

**Minutes of June Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District
hosted in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and held
remotely on Monday 28th June 2021 at 11.30am**

Members Present: Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan, Cathaoirleach
Councillor Micheál Anglim
Councillor Tony Black
Councillor Declan Burgess
Councillor John Crosse
Councillor Michael FitzGerald
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. Paul Farrell, Executive Engineer
Ms. Mairead Ryan, Staff Officer
Mr. Sean Lonergan, A.O. Housing Section
Mr. Shane Grogan, A.O., Housing Section
Mr. Liam Ryan, Architect, Housing Section
Mr. Tony O'Neill, Vacant Homes Officer

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 at the meeting. The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan, welcomed everyone to the June Municipal District meeting and commenced the meeting.

1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) disclosed that her business is the recipient of a section 254 licence detailed under Section 4.1 – Chief Executive/Delegated Orders June 2021.

2.1 Minutes of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District May Meeting held on 24th May 2021

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District May meeting held on 24th May 2021 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Marie Murphy, seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

3.1 Housing Directorate Report

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

Councillor McGrath referred to the substantial funding for voids recently allocated to the Council and asked for the number of houses in this District that will be repaired with this funding along with their locations. She expressed the concerns of residents about the development of 43 houses at Mountain View Drive in Cahir. This was echoed by Councillor Murphy. Councillor Kennedy said the housing applicants figures in Cashel are concerningly high, particularly when there is only one development of 9 houses planned for Boherclough Street, Cashel. This was echoed by Councillor Hanna Hourigan. Councillor Moloney said that there is a need for more housing in Cahir and suggested that the Council see the plans for the development before it can be discussed further. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) queried the significant reduction in budgets for the purchase of local authority houses and asked if this was a local authority or government decision when there is such a long housing waiting list; she also looked for an update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme. Councillor FitzGerald expressed his concerns about the nomination process for housing applicants where only one councillor can represent a housing applicant; he suggested that it be re-examined to see if it is working satisfactorily.

In response Mr. Lonergan indicated that there are 3,623 on the waiting list in Tipperary and the Housing Section is using every tool available to them to maximise the delivery of housing in the county. He indicated that the Council's focus is now on construction as set out in government policy but he said that the Council will be able to purchase properties where houses are not available in the housing stock - for persons with particular needs such as a disability or due to family size. He also told the members that 60% of those on the housing waiting list in Cashel and Cahir are in receipt of a housing support such as Housing Assistance Payment. Regarding the Choice Based Letting Scheme, he indicated that a contract is being drawn up with Open Sky and is expected to be in place for quarter 4 this year. He indicated that a lot of work had been put into the nomination procedure for councillors before it was introduced. He said that it was subject to discussion at the Housing SPC and a Members' Workshop and agreed at a Plenary Council meeting. He said that they had listened to what members and staff had to say, and that there was a commitment from the Director that the process would be reviewed after 6 months if needed and this can be arranged. Mr. Ryan indicated that plans for Mountain View Drive, Cahir were drawn up with regard to a future masterplan for the area. He said that there would be an open evening held with the residents to hear their concerns. Mr. Grogan indicated that he would provide a breakdown regarding the voids allocation and expected to have further information in the coming days.

It was agreed to take Councillor Kennedy's motion ref. no. 2201 – item 5.11 at this point:

"That the Housing Section of Tipperary County Council outline to the members what actions it intends to take to eliminate the unruly, intimidating antisocial behaviour of one resident family is Saint Oliver Plunkett Park, Cashel and restore the beautiful, delightful harmonious ambiance pertaining to this estate prior to September 2019."

Reply

The incident referred to in the Notice of Motion, whilst serious, was a once-off occurrence.

In line with Tipperary County Council's antisocial behaviour policy, a verbal warning has been issued to the tenant in relation to the incident that occurred. The tenant has also been requested to continue to engage with all of the relevant agencies that are supporting her tenancy to ensure that such an incident will not reoccur.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Michael FitzGerald.

Councillor Roger Kennedy indicated that this is a very serious situation where residents won't make complaints as they are afraid, he said that action needs to be taken so that this behaviour is stopped. He looked for the support of the members. This motion was fully supported by the other members. Following a discussion on this issue, it was agreed that an interagency meeting would be arranged to discuss this issue.

3.2 Presentation by Tony O'Neill, Vacant Homes Officer, Housing Section, Tipperary County Council

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Tony O'Neill, Vacant Homes Officer, Housing Section to the meeting. Mr. O'Neill gave an overview of his role and giving details of his work to-date. It was agreed that his presentation would be circulated to the members via Decision Time.

Councillor Kennedy complimented him on his work to-date. Councillor Hanna Hourigan said that it was good to see properties progressing particularly those that are in the control of banks and receivers. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked if there will be a reduction in funding for the work he is undertaking now that the acquisition programme has changed, and does he deal with residential and commercial premises or just residential.

In response Mr. O'Neill thanked the members for their remarks and indicated that his funding comes from a government scheme, so he will continue to purchase properties as long as they are financially viable and provide value for money. He

said that his focus is mainly on residential properties but that he does deal with commercial properties also.

3.3 Community & Economic Development Directorate Report

Mr. Pat Slattery, Director of Community & Economic Development referred to the report circulated and indicated that he would take any questions from the members. He indicated that Mr. Barry Mullane has been appointed as the Sports Hub Development Officer with Tipperary Sports Partnership, based in Tipperary town. Mr. Mullane is working with Tipperary County Council and Canon Hayes Recreation Centre and is currently creating linkages with relevant personnel and organisations in the town.

Councillor Murphy asked what the estimated timeframe is for the rollout of broadband connection points to schools in the municipal district. Councillor McGrath asked when a response to the CLÁR submission is expected. She welcomed that the Outdoor Dining & Accessories Grant Scheme is now extended to all pubs. She complimented everyone involved with Munster Vales programme.

In response, Mr. Slattery indicated that there is a programme for community centres where there are 10 completed to-date with the aim of having 40 completed by the end of 2022. Regarding schools he indicated that there is a very long list and they are working through them. He stated that if members had any schools in particular, they should make contact with Simon Howe, broadband Officer, and they can be considered. He said that he would get Eddie Megan to update Members in relation to the CLÁR submission. He said that he would pass on Councillor McGrath's kind comments to staff.

3.4 Consider the Director of Services Report on the proposed Taking-in-Charge of Cluain Orga, Golden Road, Cashel

On the proposition of Councillor Michael FitzGerald, seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy, it was resolved:

"That pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, and being satisfied that the roads are of public utility, and having considered the financial implications for the local authority and any submissions made, it is hereby ordered that the road serving the housing estate known as;

- Cluain Orga, Golden Road, Cashel

be declared a public road. In addition, any open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections within the attendant grounds of the development are taken in charge, as outlined in red on the attached map, which was on public display during the prescribed period and the Director of Services

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3.5 District Administrator’s Report

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

Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked if the River Ara Walkway works will commence this summer. In response the District Administrator said that it is hoped that the works will proceed this summer, the Council is looking for extra funding for the works and are awaiting the submission of the tenders and will then be in a position to go back to the Department with their funding request.

3.6 District Engineer’s Report

The District Engineer’s Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda. Mr. Paul Farrell indicated that surface dressing would be starting from next month and indicated that he would take any questions from the members.

Councillor Fitzgerald asked when the CIS works would be completed. Councillor Murphy asked about the works at the Car Park in the Vee. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked for an update on the O’Brien Street works. In response, Mr. Farrell indicated that the CIS works would be commencing shortly, he said that the works at the Vee car park included drainage works, removal of mounds, resurfacing and white lining, saying that it will accommodate more cars after the works. He agreed to come back to Councillor Ryan (Shiner) with an update on the O’Brien Street works.

4.1 Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders June 2021

The orders were noted.

5.1 Councillor Michael FitzGerald (Ref. 2198)

Where bends have been removed on rural roads (in places over 40 years ago) and large tracts of land left unused and have now become overgrown and are bigger road safety concerns than before, that these lands be given back to the landowner to fence and maintain in a suitable way.

Reply

Requests to rent such sections of land can be submitted to Tipperary County Council Property Management section for consideration.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Marie Murphy.

5.2 Councillor Andy Moloney (Ref. 2180)

I am calling for a pedestrian crossing between Colaiste Dun Iascaigh and the Estates of Barnora Crescent, Woodlands and the Avenue. If this is not possible then maybe a raised platform to slow cars due to child knocked down recently coming from school.

Reply

Area to be examined for the suitability of a pedestrian crossing. If the area is deemed suitable, funding will need to be sourced to carry out the works.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

5.3 Councillor Marie Murphy (Ref. 2182)

That the road at Knocknagapple/Cooladerry, Ballyporeen would be assessed and included in the next roads program. Half of this road was done approximately 17 years ago and the residents were told at that time, that the remaining stretch of the road, to link with the R665, Ballyporeen to Mitchelstown route, would be done within 2 years and this has not happened.

Reply

The road at Knocknagapple/Cooladerry will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme. Tipperary County Council will monitor condition of road and repair as necessary.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Mairin McGrath.

5.4 Councillor Marie Murphy (Ref. 2183)

Following on from many representations by residents of the Cashel Road, Cahir and the meeting with residents, the engineer and overseer for Cahir on May 26th, that an application for works to improve the Cashel Road, Cahir, including footpaths and lighting, would be prioritised under the next round of 'Active Travel', or any such similar application. Great works have been done in Cahir over the past few years to improve/enhance all approach roads except on the Cashel Road from the junction with Colaiste Dun Iascaigh out past the bakery.

Reply

The proposed works to the Cashel Road, Cahir will be submitted to the Active Travel team for inclusion in the next application for funding.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Micheál Anglim.

Councillor Moloney asked if a walking/cycle path could be created as a temporary measure. Mr. Farrell agreed to look at this proposal.

5.5 Councillor Andy Moloney (Ref. 2185)

That Tipperary- Cahir - Cashel Municipal District apply for funding to provide car pooling parking on derelict council lands in Cahir as commuter traffic is causing issues on the towns approach roads.

Reply

Subject to the Members consent the Municipal District will write to TII to establish if they have plans to create strategically located car parks to cater for carpooling commuters who are using the National Route network but parking their cars on the busy national route intersections and approach roads to our towns.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Micheál Anglim.

5.6 Councillor Andy Moloney (Ref. 2188)

That IW map the fire hydrants in Cahir Town and certify they are functioning adequately when required for use.

Reply

Subject to the agreement of the members, the District shall forward the motion to IW for their response.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

5.7 Councillor Roger Kennedy (Ref. 2189)

That the road from Carhue Cross to Annacarty be included in the 3-year programme as it needs restoration work.

Reply

Restoration works to this section of road will be considered for inclusion in the next 3-year programme.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan.

5.8 Councillor Michael FitzGerald (Ref. 2197)

That this District looks very seriously at carrying out major repairs on the road from Bansha to Rossadrehid and that it be included on the 2022 Programme of Works.

Reply

Restoration works to this section of road will be considered for inclusion in the next 3-year programme.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

5.9 Councillor Michael FitzGerald (Ref. 2199)

That the District look at the possibility of connecting the footpath from Ballykisteen to Monard as it would complete a nice walk from Tipperary Town to the County Bounds.

Reply

The motion will be forwarded to Tipperary County Council Active Travel team for review and consideration for future active travel projects.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Tony Black.

5.10 Councillor Marie Murphy (Ref. 2200)

That the road between Carrigmore Cross, Clogheen (E21 H523) and Coakley's Cross, Ballysheehan, Clogheen (E21 N820) be included in the next road programme as it is in very poor condition.

Reply

The road between Carrigmore Cross and Ballysheehan will be assessed and considered for inclusion in the next Roads Programme. Tipperary County Council will monitor condition of road and repair as necessary.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Micheál Anglim.

5.11 Councillor Roger Kennedy (Ref. 2201)

That the Housing Section of Tipperary County Council outline to the members what actions it intends to take to eliminate the unruly, intimidating antisocial behaviour of one resident family in Saint Oliver Plunkett Park Cashel and restore the beautiful delightful harmonious ambiance pertaining to this estate prior to September 2019.

This motion was dealt with under item 3.1.

5.12 Councillor Tony Black (Ref. 2202)

That Tipperary County Council resurface the one mile long stretch of road at Garranlea, New Inn. The road has a lot of traffic on it and hasn't been resurfaced in many years. The residents have gathered a petition calling on this resurfacing to be carried out and this has been submitted to the council. In the interest of health and safety and to improve the quality of life of residents this work needs to be carried out.

Reply

It's anticipated that later this year the Community Involvement Scheme will reopen for new applications to upgrade cul de sac roads such as the Garranlea New Inn Road. The Community Involvement Scheme is a joint venture approach between the Council and local communities, for the purpose of carrying out maintenance and improvement works on suitable public local roads.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Michael FitzGerald.

5.13 Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref. 2203)

That this Municipal District examine potential traffic calming measures along Davitt Street, out as far as the N24 Limerick Road roundabout. Gardai have been informed and are implementing speed checks, however the new design of the road has seen an increase in speeding. Residents are reporting that speeding is becoming a major issue and cause for their health and safety.

Reply

Davitt Street Road has recently been upgraded, providing new footpaths, road pavements and a reduced carriageway width to assist with speed control, in line with best practice guidelines. The speed checks being carried out by An Gardai are welcome. Tipperary County Council will continue to monitor traffic speeds on this section of road in consultation with An Gardai in line with the Council's Traffic Calming Policy.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Tony Black.

There was a request for a driver feedback sign and a discussion on the operation of the traffic lights on Davitt Street.

5.14 Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref. 2204)

That this Municipal District prioritise the upgrade of the public toilet facilities in Tipperary Town Market Yard and that the new design is in line with current best practice that facilitates universal accessibility. This is particularly important with the emphasis on outdoor recreation as well as the current upgrade of the Market Yard public realm space.

Reply

The Municipal District is currently preparing an Expression of Interest under the Town and Village Renewal funding stream with a view to securing funding to upgrade the public toilets at Market Yard, Tipperary.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Tony Black.

6.1 Votes of Congratulations

A vote of congratulations was extended to Councillor Marie Murphy on her election as Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council.

6.2 Votes of Sympathy

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

- Deirdre Farrell of Ballinaclough, Golden
- Mary Ryan of Longstone, Cullen
- Tom Fogarty of Synone, Cashel
- Noreen Hand of Thurles Road, Cashel

7.1 Correspondence

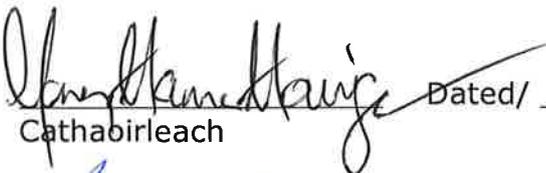
The correspondence was read.

7.2 Any Other Business:

Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked when MD meetings can be held in person. The District Administrator indicated that there was no update from the Covid Response Committee as yet on this but he will update the members when there are any changes.

It was agreed that a Municipal District Workshop would be held on Thursday 8th July at 2pm via zoom hosted in the MD Council Chamber.

This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.

Signed/  Dated/ 26/07/21
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 26/07/21
District Administrator