

Minutes of October Monthly Meeting of Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary on Monday 22nd October 2018 at 11.00am

Members Present:

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald

Councillors John Crosse, Roger Kennedy, Denis Leahy, Mary Hanna-Hourigan and Tom Wood.

Officials Present:

Ms. Clare Curley, District Director, Ms. M. McGivern, District Administrator, Mr. Aidan Finn District Engineer, Ms. Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer, Mr. Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services, Mr. Denis Holland, Senior Engineer, Water Services, Mr. James Murray, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning Section, Mr. Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance, Mr. Paddy Brennan, Financial Management Accountant.

Apologies:

Councillor Martin Browne

Ms. M. McGivern, District Administrator, commenced the meeting with the meeting Prayer.

1) Minutes of September Meeting of Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District held on 24th September, 2018.

The minutes of September Meeting of Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District held on 24th September 2018 were agreed on the proposition of Councillor Cllr. Roger Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Tom Wood.

2) Planning/Water Directorate Presentation.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services, Mr. James Murray, Senior Executive Engineer and Mr. Denis Holland, Senior Engineer, Water Services, to the meeting.

Planning

Mr. Marcus O'Connor updated the members as follows:

- **Preparation of Regional and Spatial Economic Strategies (RSES)**
Southern Regional Assembly commenced the preparation of the Southern Region Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) in December 2017. The Council made formal submissions to the process in February 2018. A joint meeting of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC and members of the Regional Assembly took place on the

28th September 2018 to discuss the emerging working draft documents. A Draft Strategy will be presented for adoption at the plenary meeting of the Regional Assembly in October.

- **Cluster Guidelines**

The preparation of Cluster and Serviced Site Guidelines is an objective of the North and South Tipperary County Development Plans (as varied), in order to facilitate and promote the growth and viability of the rural villages in the County. The guidelines will provide best practice options for small housing schemes to encourage the development of high quality homes to meet the needs of the rural population. The final document will be presented to the Planning and Emergency Services SPC in October.

- **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund**

An application was lodged within the required time limits for:

Public Realm Works at Market Yard and the Provision of a River Walk along the River Ara in Tipperary Town (Category 1)

(i) Funding was sought for works to include the re-paving of the market stall area of the market yard and raising the level of the one-way road access from Main Street to create a shared surface, the roadway will be converted to a wider footpath and pedestrianised area, construction of a tensile fabric canopy to create space for outdoor market stalls, additional planting, lighting, signage and seating will be provided.

(ii) Proposes to link Abbey Street to Glenview Square via an 800 meter river walk along the banks of the River Ara.

- **Taking In Charge**

Mr. James Murray gave the members a comprehensive Taking in Charge report. This report was given in committee as information was commercially sensitive.

The details reported were as follows:

2 developments are with Irish Water awaiting agreement of a Site Resolution Plan.

- Cluainarra, Bansha – 22 houses.
- An Duiche, Scalagheen, Tipperary Town – 212 houses.

4 developments are with Roads Section.

- Abbey Court, Cashel – 12 houses.
- Mill Hollow, Windmill, Cashel – 14 houses.
- Summercove Meadows, Old Road, Cashel - 67 houses.
- Caiseal na Ri, Cashel – 112 houses.

The above 6 developments with a total of 439 houses are moving through the process.

22 Taking in Charge applications are currently being processed in this District.

7 developments in Cashel/Tipperary are in the DPI category – National agreement is required to progress these type of developments

7 developments are in the resolution process.

- Rosanna Close
- Wind Mill Close, WindMill Road, Cashel
- West Meadows, Boherlahan, Cashel
- Rossmore Village, Carrownreddy; Springfield Crescent, Springfield Grove
- Kilnamanagh Manor, Dundrum
- Dun Chormaic, Dualla Road, Cashel
- Glencourt, Emly.

1 recent submission of Taking in Charge application – Roselawn Tipp Town.

1 with Receiver – no engagement – The Steeples.

- **Planning Applications**

The number of planning applications received in 2018 has increased by 15%.

- **Enforcement Proceedings in 2018**

There were 164 complaints made from the 1st January to the 30th September 2018 in relation to alleged unauthorised development, 35 of which were in the Cashel-Tipperary MD.

Water Services

Mr. Denis Holland updated the members as follows:

- 1) The Irish Water Capital Investment Plan, 2014-2016, has been reviewed and a new Investment Plan, 2017-2021, has been endorsed by the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) [renamed the Commission for Regulation of Utilities on 02 October 2017]. However, formal publication is awaited. Nevertheless, there is significant activity planned for the District under the Minor Capital Programme
- 2) Irish Water plans to undertake the following projects in the District as part of its Minor Capital Programme, some of which have a countywide remit:
 - a countywide disinfection programme in relation to 63 water treatment plants (WTPs) countywide, which will include all WTPs in the District: a contractor has been appointed by Irish Water, who is currently carrying out the detailed design to enable the programme to commence in 2019;
 - a countywide watermain pressure management programme involving the installation of pressure reduction valves (PRV) at various locations; in this respect, water conservation works are ongoing at Galtee Regional Water Supply Scheme: these are being carried out by an Irish Water-appointed contractor, Shareridge Ltd. (which is a regional contractor for Counties Clare, Limerick and Tipperary) and are currently focusing on the New Inn area;
 - Shareridge Ltd. is currently undertaking leak detection work on the watermain network in Cashel, which work is anticipated to take another 3 weeks;

- a 1.35 km length of new watermain, to replace a very deep (c. 4 metres) watermain at Bansha Road, Tipperary is about to be commissioned;
- a new flocculation tank has been installed at Rossadrehid Water Treatment Plant, costing €0.25 million, the commissioning of which is ongoing at present
- enhanced leak detection facilities to assist in the identification and rectification of leaks on the watermain network with a pilot in Tipperary: this pilot has commenced and is ongoing; and
- the cleaning of reservoirs is underway with Cappawhite and Rosegreen completed; the reservoir at Clonoulty and the break pressure tank at Ardloman, Tipperary are currently being examined with a view to being cleaned;
- the provision of security fencing at Cashel Reservoir has been completed; similar fencing is being provided at the water treatment plant at Stook, Rossmore while the borehole site at Springmount, Golden is also being examined in this respect;
- the Council has also forwarded proposals to Irish Water in respect of the refurbishment of the reservoir at Dundrum which forms part of the Dundrum Regional Water Supply Scheme and is following up on same.

3) **WASTEWATER:**

- a flow monitoring and sampling programme throughout the former South Tipperary in relation to wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs): this has been completed, final certification has issued and the programme is currently within its 12 month performance retention period (due to end by 30 November 2018) (a similar, but separate, programme is planned for the former North Tipperary) – Bansha, Cappawhite, Dundrum, Emly and Limerick Junction WWTPs were included in the programme;
- Lisvarrinane WWTP: preliminary design of an integrated constructed wetlands (site selection and investigation are currently underway); trial hole investigations have been completed, which will inform the detailed design of the proposal; further developments will be subject to funding and to a prior grant of planning permission;
- Bansha WWTP: upgrade at the inlet works (installation of a screen) is ongoing;
- Cappawhite WWTP: the provision of a chemical (ferric sulphate/chloride) bulk storage tank is ongoing;
- Bansha and Emly WWTPs: the decommissioning of ferric sulphate/chloride dosing is ongoing and is expected to be completed by Q4 2018;
- Limerick Junction WWTP: it is proposed to reconfigure the inlet works, to standardise same, involving screening and grit removal: an initial preliminary report has been prepared, which has also considered storm water separation, which report is being reviewed;
- the provision of security fencing at Dundrum Wastewater Treatment Plant has been completed;
- surcharging of a foul sewer at O'Brien Street, Tipperary is currently being investigated; and
- minor sewer rehabilitation works are planned for a number of locations in Cashel, including portion of Main Street.

Progression of the above projects is dependent on Irish Water and on the availability of the resources necessary to deliver same. Engagement with Irish Water is ongoing in respect of the above.

- 4) A meeting of the Rural Water Committee (of which Councillor Michael FitzGerald is a member) was held on 09 October 2018 at Civic Offices, Thurles. A review of the ongoing progress of the Rural Water Programme 2018 was undertaken.

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Michael Fitzgerald, expressed his frustrations that there is no mention of a wastewater facility for Golden.

Councillor Denis Leahy highlighted an issue regarding a leak on O'Brien Street, Tipperary and indicated that he would give the details to Mr. Holland following the meeting.

Councillor Roger Kennedy thanked Mr. Holland for the fencing work that was completed at Cashel reservoir. He enquired if the hard water supply from Maudmount servicing Dundrum and Knockavilla could be changed to Rossmore from time to time. He also asked if the lead piping found on Main Street, Tipperary will delay the planned future works in the area.

In response Mr. Holland acknowledged Councillor Fitzgerald's comments and indicated that some work will be carried out under the minor capital programme.

He agreed to talk to Councillor Leahy regarding the leak incident. He acknowledged Councillor Kennedy's comments regarding the reservoir, he agreed to engage with Irish Water on the water supply query and said that he would check the position regarding Main Street.

3. Consider the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2019 for the Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District based on the Draft Budgetary Plan 2019

Mr. Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance, referred to the Draft Budgetary Plan which included the 2019 General Municipal Allocation for the District circulated to the members. He advised that it was not necessary to allocate these monies at this time. The allocation would take place in February- March 2019 – in conjunction with the Schedule of Municipal Works. The members expressed their disappointment at the reduction for 2019. Following discussion on this matter, Councillor Denis Leahy proposed that the shortfall of €120,000 be added to the GMA Budget for 2019 from the Local Property Tax, this was seconded by Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan. Mr. McCarthy indicated this was not an option at this point, the only options open to the members were to agree the GMA allocation, reject it or note the allocation. The members noted the 2019 allocation.

4. District Administrator's Report

The District Administrator updated the members as follows:

- Business Advice Clinics will be running in Tipperary MD office monthly commencing on Wednesday 24th October. Businesses can book a slot by ringing the Local Enterprise Office on 0761 06 6200 or email info@leo.tipperarycoco.ie
- All Tidy Towns Committees in the District achieved an increase in marks in this year's Tidy Towns Competitions including Tipperary Town which increased by 7 marks and Cashel increased by 6 marks

- Cashel Arts Festival and Tipperary Festival have been nominated for 2019 All Ireland Community and Council Awards. These awards recognise and celebrate outstanding work and achievements from local Community and County Council partnerships
- Works have commenced on the Tipperary Courthouse with a three week programme to repair roof, gutters and secure the windows
- A wheelabout is being arranged with Ann Bradshaw, HSE in November for the Goldstar project
- Judging for the Pride of Place in Donohill took place in August and results will be announced at an awards ceremony in City Hall, Cork on 17th November
- Closing date for submissions for Public Realm Projects at
 - Lowergate, Cashel
 - Market Yard, Tipperary
 is 4.30pm on Wednesday next 24th October
- Application for funding for Cashel project under the 2018 Town & Village renewal funding has been successful, grant of €200,000 was allocated
- Application for funding for Market Yard and River Ara project made to Project Ireland 2040 – Rural Regeneration and Development Fund
- Working with Community group towards improvements to Cashel playground
- Fáilte Ireland is developing a new initiative called “Destination Towns” and will be piloting the initiative in Cashel and Kilkenny

Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan enquired the cost of the works on the Courthouse. The District Administrator indicated that she would send her details, saying that the works will render the building waterproof.

5. District Engineer’s Report

Mr. Aidan Finn, District Engineer, gave his report as follows:

- Works commenced on Footpath at Rosanna Road to Dundrum Road.
- Works to commence shortly at Chadville.
- Bridge repair works in Golden- with TII for approval.
- Springfield Junction to commence works in the coming month.
- Civil Works completed on the traffic lights at Crosse’s Corner.
- Boherlahan – new lights application is with Airtricity
- Cashel Coach Park works completed at Waller’s Lot – lining to be installed CCTV ordered
- Multeen de- silting, may go ahead next year Metal Bridge Widening- awaiting approval from Fisheries Board.
- Toragh Bridge Widening- in talks with Contractor
- Clonbeg Bridge- it will not go ahead this year
- Irish Public Bodies Allocation for Footpaths - works ongoing
- Tipperary Depot- ongoing works including ground flattening to increase space and capacity
- Hollyford Road Resurfacing – some works completed, longterm damage monies received, further works to be arranged.
- OHSAS 18001 – Works ongoing- Survey of Swimming Pool to be included.
- Wallers Lot Flooding- significant works required, new application to be made to OPW

- Driver Feedback Signs – works to be completed next month
- Lowergate Square & Market Yard– Closing date for submissions is 24th October at 4.30pm, CE report should be before Members for November meeting.
- Courthouse Park – Awaiting Department Approval for change of location of opening in the wall
- River Ara Walkway – Designed and School in favour, Part 8 to be drawn up.
- Aherlow Greenway – Final route under consultation with local farmers, approx 7km from Town to Christ the King
- Hore Abbey to Golden Road – Seeking to purchase lands, has made an offer to the owner- part 8 to develop, applied for funding
- Athasel Abbey Car Park – Met with Landowner, hopes to walk land in coming months
- Ladyswell Junction- Design has been finalised, works to commence in the coming weeks.

Councillor Denis Leahy highlighted a sign on the Cashel Road, Tipperary, dog fouling on O'Connell Road, pruning in Emly and asked if there is a map of the proposed greenway in Aherlow. In response, the District Engineer agreed to remove the sign, indicated that he would stencil marking on O'Connell Road, pruning in Emly is on his list, the greenway project is still in consultation phase. Councillor Roger Kennedy highlighted a number of signs where overgrowth is a problem and he also said that he had complaints from trucks that the higher area of the roadside is not trimmed so they need to be completed to truck height. The District Engineer indicated that the landowners are visited, notices are issued and court proceedings follow if necessary, he said that there has been huge improvements but will continue to monitor it.

6. Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders

The Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders were noted.

7. Notices of Motion.

Councillor Roger Kennedy

That this Council agree to lobby Transport Infrastructure Ireland to provide a Northern bypass of Tipperary Town using the footprint of the planned M24 as far as possible in order to alleviate the current intolerable situation in excess of 9500 vehicles per day.

Reply:

Subject to the Agreement of the members the Council will write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the matter

The motion was seconded by Councillor Tom Wood and agreed. The Cathaoirleach supported the motion and said that Transport Infrastructure Ireland meet with the chairs of the Municipal Districts in November and this issue should be highlighted. He asked that it be referred to Matt Shortt, Director of Roads asking that particular emphasis be put on it

Councillor Roger Kennedy

That this Council would install a stile adjacent to the large gate entrance to the extension of St Michael's cemetery Tipperary Town to facilitate ease of access for those visiting graves in this section.

Reply:

There is currently a Pedestrian entrance to St., Michael's Cemetery, Tipperary Town, however, the District Engineer is happy to meet with Councillor Kennedy on site to investigate this proposal.

Councillor Roger Kennedy

That this Municipal District widen Grattan Street to allow for parking for those using Oifig an Phoist and other commercial businesses in the area.

Reply:

This matter is recognised as an issue. Should funding become available we shall proceed to create parking in this area.

8. Correspondence

The correspondence was noted.

9. Vote of Congratulations/Sympathy

A vote of congratulations was passed to the following:-

- Clonoulty-Rossmore GAA Club on winning the County Senior Hurling Final
- Ger Browne on receiving the Bord Gáis Energy Under 21 player of the year
- Killian O'Dwyer, Brian McGrath, Robert Byrnes, Ger Browne and Jake Morris on being named on the Bord Gais Under 21 hurling team of the year
- Knockavilla Kickhams GAA Club on winning the Minor Football County Final and Junior Camogie County Final
- Cashel Camogie Club on wining the County Intermediate Final

A vote of Sympathy was passed on the death of:

Mr. Jerry O'Dwyer of Reddanswalk, Tipperary Town

10. Any other Business

The Cathaoirleach acknowledged the successful March for Tipperary held on Saturday 22nd October, he said that there was a huge crowd in town. He said that Minister Heather Humphries is expected to visit Tipperary Town in November. He said that the success of the march will mean that everyone will need to work harder for the town. He indicated that the By-Pass is very

important to the town. Councillor Denis Leahy expressed the view that the elimination of Town Councils and the unification of the councils across the county was not helpful to Tipperary town. He also said that there are opportunities in Tipperary and he knows that the town will rise again. Councillor John Crosse said that it is important that politicians work together now and tough decisions will need to be taken. Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan congratulated the organising group on the march. She expressed the view that there will need to be a two tier rate system, as towns like Tipperary Town could not pay the same as others. Councillor Roger Kennedy said that everyone will need to work together as a unit. The District Director indicated that Tipperary County Council, both members and officials, are committed to developing the economic, social and tourist aspects of Tipperary Town. The Council has many resources ranging from Roads to Community & Economic Development. She said Tipperary has a rich list of community involvement, projects like the Excel, Canon Hayes Sports Complex, Tipperary Hills and Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool. Tipperary has benefitted from Decentralisation and the municipal district offices formed part of that project. She indicated that the Council has had meetings with the Jobs for Tipperary group and they are now part of the Tipperary Town Centre Forum, which is representative of the main stakeholders in the town.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Cathaoirleach

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District Administrator

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