

Minutes of July Monthly Meeting of Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary on Monday 27th July, 2015 at 11.00 a.m.

Members Present:

Cathaoirleach:- Cllr. Mary Hanna-Hourigan

Councillors Martin Browne, Michael Fitzgerald, John Crosse, Roger Kennedy.

Officials Present:

Ms. Clare Curley, District Director, Mr. Aidan Finn, District Engineer, Ms. Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer, Ms. Marie Lynch, Assistant Staff Officer, Mr. Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation, Mr. Aidan Fennessey, Senior Executive Officer, Housing, Ms. Kathleen Prendergast, Community & Economic Development Officer, Mr. Michael F. Hayes, Senior Engineer, Roads Section, Mr. Willie Corby, Acting Senior Engineer, Roads Section, Mr. Darby Mullen, Executive Engineer.

Apologies: - Cllr. Denis Leahy, Cllr Tom Wood.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Mary Hanna-Hourigan opened the meeting and she commenced the meeting with the prayer.

Cllr. Mary Hanna-Hourigan welcomed everyone to the meeting, Members, Officials and Press to the meeting.

1. Minutes of June Meeting of Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District held on 29th June, 2015.

The minutes of June Meeting of Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District held on 29th June, 2015 were agreed on the proposition of Councillor Michael Fitzgerald, seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the June Meeting

Councillor Michael Fitzgerald referred to the recent works carried out on road surface at Galtee View, Bansha. He stated that the ralumac is not settling down and that the estate is left in an unsatisfactory condition. Cllr. Brown supported Cllr. Fitzgerald stating that the residents had waited 40 years for these works and disappointed with what is believed to be poor workmanship. Cllr Kennedy voiced his support of the residents..

In response, Mr. Finn, District Engineer, informed the members that it had been agreed that ralumac is the material used in these works, he indicated that it does take time for ralumac to settle. He also indicated that he has contacted the contractor to complete the works, with a tidy up of the works done at the kerbing and ramps. He also indicated that the manholes area will be raised level with the roads. Following a discussion on the matter, the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Mary Hanna-Hourigan suggested that the works be allowed to settle and the matter be re-looked at in September. This was agreed by the members.

2. Minutes of Annual Meeting of Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District held on 29th June, 2015.

The minutes of Annual Meeting of Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District held on 29th June, 2015 were agreed on the proposition of Councillor Roger Kennedy, seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

3. Housing Directorate.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr Aidan Fennessey, Senior Executive Officer, Housing to the meeting.

Mr. Fennessey circulated a Housing Report for Cashel Tipperary District to the members.

He outlined the report for Housing for the District as follows:-

Capital Projects

Works	Location	Current Position
Energy Efficiency Works	Tipperary Town and Cappawhite	Contracts completed.
Housing Construction	Waller's Lot Cashel	10 Houses. Design State

Vacant Houses

25

Approved Applicants

Cashel Tipperary District	
Annacarty	3
Bansha	15
Boherlahan	8
Cappawhite	16
Cashel	176
Clonoulty	10
Cullen	5
Donaskeigh	2
Donohill	5
Dualla	6
Dundrum	12

Emly	17
Golden	8
Hollyford	1
Kilross	1
Knockavilla	4
Lattin	5
Lisvernane	9
Monard	20
Rossadrehid	2
Thomastown	7
Tipperary	212
	544

Housing Grants to End June 2015

2015 Allocation

Private houses	€2,039,558
Local Authority Houses	€ 512,105

Private Houses

	No. of Grants Approved	Grants Paid/Committed to date
Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability (HGD)	42	€637,905
Mobility Aids Housing Grants (MAG)	20	€100,854
Housing Aid for Older People (HOP)	26	€145,046
TOTAL	88	€883,535

Local Authority Houses

Applications currently being costed/tendered	Number	Approximate Cost
Emergency Applications	12	€133,668
Priority 1 Applications	33	€232,980
Total	45	€366,648

Mr. Fennessey confirmed that there is €3.7m allocated to Tipperary County Council for the Capital Assistance, which is for projects for people with disability and homeless.

Cllr. Hanna Hourigan welcomed all extra funding for housing for the County. Cllr. Browne enquired when the new scheme of houses will start in Wallers Lot, Cashel. In response, Mr. Fennessey indicated that the Housing programme is for 2015 to 2017 and it is anticipated that this scheme will be completed in 2017.

Cllr. Kennedy referred to a number of vacant houses in need of major refurbishments. The District Director indicated that these properties were being assessed and indicated that some may be sold where there is no demand in that area and are uneconomical to repair.

In response to a query from Cllr Browne regarding the turnover of vacant houses, Mr. Fennessey said that approval of the Department is required for renovations. Also, refusals by applicants are a significant factor in some areas, leading to delays in the process.

Cllr. Crosse expressed the view that there is a scarcity of 1 and 2 bedroom houses in Tipperary Town. This was acknowledged and Mr. Fennessey indicated that there is a focus on acquiring two bed properties where possible. Cllr Crosse was supportive of selling council properties where there is no demand. He added that every effort should be made to have vacant properties re-let.

Cllr. Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Fennessey for his report. He queried if the figure of €3.7m was a county wide figure. In response, Mr. Fennessey indicated that it is and he said that 8 projects were submitted from Voluntary Bodies in Nenagh, Clonmel and Carrick-On-Suir, with 5 approved. He confirmed that there was no application received for the Cashel Tipperary District. He also confirmed that a significant part of social housing programme currently will be house purchases and indicated that the Council are currently looking at 80 houses in various parts of the county with a view to purchase.

It was agreed that Mr. Fennessey would circulate a list of the properties in need of major refurbishment to the district members.

4. Community & Enterprise Directorate.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Kathleen Prendergast, Community & Economic Development Officer to the meeting. Ms. Prendergast updated the members of the various aspects of the Community & Enterprise area including:-

- ***Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)***
- ***Community Development/ Social Inclusion***
- ***Childcare***
- ***Arts***
- ***Strategic Projects Unit***
- ***Tipperary County Museum***
- ***Heritage***
- ***Sports Partnership***
- ***Soccer Development Officer***
- ***Local Enterprise Office – Enterprise***
- ***Economic Development***
- ***Tourism***

Ms. Kathleen Prendergast told the members stated that she will circulate her report to them.

Cllr. Hanna-Hourigan congratulated Ms. Prendergast and staff on all the good work done in this area. This was echoed by all the members.

Cllr Crosse enquired if there is funding available to help with starting up a business. Ms. Prendergast stated that in terms of start up business we are in a good position, the Local Enterprise Office has approved 27 grants to business and there is also a one to one support programme for new businesses.

Cllr. Kennedy asked if the Museum in Sean Treacy Swimming Pool is under the remit of the Community & Enterprise as there is an issue there regarding the storing of some artefacts Ms. Prendergast agreed to check this and revert back to him.

5. Part 8 Chief Executive's Report – Proposed N24 Davitt Street, Church Street, Tipperary Town Road Improvement Scheme (Details Attached).

Mr. Finn outlined the proposed development to the members which is to include traffic calming, pavement and road strengthening works on the N24 at Davitt Street and Church Street, Tipperary Town. The proposal aims to reduce traffic speeds and to provide improved facilities for both pedestrians and road users. It is proposed to;

- narrow the carriageway lanes by the provision of build outs,
- provide where road width permits the provision of on street parallel parking,
- provide new footpaths,
- provide additional surface water drainage
- enhance public lighting and
- strengthen the carriageway.

The scheme will extend approximately 1km from the junction with O' Brien Street to the roundabout at Bohercrowe.

Mr Finn indicated that the proposed works had been placed on public display from 5th February to 20th March 2015 with submissions being received until Thursday 9th April 2015. There were a total of 13 submissions received. The Chief Executive's Report was presented to the members for their consideration and recommended that the proposed development should proceed subject to the following recommended requirements and considerations.

The development should be subject to the following:-

- Uncontrolled Pedestrian Crossing outside numbers 15 to 20 Davitt Street to be omitted from the current proposals.
- Number and size of build outs to the front of Davitt Street to be reduced in a manner not to compromise the safety objectives of the scheme.
- Proposals to be amended to include for two parking spaces at the front of houses numbered 5 to 10 on Davitt Street.
- One additional parking space provided in the parking bay at the front of "Pierse Motors" to facilitate extra parking residents.
- Reduce length of loading bay, locate bollards on the footpath and provide for a dropped curb providing access to the front of "Bunrana".
- Extend dropped kerb opposite Joe's Garden Centre to 6m in length. Sight lines at this entrance to be examined at the detailed design stage and any trees encroaching on the visibility splays will be omitted and/or relocated as necessary.
- Include a double yellow line in front of the "Great Gas" petrol station.
- A Landscape consultant should be retained to advise on the design detail of both hard and soft landscaping and hard and soft landscaping responses should have full regard to the recommendation of the Tipperary Town Building Facade Improvement Scheme and Approach Roads Improvement Scheme (June 2005).
- A suitably licence archaeologist should be retained to monitor all ground works within the Zone of Archaeological Potential as detailed in the Tipperary Town & Environs Development Plan 2013-2019.
- The location and depth of underground water and waste water services to be established prior to construction and existing valves and manholes to remain accessible in the new works. (The provision of a separated Surface Water

Drainage to be considered at the detailed design stage provided that its inclusion can be independently funded.

Mr. Willie Corby confirmed to the members that the proposal would reduce the number of parking spaces in this area from 73 to 65. He indicated that a parking survey was conducted by the Mid West Regional Design Office which indicated that the peak demand in the area is 42 car park spaces. He said that the scheme will strengthen the road, improve the footpaths and introduce traffic calming measures which are all very necessary works to a main approach to the town. He said that the allocation is available from the NRA but it requires agreement to proceed.

Concerns were expressed about the placement of 2 build outs in Davitt Street and there was a discussion on this. Following this discussion, Mr. Marcus O'Connor agreed that the 2 build outs would be re-looked at in the detailed design phase. He said that this would be subject to the agreement of any residents directly affected and would require the approval of NRA to proceed

On the proposal of Councillor Crosse and seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald it was agreed that pursuant to the provisions of the Section 179(4)(b) Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, we the members hereby approve the following development:-

Proposed N24 Davitt Street, Church Street, Tipperary Town Road Improvement Scheme”

6. District Engineer’s Report.

The District Engineer indicated to the members that he had been notified of additional roads funding totalling €244,169 for the District. He circulated a proposal for the expenditure of these monies as follows:

Category	Budget	Description	Road No.	Length	Area
Restoration Maintenance	€4,050.00	Donaskeigh to Golden	L8302	200	900
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Restoration Improvement	€121,905.00	Donaskeigh to Golden	L8302	1505	6773
	€47,088.00	Foilycleara	L5104	654	2616
	€65,939.00	Springhouse, Kilshane (CIS)	L82131	1077	4310
	€5,187.00	Ballygorteen	L4307	100	300
	€244,169.00				

This proposal was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzgerald and seconded by Councillor Crosse.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Cllr Crosse, Cllr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Marcus O' Connor on their deputation to Mr. Pascal Donohoe, Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport to secure additional roads funding for the District.

Cllr Fitzgerald asked when the works might commence and, Mr. Finn indicated that he expected works to commence in mid August.

The District Engineer proceeded to update the members on the progress of District works to-date:

- Completed surface dressing – Dundrum to Ballagh, Glengar, Glen of Aherlow, Ballygriffen.
- Tarmaccadam works – to commence mid August.
- Wetmix works – to commence mid August.
- Flooding works – Meeting with members of the Fishery Board agreed to clear blockages identified and noted that there is an infestation of Hog Weed.
- Development Contribution funded works. – commenced crossing at John The Baptist School. Discussion with landowners at Kilross regarding footpaths.

Cllr. Hanna Hourigan thanked Mr. Finn on his report and all the hard work he is doing in the District.

Cllr. Fitzgerald asked regarding the flooding on the Dualla Road, Cashel. Mr. Finn stated that this had been examined and there was a blocked pipe, a new manhole was installed to relieve the flooding and the pipe is now clear.

7. Notices of Motion.

Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald

“That this Municipal Council take a very serious look at Road Safety on the Dundrum-Annacorthy Road R.505 and the Junction of Gurtussa-Deerpark Road L-5210-0 known as Larry's Cross. It is extremely dangerous entering the Regional Road from Gurtussa at this point, residents and road users are extremely concerned about safety at this location”.

Reply

An inspection will be carried out on this junction and the road in general and necessary works will be programmed either through Road Maintenance or through future year's Low Cost Accident Schemes.

Cllr. Hanna Hourigan seconded the motion.

Cllr. Martin Browne:

“That this council takes action to make the Scout Hall in Cashel user friendly and to undertake necessary work to this listed building and sheds”.

Reply

The Municipal District has carried out an Engineering Inspection of this property. The report on its findings is currently being considered by the Property Management Team.

Cllr. Browne welcomed the reply but stated that there are a lot of voluntary organisations using the building and there are health and safety issues regarding that building. Ms. Clare Curley stated that she will revert back to Cllr. Brown on the scale of the priority works to be done and that a budget for same would have to be obtained.

Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald:

That this Council seek assurances that a proper landscaping job will be carried out at Thomastown Cross as part of the Traffic Calming works being carried out there. The area around the statue of Fr. Matthew is extremely untidy at present.

Reply

The Roads Design Office in Tipperary County Council is currently drawing up a landscaping design for this area. These works are expected to be carried out within the current year.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. Crosse.

Cllr Michael Fitzgerald:

“That Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District make every effort to assist Cashel Boxing Club to locate a premises in Cashel. This Club is of huge benefit to Cashel and surrounding areas and they need every help to secure suitable accommodation to progress.

Reply

The Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District would support the Cashel Boxing Club as far as possible. However, the Council does not have any suitable building within its ownership in Cashel that could accommodate the Clubs needs.

Cllr. Browne thanked the officials on the reply to this but was disappointed that no venue was available.

8. Correspondence

The Correspondence was noted.

9. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was passed on the death of

Mrs. Veronica Dunne, Canon Hayes Park, Tipperary Town.

10. Any Other Business

Councillor Crosse asked if he could get an update on the unfinished housing estates in the District. It was agreed that this would be sought from Planning Section.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated/ _____

Signed/ _____
District Administrator

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