



**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE TEMPLEMORE THURLES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT
OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE, THURLES ON WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2017**

Present: Councillor Seamus Hanafin, Cathaoirleach, presided.

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

Also Present:

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

Apologies: Councillor Eddie Moran,
Sean Keating, Director of Services

1. Adoption of Minutes.

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

"That the Minutes of the July Monthly Meeting which was held on the 26th July, 2017 be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

2. Presentation by Gerry Robinson, Water Services.

The Cathaoirleach and Members welcomed Gerry Robinson, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Services who was in attendance for this item. Copy of a District Briefing Note was circulated at the Meeting which highlighted the following:

- Report should be read in conjunction with the Management Report on Water Services presented to the full Council on 15th September, 2017.
- Irish Water will hold a workshop for Councillors in Thurles on 27th October, 2017.



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- Updates on Irish Water Infrastructural Projects in the District.
- Appointment by Irish Water of Shareridge Ltd as contractor for the Mid West Region.
- Details of projects to be undertaken by Irish Water in the District, some of which will be countywide.
- Update on the Rural Water Programme and types of financial assistance available to the community under the programme.
- Irish Water to undertake works on Abbey Road, Thurles in 2018.
- Wayleaves have been completed to address sewerage issues at Oakdale Park, Templemore but Irish Water cannot give a timeline on commencement of works.
- The Receiver appointed to Hayfield Manor, Thurles is to come back to Planning Section in the next few months with proposals for the development.
- Update on the Irish Water Supply Project for the Eastern & Midlands Region.
- Confirmation that the migration of all non domestic water accounts to Irish Water is now complete.

The Members made the following points/observations:

- Proposals for Hayfield Manor need to include houses on Bohernamona Road, Thurles.
- Expressed disappointment at the lack of a timeline for the commencement of works at Oakdale Park, Templemore.
- Commended the removal of illegally parked caravans at the treatment plant in Templemore and suggested that the gates should remain locked.
- Complaints of a strong chemical taste off the water in Castlemeadows, Thurles.
- Pressure needs to be put on Irish Water to commence works on Abbey Road, Thurles as it is holding up essential safety works at the Lidl Roundabout.
- Update on proposals for remedial works to be undertaken to O'Keefe's Lane, Littleton which is used frequently by Irish Water.
- Update on the lead pipe replacement scheme.
- Establish when a reduction in the level of lime can be expected in the water supply in Thurles and the environs.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:

- The District Director confirmed that Water Services staff have progressed Oakdale Park, Templemore as far as they can. He added that Members can liaise with Gerry Robinson on proposals and raise the issues with Irish Water at the workshop on 27th. October, 2017.

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- Irish Water will be requested to take samples of the water at Castlemeadows, Thurles.
- Irish Water is responsible for replacing lead pipes in the public systems and remedial grants are available for private individuals to deal with lead piping within their properties.
- A reduction in the level of lime in the water supply may not be evident until 2020.
- The appointment of new contractors by Irish Water has led to a delay in works being undertaken.
- The concerns in regard to Hayfield Manor, Thurles and O' Keeffe's Lane, Littleton will be raised again with Irish Water.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Gerry for his report and he left the Meeting.

3. Presentation by Environment Section

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer and Ann Peters, Acting Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Section to the Meeting.

Marion circulated a report which provided an update on activity in the Environment section for the year to date and highlighted the following:

- Minor works have been undertaken at The Ragg Burial ground.
- The refurbishment of the Roscrea Civic Amenity site will commence shortly and the introduction of fees is imminent .
- Ten schools had been awarded The Green School Flag Award and 296 groups had participated in the National Spring Clean.
- The Council were working with 6 property owners to carry out repair works under the Derelict Sites Act.
- The Moyne Local Community Group application for a cleanup in the area has been approved and the project aims to develop a greenway on the New Line in Moyne.
- The tyre stock pile clearance project which was funded by the Department was completed in three centres in the county.
- A farm hazardous waste collection is scheduled for Nenagh Mart on the 25th October, 2017.
- The successful removal of graffiti in Thurles in partnership with the Probation Service.
- Staff are continuing to work with other agencies to address the crayfish plague which has spread to other rivers.
- A report has been submitted to the Department on the River Basin Management Plan and sampling of the river catchments is ongoing.



The Members raised the following queries:

- Establish if it possible to introduce bye-laws to reduce the speed limit to 30kph on the bog road between Moyne and Templetuohy and convert it into a leisure lane.
 - Timeline for the introduction of charges in Roscrea Civic Amenity Site.
 - Secure the derelict site at Airthill, Roscrea.
 - Write to the Department seeking the provision of a Civic Amenity Site for Thurles.
 - The need to increase awareness of dog fouling particularly in amenity areas such as Loughtagalla Park, Thurles.
 - Ongoing issue of dumping at the ESB substation at Oakfield Park, Thurles.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:

- It is expected that charges in the Roscrea Civic Amenity Site will be introduced in the first quarter of 2018.
- Further contact will be made with the Department on the request for the provision of a Civic Amenity Site in Thurles.
- The whole area of dog fouling was highly publicised last year and will be revisited again.
- Complaints regarding the illegal dumping at the ESB substation, Oakfield Park, Thurles and the dog fouling at Loughtagalla Park, Thurles will be investigated.
- It is anticipated that the Council will work in conjunction with the Probation Services on the removal of graffiti in 2018 based on the success of the initiative this year.

The Cathaoirleach and Members thanked Marion and Anne for the updates and they withdrew from the Chamber.

4. Update on the 2017 Works Programmes and the 2017 Budgets

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

Ruairi Boland, District Engineer gave the following update on the 2017 Works Programmes:

- The restoration improvement and restoration maintenance programmes are complete and additional improvement works were also completed in a number of other areas.

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- 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.

The Members raised the following issues:-

- Establish timeframe for commencement of improvements on Slievenamon Road, Thurles.
- Clarify if funding has been allocated for improvements to the N62 from the roundabout out to Kennedy Park, Roscrea.
- Poor condition of N62 going into and out of Templemore.
- Repair the poor road surface at the junction of Butler Avenue/Friar Street and at Thomond Road, Thurles near Advance Tyres.
- Address the poor condition of the footpaths at Mitchel Street, Kickham Street and Cathedral Street, Thurles.
- Update on proposed signage/ safety measures at Scoil Ailbe and Gaeilscoil Bhríde, Thurles and at Littleton National School.
- Flooding on the Archerstown road needs to be addressed.
- Update from the TII on proposals for safety measures at Turtulla Cross, Thurles.
- Repair of wall on Templemore Road which was recently damaged.
- Improve the lighting on the pedestrian crossing in Two Mile Borris.
- Install LED lights in Littleton at locations where the new CCTV cameras will be located.
- Update on flooding issues at Coolkip, Maxfort and Ashill, Horse & Jockey.
- Relocation of the bottle banks in Two-Mile-Borris.
- Attend to the poor road surface on Emmet Street, Thurles.
- Remove mound of gravel at the junction of Turtulla/Shanbally, Thurles.
- Kerbing should be replaced when paths are being upgraded.
- The footpaths in Ard Mhuire, Temptuohy need further attention.
- Update on report being undertaken by a Consultant on the road between Turtulla Cross and Archerstown Industrial Estate, Thurles.
- The lack of progress with the TII in securing funding for works on the N62 from Thurles to Roscrea is disappointing.
- Completion date for the new car park across from St Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles which appears to be taking a considerable length of time.



- Cut back the overgrowth at the junction between the Dark Road and Templemore Road to improve sightlines.
- Repair damage to the road surface at Pouldine Cross.
- Consider the relocation of road signage that is blocking sightlines at Newtown and the Metalbridge.
- Establish if speed surveys have been undertaken in the villages of Holycross and Ballycahill.
- Refer the complaint regarding the condition of the road surface from the Anner Hotel, Thurles to the roundabout to the TII.
- The yield road markings laid recently at the Horse & Jockey junction as you turn left for Thurles are causing confusion.
- Fire Hydrants should be checked when gullies are being cleaned.

Responses to the issues raised were as follows:-

- Works on Slievenamon Road, Thurles are scheduled for completion before Christmas 2017.
- The TII has confirmed that road works will be undertaken on the N62 at Camblin, Roscrea and there is no update in regard to Scart, Roscrea.
- The TII is ultimately responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of national roads and decide when and where works are undertaken. Decisions can be driven by maximising returns from a safety and financial point of view.
- Public lighting is being upgraded in a number of locations in the District and it is imperative that the lumin value is of an adequate standard.
- Increased signage and improved road markings will be installed at Scoil Ailbe and Gaeilscoil Bhríde, Thurles.
- The installation of a pedestrian crossing at Littleton National School requires careful consideration and should be examined in tandem with road improvement requirements in next year's road works programme.
- The flashing lights in Holycross are to be replaced with speed radar signs.
- All the gullies in the towns are cleared before the inclement weather arrives and any problem areas should be brought to the attention of the Engineers.
- The Roadworks Programme took priority over the completion of the new carpark at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles and work will resume shortly.
- Works proposed under the Low Cost Safety Scheme will not proceed at Borrisoleigh and improvements at Lidl roundabout, Abbey Road, Thurles will be deferred until 2018 pending the completion of the watermain by Irish Water.
- Proposals to relocate the perimeter wall of Semples Stadium at Castlemeadows, Thurles and widen the footpath in 2017 have received Departmental approval.
- Tenders will be invited for works to footpaths in Thurles town.



- The resolution to the flooding issue at Archerstown, Thurles is complex and investigations are ongoing.

5. Update on Projects.

Roscrea Enhancement Scheme	Nicholas de Jong Associates are currently preparing a number of sketches for improvements to the public realm at Market Square, Roscrea. There is currently no update from the Department on the Town / Village Renewal application which was submitted for the implementation of Roscrea Signage Strategy.
Roscrea, Templemore and Thurles Town Enhancement and Painting Schemes 2017.	A total of 11 applications have been approved:- 4 Thurles; 2 Templemore; 5 Roscrea. As the scheme was oversubscribed priority was given to properties in most need of enhancement. All successful applicants have confirmed that they are proceeding with works.
Templemore Christmas Lighting Plan.	A purchase order has been raised for 25% of the total contract sum to begin production of the Christmas lights with Rossa Lighting.
Repairs / Improvements to Templemore Town Hall.	Consultants have commenced surveying the building and there are parties interested in using the building.
Structures at risk fund 2017 – Blackcastle, Templemore.	The Council is in the process of appointing a contractor for works to the bawn wall and arch at Blackcastle, Templemore and the project must be completed by the end of October, 2017.
Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme, Thurles	Concentration is on completing the detailed design which takes a considerable length of time. Enhancement works on the Square will commence circa mid 2018.



Thurles Town Park.	'Expressions of Interest' will be invited regarding the proposed use of the building.
Carpark at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Thurles.	Work has commenced and the Council is awaiting tenders on the rebuilding of the boundary wall.
Village Enhancement Works	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Work has commenced on the footpaths in Templemore.ii. Footpath improvements are completed in Gortnahoe.iii. It is not possible to proceed with footpath proposals at the Green, Holycross due to factors outside of the Council's control and it is proposed to proceed with footpath improvements on the Cashel Road, Holycross in lieu of this project.

6. Civic Reception.

The Acting Meetings Administrator advised that the Civic Awards Night will be held in the Templemore Arms Hotel on 23rd or 30th November depending on the availability of the hotel. She added that all details regarding nominees should be submitted by the Members to the office within the next seven days.

Councillor M. Smith proposed the holding of a Civic Reception for Alan Tynan who represented Ireland this year in the Under 20 Rugby World Cup.

7. Notices of Motion.

a) Notice of Motion in the joint names of Councillor D. Doran and J. Ryan.

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

"We call on this District Council to carry out immediate safety works on the public entrance at upper Moyne Road in Thurles to include the construction of new steps and the installation of a new handrail."



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

"The Council will consider undertaking safety improvement works at this location subject to the availability of funding."

Councillors D. Doran and J. Ryan expressed satisfaction with the response.

b) 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 carry out a full audit of the Council's Housing Stock in Templemore as I believe many are in a very bad state of repair."

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

"The Municipal District technical staff will carry out an audit on the Council's housing stock on a phased basis in Templemore town over the next few years commencing with the older housing stock and units identified by Members."

Councillor M. Smith expressed his satisfaction with the response.

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

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

" Calling on the Municipal District to give a full account as to why works have not commenced on No. 14 Parkview Avenue West, Templemore which a commitment was given and assurance that funding was in place over a year ago."

The response circulated to the Members with the Agenda in advance of the Meeting which was received from Jonathan Cooney, Acting Senior Engineer, Housing Section, Clonmel is as follows:

"No. 14 Parkview West, Templemore requires significant works in order to return the house to the Council Housing stock as a habitable dwelling. An extension is



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being provided as part of these works. The Housing Section, Tipperary County Council recently obtained design approval from the Department in relation to same and are currently preparing tender documents. In anticipation of Budget Cost approval we will be proceeding to advertise the proposed works on the e-tender website this week with a view to having tenders returned week ending 21st October, 2017"

Councillor M. Smith expressed satisfaction with the response.

It was agreed that the following Notices of Motion which relate the same subject be taken together:-

- d) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Ryan.**
- e) Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor S. Ryan**

It was agreed that the following Notices of Motion in the names of Councillor J. Ryan and Councillor S. Ryan be taken together as they relate to the same subject:-

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

" I am calling for this Council's support to engage with Bord na Mona to develop, after the closure of the briquette factory, an adventure park on their lands in Littleton and Moyne similar to the hugely successful Lough Boora adventure park in Offaly that Bord na Mona developed into a major tourism attraction."

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

"With the permission of the Members, the Notice of Motion will be referred to Bord Na Mona for consideration."

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

" That the Templemore-Thurles Municipal District would write to Bord na Mona management to urge them to give due consideration to the use of cutaway bogs in Littleton for the growing of biomass crops by Bord na Mona Bioenergy.."

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

" With the permission of the members, the Notice of Motion will be referred to Bord Na Mona for consideration."



It was acknowledged that a process of engagement with Bord na Mona on proposals for the site had commenced and that the Motions would be referred to Corporate Services for inclusion in future discussions between the Council and the Company.

f) 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 construct double yellow lines, two junction boxes and erect parking bollards at Thurles Road in Littleton near the GAA grounds to prevent parking there during match days."

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

"Michael Tierney, Executive Engineer will liaise directly with GAA representatives in regard to this request. "

Councillor S. Ryan expressed satisfaction with the response.

8. Correspondence.

i. Bank of Ireland

The Acting Meetings Administrator outlined the contents of a letter received from Bank of Ireland in relation to the reduction of over the counter services in Templemore.

ii. Notice of Motion on Urban Road Minor Improvement Grants

The Acting Meetings Administrator proposed the re-wording of the Notice of Motion from the July Monthly Meeting to read as follows in order for it to be considered at the next Monthly Meeting of the County Council in accordance with the Members' wishes.

"I am calling on the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to reintroduce the Urban Road Minor Improvement Grant as the loss of same has caused significant deterioration to the urban roads in the towns in the County of Tipperary".



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The revised Motion was proposed by Councillor S. Hanafin and seconded by Councillor M. Smith.

iii. thurles.ie

The Acting Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the domain name thurles.ie is now back in Council ownership thanks to the efforts of the IT Section.

9. Votes of Congratulations / Sympathy

The Members extended a Vote of Sympathy with Mr. Gary Shanahan, Traffic Warden and his family on the death of his mother, Chrissy Shanahan, Littleton.

Councillor J. Hogan extended a Vote of Congratulations to the Tipperary Ladies Football Team who won the All Ireland Intermediate Ladies Football title by defeating Tyrone recently.

10. Any Other Business.

The Cathaoirleach, Members and Staff complimented and thanked Mr Ruairi Boland, District Engineer for the excellent service that he had given to the District and wished him every success in his new position in the Environment Section.

THAT CONCLUDED THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 25th. October, 2017.

SIGNED: _____
ACTING MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: 25th. October, 2017.