

Minutes of June Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Tipperary Town and hosted remotely on Monday 22nd June 2026 at 11.30am

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

Officials Present: Mr. Damien Ginty, District Director
Mr. Anselm McGowan, District Administrator
Mr. Tim Kilmartin, Executive Engineer
Ms. Edwena O’Connell, Administrative Officer
Ms. Adeline Walsh, Staff Officer

ECRD Directorate

Ms. Kathleen Prendergast, Economic Development Officer
Ms. Valerie Connolly, Sports Partnership Co-Ordinator

Libraries/Cultural Services/Biodiversity Directorate

Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian
Ms. Marie McMahon, Museum Curator

Apologies Mr. James Murray, Senior Roads Engineer
Mr. James Swords, District Engineer

The Cathaoirleach, Councillor Marie Murphy, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the June 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 May Meeting of Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District held on 25th May 2026

The minutes of the Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District May meeting held on 25th May 2026 were adopted on the proposition of Councillor Micheál Anglim seconded by Councillor Máirín McGrath.

Matters arising from the minutes

Councillor Declan Burgess requested that we follow up with the Environment Section in relation to his request for a further breakdown of the Environmental statistics in terms of litter fines and household waste surveys. He also requested an update on the CPO for Kearney's Castle. His comments were noted and it was agreed that the Environment team would be contacted for a further breakdown.

3.1 Economic, Community & Rural Development Directorate Report

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Kathleen Prendergast, Economic Development Officer and Ms. Valerie Connolly, Sports Partnership Co-Ordinator and her team to the meeting.

Ms. Kathleen Prendergast congratulated Councillor Marie Murphy and thanked Councillor Roger Kennedy for all the work he did during his term. Ms. Prendergast made a presentation to the Elected Members in relation to LEO Business Supports including the services they provide and the financial grants available. She particularly highlighted the Lean, Green Digital Programme, the Student Enterprise Programme and the National Enterprise Award.

Ms. Valerie Connolly also congratulated Councillor Marie Murphy and introduced her team to the Elected Members. She made a presentation to the Members on the role of Tipperary Sports Partnership and what they delivered in 2025. She highlighted the County Tipperary Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan 2026-2030 which sets out their priorities for the next 5 years.

Councillor John O'Heney thanked the team for their support in reopening Tipperary Town Athletics Club, and he acknowledged the work of Breeda Christie within the Club. He noted the fantastic work that Sports Partnership has been doing with people with disabilities and asked if a programme could be developed for mainstream schools given that a lot of Special Needs Schools are at capacity. He noted that there are an increasing number of ASD units within mainstream schools, therefore, within schools there is a significant amount of varying ability. Councillor McGrath thanked the Sports Partnership Team and acknowledged the range of work being done; however, she asked how they choose the schools and the areas to introduce programmes. Councillor Crosse thanked both Ms. Kathleen Prendergast and Ms. Valerie Connolly for the presentations and noted the health benefit gained by people of all ages involved in sport. Councillor Liam Browne welcomed the presentation by the Sports Partnership and thanked them for their support over the last 10 years. He noted that getting people involved in a range of sport is important and that sport is bigger than GAA and Rugby. He referred to a newly formed Volleyball Club in Clonmel and noted that some groups are not aware of how to access information. Councillor Moloney referred to the Ladies Mini Marathon in Cahir and asked that the Council would also consider allocating additional funding to the District and the GSS for their staff to put up barriers and clean up after events etc otherwise it becomes a Garda issue. Councillor Marie Murphy thanked the Sports Partnership Team and in particular wanted to

acknowledge the Special Olympic athletes from Tipperary who attended the Special Olympics Summer Games in Tallaght.

In response, Ms. Connolly noted that the Community Sports Hub in Tipperary Town was a huge success and it creates a pathway to access different sports. She also acknowledged Ms. Christie who has been an icon of Tipperary Athletics for many years and confirmed that they are now open for membership. She also confirmed that Sport Partnership has provided equipment to many ASD units over the last 3 years through the ASD Programme which is open to all schools. In relation to expanding programmes and choosing areas, a need has to be identified and there has to be facilities available to run particular programmes. She noted that a lot of minority sports like volleyball and new olympic handball have become increasingly popular and kids love them. Ms. Connolly acknowledged the work of Councillor Moloney and The 2 Johnnies in organising the Women's Mini Marathon in Cahir. She noted that the event is growing and contributes towards the 58% of females involved in sport.

The District Director thanked Tipperary Sports Partnership who play a key role in integration and community support together with Sláintecare Healthy Communities and Healthy Ireland.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. Prendergast and Ms. Connolly and their teams.

3.2 Culture Services / Libraries & Biodiversity Directorate

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian and Ms. Marie McMahon, Museum Curator to the meeting. Mr. Dullaghan thanked the Members for the opportunity to attend the meeting and wanted to acknowledge the great work of Catherine Fogarty, Tipperary Town Library on a very successful Bealtaine Festival. Mr. Dullaghan also wanted to promote the Summer Stars Programme which will be running in libraries over the summer. Ms. Marie McMahon invited the Members to the launch of their upcoming exhibition on Peace Preservation in Ireland which includes the formation of the civil guard now known as Garda Síochána, the training unit in Templemore, Bean Gardaí & the setting up of the forensic unit & other specialised units within An Garda Síochána. She confirmed that they worked with Chief Superintendent Aileen Magnier on this exhibition, and it is expected to run for 8 months.

Councillor Declan Burgess wished Ms. McMahon best wishes with the exhibition and congratulated Mr. Dullaghan and library service for the programme of events particularly Cashel Library who hosted the launch of Marie Gleeson's new book "Be Like the Sea". He also commended the Biodiversity Officer for organising a staff training workshop on Invasive Alien Species and referred to the recent Notice of Motion he raised in relation to the Asian Hornet. He also commended Creative Ireland Tipperary together with Comhairle na nÓg who held a series of resilience workshops for Transition Year students. The workshops were led by Shane Casey (AKA Billy Murphy of The Young Offenders) and were delivered in schools across Tipperary. Councillor Moloney who chairs the Libraries and

Cultural Services with Heritage and Biodiversity SPC, noted that it is a very busy directorate and schools should be encouraged to visit the museum. Councillor Máirín McGrath also wished Ms. McMahon luck with her upcoming exhibition and asked Mr. Dullaghan for an update on the library in Cahir. Councillor Murphy asked if additional staff would be required in the new library.

In response, Mr. Dullaghan appreciated the compliments and agreed to pass them to the relevant staff. He also confirmed that the work to the Cahir Library is progressing and he referred in particular to the stonework which has been beautifully restored. It is expected that the contractors will be completed in Q3 and once the building is handed back it will need to be stocked with 1000 new books which have to be sourced. The podcast studio, My Open Library, the sensory room and other IT systems will need to be commissioned. Jackie Kennedy has been appointed Branch Manager and additional staff will be recruited. The My Open Library which is already running in Cashel and Tipperary is very popular, particularly with students and people on shift work. He confirmed that anyone approved for My Open Library service is required to complete a 45-minute induction and fire safety course.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Dullaghan and Ms. McMahon and their teams.

3.3 Consider Allocation of Additional Funding under the Festival & Events Grant Scheme 2026

On the proposition of Councillor Delcan Burgess, seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy, the additional Festival & Event Grant Scheme 2026 application was agreed as follows:

<u>Municipal Grant Allocation</u>			
<u>No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Festival / Event</u>	<u>Proposed Grant</u>
1	Cannonball Festival of Speed in Cashel.	Cannonball Festival of Speed in Cashel.	€1,500
		Total	€1,500

3.4 District Engineer's Report

The District Engineers report was circulated with the agenda, and the area engineer was available for questions.

Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan thanked the team for all their work. Councillor Moloney noted that the Council regularly sends out Notices to landowners to cut back ditches, however the wide grass margins at bends and junctions haven't been cut by the local authority. Councillor John Crosse supported a call for additional funding because this seems to be a seasonal issue. Councillor Micheál Anglim requested that letters continue to issue to landowners because it is their responsibility to cut the side of the ditch. Councillor Liam Browne asked how many letters have issued and noted that some places are very dangerous.

Councillor Máirín McGrath proposed that a joint motion be sent to the Plenary meeting because Roads is attending in July. Councillor John O’Heney noted that there is an issue with repeat offenders and he supported Councillor McGrath’s proposals. Councillor Anne Marie Ryan (Shiner) seconded that a motion be sent to plenary on behalf of the Municipal District.

In response, Mr. Kilmartin confirmed that certain junctions are cut every year. He also confirmed that there has been a huge increase in the last two years and the response from landowners is good.

3.5 District Administrator’s Report

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

Councillor John Crosse acknowledged that the Market Yard toilets were open to the public and stressed that the Municipal District was not the problem, the issue was with the payment company. Councillor Burgess requested an update on a long-term plan or potential use for the Old Fire Station building on Ladyswell Street, Cashel and noted that he wouldn’t like it to remain empty. Councillor McGrath referred to the new Car park in Cahir town and asked when the walkway through to the Square would be open to the public.

In response, Damien Ginty, District Director advised that there were challenges with the payment company in relation to the Market Yard toilets, however he wanted to acknowledge the staff, the capital project team and the Members for their work on this project. He also confirmed that the walkway to the Square in Cahir is closed to facilitate work to the Market House.

4.1 Chief Executive/Delegated Officers Orders

The orders were noted.

5.1 Councillor Declan Burgess (Ref. ID 3164)

That this Municipal District installs a height restriction barrier on the large car park on the Clonmel Road in Cashel to prevent further issues with unauthorised parking.

Reply

The contractor is currently seeking a supplier to supply and install this barrier as soon as possible.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Kennedy.

5.2 Councillor Liam Browne (Ref. ID 3165)

That this Municipal District considers the provision of:

1. A dedicated disabled parking space, and
2. A disabled/age-friendly parking space,

on Friar Street, Cashel, in order to improve accessibility and ensure adequate parking provision for people with disabilities, older residents, and those with mobility challenges in this busy town centre location.

Reply

The Council will conduct a review of the Friar Street area considering existing provision, proposed improvement access works to Friar Street carpark, engineering requirement and requisite distances necessary to safely provide disabled access parking following which we will revert to the Members.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess.

5.3 Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan (Ref. ID 3166)

That this Municipal District carry out a speed survey at Clonoulty National school as there are issues with excessive speeding at that location making it dangerous for people at school drop off and pick up times.

Reply

A speed survey was carried out in Clonoulty village (15–21 May 2026) which has not indicated an issue with speeding through the village. The posted speed limit is 50 km/h with the V85 recorded at 50 km/h, the average speed was 42 km/h. Speeding was recorded at 11%, which doesn't indicate a significant problem.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Declan Burgess.

6.1 Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations

A vote of sympathy was extended to the following:

- Joe Lonergan, Greenpark, Dundrum, Co Tipperary
- Jimmy Dwyer, Kilshenane, Cashel, Co Tipperary

6.2 Votes of Congratulations

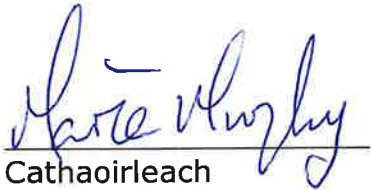
A vote of congratulations was extended to the following:

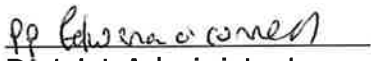
- All the Tipperary athletes that competed in the recent Special Olympics Summer Games
- Jesse Julian who represented Ireland at the Associations Cup scoring a goal in a 4-0 win against Scotland.

7.1 Any other Business

The Cathaoirleach proposed that any presentation circulated by the Directorates attending the meeting would be taken as read. This would ensure a more efficient use of everyone time and questions could be raised on the report. This was agreed by the Members.

This concluded the business of the Municipal District meeting.

Signed/  Dated/ 27/7/2026
Cathaoirleach

Signed/  Dated/ 27/7/2026
District Administrator

