



**MINUTES OF THE JULY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE, THURLES ON 24<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2019**

**Present:** Councillor Michael Smith Cathaoirleach, presided.

Councillors Noel Coonan, Seamus Hanafin, Shane Lee, Michéal Lowry, Eddie Moran, Jim Ryan, Peter Ryan and Sean Ryan.

**Also Present:**

Matt Shortt	District Director
Liam Brett	Senior Engineer
Thomas Duffy	Senior Executive Engineer
John Jones	Acting District Engineer
Jim Ryan	Executive Engineer
Janice Gardiner	Acting Meetings Administrator
Susan Scally	Assistant Staff Officer

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Thomas Duffy, Senior Executive Engineer to the Meeting. Thomas will be taking up the role of District Engineer on 12th August, 2019.

**1. Adoption of Minutes.**

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

"That the Minutes of the April Monthly Meeting which was held on the 24th. April, 2019 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

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

"That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting which was held on the 17th June, 2019 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

Councillor N. Coonan queried the change in name of the Municipal District from Templemore-Thurles to Thurles. The District Director advised that this change came about as a result of a Ministerial Order. Councillor Coonan asked that the Department be written to in this regard. This was supported by the Cathaoirleach.



## **2. (a) Update from Housing.**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer and Aoife Cahill, Assistant Engineer, Housing Section to the Meeting.

The Thurles District Report on Housing Services July 2019, containing updates under the headings listed hereunder, was circulated at the Meeting:-

- Housing Construction.
- Capital Assistance Scheme.
- Housing Grant Allocations 2019.
- House Purchases 2019.
- Buy and Renew Purchases 2019.
- RAS, Leasing and HAP 2019.
- Housing Applicants and Vacant Houses.
- Housing Loan Applications.
- Tenant Purchase Scheme.

The Members raised the following issues:-

- Update on the two Council houses at Mitchel Street, Thurles and Athlomen Terrace, Mitchel Street, Thurles which have been vacant for some time.
- Appalling condition of the windows and doors in Council housing estates particularly Tara Drive, Gortnahoe.
- Overgrown trees in housing estates, both Council and private estates, in the District. Take into account this serious issue when initially planning a new housing estate.
- Tenants who are under a HAP Scheme being given notices to quit by the landlords and insufficient accommodation available to them particularly in Thurles.
- The employment of a second HAP Placefinder Officer.
- Slow progress with turning around vacant Council houses in the District.
- Problem of anti-social behaviour when houses are left vacant for long periods.
- Issue of speeding in housing estates.
- There are no speed limit signs in Castlepark, Two-Mile-Borris or Derrynaflan and Churchview estates, Littleton.
- Difference in HAP Rent being charged and the cap allowed which has to be met by the tenant.
- Income threshold for eligibility to qualify for social housing. Applicants in receipt of Family Income Supplement are finding that they are over the threshold because they are in receipt of FIS. Introduction of a graded system.



- Serious challenge in providing accommodation in the District.
- Position regarding the land bank in Templemore prior to the Merger.
- The OPW houses at The Mall Templemore have been vacant for some time.
- Problems with horses and dogs in housing estates in Templemore. Anti-social behaviour in the graveyard in Templemore not addressed.
- Private rented tenants can report their landlords if works are not carried out so who can Council tenants complain to.

Replies to queries as follows:

- The house at Athlomen Terrace, Thurles was damaged by fire and was delayed due to a Court case and a structural report had to be carried out. A contractor has now been approved for the work.
- The other house at Mitchel Street is located beside Novas. It is a three storey house and the Council are waiting for final approval from the Department.
- There is not a national scheme to address the issue of replacement windows and doors in Council houses. The District can include provision of windows and doors in some of its estates under its Planned Maintenance Programme. The budget for planned maintenance work was €100,000 in 2018 but is reduced to €40,000 in 2019. The decrease in budget is due to the provision of CO2 Alarms in all Council houses in the County.
- The decision to roll out the HAP Scheme was made by Central Government and Tipperary is the most successful in the Country outside of Dublin in securing accommodation. HAP tenants are covered by the regulations pertaining to the PRTB.
- The Housing Needs Assessment was recently carried out and there are 2,400 on waiting list.
- The rent payments are set by the Department. The Council have discretion of 20% and use this wherever possible.
- There is no leeway in relation to the threshold for eligibility for Social Housing Support. The Council have submitted queries to the Department regarding HAP cap payments and the income threshold for eligibility for Social Housing Support and will continue to do so.
- The Council intend to source land in Templemore for housing construction.
- The position regarding land bank in Templemore prior to Merger will be examined.
- The level of maintenance in Council houses has reduced despite increase in rents in 2018.
- There is a budget of €2m for all vacant houses in the County which numbers between 100 and 120 units. The minimum spent on any vacant unit is €5,000.



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The Cathaoirleach thanked Jim and Sean for their contributions and they left the Chamber.

### **(b) Naming of new housing developments.**

#### Thurles Electoral Area:

- Development of 28 houses at Mill Road, Thurles

Aoife Cahill, Assistant Engineer advised the Members of the three proposed names for the 28 house development at Mill Road, Thurles namely:

1. Mill Park
2. Millfort Green
3. Dun Muilleann

It was proposed by Councillor Seamus Hanafin, seconded by Councillor Peter Ryan and resolved:-

"That the new development of 28 houses at Mill Road, Thurles be named 'Dun Muilleann'."

- Development of 22 houses at Two-Mile-Borris

Aoife advised the Members of the three proposed names for the 22 house development at Two-Mile-Borris namely:

1. Clover Meadows
2. Gleanna Dubh
3. Ned Hayes Park

It was proposed by Councillor Sean Ryan, seconded by Councillor Jim Ryan and resolved:-

"That the new development of 22 houses at Two-Mile Borris be named 'Ned Hayes Park'."

#### Roscrea Electoral Area:

- Development of 10 houses at Templetuohy



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Aoife advised the Members of the three proposed names for the 10 house development at Templetuohy namely

1. Longorchard Park
2. Tullow Hill Drive
3. Lisheen View

It was proposed by Councillor Eddie Moran, seconded by Councillor Shane Lee and resolved:-

"That the new development of 10 houses at Templetuohy be named 'Longorchard Park'."

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

### **3. Update from Community / Economic Development.**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Teresa Kiely, Community and Economic Development to the Meeting. The report on Community and Economic Development July 2019 was circulated at the Meeting covering the following headings:-

- LECP Community.
- Local Development Strategy / LEADER.
- SICAP.
- LCDDC Team led Funding Schemes.
- Tipperary PPN.
- Joint Policing Committee.
- Children's and young Person's Services Committee.
- Age Friendly Tipperary.
- Play.
- 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.
- Digital Strategy, National Broadband Plan and Commercial Investment.



The Members raised the following issues:-

- Provision of a Sensory Garden in Thurles.
- Criteria required for projects under Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019.
- Liberty Square Thurles is ideal for inclusion in Town Centre Schemes.
- Contact should be made with GAA Headquarters in an effort to encourage tourists to Thurles. There are no signage or plaques promoting Thurles as the birthplace of the GAA.
- The GAA Museum - Lar na Pairce - is closed to the public.
- Scheme in Cashel whereby tourists who purchase in shops are given free passes to the Castle - possibility of running a similar scheme in Thurles for access to Semple Stadium.
- Praise for the work undertaken by Community & Economic Development in assisting young people in getting into workplace.
- Bord na Mona site and Lisheen Mine site.
- Community Facility Scheme.

Teresa replied to queries raised as follows:

- Thurles may not qualify for a Sensory Garden as it is not a CLAR area however there may be some other Scheme under which an application could be made for funding. Teresa will check under what Scheme the Sensory Garden in Templemore was funded from.
- Some applications under the Community Facility Scheme have been completed. Some are still outstanding due to the paperwork involved re Insurance or Tax Clearance so it will run to next year before they are drawn down.
- It will depend on Development Contributions as to whether or not a new scheme will take place. Teresa will check with Finance if monies are available for a new scheme.
- The Tourism Development Officer has been in contact with the GAA Headquarters regarding tourism in Thurles and Teresa will request that she contact Councillors Jim Ryan and Sean Ryan directly with an update.
- A similar scheme to Cashel could work in Thurles.

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

#### **4. Update from Culture / Library Services / Fire & Emergency Services.**

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



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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.

Damien gave a report on some of the events organised by the Culture team which included a Chair Yoga Class in Roscrea Library, Bealtaine Festival, celebration of the Cruinniú na nÓg in the Source library, a Line Dancing Taster Class in Templemore library. Damien also advised that the Tipperary Historical Journal 2019 was launched on 8th June.

Roisin advised the Members that:

- A Geological Audit of the County is in progress and is covering approximately 20 sites in Thurles, Templemore and Roscrea.
- Following on from the report on the Swifts at Templemore Town Hall, nesting boxes have been purchased and will be installed when the Contractor is finished works. A new booklet called "Saving Swifts" was made available to any Member interested.
- One of Creative Ireland projects this year will focus on Loughmore Castle with some community archaeology activity will also take place.
- Heritage Week in the District will take place in August with 18 events taking place in the District.

Matt Shortt thanked Roisin for her work at Templemore Town Hall.

Karl Cashen advised that the Templemore Fire Station is almost complete and there will be an official opening at the Station in Autumn.

#### **4(b) Civic Memorial Policy**

Mr. Cashen advised that the Civic Memorial Policy, adopted by the Members of Tipperary County Council, requires that the approval of the Council is needed for the erection of a civic memorial (a statue, monument or plaque).

An application has been made by Mr. Neville O'Connell for the erection of a plaque at 24 Liberty Square, Thurles in order to commemorate the use of the building as the headquarters of the Mid-Tipperary Volunteers / Brigade during the War of Independence.

It was proposed by Councillor Sean Ryan, seconded by Councillor Seamus Hanafin and resolved:-

"That approval be given to Mr. Neville O'Connell for the erection of a plaque at 24 Liberty Square, Thurles subject to the following condition:





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1. The applicant shall secure planning permission to erect the plaque as proposed prior to any works taking place."

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

## **5. Standing Orders.**

### (a) Dates and times of Thurles Municipal District Monthly Meetings

The Cathaoirleach advised that at the Annual Meeting a change to the time of the Monthly Meetings was proposed and he had agreed to speak with each Member to address the issue.

It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach, seconded by Councillor J. Ryan and resolved the Standing Orders of Thurles Municipal District be amended as follows, :

"That the Municipal District Monthly Meeting will take place on the 3rd Monday of each month, except August, throughout the year commencing at 10.30am. If there is a presentation or meeting, it will be held prior to the Monthly Meeting at 10.00am."

### (b) Fix date for Thurles Municipal District December Monthly Meeting

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that as the 3rd Monday of December will fall on 16th December, there is no need to fix a date. The Cathaoirleach advised that the December Meeting will take place in Norebrooks, Clonakenny Village.

## **6. Fix date and time for Community Safety Committee Meetings.**

It was agreed to hold the Community Safety Committee Meetings on:

- Monday 16th. September, 2019 at 10.00am
- Monday 16th. December, 2019 at 10.00am

## **7. (a) Civic Reception.**

The Cathaoirleach advised the Members that the Municipal District have held a Civic Awards Night for the past 4 years to accord the different groups who have excelled in the District. The Reception has been held each November in the Templemore Arms Hotel.





The Acting Meetings Administrator requested that each Member submit their nomination on or before the September Meeting which will take place on 16th September. She further advised that the nominations have to go before the CPG for approval.

**(b) Fix date and time for photo shoot and refreshments for all recipients of grants in 2019.**

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised the Members that in 2018 a photoshoot was held for the various groups in the District such as Burial Ground Committees, Tidy Towns Committees, Sports Groups and Residents Associations to acknowledge their work and it was very successful. It is intended to have a similar photoshoot in 2019.

It was agreed to hold two such events in October and November this year.

**8. To consider Report under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended and the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended for the proposed Improvements to Town Hall, Templemore.**

Copy of a Report under Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended and the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended was circulated with the Agenda.

The District Director outlined the proposed works to Templemore Town Hall and advised of the funding required to carry out the works. He confirmed that a submission had been made on 6th. August under the Rural Regeneration Fund. He confirmed that different groups in Templemore were on board with the works such as St. Sheelan's College and the Garda College.

The Members agreed that it is a very welcome project for Templemore town.

The Cathaoirleach advised the Members that the Templemore Development Committee had recently launched their Templemore Town 5 Year Community Action Plan and he had invited the Committee to give a presentation to the District Members on this Plan. It was agreed that the presentation would be given as a workshop.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Moran, seconded by Councillor N. Coonan and resolved:-

"That having considered the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended and the Planning & Development Acts 2000, in regard to the proposed Improvements to



Templemore Town Hall, the Thurles Municipal District agree that the proposed development be carried out as recommended in the Chief Executive's Report."

## **9. Proposal to declare the roads serving Patrick's Gate, Gortnahoe 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 Patrick's Gate, Gortnahoe be declared public roads and taken in charge by the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Ryan, seconded by Councillor S. Hanafin 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 Patrick's Gate, Gortnahoe 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 July 2019 Municipal District Meeting which was circulated with the Agenda."

## **10. 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 Parish Church Group - €15,000

It was proposed by Councillor N. Coonan, seconded by Councillor S. Lee and resolved:-

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

- Templetuohy Parish Church Group - €15,000"



## **11. Town Centre Enhancement and Painting Schemes 2019.**

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that the budget allocated for 2019 for the Town Centre Enhancement and Painting Schemes is €5,080.00. A breakdown on applications received is as follows:

Town	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications not qualified
Roscrea	3	3	0
Templemore	15	11	4
Thurles	8	6	2
Total	26	20	6

She advised that funding was limited and there is a maximum allocation of €500.00 per successful applicant for paint only.

The Members agreed it was a worthwhile scheme but queried if anything could be done in relation to derelict sites or unsightly properties.

The District Director advised that the Council are in contact with the owners of properties that are considered derelict or unsightly and work with them to resolve the issue.

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

"That 20 applications under the Town Centre Enhancement & Painting Schemes 2019 be approved."

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that the Members that two application for grants to Burial Ground Committees have been received namely Ballycahill Burial Ground Committee and Timoney Burial Ground Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Ryan, seconded by Councillor S. Hanafin and resolved:-

"That Grants of €700.00 under the Thurles Municipal District Grants Scheme be paid to Ballycahill Burial Ground Committee and Timoney Burial Ground Committee."

## **12. Update on the 2019 Works Programmes.**

John Jones, Acting District Engineer updated the Members on progress to date and planned works under the Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance and Footpaths Programmes. He advised that:



- 95% of the Road Works Programme is complete.
- Works outstanding relate to Loughtagalla, Thurles and Rosemount, Roscrea with 1 CIS Scheme outstanding.
- The macadam used in surface dressing programme is a better quality and should last longer.
- The good weather was a factor in the early completion of works.
- We are currently in the second year of our 3 Year Programme so at the end of August, he will be in contact with the Members to ascertain other roads that may be included in 2019 for works.
- A grant of €100,000.00 has been given by the Department to carry out temporary works on the N75 from Kickham Street to The Anner Hotel, Thurles and on the N62 Roscrea Road, Templemore. It is proposed to commence work in the next couple of weeks.
- Photos were shown of some areas where works have taken place.
- The Council are in a good position to get further works carried out should extra funding be received.
- It is expected to recommence the Footpath Upgrade in September.
- Works are continuing on the footpath at Castlemeadows, Thurles.
- The number of planning applications received has increased in last 6 months which has in turn increased the number of Road Opening Licences.
- A meeting will take place in the 3rd or 4th week of August with the Members to identify any further roads to be included in Works Programme.

The Members raised the following issues:-

- Issue of hedge-cutting around the District.
- The proposed temporary work on the N75 from Kickham Street to The Anner Hotel, Thurles and on the N62 Roscrea Road, Templemore was welcomed.
- Advise of the start and finish dates for the temporary work on the N75 from Kickham Street to The Anner Hotel, Thurles and on the N62 Roscrea Road, Templemore.
- Road on the Thurles Road into Templemore is in poor condition.
- Speeding issues in Templemore and Borrissleigh needs to be addressed.
- Start and finish dates for works at Loughtagalla and advise of what restrictions will be place during the works.
- The roads at Stradavoher, Leugh Road, Jimmy Doyle Road and Kilrush, Thurles are in a poor condition.
- Resurfacing and road markings need to be replaced in Parnell Street Carpark, Thurles.
- A survey needs to be carried out on trees within housing estates in the District that are blocking natural light.
- A survey is required on junctions within the District on road signage, road markings and overgrown hedges.



- The roads at Ballybeg, Littleton and Leugh Road, Thurles needs to be resurfaced.
- Review traffic calming measures in Two-Mile-Borris possibly reconsider location of the pedestrian crossing.
- Replace white lines on the Briquette Factory Road, Littleton and at Mary Willies.
- Grass cutting required at 3 junctions i.e. Clonkeale and Coolcree, Horse & Jockey and Cassestown, Thurles.
- Bins at Collins Park, Thurles are not being emptied.
- Footpaths outside the Church in Moycarkey are in bad condition.
- Resurface area to the front of the GAA Pitch in Littleton prior to their official opening in September.
- The roadway adjacent to the Park in Loughtagalla is extremely narrow - investigate the possibility of making the roadway wider at this location.
- Grass and ditch cutting at Galbertstown is required as it is hindering sightlines.
- Trim back ditches at Rossoulty.
- Verge trimming in the District is a safety issue and needs to be carried out. Preference should be given to walkways/loops around towns and villages to ensure safety of people using these areas.
- The road at Bohernacrusha has been left in poor condition after Contractor.
- There is still a temporary line on the roadway from Holycross to Ballycahill, this needs to be addressed permanently.
- Creation of a crew to carry out grass, hedge and verge trimming each year to ensure sightlines are clear.
- Maintenance of soakpits around the District to avoid flooding during continuous rainfall. Prepare a list of areas requiring maintenance.
- Speeding issues in Roscrea.
- There is a gap in the footpath from Rosemary Street over the Railway Bridge, Roscrea.
- Issue of parking in Templetuohy with owner of house being denied access to his property.
- Hedge on N62 outside B&B is growing out onto footpath.
- Pothole outside the former Council Office in Roscrea has deteriorated.
- Bin beside the Church in Roscrea was removed and needs to be replaced.
- The issue of resurfacing in the housing estates that have been taken in charge since the Merger needs to be addressed. Plan should be put in place to tackle this issue.

Replies to the issues raised as follows:-

- Hedge-cutting is continuing around the District and the GSSs will be instructed to focus on hedge-cutting on completion of the Roads Programme.
- 45/46 Notices to landowners have been issued regarding hedgecutting.



- Speeding enforcement is a matter for the Gardai. The Members can submit specific locations where speeding is an issue and these locations will be included in a Speed Limit Survey.
- The start and finish dates for works on the N75 from Kickham Street to The Anner Hotel, Thurles, the N62 Roscrea Road, Templemore, Loughtagalla, Thurles, Rosemount, Roscrea will depend on the completion of the Roadworks Programme.
- The road at Stradavoher is included in the 3 Year Work Programme.
- Works will be carried out on Leugh Road, Jimmy Doyle Road and Kilrush, Thurles at the end of August / start of September depending on completion of the Roadworks Programme.
- Resurfacing and remarking surface in Parnell Street Carpark will commence in September.
- Due to a limited budget, the Council do not maintain trees in housing estates. Some Residents Committees / Tidy Towns Committees maintain trees. If Members are aware of any particularly bad areas that need attention, they should bring it to the attention of the Engineers.
- The pedestrian crossing at Two-Mile-Borris will be examined.
- Replacement road markings/linings will be carried out in late August / early September. Consideration will be given to carry out this work in conjunction with Roadworks Programme throughout the year.
- The emptying of bins in Collins Park, Thurles will be examined.
- The Street Cleaning Programme in Thurles is currently under review.
- The footpaths located at the Church in Moycarkey will be examined.
- Work will be carried out to the public area at the entrance to the GAA Pitch in Littleton. The Acting District Engineer will meet with Cllr. S Ryan at this location.
- The District has two dedicated crews in each Engineering Area to deal with flooding in the District i.e. Upperchurch/Drombane and Roscrea/Templemore.
- The road surface at Bohernacrusha has been left in an unsatisfactory condition by the Contractor. A bond is in place and will be used by the Council to carry out works on the road.
- Work will be carried out on the Holycross to Ballycahill Road in August/September.
- The issue regarding parking at Templetuohy will be examined. This roadway was resurfaced in 2018. The installation of a yellow line will also prohibit the house owner to park at this location.
- CIE will be contacted regarding the railway bridge in Roscrea and the footpath over the bridge will be examined.

### **13. Update on Projects.**

Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles.	The project is gone to tender stage and it is expected to have a Contractor appointed by the end of October.
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Repairs / Improvements to Templemore Town Hall.	Work is continuing at Templemore Town Hall and it is expected to be complete in approximately 6 weeks.
Roscrea Enhancement Scheme.	Finalising tender documents in order to advertise on e tenders in coming weeks..
Templemore Town Park	Continuing to liaise with Templemore Voluntary Housing Association.
Old Farm Building at Thurles Town Park	Some basic works will be carried out at the Old Farm Building in the near future.
Consideration of proposed Peatway on Bórd na Móna lands.	This project is being lead by Bord na Mona and the Council will continue to engage with Bord na Mona on this.

The Members raised the following queries:

- Some residents/business people in Roscrea have approached Members to say notice of the meeting regarding the proposed works at Market Square was too short and they were unable to attend. There is an issue with the loss of parking spaces, access, disturbance expected to businesses during works and some residents/business owners are not aware of what is happening.
- The 2nd phase of Slievenamon Road Thurles is due to commence and the lamp standards to be installed should be same as those proposed for Liberty Square, Thurles.

Replies to queries:-

- The District Engineer advised that the project has gone through Public Consultation and Part 8. He advised that the meeting referred to had been initiated by a private person but concerns of residents/business owners will be taken in account and possible build-outs could be installed outside the public house and newsagents to address the issue. He agreed to hold a meeting with Members and residents. Councillors Noel Coonan, Shane Lee and Michael Smith advised that they would like to attend this meeting.
- The lighting on Slievenamon Road Thurles will be the same as that on Liberty Square however the lamp standards may be different. No resurfacing work will be carried out on Slievenamon Road while works are ongoing on the Liberty Square.

#### **14. Village Enhancements.**

Representatives from the Clonakenny Group have requested to attend a Meeting to give a presentation on the work they are doing on biodiversity. The District Director advised that the Council have employed a Landscape Advisor who can be accessed for advice.





## **15. Notices of Motion.**

### **a) 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 on this District Council to install traffic calming measures in Two-Mile-Borris village to curb the huge level of speeding traffic going through the village on a daily basis."

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

"Traffic calming measures are already in place in the form of speed limits, gateway signage, footpaths, kerbing, lining and a pedestrian crossing which is deemed the appropriate treatment for such a location. The issue of speed enforcement is a matter for An Garda Síochána and with the permission of the District Members this issue will be referred to An Garda Síochána."

Councillor Sean Ryan seconded the Motion.

Councillor Jim Ryan expressed his dissatisfaction with the response. He advised that there is a high number of pedestrians crossing on a daily basis and it is very dangerous. He suggested that a flashing sign be installed as they have proved very effective in other areas and are not expensive to install.

The District Director advised that traffic calming measures are no guarantee as the issue is with drivers speeding. The SPC have agreed to run a pilot scheme using a mobile flashing speed sign in different locations over a two week period and it was suggested that this would be an ideal location. Cllr Ryan expressed satisfaction with this.

Councillor E. Moran suggested that ramps be used. The District Director advised that the provision of ramps can cause liability issues.

### **b) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor S. Hanafin**

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

"That this Council would engage with the TII to find a solution to the hazardous junction at Drish Bridge on the N75."



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

"The Council's Roads Capital Office are aware of the issue and have referred the matter to the TII."

Councillor Hanafin advised that there were countless accidents at this location and queried when a response from TII might be received.

The Acting District Engineer confirmed that a report was expected for the September Monthly Meeting.

Councillor Jim Ryan raised the issue of a footpath extension to Drish Bridge and queried if an update had been received from the TII. The District Director advised that the TII will not fund this.

### **c) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor S. Lee**

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

"N62 from Dublin Road Roundabout to Flyover -  
I am calling on Tipperary County Council to engage with TII in relation to infills and a footpath to join in from the existing ones of either side of the flyover. This is a walking route for the general public/service users of St. Anne's and pupils from the school walk it on lunch break."

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

"The TII are currently looking at this area in relation to a safety scheme. The provision of paths can be looked at as part of this report."

Councillor Lee advised that this area is a very busy junction and a petition had been signed by 250 signatures for works to be carried out. He further advised that there is no footpath linking shops on either side of the flyover.

The Acting District Engineer confirmed that the TII had looked at this location 6 weeks ago and a report was due any day.

### **d) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor S. Lee**

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



"R445 Parkmore -

I am calling on Tipperary County Council to consider infill lighting with a new footpath as it is very dangerous for people walking to work to the factories in the early mornings in the wintertime. It is also a walking/running route for the general public."

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

"A public lighting policy has previously been adopted by the Council. In accordance with that policy, there is currently no provision for new lights until such time as existing stock is upgraded."

Councillor Lee advised that there is an issue with lorries parking up.

The Acting District Engineer advised that the TII are aware of the issues at this location and a report was expected from them. He also advised that the installation of a cycle path was being examined.

## **16. Correspondence.**

### **a) Cruthaigh Group**

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised the Members that the Cruitaigh Group would like to give a presentation to the Members and she suggested that they be invited to the October Monthly Meeting of the Council. This was agreed by the Members.

## **17. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy.**

Votes of Congratulations were extended to:

- The Tipperary U20 Hurling Team who won the Munster Hurling U20 Final in Semple Stadium on 23rd July and their manager, Liam Cahill.
- The Moycarkey/Borris U14 Camogie Team who won the All Ireland Feile Camogie and their manager, Ray Ralph.
- Bill Hackett, Grawn, Two-Mile-Borris and Peter Melbourne, Kyleneo, Horse & Jockey who save a man's life in June.
- Lakeside Pitch and Putt Club and their members Martha O'Brien and Bridget Shelly who won the All Ireland Strokeplay Championship and National Intermediate Strokeplay respectively.

Vote of Sympathy were extended to:

- The family of John Ely, Butler Avenue, Thurles former employee with North Tipperary County Council.



- The family of Liam Maloney, Roscrea caretaker of the Dungar Cemetery.

### **18. Any Other Business.**

The Cathaoirleach stated that it was the District Director, Matt Shortt's last meeting as he is due to retire in early September. The Cathaoirleach and Members congratulated Matt on his upcoming retirement and noted that he had served the people of the County for last 35 years with great dedication, courtesy, insight, pride and had left a legacy he could be proud of in terms of the many projects which had been delivered over the years.

Matt advised that he had his 35 years in public service and had over that time attended 800 to 900 public meetings. He appreciated the comments from the Members and thanked the staff of Thurles Municipal District for their support.

That concluded the official business of the Meeting.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE: 16th. September, 2019.**  
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