



MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TEMPLEMORE-THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE LIBRARY OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE, THURLES ON WEDNESDAY, 24th. JUNE, 2015.

Present: Councillor John Hogan, Cathaoirleach, presided.

Councillors: Joe Bourke, Jackie Cahill, David Doran, Seamus Hanafin, Willie Kennedy, Micheál Lowry Jim Ryan and Michael Smith.

Also Present:

Matt Shortt	District Director.
Michael F. Hayes B.E.	Senior Engineer, Roads.
Ruairi Boland B.E.	District Engineer.
John Jones B.E.	Executive Engineer.
Michael Ryan	Meetings Administrator.

1. (a) Adoption of Minutes.

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

"That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting which was held on the 27th. May, 2015 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

(b) Matters arising from the Minutes.

Issue	Response
Deputation to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport on the 10th. June, 2015 - it was a positive meeting at which funding for the Thurles Link Road, the Thurles Bypass and the road network was discussed.	The Members noted the position.
Prevention of all day parking outside Kincora Terrace - residents cannot access their houses.	It is not viable to install a Pay & Display machine due to low usage. Other options are being explored.
Safety measures at the Turtulla and Drish junctions.	The situation at the junctions is kept under review on an ongoing basis.



<p>Thurles Regional Water Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Poor standard of the road reinstatement. – The reinstatement is confined to the width of the trench only and the adjoining road surface is now deteriorating. – Loose chippings on roads are a serious hazard for motorists. – The Council was assured that the roads would be left in the same condition as they were in prior to the work commencing. – The reinstatement consists of a strip of tar and chippings. – There is a serious lack of supervision and adherence to basic health and safety requirements by the Contractor - a number of motorists had near misses. – The condition of the roads is particularly poor from the Hurling Field to Tobins Cross and in the Pallas and Cloughmartin areas. – The roads will require significant funding over the next few years and this will have a serious impact on the Roads Programme going forward. 	<p>The roads will be surveyed and a report prepared for discussion with Irish Water.</p>
<p>Resurfacing of rear access roads at Sean Treacy Avenue and Beechwood Lawns, Thurles.</p>	<p>There is no budget for the repair of rear access roads. The Tertiary Roads Allocation must be spent on public roads.</p>
<p>Locks on gates to grass areas adjoining the motorway at Ballymoreen and Coolcroo have been broken and horses allowed into the areas to graze.</p>	<p>The matter has been referred to the NRA for attention.</p>
<p>Improved signage on the road to the Briquette Factory at the Ballybeg junction - there has been a number of accidents at the junction.</p>	<p>Improved signage and road markings have been provided. The recent accident was caused by a third vehicle overtaking as the first vehicle was turning right at the junction.</p>



Implementation of traffic calming measures in the Rosemount Estate, Thurles - there are no Stop signs at some of the junctions within the estate.	The situation will be examined.
Extension of the double yellow lines on the left hand side of St. Mary's Avenue, Thurles.	The matter will be attended to as soon as possible.
Request to extend the Templemore Town Painting Scheme to Mary Street and Bank Street.	The request will be considered.
Replacement of a Yield Right of Way sign at the junction in Ballyhenry.	The signage will be provided.
Installation of the new equipment in the Glebe Field Playground, Roscrea.	The equipment is on order and should be delivered on site within 3 weeks.
A significant number of roads in the District which are not in the 2015 Roadworks Programme require patching.	These roads will be patched in the coming weeks subject to the availability of staff.
Relocation of the Bottle Banks in Littleton.	Arrangements have been made to relocate the Bottle Banks to the new Community Centre.
Replacement of litter bins near the schools in Templemore which were removed some time ago.	Adjoining residents and business owners are objecting to the replacement of the litter bins. The procurement of a more suitable type bin is being explored.

2. Planning Function.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Brian Beck, Senior Planner, who was in attendance for this item.

Brian Beck circulated a Report which dealt with:

- Strategies / Policies / Development Plans for 2015.
- Taking-in-Charge of Estates.
- Planning Applications - 65 applications were received to May 2015, 50 permissions granted and 2 applications refused.
- Fire Services.
- The Library Service.



The Members noted the following:

- There is no formal application on hands to take the Cluain Glas Estate in charge but the position will be clarified.
- The applications for taking estates in charge are currently being processed and a priority list is being drawn up.
- Planning Staff will attend the November Municipal District Meeting to give an update on the taking in charge of estates throughout the District.
- There has been a significant increase in the number of planning consultations mainly for commercial and job creation type developments.
- The new Planning Regulations are expected to come into force within the next month.
- Three / four Variations to the current Development Plan will be put forward in the next year.
- Work on the preparation of Local Area Plans for Thurles and Cashel has commenced as these Plans have been extended and it is hoped to complete Local Area Plans for the other Towns within their statutory period i.e. before the current plans expire. The adoption of Local Area Plans is a much shorter process to the adoption of Development Plans.
- The attendance at recent Workshops arranged by the Planning Section has been poor and a further Workshop will take place in the Anner Hotel on Monday 29th. June, 2015.
- The opening hours of libraries in the County is being reviewed by the Director of Services and County Librarian but there are staff implications if the overall opening hours are increased.
- It is not possible to give a timescale for the Templemore Fire Station Project as there is a formal procurement process for the selection of a contractor.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Brian Beck for his presentation and Brian left the Chamber.

3. To Consider Taking in Charge the Castlecourt Housing Estate, Castlequarter, Borrisoleigh.

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Director of Roads, Transportation, Health and Safety has recommended that the road serving the Castlecourt Estate, Castlequarter, Borrisoleigh be declared a public road and that the open spaces, carparks, sewers, watermains and service connections within the development be taken in charge.

It was proposed by Councillor Willie Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Seamus 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 Castlecourt Estate, Castlequarter, Borrissleigh to be public and to take in charge the open spaces, carparks, sewers, watermains 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 June 2015 Municipal District Meeting."

4. Update on 2015 Works Programmes.

The District Engineer advised that:

- The Surface Dressing Programme is in progress.
- Work under the Restoration Improvement Programme has commenced in the Grange and Roscrea areas.
- Three of the four applicants selected under the Community Involvement Scheme have paid the local contribution and another applicant will be selected if the fourth does not pay.
- Members should submit requests for their Tertiary Roads Allocation immediately if they intend combining it with proposals under the Community Involvement Scheme.

5. Update on Projects.

Thurles Town Park.

Work on the Town Park is progressing and should be substantially complete by the end of July.

Liberty Square Thurles Refurbishment.

The Traffic Review and Safety Audit Reports were received yesterday and are currently being assessed by the Design Team who will incorporate any recommendations in the final documentation for the Part 8 Process.

Extension to and Refurbishment of the Offices at Castle Avenue, Thurles.

The Design Team's Report on the Tenders received has been completed and is under consideration.

Repairs / Improvements to Templemore Town Hall

Improvements will be undertaken to the barges and plaster in the coming months.

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Templemore Town Park
Extension.

A number of layouts for the additional
land purchased are currently being
prepared.

Village Enhancement
Works.

The District Engineer is preparing plans to
upgrade footpaths at the following
locations:

- Littleton from St. Bridget's Terrace to
the Community Centre.
- Pallas Street, Borrissoleigh.
- Main Street, Templetuohy.

The following matters were raised by Members:-

Item.	Response.
Templemore Town Hall - the Town Hall is very important to the people of Templemore and an Architect / Engineer should be engaged to survey the facade of the building.	It is proposed to engage an Architect to survey the Town Hall but some investigative work is being undertaken before proceeding to make such an appointment.
Delay in progressing the Liberty Square Scheme and the new Carpark - there is disquiet with the lack of progress over recent months.	The delay is due to the requirement to complete a Traffic & Safety Audit. There will be a single Part 8 Process for Liberty Square and the Carpark.
Development of the carpark at St. Patrick's Cemetery - there is significant congestion in the area at funerals.	A layout plan for the carpark will be prepared as soon as possible.
Roscrea Enhancement Scheme - the plans have been well received but there should be further consultation before they are finalised to ensure "buy-in" by the stakeholders.	The Enhancement Scheme will initially concentrate on the Main Street / Castle Street / Carpark area and the detailed plans are being prepared.
The feasibility of connecting the Ladyswell Walk to the Town Park.	Such a proposal is not feasible at present as it would require the acquisition of land.



Modification of the entrance to the Ladyswell Walk at Mill Road to facilitate access for people with mobility issues.	The request will be examined.
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6. Notices of Motion.

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

Councillor John Hogan formally moved the following Notice of Motion in his name:

"I am calling on Tipperary County Council to improve the safety of the 'T' Junction at Ballybeg, Littleton and to introduce measures to slow down traffic on the Ballybeg Road."

Councillor Hogan stated that the Motion is self explanatory. He pointed out that a number of accidents has occurred at this location recently and that improved signage should be erected as a matter of urgency.

The District Engineer advised that the signage and lining at the junction has been improved.

(b) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Hogan.

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

"I am calling on the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District to grant a civic reception to The CBS Young Social Innovators Project Group "Farm Sense" for their outstanding achievement in winning the Y.S.I. National Competition section "Making our world a safer place" and winning the SAGE Global Young Entrepreneurs national final. The group will now represent Ireland in the SAGE Global Young Entrepreneurs competition in Seoul, South Korea."

Councillor Hogan gave a brief outline of the project and indicated that their invention would have a practical application which should reduce child fatalities on farms involving tractors. He added that the Group is now endeavouring to raise sponsorship to finance their trip to Seoul, South Korea and proposed that the Municipal District give a contribution.

It was agreed that the Group be invited to make a presentation on their project at the July Monthly Meeting and that a contribution be made to the Group towards the cost of their trip to Seoul.



7. Correspondence.

(i) The River Mall (Templemore) Flood Relief Scheme.

The Meetings Administrator reported that the Office of Public Works had:

- Responded, by letter dated 22nd. June, 2015, to our submission setting out the issues raised at the April Meeting of the Municipal District in relation to the Flood Relief Scheme.
- Confirmed that, if no further correspondence on the matter is received by the 3rd. July, 2015, it will be taken that the reply has satisfied our concerns and that the formal consultation on the matter has been completed.

Michael Hayes, Senior Engineer advised that the Council is unhappy with the OPW's proposal for dealing with the obsolete section of the Mall River when the new channel is constructed and operational. He recommended that the existing channel be piped and filled with suitable matter to a level agreed with the Municipal District engineering staff and that the work also include for the accommodation of existing discharges into the channel.

It was agreed that this proposal be forwarded to the Office of Public Works for implementation.

8. Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations.

There were no votes of sympathy / congratulations.

9. Any Other Business.

Issue	Response
Provision of a water tap at St. Mary's Cemetery to facilitate maintenance of the Garden of Remembrance.	An application for a water connection should be made to Irish Water.
Urgent need to cut back growth at road junctions (Killinan, Dark Road, O'Hallorans Brittas Road, Thurles and other areas) as it interferes with the sight lines.	The request will receive attention.
Gortnahoe Graveyard - The Caretaker has requested the Council to cut the grass fortnightly during the Summer and to remove the heap of soil / rubble which has accumulated.	Grass cutting and general maintenance in rural graveyards is arranged by local committees.



<p>Flooding at Maxfort, Horse & Jockey.</p>	<p>The matter will be investigated.</p>
<p>Childers Park, Thurles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Issues with dog fouling on the green. – Parking on the green on Match Days in Semple Stadium. – New Residents Association seeking a small playground. 	<p>The residents are in a better position to deal with the dog fouling as the animals are owned by people living on the estate. Parking on the green will be referred to the Gardai for attention. There is unlikely to be any funding in the short-term for a playground at this location.</p>
<p>Reinstatement of the footpath at Emmet Street which was damaged in the course of installing the foot bridge.</p>	<p>The request will be referred to the Engineer for attention.</p>
<p>Derelict building at Mitchel Street, Thurles (Sweeneys) - residents are concerned about the danger of slates and chutes falling into the street and there is also an issue with vermin.</p>	<p>The property will be inspected and a report prepared under the Derelict Sites Act 1990.</p>
<p>Failure of the Department of Social Protection to allow the recruitment of personnel for the Community Employment Scheme - the numbers currently on the Scheme are down from an approved number of 16 to 5.</p>	<p>The current Thurles CES was due to finish on 6th. March 2015 but has been extended. The three existing schemes in Tipperary are being amalgamated at the behest of the DSP and it is expected that approval to the new amalgamated scheme will be issued in mid July.</p>
<p>Removal of trees in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles - A grave owner is upset as the headstone is being destroyed and requires ongoing cleaning.</p>	<p>This is a difficult issue to resolve as there is a small number of grave owners affected while the majority who are not, might not favour the removal of trees.</p>
<p>Garranroe Lane - patching of the lane has not been completed.</p>	<p>The matter will receive attention.</p>
<p>Siting of mobile flashing lights at locations where there is a tendency for speeding.</p>	<p>The suggestion will be considered.</p>
<p>Request from residents for the removal of a tree at the entrance to Ikerrin Court - the area is a magnet for anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>The matter will be examined.</p>
<p>Flooding problem at St. Bridget's Terrace, Littleton.</p>	<p>The complaint will be investigated.</p>
<p>Dip at the edge of the road to Moyne (after Garranroe Cross) following road resurfacing.</p>	<p>The location will be inspected.</p>



The installation of CCTV cameras in Roscrea - it was agreed at a recent JPC Meeting that the matter be referred to the Municipal District for consideration.	The allocation of funding for the installation of CCTV cameras comes within the remit of the Community & Economic Development Section.
Erection of additional public lighting near Munroe (Inch) Church.	There is no funding in the 2015 Adopted Budget for new public lights.
Derelict property in Gortnahoe Village (opposite the Church).	The property will be inspected and a report prepared under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

THAT CONCLUDED THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 22nd. July, 2015.

SIGNED: _____
MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: 22nd. July, 2015.