



MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WHICH WAS HELD IN THE DISTRICT CHAMBER, THURLES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OFFICES, CASTLE AVENUE, THURLES ON 20th OCTOBER 2025

Present: Councillor Peggy Ryan, Cathaoirleach, presided.

Councillors Kay Cahill Skehan, William Kennedy,
Shane Lee, Michéal Lowry, Eddie Moran, Jim Ryan,
Seán Ryan and Michael Smith.

<u>Also Present:</u>	Kieran Malone	Senior Engineer
	Thomas Duffy	District Engineer
	Jim Ryan	Executive Engineer
	Enda Walsh	Executive Engineer
	Sharon Scully	District Administrator
	Susan Scally	Asst Staff Officer

Apology: Mark Connolly Director of Services

Matters arising prior to commencement of October Meeting.

- The Cathaoirleach requested the Media to leave the Chamber.

Councillor S Lee advised the Members that comments attributed to him at the July Monthly Meeting, in the absence of the media, be withdrawn.

The Media were invited back into the Chamber.

- The Cathaoirleach and Members expressed their sympathy to Councillor Michael Smith and the Smith family on the loss of his uncle, Dan who was a former Councillor.
Dan was remembered as a gentleman, held in high regard and very effective in his role as a Councillor.

1.1 Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest.

There were no Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest raised at the Meeting.

2.1 Minutes of the September Monthly Meeting of Thurles Municipal District held on 15th September, 2025.

It was proposed by Councillor S. Ryan, seconded by Councillor W. Kennedy and resolved:



"That the Minutes of the Thurles Municipal District September 2025 Monthly Meeting, which was held on the 15th September 2025, be adopted as a true record of the business transacted at the Meeting."

3.1 Thurles Municipal District – Draft Budgetary Plan 2026.

A copy of the Thurles Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 was circulated by email on the 13th October, 2025, giving the required 7 days' notice and was also circulated with the Agenda in accordance with Section 102(4A)(b) of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Claire Ryan, Financial Management Accountant outlined the Thurles Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan for 2025 to the Members and highlighted the following: -

- General Municipal Allocation for 2026 will be €302,345. This allocation is arising from the decision to increase the Local Property Tax, at the September 2024, by 15% - 5% for three years 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Councillor W. Kennedy queried the same grant payment amount being paid to Burial Ground Committees as some areas are more active than others.

Claire advised that the burial ground grants are based on Budget 2025 but workshops will be held with Members in the coming weeks.

The table below sets out the provisional allocation per District based on population.

Tipperary County Council - General Municipal Allocations (GMA) 2025 Allocated based on 2022 Population

	Population based on 2022 Census	Allocation € GMA based on 2022 Population
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District	20,191	163,707
Clonmel Borough District	25,003	202,723
Nenagh Municipal District	40,879	331,445
Thurles Municipal District	37,290	302,345
Tipperary–Cahir-Cashel Municipal District	44,532	361,063
Total	167,895	1,361,283



It was proposed by Councillor M. Smith, seconded by Councillor K. Cahill Skehan and resolved: -

"That pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, we, the Members of Thurles Municipal District, hereby adopt the overall Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 providing for an expenditure of €302,345 for the Municipal District subject to agreement on allocations to specific projects."

3.2 Thurles MD Civic Awards 2026 Working Group.

The Cathaoirleach advised that at the end of 2024, it was agreed that the procedure for Civic Awards Nights would be examined and a Working Group be created to see how better the Awards Nights can be undertaken.

The Working Group would comprise of a representative from Fine Fáil, Fine Gael and the Independents. The Cathaoirleach requested that the Independent Councillors meet to discuss their nomination to the Working Group and revert back to the District Administrator before the November Meeting with the name of their nominee.

3.3 Lisheen Windfarm Trust Applications:

- (i) Moyne National School**
- (ii) Templetuohy Moyne GAA Club**
- (iii) Templetuohy Church**

There are three applications submitted for funding from the Lisheen Windfarm Trust who provide funding for payment of grants to community/voluntary groups in the area towards capital expenditure incurred by them.

The three applications are:-

- (i) Moyne National School for the resurfacing of the playground area.
- (ii) Moyne Templetuohy GAA Club for the replacement and maintenance of ball stop nets on main pitch, installation of astroturf in goalmouths on main pitch, replacement of damaged/broken seats in stand.
- (iii) Templetuohy Church for the refurbishment of the existing toilets and installation of an accessible toilet and all associated works in Templetuohy Church. The application states that these toilets are used by church goers and will be available for use by the public using the nearby playground facilities.



It was proposed by Councillor W. Kennedy, seconded by Councillor S. Lee and resolved that:-

"The applications received from (i) Moyne National School, (ii) Moyne Templetuohy GAA Club and (iii) Templetuohy Church under the Lisheen Windfarm Trust be accepted."

3.4 District Engineers Report.

An updated District Engineer's Report was circulated to the Members in advance of the Meeting and taken as read.

Queries raised by Members were as follows:-

- Compliments were paid to the Engineers, GSSs and outdoor staff on the roadworks programme which is now near completion.
- During severe weather events, can contractors be engaged to assist people to access/exit their homes? Can contractors be indemnified by the Council?
- Update on the Retrofit Programme which took place in Council houses at Tara Drive, Gortnahoe and where tenants are experiencing problems with the air to water systems.
Also is it intended to include houses that have not previously received retrofitting in future plans?
- Can the road at Incharourke be included in the Former National Roads Programme as this road surface is in very poor condition.
- Funding received in 2025 for maintenance of bridges and repairs to damaged bridges – can the bridge over the River Black to Cloverhill Two Mile Borris be included in this funding as the bridge was hit by a heavy goods vehicle and the wall has fallen into the river.
- Update on the EIR building / site at Castlepark, Thurles, the building is derelict and the footpath at the front has collapsed and is dangerous. Has there been contact with EIR and what is their response. If not, can contact be made with them?
- Can the junction at Cloughmartin and Graigue be examined; this is a very busy junction and better sightlines etc are required.
- It is taking too long for repairs to street lighting in the District to be carried out.
- There is no footpath between Turtulla Cross and the ETB. There are a high number of students attending the ETB and it is highly dangerous for them to walk at this location where there is also a very tight bend.
- Overgrowth of hedging and briars onto the footpath at Templemore Road between Thurles Creamery and the Jimmy Doyle Road. Is this an issue for the landowner or the Council?
- Update on footpath and street lighting out to Dew Valley Foods, Abbey Road, Thurles where there are approximately 200 people working.
- Update on when the work at the playground at Gleann Glas, Roscrea will be carried out?



- Issue of dumping on Asbury Housing Estate and Gleann Glas, Roscrea.
- Over 65 houses have recently been built at Glencarrick by Clúid. Can monies be set aside to carry out reinstatement / remedial works once an estate is finished.
- One way system in Roscrea is working very effectively however there are two issues : (i) At Dunnes Stores where buses can park, there are a lot of cars parking leaving it tight for buses to manoeuvre and (ii) Small footpath required where there is a pinch point near a school, can it be included in funding 2026?
- Roscrea has the highest influx of new houses. Housing estates provided by TCC or Voluntary Groups do not provide services / amenities in these estates whereby a private developer is expected to provide amenities such as community centre, creche, play area. Can something be done to ensure that services/amenities are provided for all new homes/families?
- Update on retrofitting in Templemore and Borrisoleigh.
- Can pull in bays be installed on the road up to The Devils Bit trail head. This is a very busy area and there is no place to pull in to keep traffic moving.
- Work required on the roadway between Templetuohy and Johnstown near Sewage Works.
- Issue of water accumulation outside domestic house in rural areas.
- Public light in Templetuohy has not been working for the past 22 months.
Public lighting at Ballycurrane was upgraded but is still not working. The lighting had to be turned off to carry out the upgrade. Going forward contact should be made with the ESB to ensure they are available to carry out connections before turning off supplies.
- Compliments on great work carried out at Ballycahill and also at The Ragg where work is ongoing.
- Clarification on whether or not a new footpath will be installed at Abbey Road, Thurles. Is it intended to carry out this work or is there an issue with funding?
- Update on Derrymore Road, Roscrea – the road is heavily used by traffic and subsequently is deteriorating at a rapid pace.
- Footpaths at the Meat Factory in Roscrea are welcomed.
- Update on the public light in Kennedy Park Roscrea which is out of order and for which repairs were promised would be carried out before Halloween.
- The Orchard Court estate in Templemore has not been taken in charge. There are no public lights and no response was received from Uisce Éireann in relation to issues raised at a recent meeting.

Replies to queries raised was as follows:-

- Efforts will be made to get repair work at Derrymore, Roscrea on a funding stream or onto the Roads Programme.
- No funding programme for new footpaths at Abbey Road, Thurles.



- Issue with water outside properties is dealt with case by case. Once the Road Programme is completed, drainage work will be carried out as required.
- Contact had been made with Coillte regarding the Devil's Bit 3 to 4 years ago. The most viable solution is to relocate the carpark to the lower end of the road network and extend the walk. Efforts will be made to try to resurrect this issue with Coillte.
- The Council are currently working through issues in houses where retrofitting works have taken place. There are more subcontractors in Thurles area than Templemore.
- Can the section in the DE Report dealing with vacant houses be expanded to give more commentary on it. The District Administrator will check with Housing and review this.
- Comments regarding news houses are acknowledged – will talk to Housing regarding infrastructure for new houses.
- Combined effort regarding the one way system in Roscrea. Works will be carried out after event.
- Dumping at Ashbury Housing Estate has been closed out.
- Dew Valley Foods have applied for planning permission to expand the plant. The conditions attached to the Planning Permission will address the issue of footpath and street lighting.
- There is an overall scheme at Turtulla which will be undertaken by Capital Section and the issue of footpath out to ETB and public lighting will come within this overall scheme.
- Issue at Cloughmartin Junction can be discussed with Thomas after the Meeting.
- EIR did not respond to correspondence sent regarding their property at Castlepark, Thurles. The MD deal with dereliction and this would not come under dereliction. Contact will be made again with EIR with a view to addressing issues.
- Work required at bridge over the River Black to Cloverhill, Two-Mile-Borris is noted.
- The road at Incharourke will be considered for inclusion in the Former National Roads Programme.
- Correspondence was issued in relation to retrofitting at Tara Drive, Gortnahoe on Friday last.
- TCC cannot respond to queries raised with Uisce Eireann.
- Contractors are engaged during severe weather episodes. TCC engage contractors who can provide their safety management systems.
- There are maintenance contractors and public lighting contractors engaged to maintain the public lighting system. The public lighting contractors are reliant on the ESB completing connections and there can be a delay with this.
- Kieran Malone will confirm if the public light at Kennedy Park Roscrea will be installed before Halloween.
- The playground at Gleann Glas Roscrea was closed due to vandalism. Quotations have been sought for the work which will not commence before 2026. The IPB have also been contacted regarding insurance



money compensation and contact has also been made with the Community Liaison Officers to liaise with the residents as it was vandalism that caused the closure.

3.5 Update on District Project Pipeline Plan.

An updated report on the Capital Projects for the MD, as outlined in the table below, was circulated to the Members in advance of the Meeting and taken as read.

Project Name & Details	Next Phase Works/Actions
THURLES	
Market Quarter - Thurles	Construction works are progressing. Extension of programme of work to November 2025.
Liberty Square Enhancement Scheme Phase 2 - Thurles	Design Consultants to be appointed after standstill period has expired. Detailed design to commence in Q1 2026. Discussions with the national URDF Team and TII will be required in 2026 when detailed design is complete to finalise costings, funding requirements and gateway/programme status.
Mill Road Footpath (phase 2)	Await ORIS funding decision.
Redevelopment of Thurles Skateboard Park	Draft tender docs for issue Q3 2025.
Littleton Labyrinth Walkway and Cycleway - Phase 2	Identify the best routes back into the villages. Landowner approval.
Semple Stadium/Teagasc Offices - footpaths	Works programmed for Q4 2025.
Road Safety Works – Turtulla Junction	Capital Section reviewing options and costings.
Thurles Inner Relief road	Detailed design to be finalised.
Munster Hotel Site Redevelopment	Discussions ongoing with landowner.
Cycle and Walking corridors – Thurles Town	
ROSCREA	
Gantly Road, Roscrea – <i>an age friendly Neighbourhood</i>	Site surveys have commenced. Estimate construction works to commence in Q1 2026.
Main Street Enhancement Works - Roscrea	Tender brief to be prepared for Consultants to produce a design and upgrade of Main Street and lane ways, to include a public realm works and redevelopment of Walsh's Printers.



Reimagined Castle Street - Roscrea	Preliminary design has commenced. Site surveys to commence. Stakeholder engagement to begin in Q4 2025.								
Rosemary Square Footpaths & Pedestrian Crossings									
Installation of Skateboard Park adjacent to the swimming pool	Town and Village Funding Application 2025 unsuccessful. Other funding source to be identified.								
TEMPLEMORE									
Templemore Town Carpark, Dunkerrin Road	Funding application submitted under Town & Village Renewal 2025.								
The Mall River – Infill Works	Consultant appointed and draft design plan drafted. Ongoing consultation with landowners in progress.								
Templemore Town Park Maintenance Plan	Short, medium and long-term actions identified within the plan for maintenance and future development. Actions will be worked through over the coming years.								
Templemore Landbank Master Plan	Consultant appointed. Preliminary Plan to be presented to Elected Members at November 2025 meeting for comment.								
Main Street Enhancement Works, Templemore	The Project will be considered for the next RRDF Calls. If successful under this funding stream, a brief will be prepared for Consultants to produce a new design and upgrade of Main Street and to include public realm works.								
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Queries raised were as follows:-

- Will the CCTV at Littleton be included in the Budget Plan for the Council?
- The Time for Tipperary leaflet recently produced did not include all national monuments in Roscrea in particular Monaincha Abbey. Can this be reviewed?



The District Administrator advised that:-

- Contact will be made with Cora to include Monaincha Abbey when the leaflet is next being produced.
- There is no update on CCTV in Littleton since the business case was submitted to Corporate who are overseeing the project. It was included in the 2025 Budget which will carry over to 2026. Sharon will contact Eamon for an update.

4.1 Notice of Motion.

NOM in the name of Councillor Jim Ryan – Id 3036

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

I am calling on this District Council to install a raised pedestrian crossing along the Lognafulla Road in Thurles between the Water Tower and the Borrowway / Bohernamona Road junction. It would act as a way to slow down cars coming down the hill and also as a means of allowing pedestrians to safely cross an extremely busy and dangerous road.

Reply to NOM

This junction was identified by the MD as requiring safety measures following the submission of planning applications in the area which would substantially increase pedestrian and traffic volumes. To address this the MD set aside 2025 Development Levy monies (€30,000 - Bohernamona Road Widening) and we are currently engaging with landowners in the area to progress an overall solution. Subject to agreements and a Section 38, further Development Levies will be allocated in 2026 to deliver traffic and pedestrian safety measures in the area.

Councillor Ryan expressed his satisfaction with the reply.

Councillor Ryan asked if monies were going to be put aside and advised that the area he was speaking of was between the Water Tower and Tony's Shop.

The District Engineer confirmed that the work would include overall safety aspects of the area.

5.1 Correspondence.

There was no correspondence.



6.1 Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations.

A vote of sympathy was extended to:-

- The Ryan Family, on the passing of Philly who was the Tipperary Football Manager and who worked with the Court Services in Clonmel. Philly's wife works with Tipperary County Council.
- The Costello Family, Littleton on the passing of Vincent. Vincent worked with Tipperary County Council.

A vote of congratulations was extended to:

- Thurles Sarsfield Camogie Team who won the Senior Camogie County Championship 2025.

7.1 Any Other Business.

There was no other business.

That concluded the official business of the October Meeting.

SIGNED:


CATHAOIRLEACH

DATE: 17th November 2025

SIGNED:


MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR

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