

Minutes of March Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District hosted in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and held remotely on Monday 22nd March 2021 at 11am

Members Present: Councillor John Crosse, Cathaoirleach
Councillor Micheál Anglim
Councillor Tony Black
Councillor Declan Burgess
Councillor Michael FitzGerald
Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan
Councillor Roger Kennedy
Councillor Máirín McGrath
Councillor Andy Moloney
Councillor Marie Murphy
Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

Officials Present: Mr. Pat Slattery, District Director
Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator
Mr. Paddy Crowley, District Engineer
Ms. Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer
Mr. Sean Lonergan, A/S.E.O., Housing
Mr. Jim Dillion, A.O., Housing
Ms. Gillian Flynn, E.E., Housing
Ms. Kathleen Prendergast, A.O., C&E

Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator, commenced the meeting with the meeting prayer. He called the roll and confirmed that all the Municipal District members were present. The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

2.1 Minutes of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District March Meeting held on 22nd February 2021

Councillor Marie Murphy highlighted a correction to the minutes saying that Councillor Fitzgerald referred to Golden rather than Newcastle under heading no. 3 of the Water Services Report. This was noted and agreed. Following this, the minutes of the Tipperary-

Cahir-Cashel Municipal District February meeting held on 22nd February 2021 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Roger Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy.

3.1 Housing Directorate Report

The Cathaoirleach welcomed staff from the Housing Section to the meeting. Mr. Jim Dillion referred to the report circulated with the agenda and indicated that Housing Section staff would take any questions from members.

Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked for an update on the houses at Knockanrawley and the change in policy regarding purchase of houses and asked about the reduction in house purchasing and why. Councillor Kennedy asked for an update on the houses at Boherclough Street, Cashel asking was there a delay. He also asked for an update on the houses at Waller's Lot saying that they seem to be no longer on the report. Councillor Moloney asked when the Choice Based Letting Scheme will be introduced. Councillor Murphy asked regarding the specific categories of house purchases and also asked if the vacant house report figures could be broken down for both areas. Councillor FitzGerald said that there are a number of locations with no housing programmes and asked if there are plans for these villages. Councillor Crosse highlighted that a number of small contractors were unable to tender for works recently and asked can this be addressed.

In response, Mr. Dillion indicated that the purchasing programme has been scaled back and the focus now is construction of local authority houses. The Council expects to receive €4.1m for the repair of voids in 2021 and this will repair all the void properties in the housing stock. He agreed to provide a separate report on the vacant houses in Cahir and Cashel Tipperary areas. Mr. Lonergan indicated that staff are working on the Choice Based Letting Scheme which is due to commence in quarter 3 of this year. Ms. Flynn indicated that houses 1 to 14 in Knockanrawley are substantially complete, houses 15 to 28 are expected to be complete by the end of April. She indicated that the Council is appointing a consultant to design the housing scheme at Boherclough Street. She agreed to come back to Councillor Kennedy with an update for Waller's Lot. Mr. Lonergan indicated that the Council will continue to purchase houses for special cases with specific needs. He indicated that the housing programme is a rolling programme which expires at the end of 2021. The housing staff are currently looking at housing demand across the country to be included in the next programme. Ms. Flynn indicated that 2 schemes had been combined for a recent contract and said that this can be reviewed for future tenders.

3.2 Community & Economic Development Directorate Report

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms Kathleen Prendergast, Community & Economic Development to the meeting. Ms. Prendergast referred to the report circulated with the agenda and indicated that she would take any questions from the members.

Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked for a timeline on the River Ara project, details of the Retail Commercial Incentive Scheme and also an update on timelines for the Innovation Engine Project. Councillor Murphy asked if it is possible to do a one page summary sheet at the start of the report. Councillor Crosse looked for information on supports for restarting businesses.

In response Ms. Prendergast indicated that she didn't have the timelines for the River Ara project, but this would be available from the Municipal District. Regarding the Commercial Incentive Scheme, she indicated that the scheme is being reviewed and will be brought to the members in the coming months. She indicated that the Innovation Engine Project is due to be completed by quarter 4. She agreed to look at the suggestion to do a one page summary for the report. She indicated that the Local Enterprise Office has a range of start up grants and are available to help.

3.3 Consider the Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2021

On the proposition of Councillor Marie Murphy, seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess, the Tipperary Festivals & Events Grant Scheme 2021 allocations were agreed as follows:

TIPPERARY FESTIVAL & EVENTS GRANT SCHEME 2021 - TIPPERARY- CAHIR - CASHEL MUNICIPAL			
COMMUNITY GRANTS			
No.	APPLICANT	FESTIVAL / EVENT	Proposed Grant
1	Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society	Glen of Aherlow Walking Festival	€750.00
2	Glen of Aherlow Fáilte Society	Glen of Aherlow Cycling Sportive	€350.00
3	Hillwalking Community Radio Group	The Ramble	€350.00
4	Cahir Development Association CLG / Cahir Tidy Towns	Cahir St. Patrick's Day Parade	€1,250.00
5	Cahir Development Association CLG / Cahir Tidy Towns	Taste of Cahir Fair / Funday Sunday	€2,000.00
6	Cahir Development Association CLG / Cahir Tidy Towns	Cahir Christmas Retail Programme	€1,500.00
7	St. Paul's Community Centre	Vee Valley Festival	€1,500.00
8	Donohill football club	Donohill Festival	€700.00
9	Cahir Comhaltas / C.C.E.	Cahir Trad Fest 2021	€1,500.00
10	Burncourt Community Council CLG	Burncourt Pumpkin Festival	€1,800.00
11	Mountain Lodge Restoration Group (anchored by Burncourt Community)	Suaimhneas sna Coillte – Creative Well-being Weekend	€800.00
12	Knockavilla Community Council/Multeen	"Big Maggie" Drama Performance	€700.00
13	Duhill Community Council	Autumn Harvest Festival	€1,200.00
14	The Rhododendron Walking Festival	Soltice Winter Walk	€1,000.00
15	Grass Routes Cycling Club	Grass Routes Gran Fondo	€1,200.00
16	Wellness Weekend @Ballyboy House	Wellness Weekend @ Ballyboy	€850.00
17	Friends of the Playground Cahir	Scare in Cahir 2021	€1,000.00
18	Cashel St Patrick's Parade	Cashel St Patrick's Parade 2021	€900.00
19	Cahir Social and Historical Society	Summer Festival at the Castle	€1,200.00
20	Aherlow Kilross Senior Citizens Committee	Aherlow Kilross Senior Citizens Gala Christmas Party	€400.00
21	TIRD - Tipperary Tidy Towns	Wildlife gardening in a small space	€1,000.00
22	Ardfinnan Community Council	Ardfinnan Community Centre	€1,000.00
23	Grange Community Council	Grange Field Evening	€1,000.00
24	New Inn Tidy Towns	New Inn Christmas Lights	€1,000.00
25	New Inn Festival	New Inn Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
TOTAL			€ 25,950.00
MUNICIPAL GRANTS			
No.	APPLICANT	FESTIVAL	Proposed Grant
1	Ballyporeen Community Council Ltd	Ballyporeen Music Maker Festival	€5,000.00
2	Third Tipperary Brigade Old IRA Commemoration Committee	Third Tipperary Brigade festival	€4,000.00
3	The Rhododendron Walking Festival	The Rhododendron Walking Festival	€5,000.00
4	Tipperary Festival Committee	Tipperary Festival 2021	€6,000.00
5	Cashel Arts Festival	Cashel Arts Festival	€14,000.00
Total			€34,000.00
Overall Total			€59,950.00

It was further agreed that the District Administrator would have discretion in re-allocating funds where events do not go ahead.

3.4 Consider the Tidy Towns Grant Allocations 2021

On the proposition of Councillor Declan Burgess, seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy, the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme 2021 allocations were agreed as follows:

TIPPERARY-CAHIR-CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT		
TIDY TOWNS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GRANTS 2021		
No	NAME	ALLOCATION 2021
1	Aherlow Road Residents Association	€1,000.00
2	An Duiche Residents Association	€1,000.00
3	Ardfinnan Tidy Towns	€3,000.00
4	Ballyporeen Community Council	€1,200.00
5	Bansha Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
6	Burncourt Community Council	€1,200.00
7	Cahir Tidy Towns	€5,000.00
8	Cappawhite Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
9	Cashel Tidy Towns	€5,000.00
10	Clogheen Tidy Towns	€1,300.00
11	Clonoulty Tidy Towns	€1,300.00
12	Donohill Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
13	Duhill Community Council	€1,300.00
14	Dun Chormaic Residents Association	€1,000.00
15	Dundrum Tidy Towns	€1,300.00
16	Goatenbridge Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
17	Grange Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
18	Highfield Residents Association	€600.00
19	Kilmananagh Residents Association	€1,000.00
20	Kilross Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
21	Murgasty Residents Association	€1,000.00
22	New Inn Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
23	Newcastle Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
24	Oliver Plunkett Park Residents Association	€1,000.00
25	Rockwood Residents Association	€1,000.00
26	Rossmore Tidy Towns	€1,200.00
27	Spafield Family Resource Centre	€1,200.00
28	Summercove Residents Association	€1,000.00
29	The Rhododendron Walking Festival	€1,100.00
30	The Steeples Residents Association	€1,000.00
31	Tipperary Town Tidy Towns	€4,500.00
	TOTAL	€47,800.00

3.5 Consider the Burial Ground Grant Allocations 2021

On the proposition of Councillor Micheál Anglim, seconded by Councillor John Crosse, the Burial Ground Grant Allocations 2021 were agreed as follows:

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District	
Burial Ground Grant Allocations 2021	
	Grant Recipient
	Allocation 2021
1	Annacarty-Kilpatrick Burial Ground
	€1,670.00
2	Ardfinnan Burial Ground Committee
	€935.00
3	Ardmayle Burial Ground
	€935.00
4	Ballinacourty Burial Ground
	€935.00
5	Ballinatemple Burial Ground
	€887.00
6	Ballybacon Burial Ground Committee
	€887.00
7	Ballydrennan Burial Ground
	€665.00
8	Ballysheehan Burial Ground
	€735.00
9	Bansha Old Burial Ground
	€887.00
10	Blessed Sacrament Golden
	€735.00
11	Cahir Abbey Burial Ground
	€735.00
12	Cahir New Burial Ground
	€935.00
13	Cahir Quaker Burial Ground Committee
	€735.00
14	Cappawhite Old & New Burial Ground
	€1,822.00
15	Cashel Cathedral Burial Ground
	€887.00
16	Clonbeg Church St. Sednas Glen of Aherlow
	€665.00
17	Clonoulty Old & New & Clogher Burial Ground
	€2,335.00
18	Cullen Graveyard Committee
	€735.00
19	Derrygrath Burial Ground Committee
	€735.00
20	Duhill / Castlegrace Community Council
	€665.00
21	Emily Old/New Burial Ground Committee
	€1,600.00
22	Garranlea Burial Ground Committee
	€665.00
23	Grange New Cemetery
	€935.00
24	Hollyford Burial Ground Committee
	€935.00
25	Kiladriffe Burial Ground
	€735.00
26	Kilcommon Cemetery, Cahir
	€665.00
27	Kilfeacle Burial Ground
	€887.00
28	Kilshane Burial Ground
	€735.00
29	Knockgraffon Burial Ground
	€735.00
30	Kyle Burial Ground Committee
	€665.00
31	Lady's Abbey Burial Ground Committee
	€735.00
32	Laggainstown Burial Committee
	€735.00

33	Lattin Cemetery Committee	€665.00
34	Lattin New Burial Ground	€935.00
35	Lena Rice Graveyard Parish Committee	€887.00
36	Loughkent Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
37	Loughloher Burial Ground Mtce Committee	€735.00
38	Monard Church of Ireland Burial Grounds	€665.00
39	Mortlestown Burial Ground Committee	€665.00
40	Mount Bruis Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
41	Mullough Abbey Burial Ground Committee	€665.00
42	Neddans Graveyard Ardfinnan	€665.00
43	New Inn Graveyard Parish Committee	€665.00
44	Newcastle New Burial Ground Committee	€665.00
45	Newcastle Old Burial Ground Committee	€887.00
46	Old Church Street Cahir	€887.00
47	Old Donohill Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
48	Outrath Burial Ground Committee	€887.00
49	Protestant Burial Ground, Ardfinnan	€665.00
50	Rochestown Burial Ground	€735.00
51	Shanrahan Burial Ground Maintenance	€1,552.00
52	Shronnel Graveyar Committee	€665.00
53	Solohead Burial Gound Committee	€887.00
54	St John the Baptist Graveyard	€665.00
55	St Mark's Famine Graveyard	€665.00
56	St Mary's Church of Ireland Tipperary Town	€665.00
57	St Senan's Burial Ground Committee	€935.00
58	St. Mary's Church Dundrum	€665.00
59	St. Paul's Churchyard, Cahir	€735.00
60	Templenoë Burial Ground Committee	€735.00
61	The Reigh Famine Burial Ground	€887.00
62	Tullaghmeelan Graveyard Committee	€735.00
63	Tullameelan Churchyard, Newcastle	€665.00
64	Whitechurch Ballylooby	€735.00
	Total	€54,216.00

3.6 Consider the Draft 2021 General Municipal Allocations 2021

On the proposition of Councillor Roger Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy, the Draft 2021 General Municipal Allocations 2021 were agreed as follows:

TIPPERARY-CAHIR-CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT G.M.A. 2021			
Type of Grant	Central Budget Allocations 2021	GMA Breakdown 2021	Total
EU CHARTER MEMBERSHIP	€450		€450
EU CHARTER YOUTH EVENT CASHEL (EU Budget Contribution)	€7,500		€7,500
FESTIVAL & EVENTS GRANT SCHEME - MUNICIPAL	€8,200	€25,800	€34,000
FESTIVAL & EVENTS GRANT SCHEME - COMMUNITY	€2,700	€25,000	€27,700
CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CASHEL TOWN	€5,000		€5,000
CHRISTMAS LIGHTING TIPPERARY TOWN	€3,850	€1,150	€5,000
CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CAHIR TOWN		€5,000	€5,000
PAINTING ENHANCEMENT SCHEME CASHEL TOWN	1,439	€5,000	€6,439
PAINTING ENHANCEMENT SCHEME TIPPERARY TOWN	1,439	€5,000	€6,439
PAINTING ENHANCEMENT SCHEME CAHIR TOWN	1,439	€5,000	€6,439
TIPPERARY TOWN TWINNING	€3,000		€3,000
CAHIR TOWN TWINNING	€1,000		€1,000
ECONOMIC SUPPORTS & INITIATIVES (Town Vouchers, S254 Grants)		€10,000	€10,000
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT TIDY TOWNS GRANTS	€58,000		€58,000
CASHEL TIDY TOWNS - Special Project		€4,000	€4,000
TIPPERARY TIDY TOWNS - Special Project		€4,000	€4,000
CAHIR TIDY TOWNS - Special Project		€4,000	€4,000
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BURIAL GROUNDS GRANTS	€58,000		€58,000
CONTRIBUTION TO CANON HAYES RECREATION CENTRE	€40,000	€12,000	€52,000
CLOGHEEN BUILDINGS FACADES SCHEME		€7,000	€7,000
C.J. KICKHAM BAND CONTRIBUTION	€635		€635
ST. PATRICK'S BRASS BAND, CASHEL CONTRIBUTION		€300	€300
CONTRIBUTION TO RAPID TIPPERARY TOWN		€1,500	€1,500
CONTRIBUTION TO TIPPERARY TOWN REVITALISATION TAS	€30,000	€30,000	€60,000
DISTRICT TOWN & VILLAGE RENEWAL PROJECTS & SCHEMES		€65,000	€65,000
DISTRICT PLAYGROUNDS & AMENITY AREAS		€41,581	€41,581
TOTAL:	€222,652	€251,331	€473,983

3.7 Consider the Draft Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District Casual Trading Byelaws 2021

In response to queries the District Administrator indicated that the 6 week period for public consultation is from the date the Byelaws are advertised. He agreed to add Newcastle to the Draft Byelaws. He

indicated that the Council is involved in Casual Trading in public areas only, trading on private areas for events is a matter for the organiser of the event. He confirmed that following the period of public consultation a report on the submissions will be brought to the members for the consideration of the Byelaws. It was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Moloney, seconded by Councillor Burgess that the draft Byelaws would be placed on public display.

3.8 District Administrator's Report

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the Agenda.

Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked for clarification regarding community groups applying for funding for playgrounds. Councillor Burgess asked for an update on the proposed Visitor Centre in Cashel. Councillor Murphy asked if the Council will be making an application for category 1 funding for RRDF for Cahir. She also had queries regarding the Tipperary Task Force; how much funding has been allocated to-date, a copy of their annual accounts, how much did the Town Centre Health Check cost, when will the Tourism Plan be completed. She also expressed the view that the Task Force not making a submission to the N24/N74 works was a missed opportunity. Councillor FitzGerald asked if the issue of DEIS status for schools in Tipperary was being addressed by the Task Force.

In response the District Administrator indicated that a playground committee could apply for LEADER funding for a playground; this had previously happened in Cashel. Regarding the visitor centre he indicated that OPW has appointed consultants and it is hoped that recommendations will be made within the next few months. He indicated that it is the intention to apply for category 1 funding for Cahir. Regarding the Task Force, he indicated that company accounts are not yet due. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) indicated that there is multi-annual funding for the Task Force which she will email to the members. She indicated that the Health Check was funded by the Heritage Council; the Action Plan is due to be completed by the end of May. The Task Force did not have consensus, so it was agreed that they would not make a submission on the N24/N74 works. She indicated that DEIS status is a top priority and is being addressed.

3.9 District Engineer's Report

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda.

Councillor Anglim asked if there was a reduction in the District Roads Budget. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked for an update on the roundabout at Knockanrawley, the Junction at O'Brien Street and traffic calming at An Duiche/Scallagheen. Councillor Black asked for an update on traffic calming at Lisvernane. Councillor McGrath expressed her disappointment that Burncourt was not allocated monied under the safety allocations. Councillor FitzGerald asked if the car park at O'Brien Street is necessary now the Main Street works are not proceeding.

In response the District Engineer indicated that portions of works are dependent on funding and he is still awaiting allocations, he indicated that he will update the members at the next workshop.

4.1 Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref. 2087)

That this Municipal Council examine drainage infrastructure within the area known as The Plan in Tipperary town. The green area of The Plan becomes very sodden during the wet months and may benefit from a more efficient drainage system. There is the need also for a gated frontage to be erected by the traffic lights to deter vehicles from accessing the pedestrian space. The Plan is a key recreational green space in that part of Tipperary town and is highly valued by the community.

Reply

Any necessary upgrade works to The Plan in the form of drainage works and erection of access gates would need to be considered as part of any future improvements/upgrades to the area.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

4.2 Councillor Tony Black (Ref. 2089)

That this Council will repair and replace where necessary the footpaths on O'Connell Road in Tipperary town. They are damaged extensively and are in serious need of repair.

Reply

The Municipal District will assess the footpaths on O'Connell Road for consideration under future footpath renewal programmes, subject to available funding.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner).

4.3 Councillor Tony Black (Ref. 2090)

That this Council repair the broken surface on the road and around manholes on the N24 between the pedestrian crossing on Bansha Road, Tipperary Town and the town boundary past the turn off to Longford Bridge.

Reply

The Municipal District will conduct a survey of this road section and refer any defective sections around man-hole covers to the appropriate utility provider.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner).

4.4 Councillor Tony Black (Ref. 2091)

That this Council place bins on popular walking routes throughout the Municipal District. These bins can have small openings in order to only allow in small items of rubbish and bags of dog waste. This would prevent bags of household waste being placed in them. It may also encourage people to pick up after their dogs if they don't have to carry a bag of dog foul for miles.

Reply

A pilot campaign to raise dog fouling awareness is planned for Tipperary town. Hi vis jackets will be distributed to the public and these can be obtained from SuperValu in Tipperary town from mid-March. Depending on the success of the pilot, it is intended to roll out this programme to other Municipal District areas in April and May.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner).

4.5 Councillor Andy Moloney (Ref. 2099)

That this Council request an update on the progress of the Waterford to Limerick junction rail line following last year's meeting with Barry Kenny.

Reply

Subject to the agreement of the members, this Municipal District shall write to Irish Rail seeking an update.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

4.6 Councillor Andy Moloney (Ref. 2101)

That this Council erect a driver feedback sign on the Ardfinnan Road in Cahir as a means to slow down traffic approaching a busy play school and sports grounds.

Reply

The Municipal District staff will assess the site for appropriate traffic calming measures should they be deemed necessary.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Mairin McGrath

4.7 Councillor Roger Kennedy (Ref. 2102)

That the roadside drain which took water from the front of Dan O'Reilly's house at Chartersland, Emly be reopened before his house gets flooded.

Reply

The Municipal District has inspected the site and the matter has been referred to planning enforcement for investigation.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

4.8 Councillor Roger Kennedy (Ref. 2102)

That Tipperary County Council examine the dangerous bend in Lattin village and take remedial action to make it safe.

Reply

The Municipal District is aware of the bend in the middle of Lattin village. Any improvement works to the area would need agreement from the land owner as it is private property. Ideally the ditch should be set-back to allow for the provision of a 2m footpath which would provide pedestrian connectivity through the village.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

4.9 Councillors Marie Murphy & Micheál Anglim (Ref. 2104)

That this Council would install 'speed cushions' on the approach to St. Mary's National School, Clogheen. The speed of traffic passing

the school is dangerous despite the speed limit and the 'driver feedback signs' which were installed about 4 years ago and have proven not capable of preventing some motorist from speeding.

Reply

The installation of speed cushions is contrary to Tipperary County Council policy for suitable traffic calming measures on Regional Roads, but the Municipal District staff will conduct a site inspection to review the existing traffic calming measures at this location.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Micheál Anglim.

5.1 Votes of Congratulations

A vote of congratulations was extended to

- Rachael Blackmore on her success at Cheltenham and winning champion jockey
- Tadhg Beirne on his performance in the 6 nations

Votes of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was extended on the death of the following:

- Daniel Croke of Regaile, Thurles

6.1 Correspondence

The correspondence was read.

7.1 Any Other Business:

The following Municipal District meeting date were agreed:

- MD Workshop for Cahir Local Area Plan on Friday 26th March at 9.30am.

This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.

Signed/ John Hesse Dated/ _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed/ Anthony Cole Dated/ 26/04/2021
District Administrator

