

**Minutes of April Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District
held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted
remotely on Monday 25th April 2022 at 11am**

Members Present: Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan, Cathaoirleach
Councillor Micheál Anglim
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. James Swords, District Engineer
Mr. Paul Farrell, Executive Engineer
Mr. Robert Johnston, Executive Engineer
Mr. Tim Kilmartin, Executive Engineer
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer
Environment & Climate Change Directorate
Ms. Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer
Ms. Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer
Ms. Colette Moloney, Senior Executive Scientist
Culture & Library Services
Mr. Jess Codd, Senior Executive Librarian
Ms. Jane Sutcliffe, Documentation & Collections Officer

Apologies: Councillor Tony Black

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan, opened the meeting by apologising for the delay. Mr. Anthony Coleman, District Administrator, commenced the meeting with the meeting prayer. He called the roll and confirmed the attendance of the Municipal District members present at the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Tony Black who was unable to attend following the recent birth of his son Michael Anthony and the Cathaoirleach wanted to congratulate Cllr. Black and his partner Amy. The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan, welcomed everyone to the April Municipal District meeting.

1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

2.1 Minutes of March Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 28th March 2022

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District March meeting held on 28th March 2022 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Roger Kennedy seconded by Councillor Anne Marie Ryan (Shiner).

Matters arising from the minutes

Councillor Fitzgerald requested an update in relation to the bridge in Lisvernane. Mr. Swords, District Engineer, confirmed remedial works to the bridge were completed and they are waiting on a design from consultants. It is hoped that work will commence at the end of the summer.

Councillor Murphy requested a follow up in relation to Councillor Burgess' previous motion in relation to extending the waiver on 254 licences. The District Administrator confirmed that this will be dealt with under the District Administrator's report.

3.1 Environment & Climate Change Directorate

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Marion O'Neill, S.E.O., Environment & Climate Change Section to the meeting. Ms. O'Neill referred to her report circulated with the agenda and highlighted a number of initiatives including the installation of 6 solar powered compacting bins in the District and the "Enjoy the Scene & Keep it Clean Initiative" at The Vee, Tipperary Hills and The Glen of Aherlow. In conjunction with National Tree Council of Ireland trees and wildflower packs were distributed to groups in the District.

Councillor Burgess thanked Ms O'Neill and her team, and he asked if the door-to-door household checks on waste disposal would commence again given that the pandemic restrictions have been lifted and given his concern about illegal dumping. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) asked if there was a historic landfill in Tipperary Town. She also asked what the difference between a Section 8(2) Notice is and a Section 8(7) Notice under the Derelict Sites Act. She asked if there is an up to date Derelict Sites List. She also asked if CCTV was being used for waste enforcement purposes and if there are any GDPR issues. Councillor McGrath also asked for an update on the door-to-door checks. She asked why the Environment Section stopped Country Clean from selling pre-paid refuse bags from the local shop in Burncourt. She stated that this was working well, and it seems heavy handed. It was providing a bin service to people who can't afford the annual charge. This now could lead to more cases of illegal dumping. Councillor Fitzgerald stated that recently in Tipperary Town there has been a number of incidents of damage to sports clubs and organisation. Most of these premises are part owned by the Local Authority and have provided the facilities on a long-term lease. CCTV is the only deterrent to the vandals that cut fences and damage playing pitches and the Council as landowner should show more responsibility and provide CCTV.

In response, Ms. O'Neill indicated that the Environment Section were proactively engaging with households linked to illegal dumping and follow ups were done by letter. In relation to the historic landfill in Tipperary Town this is currently being dealt with by Kieran McKenna, Executive Engineer. Ms O'Neill confirmed that a Section 8(7) is a Notice of Entry on the Derelict Sites Register and a Section 8(2) is a Notice of Intention to Enter a property on the Derelict Sites Register. She confirmed that she has two staff members dedicated to derelict sites.

In relation to the use of CCTV, Ms O'Neill confirmed that they have a number of cameras that they move around, and they also use covert CCTV. However, they cannot impede on people's privacy and some sites are not suited to CCTV. Ms O'Neill advised that a kerbside collection is available and there is an option available to bin share. Ms O'Neill advised Councillor Fitzgerald that there is a Community CCTV Grant Scheme available.

Councillor Moloney asked if the Environment Section could give official advice on the burning of bushes. Councillor Crosse raised concerns in relation to illegal dumping in Dundrum and Donaskeigh and there is increased demand for refusal disposal. Ms O'Neill advised that a Burning Declaration Form is required, and an applicant must have a herd number, notify the Council and the Fire Service. She also confirmed that the council continues to promote anti-dumping initiatives and the civic amenity sites. They also encourage households to reuse, recycle, upcycle. She asked the members to notify the Council of any incidents of illegal dumping which will be investigated. Councillor Crosse requested an update on the illegal dumping at Cullen Village and Ms O'Neill confirmed that this was meat waste therefore they were working with the Department of Agriculture. The owner of the waste paid for the clean up and they were subsequently issued with a warning letter.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms O'Neill and her team for all her work.

3.2 Culture/Library Services Directorate

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Jess Codd, Senior Executive Librarian, to the meeting. Mr. Codd confirmed that the Library Service is getting back to normal and they have welcomed back schools, groups and clubs.

Councillor Burgess wanted to congratulate Cashel Library on celebrating its 20th anniversary. He stated that the staff always go above and beyond, and the facility is always available. It was great to see the former staff members also return for the celebration. He referred to his previous Notice of Motion and asked if there was an update on the toy library which is to be piloted in Cashel.

Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested an update on My Local Library initiative in Tipperary Town.

Mr. Codd thanked Councillor Burgess for his words and he firstly wanted to extend his sympathies to the family and friends of a former colleague Anne Corridan, Executive Librarian who sadly passed away at the weekend. He confirmed that in relation to My Local Library it is with the LMGA at present who are developing a new IT system and it is being tested in Tipperary Town at present.

Mr. Codd also wanted to update the members on projects which the County Museum are currently working on including a collaboration with Michael Fortune of forkllore.ie. They are also working on a radio documentary on the killed or disappeared during the Irish Civil War. The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Codd.

3.3 Approval of Additional Works under Municipal District Roads Programme 2022

On the proposition of Councillor John Crosse, seconded by Councillor Annmarie Ryan (Shiner), the Additional Works under Municipal District Roads Programme 2022 were agreed as follows:

3.4 District Engineer's Report

James Swords, District Engineer, updated Members on the Roads Programme. He confirmed that most of the restoration improvement (RI) works were completed, however the planned works in Boherlahan and Donaskeigh would be postponed until the Summer when the schools would be closed. The Restoration Maintenance works will commence in May/June. Councillor Murphy complimented the team on the work at Kilganny Bridge. Councillor Burgess advised that in relation to the lights at the Old Road, Cashel, there was a problem with a circuit which has now been fixed and Electric Ireland are now required to turn on the power. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) wanted an update in relation to the public lighting at Glen Court, Emly. Councillor McGrath wanted to know what the procedure was in relation to getting public lighting installed. There is an isolated stretch of footpath across from the pitch in Newcastle. Mr. Swords agreed to discuss it with the Roads Section and if it is within the speed limit it will be placed on a priority list. Councillor Anglim asked if something could be done about the trees on the Cahir Road into Ardfinnan known as the new line and Mr. Swords agreed to look at them.

3.5 District Administrator's Report

The District Administrator's Report was circulated to the Members with the agenda. In relation to Councillor Murphy's earlier question regarding 254 licence's we are still awaiting a decision from the Department.

4.1 Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders

The orders were noted.

5.1 Councillor Annmarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref. ID 2400)

That this District provide a bus shelter at the Link Road, Tipperary Town bus stop. Currently there is only a bus pole with no shelter from bad weather. It is a busy route, many people use that stop throughout the whole year and are at the mercy of frequent inclement weather.

Reply

If the motion is approved by Members and the location complies with NTA guidelines the Active Travel Team will apply to the NTA for funding for civil works to accommodate a bus shelter on the Link Road, Tipperary Town, which under current arrangements is supplied and installed by JC Decaux.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

5.2 Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) (Ref ID 2406)

That this District examine and upgrade the footpath on Emmet Street, Tipperary Town, in particular Emmet Street Upper outside the 2-storey houses. There are quite a number of elderly residents in this area who are nervous of slipping and falling.

Reply

This section of footpath will be assessed and considered for inclusion in future footpath replacement works.

Councillor Ryan (Shiner) noted that the footpaths at Dillon Street have been upgraded and this is the next section. She advised that there is a new residents association in the area and the footpaths are their highest priority. Mr. Swords advised that it will be built into any proposed works to the area.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John Crosse.

5.3 Councillor Roger Kennedy (Ref. ID 2411)

That Tipperary County Council erect signage on all approaches to Dundrum village to warn of the danger of deer crossing the roads.

Reply

The district will assess the existing signage on approach roads and repair or install signs as appropriate.

Councillor Kennedy confirmed that there have been 4 recent accidents with deer and requested signage to alert motorists particularly visitors to the area. He asked if there was a grant available as fencing isn't the only solution. Councillor McGrath also supported the motion and advised that there are also issues with deer on

the Goatenbridge to Clogheen Road and Cahir to Skeheenarinky Road. Councillor Burgess seconded the motion and concurred with the comments. Councillor Crosse supported the motion and Councillor Murphy agreed with the motion and concurred with Councillor McGrath. She referred to the Clogheen to Ardfinnan Road which is a regional road.

6.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

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

- Michael Fennessy, Killballyboy, Clogheen, Co Tipperary
- Alice O'Shea, Newcastle, Clonmel, Co Tipperary

A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

- Ms Kate Coyne, Boolahalla, Newcastle, Clonmel, Co Tipperary on winning the Tipperary Regional ARTiculation Final and representing Tipperary at the National Final at The People's Museum, Limerick on the 7th April, 2022.
- Councillor Tony Black and his partner Amy O'Shea on the birth of their first child Michael Anthony Black on the 15th April, 2022.

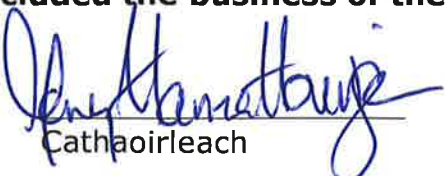
7.1 Correspondence from An Garda Siochana

The District Administrator advised the Members that correspondence was received from Superintendent Edmund Golden regarding speeding issues in Cashel Town. Councillor Burgess noted the contents and appreciated the swift reply.

8.1 Any other Business

The District Administrator advised Members that the N24 route selection is due to be announced on the 23rd May and that people who will be affected will be notified by the Mid-West National Road Design Office.

This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.

Signed/  Dated/ 23/5/2022
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 23/05/22
District Administrator