



**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
TEMPLEMORE-THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN
THE TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT OFFICES, CASTLE
AVENUE, THURLES ON 27th. FEBRUARY 2019**

Present: Councillor Sean Ryan Cathaoirleach, presided.
Councillors Joe Bourke, David Doran, 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
Jim Ryan Executive Engineer
Janice Gardiner Acting Meetings Administrator
Deirdre O' Shea Senior Staff Officer

Apologies: Councillor Seamus Hanafin

1. Adoption of Minutes.

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

"That the Minutes of the January Monthly Meeting which was held on the 23rd. January, 2019 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

2. Update from Water Services Section.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services for Planning and Water Services and John Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Services Section to the Meeting.

Copy of a District Briefing Note detailing activity in Water Services, which should be read in conjunction with the most recent bi-monthly Management Report on Water Services provided at the February County Council Monthly Meeting, was circulated to the Members outlining information under the following headings:-



- Contact details for Irish Water and recent workshop.
- Irish Water Infrastructural Projects.
- Networks Portfolio Delivery.
- Irish Water Capital Delivery Programme.
- Rural Water Programme.
- Update on proposed works at Abbey Road, Thurles.
- Issuing of bills and dealing with queries on non domestic water accounts is the responsibility of Irish Water.

The Members raised the following points:

- Significant number of water outages on the Fethard Water Supply which adversely affects users in Ballysloe, Grange and Gortnahoe.
- Establish if a stop / go system could be put in place from this weekend near Bohernacrusha as the Contractor undertaking improvements under the Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme Contract 2 DBO appears to be ahead of schedule.
- Completion date for the replacement of the watermain at Abbey Road, Thurles.
- Start / completion date for backyard service replacement in Bohernanave, Innisfallen Avenue and Sean Treacy Avenue, Thurles and ensure residents are briefed in advance of improvement works.
- Serious ongoing issue with raw sewage at Moyne Road, Fontenoy Terrace and Abbey Road, Thurles and at Railway View, Templemore during heavy rainfall.
- Irish Water continue to send bills to people who are not on a public supply despite being advised that they have their own private well.
- Establish why 1.5km of water piping needed replacement at Clonmore, health risks associated with asbestos piping and if the road will be fully reinstated given that it was upgraded in recent times.
- Update on a previous request for the compilation of a report on the future use of site at Whitefield, Loughmore, Templemore.
- Establish if all lead piping has been replaced in Thurles town.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- Irish Water has issued approval for the replacement of the watermain between Killenaule and Ballinonty on the Fethard Water Supply and works will commence as soon as possible.
- It is anticipated that the watermain at Abbey Road, Thurles will be replaced by this Summer.
- (i) The Council removed debris from the sewer at Moyne Road, Thurles and the situation will be closely monitored (ii) a CCTV survey will be undertaken on the piping at Fontenoy Terrace, Thurles to establish the

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cause of raw sewage overflows during heavy rainfall (iii) a manhole will be constructed at the end of the sewer line at Railway View, Templemore as soon as possible.

- The backyard services at Bohernanave, Innisfallen Avenue and Sean Treacy Avenue, Thurles will be replaced by a new watermain to the front of the houses and residents will be informed once the most preferred design option has been identified by the Contractor.
- The replacement of 1.5km of piping in Clonmore village was necessary due to the poor leak history at this particular location and the road reinstatement will be undertaken in compliance with the conditions attached to the road opening licence. There are no health issues associated with asbestos watermains which are in existence throughout the Country.
- Trespass issues at the site at Whitefield, Loughmore, Templemore have been resolved and security has been improved. The entire site is still in the ownership of the Council.

The Cathaoirleach thanked John and Marcus for their contributions and John left the Chamber.

3. Update from Planning Section.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Nuala O'Connell, Senior Executive Planner, Planning Section to the Meeting. Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services for Planning and Water Services was also present for this item.

A Planning Briefing Note was circulated at the Meeting and key points highlighted as follows:-

- Public consultation submissions on the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2019 - 2031 invited up to 8th. March, 2019.
- The non statutory guidelines on Design and Best Practice for Cluster Housing Schemes in Rural Villages are at final publication and promotion stage.
- A Project Management Team has to be put in place for the Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles which received approval for funding of €1,350,000 under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund.
- 14 applications received countywide have been assessed and forwarded to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for consideration under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme.
- 5 of the 16 applications received countywide have been assessed and submitted to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for consideration under the Historic Structure Fund.



- 1 housing estate in the District has been taken in charge to date this year with 15 applications on hand.
- There was a 2.23% increase in planning applications in the District in Year 2018 when compared to year 2017.

The Members raised the following queries:-

- Establish if projects identified under The Roscrea Enhancement Scheme are eligible for funding under The National Planning Framework Regeneration and Development Funds.
- Write to An Post to clarify if they are moving their business from Liberty Square, Thurles which would have a detrimental effect on the town centre.
- There should be an onus on applicants to advertise proposed developments in local newspapers .
- Establish if the RSES submission highlighted Thurles as an Education Centre.

Responses to the issues raised are as follows:-

- Projects identified in the Roscrea Enhancement Scheme can be considered for funding under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund.
- The Council secured funding under the 2018 Town and Village Renewal Scheme to prepare The Thurles Integrated Regeneration Plan 2019-2029 and there will be particular emphasis on re-use of buildings and living over the shop in Liberty Square, Thurles.
- Applicants must advertise for proposed developments in a local newspaper.
- Thurles was portrayed as an Education Centre in the RSES submissions.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Nuala and Marcus for their contributions and they left the Chamber.

4. Notices of Motion.

It was unanimously agreed that Notices of Motion would be taken next on the Agenda.

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

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



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"I am calling on Tipperary County Council to display signs in the towns of Templemore, Roscrea and Thurles highlighting areas where the first 15 minutes of parking is free."

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

"As this is an informal arrangement, any signs erected would have no legal basis. To promote this initiative, this Office will update the website and use social media avenues as the best means of informing the public of the arrangement."

Councillor J Ryan seconded the Motion.

The District Director confirmed that a Retail Strategy which includes a review of parking will be undertaken in due course and that the Pay Parking Bye Laws can be amended to include the 15 minutes grace period if the Members so wish.

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

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

"I am calling for this Council to seek funding from TII to construct a footpath extension out to Drish Bridge in Thurles."

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

"The Council will write to TII in this regard as requested."

Councillor J. Ryan referred to a report compiled by TII in which the N75 at Drish Bridge, Thurles was listed in the top 10 most dangerous roads in the Country and he asked that this point be included in the correspondence to TII.

It was noted that the Cathaoirleach and Michael F. Hayes, Senior Engineer will raise the issue when they meet with TII Officials in March.

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

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

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"I am calling on this Council to outline in a detailed report how they intend to make Bowes Corner junction in Thurles more safe for both motorists and pedestrians."

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

"This is a complex junction with 6 entrances, a car park and the railway bridge. The only solution to this complex junction is to improve the pavement and provide proper line marking to delineate the various routes and junctions. Works on the underground services have been planned by Irish Water and on completion of same the work on the pavement and the markings will be attended to."

Councillor J. Ryan expressed the view that a mini roundabout would work at this location.

Councillor D. Doran seconded the Motion.

Councillor M. Lowry pointed out that the area adjacent to Laceys is very dark making it difficult to observe people preparing to cross at the pedestrian crossing and asked that it be rectified as soon as possible.

The District Director explained in detail the reasons why a roundabout would not comply with legislative standards at this location and he agreed to revert to the Members on completion of a safety audit and survey on the area.

d) 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 Municipal District to facilitate the Dean Maxwell Community Nursing Home in any potential development which may arise to comply with the new building regulations set out under establishment of HIQA and the Health Act 2007."

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

"Any proposals from the Dean Maxwell Community Nursing Home should be submitted to the Property Section of Tipperary County Council who will consider same."



The District Director confirmed that any suitable proposals put forward by the Dean Maxwell Community Nursing Home will be considered by the Council.

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

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

"I am calling on the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District to write to the Department of Agriculture and ask them to investigate the huge amount of loose horses at the townlands of Ballybeg and Derryhogan in Littleton. These horses pose a serious danger to passing motorists and pedestrians."

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

"The request, in the first instance, will be forwarded to the Environment Section of the Tipperary County Council, for report."

Councillor S. Ryan confirmed that there could be 10 to 14 horses loose on public roads at Ballybeg and Derryhogan which could lead to a fatality.

Councillor D. Doran seconded the Motion.

5. General Municipal Allocation.

Draft proposals under the 2019 General Municipal Allocation were circulated to the Members for consideration at the Meeting as follows:-

GMA Apportionment 2019	Amount
Christmas Lighting Contributions	€15,000.00
Resident Associations Grants Scheme	€15,000.00
Festivals and Events	€15,000.00
Enhancement Works to roundabouts in Roscrea	€10,000.00
Pruning of trees in Church Avenue, Templemore	€10,000.00
Thurles Town Park Farm Building Improvements	€10,000.00
TOTAL	€75,000.00
Total Available	€78,168.00
Balance Unapportioned	€3,168.00

The District Director agreed that a commitment had previously been given for inclusion of Village Enhancement Works at Clonmore Village which were



omitted from the proposals and he agreed to consider it under the works programmes.

The Members raised the following issues:-

- Village Enhancement Works at Moyne need to be included in the proposals.
- There is an imbalance in the proposed allocations in favour of the towns.
- The provision for Christmas lights in Thurles is disproportionate when compared to the funding allocated to Roscrea and villages within the Municipal District.

The District Director confirmed that:-

- Rates were increased in Thurles a significant number of years ago to provide adequately for Christmas lighting and other Capital projects in the town and the commitment which was retained in the County Council budget cannot be reallocated by the District to other areas.
- The request for Village Enhancement Works at Moyne will be examined.
- More detailed costings will be undertaken on the proposed projects identified for the three towns and brought back to the Members for consideration at the March Monthly Meeting.

6. Tipperary Festival and Events Grant Scheme.

A Schedule setting out proposed Municipal and Community Grant Allocations for the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District, under the Tipperary Festival and Events Grant Scheme 2019, was circulated at the Meeting.

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised the following:-

- 5 Municipal Applications were received and 2 were deemed ineligible under the terms of the Scheme.
- 13 Community Applications were received and 1 did not meet the criteria of the Scheme.
- The proposed amount to be awarded is €32,550.00.
- The Arts Section will fund €14,050.00 of this amount.
- The amount of €4,800.00 will be funded from the provision under the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District Grants Scheme 2019.
- It is proposed to fund the balance of €13,700.00 from the General Municipal Allocation 2019.

The Members raised the following issues:-



- The total amount of funding proposed for the Féile Classical Arts & Music Trail and A Taste of Roscrea should be sought from and provided by Community & Economic Development Section.
- Establish if the application for the Féile Classical Arts & Music Trail was submitted by the promoters of the Féile Classical Music Festival.
- The proposed allocations for the four St. Patrick's Day Parade Committees should be divided equally.

It was agreed to defer a decision on the Municipal Grant Allocations until the March Meeting and to proceed with a decision on the Community applications.

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

"That the Grants set out hereunder and as outlined on the Schedule circulated at the Meeting be paid to the specified applicants under the Community Category of the Tipperary Festivals & Events Grants Scheme 2019:-

Applicant	Type	Amount Awarded
Littleton St. Patrick's Day	Community	€1,000.00
Thurles St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee	Community	€2,500.00
Roscrea St. Patrick's Day Parade	Community	€1,000.00
Templemore St. Patrick's Day Parade	Community	€1,000.00
St. Bridget & St. Joseph Resident Association	Community	€200.00
Positive Aging Week	Community	€300.00
Co. Tipperary Drama Festival	Community	€550.00
The Arty Rooster	Community	€600.00
10th Anniversary Celebration of Upperchurch Childcare	Community	€300.00
Borrisoleigh Festival Committee	Community	€300.00
Thurles Christmas Skyfest	Community	€1,000.00
Roscrea Halloween Festival	Community	€300.00
Total		€9,050.00

A counter Motion was proposed by Councillor J. Bourke, seconded by Councillor E. Moran and resolved:-

"That the €5,500 proposed for the four St. Patrick's Day Parade Committees under the Community Category be divided equally among the Committees."



A vote was taken on Councillor D. Doran's Motion and the result was as follows:-

For Councillor D. Doran's Motion - D. Doran, M. Lowry, J. Ryan,
S. Ryan (4)

Against Councillor D. Doran's Motion - J. Bourke, J. Hogan, E. Moran,
M. Smith (4)

The Cathaoirleach, on exercising his Casting Vote in favour of Councillor D. Doran's Motion, declared the Motion carried as a result of his Casting Vote.

Councillor J. Bourke's Motion was not put forward for a vote as Councillor D. Doran's Motion was passed.

7. Templemore-Thurles Municipal District Grants Scheme.

The Acting Meetings Administrator confirmed that the closing date for receipt of Tidy Towns and Burial Ground applications is 13th March, 2019 and schedules setting out proposed allocations under the various Grant Schemes will be brought before the Members for consideration at the March Monthly Meeting.

8. Update on the 2019 Works Programmes.

It was agreed that a Workshop on the 2019 Roadworks Programme would be held on Monday, 11th. March, 2019 at 10:15am in the Civic Offices, Nenagh prior to the March County Council Meeting.

The Acting District Engineer confirmed that the Council is currently concentrating on general maintenance works and preparing for the Restoration Improvement and Maintenance Programmes.

The Members raised the following queries:-

- The need for the installation of a crash barrier at The Yellow Lough, Holycross.
- Sightline issues at Thurles Rugby Football Club and completion date for works on the new carpark across from St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles.
- The rear access road at Collins Park, Thurles needs attention.
- Fill potholes at Gerry Ely's residence, Rahealty, Thurles.



- Address illegal dumping in Templemore, Borrisoleigh, Devils Bit, Templetuohy Bog and in the rear access road at Kennedy Park, Thurles. Litter offenders should be named and shamed.
- Update on a Notice of Motion submitted some time ago in regard to the future use of the old Roscrea Area Office.
- Update in regard to flooding issues at Littleton and Horse & Jockey.
- High number of accidents occurring at the turning point at Coolcroo, Two-Mile-Borris are a source of concern.
- Issue with trees at St. Mary's Cemetery, Thurles.
- Update in regard to the agreement to undertake a lighting survey on the streetscape near the pedestrian crossing in Two-Mile-Borris.
- Clarify type of works approved at The Ragg under the Low Cost Safety Scheme.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- Indiscriminate dumping complaints will be referred to Environment Section.
- Gullies will be cleared to alleviate any flooding issues.
- Trees at St. Mary's Cemetery will be examined.
- The safety issue at Coolcroo, Two-Mile-Borris will be examined to establish if improvements would be eligible under the Low Cost Safety Scheme.
- The query in regard to the former Roscrea Area Office was referred to the Property Section and an update will be sought.
- Proposed safety improvements at The Ragg involve enhancement of sightlines.

9. Update on Projects.

Roscrea Enhancement Scheme.	Undergrounding of services and drainage works are currently being carried out by direct labour at Market Cross, Roscrea.
Repairs / Improvements to Templemore Town Hall.	A meeting will take place with the Contractor on Monday, 4th. March, 2019 to agree the programme of works.
Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles.	Substantial work has been undertaken on the detailed designs which includes the provision of shared ducting infrastructure for broadband.
Thurles Town Park.	The Council is working with MIC, St. Patrick's Campus, Thurles in regard to access to their carpark.
Consideration of proposed Peatway on Bórd na Móna	A site visit of the peatlands will be undertaken by the design team

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peat lands.	accompanied by John Egan, Rural Recreation Officer and the Acting District Engineer. Draft designs should be available in the next month or two.
Templemore Town Park Extension	i. A meeting took place with representatives from JK Brackens GAA Club who have agreed to revert with proposals in due course. ii. The Council will work in partnership and consultation with the voluntary housing body in widening the access to Templemore Town Park from Main Street and an initial meeting has already taken place.

10. The proposed Taking in Charge of Kiltillane Court, Mary's Street, Templemore.

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that the Director of Roads, Transportation, Health and Safety has recommended that the roads serving the housing estate at Kiltillane Court, Mary's Street, Templemore be declared public roads and taken in charge by the Council.

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 Kiltillane Court, Mary's Street, Templemore 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 map which was on public display during the prescribed period and as outlined in the Director of Services Report to Members for the February 2019 Municipal District Meeting which was circulated with the Agenda."

11. Correspondence.

The Acting District Administrator outlined the contents of a letter received from Ciara McCormack, Sinn Féin Candidate in regard to a new community group known as Cruaigh who wish to present their ideas to the Members at a Monthly Meeting.

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There was unanimous agreement from the Members to the request.

12. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy.

A Vote of Sympathy was extended to Councillor M. Smith on the death of his uncle.

13. Any Other Business.

The Acting District Administrator advised the Members that the March Municipal District Monthly Meeting will take place in MIC, St. Patrick's Campus, Thurles on Wednesday 27th. March, 2019 at 11:30am

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