

Minutes of September Monthly Meeting of Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary on Monday 24th September at 11.00am

Members Present:

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald

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

Officials Present:

Ms. Clare Curley, District Director, Ms. M. McGivern, Administrative Officer, Mr. Aidan Finn District Engineer, Ms. Martina Ferncombe, Assistant Staff Officer, Mr. Pat Slattery, Director of Services, Ms. Marion O'Neill, Snr. Executive Officer, Environment.

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

1. Minutes of July Meeting of Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District held on 23rd July, 2018.

The minutes of July Meeting of Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District held on 23rd July 2018 were agreed on the proposition of Councillor Cllr. John Crosse, seconded by Councillor Martin Browne.

The Cathaoirleach began the Meeting by wishing all the Municipal District Tidy Towns Groups best wish in the SuperValu Awards Ceremony which was taking place in the Helix, Dublin today 24th September, 2018.

Furthermore, Cathaoirleach Fitzgerald extended his Congratulations to Mr. Fozzy Stack and the Stack Family on their recent historic win of the William Hill Ayr Gold Cup. It was historic as not only being the first ever Irish Trainer to win this race but also the race finished in a dead heat.

2. Community & Economic Development & Enterprise Presentation.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed, Mr. Pat Slattery, Director of Services to the meeting.

Mr. Slattery began his presentation with a detailed overview of what the County Enterprise Section is currently doing to promote Tipperary Town which included the following:

- Business Premises Enhancement Scheme
- Retail Commercial Incentive Scheme
- Online Trading Voucher Grant
- Entrepreneur Business Scheme Grant
- Food Academy

- Business Support Officer Employed
- Broadband Initiative in place
- Local Enterprise Office, providing assistance to local start-ups
- Other Initiatives- Munster Vales
- Leader Grants

Mr. Slattery said that Tipperary Town, while it may no longer be a strong Retail town, is a very strong Residential and Business Town and suggested more Executive Style Housing is needed to allow the business leaders to live within the Town. He urged all the groups in Town to work together with the Local Authority who will continue to support the Town through one of the many Initiatives listed above.

He urged the members to support proposals for a Relief Road., which is necessary for the re-generation of the Main Street. He suggested that every vacant unit/building in the town be identified and reason for vacancy established. Mr. Slattery said he would welcome the members views and ideas on how they wish Tipperary be promoted.

Cathaoirleach Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Slattery for his report. Councillor Kennedy concurred with the Cathaoirleach and confirmed that at a recent Roads SPC Meeting that the N24 is back on the Development programme. He also suggested that to add vibrancy to the Main St., the business units should be examined to establish what overhead accommodation might be available for letting. Councillor Leahy suggested that a Retail/Enterprise Park is needed in Tipperary Town to attract Business and agreed that a Relief road is required, a sentiment which was unanimously agreed by all of the members.

In response, Ms. Clare Curley, emphasised the role the Town Centre Forum plays and gave the Decentralisation Project as an excellent example of what can be achieved. She also acknowledged the role of Tipperary Co-op.

M. McGivern gave details of the Stakeholders involved in the Town Centre Forum i.e. Tipperary Chamber of Commerce/TIRD; Tidy Towns; Heritage Group and Jobs for Tipperary Group who are all working in partnership for the betterment of the Town. Councillor Crosse in his support for Mr. Slattery and all the speakers stated that Tipperary has potential for a strong future in Manufacturing.

Councillor Wood suggested that we need to 'Talk Tipp Up' and while agreeing with the need for the Relief road also suggested that greater linkage be made between both towns of Cashel and Tipperary.

In response, the Cathaoirleach thanked the members for their comments and agreed that the level of discussion held was very worthwhile.

Mr. Slattery thanked the members for their useful comments and noted that the provision of Relief Route is high priority.

3. Environment Directorate Presentation.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Marion O'Neill, SEO., Environment Section to the meeting.

Ms. O'Neill circulated her District report from the 1st January to 31st August, 2018 to the members as follows:

- Tenders for the upgrade of footpaths at Ballynacourty were issued
- 7,017 visitors to Donohill Landfill Site, 15,971 visitors to Wallers Lot
- 10 Green Flags granted to Schools in the District
- 11 Schools received Tidy Schools prizes totalling €2,250
- 28 Burial Ground Grants paid, totalling €32,473
- 2 Tidy Towns Grants awarded totalling €2,360
- 12 applications received for Local Agenda 21 grants- €7,300 was distributed
- In relation to the Control of Dogs, 632 dog licences were issued. Council will be promoting the renewal/purchase of Dog Licences on Tipp FM. A pilot initiative to reduce dog fouling has commenced in Clonmel.
- 9 Queries have been processed in relation to Control of Horses, with 3 pickups and a total of 9 horses
- 13 Derelict Site Notices were issued and staff engaging with a number of owners to carry out repair works to their properties
- 5 litter fines issued
- A €4,400 grant fund was received under the Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN), with these monies funding projects as part of the "Keep Tipp Tidy" program
- There will be a free Electrical Recycling Day at the Cahir Mart on Saturday 6th October from 10am to 4pm
- The Draft Litter Management Plan 2018-2021 and the Draft Waste Management Bye-Laws 2018 were approved at the September Environment SPC Meeting and ratified at the September Council Meeting
- River Basin Management Plan was launched recently and the work program will commence in the coming weeks
- On-going section 12's notices are being followed up along with septic tank inspections and WFD sampling
- Section 2 Notice issued to Registered owner of the site at Bohertime/Donohill to rectify issues at the wastewater treatment plant
- Overall there has been 361 complaints received, 314 of these have been closed with the remaining 47 being dealt with.

Councillor Browne referred to fast food outlets and waste generated from their customers and Ms. O'Neill stating that there is a pilot initiative in Clonmel where the fast food outlets are displaying a little Notice/Menu Type Notice on their counters promoting good practice. He also asked if it would be feasible to print car registration numbers on the bags to identify illegal dumpers.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Marion O'Neill for her comprehensive report.

He also indicated that he would take the following Notices of Motion no 1473 and 1467 at this stage of the meeting as follows:

Councillor Tom Wood

"As the notice placed almost ten months ago on 9 Treacy Villas, Cashel, requesting the owner to clean up the exterior of the property has been ignored and the area has dis-improved even

further, Management would advise what steps can now be taken to satisfactorily resolve the matter as it's a blight on the area and unfair to other residents" (Ref. 1473)

Reply:

A section 8.2 notice was served and placed on the property at 9 Treacy Villas in January 2018. The registered owner gave their address as that of the property. To date, no response has been received. The Council are currently considering other options to contact the owner.

Cllr Wood stated that while he was happy with this response, he indicated that it is going on a long time and would like to see some action to improve the deterioration. This was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy and Ms. O'Neill stated that this matter would be given priority.

Councillor Michael Fitzgerald

"That this Council be given an update on the meeting that took place over 12 months ago in Spafield Resource Centre, Cashel involving Cllr's, Officials, Reps of Gardai, G.A.A., Topaz, Landowners, Travellers, Tidy Towns and also to clarify the ownership of the Road, coming off the Old Fethard Rd., adjacent to Halting Site as the illegal dumping is totally out of order at the moment" (Ref. 1467)

Reply:

Following the meeting of the 17th May 2017 in Spafield Resource Centre, Cashel, a number of positive outcomes have been achieved ie:

-All instances of illegal dumping reported around the area adjacent to the Wallers Lot Halting site have been removed.

- A skip was provided for the families living in Wallers Lot halting site. This initiative has been operational since June 2017 and the skip is emptied at the Civic Amenity Facility, located behind the halting site.

-Landscaping of the green area in the halting site was undertaken and flowers and shrubbery provided for individual gardens.

-Painting of the houses has been arranged by the Housing Section and will be completed before the end of 2018, in order to improve the appearance of the site.

-A County wide review of Cemetery Bye-Laws is currently being undertaken.

-Tenants from Wallers Lot are also currently participating in a Horse Welfare Education Programme, facilitated by the Department of Agriculture, which aims to educate young Travellers on animal welfare matters.

-The Housing Section is actively working on plans to reduce the number of illegal caravans parked at the Circle K site in Cashel and it is hoped that progress will be made in the coming months.

The Cathaoirleach indicated he was happy with the response and asked that the situation be monitored on a continual basis.

Councillor Martin Browne thanked Ms. Sinead Carr and Ms. Clare Curley and all Housing Staff involved in this matter and wished to acknowledge the huge work that has been completed to date. He asked that going forward that the estate be called by its name, ie Wallors Lot Housing Estate.

4. Consider 'Taking in Charge' –Kilbeg Boreen, Kilbeg, Cappawhite

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Fitzgerald and seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy it was resolved that:

“Pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, the Municipal District hereby agrees to declare the Roads serving the area known as:

- **Kilbeg Boreen, Kilbeg, Cappawhite**

to be public.

5. Proposed Regional & Local Road Schemes 2019-2021- Funded from Restoration Improvement Grants

On the proposition of Councillor Michael FitzGerald, seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy the proposed list as circulated was agreed.

6. 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.
- Work should be finalised in coming weeks on installation of Traffic Lights at Crosse's Corner.
- Boherlahan footpaths & lights works on-going.
- Cashel Coach Park works completed at Waller's Lot – lining to be installed., Multeen desilting, 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 - may commence next year.
- OHSAS 18001 – Works ongoing- Survey of Swimming Pool to be included.
- Wallers Lot Flooding- Seeking approval from OPW
- Driver Feedback Signs –Contractor Appointed.
- Lowergate Square & Market Yard– Consultant Design on Display, should be before Members for November meeting.
- Courthouse Park – Awaiting Department Approval.
- River Ara Walkway – Designed and School in favour, Part 8 to develop.
- 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- 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 Roger Kennedy enquired regarding Ballygriffen Bridge and Mr. Finn agreed to check this out with local Overseer.

7. Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders

The Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders were noted.

8. Notices of Motion.

Councillor John Crosse

“That the Mass path roadway between the N24 and the Old Rd., Tipperary Town be cleaned and upgraded as it is a very important amenity for the Community.” **(Ref.1440)**

Reply:

This will be considered for inclusion in the 2019 Schedule of Municipal District works

Councillor John Crosse accepted the response.

Councillor Martin Browne

“That the pay parking signs be removed from under the welcome to Cashel signs, this is giving a negative image to the town and does not look good as you approach Cashel. These could be erected on different posts on the road side and not affect the first impression tourists have of our town.” **(Ref. 1445)**

Reply:

The relocation of these signs will be considered, subject to appropriate alternative locations being available

Councillor Martin Browne accepted the response.

Councillor Martin Browne

“That speed ramps or traffic calming measures be installed in Rock View Cashel before there is a serious accident in the estate.” **(Ref. 1446)**

Reply:

This matter will be investigated.

Councillor Martin Browne

“That the seven members and some officials partake in a fact finding walk/ wheel chair spin around Tipperary town with the Irish Wheelchair Association and see the ongoing difficulties they face on a daily basis. Some of these problems are causing severe problems for service users in the IWA centre”. **(Ref. 1447)**

Reply:

The Disability Services Officer of the HSE is currently organising a "wheelabout" for September/October. A multi-disciplinary team from the HSE and the Community and Voluntary Sections in Tipperary Town including the District Engineer will participate in this "access all areas" audit.

Mr. Aidan Finn confirmed that once the audit findings were available they would be acted upon. Councillor Roger Kennedy informed the meeting that there will be new Policy coming before the Council from the National Council of the Blind of Ireland (NCBI) highlighting the issues the Blind encounter along the footpaths.

Councillor Roger Kennedy

“That this MD contact Bus Éireann and the Dept. Of Transport with a view to securing a badly needed Bus shelter in Abbey Street Tipperary” **(Ref. 1451)**

Reply:

The current location is considered to be unsuitable for a bus shelter. With the members agreement the Municipal District will relocate the bus stop to the bus bays on the Link Road and then seek to have a shelter provided at this location.

Mr. Aidan Finn agreed to write to the National Transport Authority to seek approval for the suitable location.

Councillor Michael FitzGerald

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This motion was taken with Item No. 2 - Environment Directorate Presentation

Councillor Michael FitzGerald

“That when works are being carried out in Golden Village, that urgent repairs be carried out to Golden Bridge which has been structurally badly damaged in places recently and also needs a general face lift” **(Ref. 1468)**

Reply:

“The Municipal District is currently in discussions with Transport Infrastructure Ireland in relation to appointing a contractor to carry out this work”

Councillor Michael FitzGerald

“That Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District Council request the E.S.B. to relocate the Pole outside the property of John Ryan Clonoulty Hill in order for him to carry out road Safety Measures at this location” **(Ref. 1470)**

Reply:

This matter will be investigated as it may be a private matter between the landowner and the ESB.

Mr. Aidan Finn agreed to look at this site with Councillor Michael FitzGerald.

Councillor Tom Wood:

With Slí na Sláinte recognised as an excellent initiative for the promotion of a healthy community and with multiple walking routes now available in and around Cashel, this Municipal Authority would consider participating in the Slí na Sláinte (Irish Heart) initiative. **(Ref. 1471)**

Reply:

Slí na Sláinte is an innovative Scheme developed by the Irish Heart Foundation and supported by the HSE to encourage people of all ages and abilities to walk for leisure and good health. The Municipal District will contact the Irish Heart Foundation with a view to providing a route in Cashel.

Councillor Tom Wood accepted the response and requested that he be informed when a reply is received from the Irish Heart Foundation.

Councillor Tom Wood

“With hundreds of thousands of people, young and old, awaiting appointments and various treatments, many for a lengthy period of time, this Municipal Authority calls on the Minister for Health and the HSE to maximise the potential of Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel, renovated at a cost of €13 million and only operational Mon/Friday, 9am to 5pm. Thousands of people from this county and adjoining counties could be treated here”.**(Ref. 1472)**

Reply:

Subject to the agreement of the members, the Council will write to the Minister for Health and the Health Service Executive regarding this matter.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy and it was agreed to write to the Minister for Health and the Health Service Executive regarding this matter.

Councillor Tom Wood

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9. Correspondence

The correspondence was noted.

10. Vote of Congratulations/Sympathy

A vote of congratulations was passed to the following:-

- Cashel Arts Festival Committee on their very successful and enjoyable four Day Festival last week.

A vote of Sympathy was passed to the following:

- Mr. Oliver Corbett, Palmers Hill, Cashel on the death of his mother, Ms. Peggy Corbett, Palmers Hill, Cashel.

11. Any other Business

Councillor Roger Kennedy informed the Meeting that he represented the Council at the EU Charter of European Rural Communities Annual Meeting in Malta and more recently at Charter Meeting in Stryzow, in the Czech Republic. He further informed the Meeting that the Closing Conference of the Charter is scheduled to take place from 18th to 22nd October in Strzyzow, Poland and the Local Committee asked that the Council would be represented. Councillor John Crosse proposed Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan to attend and this was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated/ _____

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District Administrator

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