

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLONMEL BOROUGH DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING, HELD AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PARNELL STREET, CLONMEL ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 2026

Present: Councillor Pat English, Mayor
Councillor Siobhán Ambrose
Councillor John Fitzgerald
Councillor Richie Molloy
Councillor Niall P. Dennehy
Councillor Tom Acheson

In Attendance: Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Director of Services
Ms. Gillian Flynn, District Engineer
Mr. James Murray, Senior Engineer
Ms. Mary Irwin, Staff Officer
Ms. Georgina O'Loughlin, Asst. Staff Officer

Also in Attendance: Ms. Catriona Crowe, Slaintecare
Ms. Mairéad Winters, Tourism Activator
Ms. Marie McMahon, Museum Curator, Libraries & Cultural Services
Mr. Paul Devane, Executive Librarian
Ms. Maria O'Donnell, Munster Vales

Apologies: Ms. Carol Creighton, District Administrator
Mr. Damien Dullaghan, Co. Librarian, Libraries & Cultural Services

1.1 Zoom Protocol

The Mayor confirmed with Katie O'Donovan, member of the Media who was joining the meeting by Zoom that she could hear all other speakers.

2.1 Disclosures and/or Conflicts of Interest

Ms. Mary Irwin, Staff Officer confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

3.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 21st January, 2026

The minutes of the monthly meeting of Clonmel Borough District held on the 21st January, 2026, as presented, were proposed by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose, seconded by Councillor Richie Molloy and agreed by all.

4.1 Attendance of Representative from Directorate Economic, Community & Rural Development.

Catriona Crowe gave a presentation on Slaintecare Healthy Communities in Clonmel. Some of the key projects and achievements to date are:-

- A centralised directory of Substance Use services in Clonmel will be launched the end of March
- The County Tipperary Chamber won the Local Authority Engagement Award at the 2025 Chambers Ireland Awards for their engagement in the "Clonmel Community Conversations on Substance Use" initiative.
- Regeneration projects completed including Old Bridge redevelopment, Bianconi Drive community space, Wilderness Garden, and Playful Streets in Glenconnor Hill.
- Special CE Recovery Scheme starting this week.

Members thanked Catriona for her presentation and welcomed the interagency collaboration.

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Mairead Winters gave a presentation on Tourism and outlined:-

- €40,000 ORIS funding secured to assess and develop accessibility across five key Tipperary sites including Suir Blueway
- Suir Blueway Network Cluster launched
- TG4 to feature *Cois Siúire*, highlighting Suir River heritage
- AI itinerary to be launched in September

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor Ambrose asked when the campervan study will be complete.
- Councillor Ambrose asked if there is any proposal for a Clonmel based initiative such as a one stop shop phone number.
- Councillor Niall Dennehy asked if Clonmel, Cahir and Cashel could make a joint application to host the Fleadh Cheoil.
- Councillor Niall Dennehy queried if the ECRD Directorate would be in a position to take on the Twinning Portfolio.
- Councillor Richie Molloy asked if the Tourism Office, operated by the OPW could be better promoted to increase public awareness.

Queries raised by the members were responded to as follows:

- Mairéad Winters informed the members that the campervan feasibility study started in September and a workshop will be held with Councillors when it is completed.
- In relation to the one stop shop phone number for Clonmel, Ms. Winters stated that AI is an emerging tool in tourism and the AI itinerary will allow people to get all the information they require.
- Ms. Winters will liaise with Melanie Scott, Arts Officer regarding the possibility of a joint application to host the Fleadh Ceoil.
- Ms. Winters informed the members that Bulmers have been approached regarding Dowds Lane and they have made a presentation to the board with a view to securing a Failte Ireland Capital Grant.
- Regarding the query raised in relation to the tourist office, Ms. Winters agreed that more signage is needed to promote the tourist office and this will be discussed with the District Engineer. They will also try to get Failte Ireland on board.
- Ms. Winters will liaise with Damien Ginty, Director of Services, ECRD in relation to the twinning query.

The Mayor thanked Catriona and Mairéad for their attendance at the meeting.

4.2 Attendance of Representative from Directorate Cultural Services/Libraries & Biodiversity

The report as circulated with the Agenda was taken as read. Marie McMahon advised that the 80's exhibition was extended due to its success. An exhibition on the history of the Quakers in Clonmel is currently on show.

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor English asked for an update on the progression of the new library.
- Councillor English asked if funding could be secured under the community monument fund to repair and restore the 1798 man.

Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows:

- Paul Devane confirmed that Stage 2 planning approval for the new library has been

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approved by the department and a Part 8 planning application will now be submitted. However, there is still a significant gap in funding and all elements of funding to bridge this gap are being explored.

- Gillian Flynn, District Engineer advised that built heritage funding has been received to repair and restore the 1798 man.

The Mayor thanked Marie and Paul for their attendance at the meeting.

5.1 Report of District Administrator

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

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

- Councillor Ambrose asked if the allocation for the 2026 Painting and Enhancement Scheme has been confirmed.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on the roll-out of CCTV.
- Councillor Ambrose requested an update on Phase 2 funding for the ETB in Kickham Barracks.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on the tender for the arts spaces survey as per her previous motion.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on URDF Call 4 and Over the Shop grant.
- Councillor Dennehy requested an update on the TUS College and the Clonmel Arms.
- Councillor Fitzgerald enquired about the duration of the private security contract for the Motor Tax Office and Library building and asked for an update on the costs associated with same. Councillor Molloy also raised this query.
- Councillor English asked for an update on the vacant buildings formally Dunnes & Heatons on O'Connell Street.
- Councillor English welcomed the preparations underway for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and looked forward to welcoming the visitors from our twinned towns of Reading and Costa Masnaga. He complimented all involved in the Borough District for their work in organising the event.
- Members asked if the new toilet facilities in the STAC Chapel will be made available for use during festivals and events on the Plaza.

Queries raised by the Members were as follows:

- Mary Irwin informed the members that confirmation of funding for the Painting and Enhancement Scheme is still awaited from the Community and Economic Section and advised that the Scheme will be advertised once this is received. She also advised the members that the additional funding allocated under the General Municipal Allocation in 2025 was very beneficial in supporting businesses to enhance their properties.
- In relation to the installation of the CCTV, Ms. Irwin informed the members that Consultants are working on tender documents to appoint contractors for the installation of cameras and equipment. The works will be broken into 3 phases to maximise available grants to enable completion of the entire works programme.
- Ms. Irwin advised the members that there are no additional updates on TUS beyond what was outlined in the District Administrator's Report. She added that the design team is expected to be appointed in the short-term.
- In reply to the query raised in relation to the Clonmel Arms, Ms. Irwin advised the members that this site is owned by a private developer and Tipperary County Council is not authorised to make statements on behalf of the owner.

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- In reply to the query raised in relation to the vacant properties on O'Connell Street, formally Dunnes Stores and Heatons, Jonathan Cooney explained that as the properties in question are privately owned, the Council currently has limited scope to apply penalties. However, the Council will continue to engage with the property owners to clarify their plans for the properties.
- In response to the query raised regarding private security at the Motor Tax Office and Library, Jonathan Cooney stated that this is under the remit of the Finance Directorate and Economic, Community and Rural Development Directorate but did advise that a review of same is underway.
- In reply to the query raised regarding an update on the tender for the arts spaces survey, Ms. Irwin advised that she will follow up on same.
- In relation to the use of the toilet facilities at the STAC Chapel during festivals and events, Ms. Irwin advised the members that she will follow up on same.
- Ms. Irwin stated that the theme for the St. Patrick Day Parade is "Transport through the Ages" to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of Charles Bianconi who ran the first horse-drawn cart from Clonmel to Cahir and back.

5.2 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:

- Councillor English asked when the work will commence on the reinstatement of the damaged wall at Toberaheena Well.
- Councillor English asked for a completion date for the Suir Island Gardens.
- Councillor English asked for an update on the Marlfield Flood Alleviation Scheme.
- Councillor English requested an update on the street lights in Knockeevan Estate.
- Cllr. English noted that the town's roads are in a very poor condition and asked if an application for emergency funding can be made to carry out repair works.
- Councillor English thanked all the staff involved in the Flood Defence Scheme and complimented the impact they had during the recent storm weather.
- Councillor Fitzgerald asked if the speed limit at Ormonde Stores could be lowered.
- Councillor Fitzgerald raised the issue of dumping and pollution at Condon's Cross and asked if this can be addressed.
- Councillor Ambrose asked if Svetco have come up with a final design for the Ormonde Stores junction.
- Councillor Ambrose requested that the Clonmel section of the Waterford to Cahir N24 design be re-examined.
- Councillor Ambrose asked if a visit to Suir Island Gardens can be arranged.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for a timeframe on the Glenconnor Road re-surfacing works.
- Councillor Ambrose asked when the Part 8 for the Loreto Traffic Calming Project will be ready.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for an update on the Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Project.
- Councillor Ambrose asked for a timeframe for the installation of the drinking water stations on the Blueway.

Queries raised by the Members were responded to as follows:

- The District Engineer confirmed that repair works are starting on the wall at Toberaheena Well in the coming week.

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- The District Engineer informed the members that the consultant has sent the report on the Ormonde Stores junction to the N.T.A. and T.I.I. as they requested alternative options. The speed limit is currently with the T.I.I. for review and a workshop will be held with Members on same.
- The District Engineer will follow up with Michael Tierney, Executive Engineer, Roads Section on the street lights in Knockeevan Estate.
- The District Engineer will liaise with Environment in relation to the dumping at Condon's Cross.
- In relation to the Clonmel section of the Waterford to Cahir N24, the District Engineer will liaise with John Nolan, Senior Engineer, Roads to provide an update for next month's meeting.
- The District Engineer informed the members that the contractor is recommencing work in Suir Island Gardens in March and a site visit will be arranged for late March/early April.
- The District Engineer advised the members that the design for the resurfacing of the Glenconnor Road is currently being finalised.
- The District Engineer will liaise with Kieran McKenna, Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel for an update on the Loreto Traffic Calming Project.
- In relation to the Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Project, the District Engineer informed the members that the consultants have been appointed and construction will commence in 2027 subject to funding.
- The District Engineer informed the members that an application has been submitted for emergency funds to repair damage to roads during flooding.

5.3 Report of District Engineer – Housing Voids Programme

The Report was noted by the Members.

5.4 Consideration of Schedule of Proposed District Works 2026

The Schedule of proposed works, as presented, was proposed by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose, Seconded by Councillor John Fitzgerald and agreed by all.

Item 6.1 Chief Executive/Delegation Officers Orders – Period up to 13th February 2026.

These were noted.

Items 7.1 to 7.7– Notice of Motion

Motion 3091 was proposed by Councillors Richie Molloy

That Clonmel Borough Council request an update on installing a mini roundabout at N24/R706 junction in Kilsheelan. Residents in the area have reported numerous incidents at this junction over the years.

REPLY:

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has invested significant funding into the future plans for the N24 Waterford to Cahir project.

The proposal under this plan for Kilsheelan includes a bypass. It is anticipated that this bypass will remove up to 90% of through traffic from the village, significantly improving safety and reducing congestion at the junction.

The project is expected to progress to the preliminary design stage in 2026, subject to funding approval. Given this, it is not considered feasible that TII will invest in a roundabout at the R706–N24 junction in Kilsheelan, as the proposed bypass would largely eliminate the need for such an intervention.

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In addition, the Roads Capital Team in Tipperary County Council has a pavement rehabilitation programme planned for Kilsheelan village included in its programme of works, with design scheduled to commence in 2026 following the appointment of consultants. The pavement rehabilitation project will address safety issues at this junction and other junctions within the urban speed limit. Progression of all projects are subject to TII funding and planning approval.

We have checked the sight distance from the junction and the available visibility from the Regional road onto the National road is 57m, the DMURS standard requires 45m.

Forward sight distance of the junction along the N24 is approx. 65m, compared with the 45m requirement.

We will arrange a speed survey during the year to check speeds on the national road at this location.

Seconded by Councillor John Fitzgerald.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 3096 was proposed by Councillor Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District in conjunction with the T.I.I. look at including in this year's road works sections of the N24 from Moangarriff Roundabout to the Roundabout at Bulmers in the interest of public safety.

REPLY:

The N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge project is at design stage with Tramore House Regional Design Office, it is proposed to tender this project in 2026.

Seconded by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 3097 was proposed by Councillor Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District looks at upgrading and cleaning the surface of the Playground in Mulcahy Park, Waterford Road, Clonmel.

REPLY:

The surface to Mulcahy Park playground will be cleaned and washed.

Seconded by Councillor Tom Acheson.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 3098 was proposed by Councillor Pat English

That Clonmel Borough District clear the gated laneway beside 146, Willow Park, Clonmel. The lane is being used for fly tipping, with rubbish being thrown in from the public road above it which is leading to an ongoing vermin problem.

REPLY:-

Clonmel Borough District in conjunction with Willow Park Residents Association will clear the laneway.

Seconded by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 3099 was proposed by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose

The Clonmel Borough District's 2026 Road Works Programme focuses on resurfacing roads that are in the poorest condition and that carry the highest volumes of traffic, ensuring that available funding is directed where it will have the greatest impact. While the Ballingarrane estate has been assessed, it does not fall within the priority rankings for the 2026 programme.

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However, it will be considered for inclusion in the 2027 roadworks programme, subject to condition rating updates and budget availability.

REPLY:-

Clonmel Borough District in conjunction with Willow Park Residents Association will clear the laneway.

Seconded by Councillor Pat English.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 3100 was proposed by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose

That given the huge success of phase 1 of the Clonmel town bus and separately the extension of their door to door rural services to include Clerihan, Lisronagh and Rathronan can we invite both officials from both the NTA in Dublin and Tipperary Transport Committee to attend one of our council meetings to again re-enforce the need for a phase 2 of the Clonmel town bus service and separately an extension of the rural schemes to include other villages around Clonmel.

REPLY:

An invite will be issued to both parties inviting them to attend one of our council meetings.

Seconded by Councillor Pat English.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Motion 3101 was proposed by Councillor Siobhán Ambrose

That funding is sourced under climate action funds for the re-surfacing of Mountain Road in Killusty.

REPLY:

We will consider the re-surfacing of the Mountain Road in Killusty for our 2027 application.

Seconded by Councillor John Fitzgerald.

The reply to the motion was noted.

Item 8.1 Correspondence

There was no correspondence for noting.

Item 9.1 Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were extended to:-

The Ronan Family on the passing of Paul Ronan

The Downey Family on the passing of Christine Downey


The McMahan Family on the passing of Elizabeth McMahan.

10.1 Any other Business

Councillor Dennehy sought clarity on the status of the motions in the name of Clonmel Borough Council.

Signed: 
Mayor of Clonmel Borough District

Dated: 25/05/2026

Signed: 
District Administrator

Dated: 25/3/2026