 46 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 prohibits the cutting, burning or destruction of any vegetation growing on uncultivated land or in a hedge or ditch during the period 1 March to 31 August each year. This is to ensure the safety of birds and other wildlife.

Tipperary County Council would like to thank owners and occupiers of land adjoining roads who inspect trees and hedges on their property during the hedge cutting season and ensured that they do not pose a danger to road users. Examples of hazards include dead or dying trees, ditches or hedges interfering with traffic, blocking footpaths obscuring road signs, public lighting or road users' visibility.

Tipperary County Council requests the co-operation of the public in keeping road users safe. A public awareness campaign will begin in September 2021 and continue throughout the hedge-cutting season. Our District offices will be carrying out local inspections and notices will be issued as necessary to relevant landowners.

Regulations 49 and 50 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 make it an offence to plant, disperse, allow dispersal or cause the spread of invasive plant species. Further information regarding the control and management of invasive plant species can be found on www.invasivespeciesireland.com

ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME 2021



The Programme for Government published in June 2020 includes significant and ambitious targets for

the development of walking and cycling schemes. As part of that overall Programme, €50 million has been made available to the National Transport Authority for the funding of walking and cycling projects in local authorities across the country during 2021.

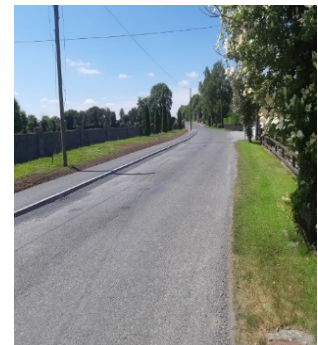
The aim of this funding is to support the development of high-quality urban cycling and walking infrastructure outside of our cities and so this investment is specifically targeted at towns and villages across the country.

Tipperary County Council secured an initial allocation of €4.633m for Active Travel projects in 2021, with further approvals and allocations being pursued on an ongoing basis.

The Council applied for further NTA funding under the Additional Outdoor Infrastructure Fund to provide Covid friendly short-term measures to create safe urban public spaces where people can walk, cycle and gather outdoors this summer as society opens up, in line with the expected easing of Covid-19 restrictions.

An allocation of €457,190 for a range of projects was notified by the NTA on 26 May 2021. Work on implementation of the projects commenced immediately.

Benamore Footpath Scheme



Cloneen Footpaths Scheme



ACTIVE TRAVEL - JULY 2021



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council



"Active Travel is travelling with a purpose using your own energy."



- Examples of Active Travel Projects:*
- Segregated Cycling Lanes
 - Widened / Upgraded Footpaths
 - Cycle Parking
 - Raised Pedestrian Crossings
 - Safer Crossing Points
 - Safe to School Programmes



Low Cost Permeability



Junction Tightening



Hanley's Place & Kenyon St
COVID-19 Social Distancing control measures in place to enhance outdoor dining and urban areas.



Safe to Schools Programme
Improves access routes to school by improving walking & cycling infrastructure.



Benamore Footpath
Connection of two footpaths to complete an orbital walking route.

IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECTS IN YOUR LOCAL AREA, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT ENGINEER.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

New Policy/Strategic Issues			
Policy Changes/Up-Date	Current status	Progression in Previous Months	Next Stage
County Development Plan 2022-2028	Commenced	The Draft County Development Plan was considered at the July 16 th Plenary Council meeting whereby the Elected Members agreed by resolution to put the draft Plan on public display subject to amendments.	The Draft Plan is now on public display for the period 30 th July 2021 to 15 th October 2021. Submissions and observations will be accepted during this time.
Cahir Local Area Plan 2021-2027	Under preparation	Plan adopted by Elected Members on 12 th April 2021, came into effect on Monday 24 th May 2021.	Cahir Local Area Plan now made and has effect.

National Planning Framework: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)

Project	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage
Tipperary Town Regeneration	Market Yard - Detailed Designs completed. Contractor appointed for the construction stage. Works commenced on 21 st . June, 2021. River Ara Walkway – Design team appointed and detailed designs completed. Final Business Case for approval to the appointment of a contractor submitted to the Department. Construction of the bridge commenced.	Market Yard –Complete construction stage in October, 2021. River Ara Walkway – Complete purchase of the land required. Obtain approval to the Final Business Case from the Department in September. Appoint contractor and commence works.
Fethard Town Park	(i) Phase 1 Groundworks and pitches are in progress. (ii) Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works- Scope of works was reduced following a review of the Final Business Case by the Department. Approval received from the Department to retender Phase 2. Redesigning completed. Tender	(i) Complete Phase 1 Groundworks and Pitches by year end. (ii) Phase 2 Pavilion and Public Realm Works - Complete review of tender documents received from the design team. Advertise for tenders, assess tenders and prepare Final Business Case for submission to the Department. Phase 2 works will take approximately 12 months to complete.



documents for the construction stage prepared.

<p>Templemore Cultural and Enterprise Centre with Civic Plaza</p>	<p>Design team appointed. Consultative group in place and meetings held. Detailed designs completed. Stage 1 Restricted Procedure to assess suitability of contractors advertised on e-Tenders in August, 2021.</p>	<p>Complete the selection process under Stage 1. Issue tender documents to prequalified tenderers under Stage 2. Assess tenders received and compile Final Business Case for submission to the Department. Commence works circa December, 2021.</p>
<p>Regeneration through Recreation, Education and Support for Local Producers-Thurles Market Quarter</p>	<p>Part 8 completed. Documentation completed in compliance with the verification and due diligence phase and returned to the Department. Meetings held with Mary Immaculate College and Thurles Farmers Market. Tender Documents for the engagement of a design team being prepared.</p>	<p>Department to complete review on documentation submitted under the verification and due diligence phase. Obtain Approval in Principle from the Department to the project. Complete tender documentation for the engagement of a design team and advertise for tenders. Appoint design team circa November, 2021.</p>
<p>Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter</p>	<p>Steering Group and Implementation Group established. Design team appointed. Site visits undertaken. Community questionnaire advertised online for the public to have their say with a significant number of responses received. Stakeholder consultations ongoing. Concepts being developed.</p>	<p>Complete the development of four concepts. Engage in further public consultation on the concepts. Review public response which will inform the detailed designs. Detailed designs and Part 8 Planning to be completed by end of April, 2022.</p>
<p>Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan</p>	<p>Design team appointed. Dedicated website in place and continuously updated. Preliminary design stage completed with significant engagement and input from the public. Part 8 Planning in progress.</p>	<p>Complete Part 8 Planning October, 2021. Commence detailed designs. Programme is on track for completion in November, 2021.</p>
<p>A Pathway to the Regeneration of Cahir Town Centre</p>	<p>Cahir Market House Business Centre: – Part 8 Planning approved. Design team appointed. Preliminary Designs</p>	<p>Cahir Market House Business Centre: – Detailed designs will be completed by November, 2021.</p>



completed. Detailed designs in progress.

Cahir Town Centre Public Realm: - Procurement completed for the engagement of a design team. Final Business Case for appointment of the design team approved by the Department in August, 2021. Online pre planning public consultation workshops held on 16th and 17th August.

Cahir Town Centre Public Realm: - Complete the purchase of two sites for the car park. Pre Part 8 Workshop to take place with the Elected Members on 31st. August, 2021. Upload preferred design option to dedicated website early September for input by the public. Commence Part 8 process 24th. September. Anticipate approval to Part 8 and completion of detailed designs in December, 2021.

Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Serviced Sites

Documentation completed in compliance with the verification and due diligence phase and submitted to the Department. Tender documents for the engagement of a design team are currently being prepared.

Department to complete review on documentation submitted under the verification and due diligence phase. Obtain Approval in Principle from the Department to the project. Liaise with Tidy Towns Committee in regard to design of the park. Complete tender documentation for the engagement of a design team and advertise for tenders. Appoint design team.

National Planning Framework: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (Project Implementation)

Project	Progress in Previous Months	Next Stage
Thurles: Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme-Phase 1 and Phase 2	<p>Phase 1: -New Car Park off Liberty Square completed. Site clearance, service diversions, shared infrastructure, footpath paving and street furniture substantially completed on the South side of Liberty Square from Barry’s Castle to Executive Menswear. Works commenced on the North side from Stakelum Fashions to the Ulster Bank.</p> <p>Phase 2: -Western end of the Square and approach roads. Scheme extents drawing completed. Quotations sought for Topographical Survey.</p>	<p>Phase 1: - Complete works on the Northside from Stakelum Fashions to AIB Bank. Programmed to complete all Phase 1 works in Q1 of 2022.</p> <p>Phase 2: - Complete Topographical survey early September. Complete preliminary design drawings and Part 8 documentation by end of September. Commence Part 8 process October, 2021. Approval of Part 8 anticipated in December, 2021.</p>
Clonmel: Transformational Regeneration	<p>Regional Sports Hub – Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Contractor appointed and works began on site mid-August, 2021.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 - Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Car park completed. Contractor appointed for the plaza and public realm. Works commenced on site 10th. June, 2021 with demolition currently in progress.</p>	<p>Regional Sports Hub – Complete construction phase. Programme duration is approximately 13 months.</p> <p>Kickham Barracks Regeneration – Complete construction phase. Programme duration is approximately 12 months.</p>
Nenagh: Centre of Excellence	<p>Project has been awarded €9,525,000 under the Fund. €3,175,000 committed by the Council towards the project in</p>	<p>with arrangements and conditions attached to the funding support. Next Steering Group meeting scheduled for 15th. September.</p>

match funding. Total project costs are €12,700,000. Project Deliverables Review Meeting held May, 2021. Steering Group meeting held July, 2021. Provisional Approval issued by the Department on 25th. August, 2021.

Commence tendering process for the engagement of a design team. Complete Project Financial Table in accordance with the funding requirements by early September and submit to the Department.

PLANNING SECTION

County Development Plan

The Pre-Draft 'Shaping Our Future' consultation stage ran from 18th September to 16th November 2020. 190 submissions were received during the public consultation period, and were summarised and considered by the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions was issued to the Elected Members for their consideration on 15th January 2021. A Workshop with the Elected Members was held on 17th February 2021. The Chief Executive's Report was considered at the March 8th Plenary Council Meeting whereby the Elected Members issued directions to the Chief Executive regarding the content of the draft Plan. The Draft Plan was issued to the Elected Members for their consideration on 3rd June 2021. 13 Workshops with the Elected Members were held over June and July 2021 to discuss the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan was considered at the July 16th Plenary Council meeting whereby the Elected Members agreed by resolution to put the Draft Plan on public display subject to amendments. The Draft Plan is on public display for the period 30th July 2021 to 15th October 2021. Submissions and observations will be accepted during this time.



A dedicated website is available on the Council planning website; this can be accessed at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/cdp> and will remain available as a key source of information over the two-year process of plan-making. The Draft Plan may be viewed on this website as well as at the Planning Offices, MD Offices and the libraries. In addition, the planning section dedicated Twitter page **@planningtipp** will be constantly updated.

Killaloe-Ballina Enhancement and Mobility Plan

Clare County Council and Tipperary County Council published a public consultation on the Draft Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement and Mobility Plan in July and August this year. A strong and positive response was received from the residents of the twin towns to the Plan. The Plan will facilitate a coordinated approach to public realm enhancements within Killaloe and Ballina, providing a clear vision for Killaloe and Ballina as linked settlements. Specific measures, designs and schemes including within the Plan will promote the towns' complementarity, and create an overall focus on their joint strengths and opportunities in terms of functionality, aesthetics and the changing transport and mobility profile of the towns as a result of the future Killaloe Bypass and Shannon Bridge crossing. Officers of both Councils will now prepare reports on the submissions received as part of the public consultation on the Draft Plan and present these to the respective Nenagh and Killaloe Municipal Districts in Autumn '21 to endorse the Plan.

Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Project Implementation

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

Clonmel 2030 Transformational Regeneration seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel, which will re-imagine how civic, cultural, educational, enterprise and tourism uses can work together to regenerate and create a new role for the town. The project includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely: Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel – Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement. Funding was received for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub.



Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1- Works on the car park were completed in December, 2020. The main works contract commenced in June, 2021 with demolition currently in progress. Programme duration is 12 months.

Clonmel Regional Sports Hub – Works commenced on site mid-August, 2021. Programme duration is 13 months.

The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are € 15,163,247 and URDF grant awarded is €10,594,961.**

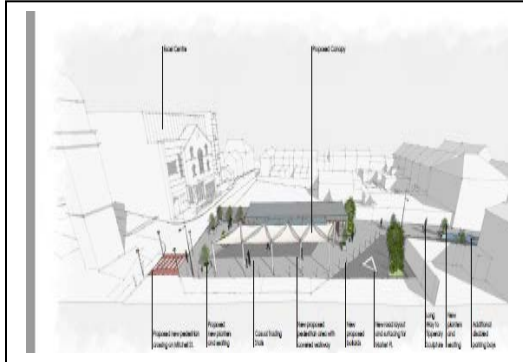
Liberty Square Enhancement Project Thurles seeks to deliver a vibrant Liberty Square at the heart of Thurles: a place to live, shop, work, socialise, play or “hang-out”. The revitalised Liberty Square will become an engine for growth in and around Liberty Square and will enhance the attractiveness of Thurles as a place to live and a place for investment / employment. **Phase 1:** -The new Car Park off Liberty Square opened on 1st October, 2020. Works are substantially completed on the Southern side of Liberty Square and works have commenced on the Northern side. Expected completion of Phase 1 by Q1 of 2022. **Phase 2:** - Preliminary design drawings are currently being undertaken and Part 8 Planning process will commence in Q4 2021. The Project Management Plan for the delivery and implementation of this project is ongoing. **Total project costs approved are €10,675,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €5,390,000.**



A Pathway to a Low-Carbon Society: A Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy driving the transformational urban regeneration of Nenagh: -The proposal is to develop a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy, to be the anchor and catalyst for the redevelopment of Martyr’s Road Regeneration Quarter, a 10 ha. strategic site of brownfield lands and underutilised properties located in the heart of Nenagh Town Centre. The Centre of Excellence, taking reference from best international practice, will uniquely host a range of public agencies working collaboratively to deliver innovative solutions from training and development, to new cutting-edge research on technologies, to incubating low-carbon social enterprises. The Centre has been designed to be Ireland’s first carbon neutral and energy positive building. The works to be supported also include Public Realm and Amenity Enhancement to Friar Street Civic Plaza, Martyr’s Road Town Park, Martyr’s Road streetscape improvements, including cycleways. Project was approved for funding in March, 2021. Provisional Approval received from the Department on 25th. August, 2021 with arrangements and conditions attached to the funding support. **Total project costs approved are €12,700,000 and URDF grant awarded amounts to €9,525,000.**



Tipperary Town Regeneration - This is a significant regeneration project for Tipperary Town which will greatly enhance long term sustainable tourism for the area. It will include an upgrade of the Market Yard as a pedestrian priority area, linking the Excel Heritage Centre to Market Yard and the Town Centre and, an 800 metre walkway along the River Ara, including two loop walks. **Market Yard** –Works are currently in progress with expected completion in October, 2021. **River Ara Walkway** –Bridge is currently being installed. Final Business Case submitted to the Department and expect decision circa September, 2021 in order to proceed with works on the walkway etc. **Total project costs approved are €835,000 and RRDF grant amounts to €626,250.**



Fethard Town Park

The project proposal is for the development of a community sport and recreational campus, incorporating a community pavilion, playing pitches, walkways, parkland and open spaces. The project was developed through a partnership approach with Coolmore Ireland, Cashel and Emly Diocese and Healthy Ireland. Final design for project completed. **Phase 1 - Groundworks and pitches** recommenced in May, 2021 following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions and expected completion by year end. **Phase 2 – Pavilion and Public Realm Works** –Scope of works reduced following a review by the Department on the Final Business Case. Design revised and tender documents almost complete. Expect to advertise for tenders early September. **Total project costs approved are €5,094,969 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,600,000.**



Templemore Town Hall: Enterprise and Cultural Centre with Civic Plaza

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

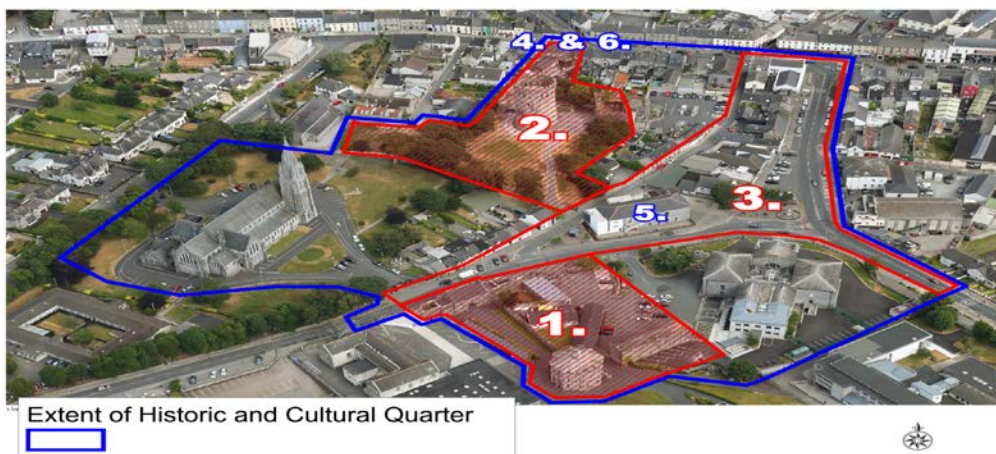
Local Enterprise Office and the Tipperary Energy Agency. Preliminary designs agreed. Detailed designs completed. Tendering process has commenced for the appointment of a contractor for the construction stage. Works expected to commence in December, 2021. **Total project costs approved are €2,810,000 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,107,500.**



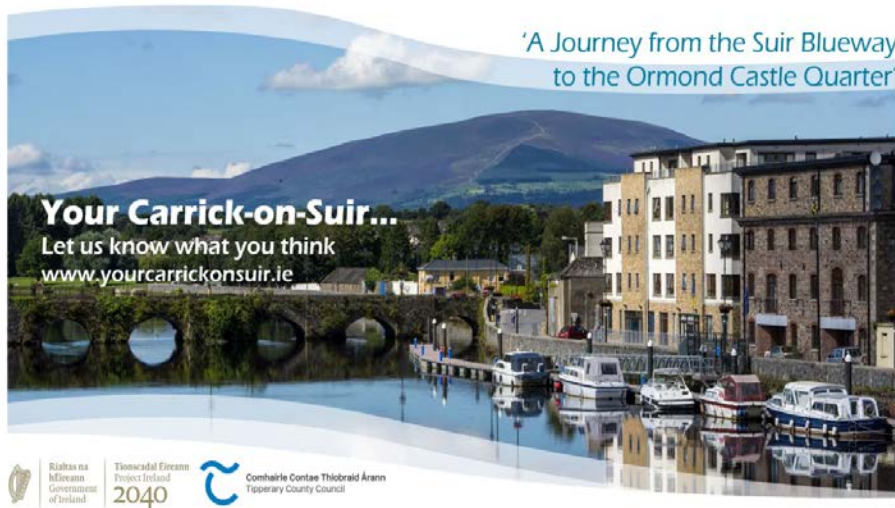
Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter - A Tourism-led Regeneration Plan

A Plan to regenerate specific existing buildings and civic spaces of distinction and value within Nenagh (including The Gaol, The Castle and Banba Square) to stimulate tourism growth and revitalise the local economy/visitor economy within a context of tourism-led regeneration, comprising arts, history, heritage and culture. The focus will be on the development of 3 Flagship Pillars and 3 Supporting Pillars, collectively offering an immersive tourism experience. Design team in place. Questionnaire advertised online for the public to have their say with a significant response received. Further public consultation will take place on completion of the development of four concepts which will inform the design. Detailed designs and Part 8 Planning to be completed by end of April, 2022.

Total project costs approved are €896,712 and RRDF grant amounts to €672,534.



Carrick on Suir Regeneration Plan ‘A Journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter’
Plan for the town, through investment in orientation and public realm enhancement actions, to build on its relationship and synergies with the Suir Blueway (west) and the historic Ormond Castle Quarter (east) and thereby regenerate the town centre as an immersive visitor destination and rural town in its own right. Design team appointed December, 2020. Preliminary design stage completed with significant input from the public. Part 8 Planning is in progress with expected approval in October, 2021. Detailed designs commenced. Programme is on track for completion in November, 2021. **Total project costs approved are €487,500 and RRDF grant amounts to €365,625.**



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

A suite of measures that will re-vitalise Cahir’s historic Square as a living-working quarter. The project will provide a dynamic town centre Square with a focus on pedestrian priority and civic space. The re-development will be focused around Market House, a flagship Business Development Centre based in one of the most historic buildings on the Square.

Cahir Market House Business Centre: –Design team in place. Detailed designs have commenced and will be completed by November, 2021.

Cahir Town Centre Public Realm:–Final Business Case approved by the Department August, 2021 to proceed to project implementation for both the public realm and car park. Purchase of two opportunity sites being finalised. Detailed designs and Part 8 to be completed December, 2021.

Total project costs approved are €951,354 and RRDF grant amounts to €663,362.



Thurles Market Quarter: Regeneration through Recreation, Education and support for Local Producers is a collaboration between Tipperary County Council, Thurles Lion’s Club and Mary Immaculate College Thurles. The project will provide a designated market space in the town centre for local food and craft producers, artists and performers; will offer a location in the centre of a cluster of civic spaces to be enjoyed by locals and visitors while also acting as a base for the MIC Students’ Union. Project was awarded RRDF Funding in April, 2021. Awaiting Department approval to verification documentation submitted. **Total project costs are €3,215,401 and RRDF grant amounts to €2,893,861.**



Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Project

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



include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be model for serviced site developments across the country and an initiative to revitalise villages in Tipperary and across the country. The scheme was subject to a Part 8 process, approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. Project was awarded RRDF funding in April, 2021. Awaiting Department approval to verification documentation submitted. **Total project costs are €613,171 and RRDF grant amounts to €551,854.**

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund – Third Call Category 2 Projects

Three applications have been submitted under the Third Call for Category 2 projects for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The closing date for submission of applications was 30th. July, 2021 and details are as follows: -



Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub, Nenagh

Tipperary County Council is seeking funding to prepare detailed designs for the adaptive re-use of a former cinema and outline masterplan for redevelopment of the adjacent brownfield site at Banba Square, Nenagh. The Hub would be an exemplar sustainable, green, town centre regeneration project that will revitalize the town centre of Nenagh through the provision of much needed incubator enterprise space, public realm enhancement, improved permeability/linkages with existing streets and backland/infill development. It will build on the development of the **Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter** Project and will deliver a 4th pillar in the centre of the

town. The overarching aim and purpose of the proposal is to promote economic development and increase employment opportunities while preserving and saving a protected historic structure from dereliction. The project value is **€1,431,059** and grant funding of **€1,144,847** is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

Tipperary Town Revitalisation - Phase 1

This project is a collaboration between the public, education and community sectors and seeks to



develop three interconnected elements for the revitalisation of Tipperary Town through conservation of the built heritage, social inclusion, recreation, further education, training and tourism. Funding is sought to undertake detailed designs of the three interconnected elements namely (i) renovation, extension and fit out of Dan Breen House into a youth services and further education and training centre (ii) renovation and upgrade of Canon Hayes Recreation Centre into a fit for purpose sport and recreation facility and (iii) the development of an equine and sporting tourism attraction at

Tipperary Racecourse. This is regarded as a priority project for the regeneration of the town through addressing high unemployment and social exclusion and enhancing the attractiveness of Tipperary town as a place to live, work and visit.

Total project cost is **€1,699,750** and grant funding of **€1,359,800** is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

Holycross Rural Immersion Centre – Mainistir

This proposal seeks funding for the development of detailed designs for the provision of a multi-purpose state of the art rural immersion centre in the Padre Pio Prayer Garden adjacent to Holycross Abbey.



The centre will be developed around four key components- (i) The Holycross Abbey Experience – Interpreting the story of Holycross Abbey and the monks; (ii) Rural Experiences Orientation Hub – A focal point for rural tourism and outdoor experiences (iii) Rural Producers Showcase – A focal point and retail experience for quality rural artisan food and craft produce; (iv) Rural Knowledge Event Space – A space for rural knowledge sharing and collaboration. The proposed centre will deliver a new immersive rural and community visitor experience which will

stimulate tourism growth through the attraction of visitors to the village and wider geography of the area thereby supporting rural revitalization and economic development.

Total project cost is **€1,333,190** and grant funding of **€1,065,552** is being sought through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.

Conservation Grant Schemes 2021

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021** seeks to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas.

Tipperary County Council had 32 applications for funding under the BHIS. Following review by our Consultant Conservation Architect 16 Applications were nominated to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. Works on the approved projects are now well under way and are to be inspected at the end of end of September. The funded projects are;

• Croke Street, Thurles	€3,000
• Old Parochial House, Borrisokane	€8,500
• Southpark, Rahinane, Ballingarry	€3,800
• The Old Convent, Clogheen	€4,500
• O'Donnells, 45 O Connell St, Clonmel	€9,000
• Knockkelly Castle, Fethard	€8,000
• Former AIB, Templemore	€2,500
• Corner House Borrisoleigh	€2,500
• St Pauls Church, Cahir	€7,500
• Glenleigh House, Clogheen	€9,000
• Garden Cottage, Patrickwell, Clonmel	€9,000
• Cassestown, Thurles	€2,500
• Milford House, Borrisokane	€9,000
• St Marys Church, Thurles	€5,000
• Corabella House, Newcastle	€2,500
• St Marys, Clonmel	€8,500

The **Historic Structure Fund 2021** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. The focus is on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public and will seek to:

- enable larger scale conservation works to be carried out on heritage structures which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- encourage the regeneration and reuse of heritage properties and help to secure the preservation of protected structures and/or historic-culturally significant assets; and
- support the investment of private capital in labour-intensive projects to conserve historic structures in public and private ownership for community use.

Tipperary County Council received 14 applications under the HSF and following review by our Consultant Conservation Architect 6 of these projects were recommended for funding to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Having assessed the projects the Department chose to financially support 4 projects. The four projects are now progressing with an inspection date of the end of September. The four funded projects are as follows;

- Burke Street, Fethard – awarded €50,000.
- Tipperary Town Court House – awarded €50,000.
- DW Parkes Chemist, 23 Gladstone Street, Clonmel- awarded €40,000.
- Vernacular Structure at Peahill, Ballylooby awarded €10,000.

Town Walls

Works complete for 2020/21 in Carrick on Suir and a presentation on Carrick on Suir was given by TCC at the AGM and launch of the 2021 Funding programme by the Heritage Council. Works in Cashel were completed in June 2021. These works were funded by the HSE and located at the General Hospital, Cashel, project management services were provided by Tipperary County Council.



Figure 1: Works complete at Carrick on Suir

Planning Applications – Decision Making from 1/01/21 to 30/08/21

Application Type	Number of decisions made	Number Granted	Number refused	No. of Decisions appealed to An Bord Pleanála	Decisions reversed by An Bord Pleanála
Individual House	163	161	2	4	0
Housing Development	24	19	5	3	0
NIA/EIA	13	13	0	1	1
Other Applications	573	560	13	13	2
Total	773	753	20	21	3

Enforcement Proceedings

There were 119 complaints received from the 1st January to the 31st July 2021. During this period 85 Warning Letters and 13 Enforcement Notices were issued.

Taking in Charge: Estates

Being processed	Taken in Charge in 2021	Advertised	New applications 2021
51	7	4	9

OPR Pilot Programme – Review of Tipperary Co. Council’s Systems & Procedures

The Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) was established in 2019 for a number of purposes including independently overseeing the delivery by planning authorities of planning services to the public. The OPR has recently commenced a programme of reviews of planning authorities on a national scale, that will take place over a six-year cycle.

Tipperary County Council recognised the benefits of such a review of its current planning functions and the opportunity to future proof it’s service delivery, so the Council’s Planning Department sought to be included in the pilot phase of the review programme.

It is expected that the OPR will publish their review report in September 2021 and Tipperary County Council looks forward to considering same and implementing any recommendations that will ensure that the Planning Department continues to operate its statutory planning functions effectively.



Planning & Emergency Services SPC

Two meetings of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC have been held to date this year. At the first meeting on 30th March 2021 a presentation was given on the role of Civil Defence and Fire Services gave a presentation on the Dangerous Substances Regulations and their role in implementing them. At the second meeting held on 18th May 2021 Clifford Guest, Limerick Institute of Technology gave a presentation on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and highlighted that at local level LIT Tipperary has a strong track record and commitment to Sustainable Development. Nuala O'Connell, Acting Senior Planner also gave a brief overview of the recent Circular issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on Residential Densities in Towns and Villages, as set out in Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Development in Urban Areas (2009). Eamon Lonergan, Acting Director of Services advised the meeting of the imminent launch of the Draft County Development Plan and that a number of workshops would be held with the Elected Members in June & July.

FIRE SERVICES AND BUILDING CONTROL



Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service

SECTION PRIORITIES		
Major Current Issues	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Major Emergency Management	<p>Finalising the Business Continuity Software Package.</p> <p>Ongoing engagement with both the SE and MW Regional Steering Groups.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Final workshop with supplier and delivery of the system – expect to complete in Q4 subject to further easing of covid restrictions.</p>
Building Control	<p>Commencement notices and fire safety certificates continued to be submitted for assessment.</p> <p>Onsite inspections ongoing</p> <p>New Regulations have issued allowing for online submissions of Fire Safety Certificates and Disability Access Certificates</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Complete annual inspection programme for 2021 reaching Dept. guideline targets</p>
Health & Safety	<p>Ongoing evaluation of all work practices with regard to the Covid-19 situation</p> <p>Training Centre, including HYDRA Suite fully operational in Clonmel</p> <p>-----</p>	
Fire Safety	<p>Delivery of those elements of our annual strategic plan which can be delivered through the various stages of this Covid-19 emergency.</p>	<p>Prepare for completion of targets set out in 2021 annual plan.</p> <p>Liaise with schools to assess if a restart of the primary schools programme is feasible before year end.</p>



CURRENT PROJECTS		
Project	Progress in Previous Month	Next Stage
Templemore Fire Station	Works completed.	Arrange official opening – invite has issued to Minister.
Cashel Fire Station	Tenderer has advised that owing to construction inflation they cannot hold to the original tendered cost.	Under procurement rules we cannot negotiate a new tender price so we will prepare and issue a new tender.
Roscrea Fire Station	Improvement works included in Department allocation.	Seek department approval to appoint design team – application currently with Department.
New appliances	Department have approved provision of two new Class B fire appliances for Tipperary	Signed contracts have been exchanged with Emergency One UK Ltd – significant delay (6-9 months) on delivery of the chassis to the supplier

ADMIN/LICENSING PROCESSES	To 31st August 2021
Number of Emergency Calls Attended	735
Number of Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	61
Number of Fire Safety Certificates Granted	51
Number of Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	51
Number of Disability Access Certificates Granted	41
Number of Commencement Notices Received	340

HYDRA Suite – Clonmel Training & Development Centre

At its meeting on the 2nd September last a recommendation before the Management Board of the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management (NDFEM) from the National Director that the HYDRA Suite in Clonmel Fire Training & Development Centre be designated as the first ‘*Centre for National Training*’ in the Irish fire service was approved. This represents the first time that a training centre in the Irish Fire Services has received such a designation and represents a very significant vote of confidence in the centre. The designation identifies the HYDRA Suite in Clonmel as the hub for the delivery of Command and Control training to all officers in the service. The ‘Effective Decision Making

Course for Fire Officers’, which was developed in its entirety in-house by Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service, has now been integrated into the NDFEM Central Training Programme and is a pre-requisite for any officer who wishes to attend any of the NDFEM officer courses.

The designation of the centre paves the way for the development of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) between NDFEM and Tipperary County Council (TCC). Under the SLA the Centre will be tasked with developing and delivering training aimed at improving the decision making skills of fire service officers in crisis situations. The SLA will provide for TCC to have its identified costs recouped to it.



View of the HYDRA Suite Control Room

Tipperary Civil Defence

Activities	COVID -19 Response
Response	<p>Tipperary Civil Defence continues to be deeply involved in the response to COVID-19 crisis since late Feb 2020. Our continued involvement includes assistance to the HSE with daily support at the vaccination centers both in Clonmel and Nenagh, ongoing support to the Covid Test Centre, Munroe Co Tipperary. Backup and support is still given to the Irish Blood Transfusion Service at donor clinics throughout the county.</p>
Patient Transfers and Transport	<p>Civil Defence EMT practitioners have been involved in assisting the HSE in the transfer patient to attend routine appointment for Chemotherapy and other specialized treatments, and to attend vaccination centres.</p>
Resumption of Training	<p>Training and up skilling of both our volunteers and instructors is of paramount importance. Training has recommenced in a COVID compliant manner in our centers in Nenagh, Thurles and Clonmel. A number of instructors have also recently attended the Civil Defence College Roscrea to up skill and re-certify as instructors</p> <p>Volunteers have also participated in on-line training and recertification which is a new venture to many of our volunteers.</p>



Volunteers assisting at Blood Donation Clinics throughout the County

Vaccination Centre Response

Civil Defence volunteers have, since April 2021, provided almost daily assistance to the HSE with Meet and Greet and post vaccination observation in vaccination centers in Clonmel and Nenagh. Volunteers have been outstanding in their response to this request. It highlights their professionalism, adaptability and their ability to work in a front-line capacity alongside our colleagues in the HSE



Assistance at COVID Test Centre Munroe

Members have been involved in the preparation of test kits for staff on site at the test centres and those being taken off site to nursing homes and factories. In the recent past, over 1500 test kits per week were prepared by CD volunteers.

Volunteers have also assisted at pop-up test centres through the county.



Assisting the HSE (National Ambulance Service) at pop up test centres

Community Events	<p>As our society begins to open up several request for Community assistance are already coming in. Tipp Civil Defence may assist at such event if suitable volunteer and recourses are available.</p> 
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Health & Safety	
Risk Assessment Review	Civil Defence has currently reviewed all risk assessments and have risk assessments in place for all COVID related activities
NSAI Certification	Civil Defence has received NSAI certification in 2020 and awaits a further audit in September this year. A very big Thank You to Staff and the Volunteers on reaching such a high standard in relation to health & Safety.



Funding & Additional Grants	
Dormant Account Fund	Tipperary Civil Defence has once again received the benefit of the Dormant Account Fund with an additional grant of €35,000 for 2021. This additional grant will go toward the replacement of our command and control unit which is currently in a poor state of repair. A suitable vehicle has been purchased from the grant and additional funding will be sought from the Dept of Department of Defence to complete the interior and IT systems necessary for this control vehicle.
Equipment Grant	In light of the extensive effort of every Civil Defence units nationally in response to the COVID crisis an additional equipment grant of €6,000 has been approved. This equipment grant will go toward the cost of replacement dry suits, additional IT systems for search, tablets to facilitate on line training and replacement of our resuscitation and AED training equipment.
Grant Aid for a new Drone	Tipperary Civil Defence has also received an additional grant of up to €6,500 to purchase a Mavic 2 Enterprise Dual Drone. This is an extremely welcome asset to our search capacity and will enable more specialised search capacity.
Recruitment	Tipperary Civil Defence volunteers have just been remarkable during this pandemic. It is now timely that we start to recruit new members to our team. It is proposed to run a recruitment campaign this September. COVID restrictions on numbers and training must be considered.

Library Service

Launch of Sensory Toy Collection



Photo from L-R: Áine Beausang, Librarian, Roscrea Library; Ann Marie Brophy, Senior Executive Librarian; Cllr Michael Smith, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council; Marguerite Ryan, Chairperson Autism Awareness Roscrea; Marissa Hayes

- A new Library Sensory Toy Lending Service was launched in Roscrea Library by Cllr Michael Smith, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council on 17th June. This new initiative consists of a specialist toy and resource collection to assist children with special needs or learning differences. This initiative has received funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development



Ava & Ollie Kenrick enjoying the Little Library

- The Library Service ran a "little library" in Mullinahone Community Hall from 28th July to 25 August. This was a temporary replacement to the popular Summer Book Bus which could not be operated due to

current restrictions. The Little Library provided a selection of children's books available to borrow and was staffed by a librarian, who offered advice to parents and their children on choosing that next read.



Photo shows Cllr Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council; Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian; Ann Marie Brophy, Right to Read Coordinator; Ann Tuohy, Cahir Branch Librarian

- Tipperary County Council Library Service has been awarded the Right to Read Award 2020 by the Department of Rural and Community Development. This is in recognition of the implementation of the core programme of Right to Read literacy support services by the Library Service in 2020.



- The Library Service celebrated Cruinniú na nÓg 2021 with a day-long schedule of events for toddlers to teens. These were all delivered online either as Zoom workshops or Facebook live events. The events encouraged participation with

workshops in stop-motion, kite making and decorating, making clay elephants and monsters, creating a sign for your bedroom, and colouring and making a rainbow card for the younger children.

- Nenagh Library staff held an online afternoon book reading with residents of Ashlawn Nursing Home on 2nd June which was very well received.



- Staff in Nenagh Library organised outdoor Zumba classes in July as part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme. Classes were held on 15th July and 23rd July in the Library Grounds.



- Nenagh Library organised a Lego challenge entitled during the months of June and July and there was an high number of entrants.
- Thurles Library organised an online craft workshop on 2nd June which was run by Library staff member, Miriam McMahon.

- Staff at Thurles Library organised Smartphone Film Making workshop for Teens which was held on 28th June.



- Staff in Thurles Library prepared and distributed Children's Craft Bags throughout the month of July. This initiative was part of the Summer Stars programme.



- Tipperary senior hurler Cathal Barrett and the Leas Cathaoirleach of the Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District Declan Burgess launched the local Summer Stars programme in Cashel Library on 24th June



- Cashel Library held an outdoor Teddy Bears Picnic on 11th August. This event was very well attended and received very positive feedback.
- Cashel Library held an outdoor story time for children in the Spafield Resource Centre Crèche on 7th July.



Cllr. Declan Burgess and Sarah Darcy, Cashel Library

- Cllr. Declan Burgess, Leas Cathaoirleach of the Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District officially launched out-door story-trail and completed yarn bombing project on 14th August in Cashel Library.
- Staff in Tipperary Town Library organised a storytime for students in Knockanrawley Preschool, Tipperary Town on 22nd July.



- An outdoor Ta Chi exercise class was held in the garden of Carrick-on-Suir Library on 29th August as part of the Clancy Brothers Music

and Arts Festival. This class was given by David Corbett, Tipperary County Council.

- Over 285 children participated in the *Summer Stars Programme 2021* in Clonmel Library. Summer Stars is a Library based Reading programme which forms part of the *Right to Read* campaign.



- Staff in Clonmel Library held a series of online story times to promote the *Spring into Storytime* initiative which forms part of the *Right to Read* campaign.



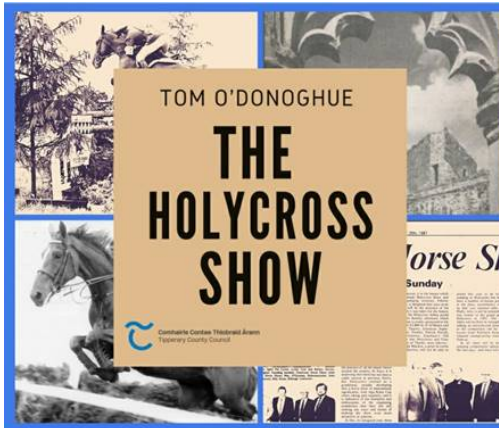
Around Our Town Ep. 40 - Escape from Clonmel Jail

On Saturday the 21st of September 1867 the Clonmel Chronicle reported news of a daring escape from Clonmel Jail. The escape was the government Fenian Captain Lawrence O'Brien and the discovery of his empty cell on the previous morning sparked a countywide manhunt. O'Brien had been captured some six months previously in Cashel shortly before the failed Fenian uprising of 1867.

Though O'Brien had been born in Cahir in 1842 he had spent almost all of his life in America. Like many others, his family had emigrated during those desperate years following the famine. The O'Brien family settled in New Haven, Connecticut. O'Brien would go on to become a bricklayer however at the age 19 he joined the Union Army and fought in the American Civil War. O'Brien had a distinguished military career. He was promoted to Captain of D Company of the Ninth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry in 1862. The Clonmel Scrapbook (White, p.213) tells us that he participated in a dozen big battles before being honorably discharged in 1864.

- Staff at Clonmel Library continue to work on the "Around our town" series. This series explores the historical sites of Clonmel and can be viewed at the Library YouTube Channel and the Library Website. There are now over forty episodes available to view.
- Staff in Tipperary Studies have put together an online exhibition

celebrating the Holycross Horse Show entitled *Twenty-One Years of Holycross Show 1970 – 1991*. Initially started by a local committee as a fund raiser towards the restoration of the world famous Holy Cross Abbey, Holycross Horse Show soon grew to be an internationally acclaimed show on the annual calendar, attracting all the leading Irish show jumpers. At its peak, the show had an attendance of over 20,000 people, held on fields loaned by the local farmers. As the show had such a high profile amongst the top-class riders, sponsorship was forthcoming, not just from the local business people but also the bigger national companies. This exhibition can be viewed at <https://tipperarystudies.ie/holycross-show/>

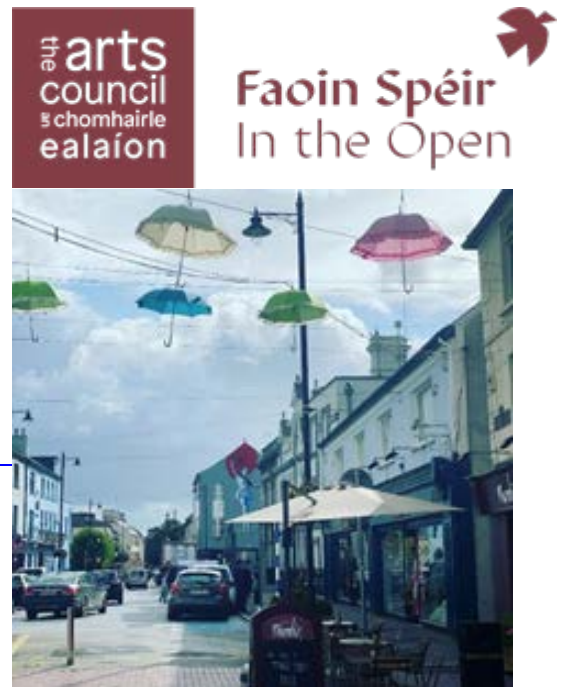


Arts Service



Light Ballet

- Light Ballet was created by Light Sculptors, Irish Light Artist Mick Murray and Lighting Designer Matthew Cregan, accompanied by a newly composed soundscape by David Kitt with words from Poet Nidhi Zak/Aria Eipe. Presented as part of Brightening Air | CoiscéimCoiligh, a nationwide, ten-day season of arts experiences was an initiative of the Arts Council, in June 2021. Light Ballet transformed eight counties' skies and surrounding landscape with a light installation floating down the River Shannon over eight days. Light Ballet and Culture Works invited primary schools along the Shannon to engage in the creative process through provision of a bespoke education pack. Primary schools received a pack with a worksheet and a set of instructions on how to create light movements. The artist incorporated these into the final design. As the light installation passed through each of the locations on the River Shannon, the children's lighting design appeared as part of the overall light installation. Tipperary Arts Office sourced and funded the participation of Portroe National School in this project.



- In the Open | FaoinSpéir is an Arts Council funded programme developed in response to the COVID-19 crisis for 2021 which will see a variety of outdoor arts events taking place in public spaces around Ireland. Each area will have a variety of events appealing to a broad range of audiences and interests which will range from performances, film, projections, music, street art, trails, spectacle, installations, visual arts, literature, spoken word and much more. Tipperary Arts Office partnered with South Tipperary Arts Centre and Clonmel Junction Arts Festival to make an application under this exciting programme and were delighted to hear in June that our application had been successful. With an overarching theme of "Come out to Play" this exciting programme located in Clonmel has achieved funding of €90,000 from the Arts Council and focuses on making creativity visible through large scale visual arts events, a light walk trail, performances, music and theatre with events taking place



from October 2021 to April 2022. The first of a number of visual arts projects emerged on the 18th August in Clonmel to launch the programme. Artist Jonathan Lynn was commissioned to produce "Tread Softly", a beautiful mural on Nelson Street Clonmel. The first theatre event in this programme is The Hunchback of Notre Dame, a community musical which will take place in late October 2021. There has been a great response to this project so far with rehearsals currently underway for this magnificent production.

Heritage Service

County Heritage Plan Actions Update:



Heritage Week talk Graves of the Leinstermen with Dr Siobhan Geraghty and Derek Ryan Arra Historical Society



Bird Ringing demonstration at Cabragh Wetlands Centre

- **Raising Awareness Programme:** National Heritage Week took place 14-22 August. There was a mixture of in person and online events with over 30 registered for the county. The Heritage week awards will take place in October and videos and presentations can still be seen on www.heritageweek.ie. These include films on Liathmore Monastery and life of St Kevin near Two Mile Borris, Tipperary in the Docks a look at crime and punishment by

Tipperary Taskforce Heritage Sub group and the Coalmines of Slieveardagh.

- **Holy Wells Audit:** Procurement has taken place and an appointment has been made to begin the audit. A media campaign will begin shortly.
- **Bolton Library Film Project:** An online exhibition on the history of the collection was released for Heritage week and can be viewed on <https://specialcollections.ul.ie/bolton-heritage-introduction/>

National Biodiversity Action Plan

Actions:

- Phase 1 of the Wetlands Survey of County is almost completed and the final report is due shortly. In total 662 potential wetland sites were identified. As part of our Heritage Week Offering, a Public engagement map of our Wetlands was made available online explaining what wetlands are and what their value is as well as looking at ten wetlands from around the county. <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/85be0063fccb4fc1952951770303a0b3>
- Barn Owl monitoring is continuing in the county in 2021 and to celebrate one of our longest running Barn Owl projects, a film on the Ballycahill nest box project was launched during Heritage week

<https://www.heritageweek.ie/projects/the-ballycahill-schools-barn-owl-nest-box-project>

Funding was provided for an additional ten nest boxes in area and a meeting will take place with Birdwatch Ireland and some of our local experts to expand across the county.

- Work with Offaly County Council eradicating Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed from the Little Brosna River has been ongoing through summer and reaching a conclusion.

Community Monuments Fund:

- Funding of almost €168,000 was committed in June to five projects in County Tipperary:
 - Moanincha Abbey : Geophysical survey
 - Carrick on Suir Clock Tower: Conservation Management Plan
 - Coolquill Castle : Emergency Conservation Works following partial collapse
 - Pallas/Dorrha Church: Phase 2 stabilisation works
 - Carney Castle: phase 1 works.

Commemorations Programme:

- Commemorations projects have recommenced across the county. The third and final part of Tipperary Studies Trilogy, *A History in Documents*, with Dr Des Marnane has been completed and will be launched soon in Thurles
- Work is ongoing with the Kilbarron Mapping project and a

public meeting is taking place in early September. Updates on project are available on project website

<https://landscapesofrevolution.com/kilcommon-ambush-1920/>



Site of Kilcommon ambush

Creative Ireland Programme:

- Cruinniú na nÓg took place on 12 June this year across five venues and online.
- Out of 166 applications to the Creativity and Climate fund, 14 projects were awarded funding, Congratulations to John Gerrard Artist for his successful project Field Exchange, a series of farm based creative events that will support farmers to adopt practices that will combat climate change both in the soil and above the soil.
- Details of ongoing projects are available on <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/tipperary/>

Royal Sites Bid

- The application to remain on the Tentative List was submitted on 29th June.
- The Expert Advisory Committee are currently assessing applications and hope to make recommendation by end of September.

Museum Service

War of Independence Exhibition



From left to right: Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Marie McMahon, Museum Curator, Brian Beck, Director of Services, Cllr. Michael Smith, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council, Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council & Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose, Mayor of Clonmel BD

- Cllr Michael Smith, Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council officially launched Tipperary Museum's War of Independence exhibition on 15th June. The exhibition consists of a collection of incredible photographs, artefacts and stories of ambushes, rescues and political instability. The timeline of events commences with the Soloheadbeg Ambush in January 1919 and ends with the Anglo-Irish Treaty ratification in December 1921. The Museum also covers the global pandemic, known as the Spanish Flu of 1918 which was estimated to have killed 100 million people

worldwide. They describe the Suffragettes and the 'Cat & Mouse' Act as well as the many methods of intimidation against women during the war. Many of the photographs are on loan from the National Library and RTE archives. These images, never before seen in an exhibition, were professionally coloured by John Breslin and Matt Loughrey. The size and grandeur of these images create a visual sensation and help to bring the characters and stories to life. The artefacts featured throughout are a stark reminder of the consequences of war. A number of key artefacts came from Seamus Leahy, whose father James (Jimmy) Leahy was an Irish Volunteer and interred in Belfast Jail in 1918. The Bloody Sunday Hogan Jersey takes centre stage in the Museum's new gallery and the signed Tipperary Commemorative Football Jersey highlights the incredible achievements of the Tipperary Football Team of 2020.



- The Museum launched its new and completely redesigned website during Heritage Week. This new site contains new content and features and can be viewed at www.hiddenhistory.ie
- The Museum ran two projects for **Cruinniú na nÓg** on 12th July. These were a series of 7 creative writing workshops online for 8 – 11 year olds and a drumming workshop

that used materials around the house and your body to create music. Both events were very successful.

- The Museum collaborated with the Junction Festival on the Cabinet of Curiosities. Telling the story of Clonmel through a series of collections of personal objects as well as artefacts from Tipperary Museum, the Cabinets were placed throughout the town during the festival. Located throughout the town, the cabinets contained a mixture of amusing, engaging and moving stories to bring the town, and the festival, to life.





FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure Summary by Service Division

Year to Date 31st July 2021

		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	23,085,406	34,559,408	67%	11,474,002	22,081,451	34,709,748	64%	12,628,297	(1,003,955)
B	Road Transport & Safety	35,511,062	59,048,543	60%	23,537,481	25,383,731	41,786,965	61%	16,403,234	(10,127,331)
C	Water Services	8,010,015	14,885,125	54%	6,875,110	7,465,924	14,444,814	52%	6,978,890	(544,090)
D	Development Management	8,997,294	14,611,039	62%	5,613,745	4,247,435	5,451,283	78%	1,203,848	(4,749,859)
E	Environmental Services	15,564,211	29,570,114	53%	14,005,903	6,062,712	12,402,770	49%	6,340,058	(9,501,499)
F	Recreation & Amenity	7,710,427	13,813,198	56%	6,102,771	1,125,065	2,605,159	43%	1,480,094	(6,585,362)
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	842,371	1,929,188	44%	1,086,817	550,563	1,272,475	43%	721,912	(291,808)
H	Miscellaneous Services	16,314,953	16,486,224	99%	171,271	11,564,905	9,271,617	125%	(2,293,288)	(4,750,048)
LG	Local Property Tax	0	0	0%	0	15,841,388	27,156,665	58%	11,315,277	15,841,388
RA	Rates	0	0	0%	0	20,884,117	35,801,343	58%	14,917,226	20,884,117
Totals		116,035,738	184,902,839	63%	68,867,101	115,207,292	184,902,839	62%	69,695,547	(828,447)



Capital Account – Year to Date 31st July 2021

	Expenditure Expenditure YTD €	Income Total income YTD €
A Housing & Building	10,905,790	9,828,315
B Road Transport & Safety	2,449,908	2,095,554
C Water Services	990,133	1,161,475
D Development Management	5,460,173	6,905,555
E Environmental Services	1,483,009	57,672
F Recreation & Amenity	524,047	82,216
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	46,234	39,471
H Miscellaneous Services	2,300,470	1,519,107
Total	24,159,764	22,689,366

Collection Rates	YTD 202107	YTD 202007	YTD 202012
Rates	55%**	36%	75%*
Rents	94%	92%	97%
Housing Loans	97%	91%	94%

* 2020 Year-end collection rate is as per AFS, and takes account of Specific Doubtful Arrears, unlike the end of April figures.

The year-end collection rate also takes account of Rates Waiver Scheme in the sum of €12.5m.

** July 2021 figure takes account of Rates Waiver of €6.65m.



COMMERCIAL RATES

Rate Demands for 2021 in the amount of €35,784,108 have issued to all customers.

At time of writing, receipts are €21,775,627 (58% of accrual + arrears - waivers). However, this includes deferred income in 2021 from 2020 in the amount of €3m – this arises where customer accounts were in credit due to the application of the waiver.

COVID 19 COMMERCIAL RATES WAIVER SCHEME

The 2021 Covid19 Rates Waiver Scheme for Q1, Q2 and Q3 of 2021 has been implemented and the waiver has been applied to the appropriate customer accounts, in the amount of €6,689,654. There has been no suggestion that a waiver will apply for Q4.

The waiver for 2021 is more restrictive than the 2020 scheme, most offices and industrial premises will be in the excluded category for 2021 along with businesses that are categorised as vacant property, windfarms, global utility networks, banks, building societies and public services.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR COVID (SBASC)

137 applications were received for the Q1 SBASC Scheme. 84 applications were approved to the value of €336,000. 53 applications were rejected.

126 Applications were received for SBASC Q2. At time of writing 74 applications have been approved to the value of €260,000. 44 Applications have been rejected, with a further 8 to be finalised.

EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME FOR COMMERCIAL RATES 2021

Due to the unprecedented impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent economic fallout we have adopted our early payment scheme for Commercial Rates for 2021 as set out below.

- Applies to all ratepayers with an annual rates bill of up to €12,000 for 2021.
- To avail of the Early Payment Reduction of 5%, subject to a maximum of €500 pay your rates in full, (less the reduction under the Waiver Scheme*) by 30th September 2021.

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



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

VACANT PROPERTY RELIEF

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

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

Category	% Relief/Payment
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill up to €5,000	100% Vacancy Relief
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €5,000, but less than €10,000	85% Vacancy Relief 15% to be paid
Qualified Vacant Properties with a rates bill over €10,000	70% Vacancy Relief 30% to be paid

No vacancy relief will be granted without a properly completed Application Form, signed and witnessed by a Garda, Commissioner of Oaths or a practising Solicitor, and relevant payment. The Application Form must be accompanied with appropriate evidence of efforts made to let the property, (evidence may include copies of online/newspaper advertisements, Letting Agents brochures, evidence of adequate “To Let” signage, etc), or, if the property is closed for refurbishment, evidence showing that substantial works were carried out during the period of vacancy.

Application Forms should be submitted when period of vacancy has ended, or if property remains vacant, at year end.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Web Site and eDevelopment

- Developed and launched a new Consultation Portal for Tipperary: <http://consultations.tipperarycoco.ie>
- Developed online virtual consultation for Stage 2 Count Development Plan
- Supplied solution to support online applications and management of Outdoor Seating Grants for dining/public premises
- Continued to support and promote the Keep-well campaign



Business Systems and GIS

Planning

- Facilitated and supported implementation of ePlanning on new test infrastructure which had been provisioned previously.
- Prepared for provision of infrastructure for live ePlanning environment.
- Provided reports for Pre-planning and investigated alternatives so we can upgrade existing application.
- Continued the process of replacing existing Enforcements system.
- Upgraded iDocs to newest version.
- Continued GIS supports for County Development Plan.
- Performed weekly updates to planning digitisers.

Housing

- Upgraded iHouse live environment to v3.7

- Progressed Choice Base Letting system (spec is nearing completion.)

Environment

- Environmental complaints system developed and is now live. CSD & Environment staff received training.

Finance

- Completed SBASC Scheme 1 but replaced by SBASC Scheme 2. New software and SSIS package adapted and went live.
- Achieved high completion rate of the Anti-Fraud and Corruption awareness module on Learning Management System (LMS)
- Completed eInvoice testing and implemented on live environment.

Roads

- Renewed subscription of MapInfo.
- 3rd Party licencing facilitated where required.

Corporate/Organisation/HR

- Continued to support phone billing.
- Provided corporate phones and setup on management tools.
- Continued with upgrade of CRM to CRM 2016 and evaluating CRM licence requirements for next 3 years.
- Prepared for install of Axial collection catalogue system for Archives
- Coordinated IT H&S

Other

- Continue to support end user support for GIS products.
- New modules provided for Thurles H&S on the eLMS system

Networks & Infrastructure

- Continued with windows 10 replacement
- Went to market for managed IT security operations services.
- Continued to rollout and support remote working.
- Upgraded mobile device management systems
- Begun rollout of new wireless services across the county
- A new IT Helpdesk has been implemented. The helpdesk is used by IT Staff to record and deal with all IT related queries and support calls.
- Rolled out updates and security patches for Exchange E-Mail Environment
- Rolled out updates and security patches for core IT systems.



Phone System

- Phone system implementation complete. Single Phone System installed and operation across the county including multiple offices. This new phone system will provide increased redundancy and reduce risk of phone system outages along with providing increased functionality for staff and sections



- New Numbering for TCC
The 0761 number will be retired in Jan 2022 and so TCC has to plan and implement a new numbering range. Kick off meetings with Telecoms Carriers and Gov Networks took place over the summer months to identify number ranges and technical aspects of the numbering change for TCC.

All Teams

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