



**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TEMPLEMORE-THURLES  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT  
OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE, THURLES ON 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2018**

**Present:** Councillor Sean Ryan Cathaoirleach, presided.

Councillors Joe Bourke, David Doran, Seamus Hanafin,  
John Hogan, Eddie Moran, Jim Ryan and  
Michael Smith.

**Also Present:**

Matt Shortt	District Director
Michael F. Hayes	Senior Engineer
John Jones	Acting District Engineer
Michael Tierney	Executive Engineer
Jim Ryan	Executive Engineer
Deirdre O'Shea	Acting Meetings Administrator
Noel McCormack	Acting Staff Officer

**Apologies:** Micheál Lowry

**1. Adoption of Minutes.**

It was proposed by Councillor J. Ryan, seconded by Councillor S. Hanafin and resolved:

"That the Minutes of the July Monthly Meeting which was held on the 25th July, 2018 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

**2. River Suir Walkway Presentation.**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed John McCormack, Sinéad Ní Riain and Anne Marie Brophy, Thurles Lions Club and James Chilton, Future Analytics to the Meeting.

John McCormack updated the Members on progress to date since the last presentation was delivered by Thurles Lions Club on the River Suir Walkway.



He confirmed that it would be necessary for the Council to take the lead role on the project with ongoing support and assistance being provided by Thurles Lions Club and Loughmore Development Association throughout the process.

James Chilton, Future Analytics delivered a comprehensive presentation on the feasibility study undertaken on the River Suir Walkway and he outlined the following:

- The SWOT analysis and findings.
- Level and outcome of the consultation undertaken.
- The three route options and recommendations on each route.
- Phasing of the project with a recommendation that Tipperary County Council take the lead role.
- The proposal to develop a three phase walking trail along the River Suir has demonstrable potential with economic benefits.
- The project offers the opportunity for partnership between all the relevant stakeholders.
- Costings of the project could not be established at this stage.
- The possibility of linking the walking route with Templemore and Cashel could be explored in the future.

The Members expressed their full support and commitment to the project and lauded the excellent work undertaken by Thurles Lions Club in the community.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the group and they left the Chamber.

### **3. Update from Environment Section.**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer and Cora Morrissey, Administrative Officer, Environment Section to the Meeting.

Copy of a District Briefing Report detailing activity in Environment Section under the followings headings was circulated at the Meeting:-

- Infrastructure & Maintenance.
- Community Services.
- Control of Dogs and Control of Horses.
- Litter Enforcement and Public Awareness.
- Waste Management and Environmental Protection.
- Complaints received and their outcomes.



The Cathaoirleach and Members thanked Marion for her report and raised the following issues:-

- The need to examine the condition of the old Church ruins in Ballycahill Cemetery.
- Derelict buildings should be dealt with as expeditiously as possible.
- Establish if plans are in place to maintain College Lane walkway, Thurles and prevent it from becoming a dumping ground again following completion of improvement works.
- Update on the request for the provision of a recycling centre in Thurles.
- Issue of foul smell at the The Rock, Ballycahill needs to be addressed in conjunction with Water Services.
- The need to identify another site as St. Joseph's new Cemetery, Templemore is almost full.
- Update on the request for "No Dumping" signs for Borrisoleigh Graveyard Committee.
- Investigate the illegal dumping on the Blackcastle Road at the entrance to Templemore Town Park.
- Loughmore Graveyard Committee should be compensated for the works they completed on the boundary walls of the Cemetery.
- Address the price differential on the opening and closing of graves that are undertaken by direct labour in some cemeteries in the County.
- Reverse the decision to allow the pre sale of graves.
- Repair the boundary walls at Rahealty and Old Shyan Cemeteries and address access issues.
- Address the ongoing issue of stray dogs in Littleton.
- Update on the provision of flood relief measures in Littleton Graveyard and the repair of the boundary walls in Moycarkey and Ballymoreen Cemeteries.
- Re-examine the request for the extension of the Templeree Cemetery which is near capacity and attendance at site investigations.
- Address the issue of illegal dumping at the ESB Sub Station in Oakfield Park/Drive housing estates, Thurles.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- Ruairi Boland will (i) examine the condition of the Old Church ruins in Ballycahill Cemetery, (ii) investigate access issues to Rahealty and Old Shyan Cemeteries, (iii) identify flood relief measures required at Littleton Cemetery, (iv) examine boundary wall of Ballymoreen Cemetery (v) attend site investigations if an alternative site is identified at Templeree.



- Progress is being made on derelict sites which is a priority item going forward.
- It is proposed to erect CCTV cameras and take other suitable measures to prevent any further dumping on College Lane walkway, Thurles.
- The provision of a recycling centre in Thurles will be raised again with the Department.
- A review of the charges for the opening and closing of graves will be undertaken throughout the County.
- Graves shall continue to be sold on a needs only basis however individual exceptional circumstances can be examined.
- Environment Section will liaise with Water Services in regard to the sewerage issues at The Rock, Ballycahill.
- There are capacity issues in a number of graveyards in the County which are being addressed on a priority basis.
- Illegal dumping on the Dunkerrin Road at the entrance to Templemore Town Park will be investigated.
- The request for "No Dumping" signs for Borrisoleigh Cemetery will receive attention.
- The Dog Warden visits Littleton on a regular basis and will continue to liaise with the Gardai.
- The dumping around the substation in Oakfield Park/Drive housing estates, Thurles will be addressed by the District in conjunction with the ESB.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Marion and Cora for their presentation and responses and they left the Chamber.

**4. To consider the Chief Executives Report under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended and the Planning & Development Acts 2000, as amended for the proposed Improvements to Market Square, Roscrea.**

Copy of a Report under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended and the Planning & Development Acts 2000 as amended was circulated with the Agenda.

The Acting Meetings Administrator outlined the next steps in progressing the project subject to the Members approval of the Chief Executives report.

The Members queried the timeframe for the project and the Acting District Engineer confirmed that the tendering process will commence in the next two weeks with work commencing in early 2019.



It was proposed by Councillor M. Smith, seconded by Councillor E. Moran and resolved:-  
"That having considered the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Section 179(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, in regard to the proposed Improvements to Market Square, Roscrea , the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District decide that the proposed development be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive's Report."

#### **5. Thurles Signage Plan.**

The Acting Meetings Administrator gave a background to the creation of the proposed Brand for Thurles, copies of which were circulated to the Members. She outlined the significance of the four leaves, the structure of the lettering and how the tag line was arrived at.

The Members in general welcomed the branding and complimented the Thurles Town Forum Committee who worked on the brand describing it as modern, eye-catching and of its time. However, some Members were not in agreement with the proposals produced for the signage and asked that it be re-examined to include imagery of significant attractions in Thurles. It was decided that the Members would meet to discuss an alternative and submit proposals to the Executive.

#### **6. Nominations for Civic Receptions.**

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that 7 nominations put forward by the Members had been approved by the Corporate Policy Group and that contact names and numbers should be provided without delay. She added that each recipient can invite up to twenty people and that the Awards Night will take place on Thursday 22nd November, 2018 @ 7.00pm in the Templemore Arms Hotel.

#### **7. To consider the 3 Year Roadworks Programme 2019-2021.**

A schedule outlining the proposed 3 Year Roadworks Programme 2019-2021 was circulated at the Meeting, the contents of which were noted by the Members.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Smith, seconded by Councillor D. Doran and resolved:-

"That the 3 Year Roadworks Programme 2019-2021 as circulated at the Meeting be adopted "



## 8. Update on the 2018 Work Programme.

A schedule outlining expenditure under the various functions to date in 2018 was circulated at the Meeting.

The Acting District Engineer circulated details of all works completed under the 2018 Roadworks Programme and advised that a schedule of footpath improvements to be undertaken would be prepared for the Members.

The Members were complimentary of the substantial work that has been completed in the District and raised the following points:

- Landowners should be written to regarding their obligations to maintain and cut back hedgerows.
- Re-instate the speed ramps at the secondary school in Pallas Street, Borrisoleigh.
- Some road signage in the District needs to be replaced.
- Establish if The Paddocks, Thurles has been taken in charge as the public lighting is not working.
- Install roadmarkings and signage at the junction of Ballycamas Lane.
- Repair footpath from St. Bridget's Terrace to Ardeen Nursing Home, Abbey Road and on Croke Street, Thurles.
- Undertake immediate repairs to sunken manhole cover and pothole on Cathedral Street, Thurles.
- Extend the footpath and public lighting from the Mill Road to Kickham Park, Thurles.
- Renew roadmarkings at Dunnes Cross/Casestown, Rossestown Cross and outside Rahealty National School.
- Update on the request for flashing speed signs at Rahealty National School.
- Undertake resurfacing near the traffic lights on the N62 at Golden Grove, Roscrea.
- Safety improvements/ pedestrian crossing required at Knock Road, Roscrea.
- Liaise with Roscrea Tidy Towns in regard to the enhancement of the three major roundabouts on the approach to the town.
- Update on proposals to address flooding at Priory Demesne, Templemore.
- Re-install the bollard on the road between Derrynaflan Drive and Derrynaflan Avenue, Littleton.
- Update on the treatment of Japanese Knotweed in the District and establish if the presence of Himalayan Knotweed in Drombane is of concern.
- Free up gullies in the District in order to prevent flooding.
- Replace the footpaths in Lake View Drive housing estate adjacent to the Athletic Club, Templemore.



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- Trim back the trees in Templemore Town Park that are interfering with the public lighting.
- Update on the extension of CCTV to Thurles Town Park.
- Poor condition of the N62 from the roundabout at Cathedral Street to The Anner Hotel, Thurles.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- Land owners will be contacted shortly regarding the maintenance of hedgerows.
- It is proposed to undertake a survey of road signs in the District commencing with the towns in October, 2018.
- Jim Ryan, Executive Engineer will liaise with Roscrea Tidy Towns in regard to the 3 main roundabouts into Roscrea town.
- Proposals have been submitted to TII for funding to resurface (i) from Liberty Square to the roundabout at Dunnes Stores, Thurles (ii) from Cathedral Street to The Anner Hotel, Thurles (iii) approach roads into Templemore on the N62 (iv) section of the Birr Road, Roscrea.
- The ramps will be replaced at Pallas Street, Borrisoleigh and an application under the Low Cost Safety Scheme will be considered again.
- Repairs to sunken manhole and pothole on Cathedral Street, Thurles will be undertaken next week.
- The footpath repair/replacement programme based on the IPB allocation will be circulated to the Members.
- A programme is in place to clean the gullies during the month of October.
- The bollard will be reinstalled between Derrynaflan Drive and Derrynaflan Avenue in Littleton.
- Issue regarding the Data Controller needs to be resolved at a national level before the extension of the CCTV into Thurles Town Park can be progressed any further.
- The presence of Japanese Knotweed in the District will be addressed in the coming weeks.
- It is envisaged that funding will be secured to address the flooding issue at Priory Demesne, Templemore.
- There is no funding to provide flashing speed limit signs at Rahealty National School. Enforcement of the periodic speed limits that are in place is a matter for the Gardaí.

26th. September, 2018.



## 9. Update on Projects.

Roscrea Enhancement Scheme.	Detailed designs for Market Square are currently being prepared and the tender process will commence in the next few weeks. It is envisaged that work will commence in early 2019. The interpretive/ orientation signage under the Roscrea Signage Strategy should be installed in the coming weeks.
Repairs / Improvements to Templemore Town Hall.	A successful Contractor has been identified and work is ongoing on their appointment.
Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles.	The Advance Works Contract is completed and it is expected that detailed designs will be fully complete by year end.
Thurles Town Park.	There is no further response back from the group who submitted a valid 'Expression of Interest' for the old farm building .
Carpark at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles.	The car park is substantially completed and open to the public.
Templemore Town Park Extension.	The District Director will make a further attempt at engaging JK Brackens in the proposals.
Provision of a Town Park in Roscrea.	Councillor M. Smith to initiate discussions with the new owners of the former Antigen site.

## 10. Notice of Motion.

### a) **Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Ryan.**

Councillor J. Ryan formerly moved the following Notice of Motion in his name:

""Due to unacceptable high levels of unemployment and business closures in Thurles, Templemore and Roscrea, I am seeking a delegation meeting with the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation to outline the need for jobs and funding for our area."

The response issued to Councillor Ryan in advance of the Meeting was as follows:

"The Notice of Motion will be forwarded to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration subject to the Members approval."



Councillor Ryan expressed his satisfaction with the response and reiterated the need for the necessary infrastructure to be put in place to attract large employers to the towns in the District. The Members noted that there is strong indigenous employment in Thurles town and agreed that more needed to be done to attract large employers to the District.

### 11. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence received.

### 12. Votes of Congratulations / Sympathy.

The Cathaoirleach proposed that a Vote of Sympathy be extended to the following:-

- Councillor J. Hogan on the death of his brother in law, Mr J.P. Moore, Killoran, Moyne, Thurles.
- Councillor D. Doran on the death of his uncle in law, Mr Dermot Murphy, Carraig Dun, Thurles.
- Councillor S. Hanafin on the death of his uncle, James Ryan, Herts and formerly of Killeenyarda, Holycross.

The Members extended a Vote of Congratulations to:-

- The organisers of the recent Féile Classical which was a resounding success.
- Mr. Darragh Ryan, nephew of Councillor J. Ryan on winning a silver medal in the World Championships for Young Horses recently.

### 13. Any Other Business.

#### (i) Cabragh Grove Housing Estate, Cabra, Thurles.

It was agreed that an invitation be extended to the Director of Housing Services to attend the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District Monthly Meeting in October to update the Members on the Cabragh Grove Housing Estate, Cabra, Thurles.

#### (ii) Moyne / Templetuohy Parish Forum - Lisheen Windfarm Trust Approval to Payment of Grants.

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that Lisheen Windfarm Trust provides funding for payment of grants to community / voluntary groups in the area towards



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capital expenditure incurred by them. She indicated that Jim Ryan, Executive Engineer has confirmed that works in the new playground at Templetuohy for this stage of the project have been completed in line with the grant requirements. She added that a grant of €24,600.00 has been recommended by the Trust to Templetuohy Community Playground Committee for this particular stage.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin, seconded by Councillor D. Doran and resolved:-

"That Templetuohy Community Playground Committee be paid a grant of €24,600.00 as recommended."

**THAT CONCLUDED THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 24th. October, 2018.

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ACTING MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

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