



MINUTES OF THE JUNE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TEMPLEMORE-THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE, THURLES ON WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE, 2017

- Present:** Councillor Seamus Hanafin, Cathaoirleach, presided.
- Councillors Joe Bourke, David Doran, John Hogan, Michéal Lowry, Jim Ryan, Eddie Moran, Sean Ryan and Michael Smith.
- Also Present:**
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| Matt Shortt | District Director |
| Ruairi Boland B.E. | District Engineer |
| John Jones B.E | Executive Engineer |
| Michael Tierney B.E. | Executive Engineer |
| Deirdre O'Shea | Acting Meetings Administrator |
| Noel McCormack | Acting Staff Officer |

1. Adoption of Minutes.

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

"That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting which was held on the 24th May, 2017 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

2. Presentation by the OPW on Templemore Flood Relief Scheme.

The Cathaoirleach and Members welcomed Mr. Paul Kiernan, Civil Engineer in the Flood Relief and Design Section, OPW who was in attendance to make a presentation to the Members on the proposals contained in the Templemore Flood Relief Scheme. Mr. Kiernan highlighted the following :

- Key members of staff from the OPW involved in the design of the scheme.
- Background to and history of flooding in Templemore.
- An overview of the scheme and photomontages of how the various aspects of the scheme would look.
- The availability of all of the Scheme drawings on the OPW website.



- Highlighted issues with regard to constrictions on the flow of the river.
- Provided details of the infrastructure to be put in place with the main inlet in Shortt's field.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Kiernan for his presentation and the Members raised the following points :

- Request that a copy of the Presentation be circulated to the Members.
- Assurance that local contractors will be employed to undertake the works.
- Commencement and completion dates for works.
- Establish if all of the land required is secured by the OPW and agreements in place in order to proceed with the scheme.
- Current position regarding contact with the new owners of lands previously in the ownership of Ms. Kinane and Derek Hassett.
- Concerns expressed regarding the closing of the Mall River channel as storm/surface water from properties located in Patrick Street, Templemore, enters this channel. An open drain should be maintained to deal with emergency situations.
- Establish if the OPW has surveyed all of the properties on Patrick Street, Templemore that discharge to the Mall River channel.
- Existing channel will be subjected to illegal dumping and stagnant water if left open which will also lead to unpleasant odours if no works are undertaken to the base of this channel.
- Establish who will be responsible for the maintenance of the channel if it is left open.
- Water should be left in the Mall River channel and flood relief measures should compliment this and provide assistance in times of flooding.
- Provision of a pool/paddling area for children where new channel location is proposed.
- Overall cost of the project.
- Establish potential level of disruption that will occur during construction stage and identify measures to mitigate/reduce levels of disruption anticipated.
- Outline the next steps involved in the Scheme.
- Establish if there are flood relief proposals for Thomond Road/Emmet Street, Thurles in the event of a severe flooding event.
- Current position in relation to addressing flooding at Priory Demesne and Oakdale Park, Templemore, which are not listed on the Scheme.
- Confirm if there are measures that can be undertaken to deal with the flooding of the Breaghagh River, Littleton.



Responses to the issues raised were as follows:

- It is proposed to leave the existing channel open with the exception of a stretch adjacent to the Town Park to facilitate existing connections.
- The OPW is preparing to commence works and estimate a two year construction period with potential to reduce this time period.
- Negotiations with new landowners are ongoing.

The District Director acknowledged that the main issues raised by the Members related to what was to become of the main channel, the maintenance of the subsidiary channel and the treatment of existing outfalls to the Mall River.

It was agreed that the queries raised by the Members would be forwarded to the OPW and that a special meeting take place in the District Offices with a representative from the OPW on Tuesday, 4th July, 2017 at 10:00am to further discuss the issues of concern.

3. Presentation by RoadPlan Consulting on the Roscrea Traffic Management Plan.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Dermot Donovan, Roadplan Consulting Ltd to the Meeting. Mr. Donovan thanked the Members for the opportunity to make a presentation to them on the Roscrea Traffic Management Plan and he gave an overview of the Scheme as follows:-

- Outline of the Roscrea study area and data relating to traffic collisions in the town.
- Roscrea Town Centre Enhancement Plan.
- Accessibility to car parks on the west side of Main Street needs to be improved.
- Poor occupancy rates in some car parks needs to be addressed with improved signage and pedestrian linkage.
- Roscrea is a not a congested town and is well served by existing roads.
- The creation of a relief road to the western side of town through the old pharmaceutical plant would be of benefit and relieve traffic at the Birr Road/Green Street junction.
- Traffic calming measures required on the Birr Road.
- Footpaths throughout the town are old and narrow and are no longer fit for purpose.
- Examine the possibility of improving the approach roads to the town.
- Installation of a roundabout at Market Square.
- Proposed alterations to parking layout on Main Street and Church Street.
- Installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing on the Knock Road.

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- The old by pass road should be blended into the town centre.
- Provision of cycle lanes.
- Creation of Transition Zones to delieniate entry to the town centre.
- Submissions received as a result of the public consultation process which centred mainly around concerns over proposed parking changes in the town centre and the alternative plan received from Roscrea Chamber of Commerce which made some very good suggestions.

The Members made the following observations:

- Commencement date for improvements to Market Square.
- The need to come up with a workable solution in regard to parking in the town centre.
- Take on board suggestions made by Roscrea Chamber of Commerce where appropriate.
- Improved pedestrian access to public car parks is essential.
- Hard shoulders should not be turned into cycle lanes due to the level of debris that accumulates in these areas forcing cyclists into traffic.
- Next steps on the implementation of the plan.
- Preparation of a Traffic Management Plan for Thurles.

Mr. Donovan acknowledged that cycle lanes need to be carefully designed to ensure safety of cyclists.

John Jones, Executive Engineer confirmed that a meeting of the steering group will be held this evening and that the provision of the roundabout at Market Square will be progressed to tender stage in the New Year.

The Members thanked Mr. Donovan for his very comprehensive presentation and he left the Chamber.

4. Presentation by Planning.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Karl Cashen, Director of Services and Brian Beck, Senior Planner to the Meeting.

Karl Cashen circulated a Planning Briefing Report which outlined the following:-

- Update on the preparation of the National Planning Framework - Ireland 2040: Our Plan.



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- Details of (i) Proposed Variation (No.4) of the South Tipperary County Development Plan: Fethard Settlement Plan, (ii) Proposed Variation to the North and South Tipperary County Development Plans: Settlement Plans and (iii) Proposed Variation to the North Tipperary County Development Plan, South Tipperary Development Plan and Town Development Plans: Vacant Sites.
- Draft Cluster Guidelines which will be prepared in July 2017 and presented to the Planning and Emergency Services SPC.
- A total of 14 no. projects under the Built Heritage Scheme were approved by the Department with funding totalling €85,330.00.
- All three projects recommended by the Council under the Structures at Risk Scheme have been approved by the Department with €30,000.00 approved for Blackcastle, Templemore.
- The Heritage Council approved project proposals for Carrick on Suir and Cashel and the Council has tendered for conservation consultants to complete the works by October, 2017.
- The Energy in Agriculture Conference will take place in Gurteen College on the 22nd August, 2017.
- Details of estates taken in charge in the District and applications currently under consideration.
- Number of planning applications received relating to the District and the County as a whole.
- Enforcement proceedings in regard to unauthorised developments from January to May 2017.

The Members made the following points:-

- Issues with the amount of Development Levies being charged by Irish Water.
- The onus placed on communities to engage the services of an Architect under the Structures at Risk Scheme is proving financially prohibitive.
- Concerns expressed regarding the proposed Variation dealing with Settlement Nodes.
- Timeline for the preparation of a new Development Plan for Templemore.
- Update in regard to the Taking in Charge of Cluain Glas, Thurles and Glencarrig, Roscrea.
- Careful consideration should be taken prior to inclusion of sites on the Derelict Sites Register and applying levies.



Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- Irish water is using the water services levy amount which was contained in the Council's Development Contribution Scheme that was in place on handover and these rates had been front loaded and others reduced in order to finance much needed water infrastructure in the County.
- The terms of the Structures at Risk Scheme are set by the Department.
- The appointment of a dedicated Engineer to deal with Taking In Charge of Estates will increase progress in this area.
- The preparation of a new Development Plan for the County and its towns cannot commence until the completion of the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial Economic Strategy.
- Variations to existing Development Plans can be considered.
- An update on the Glencarrig estate will be emailed to Members.

The Cathaoirleach and Members thanked Karl Cashen and Brian Beck for their responses and they withdrew from the Chamber.

5. **Proposal to declare the roads serving Ma Teine, Templemore, Co. Tipperary to be a public road.**

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that the Director of Roads, Transportation, Health and Safety has recommended that the roads serving the housing estate at Ma Teine, Templemore be declared public roads and that the open spaces, carparks, sewers, watermains and service connections within the development be taken in charge.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Moran, seconded by Councillor J. Hogan and resolved:

"That pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, this Municipal District hereby agrees to declare the Roads serving the Housing Estate known as Ma Teine, Templemore to be public and to take in charge the open spaces, carparks, sewers, watermains and service connections within the development, as per the map which was on public display during the prescribed period and as outlined in the Director of Services Report to Members for the June 2017 Municipal District Meeting."

6. **Update on the 2017 Work Programmes and the 2017 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 2017 Work Programmes:

- Road strengthening works are 85% completed.
- The surface dressing programme is 50% complete and should be finished by the end of June.
- Works under the CLAR programme are 90% complete.
- Works under the GMA and CIS will commence once roadwork improvements are completed.

The Members raised the following issues:-

- Update on the resolution to the flooding at Maxfort Cross, Horse & Jockey.
- Update on traffic calming and signage at Scoil Ailbhe and the Gael Scoil Thurles and at Littleton National School.
- Carry out repairs to the road surface at Bowes Public House, Thomond Road, Mitchel Street, Suir Bridge and Emmet Street, Thurles.
- Update from the TII on improvements required on the N62 in Roscrea and the flyover at Ballymoreen, Littleton.
- Address flooding issues at Coolkip and Ashill, Horse & Jockey.
- Cut back overgrowth at Pouldine and in the Ballyduff Road as speed limit signs are obstructed.
- Repair the kerbs on the footpaths in Fanning Park, Two Mile Borris.
- Carry out repairs to the approach road in Upperchurch Village.
- Consider extending the double yellow lines at the entrance to the Order of Malta, Boheravaroon, Thurles.
- Removal of debris and rubble from the graveyard in Borrisoleigh.
- Concerns regarding condition of older Council housing stock in Templemore.
- Reduction in housing maintenance across the District with a lot more responsibility placed on the tenant in regard to housing repairs.
- Dampness and lack of a fire escape in leased apartments in Thurles.
- Cut back vegetation at Garrenroe Cross, Thurles and Skehana, Two-Mile-Borris.
- Prune trees on Bohernamona road near Loughtagalla Park, Thurles.
- Provision of CCTV and timeframe for the opening of the public convenience in Thurles Town Park.
- Update on removal of caravans at Templemore Sewerage Treatment Plant.
- Update on the footpath in Moyne graveyard.



- Devise a scheme whereby someone could donate a bench to be located in Templemore Town Park Garden in honour of a former employee of the Council or an active member of the community.
- Provision of flashing speed signs in Loughmore.
- Resurfacing of the Roscrea Road out of Templemore.
- Update on the request for a pedestrian crossing in Clonmore as the application under CLAR was not successful.
- Address the issue of the gap in the public lighting on Parnell Street, Thurles.
- Excessive signage for Templemore in the village of Borrisoleigh needs to be addressed.
- Roads in the District are ravelling in the centre where the two surfaces meet which is causing a hazard.
- Consider progressing other viable projects under the Low Cost Safety Scheme if the approved projects are not being proceeded with this year.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- The issue of the gap in public lighting on Parnell Street, Thurles will be resolved with the erection of wall mounted lights.
- Vegetation at junctions will continue to be cut back.
- The repair of footpaths in Fanning Park, Two-Mile-Borris can be considered under the GMA 2018.
- Roadmarkings and signage will be improved on the approach to Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles.
- Works proposed at Borrisoleigh School under the Low Cost Safety Scheme may not go ahead this year as the school is not in a position to undertake the required improvements inside it's grounds.
- There is no guarantee that monies can be re-allocated under the Low Cost Safety Scheme 2016 and discussions will take place with Management on the inclusion of the Scheme at Colaiste Mhuire, Thurles.
- Irish Water has indicated that a new watermain will be laid from the Thurles Railway Station to Ahearnes Filling Station and this will further impact on the timeframe for the carrying out of works under the Low Cost Safety Scheme at the Lidl roundabout.
- There is insufficient funding available to repair roads in Thurles since the abolition of the Urban Road Minor Improvement Grant on the dissolution of the Town Councils.

7. Update on Projects.

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Roscrea Enhancement Scheme and Roscrea Traffic and Transportation Plan.	This was dealt with under item 3 on the agenda.
Roscrea, Templemore and Thurles Town Enhancement and Painting Schemes 2017.	Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 30th June, 2017.
Templemore Christmas Lighting Plan.	Proposals were circulated to the Members for review at the Meeting and approved.
Repairs / Improvements to Templemore Town Hall.	Consultants have been selected and appointments will be made shortly.
Templemore Town Park Extension.	The Council is awaiting feedback from stakeholders.
Structures at Risk Fund 2017 - Blackcastle, Templemore.	Tender documents have been prepared for conservation works to Blackcastle, Templemore and Consultants will be appointed in July.
Liberty Square Refurbishment and development of a carpark.	A meeting was held with the Consultants last week and they are to come back with a full programme of works for the next Steering Group Meeting.
Thurles Town Park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Repairs to the roof of the disused building should be complete in about one week and the Council will explore potential uses for the building and bring back proposals to the Members. ii. The Council is awaiting approval of the Gardaí for the CCTV server covering Thurles town to be relocated to the Garda Station, Thurles. iii. The public toilet should be operational within the week. iv. A wheelchair accessible swing will be installed this year which is being financed by a local charity.
Carpark at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles.	Works will commence on completion of the road works programme.
Village Enhancement Works 2017.	Works will commence on completion of



the road works programme.

The District Director confirmed that the proposals for Liberty Square, Thurles had been disability audited and that he expected that there will be at least one controlled crossing installed on the Square.

8. Notices of Motion.

a) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Hogan.

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

"I am calling on Tipperary County Council to secure funding for the upgrade of Turtulla Cross, Thurles and construct a new footpath linking Archestown Industrial Estate to the N62 to facilitate the new ETB apprenticeship centre. Funding may be sourced from TII or the low cost safety scheme."

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

"The Council has engaged Roadplan to prepare a report on Turtulla junction and the road leading to Archerstown Industrial Estate, Thurles."

Councillor Hogan expressed satisfaction with the response and indicated that the securing of the Apprenticeship Centre hinged on required improvement works being undertaken.

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

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

"I am calling on the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District to support the inclusion of Abbey Street and Chapel Lane in the recently proposed Roscrea Town Enhancement & Painting Scheme 2017."

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



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"The Roscrea Town Enhancement & Painting Scheme has been set for 2017 and it is not proposed to make any changes to the Scheme as advertised. Concentration is on streets that are town centre orientated."

Councillor M. Smith expressed his dissatisfaction with the response and questioned why certain areas were being excluded from the Scheme.

Councillor E. Moran seconded the Motion.

The Acting Meetings Administrator confirmed that the scheme was solely town centre focused where eligible streets had a residential / commercial mix and funding was being made available on that basis .

The District Director confirmed that there were other streams of funding available to Chapel Lane, Roscrea.

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

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

"That the Council would convert the surface at the playground in Derrynaflan, Littleton from grass to synthetic to prevent grazing on it by horses."

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

"The replacement of the grass surface with a synthetic surface would be substantial and there is no budget available for the works. "

Councillor S. Ryan indicated that there is an ongoing issue with horses in the playground and the cost of removing them would be better spent on installing a new surface.

The District Director suggested that Councillor Ryan liaise directly with Michael Tierney, Executive Engineer to explore alternative solutions to the problem.

d) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor S. Ryan.

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



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"That the Council would seek to extend the footpath in the Horse & Jockey Village close to the roundabout to allow for safer access by pedestrians."

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

"The request will be considered under the GMA 2018"

Councillor Ryan expressed his satisfaction with the response

e) Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors D. Doran & J. Ryan.

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

"We are calling on this Council to install a footpath on the Moyne/Rahealty road from the entrance to the old Eircom exchange building at Loughtagalla thereby removing the dangerous blind bend which presently is a major health and safety risk, most particularly for pedestrians."

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

"There is no funding available in 2017 to undertake the works. This proposal could be considered as a future application under the Low Cost Safety Scheme"

Councillor D. Doran expressed his satisfaction with the response and queried the costs involved. Councillor J. Ryan seconded the Motion and indicated that landowners were agreeable to transfer the necessary lands.

The District Engineer confirmed that costs would be significant and that there was no specific budget available at this time.

9. Correspondence.

i. Thurles.ie Website.

The Acting Meetings Administrator confirmed that the IT section are actively seeking to regain control of the domain name.

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ii. Our Lady's Secondary School Templemore.

The Acting Meetings Administrator outlined the contents of a letter received from Ms. Patricia Hogan, Principal, Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore, expressing appreciation to the Council on the awarding of a Civic Reception to Our Lady's Secondary School Hurling Team Panel.

iii. 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 capital expenditure incurred by them. She indicated that John Jones, Executive Engineer has confirmed that the projects have been completed. The following grants have been recommended by the Trust:

– Moyne Athletic Club	€22,500.00
– Moyne/Templetuohy Hurling GAA Club	€10,000.00
– Templetuohy Community Centre	€17,500.00

It was proposed by Councillor J. Hogan, seconded by Councillor D. Doran and resolved:-

"That the following Grants be paid as recommended:

– Moyne Athletic Club	€22,500.00
– Moyne/Templetuohy Hurling GAA Club	€10,000.00
– Templetuohy Community Centre	€17,500.00"

12. Votes of Congratulations / Sympathy.

- Councillor J. Ryan congratulated Father Michael Mullaney on being appointed President of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth.

13. Any Other Business.

Update on CCTV system in Thurles	<p>i. The District Director confirmed that the CCTV system in Thurles is operational and relaying live pictures to the Garda Station.</p> <p>ii. The process is underway to have the</p>
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	CCTV server relocated to Thurles Garda Station once the protocol is in place.
Write to the Revenue Commissioners seeking a reversal to the abolition of public opening hours in the Revenue Offices, Stradavoher, Thurles.	The issue will be referred to the Revenue Commissioners.
<p>i. Compliments were extended to the Council staff involved in the excellent cleanup operation which was undertaken following the recent GAA match in Semple Stadium.</p> <p>ii. Write to the GAA outlining the importance of retaining large matches in Semple Stadium which brings much needed economic benefits to the town.</p>	A letter will be sent to the GAA.
Remove parking charges in parking spaces adjacent to Thurles Leisure Centre.	The request will be examined.
Payment of Grant to Sheehane Community Group.	It was proposed by Councillor J. Hogan and seconded by Councillor J. Bourke that a grant in the sum of €250.00 be paid to Sheehane Community Group.
Write to the Manager, Bank of Ireland, Templemore, seeking a reversal of the discontinuation of over the counter services for the public.	A letter will be issued.

THAT CONCLUDED THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 26th. July, 2017.

SIGNED: _____
ACTING MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: 26th. July, 2017.