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MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TEMPLEMORE THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE, THURLES ON WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER, 2017

Present: Councillor Seamus Hanafin, Cathaoirleach, presided.

Councillors Joe Bourke, Eddie Moran, David Doran, John Hogan, Michéal Lowry, Jim Ryan, Sean Ryan and Michael Smith.

Also Present:

Matt Shortt	District Director
Michael F. Hayes	Senior Engineer
Tommy Deely B.E	Executive Engineer
Michael Tierney B.E.	Executive Engineer
Deirdre O'Shea	Acting Meetings Administrator
Noel McCormack	A/Staff Officer

Apologies: Karl Cashen Director of Service

EPA Water Quality Report.

The District Director confirmed that the issues raised in the recent EPA Water Quality Report pertaining to Roscrea and Thurles did not relate to the sewerage treatment plants which were of a high standard. He added that Consultants were appointed, some time ago and prior to the publication of the Report, to undertake investigative works on the drainage areas in Roscrea and Thurles to establish improvements that are required to the systems.

The Members welcomed the clarification provided by the District Director.

1. Adoption of Minutes.

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

"That the Minutes of the September Monthly Meeting which was held on the 27th September, 2017 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

25th. October 2017.



2. Presentation by Sonya Reidy, Planning Section.

The Cathaoirleach and Members welcomed Sonya Reidy, Senior Executive Planner, Planning Section who was in attendance for this item. Copy of a Briefing Note was circulated at the Meeting which highlighted the following:

- Deadline for submissions on the draft National Planning Framework-Ireland 2040: Our Plan is the 3rd November, 2017.
- The Regional Assembly has been directed by the Minister to commence the formal process for the formulation of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy as provided for under Section 21(1)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended.
- The submission on the draft National Policy Statement on the Bio Economy recommended that the statement should identify Tipperary as a pilot County to lead development and expansion of the bio economy and should identify Research and Innovation Hub(s) in the County.
- Details of Departmental Circulars & Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Statutory Plans, Renewable Energy and Climate Change and Wind Energy Development Guidelines 2006.
- Update on the proposed Variation to the North and South Tipperary County Development Plans : Settlement Plans.
- The preparation of Cluster Guidelines are now at an advanced stage of completion and will be presented to the elected Members in Q4 2017.
- All 14 projects, as recommended by Tipperary County Council under the Built Heritage Scheme, have been approved by the Department and total amount allocated is €85,330.00
- All three projects, two of which are located in the District, approved under the Structures at Risk Scheme are proceeding in accordance with the conditions of the Grant Scheme.
- Works under the Town Walls Scheme in Carrick on Suir and Cashel are well underway.
- The Energy in Agriculture Conference which was held on the 22nd August, 2017 in Gurteen College was a great success with over 2500 attendees.
- To date in 2017 the Council has Taken In Charge 2 no. developments in the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District and there are a further 12 no. applications for developments in the District currently on hands.
- Details of the number and status of Planning Applications received to date in 2017.



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- There were 26 no. complaints regarding alleged unauthorised developments in the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District up to the end of September, 2017.

The Members made the following points/observations:

- Proposals under the draft National Planning Framework are detrimental to the towns of Tipperary as only Clonmel would come under the Urban Centre classification.
- The recommendations under the draft National Planning Framework are an attack on the rural fabric of the Country and will impede inward investment and future growth in Tipperary.
- It is essential that the Members have an input into the submission on the draft National Planning Framework.
- The timeline for submissions on the draft National Planning Framework is very tight.
- The Corporate Policy Group and Chief Executive should arrange a meeting with the 5 TDS to discuss the seriousness of the proposals contained in the draft National Planning Framework.
- A meeting should be held with the Members on Friday to further discuss the submission.
- Provision needs to be included in the Structures at Risk Scheme for financial assistance to be made available to community groups towards the engagement of the services of a suitably qualified Architect as costs are proving prohibitive at present.
- Establish if the stone walls of Templemore Town Park on the Dunkerrin Road and Roscrea Road would qualify under the Town Walls Scheme.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:

- The submission on the draft National Planning Framework is a Reserved Function and the Executive are preparing the submission on behalf of the Members which will then be circulated to the Members for their consideration and input.
- The Chief Executive will be in contact with all of the Members very shortly in regard to the holding of a workshop to discuss the submission.
- Applications under the Town Walls Scheme are prepared by the Council for towns in which medieval town walls exist and there are none in our District.
- The Council does not have a Conservation Architect and community groups can make contact with Planning Section where some advice may be available.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Sonja for her report and she left the Meeting.

25th. October 2017.



3. Consideration of the Draft Budgetary Plan 2018.

Copy of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan 2018, together with an explanatory note prepared by the Head of Finance, were circulated with the Agenda in compliance with Section 102(4A)(b) of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance, outlined the three stage process to the Budget and highlighted the following:

- The GMA which sets out the discretionary funding that is allocated to each Municipal District.
- The preparation of the local authority budget which will be considered at the Statutory Budget Meeting.
- The preparation / compilation of a Schedule of Municipal District Works after the 2018 Budget has been adopted which will be presented to the Municipal Districts in early 2018.
- The GMA for Templemore-Thurles Municipal District has increased substantially from €111,389 in 2017 to €241,422 in 2018 and Members need to take into consideration match funding required under capital schemes, burial ground improvements, job creation and the significant costs associated with the taking in charge of estates, in the allocation of the GMA.

Basis of allocation:

The total provisional allocation for General Municipal Allocation for 2018 is €1,091,455 comprising €591,455 arising from the decision to increase the Local Property Tax by 5% at the September Meeting and €500,000 of an allocation similar to last year. This is allocated to the Districts based on the 2016 Census as set out hereunder:-

	Population based on 2016 Census	Allocation € GMA based on 2016 Population
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District	21,677	148,286
Clonmel Borough District	36,790	251,670
Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District	27,382	187,312
Nenagh Municipal District	38,412	262,765
Templemore-Thurles Municipal District	<u>35,292</u>	<u>241,422</u>
Total	<u>159,553</u>	<u>1,091,455</u>



It was proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin, seconded by Councillor M. Smith and resolved:

"That pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, we, the Members of Templemore-Thurles Municipal District, hereby adopt the overall Draft Budgetary Plan 2018 providing for an expenditure of €241,422.00 for the Municipal District subject to agreement on allocations to specific projects."

4. Nomination to the Board of Roscrea Swimming Pool CLG.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Smith, seconded by Councillor J. Hogan and resolved:

"That Councillor Eddie Moran be nominated to the Board of Roscrea Swimming Pool CLG."

5. Fix date and venue for the December Monthly Meeting.

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that the December Monthly Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 27th. December, 2017.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin, seconded by Councillor D. Doran and resolved:-

"That the December Monthly Meeting of the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District be held on Wednesday, 20th. December, 2017, commencing at 11.30 am."

6. Civic Receptions.

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that the Civic Awards Night will be held in the Templemore Arms Hotel on Thursday 23rd November, 2017 commencing at 7.00pm. She added that the information on each nominee must be submitted by the Members to the office by the end of the week.

7. Update on the 2017 Work Programmes and the 2017 Budgets.

Copy of Expenditure to date on the Schedule of Municipal District Works was circulated at the Meeting.

Michael Tierney, Executive Engineer gave the following update on the 2017 Works Programmes:



- The restoration improvement and restoration maintenance programmes are complete and additional improvement works have also been completed in a number of other areas.
- Road Works are set to commence at Yellow Lough, Glenbreeda, Ivy Hall, Glenbane and on the N62 at the Golf Club in Templemore.
- Work on 5 projects under the Community Involvement Scheme and 13 projects under the Tertiary Road Allocation will commence this month along with footpath repairs.
- Works under the Local Improvement Scheme are to commence in Whitepark, Roscrea.
- Footpath improvements under the GMA will commence the end of next week in Holycross.

The Members praised the work and response of all staff to issues as a result of Hurricane Ophelia and raised the following issues:-

- Establish timeframe for commencement of improvements on Slievenamon Road, Thurles.
- Update on footpath repairs required at Lakeview Drive, Templemore.
- Establish why the public carpark adjacent to St. Joseph's Old Cemetery, Templemore has not been re-opened on completion of the wall.
- Concerns regarding the condition of trees in Church View, Littleton
- Pruning of trees in Willowmere Drive, Borroway and Croke Gardens, Thurles and pruning of trees in Richmond Grove, Templemore which are interfering with public lighting.
- Gullies need to be cleaned in the villages on a more regular basis.
- Any further update on the issue of flooding at Maxfort Cross, Horse & Jockey.
- Provision of a gate at the entrance to Littleton playground.
- Commencement and completion dates for road improvements on the N62 at Scart, Roscrea.
- The Council need to follow up with the owner of property on Rosemary Square, Roscrea which caused the closure of the road due to slates coming off the roof of the building.
- Damaged signs on the Benamore roundabout need to be repaired.
- Works under the CIS need to be undertaken earlier in the year.
- Attend to the road surface at Bowes Corner, Anner Hotel to the roundabout and at the junction of Thomond Road near Advance Tyres.
- Repair damage to the MUGA in Loughtagalla Park, Thurles.



- Address the issue of flooding at Archerstown which is causing the road surface to unravel.
- Poor road surface, illegal dumping, poor lighting and anti-social behaviour at College Lane, Thurles requires attention.
- Investigate the possibility of closing Thurles Town Park at night.
- The public lighting in the new carpark at Thurles Town Park and to the rear of The Source is not working.
- The Council's out of hours emergency phone number should be free for the duration of a code red weather warning.
- Growth at dangerous junctions should be cut back on a regular basis.
- Update on the relocation of the CCTV server pertaining to Thurles town.
- Complete footpath improvements outside Noel Kennedys in Templetuohy Village.
- A policy limiting the planting of roadside trees needs to be adopted and an inventory of roadside trees which are in poor condition needs to be created.
- Removal of tree which is leaning on the railing at Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles.
- Measures to reduce speeding through Main Street, Borrisoleigh are required.
- Coillte should be requested to pay for the damage to the Sallywell Road, Castleiney which is being caused by forestry traffic.
- Establish if the trees from Borrisoleigh to the cross at Pallas can be trimmed back.
- Update on proposals for the dangerous junction in Clonmore Village.
- Carry out repairs to the N62 on approach roads to Templemore.
- Update on proposed safety measures on the approach roads to Scoil Ailbhe and Gaelscoil Bhride, Thurles.
- The footpath on Cathedral Street, Thurles needs attention.
- The issue of flooding at the recently resurfaced road at the Horse & Jockey.
- Fill the gaps which are appearing in the middle of the road on Main Street, Borrisoleigh.
- Remove debris from the river in Borrisoleigh to prevent any future flooding.
- Request that the Council approach landowners regarding the possibility of extending the River Walk in Thurles.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- Works on Slievenamon Road, Thurles from the Dunnes Stores roundabout out to Turtulla are scheduled for completion in 2017 and works from the Dunnes Stores roundabout back to Liberty Square will be undertaken in 2018.
- The footpath at Lakeview Drive, Templemore will be examined.
- There is limited funding available for the removal and trimming of trees in housing estates and concentration will centre around trees that are interfering with roads/



footpaths or where a Tree Surgeon has confirmed that that they are diseased/in danger of falling.

- Contact has been made with the owner of the property at Rosemary Square, Roscrea and Environment Section are aware of the situation.
- A meeting will be held to establish when the public carpark adjacent to St. Joseph's Old Cemetery, Templemore can be re-opened.
- Patching will be undertaken at Bowes Corner, Thurles.
- Repairs will be undertaken to the road surface outside Advance Tyres, Thurles subject to the availability of funding.
- There is no budget for the purchase and installation of a gate at Littleton playground.
- Works under the CIS scheme are dependent on timely decisions being made on tertiary road allocations as both projects are linked together. There can also be a delay in receiving local contributions which impacts on work.
- Trees will be cut back at College Lane, Thurles and Airtricity will then attend to the public lighting.
- Discussions are ongoing with the Gardai with regard to CCTV in Thurles and cameras will be installed at Thurles Town Park.
- Public lighting in the new carpark in Thurles Town Park and at The Source will be tended to shortly.
- Re-surfacing works at Scart, Roscrea are scheduled for completion by the end of November, 2017.
- The Roadworks Programme had to be completed prior to diverting staff to the development of the new carpark at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles and the remainder of the works will be undertaken by contract.
- Signage and road markings at Scoil Ailbhe and Gaelscoil Bhríde are scheduled to be completed in the next few weeks.
- The flooding at Horse & Jockey was caused by a blocked pipe which has been cleared.
- There may be potential to look at the possible extension of the River Walk again.
- The issue of roadside trees is a national issue and landowners are aware of their responsibilities.

It was agreed, on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach and seconded by Councillor J. Hogan, that a Notice of Motion be placed on the Agenda for the full Council asking that a national campaign be implemented to make owners aware of the dangers of roadside trees on road users and the need to maintain the trees on a regular basis.



8. Update on Projects.

Roscrea Enhancement Scheme	The sketches completed by Nicholas de Jong Associates on proposed improvements at Market Square, Roscrea have been referred to Roadplan for their comments. The Council has secured €91,600.00 under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2017 for implementation of Roscrea Signage Strategy which will require matching funding of €22,900.00.
Roscrea, Templemore and Thurles Town Enhancement and Painting Schemes 2017.	All successful applicants have confirmed that they are proceeding with works and the Council is awaiting submission of documentation to approve payments.
Repairs / Improvements to Templemore Town Hall.	The Consultant's Report has been prepared and works to the roof and external walls have been identified.
Structures at risk fund 2017 – Blackcastle, Templemore.	Works are practically complete and the remainder of the ivy on the Bawn Wall will be removed in the New Year.
Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles	Good progress is being made on completing the detailed design and it is envisaged that demolition works will commence in early 2018.
Thurles Town Park.	'Expressions of Interest' will be invited regarding the proposed use of the building.
Carpark at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles.	A contractor has been appointed to rebuild the boundary wall.
Templemore Town Park Extension	There is no feedback to date from relevant stakeholders and particularly the GAA who are key to advancing the process.



9 Notices of Motion.

a) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor D. Doran.

Councillor D. Doran formerly moved the following Notice of Motion in his name:

"I am calling on this Municipal District Council to install flashing speed signs at both sides of Rahealty School to curb the ongoing speeding traffic past the school, there is considerable concern in the area that unless this is done that there will be a serious accident or fatality."

The response circulated to the Members with the Agenda in advance of the Meeting is as follows:

"A periodic speed limit of 50kph on the approach to Rahealty School has been included in the 2017 Speed Limit review undertaken by the County Council which will enable the Gardai to enforce the 50kph speed limit during school times. The Council will undertake a speed check to establish if speed radar signage is required."

Councillor D. Doran expressed his dissatisfaction with the response and urged the Council to install the speed radar signs without delay as they are an effective way of reducing speed.

Councillor J. Ryan seconded the Motion.

b) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor S. Ryan.

Councillor S. Ryan formerly moved the following Notice of Motion in his name:

"That the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District would seek to improve the drainage at Skehane in Two Mile Borris where the roadside is subject to persistent flooding."

The response circulated to the Members with the Agenda in advance of the Meeting is as follows:

"Tipperary County Council agree to investigate the matter and will carry out remedial drainage works subject to the availability of funding."



Councillor S. Ryan expressed his satisfaction with the response.

10 Correspondence.

i. Town & Village Renewal Scheme

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that an allocation of €91,600.00 has been approved by the Department for the implementation of Roscrea Signage Strategy and matching funding is required which could be set aside by the Members from the GMA.

11 Votes of Congratulations / Sympathy

The Members extended a Vote of Congratulations to the Thurles Sarsfield Senior Hurling team on their victory in the County Final and wished them success in the Munster Club Championship.

12 Any Other Business.

Thurles Chamber Enterprise Centre.

The Cathaoirleach informed the Members that the application by Thurles Chamber Enterprise Centre for funding to construct the second phase of the Enterprise Centre is due for a decision in December 2017.

District Offices at Castle Avenue, Thurles.

The District Director informed the Members that EML Architects has been shortlisted for an award under the Fit Out Awards 2017 which relates to the innovative and creative design of the District Offices at Castle Avenue, Thurles and the event takes place in Dublin on 2nd. November, 2017.

THAT CONCLUDED THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 22nd. November, 2017.

SIGNED: _____
ACTING MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: 22nd. November, 2017.