



**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TEMPLEMORE-THURLES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CLONMORE ON
TUESDAY 20th DECEMBER, 2016**

Present:

Councillor Joe Bourke, Cathaoirleach, presided.

Councillors David Doran, Seamus Hanafin, John Hogan,
Michéal Lowry, Eddie Moran, Jim Ryan, Sean Ryan and Michael
Smith.

Also Present:

Matt Shortt	District Director
Michael F. Hayes B.E.	Senior Engineer
Ruairi Boland B.E.	District Engineer
John Jones B.E.	Executive Engineer
Deirdre O'Shea	Acting Meetings Administrator
Noel McCormack	Acting Staff Officer

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to Clonmore and thanked Clonmore Community Hall Committee for facilitating the hosting of the Monthly Meeting in the hall. He outlined his reasons for holding the Monthly Meeting in Clonmore and acknowledged the immense voluntary contribution that the various committees in the community have made in improving the quality of life in the village. The other Members wished to be associated with his comments.

The District Director paid tribute to the goodwill of the Members in the allocation of financial assistance to 170 different organisations within the District under the 2016 Grants Schemes.

1. Adoption of Minutes.

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

"That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 23rd November, 2016 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meetings."



2. Civic Awards.

All of the Members commented on the success of the Civic Awards Night which was held in the Templemore Arms Hotel on 23rd. November, 2016 and paid tribute to the staff involved in organising and managing the event.

The following were put forward for consideration for a Civic Reception in 2017:

<u>Proposed Recipient</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Peter Ryan, Drombane who represented Ireland in the Paralympics in 2016.	Councillor S. Hanafin
Cummins Family, Rahealty, Thurles on winning Ireland's Fittest Family 2016.	Councillor M. Lowry
Conor Ivors, Ballingarry, Thurles on winning the Senior Irish Athletic Boxing Association Championships recently.	Councillor M. Lowry
J.P. Cooney member of the Connaught Senior Rugby Team who won the Guinness Pro 12 Title in 2016.	Councillor S. Ryan
Loughmore Tug of War Team on winning the National Championships recently.	Councillor J. Ryan

Councillor M. Smith asked that a letter of congratulations be forward to Nicole Drought on being nominated Irish Sportswoman of the Year 2016.

Some concerns were expressed that the conferring of a large number of Civic Receptions each year would detract from the prestige and importance of this honourable event.

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that any proposals put forward must first be referred to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration.

It was agreed that a sub-Committee would be established to come up with a criteria for the awarding of Civic Receptions in 2017.



3. Community & Economic Development.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Kathleen Prendergast to the Meeting.

Kathleen circulated a report on Community & Economic Development and in the course of her Presentation gave detailed updates on activities in the County and the Municipal District under the following headings:-

- Community & Economic Action Plan 2016
- Local Development Strategy
- Community Action Partnership Teams
- Draft Playground Policy
- New EU Funding sources
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme
- Joint Policing Committee
- Tipperary Sports Partnership/ FAI Projects
- Projects funded under the REDZ initiative
- Tourism
- Local Enterprise Office Grants Schemes
- Tipperary County Museum
- Heritage
- Arts
- Strategic Projects Unit

The Members welcomed the announcement of the allocation of €100,000.00 under the 2016 REDZ Programme for the preparation of a feasibility study to examine the potential of the former Lisheen Mine site for research and innovation activities to valorise food waste and residues through bio based chemical production.

The Members raised the following queries:-

- Establish if the application for the provision and installation of CCTV in Roscrea meets the criteria of the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.
- The need for CCTV in the new garden in Templemore Town Park and in rural areas in the District as the majority of crime takes place in rural locations.
- Identify funding sources for upgrading the CCTV system in Thurles town.
- Develop a training programme for staff involved in the retail and tourism sector in order to improve the tourist experience in the County.
- Consider the possibility of a Suicide Prevention Officer for the County.
- Examine the tourist potential of the two Castles located in Thurles with a view to developing a visitor attraction centre.



The District Director advised that:-

- The application submitted for the provision and installation of CCTV in Roscrea town under the 2016 Town & Village Renewal Scheme was not selected due to the short timeframe given for completion of projects and the application will be considered under the 2017 Scheme.
- It is proposed to extend the CCTV system in Thurles town to Thurles Town Park and relocate the CCTV server to Thurles Garda Station, however, there is no budget to upgrade the existing CCTV system in the town.
- An application can be submitted under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme to install CCTV in the new garden in Templemore Town Park.

Kathleen Prendergast undertook to raise the other items with the relevant personnel.

The Cathaoirleach and Members acknowledged the excellent work being undertaken by the Community & Economic Development staff and thanked Kathleen for her comprehensive Presentation.

Kathleen withdrew from the Meeting.

4. Update on the 2016 Work Programmes and the 2016 Budgets.

Copy of the expenditure to date on the Schedule of Municipal District Works was circulated at the Meeting.

The District Engineer gave the following update on the 2016 Work Programmes:

- The Roadworks Programme is fully complete.
- River drainage works are completed.
- Works under the Village Enhancement Scheme are completed.
- Works at the Littleton Community Centre are finished.

The Members acknowledged the substantial works that were completed in 2016 and complimented all staff involved.

The Members raised the following queries:-

- Update on flood relief works at Maxfort Cross, Horse & Jockey.
- Address the issue of poor lighting serving the pedestrian crossings near Templemore Town Hall and in Friar Street and Parnell Street, Thurles.



- The need to improve sightlines at Drom Cross.
- The need to upgrade the Dark Road, Thurles which is being used as a relief road by a significant number of motorists.
- Additional safety improvement works need to be undertaken to the junction at Galboola, Thurles.
- Reinstall the concrete bollards in the passageway between Derrynaflan Drive and Derrynaflan Avenue, Littleton to prevent cars accessing the area.
- The control of horses is an issue in the County and horses are being tied to the playground equipment in Littleton.
- Address the illegal dumping on private property at Derheen, Thurles.
- Poor sightlines on the Dunkerrin Road junction with Templemore town.

Responses to issues raised as follows:-

- A significant amount of resurfacing was undertaken on the Dark Road, Thurles two years ago and the remainder could be included in the 2017 Roadworks Programme, however the width of the road cannot be altered.
- The issue of lighting at pedestrian crossings has been referred to Airtricity.
- Significant safety improvements have been undertaken at Galboola junction and any additional works would not qualify under a Low Cost Safety Scheme.

5. Update on Projects.

Liberty Square
Refurbishment and
development of a
carpark.

Part 8 documents are on public display in the Source Arts Centre and the Municipal District Offices from 1st December, 2016 to 19th January, 2017

Extension to and
Refurbishment of the
Offices at Castle Avenue,
Thurles.

The Council will take possession of the offices within the next few days and it is expected that the new offices will open to the public in early January, 2017.

Repairs / Improvements
to Templemore Town
Hall.

Conservation Architects Report indicates that substantial structural works are required and a breakdown will be provided to the Members at the January Monthly Meeting.

Templemore Town Park
Extension.

Meetings with stakeholders planned for January, 2017.



Village Enhancement
Works.

Works in Ballycahill, Gortnahoe and The
Ragg are completed.

Roscrea
Enhancement Scheme
and Roscrea Traffic and
Transportation
Plan 2016.

A meeting of the Steering Committee for
the Roscrea Traffic & Transportation Plan
2016 will be convened shortly.

Carpark at St. Patrick's
Cemetery.

Part 8 documents are available for
inspection at the Municipal District Offices
or on www.tipperarycoco.ie from 3rd
November, 2016 to 6th January, 2017.

Thurles Town Park

Contractors will be appointed shortly to
carry out the repairs to the outbuildings
and a further update will issue at the next
Meeting.

6. Notices of Motion.

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

Councillor J. Bourke formally moved the following Notice of Motion in his name:

"I am calling on the Council to make sure the dangerous junction in Clonmore Village, where the Clonmore Road meets the Rathdowney Road, is made safe for the public use. It is my belief that this junction has been noted by Miss Bohan (NRA) as a dangerous junction and must be dealt with as a priority."

The response circulated to the Members with the Agenda in advance of the Meeting is as follows:

"An application for funding for a Low Cost Scheme in 2017 has been made to the TII to improve the road safety at the junction of the R-433 and L-3246-0 in Clonmore Village."

Michael F. Hayes, Senior Engineer confirmed that the Department Inspector will be requested to examine the junction.



b) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Bourke.

Councillor J. Bourke formally moved the following Notice of Motion in his name:

"I am calling on the Council to do something about the speeding in Clonmore Village. This is a problem for many years and despite some traffic calming measures by the Council, more needs to be done, like putting in speed ramps."

The response circulated to the Members with the Agenda in advance of the Meeting is as follows:

"A speed survey has been completed in Clonmore Village and the findings confirm that the average speed is 51 KPH in the 50KPH Zone. This would indicate that there is not a significant speed problem, however the Council will replace the existing flashing school signs with more effective units and upgrade and provide more effective road markings & signage in 2017."

Councillor J. Bourke acknowledged that a small minority were speeding through the village and measures needed to be put in place in an effort to eliminate speeding completely.

Michael F. Hayes indicated that it was very difficult to justify additional infrastructural works due to the behaviour of a small minority of people and the situation will be monitored after the proposed works have been completed.

c) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Ryan.

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

"I am calling on the HSE to provide the necessary resources to increase the number of both long term and short term beds in the Community Hospital of the Assumption in Thurles."

The response circulated to the Members with the Agenda in advance of the Meeting is as follows:

"Subject to the approval of the Members, this Motion will be forwarded to the HSE for consideration and response."



The Members highlighted the significant contribution the Hospital makes to the Community and it was unanimously agreed that a letter be forwarded to the HSE on the matter.

d) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Smith.

Councillor M. Smith formally moved the following Notice of Motion in his name:

"To ask Transport Infrastructure Ireland to investigate the possible provision of pedestrian access across Roscrea's Bypass off the junction of Knock Road. This is urgently needed as is dangerous for pedestrians."

The response circulated to the Members with the Agenda in advance of the Meeting is as follows:

"The Roscrea Traffic Management Plan has commenced and the Consultant has agreed to investigate this issue as part of the Plan."

Councillor M. Smith expressed the view that the issue should be raised immediately with the TII and remain on the Agenda of the Roscrea Traffic Management Plan. It was agreed that this issue along with other areas of concern in the District would be raised with the TII at a meeting to be convened in January, 2017.

e) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Smith.

Councillor M. Smith formally moved the following Notice of Motion in his name:

"Calling on the Municipal District Members to support an application to the Department of Environment to rename the District to include Roscrea i.e. Templemore/Thurles/Roscrea Municipal District."

The response circulated to the Members with the Agenda in advance of the Meeting is as follows:

"The naming of the Municipal Districts was provided for in the Local Government Reform Act, 2014. Section 22 of Local Government Reform Act, 2014 deals with the establishment of Municipal Districts in every County and City. Section 23 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 provides for the division of each County/City into local electoral areas, fixes the number of Members to be elected for each electoral area and determines the Municipal Districts within each County/City. The



" County of Tipperary Local Electoral Areas and Municipal Districts Order 2014" allows for the commencement of Section 22 and Section 23 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and sets out the name of the Local Electoral Area (i.e. Templemore-Thurles), description of the Local Electoral Area and numbers of Members to be elected for each Local Electoral Area".

It was unanimously agreed that the Motion be referred to Ger Walsh, Senior Executive Officer for consideration by the full Council at the January Monthly Meeting.

7. Votes of Congratulations / Sympathy.

The Members and Officials passed a Vote of Sympathy with the Cathaoirleach on the death of his father in law, Martin Kirwan , Dromard, Clonmore.

Votes of Sympathy were passed with Teresa Kenneally, Park, Killea, Templemore on the death of her daughter, Agnes and the family of the late Mary Anne Kennedy, Barrack Street, Templemore.

Votes of Congratulations were passed for the following:-

- Gortnahoe-Glengoole on winning the County U-21 B Hurling Championship.
- Tipperary Glass on celebrating 50 years in business in Templemore.
- Andy Spillane of Savvy Kitchens on winning a National Award.

8. Any Other Business.

No issues were raised.

THAT CONCLUDED THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 19th January, 2017.

SIGNED: _____
ACTING MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: 19th. January, 2017.