

Minutes of May Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Monday 22nd May 2023 at 11am

Members Present: Councillor Micheál Anglim, Cathaoirleach
Councillor Tony Black
Councillor Declan Burgess
Councillor John Crosse
Councillor Michael FitzGerald
Councillor Roger Kennedy
Councillor Máirín McGrath
Councillor Andy Moloney
Councillor Marie Murphy
Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

Apologies: Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan

Officials Present: Mr. Dave Carroll, A/District Director
Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator
Mr. Anthony Coleman, Director of Services
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer
Mr. Tim Kilmartin, Executive Engineer
Mr. Richard Power, Executive Engineer
Mr. Frank Cussen, Executive Engineer
Mr. Michael Begley, Administrative Officer
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer
Planning Directorate
Ms. Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner
Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Officer
Libraries/Cultural Services/Biodiversity Directorate
Mr. Damien Dullaghan, Senior Librarian
Ms. Roisin O'Grady, Heritage Officer

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Micheál Anglim, welcomed everyone to the May Municipal District meeting. Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator, commenced the meeting with the meeting prayer. He called the roll and acknowledged the apologies received from Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan.

1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

2.1 Minutes of April Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 24th April, 2023

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District April meeting held on 24th April, 2023 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor John Crosse seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

Matters arising from the minutes

Councillor Marie Murphy requested an update in relation to Knockaun Bridge, Ballylooby, particularly if an application for funding had been successful and if so how much was awarded. She asked when the works will be completed because it is a major inconvenience for residents. The District Engineer confirmed that an application was successful and €130,000 has been allocated. It is expected to be September before the works will be completed and the bridge reopened.

3.1 To consider Chief Executive's Report for Tipperary Hills Part 8 Application to Enhance the Civic Amenity Area.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Caroline Conway, Planning Section to the meeting. Ms. Conway presented the Chief Executive's Report and confirmed that there were 18 submissions made during the consultation period. She recommended that the Part 8 proposal should proceed as recommended in the Chief Executive Report.

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Fitzgerald, seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy it was resolved:

"That having considered the Chief Executive's Report dated 17th May 2023 in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, for the proposed Part 8 Development for improvement works to the Tipperary Hills Recreation and Amenity Area. Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District decide that the proposed development be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive's Report."

3.2 Planning Directorate Report

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Caroline Conway, Senior Executive Planner and Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning Section, to the meeting. Ms. Conway thanked the Cathaoirleach and referred to the report circulated with the agenda and was available to answer questions.

Councillor Black requested an update in relation to Glen Court, Monard and Donaskeigh. Councillor Burgess sought a timeline for the LAP in Cashel and is keen to see a start to the process. He also referred to the National Agreement for DPI estates and requested an update on the 11 DPI estates in the District particularly the Steeples, Cashel. He noted that there is an active resident's association and would it be possible to proceed with a partial taking in charge application. Councillor Murphy referred to the new planning directive announced on the 25th April in relation to waiving development levy's between the 28th March, 2023 to December, 2025. She noted that a number of developments

missed out by a couple of days and she proposed that it should go back to the 1st January, 2023. She noted that the Department are covering the cost of the development levies that won't be collected and she proposed that we write to the Department and request that they reconsider the commencement date. Councillor Mairin McGrath seconded this proposal to widening the development levy waiver for the year. She noted that it is a good incentive to commence development. She also referred to the Uisce Eireann waiver for connection fees, however requested clarification on whether this applies to one off houses or larger developments. Councillor Fitzgerald agreed that waiving the development levies is a great incentive to development, however there was no warning given to people and he noted that a lot of people are upset having to pay €10,000 in development contributions and it is causing a lot of angst. Councillor Fitzgerald requested a review of the Conservation Grant Policy and planning for built heritage. People are so anxious to retain the character of the house however find it impossible to find a conservation architect and he requested that one would be employed by the County Council to help people. He noted that no one wants to destroy a protected structure however the planning process makes it very difficult. He referred to Michael O'Boyle who works with the County Council and asked why he can't be available to oversee the work.

Councillor Crosse also requested an update on the housing estates in Donaskeigh, Monard and Glen Court, Emly. He also supported the request for clarification regarding the development levies, however he does accept that the Department has to start somewhere. Councillor Moloney referred to the valid taking in charge application submitted for Dun Uisce and in particular to a hollow in the road on the way into the estate. He also referred to the RRDF application for Cahir and asked if we are any nearer to starting. He appreciated that a further Part 8 was required on the library, however requested that work start on the car park.

In response Ms. Conway confirmed that the Cashel and Tipperary LAP will commence in the middle of next year with a view to being adopted by the end of 2024 or early 2025. In relation to the Department Circular in relation to development levies a team has been set up within Planning and Annette Daly is heading up the team in Tipperary. The members concerns will be relayed to the team who will consult with the Department and the members will be kept up to date. In relation to Uisce Eireann, Ms. Conway confirmed that she will follow up and revert to the members. Ms. Conway confirmed that in relation to Conservation, the Council engage a Grade 1 Conservation Architect to work with the Council. She noted that there are a limited number of Grade 1 Conservation Architects in the Country and Tipperary County Council are lucky to have the expertise in the County which is called upon early at pre planning stage. Michael O'Boyle would liaise with the Council in relation to planning matters relating to protected structures. However, it is important that applicants would also engage their own conservation architect. In relation to the Conservation Grant Scheme, Mr. O'Boyle is available to give advice, however again it is important that the applicant would get their own independent advice and it doesn't have to be a Grade 1 conservation architect.

Mr. Kieran Ladden confirmed that work has progressed in Glen Court, Emly and that the environment team have been active to get rubbish removed. The Council is also engaging with the Court appointed receiver to resolve issues. Regarding the Steeples, the Council is liaising with the new owners who have consultants engaged to submit a new application for planning which will include a solution to the long-term issues. In relation to number of DPIs in the District the latest feedback the Council has received is that a working group has been set up by the Department to look at a solution to the legacy Irish Water issues and this group will report back to Minister Darragh O'Brien. It is expected that National Guidance will issue following the findings of the working group and at present there is no time frame. DPIs such as Donaskeigh and Monard are included in this and also DPIs which are not functioning – defects in footpaths and roads won't be dealt with until estate is taken in charge. Mr. Ladden also informed the Members that regarding Phase I of the RRDF projects the Department are expecting a significant draw down at a national level before Phase II can commence and no time frame for this is known. He confirmed that Deirdre O'Shea is Tipperary County Councils point of contact with the Department. Mr. Ladden confirmed in relation to Councillor Moloney's query on the bond for Dun Uisce that some of this bond has already been used for desludging and at present it remains private property. Councillor Moloney advised that it is in charge up to the hollow. Mr. Ladden confirmed that it is outside our remit and the liability remains with the owners. Councillor Moloney noted that there are another 48 houses being built by the Council and he stated that it was frustrating that everything outside it is in charge and 48 houses going inside it. Mr. Ladden confirmed that the developer of the new estate would have a management plan, however this is an existing issue. Councillor Kennedy queried whether there is more than one taking in charge application and Mr. Ladden confirmed that the one application on the report referred to the new application received for the Gables.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Planning Section staff.

3.3 Libraries/Culture Services/Biodiversity Directorate

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian and Ms. Roisin O'Grady, Heritage Officer to the meeting. Mr. Dullaghan highlighted some events including the Bealtaine Festival and acknowledged that it was lovely to have in person events again. Ms. O'Grady highlighted an initiative in Cahir with the publication of An Archaeology Ireland Guide to the Heritage of Cahir. 1500 copies are available and Ms. O'Grady wanted to acknowledge the help from Anthony Coleman and Verena McGrath. She also wanted to thank the Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Councillor Roger Kennedy for supporting the Commemoration of Aleen Cust a native of Cordangan, Tipperary Town. In 2022 Tipperary Heritage Office completed an audit of Holy Wells in the County and they are now commencing a survey of High Crosses. She also advised the Members that grant money had been secured to complete a Conservation Management Plan for Loughloher, Cahir. Tipperary Walled Town Digital Heritage Project is available on the Tipperary County Councils website. Ms. O'Grady also confirmed that two projects in this District received funding under the Creative

Ireland Programme, Cashel Library and Tipperary Revitalisation Taskforce. An update in relation to the Royal Sites Bid is outlining in the report circulated with the Agenda. Ms. O’Grady also informed the Members that the Tipperary Heritage Week Event Grant Scheme will launch in June for grant support to host Heritage Week events in August, 2023. Online Consultations will commence shortly to form the next Tipperary Heritage Plan.

Councillor McGrath noted that a new Part 8 is required for Cahir Library and asked if a toy library will form part of the new library. Councillor Burgess requested an update in relation to the recruitment of a Bio-Diversity Officer. Councillor Kennedy thanked Mr. Dullaghan and Ms. O’Grady for highlighting the amount of work done by the libraries in Tipperary and books only form one part. Councillor Murphy also thanked Mr. Dullaghan and Ms. O’Grady and asked if the book bus will return.

In response Mr. Dullaghan advised that the toy library was working well in Cashel and it will be considered for Cahir Library. He confirmed that the Part 8 is with planning for pre-validation and once approved will be advertised. Mr. Dullaghan confirmed that the Bio-Diversity Officer position has been advertised and it is hoped to hold interviews as soon as possible. Mr. Dullaghan appreciated the kind comments from the Members and he will pass them onto the team. He also confirmed that the Book Bus would run in 2023.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Dullaghan and Ms. O’Grady and their teams.

3.4 Consider the Grant Applications for the Streetscape and Building Façade Enhancement Scheme 2023

On the proposition of Councillor Roger Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess, the the Grant Applications for the Streetscape and Building Façade Enhancement Scheme 2023 were agreed as follows:

No.	Name	Address	Town	Grant 2023
1	Michael & Marion Gleeson	3 Ladyswell	Cashel	€500
2	Michael & Marion Gleeson	4 Ladyswell	Cashel	€500
3	Gavin O Dowd	Friar Street	Cashel	€500
4	Donagh & Patrice Davern	John Street	Cashel	€125
5	Kathleen Darcy	3 Friar Street	Cashel	€500
6	Joseph O Dwyer	5 Boherclogh Street	Cashel	€350

7	Biddy Perdue	44 Main Street	Cashel	€500
8	Sara Jane McGeachy	63 Main Street	Cashel	€450
9	William Colville	3A Ladyswell	Cashel	€500
10	Ruth Hopper	Upper Friar Street	Cashel	€500
11	Danny Ryan Music Shop	21 Bank Place	Tipperary	€500
12	Amber -Rose Elligott	5 Davis Street	Tipperary	€500
13	Cahir Development Association	Cahir	Cahir	€500
14	Tom Kelly	Church Street	Cahir	€500
	Total			€6,425

3.5 District Engineer's Report

James Swords, District Engineer advised the Members that the surface dressing and black top has commenced in all areas. The Section 38 for Knockavilla Footpath Improvement and Traffic Calming Work and the Part 8 for the N24 Knockagh Pavement Scheme will be on display in the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Councillor Black requested an update on the crash barriers in Lattin which would be appreciated by the residents. He noted that an assessment is being carried out on the speed limits and that Guidance is waited from the Department. He asked if the public will have an opportunity to comment. Councillor Murphy commented on the very good standard of work and asked if the work on the bridge on Ballylooby will have to go to tender. She also requested an update on the Active Travel works in Ballylooby. The District Engineer confirmed that a design document is being prepared and it will go to tender next week. It is expected that the bridge will be reopened in September. Councillor McGrath also commented on the quality of the work and she requested that the grass verges be cut back on the N242 to provide improved sightlines. She accepted that speed ramps are not the preferred traffic calming option, however requested that ramps could be put in housing estates which have been taken in charge. Councillor Fitzgerald referred to the Bridge Rehabilitation works in particular for Cordangan Bridge and requested details of the works planned. He also asked if there was any communication with Uisce Eireann. Councillor Murphy also supported Councillor McGrath in relation to the need to cut back the grass verges at junctions in the interest of health and safety. Councillor Crosse also noted the great work and requested an update from the TII on Barronstown Cross and other projects prioritised in the District. Councillor Anglim suggested that a letter be

sent to the NTA requesting them to revisit their decision not to fund the works on Ardfinnan Bridge and ask them to take a second look.

In response the District Engineer confirmed that he would request the Active Travel team to revert in relation to Ballylooby. He also confirmed that having regard to the Traffic Calming Policy, ramps are usually the last option. Regarding hedge cutting on the N24 he will liaise with the TII, however normally they wait till June/July otherwise they would have to cut twice. He confirmed that it is proposed to upgrade the railings and rubbing strips and pointing the walls on Cordangan Bridge. He also confirmed that there are no plans to interfere with the water works so they didn't liaise with Uisce Eireann. In relation to Barronstown Cross he confirmed that the Roads Capital Section are liaising with the TII. Councillor Burgess noted that the Members deserve an update and should get an email from Roads Capital.

3.6 District Administrator's Report

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda. Councillor Burgess referred to the condition of the Main Street toilets in Cashel and asked if there was funding available. He acknowledged that the toilets are always clean, however out of date and in need of refurbishment. Councillor Burgess also referred to the level of anti-social behaviour in the Wallors Lot area and he requested that CCTV Scheme is needed in that area and this should be discussed with the Gardai. He also asked if a call had been made for RRDF applications and noted that Cashel is the only town in the District that hasn't received RRDF funding. He noted that the work of the Bishops Walk is progressing, however funding is needed for Cashel Town Park. Councillor McGrath referred to the CLAR expressions of interest applications and was disappointed that no application was submitted from the Cahir area. She referred to the South Tipperary CLAR map and notes that Araglen falls under Ballyporeen and requested that Araglen should have its own DED and be assessed separately. Councillor Moloney requested an update on the EV charging points and noted that the Cahir area is at an economic disadvantage because there is no EV charging points available. He requested that EasyGo who received the contract would prioritise Cahir.

In response Anthony Coleman, former District Manager confirmed that the Municipal District will look at the toilets and if minor upgrade work could be completed. In relation to Wallors Lot he confirmed that a lot of the area is private property and the Policy on CCTV is being reviewed at present. He confirmed that the District has met with the Gardai and a Steering Group is in place that met last week. He advised that at present no call has been made by the Department for RRDF funding, however the District will continue to progress projects. He confirmed that the works on the Bishops Walk should be completed in the coming weeks. He noted the comments made in relation to the CLAR areas and acknowledged that the areas are set nationally, however he agreed to talk to C&E. Regarding the EV charging points he agreed to follow up with the roads capital team. He confirmed that the locations were agreed and they require ESB

connections. Councillor Kennedy thanked Mr. Coleman for the updates and welcomed the awards under the Community Recognition Fund, however noted that no application was received for the walkway in Dundrum. He asked if an application could be prepared for Roderic O’Gorman’s Department who are still open for applications. He confirmed that it doesn’t need a footpath and that a walkway would be sufficient which would make it much safer. Mr. Coleman advised in relation to the Cashel Projects, the District is waiting on the RRDF application criteria in order to package a number of projects including a digital hub which might form part of the application. He confirmed that at present the focus is on vacant and derelict buildings and the district may need to look at other funding schemes. Perhaps Town & Village Renewal might be a suitable option.

4.1 Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders

The orders were noted.

5.1 Councillor Roger Kennedy (Ref. ID 2613)

That this MD erect 30KM signs in Cathal Brugha Street and McCann Street Cashel in the interest of Safety before a serious accident occurs.

Reply

Logged on CRM for follow up.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess

5.2 Councillor Michael Fitzgerald (Ref ID 2614)

That this Council place plastic bollards on each side of the entrance to Larkspur Park, Cashel in order to create more vision for motorists exiting the club grounds.

Reply

Logged on CRM for follow up.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess.

5.3 Councillor Michael Fitzgerald (Ref ID 2615)

That this Council pipe and cover the open drain at Ballyhurst. This area is maintained to a very high standard by the Crowe family and this work should have been included in the recent realignment works at this location.

Reply

Roads Capital Response: As previously indicated this drain is located 500m outside of the Ballyhurst realignment scheme. TII do not have a safety concern with the open drain as it is outside of the Safety Zone.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

5.4 Councillor Michael Fitzgerald (Ref ID 2616)

That the flooding problems at Michael John O'Dwyer, the Green, Cashel be rectified.

Reply

Logged on CRM for follow up.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

6.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

A vote of sympathy was extended on the death of the following:

- Sean Ryan, Lisnagaul, Bansha, Co Tipperary
- Peggy Cummins, Philipstown, Cappawhite, Co Tipperary
- John Cormac Lally, Abbeyleix, Co Laois

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- Dom Ryan Memorial Tractor Run held on the 7th May in Duhill who have raised over €30,000 for St Theresa's Hospice, Clogheen
- St Michaels AFC who won the double, Tipperary Cup & Shield
- Donnacha Ryan from Nenagh who is part of the coaching team with La Rochelle who won the European Heineken Champions Cup against Leinster
- Arravale Rovers U17 Ladies who won the County League Football Final
- Best wishes to the Munster Rugby Team on Saturday in the URC Grand Final against Stormers in Cape Town, South Africa and in particular the Tipperary players Denis Leahy, Diarmuid Barron and Ben Healy

8.1 Any other Business

Anthony Coleman advised the members that this was his last Tipperary Cahir Cashel Municipal District meeting and he wanted to thank the members for their co-operation. He also wanted to thank his colleagues in the District including outdoor, engineering, admin and the pool staff. The Cathaoirleach acknowledged Mr. Coleman and confirmed that he was a gentleman to work with and wished him all the best in LAWPRO. The elected members welcomed Dave Carroll, thanked Anthony Coleman for his great work in the District and wished him well in the LAWPRO.

Dave Carroll thanked Anthony Coleman and acknowledged that there is so much going on in the District. He thanked the Members for the welcome and looked forward to working with them.

This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.

Signed/ D. Boyen. Dated/ 26th of June 2023
Cathaoirleach

Signed/ Maechu W. Moran Dated/ 26th of June 2026.
District Administrator