



**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TEMPLEMORE-THURLES  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT  
OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE, THURLES ON WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 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:**

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| Matt Shortt          | District Director             |
| Michael F. Hayes     | Senior Engineer               |
| John Jones           | Acting District Engineer      |
| Michael Tierney B.E. | Executive Engineer            |
| Jim Ryan B.E.        | Executive Engineer            |
| Deirdre O'Shea       | Acting Meetings Administrator |
| Noel McCormack       | A/Staff Officer               |

**1. Adoption of Minutes.**

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

"That the Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting which was held on the 22nd November, 2017 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

**2. 2017 Update from FAI Development Officer - James Scott.**

The Cathaoirleach and Members welcomed James Scott, FAI Development Officer to the Meeting. Copy of a report setting out the highlights and key activities in the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District during 2017 was circulated at the Meeting and outlined the following:

- The FAI Development Officer is co funded by Tipperary County Council and the FAI since 2007.



- 32 schools in the District took part in the County Primary Schools Competition with two schools in the County reaching the All Ireland Finals.
- The primary schools 3rd/4th class Futsal blitz took place in Peak Villa AFC with 10 local schools competing and 40 overall in the County.
- First year Futsal took place in Peak Villa FC with 5 local schools competing and 15 overall in the County.
- A number of summer camps were held throughout the District with over 800 participants.
- The delivery of five coaching sessions to St Anne's School, Roscrea and two PDP1 courses in LIT Thurles.
- Details of courses delivered relating to club and community development.
- There has been a huge increase in the number of females playing and coaching throughout the County with 272 girls participating in summer camps in North Tipperary and 3 camps in the County coming in the top 5 in Ireland.
- The FAI Player Development Plan has been fully rolled out in the region.
- 425 players comprising of males and females participated in the North Tipperary Schoolchildren's Football League Academy.

The Members acknowledged the excellent work being undertaken in the County and agreed that the planned approach taken has increased participation and inclusivity in the Sport. It was further acknowledged that the way in which the sport is being managed has improved greatly particularly in the areas of club structures and administration with the assistance of the FAI Development Officer.

The Cathaoirleach thanked James for his presentation and he left the Meeting.

### **3. Community & Economic Development.**

Ms. Attracta Lyons, Community & Economic Development Section was in attendance for this item. Attracta circulated a report on Community and Economic Development and she outlined the activities/progress to date in the following areas:-

- The 2017 Community Action Plan Report and Draft 2018 Community Action Plan will be presented to the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC in January 2018 and to the full Council at the February Meeting.
- A total of 84 applications seeking grant aid of over €2m under LEADER have been received by the two implementing partners with decisions on funding approval made/being made.



- NTLP has worked with 765 beneficiaries and 45 community groups through the SICAP programme in 2017 in the North of the County. STDC and NTLP are the programme implementers for the new 2018-2022 SICAP Programme.
- Littleton and Roscrea CAP are ongoing. Financial assistance has been provided through CAP for the installation of new computers in Littleton National School. CAP is also providing support to Age Friendly Roscrea and the development of an application for CCTV in Roscrea which is being led by Roscrea CCTV Ltd.
- The RAPID National Scheme was announced in November and proposed grant aid allocations for eligible projects in the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District are for approval by the Members at this Meeting.
- 13 applications under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme were approved with 3 in the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District located in Holycross, Littleton and Roscrea.
- 125 applications were received under the Tipperary County Council Scheme of Capital Grants for Community Facilities & Amenities and are currently being assessed with decisions expected in March, 2018.
- "Lets Able Not Label" Disability Awareness Training Resource Pack was launched on Friday 27th October, 2017 at St Ailbe's School, Tipperary Town by Joanne O'Riordan.
- There are a number of vacancies to be filled on the Public Participation Network, details can be found on [www.ppntipperary.org](http://www.ppntipperary.org).
- A grant scheme aimed at Mens Sheds and Womens Groups which is funded by the Council will be delivered in partnership with Tipperary Public Participation Networks and the closing date for applications is 31st January, 2018.
- A partnership of Tipperary County Council, An Garda Síochána, HSE North & South Tipperary and County Tipperary Citizens Information Service have produced a Tipperary Age Friendly Information Guide to Services for Older People in County Tipperary and is available throughout the County.
- Tipperary LCDC and Tipperary CYPSC were successful in receiving €130,900.00 for funding under Healthy Ireland. Projects will be delivered across the County targeting all demographics and must be completed by 31st March, 2018.
- The continuation of the implementation and progression of the three EU INTERREG EUROPE part funded projects and the 2 new ERASMUS+ Strategic Partnership funded projects.
- The activities and projects of the Tipperary Sports Partnership in 2017.
- The formation of a new Multi Sport Club for Children with a physical disability in Thurles by the Sports Partnership and IWA Sport - the Tipperary Warriors.
- The Emerging Talent Programme continues to promote the development of the elite under age male and female soccer players in North Tipperary.



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- The Arts in Education Programme and the availability of grants under the Arts Grant Schemes 2018.
- A targeted "Shop Local" campaign was launched in September and soft supports package around marketing, business planning, mentoring etc are available through the LEO Office.
- The Commercial Incentive Scheme was promoted in 2017 on local radio stations, Tipp Fm and Tipperary Mid West and local auctioneers were also contacted.
- Details of funding made available in the County under the Town Painting/Enhancement Scheme and the Christmas Retail Support Programme.
- A number of initiatives are ongoing regarding the promotion of tourism in Tipperary with a number of positive reviews of Tipperary appearing in the National Press in 2017.
- Consultation is completed on the Digital Strategy and the Craft and Entrepreneurship Strategies are nearing completion.
- LEO continues to provide ongoing support to Microenterprises under Measures 1 and 2 Funding.

The Cathaoirleach & Members thanked Attracta for her very comprehensive report and made the following points in response to the presentation:-

- The funding secured for the Roscrea Signage Strategy was very much appreciated and all those involved were complimented.
- Acknowledged the funding made available under the CAP programme in Littleton and praised Comhairle Na nOg as a very worthwhile initiative.
- The signs on the approach roads to Thurles need to be upgraded.
- Establish what the Thurles Christmas Lights Festival relates to.
- Acknowledged the huge amount of work being done to promote County Tipperary.
- Thurles should be prioritised for designation as a RAPID area.
- Welcomed the funding secured from Enterprise Ireland for the Lisheen Mine site.
- Issue with the level of bureaucracy/documentation attached to applications for Goldstar Funding.
- Welcomed the setting up of the "Tipperary Warriors" club in Thurles.
- Establish the owner of the lands in Archerstown which was recently put up for sale.
- Provide details pertaining to the promotion of Roscrea Business Park.

20th. December, 2017.



Responses to issues raised were as follows:-

- The issue regarding signage on the approach roads to Thurles will be investigated.
- Details in regard to Thurles Christmas Lights Festival will be provided.
- Enquiries will be made regarding the lands at Archerstown, Thurles.
- A number of initiatives have been undertaken this year to promote Tipperary for inward investment.

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

"That Grants under the National Rapid Grants Scheme 2017 be allocated as recommended by Tipperary Local Community Development Committee on 16th. December, 2017 to the following:

| <b>ROSCREA CAP</b>                         |   |           |
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| Roscrea Juvenile Hurling Club              | Equipment                               | €800.00   |
| Roscrea Cares CLG t/a Age Friendly Ireland | Equipment                               | €879.00   |
| Cnoc Mhuire Residents Association          | Equipment                               | €760.00   |
| Roscrea RFC                                | Training Equipment                      | €500.00   |
| Kennedy Park Residents Association         | Estate Enhancement                      | €3,000.00 |
| Ard Ross Residents Association             | Estate Enhancement                      | €1,200.00 |
| Roscrea Athletic Club                      | Equipment                               | €1,000.00 |
| Ashbury Residents Association              | Convert a bus into a community facility | €1,500.00 |
| Roscrea CCTV Co Ltd by Guarantee           | CCTV Provision                          | €2,320.00 |
| Roscrea and District Angling Club          | River Cleanup                           | €500.00   |
| Gleann Glas Residents Association          | Estate Enhancement                      | €1,500.00 |
| <b>LITTLETON CAP</b>                       |   |           |
| Derrynaflan Residents Association          | Playground Upgrade                      | €3,500.00 |
| Littleton Development Association          | Moveable Partition                      | €9,000.00 |

The Cathaoirleach and Members acknowledged the excellent work being undertaken by the Community & Enterprise Staff and expressed appreciation to them for the grants awarded to organisations within the Municipal District during the year.



#### 4. **Proposal to declare the roads serving Tarmon Mews, Thurles, Co. Tipperary to be public roads.**

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that the Director of Roads, Transportation, Health and Safety has recommended that the roads serving the housing estate at Tarmon Mews, Thurles be declared public roads and that the open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections within the development be taken in charge.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Doran, seconded by Councillor S. Ryan 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 Roads serving the Housing Estate known as Tarmon Mews, Thurles to be public and to take in charge the open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains 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 December 2017 Municipal District Meeting which was circulated with the Agenda."

#### 5. **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. John Jones, Acting District Engineer gave the following update on the 2017 Works Programmes:

- The Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance Programmes are 100% complete.
- River drainage is complete.
- Works at Scart, Roscrea are ongoing and nearing completion.
- Work on 4 projects under the Community Involvement Scheme are yet to be completed.
- It is proposed to begin consultation with the Members on the 2018 Roadworks Programmes in January with a view to commencing works earlier in the year.
- Application forms for CIS and LIS Schemes are available and should be completed and returned as early as possible.

The Members raised the following issues:-



- The issue of dangerous roadside trees and hedgerows needs to be addressed and a countywide or national policy needs to be put in place and all stakeholders advised of their responsibilities.
- Establish why works ceased on the No. 7 Bridge for the past two weeks and the purpose of the concrete build outs.
- The hedges on Council owned land from Monanearla landfill to the Jimmy Doyle Road need to be cut back.
- The road surface of Suir Bridge, Thurles is in urgent need of attention and TII should be requested to tend to it immediately or provide funding to the Council to address the issue.
- Address flooding at Maxfort Cross and erect directional signage and road markings in order to make it safer.
- Repair the road surfaces at Thomond Road, Emmet Street, Bowes Corner, Stradavoher, Cathedral Street and Upper Kickham Street, Thurles.
- Update on footpaths in Mitchel Street and Cathedral Street, Thurles.
- The public convenience in Thurles Town Park has been out of order for some time.
- There needs to be increased co-operation between the Council and the TII as the national secondary roads and footpaths in Thurles are being neglected.
- Update on the request for the provision of a footpath at Lognafulla/Loughtagalla, Thurles.
- The length of time it is taking to complete the carpark at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles.
- Update on the request for the provision of flashing speed signs at Rahealty National School/Community Centre.
- Request the TII to provide a pedestrian crossing between Rosemount and Monadreen, Thurles.
- Address the issue of a trench left in the road at Scart, Roscrea and who is responsible for it.
- Update on the proposed safety measures at Knock, Roscrea.
- Provide a start date for the commencement of road works at Lismackin, Roscrea.
- Include the provision of a Town Park for Roscrea on the Agenda.
- Address the poor condition of the road near the school at Pallas Street, Borrisoleigh.
- The road surface at Carrick, Loughmore is unravelling again
- Fill potholes at Galboola, Pouldine, Newhill and Two Mile Borris.
- Extend the continuous white line at Ballymoreen, Littleton.
- Inlets should be cleared on a regular basis to prevent/reduce flooding.
- An inventory of areas constantly flooding should be compiled and these areas should be addressed as a matter of priority.



- Provide Members with details of cost savings from engaging the services of the Machinery Yard over private contractors.
- Progress the need for a ring road in Thurles in order to alleviate traffic congestion in the town.
- Update on the proposed link road from Clongour to Mill Road, Thurles.
- Consider the inclusion of 150m of the Carrick Road, Loughmore, 60m at Templetuohy Soccer Club and a connecting path between Turtulla Cross and Archerstown Industrial Estate in the 2018 Roadworks Programme.
- Provide Members with a copy of the Consultants report prepared on Turtulla Cross, Thurles.
- Invite representatives from Bórd na Móna to the next District Meeting to explain how their lands will be managed to prevent illegal dumping etc when operations cease at the Briquette factory in Littleton.
- Include the Clonmore to Rathdowney road in the salting programme as Laois County Council are salting their section of the road.
- The footpaths in Templemore should be salted during frosty conditions.
- Include Graigue Bridge in the salting programme.
- The urgent need to repair the road surface on the N62 on the Roscrea side of Templemore.
- Repair the road surface at the Ballymoreen side of Pouldine junction.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- An extensive media campaign is undertaken by the Council each year to advise landowners of their responsibilities in regard to maintaining hedgerows on public roads.
- There is a comprehensive Salting Programme in place for the County which must be adhered to.
- The majority of the areas mentioned can be considered for inclusion in the Road Works Programme for the coming years.
- The school in Borrisoleigh requested deferral of the works due to an issue that needs to be addressed.
- Work ceased on the No. 7 Bridge as weather conditions prohibited the laying of the finished road surface. The Contractor is to be back on site today.
- A budget of €1m would be required for the works contained in the Consultants report pertaining to Turtulla Cross, Thurles.
- The trench at Scart, Roscrea will be tended to by the Contractor.
- The TII will be contacted for a start date on works at Lismackin, Roscrea.





- A decision on the application for safety improvements at Knock, Roscrea which was put forward under the Low Cost Safety Scheme should issue by the end of January, 2018.
- Speed checks undertaken at Rahealty will be reviewed.
- A plan will be prepared in January 2018 for the replacement/repair of footpaths in the District.
- The cleaning of inlets and gullies is ongoing on a regular basis..
- Signage and road markings at Maxfort Cross will be examined once the flooding issue is resolved.
- The issue regarding the public convenience in Thurles Town Park will be referred to the supplier.
- Footpath repairs on Cathedral Street, Thurles will be tended to in January.
- A letter will be issued to Bórd na Móna inviting them to the next District Meeting.
- The cost of the remedial works undertaken by the Council on Suir Bridge, Thurles will be reimbursed by the TII who are reverting to their Consultants to establish why the surface has failed.

**6. Update on Projects.**

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| Roscrea Enhancement Scheme  | The preferred layout for Market Square, Roscrea has been identified and will be sent to Roadplan for consideration. The design for Roscrea Signage Strategy is almost complete and should be ready in a few weeks. Tender documents are being prepared in-house. |
| Roscrea, Templemore and Thurles Town Enhancement and Painting Schemes 2017. | Outstanding grant payments will be made in early January, 2018.  |
| Repairs / Improvements to Templemore Town Hall.                             | Discussions are ongoing with interested parties which will influence the type of works to be undertaken.   |
| Structures at Risk Fund 2017 – Blackcastle, Templemore.                     | Works are complete and the remainder of the ivy on the Bawn Wall will be removed in the New Year along with the erection of a railing.   |
| Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles                                  | Closing date for receipt of tenders for the demolition and site clearance works is 3.00pm Tuesday 12th December, 2017 and it is envisaged that these works will commence in early 2018.  |



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| Thurles Town Park.                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. 'Expressions of Interest' have been invited for the proposed use of the former farm building.</li><li>ii. The proposal to extend the CCTV to Thurles Town Park is being considered by the JPC.</li></ul> |
| Carpark at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles. | The contractor has commenced rebuilding the boundary wall and work has been delayed as the ESB has to relocate services.  |
| Templemore Town Park Extension              | A meeting with the GAA is desirable as they are key to advancing the process.   |
| Provision of a Town Park in Roscrea         | It was noted that Councillor M. Smith will initiate discussions with the new owners of the former Antigen site.   |

## 7 Notices of Motion.

### a) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor S. Hanafin.

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

"I am requesting that when resurfacing works take place, the TII would improve the junction at Monadreen and Sliabhnamon Road either through road markings or improved lighting."

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

"The proposed work at this junction entails resurfacing the full width of the N62 and part of the entrance road. As part of the contract TII will be renewing all line markings at this junction. A copy of this Notice of Motion has also been passed to the TII."

Councillor S. Hanafin expressed the view that a marked turning point similar to Rosemount is required.



## **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 clean up the roadside walkway in Turtulla across from Thurles Golf Club. This would have the affect of improving the appearance of one of the main arterial routes into the town of Thurles as well as improving access for pedestrians."

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

"Templemore-Thurles Municipal District Staff regularly clean the footpath and cut the grass on the east side of the N62 passing the Golf Club. On the west side of the road for 500m passing the club the Council cut the grass in one to two metres. We have insufficient staff and funding to expand the grass cutting area on the west side of the road into the boundary wall. In the long term it is envisaged that we would upgrade the footpaths along the N62 through Turtulla to connect with the Archerstown Industrial Park however this will require capital funding in order to proceed."

## **c) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor M. Smith.**

Councillor M. Smith formerly moved the following Notice of Motion in his name:

"I am calling on the Municipal District to outline what marketing and promotion of the new business technology and innovation park in Roscrea has taken place and how many site visits for potential developments occurred."

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

- "The Roscrea Business & Innovation Park was officially launched with the event extensively covered by all media in 2016.
- The facility features strongly in the suite of marketing materials and online channels 'Tipperary the Place, The Time' launched in April 2017 to promote Tipperary as the premier location for FDI & Indigenous investment. The campaign was launched by Minister for Jobs Enterprise & Innovation at an event attended by 130 business interests including CEOs of FDI and indigenous firms.



- A dedicated Templemore Thurles Municipal District promotional brochure has also been developed, printed and promoted as part of this initiative.
- 'Tipperary the Place, The Time' featured in an article published in the Sunday Business Post.
- A radio campaign to promote the Tipperary Chamber Awards featured an extract from the Tipperary The Place campaign running over several weeks to heighten local awareness.
- The new marketing materials were used to promote Tipperary in 2017 as follows;
- At meetings with IDA and Enterprise Ireland in New York in March
- Foreign Direct Investment Expo in London May 17th and 18th, 2017
- AgTech Symposium in July
- Energy in Agriculture Expo and Conference in August
- National Womens' Enterprise Day in October
- International Gaming Conference, Cahir Castle in November
- Promoted at meetings with US & Chinese Embassies.
- Material distributed to the overseas offices of FDI firms.
- A number of Social Media channels have been developed including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Youtube etc.
- IDA itinerary on Thursday, March 2 – a Japanese Company.
- Several requests from in IDA Property Division for marketing materials.
- Request for further information followed up after meeting on site.
- A number of local enquiries serviced.

A more aggressive and targeted marketing and PR campaign is due to commence in January 2018 to maximise the available industrial assets. The effort will include a mix of social and performance media. Tipperary County Council recently purchased video footage of some of the County's leading indigenous firms including testimonials from Coolmore Stud for this promotional effort."

Councillor M. Smith welcomed the detailed response and expressed his dissatisfaction with what is being done to promote the site. He queried the number of visits to the site and welcomed the proposals by Community and Economic Development to increase promotion in 2018.



## 8. Correspondence.

### i. Request for right turning lane at Pouldine Junction

The Acting Meetings Administrator read out a detailed response from Fiona Bohane, TII, outlining the following:

- Improvement works had been completed in the past at the junction.
- Collision statistics and knowledge of the junction did not support the provision of a right turning lane.
- The proposal would also make the predominant turning movement at this junction, which is a right turn out of the Littleton, more difficult.

## 9. Votes of Congratulations / Sympathy

John Ryan and Michael Murray were wished well in their retirements and the Members and Staff paid tribute to the work and contribution that both men made to the Council over their many years of service.

**THAT CONCLUDED THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 24th. January, 2018.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
ACTING MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: 24th. January, 2018.