

Minutes of February Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Monday 24th February, 2025 at 11.00am

Members Present: Councillor Roger Kennedy, Leas Chathaoirleach
Councillor Micheál Anglim
Councillor Declan Burgess
Councillor Liam Browne
Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan
Councillor Máirín McGrath
Councillor Andy Moloney
Councillor Marie Murphy
Councillor John O’Heney
Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

Officials Present: Ms. Sharon Kennedy, District Director
Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator
Mr. James Murray, Senior Roads Engineer
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer
Mr. Tim Kilmartin, Executive Engineer
Mr. Richard Power, Executive Engineer
Mr. Pat O’Neill, Executive Engineer
Mr. Frank Cussen, Executive Engineer
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer
ECRD Directorate
Ms. Valerie Kavanagh, Administrative Officer
Ms. Grainne O’Malley, Integration Support Worker (LAIT)
Ms. Valerie Connolly, Sports Partnership
Libraries/Cultural Services/Biodiversity Directorate
Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian
Ms. Ann-Marie Fleming, Biodiversity Officer

Apologies Councillor John Crosse Cathaoirleach

The Leas Chathaoirleach, Councillor Roger Kennedy, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the February meeting. Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator, commenced the meeting with the meeting prayer.

1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest

There were no matters notified to the meetings administrator.

2.1 Minutes of February Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 24th February, 2025

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District February meeting held on 24th February, 2025 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Mary Hanna-Hourigan seconded by Councillor John O’Heney.

Matters arising from the minutes

There was no matter arising from the minutes.

3.1 Economic, Community & Rural Development Directorate Report

The Leas Chathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Valerie Kavanagh, Administrative Officer, Ms. Grainne O’Malley, Integration Support Worker, Local Authority Integration Team and Ms. Valerie Connolly, Sports Partnership to the meeting. Ms. Kavanagh highlighted that the closing date for the Local Enhancement Programme 2025 is the 28th February. The fund covers capital investment for projects with additional funding available for running costs, including insurance, utility costs and rental. Ms Kavanagh advised that Window 3 of the Community Recognition Fund has been advertised and it should be noted that the funding allocation for Tipperary in Window 2 was ring fenced for Window 3.

Councillor Máirín McGrath referred to the Local Enhancement Programme 2025 and had a query in relation to Araglen which is located on the Cork/Tipperary border and noted that in Cork there is up to €50,000 available. Councillor Murphy confirmed that the Araglen Community Centre is located in Cork and the Community field is located in Tipperary. Councillor Browne noted that Cashel Mens Shed is not on the list of recipients of SICAP funding. He also acknowledged the Community Strength & Conditioning Programme which ran in Dundrum for men over 45 and noted that it was very successful.

In response Ms Kavanagh advised that she would provide a list of the Men’s Shed recipients and confirm why Cashel wasn’t included. Ms Connolly confirmed that the Community Strength & Conditioning Programme in Dundrum for men over 45 was a very successful pilot programme which will continue in Dundurn and will be rolled out to other areas across the County.

3.2 Culture Services / Libraries & Biodiversity Directorate

The Leas Chathaoirleach welcomed Mr Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian and Ms. Ann-Marie Fleming, Biodiversity Officer to the meeting. Mr. Dullaghan thanked the Members for the opportunity to attend the meeting. Mr. Dullaghan referred to his report which was circulated and particularly wanted to update the Members on Cahir Library. He confirmed that the project will shortly be going to tender with construction to commence in Q2 2025. He also wanted to highlight the Tipperary Studies website, which is a huge resource for anyone interested in local history & has had over 2.6 million hits. Ms Fleming advised the Members that Tipperary County Council's Biodiversity Action Plan is at pre-draft stage.

Councillor Roger Kennedy complemented the team on the amount of work done year on year. Councillor McGrath advised that it was great to see progress with the Library in Cahir and she also asked if there are proposals for Seachtain na Gaelige. Mr Dullaghan confirmed that the programme is being finalised and will be circulated to all Councillors.

3.3 Consider Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works

James Swords, Senior Engineer presented the road programme for 2025. On the proposition of Councillor Marie Murphy, seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess, it was resolved,

"That in accordance with section 103 of the Local Government Act 2007, as amended by section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014,

a. the Draft schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) for the financial year ending 31st December 2025 as presented, be and is hereby adopted, and

b. where relevant, that any subsequent changes of the schedule necessitated by either an inability to proceed with certain works or by emergency repairs elsewhere may be implemented subject to notification to the members as soon as may be and that the works so deferred may be considered for inclusion in the Schedule for the next financial year

Councillor Kennedy requested an update on the Kilfeacle junction project which was prioritised with the TII. Councillor McGrath referred to the Knockagh Roundabout project which is due to commence and asked that there would be no grass margins. Councillor Burgess requested an update in relation to the storm drains in Cashel particularly following the bad weather. He also referred to the proposals to improve the public realm and referred in particular to speeding issues on the Camus Road and Lowergate. He also requested that the yellow box at Conors Close be redone and he supported Councillor Kennedy in relation to Kilfeacle, particularly the need to engage with the Rugby and Tennis Club. Councillor Anglim asked when the applications for the LIS would be available and when is the funding from IPB expected. Councillor Moloney referred to an area at Springfield Glenegad which was always maintained by the Cahir Team, however is now in the Clonmel Area and wanted it highlighted with them. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested an update in relation to the Bansha Road Safety Scheme, the N74 project and she also supported the TII project for Kilfeacle. Councillor O'Heney thanked the Municipal District and acknowledged the funding of €100,000 for Rossadrehid bridge under the 2025 Bridge Rehabilitation Works on Regional and Local Road Scheme.

In response the District Engineer confirmed that a high level design for Kilfeacle has been completed by the TII and he will arrange to meet with the Rugby and Tennis Club to discuss the draft. He confirmed that the roads capital team would commence work at Knockagh roundabout within two weeks. In relation to Councillor Anglim's query he confirmed that the LIS scheme would be advertised at the end of the summer and that the Road Section have received the IPB allocation and the District are waiting on the details of our portion, however it

should be noted that the amount has dropped year on year. Regarding Bansha Road, the District Engineer confirmed that he has met with the TII and they have completed a feasibility options report and the project may be completed in a piecemeal fashion. He confirmed that work on the Station Road junction will commence next month and the Municipal District is using its own funds for this project. The District Engineer also confirmed that he would follow up on Councillor Moloney’s query with the Clonmel Borough District.

Councillor Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) acknowledged the funding awarded for safety measures at Shronnell School and requested that the school be involved in any discussions. Councillor O’Heney requested an update on behalf of the Tidy Towns Group on the speed survey carried out in Kilross. Councillor Browne requested that a speed survey would be carried out in Boherlahan. Councillor Kennedy referred to the local authority housing budget and reported that he has one tenant who is waiting 12 months for fascia and soffit and another tenant has reported that rainwater runs down the internal walls when the wind is blowing a particular direction.

In response the District Engineer advised that Kilross would be suitable for a safety improvement scheme however its difficult to find a suitable funding stream. He confirmed that the Shronnell design is nearly complete and he will meet with the school to discuss it. Councillor Kennedy asked if the District has sufficient staff to carry out the works and he was advised yes. Councillor McGrath referred to the Climate and Flood Relief Funding available and asked if the issues at Kilmoyler could be addressed with this Scheme. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) requested an update from the N74 project team. Councillor Moloney noted that the patching unit hasn’t been used in the District since last August and he was advised by the District Engineer that suitable weather is required.

3.4 Consider Draft 2025 General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

On the proposition of Councillor Declan Burgess, seconded by Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan, the 2025 General Municipal Allocations were agreed as follows:

TIPPERARY-CAHIR-CASHEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT G.M.A. 2025

Type of Grant	Breakdown
FESTIVAL & EVENTS GRANT SCHEME – MUNICIPAL	65,000
FESTIVAL & EVENTS GRANT SCHEME - COMMUNITY	55,000
CHRISTMAS LIGHTING TIPPERARY TOWN	3,650
CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CAHIR TOWN	7,500
PAINTING ENHANCEMENT SCHEME CASHEL TOWN	4,000
PAINTING ENHANCEMENT SCHEME TIPPERARY TOWN	4,000
PAINTING ENHANCEMENT SCHEME CAHIR TOWN	4,000

PAINTING ENHANCEMENT SCHEME VILLAGES	6,000
ECONOMIC SUPPORTS & INITIATIVES (Town Vouchers)	10,000
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT TIDY TOWNS GRANTS	
CASHEL TIDY TOWNS - Special Project	5,000
TIPPERARY TIDY TOWNS - Special Project	5,000
CAHIR TIDY TOWNS - Special Project	5,000
District Special Projects	4,000
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BURIAL GROUND GRANTS	€2,500
ST. PATRICK'S BRASS BAND, CASHEL CONTRIBUTION	300
CASHEL PIPE BAND CONTRIBUTION	300
CAHIR TRAD BAND	500
CONTRIBUTION TO TIPPERARY TOWN REVITALISATION	30,000
DISTRICT TOWN & VILLAGE RENEWAL PROJECTS & SCHEMES	109,313
DISTRICT PLAYGROUNDS & AMENITY AREAS	50,000
TOTAL:	361,063

3.3 District Administrator's Report

The District Administrator requested that his report be taken as read and he was available for questions.

Councillor Browne referred to the Cashel Town Forum and asked what initiatives and projects are underway and how can someone apply to sit on the Forum. Councillor O'Heney noted that the aqua fit is back in Sean Treacy Swimming Pool and asked if an exercise could be completed which would compare and contrast the other local authority run swimming pools.

In response the District Administrator advised that the Cashel Town Forum is not a decision making body and is made up of the OPW, Tidy Towns, Fáilte Ireland, the Heritage Council and An Garda Síochána. He noted that there is not an active Chamber of Commerce in Cashel at present and regarding any business initiatives the Town Forum is engaging with the Town Centre First team. In response to Councillor O'Heney query in relation to the swimming pool he was asked to speak to the District Administrator outside of the meeting if he had a specific question.

3.5 Vacant Houses

Councillor Kennedy referred to the recent Housing SPC meeting where it was noted that this District receives less information than any other District on the vacant houses report. Councillor Ryan (Shiner) advised that she was also at the

meeting and confirmed that some Districts provide addresses. It was agreed that clarification would be sought from the housing section.

4.1 Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders

The orders were noted.

5.1 Councillor Declan Burgess (Ref. ID 2931)

That Tipperary County Council prioritises the inclusion of John Street, Cashel in future public realm funding applications to deliver the under grounding of overhead cables, associated pavement works and the installation of new LED lighting.

Reply

The Part VIII Planning permission includes the bringing of overhead cables of John Street underground and associated works. All funding applications will take full cognisance of the permission granted.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

5.2 Councillor Declan Burgess (Ref ID 2932)

That this Municipal District undertake a review of the Parking Byelaws in Cashel. This was scheduled for 2023 and never materialised.

Reply

In respect to the subsequent local elections, this Notice of Motion should be refreshed at the February meeting and the process will be commenced this year.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Annemarie Ryan Shiner.

5.3 Councillor Liam Browne (Ref ID 2935)

That this Council extends the current public footpath on the Dualla Road, Cashel, out to at least the Limetree Grove housing development, and extends public lighting along the same length of public footpath.

Reply

It is the intent to progress any footpath works in conjunction with further development of the Limetree Grove site.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess.

5.4 Councillor Liam Browne (Ref ID 2936)

That this Council widen the roadway and construct an adjoining footpath with public lighting at Windmill Cashel, to connect the current sections of footpath connecting Mill Hollow and Windmill Close.

Reply

The District has assessed this location previously and is awaiting a topographic survey of the area. The intent is to progress a design and consider the area for future works.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess.

5.5 Councillor Liam Browne (Ref ID 2937)

That this Council cuts down, tops and or dresses overgrown trees at Dominic Street, Cashel and at Woodlawn, Cashel, which has become a danger to the public, and public/private property.

Reply

The trees at Dominic Street will be assessed by a tree surgeon and pruned as advised.

The green areas at Woodlawn have not been Taken in Charge so any tree maintenance work at this location is the responsibility of the residents.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

5.6 Councillor Annemarie Ryan Shiner (Ref ID 2938)

That this Municipal District assess active travel facilities within Annacarty Village, and based on the findings, deliver a scheme to enhance safe travel modes in the village.

Reply

Tipperary County Council will review as part of future funding proposals to the NTA for active travel schemes and other possible funding streams.

This motion was seconded by Councillor John O'Heney.

5.7 Councillor Annemarie Ryan Shiner (Ref ID 2939)

That this Municipal District look at delivering a footpath from Bansha Village to the turn up to Cluen. Currently the footpath starts just before the bottle bank in Bansha. If it could be extended it would enable the many families to walk/cycle to Bansha Village instead of having to use their cars for what is a very short journey.

Reply

The District has forwarded the query to TII and Active Travel for comment on the potential for a scheme.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan.

6.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

A vote of sympathy was extended to the following:

- Doreen Maher, St Finnan's Avenue, Ardfinnan, Co Tipperary
- Eddie Tuohy, Fr Matthew Street, Tipperary Town, Co Tipperary

There was no vote of congratulations.


7.1 Any other Business

Councillor Browne with the permission of the Leas Cathaoirleach requested an update on the proposed HSE 60 bed Community Care Unit for Palmershill Cashel. Councillor Kennedy advised the Members that he attended the recent Regional Health Forum Meeting with the HSE in Kilkenny. At the meeting the HSE advised that the current planning regulations for Cashel would not allow for the development of a CNU and may require a new Local Area Plan for Cashel or a variation of the current plan

He also confirmed that no residents of Our Lady's Hospital would be moved unless they requested a move to the new development at St Anthony's Clonmel. Councillor Burgess requested an update on the Local Area Plan for Cashel and he was advised that the Senior Planner would contact him directly.

This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.

Signed/  Dated/ 24th of March 2025.
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 24th of March 2025
District Administrator