



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann  
Tipperary County Council

11th February, 2022

A Chara,

Iarthar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Míosúil de Buirge Chluain Meala Dúiche, a bheidh ar siúl i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla an Bhaile, Sráid Parnell, Cluain Meala, **ar 11.00 am ar an dé Céadaoin 16 Feabhra, 2022.**

You are hereby requested to attend the Monthly Meeting of Clonmel Borough District to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Parnell Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on **Wednesday 16th February, 2022, at 11.00 a.m.**

Mise le meas,

*Jim Dillon*

**Meetings Administrator**

# Agenda

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### **1.1 Disclosures or Conflicts of Interest**

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## *Chief Executive / Delegated Officers Orders*

### **6.1 Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders - Period up to 11th**

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**Notices of Motion**

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**7.1 Councillor Pat English (Ref ID 2350)**

That Clonmel Borough District look at providing additional safety measures on the Fethard Road at the dangerous bend between Rathronan Crossroads and the Half Way Bar. This section of Roadway has recorded a number of serious accidents over the last number of years and requires additional crash barriers signage and road markings.

**7.2 Councillor Pat English (Ref ID 2351)**

That Clonmel Borough District Council write to the T.I.I. And the Minister to request they look at funding for a roundabout at the Junction of the Haywood Road and the Frank Drohan Inner Relief Road in the interest of Public Safety and the proper flow of traffic.

**7.3 Councillor Pat English (Ref ID 2352)**

That Clonmel Borough District Council contact the owners of Jimmy Keating's old shop at Elm Park, Clonmel to see if the property could be used for housing as the property is at present been used for anti-social behaviour and is an eye sore because of it's dereliction.

**7.4 Councillor Michael Murphy (Ref ID 2353)**

Following on from my previous Notice of Motion, that under the 2022 Area Roadworks Programme, consideration is given to the installation of a number of speed ramps in the Dromard Crescent Estate, Clonmel, due to on-going issues with speeding motorists. Residents are extremely concerned around the safety of young children living in the estate. Particular attention should be given to that stretch of road between house numbers 1 to 13.

**7.5 Councillor Michael Murphy (Ref ID 2354)**

That the Council work carry out works along the footpaths in the Glenconnor area. I refer in particular to that section between the Glenoaks estates and Glenconnor Garden Centre that are in urgent need of attention. Hedges are overgrown and large amounts of growth and clay covering the inside of the paths. Requesting that the hedgecutter, perhaps the sweeper as well, visits this location at the earliest opportunity, indeed any other machinery required as well. Such works crucial for pedestrian safety.

**7.6 Councillor Michael Murphy (Ref ID 2355)**

Whilst welcoming the new public lighting along the western section of the Clonmel By Pass that were switched on over 12 months ago, I'm calling on the Council to examine the standard of lighting. On the face of it the lighting is poor and many walkers and cyclists have contacted me about the need to improve such lighting, in particular having regard to recent events nationwide.

**7.7 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 2359)**

That under Clonmel Borough District Councils future roads programmes that consideration is given for the re-surfacing of the last section of the Cherrymount Estate (Ref my previous motions).

## **7.8 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 2360)**

That under Clonmel Borough District Councils future road programmes, that consideration is given for providing additional car parking spaces around the green area opposite No. 4 in Fairfields (Ref my previous motion on this issue).

## **7.9 Councillor Siobhán Ambrose (Ref ID 2361)**

That under future roads programmes that consideration is given for re-surfacing the final section of the Glenview Close Estate.

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### *Correspondence*

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## **8.1 Correspondence**

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### *Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations*

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## **9.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

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### *AOB*

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## **10.1 Any Other Business**



# Invitees

- Siobhan Ambrose  
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- Sinead Carr  
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- Niall Dennehy  
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- Mr Jim Dillon  
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- Pat English  
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- Cllr John FitzGerald  
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- Joe MacGrath  
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- Cllr Richie Molloy  
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- Michael Murphy  
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- Ms Marie O'Donnell  
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- Eoin Powell  
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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 11.00 a.m. BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> JAN, 2022**

- Present:** Councillor Michael Murphy, Mayor  
Councillor Pat English  
Councillor Niall P. Dennehy  
Councillor Siobhán Ambrose  
Councillor John Fitzgerald  
Councillor Richie Molloy
- In attendance:** Ms. Sinéad Carr, Director of Services  
Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer  
Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator  
Ms. Marie O'Donnell, Staff Officer  
Ms. Georgina O'Loughlin, Assist. Staff Officer
- Also in attendance:** Ms Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer  
Mr. Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian

At the outset the Mayor of Clonmel, Cllr. Michael Murphy welcomed all in attendance. On a sombre note the Mayor along with the support of all the Members requested a minutes silence after the District Administrators prayer. A minute silence was observed by all in memory of Ms. Aisling Murphy from Tullamore, Co. Offaly who recently lost her life tragically which sent the whole country into shock. A murder investigation is currently ongoing by An Garda Síochána.

The Mayor welcomed the latest news in relation to the easing of Covid19 restrictions in conjunction with the news that we are coming out of the worst of the pandemic and things are looking bright. He also expressed his sincere gratitude to the community and the businesses of Clonmel in their very generous contribution to the Mayoral Fund for 2021. He was delighted to be able to nominate local charities who were beneficiaries of the fund.

Cllr. Niall Dennehy commented in relation to the physical meetings of the District and all members were in agreement that going forward with easing of Covid19 restrictions that this would be favourable. Cllr. Dennehy also asked that the District Administrator request from the Department the list of restrictions and guidelines that took place during the course of Covid19.

**Item 1.1 Remote meeting protocol**

The Mayor confirmed with each Member that they could see and hear all other Members.

**Item 1.2 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest**

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Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

**Item 2.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, as presented, were proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. Pat English, and agreed.

**Matters arising:**

- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose welcomed the completion of Shelmadens Lane and asked if there was any update on Hopkins Lane in relation to lighting.
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose thanked Mr. Anthony Fitzgerald, Local Enterprise Office for his work on the digital hub.
- In relation to the URDF application Cllr. Pat English asked for an update in particular phase 2 of Kickham Barracks,
- Cllr. Pat English asked when were the Council scheduled to start works on the Town Hall.
- Cllr. John Fitzgerald requested that the temporary closure of the laneway at Moran's Pub which is accessible by the public be extended as the anti-social behaviour that had previously taken place there is now gone during the hours of the night-time closure. Businesses in the area are extremely happy with the current closure measures.

**Response made as follows;**

- Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator confirmed that the Town Hall, as per his report included with the agenda, states that the Council are awaiting a date from the Coppersmith. Mr. Roger Noonan, Executive Engineer has confirmed that the works should commence by mid-February.
- Mr. Eoin Powell stated that in relation to Hopkins Lane and the lighting matter it will be given consideration.
- Mr. Eoin Powell referred to the laneway beside Moran's Pub and agreed with the temporary closure of the laneway and was well aware of the impact it was having on reducing the anti-social behaviour in that laneway. Members agreed that the laneway closure, if proposed to be closed full time, would have to go through correct statutory process. Cllr. Pat English stated that he would not be in favour of closing the laneway full-time as the laneways play an important role in the history of the town.
- Ms. Sinead Carr, Town Manager confirmed that the Council are still awaiting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> call for funding in relation to the URDF. The Council will undertake an additional economic supplementary report to be included with the application. It is understood that it will Q2 before the next call is made. Members will be advised once a date is set.

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The Mayor was aware that a request to take item 3.2 before 3.1 was made before the meeting and asked all members if they were in agreement with same. It was Proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose and seconded by Cllr. Niall Dennehy and agreed by all.

**Item 3.2 Attendance of Representatives from Directorate Culture and Library Services/ Fire & Emergency Services**

Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, referred to a district briefing note circulated to Members with the agenda detailing key issues relating to the Community & Economic Development Directorate.

**Key issues in the briefing note included:**

- Library Activities – covid19 restrictions: update
- Tipperary Studies
- Arts Service
- Heritage Service
- National Biodiversity action plan
- Creative Ireland Programme

**The following queries were raised to the briefing note by members:**

- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose stated that live performances, the whole arts department had been affected by Covid19, programmes been changed and re-arranged and new initiatives as alternatives, she acknowledged all the hard work involved.
- Both Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose and Cllr. Pat English asked for an update on the Clonmel Library.
- Cllr. Pat English enquired in to the Clonmel Graveyards website set up by a local man in Clonmel, the information was a great asset. In relation to Tipperary Studies taking over the initiative from Mr. Eamon Crowley and the hard work that he has put in to the website. What is the update?
- Cllr. Pat English asked if there would be an exhibition in relation to Irish Civil war?

**Members' queries were addressed as follows:**

- Mr. Damien Dullaghan confirmed the good news to members that they are about to finalise the design team for tender. He confirmed that he has the funds internally to appoint a design team and they will bring full design for part 8.
- It was confirmed that an update for the Clonmel Graveyards would be sought and would revert to members on same.
- Mr. Dullaghan was of the understanding that there would be an Irish Civil War exhibition to continue on after the success of the recent War of Independence exhibition.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, for his attendance and report.

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**Item 3.1 Attendance of Representatives from Directorate Environment & Climate Change**

**Key issues in the briefing note included:**

- Infrastructure and maintenance
- Control of dogs
- Control of horses
- Derelict Sites
- Litter enforcement
- Public Awareness
- Energy Week
- Anti-Dumping Initiative 2021
- Litter Infrastructure Support Grant Scheme 2021
- Civic Amenity Sites
- Environmental Protection
- Complaints

**The following queries were raised to the briefing note by members:**

- Cllr. Pat English requested an update in relation to the work that will be carried out at the entrance of St. Patrick's Cemetery?
- Are the figures in relation the horses for the County or Clonmel and what happens those horses when seized?
- Cllr. Pat English asked what is the update with the installation of Big Belly Bins in Clonmel?
- Cllr. John Fitzgerald asked the Directorate when would the Spring Clean happen in 2022?
- Cllr. John Fitzgerald identified illegal dumping that was taking place on Love Lane on the Cashel Road. Could this be looked in to by the Environment Section?
- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose asked if the Council are continuing to check with household members how they are disposing of their household waste?

**Members' queries were addressed as follows:**

- Ms. Marion O'Neill confirmed that in relation to the 18 horses that were seized by the Council they were figures for Clonmel only. The horses are sent to a pound in Cork and where they are rehomed if no owner comes forward with relevant paperwork to claim.
- No date has been decided currently in relation to the Spring Clean.
- The council will look into the illegal dumping at Love lane.
- When Council get continuous reports of illegal dumping in a certain area that would trigger the council to do checks on householders in the area to determine how they are disposing of waste. This is ongoing.

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- Mr. Ruairi Boland confirmed that funding was allocated to carry out the works at the St. Patrick's Cemetery.
- Mr Eoin Powell confirmed that the capital budget received was to last for the full year, any works will be done late Summer. Works will consist of a sandstone entrance with low level walls and railings.
- Ms. Orla Kelly confirmed in relation to the Solar Bins also know as Big Belly Bins, a competition was held for the tendering of the bins and the Environment section have been working closely with the Clonmel Borough District in relation to where the bins should go.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Ms Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer and Mr. Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer for their attendance and report.

**Item 4.1 Report of District Administrator**

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

**Queries raised by the members were as follows;**

- Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose and Cllr. Pat English asked if there was any update in relation to the CCTV since the last District meeting?
- Cllr. Pat English asked if there was a tree strategy for the Clonmel Borough District?
- All members agreed that the recent washing of the streets in Clonmel had been a positive initiative for the town.

**Queries raised by the Members which Mr. Jim Dillon, District Administrator responded to were as follows:**

- In relation to the CCTV one of the main reasons there are delays is that there is new legislation going through the Dail in relation to CCTV and we cannot progress until same has been passed. It is currently at Committee stage at the Dail
- We are looking at developing the tree strategy by consulting internally in the initial stages and then go to tender to appoint a consultant to carry out a survey, hoping for a tree strategy in Q2, 2022.

**Item 4.2 Report of District Engineer – Roads Programme**

The District Engineer's report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

**Queries raised by the Members were as follows:**

- Cllr Pat English referred to his previous notice of motion in relation to street lighting in Glenconnor and St Josephs, Elm Park did the District Engineer get time to look in to these?
- Cllr. Pat English looked for an update on the speed survey, traffic count for Rathronan crossroads(L3279).
- Cllr. Pat English requested an update from the TII in relation to the roundabout at the Frank Drohan road/Heywood road area, junction is extremely difficult to navigate.

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- Cllr. Pat English and Cllr. John Fitzgerald referred to accidents that are occurring between Rathronan Cross and the Halfway Bar measures need to be put in place to improve road safety.
- Members expressed the frustration and dismay at the recent announcement that the section of the N24 from Cahir to Waterford is not going ahead currently for funding reasons, all members agreed that it was a hugely important piece of infrastructure that would benefit both Clonmel and the surrounding areas.
- Cllr. Michael Murphy confirmed that he was currently in the process of drafting a letter with the District Administrator and District Manager as Mayor of Clonmel in relation to the N24, in particular the need for the decision to be reversed. The letter will issue to the Minister shortly.

**Queries raised by the Members which Mr. Eoin Powell, District Engineer responded to were as follows:**

- The District Engineer confirmed that the issue of street lighting in both Glenconnor and Elm Park will be put down on the list for the next roads meeting for consideration as part of the discretionary improvement works.
- The speed survey at Rathronan cross will not be able to be carried out for a few weeks, our equipment is currently on loan to Tipp-Cashel-Cahir MD.
- Pedestrian crossing near Loretto will be looked at shortly.
- The District Engineer confirmed that he was in the Clonmel Borough District since 2017 and he only knows of 2 accidents in the area near Rathronan cross and they have happened in the last few months. The accident that happened recently, when speaking with fire officer in charge he confirmed that the accident was caused due to excessive speed.
- District Engineer confirmed that he was also disappointed with the recent news in relation to the N24.
- Ms. Sinead Carr, Town Manager confirmed that the N24 by-pass is a critical piece of strategic infrastructure not just for Clonmel but for the County and the region. It is important that we continue to push on the matter as a priority for the Government.

**Item 4.3 Report of District Engineer – Housing Voids Programme**

The District Engineer's report was circulated to Members with the agenda.

- No issues were raised.

**Item 5.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**

This item was noted.

**Items 6.1 to 6.9 – Notices of Motions**

**Motion 2300 was proposed by Cllr. Richie Molloy.**



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That Clonmel Municipal District erect new signage indicating the names of the names of the various Council car parks in Clonmel as there is a lot of confusion amongst the public as to the correct name of the car park.

**Reply:**

The District Engineer has inspected each of the Car Parks, and although it probably should be known by the public at large as to which car park is which, he has noted that there are no signs erected at any of the car parks to inform the public as to the names of same. Therefore, the erection of signs at each of the car parks will be considered for inclusion in the Development Improvement Works Programme for 2022.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose.  
This was agreed by all members.**

**Motion 2330 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy.**

Following on from my previous Notice of Motion in January 2021, that the relatively small section public laneway to the rear of Junction Cafe back towards Eldons is considered for resurfacing in this year's Area Roadworks Programme.

**Reply:**

This lane was to be resurfaced in 2021, however, for various reasons this work was not completed. As a result, this laneway will be resurfaced in 2022, and as such will be included on the List of Discretionary Improvement Works for 2022.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English  
This was agreed by all members.**

**Motion 2331 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English**

Following on from my previous Notice of Motion in January 2021, that the laneway to the rear of house numbers 1-12 in Anne Street is considered for resurfacing in this year's Area Roadworks Programme

**Reply:**

This lane was to be resurfaced in 2021, however, for various reasons this work was not completed. As a result, this laneway will be resurfaced in 2022, and as such will be included on the List of Discretionary Improvement Works for 2022.

However, as far as I'm aware at this time, Irish Water have proposals for a full renewal/replacement of the existing sewerage network in this lane. That being the case this laneway will only be resurfaced after IW have completed their works for same. I have yet to clarify as to the exact nature and timeframe for their works.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose.  
The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2332 was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy**



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Whilst welcoming the long terms plans for the reimagining of the public realm around the core town centre prime retail area, in the short term that the Council would carry out works to enhance the existing public realm. Such works could include (but not be limited to), power washing of footpaths, repairs to footpaths where urgently needed (to eliminate trip hazards), cleaning of road gullies, painting of sign posts, removal of graffiti from public places and any other works which would enhance the town centre in the short term.

**Reply:**

The District Engineer is aware that these types of works to enhance the centre of Clonmel Town in the short term is a priority for Cllr. Murphy during his term as Mayor. As such, and depending on the budget for same, all of the above typical maintenance tasks will be carried out in 2022 as requested. In that regard it is worth noting that the Council recently carried out the power-washing of the footpaths in O'Connell Street and have received many positive comments in relation to same.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2333 was proposed by Cllr. Niall Dennehy**

That the National Asset Management Agency advise this Borough District of the total value of All Accounts (not individual) transferred to NAMA from this Borough District since it's inception in 2009 to date, with an up-to-date statement of all monies re-invested in this Borough District during the same period.

**Reply:**

If agreed by all Members. a letter will issue to the National Asset Management Agency, seeking the information outlined in the Notice of Motion.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Pat English**

**The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2335 was proposed by Cllr. Pat English**

That Clonmel Borough District Council provide additional street lighting at the Shopping Area in Elm Park, Clonmel, to curtail anti-social behaviour in the area

**Reply:**

The District Engineer has inspected this location at night and noted that 3 No. existing lights within about 40 metres either side of the shopping area would benefit from being upgraded, and it is proposed to do this. Also, the existing light directly across the road from the shops is currently not working, and this will be repaired. In addition, it is noted that the poles on the opposite side of the road are too far apart, and as such an extra pole will need to be installed.

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The Borough have a very small budget as regards public lighting and this is for the maintenance of existing poles only, e.g., poles that are in a very poor structural condition and in need of immediate repair, a pole that has been knocked down by a vehicle, and upgrading existing light heads, etc.. Therefore, funding will have to be found from another source through the Nenagh Offices for the new pole.

The shops are set back about 10 metres from the back edge of the existing public footpath, and this is the darkest area measuring about 10m x 40m in length. All of this area is in private ownership and as such it is not the responsibility of the Council to light up this area, as the Council are only responsible to light up the public roads and footpaths. For this particular set-back area to be lighted properly the shop owners would need to install one or two low level 6m high lighting columns.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose  
The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2337 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

That Clonmel Borough District Council contacts Irish Water regarding Kilcash village and the surrounding area requesting that they replace the old 800m 2inch Asbestos concrete water main in the centre of the village with a 4 inch polyethylene water main. This is causing too frequent outages in the village and the surrounding area. Furthermore, if Irish Water could also confirm as to whether they intend to put a a PH dosing system on the Kilcash supply or indeed whether Irish water intend changing the villages current water supply from Kilcash due to ongoing issues with the supply especially with the school and if the water supply in the future will be sourced from Tullahea? The current frequency of water disruption in the village is not acceptable.

**Reply:**

If agreed by all Members. a letter will issue to Irish Water requesting the replacement of 800m of 2inch Asbestos/concrete water main in the centre of the village with a 4 inch polyethylene water main.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.  
The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2338 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

That under future road programmes that Clonmel Borough District Council re-surfaces sections of the road at Rathduff Upper.

**Reply:**

Councillor Ambrose has asked that sections of this road be resurfaced. However, the 3 Year Resurfacing Programme for 2022 to 2024 has already been agreed by the Councillors last year, and as such this road cannot be considered for resurfacing.

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However, after inspecting this road the District Engineer has noted that, while it is not in a poor enough condition for resurfacing it is nonetheless in need of surface dressing. As such this road will be considered for inclusion in the 2022 Surface Dressing Maintenance Programme.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy  
The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Motion 2339 was proposed by Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**

That Tipperary County County would again contact the National Roads Authority regarding the dangerous speed of motorists on the N76 in particular the section of road between Ballypatrick Cross to Mayladstown and in turn seek the provision of some kind of traffic calming measures to address this issue. Residents living on this section of the road are afraid that there will be a fatality on this section of the road due to the excessive speed of motorists.

**Reply:**

If agreed by all Members. a letter will issue to the National Roads Authority for their attention and reply.

**The motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy.  
The reply to the motion was noted.**

**Item 8.1 – Correspondence**

Correspondence was noted.

**Item 9.1 – Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations**

A vote of sympathy was issued to the family of the late William Morrissey, Marlfield Road, Clonmel.

**Item 10.1 – Any other business**

No other business was discussed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mayor of Clonmel Borough District**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**District Administrator**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT**

## **PLANNING BRIEFING NOTE**

### **FEBRUARY 2022**

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**PLANNING SECTION**

<b><u>New Policy/Strategic Issues</u></b>			
<b><u>Policy Changes/Update</u></b>	<b><u>Current Status</u></b>	<b><u>Progression in Previous Months</u></b>	<b><u>Next Stage</u></b>
<b>County Development Plan</b>	Commenced.	The Draft Plan was on public display from 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021. 615 submissions were received. A Chief Executive's report on the submissions received was prepared and circulated to the Elected Members in January 2022.	The Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received is being considered by the members. A series of workshops will be held in February and the Chief Executive's report and Material Amendments will be brought to the plenary meeting in March. Material amendments to the Draft Plan will then be further advertised for a further period of public consultation.

<b><u>NPF: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund</u></b>		
<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Progress in Previous Months</u></b>	<b><u>Next Stage</u></b>
<b>Clonmel: Transformational Regeneration</b>	<p><b>Regional Sports Hub –</b> Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Contractor appointed and works began on site mid-August, 2021.</p> <p><b>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1</b> Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Car park completed. Contractor appointed for the plaza and public realm. Works</p>	<p><b>Regional Sports Hub</b> Complete construction phase. Programme duration is approximately 12 months.</p> <p><b>Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1-</b> Complete construction phase. Programme duration is approximately 12 months.</p>

	commenced on site on 10 <sup>th</sup> . June, 2021.	
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<b><u>NPF: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund</u></b>		
<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Progress in Previous Months</u></b>	<b><u>Next Stage</u></b>
<b>Kilsheelan - Revitalisation of Rural Villages: A Model for Cluster Housing &amp; Low Carbon Planning</b>	Verification and Due Diligence Phase completed. Approval in Principle issued by the Department of Rural and Community Development together with additional funding of €51,896. Design team appointed in January, 2022. Working Group established to develop a Serviced Sites Scheme for the sale of the sites.	Progress the development of a Serviced Sites Scheme. Complete detailed designs by end of Q2 of 2022. Appoint contractor by end of Q3 of 2022 and commence works on site. Estimated completion of construction works by end of Q2 2023.

### **County Development Plan**

The Pre-Draft 'Shaping Our Future' consultation stage ran from 18<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020. 190 submissions were received during the public consultation period, and were summarised and considered by the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive's Report on submissions was issued to the Elected Members for their consideration on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. A Workshop with the Elected Members was held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The Chief Executive's Report was considered at the March 8<sup>th</sup> Plenary Council Meeting whereby the Elected Members issued directions to the Chief Executive regarding the content of the draft Plan. The Draft Plan was issued to the Elected Members for their

consideration on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. 13 Workshops with the Elected Members were held over June and July 2021 to discuss the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan was considered at the July 16<sup>th</sup> Plenary Council meeting whereby the Elected Members agreed by resolution to put the Draft Plan on public display subject to amendments. The Draft Plan was on public display for the period 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021. 615 submissions were received. A series of Workshops will be held in February and the CEs Report and Material Amendments will be brought to the plenary meeting in March. Material amendments to the Draft Plan will then be advertised for a further period of public consultation.

### Urban and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund: Project Implementation

The National Development Plan (NDP) 2018-2027 established four new funds to help drive the specific core priorities detailed in the NPF (National Planning Framework). These four funds included an Urban Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The following projects are currently being delivered under this Scheme in Clonmel BD.

#### Clonmel 2030 - Transformational Regeneration: -

seeks to develop a multi-dimensional, public/private/community partnership proposal for Clonmel, which will re-imagine how civic, cultural, educational, enterprise and tourism uses can work together to regenerate and create a new role for the town. The project includes four intrinsically linked and integrated pillars, namely: Kickham Barracks Regeneration, Clonmel Regional Sports Hub, Clonmel – Flights of Discovery and Clonmel Public Realm Enhancement. Funding was received for proposed Category A works in 2019 relating to Kickham

Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 and Clonmel Regional Sports Hub.

#### Kickham Barracks Regeneration Phase 1 -

Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Works on the car park were completed in December, 2020. The main works contract commenced in June, 2021 and programme duration is 12 months.

#### Clonmel Regional Sports Hub -

Design team appointed. Detailed designs completed. Works commenced on site mid-August, 2021 and

programme duration is 12 months. **Total project costs approved are €15,163,247 and URDF grant awarded is €10,594,961.**



#### Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Project: -

The project has been developed as a demonstrator scheme to show the practical implementation of Tipperary County Council's '**Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing**'. The guidelines include a series of case studies illustrating how sustainable design solutions can be developed across a range of village types and site options. This project will be a model for serviced site developments across the Country and an initiative to revitalise villages in



Tipperary and nationally. The scheme at Kilsheelan was subject to a Part 8 process and approved by the Elected Members in July, 2019. The project also includes the development of a new public park in the heart of this picturesque village and a new arrival point for the River Suir Blueway. Approval in Principle under Decision Gate 1 issued by the Department of Rural and Community Development together with additional funding of €51,896. Pre-Tender Approval Report under Decision Gate 2 was approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development in November, 2021. Design team appointed January, 2022. Detailed designs should be completed by end of Q2 2022 with works commencing on site by end of Q3 2022. Estimated completion of construction works by end of Q2 2023. **Total project costs are €670,833 and RRDF grant amount is €603,750.**



### Cluster Development: Responding to the Challenge

- Opportunity for applicants to build their own home
- Serviced Sites
- Density & Scale appropriate for villages
- House design in character with the village but individual to the site
- Public Waste Water Treatment Plants
- Building on Public & Community Investment





### Conservation Grant Schemes 2021/2022

The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2022** seeks to encourage conservation of structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and in certain cases, structures within Architectural Conservation Areas.

The scheme opened for new applications on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and closed on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Tipperary County Council have received 24 Applications. These applications will now be assessed by our Conservation Architect. The projects nominated for funding must be with the Department by the 11<sup>th</sup> February.

The **Historic Structure Fund 2021** seeks to support conservation works to heritage structures in both private and public ownership. The focus is on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public and will seek to:

- enable larger scale conservation works to be carried out on heritage structures which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- encourage the regeneration and reuse of heritage properties and help to secure the preservation of protected structures and/or historic-culturally significant assets; and
- support the investment of private capital in labour-intensive projects to conserve historic structures in public and private ownership for community use.



Inspections took place in early November and works were complete on all projects except the Tipperary Courthouse. This was delayed due to the appointment of a contractor but works have now commenced.

The scheme opened for new applications on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and closed on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Tipperary County Council have received 12 Applications. These applications will now be assessed by our Conservation Architect. The projects nominated for funding must be with the Department by the 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Any queries on the scheme can be directed to Fergal Condon, Staff Officer, Planning, Clonmel.

## **TAKING IN CHARGE UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2022**

### **(1) Developments Being Assessed by Planning Section or in Site Resolution Process with 3rd Party**

- Aylesbury Court, Clonmel – Valid TIC Application Received on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
- Churchview, Clerihan, Clonmel – Invalid TIC Application Received on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- Westgate Court, Clonmel – Valid TIC Application Received on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### **(2) Developments with Irish Water Awaiting Agreement of a SRP or Response to Categorisation**

- N/A

### **(3) Developments Pre-Roads (Entering Final Phase of Taking-in-Charge)**

- Crann Ard, Fethard Road, Clonmel.
- Glencarra, Fethard Road, Clonmel.
- Gracefield, Fethard Road, Clonmel.

### **(4) Developments with Roads Section for Review/To Be Advertised for Taking-in-Charge Under Sect. 180**

- N/A

### **(5) Developments Taken-in-Charge: January 2022 – Present**

- N/A

### **(6) DPI Developments**

- N/A

**Taking-in-Charge Status Update**

<u>Clonmel Municipal District</u>			
<b><u>Estates TIC in 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Estates TIC To-Date in 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Houses TIC To-Date in 2022</u></b>	<b><u>TIC Applications</u></b>
2	0	0	2

<u>Countywide</u>			
<b><u>Estates TIC in 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Estates TIC To-Date in 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Houses TIC To-Date in 2022</u></b>	<b><u>TIC Applications</u></b>
10	0	0	3

<u>Application Status</u>	<u>Countywide</u>
Awaiting Validation	0
Valid Applications in 2022	3
With Irish Water for Site Resolution Plan (SRP)	5
TIC Unable to Progress – Developer Provided Infrastructure (DPI’s)	22
Awaiting Statutory Process – Advertised	1

**Number of Planning Applications received in 2021**

Month	Clonmel Borough District			County Tipperary		
	Valid Applications	Decisions granted	Decisions Refused	Valid Applications	Decisions granted	Decisions Refused
Jan-21	8	10	1	68	85	2
Feb-21	9	15	0	106	89	1
Mar-21	26	8	1	119	97	2
Apr-21	13	17	0	126	104	5
May-21	13	14	0	133	95	2
Jun-21	11	11	0	112	99	6
Jul-21	17	10	1	121	111	5
Aug-21	11	6	0	133	102	1
Sep-21	17	13	1	110	101	5
Oct-21	15	18	2	108	116	7
Nov-21	12	16	2	100	112	4
Dec-21	10	13	1	132	82	3
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1368</b>	<b>1193</b>	<b>43</b>

**Enforcement Proceedings in 2021**

There were 40 new complaints made from the 1<sup>st</sup> January to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 in relation to alleged unauthorised development in the Clonmel BD. During this period 29 Warning Letters and 2 Enforcement Notice issued.

## Water Services Briefing Note.

### Clonmel Borough District Council Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

#### IRISH WATER INVESTMENT PLAN 2020-2024:

Irish Water has submitted its Third Interim Revenue Control proposal (known as IRC3) to the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU) for the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2024. This incorporates Irish Water's Investment Plan for the period 2020-2024. The CRU's determination on this proposal was made with the publication of its Decision Paper on 05 December 2019, entitled *Irish Water Revenue Control Revenue Control 3 (2020-2024)*.

This Decision Paper was issued against the backdrop of the new funding model for Irish Water brought about by:

- the Water Services Act 2017;
- the publication by Mr. Eoghan Murphy, TD, the then Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, of the Water Services Policy Statement on 21 May 2018, and
- his approval of Irish Water's Strategic Funding Plan 2019-2024 on 08 November 2018.

The Decision Paper was accompanied by Irish Water's Updated Investment Plan 2020-2024, entitled *Irish Water Investment Plan 2020 to 2024 Updated Investment Plan for CRU Review*, submitted by Irish Water in November 2019 to the CRU for review.

In April 2020 Irish Water submitted a further capital funding request to the CRU, which was reviewed in its entirety by the CRU. Having considered this request, the CRU, on 04 August 2020, published its Decision Paper entitled *Update to Irish Water's Revenue Control 3(RC3.5) - Irish Water's Updated Capital Investment Plan*. This Decision Paper took into account evidence related to commitment dates for projects that Irish Water plans to deliver in the period and information provided by a review of Irish Water's capital planning processes by Scottish Water International.

The Update sets out the total revenue that Irish Water can receive, through government subvention and from customers, to cover its efficiently covered costs during the period 2020-2024. This Decision Paper should be read in conjunction with the aforementioned Decision Paper published on 05 December 2019.

Further details on this economic regulatory control process may be gleaned from a perusal of the website of the CRU, [www.cru.ie](http://www.cru.ie).

Investment is prioritised where it can deliver the most urgently needed improvements in drinking water quality, leakage, water availability, wastewater compliance, efficiencies and customer service.

The table hereunder provides an update of the current status of capital projects in the District.

<b>B. Schemes at Pre-Construction/Design</b>	<b>Contract Name</b>	<b>Current Scheme Status</b>
Clonmel WRZ WP1 – Remedial Action List (RAL) and Boil Water Notice (BWN) Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Upgrading and expansion of existing Monroe Wellfields; and</li> <li>- Construct Pipelines from Monroe to Clonmel and on the Mountain Road, Clonmel. This will increase water supply into Clonmel and allow for the removal of the Boil Water Notice on Mountain Road and the rationalisation of Poulavanogue Water Treatment Plant.</li> </ul>	<p>Nicholas O'Dwyer Consultants appointed to the project.</p> <p>Preliminary surveys ongoing at Monroe Wellfields.</p>

In 2020, Irish Water restructured the delivery of the Investment Plan into three streams, as follows:

- (1) Water Portfolio includes all projects and programmes relating to water treatment plants, water quality, trunk watermains, reservoirs, energy efficiency and dam safety;
- (2) Wastewater Portfolio includes all projects and programmes relating to wastewater treatment, sludge management, trunk networks and drainage area plans; and
- (3) Networks Portfolio includes leakage reduction programme, water networks regional contracts, growth and development programmes and sewer rehabilitation.

In respect of the Capital Delivery element of the Investment Plan, these ongoing programmes are designed to prioritise spending as effectively as possible, by identifying where funding is most needed through a focus on specific asset condition and performance, identifying root causes of problems and addressing these.

The programme addresses issues such as:

- water quality;
- water availability;
- health and safety;
- environmental regulatory compliance (per the Environmental Protection Agency);
- public health and environmental risk;
- energy efficiency; and
- maintaining levels of service through addressing underperforming assets.

All projects put forward by Tipperary County Council are reviewed by Irish Water before approval.

As part of Capital Delivery, projects are underway in County Tipperary under a number of headings. The following update describes the current position on a number of these projects in relation to water and wastewater.

**(A) NETWORKS PORTFOLIO DELIVERY (WATER):**

Irish Water has established a new contractor framework to replace the existing frameworks and has appointed Shareridge Limited to the Mid-West Region which covers Counties Tipperary, Limerick and Clare.

The scope of services covered by this framework includes the following:

- new watermains and service laying;
- below ground network rehabilitation work;
- backyard lead replacement;
- District Metering Areas (DMA) establishment;
- pressure reducing valves (PRV) works; and
- minor works to include leak repair, public side lead works and metering.
- Non-domestic meter surveys

**Watermain Rehabilitation Works:**

Watermain rehabilitation: Irish Water has approved works at Bolton Street, William Street and Morton Street. Non-domestic meter survey ongoing in Clonmel.

**National Disinfection Programme:**

Irish Water is undertaking a National Disinfection Programme. This Programme will:

- improve drinking water quality;
- ensure compliance with the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014, as amended;
- remove supplies from the Remedial Action List (RAL) as maintained by the Environmental Protection Agency;
- reduce the risk of the issue of Boil Water Notices or the formation of trihalomethanes (THM); and
- provide improved control of the disinfection systems.

The Disinfection Programme will be carried out in 2 phases:

**Phase 1: Water Treatment Plant Assessment:**

This stage involves the assessment of the condition and performance of the existing disinfection systems at water treatment plants across the country. This will determine the works required to ensure that the treatment plant disinfection process meets the specified requirements.

**Phase 2: Necessary Upgrade Works:**

Some of these works may include upgrade of chemical storage and dosing infrastructure, upgrade of ultraviolet (UV) disinfection systems, upgrade of monitoring systems and generation of Critical Process Alarms.

The following update describes current progress on the National Disinfection Programme in County Tipperary in respect of Phase 2 Necessary Upgrade Works at various locations throughout the county:

Possible works at Gleniry are being discussed.



## **(B) NETWORKS PORTFOLIO DELIVERY (WASTEWATER):**

Irish Water has appointed AECOM (Project Management) and Terra Solutions contractor to carry out sewer network rehabilitation works as part of regional sewer rehabilitation projects. The scope of works within each regional contract will be defined gradually through inputs from Water Services engineers, closed circuit television (CCTV) surveys, etc., to identify and prioritize asset upgrade requirements. No start date has been indicated by Irish Water.

Tipperary County Council are not aware of any proposed works under this heading at this time.

### **CONCLUSION:**

It should be noted that progression of the above projects is dependent on Irish Water and on the availability of the resources necessary to deliver same. Engagement by Water Services with Irish Water is ongoing in respect of the above.

## **IRISH WATER NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES PLAN:**

The Irish Water National Water Resources Plan (NWRP) is Ireland's first 25-year strategic plan enabling us to move towards safe, secure, reliable and sustainable water supplies for all of Irish Water's customers and communities, whilst safeguarding public health and the environment.

Irish Water published its Draft Framework Plan, the first phase of its National Water Resources Plan, for public consultation.

The NWRP aims to safeguard public health, facilitate growth and meet the challenges of climate change over the next 25 years.

For the first time, the NWRP will provide a country-wide analysis to identify the water we have, the water we use, the water we need and any potential risk to water quality. It sets out the methods and options to meet these shortfalls in a resilient and environmentally sustainable way and is accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report and a Natura Impact Statement, which looks at how the Plan considers its impact on the environment.

The NWRP will:

- calculate the demand for water from homes, businesses and industry now and into the future;
- assess the amount of water available in existing supplies;
- assess the impact of weather events such as drought on our water supplies; and
- identify areas where there is not enough water supply to meet demand, or where there is a risk to water quality.

A 10-week public consultation sought feedback on the Irish Water NWRP Draft Framework Plan and associated environmental reports and was completed on 12 March 2021. Following the receipt of 84 submissions, including one from Tipperary County Council, Irish Water, on 26 May 2021, finalized and adopted the Framework Plan.

Irish Water has now commenced the Phase 2 development of four Regional Water Resources Plans which will set out the options to address identified needs across all of Irish

Water's supplies. Irish Water will be again seeking the public's views as each of the Regional Plans will be subject to public consultation. In this respect, further engagement with Tipperary County Council will take place.

Irish Water held a workshop, via Zoom, with all elected members on 06 December 2021 which provided an opportunity for engagement by senior management from Irish Water with the elected members on the Regional Water Resources Plans as they impact on County Tipperary. For more information please visit [www.water.ie/nwrp](http://www.water.ie/nwrp).

### **IRISH WATER SMALL TOWNS AND VILLAGES PROGRAMME:**

Irish Water's Revenue Control 3 (RC3) Investment Plan 2020-2024 includes the Small Towns and Villages Programme (STVGP). This programme is primarily intended to provide capacity in wastewater treatment plants to cater for growth in smaller settlements which would not otherwise be provided for in the current Investment Plan. The STVGP is limited to supporting growth in settlements already served by Irish Water infrastructure.

On 27 July 2020 Irish Water notified Tipperary County Council that 7 settlements in County Tipperary had been identified for inclusion in the STVGP. These are: Cloughjordan, Golden, Holycross, Kilsheelan, Lisvarrinane, Newcastle and Silvermines.

Tipperary County Council has submitted supporting information in relation to these settlements and a workshop for Planning and Water Services staff took place with Irish Water on 11 November 2020 to discuss the above settlements, possible solutions and cost estimates.

On 30 September 2021, Irish Water advised that funding is to be provided to provide additional wastewater treatment capacity at Kilsheelan and Lisvarrinane as part of the STVGP.

### **NON-DOMESTIC WATER CHARGES:**

On 16 June 2021 Irish Water issued a note on the introduction of the new non-domestic tariff framework for Irish Water's business customers, which is to go live on 01 October 2021, with Irish Water issuing letters to customers to outline what changes they can expect to see from October. The decision to confirm the new date for implementation was taken by the regulator, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU). The changes were due to go live on 01 May 2020 originally but were deferred to 01 May 2021 and again to 01 October 2021 due to the considerable uncertainty for businesses under the essential Government public health guidelines due to COVID-19.

Irish Water noted that "The new framework will standardise charges across the country while recovering the cost of providing water and wastewater services to non-domestic customers. The vast majority of customers will see either a decrease or an increase of less than €250 per annum, in their annual bills. For the minority of customers who will face larger increases in their annual bill, Irish Water will put in place a number of important support measures. Connections that see an increase of €250 or more will be gradually transitioned to the new tariffs over three years. For connections that will face an increase of €750 or more, we will automatically apply a 10% cap to their annual bill increase in any one year. Throughout this process, both Irish Water and the CRU have examined international best practice and consulted with representative groups and individual businesses across the country. This approach has greatly helped in developing charges that are clear, simple and fair to all."



Irish Water is encouraging businesses to visit [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie) where they can assess the impact of the new charges on their future bills using our online calculator tool available on [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie).

The new charges will be on a national basis, i.e. there will be no local variation and they will have a fixed and a variable element. Existing billing frequencies will remain as they are until Irish Water carries out a review. Details of the new charges are provided at <https://www.water.ie/for-business/billing-explained/charges/> and an executive summary is available at <https://www.cru.ie/cru-publishes-decision-on-new-tariffs-for-irish-waters-non-domestic-customers/>.

## **COUNCIL WORKSHOPS WITH IRISH WATER:**

Workshops with Irish Water for the elected members have taken place at the Civic Offices, Thurles on 27 October 2017, 12 April 2018, 02 October 2018, 03 April 2019 and on 30 September 2019.

A series of workshops, conducted on a District basis, took place during the period from 28 September 2020 to 06 October 2020, with remote connection by representatives from Irish Water and the facility for remote connection by the elected members also.

A similar series of workshops, conducted by Zoom on a District basis, took place in the period 15 April 2021 to 29 April 2021. A further series of workshops, via Zoom, occurred, on a District basis, on 06 October 2021.

It is planned to hold the next series of workshops in early April 2022. As noted above, Irish Water held a workshop, via Zoom, with all elected members on 06 December 2021 to brief them on the Regional Water Resources Plans.

## **WATER SECTOR TRANSFORMATION:**

On 23 February 2021 Deputy Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage published a Policy Paper on Water Sector Transformation entitled *Water Sector Transformation Policy Paper: Irish Water – Towards a National, Publicly-Owned, Regulated Water Services Utility*. The Policy Paper, Frequently Raised Topics, and accompanying press release, are available on [www.gov.ie/housing](http://www.gov.ie/housing). All new publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading with the press release appearing under the Press releases heading.

The Policy Paper:

- sets out the Government's vision for the future of water services;
- addresses the provision of water services as set out in the Programme for Government, entitled *Our Shared Future*, published on 15 June 2020;
- considers the water sector transformation process; and
- concludes by requiring the key stakeholders to engage to agree a framework to move towards an integrated public water services utility.

Detailed discussions between the parties are in progress at this time.



**Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann**  
Tipperary County Council

## **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **Clonmel Borough District**

### **February 2022**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Update</b>
1.	Covid-19	Staff are now working from the office, unless circumstances require that they remain of the offices (e.g. if they test positive for Covid of a close contact of a person with Covid).
2.	Clonmel Swimming Pool	Operating as normal. Swimming lessons and usage by schools will recommence once necessary boiler upgrade is complete on 21 <sup>st</sup> February.
3.	Project Ireland 2040 Funds – URDF – Approved Projects	Work is still on schedule at Kickham Barracks for a completion date of July 2022. Regular monitoring meetings are being held with the Contractor to ensure that the project continues to progress. The Contractor for the Sports Hub has now completed groundworks and construction of the various elements has commenced. Contract will be completed by Sept 2022. With regard to the Clonmel Sports Hub, regular meetings are taking place with the Contractor and TUS. Meetings are also taking place with the Clubs involved in the project to have a management structure once the facility is opened. A Part 8 was prepared and advertised in the local media in relation to onsite parking and associated site works. The closing date for submissions in relation to same was 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2022. This matter is before the Members for decision.
4.	Project Ireland 2040 Funds – URDF – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Call	There is no further update in relation to the application for funding under Call 2 of the URDF. Further documentation is being prepared to support any further funding application. The recently published "Town Centre First" policy will also be used as a basis for an application for future funding.

5.	Town Hall Repairs	Works will commence immediately after St Patricks festival weekend.
6.	Market Place	No update.
7.	Clonmel Arms Hotel	No update.
8.	Clonmel CCTV Scheme Extension	Currently carrying out a Data Protection Impact Analysis which is a necessary part of the application process.
9.	'Flights of Discovery' Tourism Proposition  Suir Island Amenity Park	<p>Clonmel 'Flights of Discovery' tourism feasibility report (incorporating Dowd's Lane, Suir Island, County Museum and West Gate) proposed the development of new tourism experiences for the town. No further update at this time- awaiting the third URDF (or similar) call.</p> <p>The Suir Island Masterplan promotes the development of Suir Island as a recreational Amenity Park. The Design Team are now finalising the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and progressing design of the bridge and it is hoped that an application can be submitted to An Bord Pleanala in by mid April 2022, for their approval. Members will be kept informed throughout the process.</p> <p>CBD have been successful in receiving a grant of €250,000 towards the development of the gardens and we working on the preparation of a Part 8 to allow the commencement of the project. Members will be kept informed throughout the process.</p>
10.	Re-imagining Urban Space	<p>Funding is available for Outdoor dining, Outdoor performance spaces and creative animation of town centres.</p> <p>As previously advised, grant approval of €113,800 has been received. We are currently seeking tenders for the various elements of this scheme.</p> <p>Our application for funding under the Outdoor Performance Areas scheme has also been approved in the sum of €243,512 in the vicinity of Abbey Street. A specialist in the area of outdoor performance has been contacted and is drawing up plans for the project. These will then be put on display and submissions invited.</p>
11.	Enhancement and Painting Scheme	<p>This scheme gives grant assistance to owners of properties in the Primary Retail Area to improve and enhance their properties. This scheme will be run again for 2022. It is intended to supports those premises which are on or may be put on the derelict sites register or which are highlighted through the tidy towns work</p>

12.	Festivals & Events	<p>Patricks Day Festival.</p> <p>The Borough District will be working with the Patricks Day Committee and the Town Twinning Committee to run the St Patrick's Day Parade and other events on St Patricks Day.</p> <p>Two meetings of the St Patricks Day committee have already taken place.</p>
13.	Streetscape Enhancement Scheme	<p>Funding of €16,100 has been granted to allow businesses carryout certain upgrade works to shopfronts and outdoor areas in the village of Rosegreen.</p> <p>The 3 businesses in the village have indicated that they will participate in the scheme.</p>
14.	Tree Strategy	<p>As outlined at last month's meeting, it is hoped to prepare a Tree strategy for Clonmel during 2022.</p> <p>There will be wide consultation with all interested parties when the strategy is being prepared.</p> <p>Borough District are in the process of drawing up the parameters for this scheme before going to tender to have the strategy drawn up.</p>
15.	Digital Hub	<p>As previously advised to the Members, we applied for funding to carry out a feasibility study in relation to the provision of a Digital Hub in Clonmel under the RETS scheme. We have now been approved for funding of €43,200 towards this study and we will be required 50% of this amount by way of matched funding. The Clonmel Business Park company will be arranging for tenders to be sought and I will keep Members updated with progress on this matter.</p>
16.	Compactor Bins	<p>The Borough District have been allocated 6 bins under this scheme, bringing the total number of compactor bins in the District to 9.</p> <p>Locations for the extra bins have now been selected.</p> <p>The basis for the provision of these bins is to reduce the collection cost for the Council and as such, they will be provided in locations which currently require the Council to either travel to the location i.e. remote areas, or where the Council are currently carrying out more than one collection per day.</p>
17.	Washing of O'Connell Street	<p>Contractors were engaged to powerwash and remove gum litter on O'Connell Street and this received very positive feedback from the traders and the general public.</p> <p>It is hoped to continue the scheme during 2022 in other streets in the town centre.</p>

*Report Prepared By: Jim Dillon, District Administrator, Clonmel Borough District*

*11<sup>th</sup> February 2022*



**2022 Road Improvement, (RI), and Road Maintenance, (RM), Programme - Update for District Council Meeting on 16th February 2022**

**2022 Restoration Improvements (RI), (Wet mix/Macadam/Recycling, etc.) - Already Agreed as part of the 2022 - 2024 Road Works Programme (RWP)**

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Status	% Project Complete
L-6511-0	Knockrathkelly, Kilcash	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan	823m long (macadam).	10
L-6505-0	Clonacody/Babtistsgrange, Lisronagh	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan	1,208m long (wetmix)	10
L-1409-2	Rosegreen Village to Lowesgreen	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan	1,291m long (macadam)	10
R-706-5	Ballyglasheen (Kilsheelan to Fethard Rd.)	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan	375m long (asphalt)	10
L-2502-1	Ballyglasheen Junction towards B'patrick	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan	409m long (asphalt)	10
L-6510-0	The Avenue - B'patrick to Kilcash Castle	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan	1,090m long (wetmix)	10
L-1410-0	Rathmacarthy, Rosegreen	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan	1,208m long (wetmix)	10
R-688-5	Ballyvaheen to Ballyveelish, Clerihan	Eoin Powell & Tim Murphy	1,000m long (asphalt)	10

**2022 Road Maintenance (RM), (Surface Dressing) This list will presented at the March Meeting**

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Status	% Project Complete

**Drainage Grants - Department yet to ask for Proposals for 2022**

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Status	% Project Complete
L-3620-2	Marlfield Road (main road)	Eoin Powell & Tim Murphy		0
L-32861-0	Marlfield Crossroad to Sandybanks	Eoin Powell & Tim Murphy		
R-671-4	Dungarvan Road / William O'Brien Street	Eoin Powell & Tim Murphy		
L-3271-1	Poulmucka Crossroads	Eoin Powell & Tim Murphy		0
L-6509-0	Graigue Cul-de-Sac, (Ballypatrick)	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan		0
L-1409-1	Attykit, west of Rosegreen Village	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan		0
L-1407-0	Railstown, north of Rosegreen Village	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan		0
L-1409-2	Tullamian, SE of Rosegreen Village	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan		0
L-1410-0	Rathmacarty Road, Rosegreen	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan		

**Discretionary Improvement Works (Clonmel Town and Environs) The Full List has Yet to be finalised at the March Meeting**

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Status	% Project Complete
	Dungarvan Road (at Centra Shop) - Resurface	Eoin Powell	Carried over from 2021 (and will involve a full road closure, to be done during schools holidays)	0%
	Rathronan Crossroads Resurface & Kerbs	Eoin Powell	Partially completed in 2021, to be completed in 2022	10
	Baron Park Main Rd - Resurface Patches	Eoin Powell	Carried over from 2021	0%
	King Street, Rear Laneway - Resurface	Eoin Powell	Carried over from 2021	10
	Dominic's Laneway (Eldon's) - Resurface	Eoin Powell	Carried over from 2021	10
	Anne Street, Rear Laneway - Resurface	Eoin Powell	This 'might' be done, assuming that Irish Water install new Water instyall new foul mains	10
	Summerhill Drive - Traffic Calming	Eoin Powell	Carried over from 2021	10
	13 Ard Fatima - Install 2 Speed Ramps	Eoin Powell	Carried over from 2021	10
	Honeyview Estate - Install a Speed Ramp	Eoin Powell	Carried over from 2021	10
	Macadam Patchworks in Clonmel Town	Hughie Houlihan		10
	Road Markings in Clonmel Town	Hughie Houlihan		15
	<b>Red Roads from C200k Towns Monies</b>			
L-3620-0	Marlfield to Coole Road	Eoin Powell & Tim Murphy	To double surface dress the 1,100m long macadam section laid in 2021	10%
L-6507-0	Priortown to Ballinamore (off the N76)	Eoin Powell, Emma Ryan	To double surface dress the 443m long macadam section laid in 2021	10%
L-6507-0	Ballinamore/Ballynevin (off the N76)	Eoin Powell, Emma Ryan	557m long (macadam & double surface dressing)	10%
L-2502-1	Gortbrack, Ballypatrick	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan	240m long (asphalt)	10%
R-688-5	Ballyvaheen, Clerihan (Cashel Road)	Eoin Powell & Tim Murphy	200m long (asphalt)	10%

**Community Involvement Schemes 2022 (2022 Budget of C88,000 to go back to Nenagh for redistribution to other Districts)**

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Status	% Project Complete
L-65072	Ballyglasheen, Kilsheelan (John Larkin O'Brien)		Could not get the applicants to pay their 15% contribution	N/A
L-32781	Glenconnor, Clonmel (Patrick McCarth)		Could not get the applicants to pay their 15% contribution	N/A
L-72021	Coleman, Lisronagh (Philip O'Dwyer)		Could not get the applicants to pay their 15% contribution	N/A

**Local Improvement Scheme (LIS Schemes) 2022 List Yet to be finalised by the Nenagh Main Roads Office**

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Status	% Project Complete
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Safety Improvement Scheme 2022 Low Cost Accident Scheme)		Project Manager	Project Status	
R-688-4	Mocklerstown, Ballyclerahan (Bad Bend)	Eoin Powell & Tim Murphy	Application for 2022 submitted to Nenaqh, awaiting approval for same from the department	
R-688-2&3	Rosegreen Village (Traffic Calming at Junction)	Eoin Powell & Emma Ryan	Application for 2022 submitted to Nenagh, awaiting approval for same from the Department	

**Bridge Rehabilitation Works**

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Status	% Project Complete
	Gas house Bridge (2022)	Eoin Powell/Emma Ryan	Application for 2022 submitted to Nenaqh, awaiting approval for same from the Department	

**HD30 - Capital Maintenance on National Road Pavements 2022 (Pavement Repairs & Drainage Works)**

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Status	% Project Complete
N24	N24, At Kilmurray, (near Trass's Farm)	John Nolan & Eoin Powell	Proposal submitted to Department. Awaiting a reply.	0
N24	N24 in Kilsheelan Village	John Nolan & Eoin Powell	Proposal submitted to Department. Awaiting a reply.	0

**NP HD15 & HD17 National Route Fencing Retrofit Projects 2022**

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Status	% Project Complete
	CLMD M. Works-Fencing Retrofit 19 on the N24	Powell/Emma Ryan/ Tim M	Project Assessment is ongoing	0%

**Active Travel Measures for 2022**

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Status	% Project Complete
Laneway	Link From O'Neill St. to Gordan St. Car Park	Eoin Powell/Emma Ryan	Auomatic Gates and paving tendered. One submission asked for bollards or some form of barrier to slow cyclists, another asked for a commitment from TCC to open and close the gates manually if there was a fault with the automated system. Automatic Gate ordered, works expected to be completed by Q1 2022.	70
	Traffic Calming along Colville Road (Footpath Works, etc.)	Eoin Powell/Emma Ryan	Contract Awarded to Sham Walsh. Works commenced on 18/10/21. To be completed in Q1 2022	85

**Climate Change Projects - List Submitted to Department - Awaiting Approval for same.**

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Status	% Project Complete
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**Towns & Villages Renewal - (C200,000 - Received January 2021)**

Road Number	Project Name and Location	Project Manager	Project Status	% Project Complete
L-3287-0	Marfield Village Renewl Project	Eoin Powell/Tim Murphy	This is at the Preliminary Design Stage	10%

**IPB Footpath Funding - Clonmel Town**

Project Name & Location	Project Manager	Project Status	
Irishtown - Post office to the Church		To be transferred to 2022	10%
Irishtown - No. 16 to Pa Redmonds		To be transferred to 2022	10%
Opposite Garage at Tannersrath		to be transferred to 2022	10%
Dr. Croak Place (concrete laneway)		To be transferred to 2022	10%
Thomas Street - narrow west side by 600mm		To be transferred to 2022	10%

## Capital Projects Programme - Update for Council Meeting February 2022

Project Name & Details	Detailed Project Status
<b>Suir Island House and Millrace</b>	Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funding of €143,000 received for works to Suir Island House & €135,000 to repair the walls of the Mill race. Tender published for ORIS works, and awarded to Glas Civil Engineering Ltd. Bracing of Suir Island House and minor masonry work to millrace walls now complete.
<b>Public Realm Works Clonmel - Design &amp; Planning Stages</b>	Part 8 for the Clonmel Urban Design Project was adopted at the December 2020 meeting. Preliminary Design completed. Detailed Design commenced March 2021 with expected completion of detailed design and commencement of tender process for works in Q1 2022 pending funding approval. Ground Investigation Works pencilled in to commence 6th Jan 2022, to complete 11th Feb 2022 subject to final approval of TMP's and H & S docs. Localised stop/go traffic management will be implemented with some traffic diversions as required. Retailers shall be kept updated prior to works and during works.
<b>Kickham Barracks - Phase 1</b>	Works on Davis Road Carpark completed. Landscaping to be finalised. URDF approval issued to proceed with KB Plaza works. Works commenced on site 10th June 2021 with a 12 month works programme. Current proposed completion 8th Aug 2022
<b>Kickham Barracks - Phase 2</b>	Forms part of URDF funding application submitted to Department in 2021. Includes for the new LIT and TETB Campuses and Military Chapel Arts & Cultural Centre.
<b>Flights of Discovery - Dowd's Lane Bulmers Visitor Centre</b>	Forms part of URDF funding application submitted to Department in 2021. Company to be established, site transferred. 2 tenders received for design consultants. Tender assessment completed. New cost appraisal completed on project due to concerns on projected cost. Final decision on how to proceed pending.
<b>Flights of Discovery - West Gate Interpretative Centre</b>	Conservation Architect's report completed. Funding application for Historic Towns Initiative 2020 was not successful. Forms part of URDF funding application submitted to Department in 2021.
<b>Flights of Discovery - Suir Island Amenity Park - Bridges</b>	Contract awarded to Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) Consultants to develop the design of the bridge to Suir Island. Consultants to take the project through the planning process. Options report and public consultation process completed. Documents now being prepared for An Bord Pleanála planning application. Anticipated lodgement date April 2022. (currently experiencing delays with GI contractor).
<b>Marfield Lake Flood Alleviation Project - Flood Study &amp; Design</b>	Cost Benefit Analysis complete and sent to the OPW for review.
<b>Flights of Discovery - Suir Island Amenity Park - Gardens</b>	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects were appointed Feb 2021 for prelim and detailed design of gardens. Options Report completed, preferred option selected, Part 8 planning docs now being prepared, for lodgement Q1 2022. SlaintecARE FUNDING SOURCED OF €250,000.
<b>Blueway Extension to Marfield</b>	CSEA Consultants appointed for feasibility study. Draft Options Report reviewed and returned to CSEA. Final report received Sept 2021, Gillian Flynn reviewing and finalising, and trying to source funding from TII.
<b>Shelmadens Lane - Creative Lighting Installation</b>	School of Looking Ltd appointed Dec 2020 to provide and implement creative lighting design. Works now completed and powered up. Further improvements (painting) may be rolled out in Q1/Q2 2022 subject to funding.

<b>Laneway between O'Neill Street and Gordon Place Carpark</b>	Automatic Gates and paving tendered. Feedback from residents in local streets have responded with positive comments and in general people welcome the reopening of the lane. One submission asked for bollards or some form of barrier to slow cyclists, Another submission asked for a commitment from TCC to open and close the gates manually if there was a fault with the automated system. Automatic Gate ordered works to proceed after COVID Level 5 lockdown finishes.
<b>Town Hall Roof Repairs &amp; Chamber Renovation</b>	Estimated cost of repairs to roof, and internal decoration of Mayors Chamber and council meeting room €50,000 including Vat & consultants fees. Confirmation of funding availability received mid May 2021. Blueet O' Donoghue appointed as PSDP. Glas CE appointed as PSCS to carry out external repairs. Expected commencement date 21st March 2022. 4 week programme of works expected, subject to final confirmation from Glas CE.
<b>Suir Island Carpark VMS Signage</b>	Works complete.
<b>Marfield Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme Project</b>	This is at the Preliminary Design Stage
<b>Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Scheme:</b>	RRDF funding approved Aug 2021. Total project cost €670,833.00. Design Team tender received 30th october. CSEA Consultants appointed as PSDP end of Jan 2022. Detailed designs and procurement of contractor Q2 2022, with appointment of contractor and commencement of works Q3 2022. 7 months works period currently expected, with completion date of April 2023



## Clonmel Borough Municipal District

### VACANT HOUSE REPORT - Council Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022

#### Breakdown of Vacant Houses

Available For Letting	Newly Purchased Houses - Works being Carried Out	Major Refurbishment	Other - Houses for Sale, etc.	Minor Repairs	<b>TOTAL</b>
4	2	0	0	4	<b>10</b>

**SUMMARY OF VACANT HOUSES**  
**FOR BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING**  
**16<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

The following is the current situation in relation to the status of the Vacant Housing in the Clonmel Borough District, effective from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**In Total There are 10 No. Vacant Houses:**

**Detailed Breakdown of the 10 No. Vacant Houses - (Housing = 6 No.; Borough District = 4 No.):**

**Housing Section Responsibility**

• Available for Letting, (unallocated)	-	2 No.
• Available for Letting, (allocated)	-	2 No.
• Newly Purchased + Refurbishment	-	2 No.
• Major Refurbishments	-	0 No.
• Others – (e.g., Derelict Site For Sale, etc.)	-	0 No.
		<b>6 No. (60%)</b>

**Borough District Responsibility**

• Works In Progress (By Co. & Contractors)	-	1 No.
• Works Awarded to Contractors,	-	1 No.
• Gone to Tender	-	0 No.
• Being Prepared for Tender	-	1 No.
• Yet to be Fully Surveyed	-	0 No.
• Yet to receive keys	-	1 No.
		<b>4 No. (40%)</b>

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Eoin Powell  
 Clonmel Borough District Engineer

Order Number	Division	Subject	Category	Details	Amount	Order Date	FileRef	Council Meeting
28850	Roads	Casual Trading Licence	Licences/Declarations/Notices	Casual Trading Licence granted to Emmanuel Savage for Pitch 3, Quay Car Park, Clonmel on a Friday between 4pm & 10pm 22nd February 2022 to 31st December 2022		03/02/2022	CTL04/2022	16/02/2022
28833	Clonmel Borough District	Section 254 Licence	Licences/Declarations/Notices	Licence granted to National Broadband Ireland (NBI) for the erection of timber poles & cables for broadband	€ 125.00	02/02/2022	NBI20220001	16/02/2022
28770	Roads	Legal Proceedings - Traffic	Legal Proceedings	That legal proceedings be instituted against persons listed on the attached schedule for offences under the Road Traffic Acts, 1961 to 1994 as amended and the Local Authorities (Traffic Wardens) Act, 1975.		27/01/2022	2.33	16/02/2022
28769	Roads	Legal Proceeding - Traffic	Legal Proceedings	That legal proceedings be instituted against persons listed on the attached schedule for offences under the Road Traffic Acts, 1961 to 1994 as amended and the Local Authorities (Traffic Wardens) Act, 1975.		27/01/2022	2.33	16/02/2022
28633	Clonmel Borough District	Appointment of Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates	Appointment of Consultant	Appointment of Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates in respect of consultancy services for Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Scheme Infrastructural works.	€ 72,805.00	10/01/2022	9/0041	16/02/2022