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**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TEMPLEMORE-
THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE MOYCARKEY-
BORRIS COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE, LITTLETON ON 19th DECEMBER,
2018**

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
John Jones	Acting District Engineer
Michael Tierney	Executive Engineer
Jim Ryan	Executive Engineer
Janice Gardiner	Acting Meetings Administrator
Deirdre O' Shea	Senior Staff Officer

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to Moycarkey-Borris Community & Sports Centre and he thanked the Management Team and Hall Committee for facilitating the hosting of the Monthly Meeting and providing refreshments for the attendees.

He paid a particular welcome to the 6th. class pupils and Principal, Christy Clancy, Littleton National School who were in attendance to observe proceedings and he spoke of the successes achieved by the School and the numerous initiatives being run from Moycarkey-Borris Community & Sports Centre which has gone from strength to strength since it opened in 2013.

The other Members concurred with his remarks.

1. Adoption of Minutes.

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

"That the Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting which was held on the 28th. November, 2018 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

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Matters arising from Minutes.

Councillor J. Hogan proposed that a review of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District Standing Orders be undertaken following further discussions on the Notices of Motion on pay parking that were heard at the November Monthly Meeting.

Presentation by Bórd na Móna.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Geraldine Lynch and Séan O'Loughlin, Bórd na Móna who were in attendance to give an update to the Members on future proposals being considered for Littleton Briquette factory.

Geraldine Lynch advised that:-

- Bórd na Móna, in partnership with an international company, are developing plans to recycle and reuse large plastics films.
- Two potential sites were identified for the manufacturing process and the Littleton Briquette factory has been selected as the preferred location subject to being able to overcome challenges such as power supply issues.
- There is potential for the creation of 40 jobs at the Littleton site.

The Members raised the following points:-

- Establish if former workers will be employed at the facility.
- The need to fill the silt ponds to the rear of the factory.
- Update on the potential for the development of a greenway on peatlands in the District and the benefits of linking in with the Committee that has been established recently to examine the development of a greenway from Thurles to Clonmel.
- Confirm if discussions have taken place with the ESB in regard to the power supply that is required.
- Traffic implications that may arise as a result of the development.
- Establish if a waste permit will be required.
- Long term plans for the facility.
- Issues with horses and illegal dumping on Bórd na Móna lands.
- The benefits that could be realised through the development of a close working relationship with LIT Tipperary.

The responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- Contact has been made with the ESB in regard to the power supply required.



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- Bórd na Móna will work closely with the Council to ensure any requirements such as traffic management and waste permits are met.
- The comments in regard to LIT Tipperary will be taken on board.
- There is potential for the number of jobs anticipated to increase and it is expected that there will be local interest in the positions.
- Council Officials together with John Egan, Rural Recreation Development Officer, South Tipperary Development Company met recently with Deirdre Black who has been appointed by Bórd na Móna to prepare a feasibility study on the potential for the development of a greenway on peatlands and a meeting of the liaison group will be scheduled when further work has been completed by the consultant.

The Members expressed sincere thanks to the Bórd na Móna Officials for the positive announcement and vowed to work proactively with them to ensure that the proposals are brought to fruition.

The Bórd na Móna Officials left the Meeting.

2. Update from Community & Economic Development Section.

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 & Economic.
- Local Development Strategy / LEADER.
- SICAP.
- LCDC Team Led Funding Schemes.
- Tipperary PPN.
- Comhairle Na Nóg.
- Joint Policing Committee.
- Age Friendly.
- Tipperary Sports Partnership.
- TSP Social Inclusion Programme.
- FAI.
- Strategic Projects Unit EU part funded projects.
- Economic Strategies & Projects.
- Tourism.
- Local Enterprise Office.
- Digital Strategy, National Broadband Plan and Commercial Investment.

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The Cathaoirleach congratulated all those involved in winning €1,500.00 under the "Town Initiatives of the Year" Award for the Cabragh Wetlands Project at the Bank of Ireland National Enterprise Awards recently.

Councillor J. Hogan asked that a dementia friendly park be considered in Templemore Town Park under the Age Friendly category.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Teresa for her presentation and she left the Meeting.

3. Update from Culture / Library Services.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian to the Meeting.

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

The Members lauded the work carried out by the team and raised the following:-

- The need to extend Roscrea Library which cannot currently house the George Cunningham book collection.
- Confirm if the Heritage Society could apply to Leader for funding to extend Roscrea Library.
- Provision of signage which will clearly depict The Source Regional Arts Centre and Thurles Library to the front of the building.
- The involvement of The Source Regional Arts Centre and Thurles Library in the 2018 Thurles Halloween Festival proved to be a resounding success and should be continued each year.

Damien advised that:-

- An extension to Roscrea Library is not listed under the Capital Projects for Libraries up to 2022 and the suggestion put forward that the Heritage Society apply for funding under the Leader Programme would have to be considered by the Management Team.
- The Library will continue to work with the Thurles Halloween Festival Committee on future events.
- The need for clear signage to be erected on the front of the building that accommodates The Source Regional Arts Centre and Thurles Library will be followed up with the District.

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The Cathaoirleach thanked Damien for his presentation and he left the Meeting.

4. Update on the 2018 Work Programmes.

The Acting District Engineer advised the following:-

- The carpark adjoining St. Joseph's Cemetery, Templemore is substantially completed.
- Resurfacing works have been undertaken on sections of the main path in Templemore Town Park.
- The road to Roscrea Cemetery to the rear of New Line has been upgraded.
- Two applications have been recently submitted to the OPW to address intermittent flooding on Hollycottage Road and near Shanahans Circle K Centra, Borrisoleigh.

The Members raised the following issues:-

- Trucks having difficulty negotiating the turn at the junction to Clongour, Thurles since completion of the works by TII earlier this year. There is also an issue with pedestrians attempting to cross at this junction.
- Public lighting should be provided on all public roads in the County that are served by a footpath.
- Update in regard to application submitted to the OPW to address flooding at Priory Demesne, Templemore.
- A commitment was given that the flashing speed signs taken down in Killea Village would be erected in Loughmore Village.
- Poor condition of sections of the path in Moyne Cemetery.
- The cemetery in Templemore needs attention.
- Remove the fallen tree on Church Avenue, Templemore and cut back other trees encroaching on public lighting.
- The Loughmore Cemetery Committee should be reimbursed for the cost of having to rebuild the wall at the cemetery.
- Fill potholes on the Leugh Road off the Jimmy Doyle Road, Thurles.
- Poor condition of the path near the Ulster Bank, Liberty Square and on Cathedral Street, Thurles.
- Parnell Street Carpark, Thurles needs to be resurfaced and relined.
- Sewerage issues affecting 5 houses at Stradavoher, Thurles.
- Provision of traffic calming measures from St. Patrick's Cemetery to Mace shop, Loughtagalla, Thurles and outside Littleton National School.

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- Appalling condition of the road surface at the entrance to the Munster Hotel carpark, Thurles.
- Remove barriers on the footpath at the newly constructed wall at Loughtagalla, Thurles.
- Prune back trees that are blocking public lighting and repair of footpaths at Moyne Road housing estate, Thurles.
- Issue with illegal dumping and land used as a carpark by the Contractor who constructed the Group Housing Scheme at Cabra, Thurles, needs attention.
- Breakdown of costs for the operation of the public convenience in Thurles.
- Update on the proposal to purchase a mobile flashing speed sign for the County.
- Issue with pay parking machine not in working order in Munster Hotel carpark.
- Update in regard to safety improvements at Killinan junction, Thurles.
- The Leugh/Killahara Road is in need of attention.
- Address flooding at Skehana and Cloncleigh, Two-Mile-Borris and Main Street, Littleton.
- The need for a safety barrier at the bad bend at Ballybeg, Littleton.
- Commencement date for flood relief works at Ashill and Maxfort, Horse & Jockey, Thurles.
- Condition of the N62 on the approaches to Templemore town.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- The concerns in regard to the junction at Clongour, Thurles will be forwarded to John Nolan, Roads Design.
- The request for the erection of a flashing speed sign at Loughmore Village will be examined.
- The road at Leugh, Thurles will be patched this week, weather permitting.
- The sewerage issue at Stradavoher, Thurles will be referred to Water Services Section.
- The issue in regard to speeding at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles will be investigated.
- Parnell Street Carpark will be resurfaced next year subject to the availability of funding.
- The barriers at Loughtagalla, Thurles will be removed.
- The trees impeding public lighting in Moyne Road housing estate, Thurles will be pruned shortly.
- Consideration is being given to the purchase of a mobile speed sign which will be rotated throughout the County, however, consistent non compliance with speed limits is the real issue.

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- The cost of the lease of the public convenience in Thurles Town Park was renegotiated in recent times resulting in financial savings to the Council.
- An application has been submitted for safety improvements at Killinan junction, Thurles under the 2019 Low Cost Safety Scheme.
- Signage will be erected at the bad bend at Ballybeg, Littleton.
- Policy on traffic calming measures for the County is being considered by the Roads SPC on Monday.
- A meeting will be arranged with the TII early in the new year to discuss areas of concern.
- The survey undertaken some time ago on the trees at Church Avenue, Templemore will be reviewed.
- The surface at the entrance to the Munster Hotel Carpark will be repaired this week.
- The illegal dumping and condition of land used for carparking during the construction of the Group Housing Scheme at Cabra, Thurles will be referred to Housing Section.

The Cathaoirleach and Members paid tribute to the volume of work undertaken by the technical and outdoor staff throughout the year.

5. Update on Projects.

Roscrea Enhancement Scheme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Improvement works will commence on Market Square in the new year. ii. Consultation is ongoing on the redevelopment of The Plaza.
Repairs / Improvements to Templemore Town Hall.	Essential structural repairs are being deferred until the new year.
Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles.	The Council was successful in securing funding under the Interreg Smart Space project to install 600 new lights, 400 of which are being installed in Thurles and Liberty Square. Representatives from the University of Eindhoven will make a presentation to the Members on these proposals at the February District Meeting.
Thurles Town Park.	Discussions are at an exploratory stage with the Farmers Market in regard to the old farm building.
Consideration of proposed Greenway on Bórd na Móna peat lands.	This item was dealt with early in the Meeting.
Templemore Town Park Extension	The Council is awaiting contact from BT Harps.



6. **Notices of Motion.**

a) **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 Templemore-Thurles Municipal District would improve visibility and signage relating to the pedestrian crossing in Two Mile Borris village which is proving exceptionally dangerous during the winter months."

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

"The Area Engineer has looked at the site and is satisfied that there is sufficient existing LED bright orange lights on the pedestrian crossing, there is advance signage on the approaches and road markings are sufficient. The District will request a lighting survey to be carried out on the streetscape at this location."

The Cathaoirleach expressed satisfaction with the response.

7. **Correspondence.**

a) Dementia Friendly, Thurles.

The Acting Meetings Administrator read out correspondence received from Dementia Friendly, Thurles and it was proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin, seconded by Councillor M. Lowry and agreed that the Group would make a presentation to the Members in the new year.

b) MIC, St. Patrick's Campus, Thurles.

It was agreed that the March Monthly District Meeting would be held in MIC, St. Patrick's Campus, Thurles.

8. **Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy.**

The Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to the family of the late Ger Dunne, Council Employee who died suddenly.



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9. Any Other Business.

Christy Clancy, Principal, Littleton National School, on behalf of the sixth class pupils, thanked the Cathaoirleach and Members for the kind invitation to attend the Meeting which proved to be very informative and he wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE: 23rd. January, 2019.**
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ACTING MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR