



**MINUTES OF THE APRIL MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TEMPLEMORE-
THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE,
THURLES ON 24th. APRIL, 2019**

Present: Councillor Sean Ryan Cathaoirleach, presided.

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

Also Present:

Matt Shortt	District Director
Michael F. Hayes	Senior Engineer
Liam Brett	Senior Engineer
Jim Ryan	Executive Engineer
Janice Gardiner	Acting Meetings Administrator
Deirdre O' Shea	Senior Staff Officer

Apology: John Jones Acting District Engineer

1. Adoption of Minutes.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin, seconded by Councillor E. Moran and resolved:

"That the Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting which was held on the 27th. March, 2019 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

2. Update from Community / Economic Development.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Teresa Kiely, Acting Administrative Officer, Community & Economic Development Section to the Meeting.

Teresa circulated a report on Community & Economic Development for the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District and in the course of her presentation, gave a comprehensive update under the following headings:-

- LECP Community.
- Local Development Strategy / LEADER.
- SICAP.

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- LCDC Team led Funding Schemes.
- Tipperary PPN.
- Littleton CAP.
- Joint Policing Committee.
- Age Friendly Tipperary.
- Suicide Prevention.
- Comhairle na nÓg.
- Tipperary Sports Partnership.
- FAI.
- Strategic Projects Unit EU part-funded Projects.
- LECP - Economic.
- Economic Strategies and Projects.
- Tourism.
- Local Enterprise Office.
- Economic and Enterprise.
- Digital Strategy, National Broadband Plan and Commercial Investment.

The Members raised the following issues:-

- The vital need to progress the installation of effective broadband in the blackspot areas in the District.
- Establish what is proposed under the Thurles Town Centre Integrated Renewal Plan 2019 - 2029.
- The need for a Suicide Prevention Officer in the County.
- The increase in the number of suicides needs to be addressed in the first instance at national level.
- The paperwork to be completed for the draw-down of funding under the Tipperary County Council Scheme of Capital Grants for Community Facilities and Amenities 2018 / 2019 is proving cumbersome on community groups.
- Creation of a grants scheme for restoration of boglands in the District similar to what is in place in Offaly.
- Write a letter to the HSE West and Department of Health asking if they will purchase the site and construct a primary health care centre at the former Sweeney's Bakery, Mitchel Street, Thurles.

Replies to the issues raised were as follows:-

- There are Suicide Awareness Officers employed by the HSE, North and South of the County. There is also a Suicide Prevention Plan in place.
- The grant approved under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018 is specific to the preparation of the Thurles Town Centre Integrated Renewal Plan 2019 - 2029 which is being led by Planning Section and concentration



will be on developing proposals that would facilitate the regeneration of sites off and adjacent to the town centre.

- A letter will be forwarded to the HSE West and Department of Health in regard to the request relating to the primary health care centre for Thurles.

3. Update from Culture / Library Services / Fire & Emergency Services.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Karl Cashen, Director of Culture/Library/Fire & Emergency Services and Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian to the Meeting.

Copy of a comprehensive report covering a wide variety of initiatives undertaken by the Library, Arts, Heritage and Museum Services was circulated to the Members at the Meeting.

The Members raised the following queries:-

- Arrangements should be made to collate and catalogue all information on Tipperary that relates to the War of Independence and erection of a plaque to commemorate the 100th Year Anniversary.
- Difficulties experienced by fire fighters at times getting through Parnell Street, Thurles.
- The need to extend Roscrea Library which is too small to house the George Cunningham Book Collection.
- Update on progress in regard to the new Fire Station in Templemore.
- Erection of signage that will clearly depict the location of the Thurles Branch Library.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- The Cultural Team is working on a document that will pull together all information on Tipperary that relates to the War of Independence and the request for the erection of a plaque to commemorate the 100th Year Anniversary will be examined. Events will also take place in the libraries.
- An extension to Roscrea Library is not listed under the Capital Projects for Libraries which runs until 2021 and the Library Service is currently working with George Cunningham on digitising his material.
- Contact will be made with the Chief Fire Officer to establish if any complaints have been submitted by fire fighters in regard to having difficulty getting through Parnell Street, Thurles.
- It is expected that the Council will take possession of the new Fire Station in Templemore in Quarter 3 of 2019.



The Cathaoirleach thanked Karl and Damien for their contributions and they left the Chamber.

4. Templemore-Thurles Municipal District Grants Scheme.

Schedules setting out proposed grant allocations to Sports Clubs, Residents Associations, Burial Ground and Tidy Towns Committees in the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District were circulated at the Meeting.

The suggestion put forward by Councillor J. Hogan that grant amounts under the Residents Associations Grants Scheme should be calculated in accordance with the size of each estate was noted.

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

"That the Grants set out hereunder be paid to the Tidy Towns Committees, Burial Ground Committees, Residents Associations and Sports Clubs specified:-

<u>SPORTS CLUBS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Upperchurch Drombane GAA	250
Knights Basketball	250
Thurles Town AFC	250
Thurles Sarsfield Camogie Club	650
Thurles Rugby	800
Thurles Gaels	650
Thurles Crokes	800
Templemore Ladies Football	450
Templemore Badminton Club	450
Templemore Athletic Club	800
St Ailbhes Boxing Academy	250
Slieve Felim Rapparees	250
Roscrea RFC	450
Roscrea Juvenile Hurling	350
Peake Villa	800
Moyne Athletic Club	250
Moycarkey Borris Gaa	400
Moycarkey Coolcree Athletics	250
Mid Tipp Hillwalkers	250
Lakeside Pitch & Putt	800
Durlas Og Gaa	800
Drom Inch Juvenile GAA	250



Blackcastle Harps	800
Borroway Rovers	250
Borris Juvenile Club	250
Knock GAA	250
St Kevins FC	500
Templemore & District Gun Club	500
Tipperary Warriors	250
Killavilla United AFC	400
Thurles Sarsfield Ladies Football	450
Drom Inch Camogie	250
Thurles Special Olympics	250
Borrisoleigh Camogie Club	250
JK Brackens	800
Thurles Squash Club	250
Moneygall GAA	400
Moyne Templetuohy Ladies Football	250
Templemore Camogie Club	250
Roscrea Racing Pigeon Club	150
Clodiagh Rangers FC	250
Durlas Eile Archers	150
Clonakenny Juvenile Club	200
Gorthnahoe Camogie Club	300
Holycross Ballycahill Ladies Football	200
Roscrea & District Angling Club	100
Roscrea AC	200
Thurles Gaels Ladies Football	150
Moycarkey Borris Ladies Football & Camogie	300
Holycross Ballycahill Camogie	300
Gorthnahoe Glengoole GAA	200
Premier Martial Arts Academy	200
Tipp Town Talons Basketball	250
<u>RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Windsor Grove Residents Association	450
The Willows Residents Association	850
Tara Drive Residents Association	350
Sheehane Community Group	350
Riverview Residents Association	300
Moyne Road/Bellevue Residents Association	500
Marlstone Manor Residents Association	750
Knockanevin Residents Association	350
Ikerrin Court Residents Association	500



Hazelwood Residents Association	750
Glencarrick Residents Association	300
Dun Lia Residents Association	500
Cluain Glas Residents Association	850
Cluain Ard Residents Association	300
Cluain Airne 1-17 Residents Association	350
Church View Roscrea Residents Association	200
Carraig Duin Residents Association	200
Ashgrove Residents Association	450
Ashbury Roscrea Residents Association	200
Ard Ross Residents Association	800
Ard Carraig Residents Association	600
Kiltillane Court Residents Association	250
Cnoc Mhuire Residents Association	400
Willowmere Drive Residents Association	750
Ma Teine Templemore Residents Association	400
Patricks Gate Gorthnahoe Residents Association	250
Elmwood Resident Association	650
Castlecourt Borrisoleigh Residents Association	150
Derrynaflan Residents Association	400
Monadreen Residents Association	450
Cois Eaglais Residents Association	250
Castlepark Residents Association	270
Parkmore Manor Residents Association	300
Rosemount Residents Association	750
Kennedy Park Roscrea Residents Association	500
Sli na Siuire Residents Association	750
Cluain Airne 2nd Residents Association	350
Slievenamon Meadows Residents Association	300
Rosslands Residents Association	300
Gleann Glas Residents Association	200
Ard na Croise Residents Association	300
Ardleigh Two Mile Borris Residents Association	200
Cabragh Court Residents Association	200
Borrisoleigh Community Association	200
Cluain Ban Roscrea Residents Association	200
St Bridgids & St Josephs Residents Associations	300
The Haven Residents Association	300
<u>BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Rathnaveogue Burial Ground Committee	700
Upperchurch New Burial Ground Committee	700



Corbally Parish COI	700
St Marys Church Littleton Burial Ground Committee	700
Shyan Burial Ground Committee	700
Drom Old Burial Ground Committee	700
Cooleeney Graveyard Committee	700
Gortagarry Church Ground Committee	700
Moycarkey Old Burial Ground Committee	700
Galboola Littleton Burial Ground Committee	700
Templeree Graveyard Committee	700
Templebeg Graveyard Committee	700
Ballymoreen Burial Ground Committee	700
Loughmore Old Cemetery Committee	700
St Burchins Burial Ground Committee	700
Holycross Old Graveyard Committee	700
Killavinogue Graveyard Committee	700
Aglish Graveyard Committee	700
Killea St James Burial Ground Committee	700
Killea St Aodhs New Burial Ground Committee	700
Annameadle Burial Ground Committee	700
St Bridgids Borrisoleigh Burial Ground Committee	700
Glenkeen Burial Ground Committee	700
Fennor Burial Ground Committee	700
Rahealty Burial Ground Committee	700
St Cronans Graveyard Committee	700
Camblin Burial Ground Committee	700
Moycarkey St Peters Burial Ground 2 Committee	700
Moycarkey St Peters Burial Ground 1 Committee	700
Littleton St Kevins Burial Ground Committee	700
Inch Old Graveyard Committee	700
St Michaels Bouladuff Burial Ground Committee	700
Quaker Burial Ground Committee	700
Courageneen Old BG Committee	700
Courageneen New BG Committee	700
Clonakenny Cemetery Committee	700
Boggaun Graveyard Committee	700
Two Mile Borris Graveyard Committee	700
Upperchurch Old Burial Ground Committee	700
St Cronans COI	700
Durlas Eile - St Marys Thurles	500
Killinan Burial Ground Committee	700
Calvary Committee Roscrea	700



Kyleanna Burial Ground Committee	700
Templetuohy Burial Ground Committee	700
Moyaliffe Graveyard Committee	700
Moyne Old Cemetery Committee	700
<u>TIDY TOWN / VILLAGES COMMITTEES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Roscrea Tidy Town	10500
Gortagarry Development Committee	1100
Moyne Tidy Villages	1100
Castleiney Tidy Village Committee	1100
Gorthnahoe Tidy Towns	1100
Ballycahill Tidy Towns	1000
Borrisoleigh Tidy Towns	2000
Shevry Development Association	1100
Holycross Tidy Village	1600
Refresh Thurles	5000
Two Mile Borris Tidy Towns	1600
Knock Tidy Village Group	1100
Loughmore Tidy Village	1400
Clonakenny Tidy Villages	1400
Upperchurch Drombane Development	1400
Inch/Bouladuff Tidy Village	2000
Ballysloe Tidy Towns	1100
Clonmore Development Committee	1300
Templetuohy Tidy Towns	1100
Templemore Tidy Towns	2524
Kennedy Park Roscrea	1000
Drombane Village Group	1000

5. To approve Payments under Lisheen Windfarm Trust.

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 Jim Ryan, Executive Engineer has confirmed that the works have been completed in line with the grant requirements.

The following grants have been recommended by the Trust:-

- Templetuohy Playground	-	€24,400.00
- Moyne Athletics Club	-	€10,000.00
- Moyne/Templetuohy GAA Club	-	€15,000.00



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

"That the following grants be paid as recommended by the Trust:-

- Templetuohy Playground	-	€24,400.00
- Moyne Athletics Club	-	€10,000.00
- Moyne/Templetuohy GAA Club	-	€15,000.00"

6. Update on the 2019 Works Programmes.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Liam Brett who has recently taken up the position of Senior Engineer in Roads Section. He thanked Michael F. Hayes, Senior Engineer for his sterling service that spanned over a significant number of years and for the dignified, courteous manner in which he carried out his duties so effectively. He wished Michael well in his forthcoming retirement. The other Members concurred with his comments.

Jim Ryan, Executive Engineer updated the Members on progress to date and planned works under the Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance and Footpaths Programmes.

The Members raised the following issues:-

- Issues of ponding in some cases where road have been resurfaced.
- Significant efforts need to be made to ensure that flooding does not take place in Galbertstown in the future. Prepare a report on possible solutions for consideration by the Members at the September Monthly Meeting.
- Poor condition of paths at Moycarkey Village, Borrisoleigh and Collins Park, Childers Park, Abbey Road and Ard Mhuire, Thurles. Works in some areas are being held up by Irish Water.
- Complaints from residents that cars are doing donuts in Parnell Street car park, Thurles late at night.
- Extend the path and remove the bad bend after Thurles Rugby Football Club at Loughtagalla, Thurles.
- Replace the missing Stop sign at Laharden Junction.
- Undertake measures to prevent sulkies from using the walkway from Ladyswell to Turtulla, Thurles and effect repairs to the section that has eroded inside the entrance at Turtulla.
- Establish if the Council met with representatives from TII in regard to works that need to be effected to roadways and footpaths in Thurles.
- The relocation of An Post to Thurles Shopping Centre will have a detrimental effect on Liberty Square, Thurles.
- Completion of car park across from St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles.

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- Undertake safety measures at the Yellow Lough, Thurles.
- Address flooding outside Jimmy Ferncombe's house at Cabra, Thurles.
- Establish when works will commence under the Community Involvement Scheme and Local Improvement Scheme.
- Update on flooding at Priory Demesne, Templemore.
- Provision of footpath and public lighting on the Ragg Road at Manna, Templemore.
- Establish if it is possible to undertake temporary works on the Roscrea side of the N62 as you approach Templemore town.
- Safety improvements required at the Knock Road junction, Roscrea.
- Provision of footpath in Clonmore Village.
- Effect repairs to the roadway outside Moycarkey/Borris GAA Club prior to the official opening of the new premises on 6th. September, 2019.
- Repair footpath outside Ryans Funeral Home, Slievenamon Road, Thurles.
- Visibility is poor at the pedestrian crossing in Two-Mile-Borris.
- Commencement date for treatment of Japanese knotweed in the District.
- Overgrowth at the junction at Cloncleigh is impeding sightlines as you head from Two-Mile-Borris towards Moyne.
- Difficulty getting from Drish Road onto the N75 Two-Mile-Borris road due to speed of traffic. There is also a piece of metal protruding from the manhole cover at this junction.
- Ensure route, for the "Darkness into Light" Walk/Run which takes place in Thurles on 11th. May 2019, is in good condition.

Replies to the issues raised as follows:-

- Ponding at entrances can arise in some instances due to non compliance with planning issues where soak pits have not been installed.
- A report in relation to flooding at Galbertstown will be prepared for consideration by the Members at the September Monthly Meeting.
- The Council will ensure that the route, for the "Darkness into Light" Walk/Run, is in good condition.
- Safety issues at the Yellow Lough will be considered under a Low Cost Safety Scheme later in the year and road markings will be renewed in the interim.
- The Council is awaiting receipt of a programme of works from Irish Water that impacts on footpath improvements in some areas in Thurles town.
- Kerbing and build outs will be undertaken in conjunction with the resurfacing of Parnell Street Car Park, Thurles which will prevent donuts/racing.
- There is no funding available to extend the path and remove the bend at Loughtagalla, Thurles.
- The missing Stop sign at Laharden junction will be investigated.



- The Council requested that TII defer meeting with them until later in the year in advance of the 2020 budgets.
- The TII has committed to a number of projects in the District and a request has been made for interim funds to undertake temporary repairs on the Roscrea road into Templemore town.
- A contractor has been engaged to install the railings at the carpark across from St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles.
- Flooding outside Jimmy Ferncombe's house at Cabra, Thurles will be examined.
- Works will commence on roads under the Local Improvement Scheme and Community Involvement Scheme on completion of the Restoration Improvement Programme.
- The request for the provision of a footpath and public lighting on The Ragg Road at Manna, Templemore cannot be considered as it is outside the speed limit area.
- The Council is awaiting a decision by the OPW on flooding at Priory Demesne, Templemore.
- Significant footpath improvements have been undertaken to date in Borrisoleigh and further work may be considered should additional funds become available later in the year.
- The road surface outside Moycarkey-Borris GAA Club will be examined.
- The path outside Ryans Funeral Home will be replaced in conjunction with the resurfacing of Slievenamon Road, Thurles next year.
- Poor visibility at the pedestrian crossing in Two-Mile-Borris will be referred to Michael Tierney, Roads Section.
- A contractor has been engaged to treat the Japanese knotweed in the District and works will commence shortly.
- The overgrowth at the junction at Cloncleigh, Two-Mile-Borris will be added to the list for hedgecutting.
- The difficulties experienced by cars getting from the junction at Drish, Thurles onto the N75 have been referred to David Fahy, Roads Section.
- The footpath in Clonmore will be undertaken on completion of the Roadworks Programme 2019.
- Safety issues at the roundabout leading to Racket Hall, Roscrea will be followed up with the TII.
- Measures will be taken to prevent sulkies entering the walkway at Ladyswell.

7. Update on Projects.

Roscrea Enhancement Scheme.	The Council is awaiting receipt of the final Tender Documents from the design team for the refurbishment of Market Square, Roscrea.
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Repairs / Improvements to Templemore Town Hall.	Structural works are progressing satisfactorily. An application is being prepared under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund to refurbish the building for use as a Cultural/Community/Enterprise space and a Part 8 Planning Application is currently being worked on.
Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles.	A meeting is taking place with the design team next Tuesday and tender documents should be finalised by the end of May.
Consideration of proposed Peatway on Bórd na Móna lands.	An update will be sought from Bórd na Móna.
Roscrea Area Office	This has been referred to Corporate Services.

8. **Notices of Motion.**

a) Joint Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor J. Ryan and Councillor D. Doran.

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

"We are looking for the support of this District Council to install a single yellow line along Parnell Street in Thurles. This will ban parking on the street from 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday but allow parking at night time and all day on Sundays. We feel that this measure will greatly help the traffic flow in Thurles and also adhere to the wishes of over 5000 people who signed a petition looking for a ban on parking in this street."

The response issued to Councillors Ryan and Doran in advance of the Meeting was as follows:

"The process of changing parking arrangements must be carried out through a review of the traffic and parking bye-laws in accordance with Road Traffic legislation.

It is intended to commence a review of the traffic and parking bye-laws during 2019. During the review all aspects of pay parking and parking generally will be considered including the above request."

Councillor D. Doran seconded the Motion.

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The District Director confirmed, in response to Councillor D. Doran, that a vote could not be taken on the Motion as the Members had agreed at the November 2018 Monthly Meeting to undertake a comprehensive review of parking in the town which includes Parnell Street and the results of the review will be made known to the Members on its completion.

Councillor S. Hanafin asked that the parking spaces to the front of Parnell Street carpark be retained for short term parking which will ensure a continual turnover of spaces near the town centre.

9. Correspondence.

a) Mary Immaculate College, St. Patrick's Campus, Thurles

The Members noted the contents of a letter received from Mary Immaculate College, St. Patrick's Campus, Thurles expressing appreciation to them on the holding of the March Monthly Meeting in the College. The letter also included an invitation to convene further meetings/events on the campus in the future.

b) Group Housing Scheme at Cabragh, Thurles

Councillor D. Doran referred to correspondence he had received from the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government in regard to the group housing scheme at Cabragh, Thurles and he expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of progress being made in regard to the mediation process.

10. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy.

A Vote of Sympathy was extended to the family and partner of Lyra McKee, Journalist who was fatally shot during rioting in the Creggan area of Derry last week.

A Vote of Congratulations was extended to:-

- a. Séan Quinlan, Littleton on winning the Scottish Grand National 2019.
- b. The Holycross/Ballycahill Drama Group on winning the All-Ireland Final for the first time in 48 years.

11. Any Other Business.

The Cathaoirleach stated that it was his last meeting as Cathaoirleach of the District and he expressed a sincere thanks to the Members, Executive and Staff for their assistance and support throughout his term in office.

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He made the following points in the course of his address:-

- The pride associated with the holding of the December 2018 Monthly Meeting in Moycarkey/Borris Community & Sports Centre and the March 2019 Monthly Meeting in Mary Immaculate College, St. Patrick's Campus.
- The success of the Civic Receptions Night and Grant Awards Day which recognises the significant contributions and achievements of individuals / groups in the District.

He wished all the Members running as candidates in the forthcoming Local Elections the very best and he paid tribute to the hard work and dedication of Councillors J. Bourke and J. Hogan who are not seeking re-election.

The other Members and the District Director endorsed his comments and acknowledged and complimented the Cathaoirleach on the dignified and impartial manner in which he carried out his duties during his term in office.

That concluded the official business of the Meeting.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE: 24th. July, 2019.**
CATHAOIRLEACH

SIGNED: _____ **DATE: 24th. July, 2019.**
ACTING MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR