



MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TEMPLEMORE-THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE THURLES CHAMBER ENTERPRISE CENTRE, LIT TIPPERARY CAMPUS, NENAGH ROAD, THURLES ON WEDNESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER, 2016

Present: Councillor Joe Bourke, Cathaoirleach, presided.

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

Also Present:

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

Apology:

Michael F. Hayes	Senior Engineer
Michael Tierney B.E.	Executive Engineer

1. Adoption of Minutes.

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

"That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 27th. October, 2016 and the October Monthly Meeting held on the 1st November, 2016 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meetings."

Templemore Town Park Wildflower Garden & Structured Landscape Area.

It was agreed to have a discussion on the proposed Wildflower Garden & Structured Landscape Area which will be developed on the site of the old swimming pool in Templemore Town Park and the following matters were raised :-

- Lack of public consultation in regard to the proposals.
- Public reaction would be more positive with greater consultation.
- Allocation of funding for the project is widely welcomed and it is imperative that the funding is not lost.



- Recognition that the timeframe given by the Department for submission of applications and completion of projects under the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme 2016 was extremely restrictive.
- Acknowledgement that re-opening the swimming pool was not feasible.
- Representatives from the community were informed of proposals at a meeting in Templemore Town Hall on 17th. November, 2016.

The District Director outlined the background to the Scheme and he confirmed that :-

- There was a historical request to develop a garden on the site of the old swimming pool and this was the reason for putting forward the application.
- The meeting which took place in Templemore Town Hall with representatives from the community on 17th. November, 2016 proved very productive and a further meeting will be held with representatives from Templemore Tidy Towns to agree on the final design for the garden.
- Every local authority is required to prepare a 3 Year Plan for the period 2017 - 2019 and there will be more generous timeframes given to allow for adequate public consultation from next year.

2. Planning Service

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

Karl Cashen circulated a report which dealt with the following :-

- Proposed Variation No. 3 of the North & South Tipperary County Development Plans: Renewable Energy Strategy.
- Proposed Variation No. 4 of the South Tipperary County Development Plan: Fethard Settlement Plan.
- Built Heritage Scheme.
- Structures at Risk.
- Town Walls Scheme.
- Energy in Agriculture Conference.
- Number of planning applications received in 2016 which shows an increase of 20% when compared with the corresponding period last year.
- Enforcement Proceedings in 2016.

Karl Cashen and Brian Beck responded to queries raised by the Members as follows :-

- Cashel, Fethard, Clonmel and Carrick-on-Suir are the only towns in the County eligible to be considered under the Town Walls Scheme.



- The list of projects approved under the Built Heritage Scheme will be circulated to the Members by email.
- Planning does not have any remit in regard to the provision of CCTV in the County.
- Planning Staff provide as much assistance as possible to the public throughout the planning process and the County Development Plans contain strategies that are very much pro business.
- The Council has agreed to pay for the operation of the public lighting in Marlstone Manor, The Orchard and Croke Gardens, Thurles, which were previously covered by the former Thurles Town Council, however, the estates have yet to be taken in charge.

3. To note the extension of the lifetime of the Templemore and Environs Development Plan 2012-2018, in accordance with Section 11(A) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

Karl Cashen, Director of Services advised that the extension of the lifetime of the Templemore and Environs Development Plan 2012 - 2018 was included as an item on the Agenda for noting by the Members in accordance with Section 11(A) of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

He noted the concerns expressed by some of the Members at the extension of the timeframe of the Plan and he confirmed that it is a legal requirement that the National Planning Framework, Regional Plans and Spatial Strategies be completed prior to the development of a new plan for Templemore and Environs.

The Cathaoirleach and Members thanked Karl Cashen and Brian Beck for the update and they left the Meeting.

4. Proposal to declare the roads serving the Housing Estate known as The Haven, Roscrea to be public roads.

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that the Director of Roads, Transportation, Health and Safety has recommended that the roads serving the housing estate at The Haven, Roscrea be declared public roads and that the open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections within the development be taken in charge.

It was proposed by Councillor M.Smith, 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 The Haven,



Roscrea to be public and to take in charge the open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections within the development, as per the maps which were on public display during the prescribed period and as outlined in the Director of Services Report to Members for the November 2016 Municipal District Meeting."

5. **Fix date and venue for the December Monthly Meeting.**

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that a request has been received to reschedule the December Monthly Meeting to Tuesday, 20th. December, 2016 at 2:00 pm.

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

"That the December Monthly Meeting of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District be held on Tuesday, 20th. December, 2016, commencing at 2:00pm in Clonmore Community Hall followed by lunch in Fitzpatrick's Pub, Clonmore."

6. **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:

- 30 Kilometres of surface dressing and six projects under the Community Involvement Scheme have been completed.
- Works under the General Municipal Allocation are substantially complete.
- Improvement works at the Littleton Community Centre should be finished next week.
- Footpaths at Roscrea, Templetuohy and Gortnahoe are completed.
- There are a number of minor drainage works to be finished.

The Members raised the following queries:-

- Complete roadworks in Templetuohy.
- Update on progress in regard to an application for funding for works to improve safety at the junctions at Turtulla Cross and Killinan.
- Submit a request to the TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IRELAND for the provision of route lighting from the entrance to Rosemount housing estate to Turtulla junction, Thurles.
- Improvements to footpaths at Lake View Drive, Templemore.



- Reinstatement of road markings at Ballybeg near the Bricquette factory and the box junction at Ballymoreen graveyard.
- Provision of signage at Galboola Cross due to poor sightlines.
- Tree at Church View, Littleton is in a dangerous condition and needs attention.
- Cleaning of gullies and inlets in the District.
- Investigate illegal dumping at Derheen, Thurles.
- Poor condition of the road leading to the Ball Alley at the Horse & Jockey.
- Speeding of traffic outside Kennedy's Funeral Home, Borrisoleigh.
- Cleaning of river in Borrisoleigh.
- Poor lighting serving the pedestrian crossings near Templemore Town Hall, Friar Street, Thurles and Parnell Street, Thurles.
- Provision of traffic calming measures near the Church of Ireland on the Roscrea Road, Templemore which is particularly dangerous at morning and school times.
- Consider the installation of a roundabout at Killinan Junction, Thurles.
- Provision of a footpath at Ryan's Public House, Holycross.
- The sightlines on the Johnstown Road out of Templetuohy need to be improved.
- The tree at Bowe's Pub, Friar Street, Thurles needs to be pruned as it is interfering with private property.
- Consider the provision of speed notification cameras at locations where they will be effective.
- Undertake remedial works to Slievenamon Road, Thurles in the short-term to prevent the road surface deteriorating any further.
- Inclusion of the regional road from Templetuohy to Johnstown in the Winter Maintenance Programme as it is very dangerous in icy conditions.
- Update on the proposals to set back the wall at Semple Stadium, Thurles.
- Complete Village Enhancement Works at Ballycahill Village.
- Examine the skid resistance on the recently resurfaced patch of road at Sue Ryder, Holycross.
- Works are required on the corner at Martin Mullally's residence near the Garda College, Templemore.
- Provision of pedestrian crossing at LIT Tipperary on the Nenagh Road, Thurles.
- Request for free parking in the towns in the District for Christmas.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- A section of the river in Borrisoleigh has been cleaned.
- The stretch of road near the Church of Ireland, Roscrea Road, Templemore is not suitable for a pedestrian crossing and alternative traffic calming measures will be investigated and followed up with the inspector from the Transport Infrastructure Ireland.



- Kennedys Funeral Home, Borrisoleigh is located inside the 50km speed limit and speed surveys will be undertaken to assess the speed of traffic.
- Safety issues in regard to Turtulla Cross, Thurles are being actively dealt with by the Road Design Office in Limerick and are high on their priority list.
- The junction at Killinan, Thurles presents a number of design difficulties and a re-design will not be straightforward.
- Airtricity has been requested to examine the lighting at the pedestrian crossings at Friar Street and Parnell Street, Thurles .
- Routes included under the Winter Maintenance Programme are prioritised on the basis of traffic counts. Tipperary County Council treats more roads than most local authorities in the Country and the Council is working to capacity within the available resources.
- An application will be prepared under the Low Cost Safety Scheme to remove and set back the wall at Semple Stadium, Thurles which will improve sightlines and safety for pedestrians.
- Works in Ballycahill under the Village Enhancement Scheme should be completed in the coming week.
- The issue at Mullally's residence in Templemore will be investigated.
- There will be free parking on the 10th, 17th & 24th December, 2016 in public car parks in Thurles and Roscrea and all of Templemore town.
- The provision of a pedestrian crossing near LIT Tipperary, Thurles would require additional traffic calming measures in order to channel the traffic and an island is already in place to facilitate students.
- Resurfacing of the road at Clongour, Thurles will commence in the New Year.
- Provision of free parking on 2nd, 3rd & 4th December 2016 in the public car parks in Roscrea town to facilitate the "Taste of Roscrea" will be favourably considered.
- The request for the provision of a footpath outside Ryan's pub, Holycross, could be considered by the Members under the 2017 General Municipal Allocation or the Town/Village Renewal Initiative.

7. Update on Projects.

Liberty Square
Refurbishment and
development of a
carpark.

Part 8 documents will be put on public display in the Library at The Source Arts Centre and the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District Offices from 1st December, 2016 to 19th January, 2017.

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

The project is progressing very well and it is expected that the Council will take possession in December, 2016.



Repairs / Improvements
to Templemore Town
Hall

The Council is awaiting the submission of the Conservation Architects Report and will consider engaging another company if it is not forthcoming soon.

Templemore Town Park
Extension.

Discussions have taken place with some local stakeholders in regard to the draft layout and further consultation will take place over the coming months.

Village Enhancement
Works.

This was dealt with under Item 6 of the Agenda.

Rocrea 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 next week. The Plan must be prepared before proposals under the Roscrea Enhancement Scheme can be progressed any further.

Carpark at St. Patrick's
Cemetery.

The Statutory Part 8 public consultation process has commenced and details are available for public inspection at the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District Offices or on www.tipperarycoco.ie

Thurles Town Park.

Work has commenced on the relocation of the public convenience from Parnell Street to Thurles Town Park. A new lease with more competitive rates will be entered into with JC Decaux from 1st. January, 2017.

8. Notices of Motion.

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

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

"That this Council would seek to carry out urgent safety works at Liskiveen Cross in Littleton where sightlines are exceptionally poor in both directions."



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

" The County Council will examine sightlines at Liskiveen Cross and provide appropriate signage and road markings on the approach to the junction. "

Councillor S. Ryan expressed satisfaction with the response.

9. Correspondence.

Councillor D. Doran confirmed that a decision has been taken to fill the Registrar's position in St. Mary's Health Centre, Parnell Street, Thurles on a part time basis.

It was also noted that the status of the Ambulance Station as a Rapid Response Centre will not be downgraded.

10. Vote of Congratulations / Sympathy.

Councillors J. Hogan, D. Doran and S. Ryan congratulated the Cummins Family on their performance on the TV show "Ireland's Fittest Family" and wished them further success.

11. Civic Awards Night.

It was noted that the Civic Awards Night will take place in the Templemore Arms Hotel on Thursday, 24th. November, at 7:00pm. It was agreed that all Members should be present on the night and that the procedure of events be adhered to.

12. Any Other Business.

Issue	Response
Trim the hedgerow abutting the Pitch & Putt Club, Templemore.	The complaint will be examined.

THAT CONCLUDED THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 20th. December, 2016.

SIGNED: _____
ACTING MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: 20th. December, 2016.