



**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
TEMPLEMORE-THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN
THE TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT OFFICES, CASTLE
AVENUE, THURLES ON 23rd. JANUARY 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
John Jones	Acting District Engineer
Jim Ryan	Executive Engineer
Janice Gardiner	Acting Meetings Administrator
Deirdre O' Shea	Senior Staff Officer

Apologies: Michael Tierney Executive Engineer

1. Adoption of Minutes.

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

"That the Minutes of the December Monthly Meeting which was held on the 19th. December, 2018 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

2. Presentation by Dementia Friendly Thurles.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ursula Paine and Jennifer Manning who were in attendance to make a presentation to the Members on the work undertaken by Dementia Friendly Thurles. Ursula Paine made the following points in the course of her presentation:

- The purpose of Dementia Friendly Thurles is to make Thurles town a better place for people with dementia to reside in.
- The need to normalise dementia, be more dementia friendly, more inclusive and raise its awareness among the public.



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- Inclusion of dementia friendly elements such as appropriate seating, raised pedestrian crossings in the design for Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme to make it more user friendly for all people. Refer to "Building for Everyone - a Universal Design Approach".
- Undertake a walkability study of the town of Thurles.
- The need for ease of access to public toilets.
- A meeting will be held with a view to extending the services to the towns of Templemore and Cashel.
- The establishment of "The Memory Cafe" in December 2018.

The Members made the following points:

- It would be beneficial to work in unison with Age Friendly Roscrea to ensure uniformity across the towns of Templemore, Thurles and Roscrea.
- Designate Templemore Town Park as a Dementia Friendly zone and consider holding a dementia friendly afternoon in the Park each week.

The Cathaoirleach and Members lauded the outstanding work undertaken by Ursula, Jennifer and the other members of Dementia Friendly Thurles who work tirelessly to support and advocate for people with dementia and their families while raising awareness in the community.

Ursula and Jennifer thanked the Members for receiving them and they left the Chamber.

3. Update from Environment Section.

Councillor S. Hanafin recommended a ban on the erection of posters for the upcoming Local Elections in the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District however he accepted that posters would be important for new candidates in order to be recognised. There were other suggestions put forward by some of the Members.

The District Director advised that a ban on posters could not be legally enforced and could only occur through consensus of the candidates.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Environment Section to the Meeting.

Marion circulated a report detailing activity in the District from 1st. January 2018 to 31st. December, 2018 under the following headings:

- Infrastructure and Maintenance.
- Civic Amenity.
- Community Services.

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- Control of Dogs.
- Control of Horses.
- Derelict Sites.
- Litter Enforcement.
- Public Awareness.

Marion also advised that:-

- Footpath improvements at Moyne Burial Ground will be considered for inclusion in the 2019 Minor Works Proposals.
- There is a 4 Year Plan in progress in the District for the cemeteries in Templemore town.
- The request for Loughmore Burial Ground Committee to be reimbursed for the cost of replacing the wall at Loughmore Cemetery will be considered by Environment Section.
- Works on the access road to Holycross Burial Ground have been completed.
- Additional plinths have been constructed in Gortnahoe Burial Ground.
- Works have commenced on the Muslim Section within St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles.
- All Monumental Sculptors will be written to and instructed to remove all construction and demolition waste generated from monumental works in burial grounds in the County.

The Cathaoirleach and Members thanked Marion for the report and raised the following issues:-

- The Government needs to introduce changes that will allow farmers and other sectors of the community to sell their excess electricity back to the national grid which would help towards our carbon emissions targets.
- Indiscriminate dumping has increased dramatically in the District since the introduction of the pay by weight system.
- Establish if there is a policy in place regarding the type and size of headstones that can be erected in cemeteries in the County.
- The hedging in Borrisoleigh Cemetery needs to be cut back.
- The level of indiscriminate dumping that took place adjacent to the bottle banks in the carpark at Lidl, Templemore over the Christmas period was appalling.
- Litter of a recurring nature should be addressed under the pollution legislation.
- Ongoing vigilance is required to ensure that the public road at the Briquette factory is kept free of unsupervised horses.
- Repair the damaged boundary wall at Moycarkey Burial Ground.
- The boundary wall at Ballinree Burial Ground needs to be examined.

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- Update in regard to the filling of the position of Burial Ground Caretaker for Moycarkey-Borris.
- Request for extension of Templeree Burial Ground.
- Update in regard to the refurbishment of the entrance gates at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- The request for farmers and other sectors of the community to be permitted to sell excess electricity to the national grid will be discussed with the Department and ESB.
- The Council will engage with Tipperary PPN in promoting a one day clean up of litter in early March and details will be circulated to the Members once they are finalised.
- Draft Burial Ground Bye-Laws are being finalised which addresses the type and size of monuments that are acceptable in grave spaces.
- The position in regard to the refurbishment of the entrance gates to St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles will be established.
- Every effort is being made to fill the Burial Ground Caretaker position in Moycarkey-Borris.
- The request for hedgecutting at Borrisoleigh Burial Ground will be considered.
- The possibility of erecting CCTV at the bottle banks in the carpark at Lidl, Templemore will be examined.
- The request to deal with indiscriminate dumping of a recurring nature under the pollution legislation will be examined.
- The issues regarding the boundary walls at Ballinree and Moycarkey Burial Grounds will be referred to Ruairi Boland for consideration.
- The Council is monitoring the situation regarding unsupervised horses entering onto the public road at the Briquette factory, Littleton.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Marion for her contributions and she left the Chamber.

4. 2019 General Municipal Allocation.

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that Members must decide on the apportionment of the 2019 General Municipal Allocation at the March Monthly Meeting. She added that proposals would be put before them for consideration at the February Monthly Meeting.

Councillor J. Ryan expressed dissatisfaction with the level of funding available under the 2019 GMA and he asked that a letter be sent to the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government seeking the reinstatement

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of the Town Councils who had a lot more discretion in the allocation of funding. Councillor D. Doran expressed the view that the reduction in the GMA is disproportionate and asked for it to be reconsidered.

5. Templemore-Thurles Municipal District Grants Schemes 2019.

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised the Members that the closing date for receipt of applications under the Municipal District Grants Schemes 2019 is 4:30pm on Wednesday 13th. February, 2019 and application forms and details have already been circulated to the Members.

6. Proposed Works Programmes for 2019.

The Acting District Engineer confirmed that:-

- Resurfacing was undertaken on David Road, Thurles last week.
- Road opening licences are on the increase in the District and the Council will closely monitor reinstatements.
- The 3 Year Roadworks Programme 2019 - 2021 has already been agreed with the Members and a discussion will take place on the 2019 Roadworks Programme in March with works commencing early in the year.
- Improvements will be undertaken to paths in Friar Street, Thurles in the coming months.

The Members raised the following queries:-

- Ascertain if the OPW is commencing work on Church Avenue, Templemore next week.
- Establish if budgets are assigned to the District for maintenance of graveyards.
- The road surface from Mary Willies to Gortnahoe has failed and needs to be included in the 2019 Roadworks Programme.
- Include the road at Foileen in the 2019 Roadworks Programme.
- Inclusion of the road at Tobin's Cross in the 2019 Surface Dressing Programme.
- Update in regard to replacement of staff who have been transferred to other sections.
- Repair road and provide adequate diversion signage at Glenbane Lower, Holycross, Thurles. Ensure that the diversion routes are maintained at all times during the replacement of the watermain at Bohernacrusha, Thurles.
- Update in regard to the pruning of trees at Moyne Road and Willowmere Drive housing estates, Thurles.

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- Issue with surface water entering the front door of a house at Rossa Street, Thurles during heavy rainfall.
- Provision of double yellow lines at the entrance to Laurel Grove housing estate, Dublin Road, Thurles.
- Issue with road signage at Cloone Cross.
- Hedgecutting is not being undertaken by some landowners in the District.
- Prune trees at Church Avenue, Templemore.
- Update in regard to the wall that is collapsed adjacent to the Mall River, Templemore.
- Update on proposed safety improvements at Killinan Cross, Thurles.
- Update in regard to the purchase of a mobile flashing speed sign.
- The Dark Road needs to be upgraded due to the high volume of traffic that uses the road.
- Establish if the Council can erect a 'concealed entrance' sign at the entrance to a property near the brow of a bridge at Cloughmartin, Thurles.
- Confirm the costings associated with blocking up the unauthorised access to Moyne Road housing estate, Thurles.
- Write to Kilkenny County Council seeking an upgrade of the road near Derryfada that is located within their remit due to increased traffic associated with the Lisheen site.
- Update in regard to the request for improvements at Grove Street / Green Street, Roscrea.
- Establish what the €50,000.00 allocated by the TII for the Roscrea Road, Templemore will be expended on this year.
- Update in regard to flood relief improvements at Priory Demesne, Templemore.
- Hedgecutting is required on Council owned land at Monanearla, Thurles.
- The Council will be targeting illegal signage in Roscrea and Templemore over the coming weeks.
- A section of the road between Clonmore and Templetuohy is in very bad disrepair.
- A large amount of signage in the District is fading and needs attention.
- Replace missing bollard between Derrynaflan Avenue and Derrynaflan Drive, Littleton.
- Repair the large hole underneath the pole of the disengaged public light near the Roman Catholic Church in Littleton.
- Establish if there is funding available to address the Japanese Knotweed in the District.
- Address drainage issues at Main Street, Littleton near the Muintir na Tíre Hall and at the Horse & Jockey village.
- Fill potholes on the road near Knockmehill, Drombane.



- Erect signage for Moycarkey-Borris Community & Sports Centre.
- Establish why the fountain in the lake in Templemore Town Park was not working on Christmas Day when the annual swim took place.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- The Members should refer any hedgecutting issue they have to the A/District Engineer for inclusion on the list currently being drawn up.
- The Council will examine the road surface at Foileen and establish if it is included on the 3 Year Roadworks Programme.
- The road from Mary Willies to Gortnahoe and at Tobins Cross will be included in the 2019 Surface Dressing Programme.
- A request has been submitted to HR for the recruitment of 5 temporary and 3 permanent roads staff. The Technician's position has been filled and a replacement is being sought for the post of Executive Engineer.
- The request in regard to pruning of trees at Moyne Road and Willowmere Drive housing estates, Thurles will be followed up on.
- Flooding at Rossa Street, Thurles will be investigated.
- Double yellow lines will be provided at the entrance to Laurel Grove housing estate, Thurles when road lining is being undertaken in the town.
- An examination of the road at Glenbane Lower, Holycross will be undertaken.
- Signage at Cloone Cross is being dealt with.
- Trees on Church Avenue, Templemore will be examined by an Arborist in due course.
- The Council will make contact with the OPW in regard to the collapsed wall adjacent to The Mall River, Templemore.
- An application has been submitted under the 2019 Low Cost Safety Scheme for improvements at Killinan Cross, Thurles and an update will be provided to the Members once it becomes available.
- The request for the provision of a mobile flashing sign has been referred to the Department Inspector for consideration.
- Contact will be made with the OPW to ascertain if works pertaining to the flood relief scheme are commencing at Church Avenue, Templemore next week.
- The Council will install a 'concealed entrance' sign at Cloughmartin, Thurles on receipt of contact from the relevant landowner.
- The €50,000.00 allocated by TII will be expended towards designing the improvements required to the N62 on the Roscrea approach to Templemore town. A contractor has been engaged to undertake pavement assessments at Green Street/Grove Street junction, Roscrea and on the N75 from Kickham Street to The Anner Hotel, Thurles.

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- The road at Clonbuogh, Templetuohy has been included in the 2019 Roadworks Programmes and the Dark Road, Thurles is included in the 3 Year Roadworks Programme 2019 - 2021.
- The bollard will be reinstalled between Derrynaflan Avenue and Derrynaflan Drive, Littleton.
- The Council cannot begin to treat the Japanese knotweed until the foliage starts to bloom.
- Drainage works will continue to be undertaken in the District.
- The fountain in the Lake in Templemore Town Park is now in working order.
- An examination will be undertaken on the road near Knockmehill, Drombane.

7. Update on Projects.

Roscrea Enhancement Scheme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Work on the underground services at Market Square will commence shortly. ii. The interpretative/orientation signage under the Roscrea Signage Strategy should be completed in the next 2 to 3 weeks.
Repairs / Improvements to Templemore Town Hall.	It is hoped to defer works until after St. Patrick's Day.
Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A further meeting will be held with the design team in February and a substantial number of Dementia Friendly elements, raised by Dementia Friendly Thurles, have already been included in the design. ii. Representatives from the University of Eindhoven will make a presentation to the Members on the Interreq Smart Space Project at the February District Meeting.
Thurles Town Park.	The Council is awaiting further contact from the Thurles Farmers Market in regard to the old farm buildings.
Consideration of proposed Greenway on Bórd na Móna peat lands.	The Council is awaiting draft proposals from the Consultants appointed by Bórd na Móna which will take some time to compile.



Templemore Town Park Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. The Council is still awaiting contact from BT Harps.ii. Funding has been secured under the 2018 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme to widen the access into Templemore Town Park from Main Street.
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Councillor S. Hanafin asked that the Council engage with the Thurles Town Centre traders in advance of the commencement of the Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme in order to explore ways of bringing back people into the town centre.

8. Declaration of Roads to be public roads.

- a. Proposed declaration of a road to be a public road at Corca Teine, Templemore.**
- b. Proposed declaration of a road to be a public road Magherareagh, Bouladuff, Thurles.**
- c. Proposed declaration of a road to be a public road The Mall, Templemore.**
- d. Proposed declaration of a road to be a public road at Oakdale, Templemore.**
- e. Proposed taking in charge of Cluain Bán, Francroft Road, Whitepark, Roscrea"**

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that the Director of Roads, Transportation, Health and Safety has recommended that the roads serving the housing estates and the roads as listed above be declared public roads and taken in charge by the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Moran, seconded by Councillor M. Smith 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 road serving the housing estate known as Corca Teine, 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 January 2019 Municipal District Meeting which was circulated with the Agenda."



It was proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin, seconded by Councillor M. Lowry 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 road at Magherareagh, Bouladuff, Thurles to be public and taken in charge by the Council 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 January 2019 Municipal District Meeting which was circulated with the Agenda."

It was proposed by Councillor E. Moran, seconded by Councillor M. Smith 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 road at The Mall, Templemore to be public and taken in charge by the Council 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 January 2019 Municipal District Meeting which was circulated with the Agenda."

It was proposed by Councillor E. Moran, seconded by Councillor M. Smith 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 road at Oakdale, Templemore to be public and to take in charge the open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections 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 January 2019 Municipal District Meeting which was circulated with the Agenda."

It was proposed by Councillor M. Smith, seconded by Councillor E. Moran 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 at Cluain Bán, Fancroft Road, Whitepark, Roscrea to be public and to take in charge the open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections 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 January 2019 Municipal District Meeting which was circulated with the Agenda."

9. **Correspondence.**

a) Garda Policing Plan.

It was agreed to forward the following suggestions made by the Members to Superintendent Pat Murphy for inclusion in the Garda Policing Plan currently being drawn up:-

- More Gardaí are required on the streets.
- The need for additional Garda personnel in the Municipal District.
- Address lamping/trespassing on lands/property in rural areas.
- There is a need for a dedicated rural crime prevention unit to be established to deal with crime in rural areas. A corresponding unit also needs to be set up in the urban areas.
- Reactivate the Community Garda unit.
- More use needs to be made of the Text Alert system.

b) Fix dates for the Templemore-Thurles Community Safety Committee Meetings.

The Acting Meetings Administrator recommended that the dates be set for the holding of two Community Safety Committee Meetings prior to the Local Elections as follows:-

- Wednesday 27th. February, 2019 at 10:30am
- Wednesday 24th April, 2019 at 10:30am

There were no objections to the recommendation.

10. **Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy.**

The Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to:-

- The family of the late Séan Costello, former Thurles Town Councillor.
- The family of Michael Hickey, former employee of Tipperary County Council.

The Members extended their best wishes to Tony Ryan, employee of the Council who sustained a number of injuries following a road traffic incident recently and wished him a speedy recovery.

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The Members extended a Vote of Congratulations to:-

- Peake Villa Football Club on getting through to the last 32 of the FAI Junior Cup.
- The Presentation Secondary School, Thurles on retaining their Munster Senior A Soccer Title and on winning the All Ireland Basketball Final on Monday.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE: 27th. February, 2019.**
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SIGNED: _____ **DATE: 27th. February, 2019.**
ACTING MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

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