



Bronagh English, 18, died at Killardry Bridge, Kilmoyler, Co. Tipperary on 24 April 2025. This is the public record — every point set out on the family's sites, each traced to its source, with a link where one is public and a minute or document reference in every case.

This document sets out the dated decisions, funding, inspections and statements of a public body and its elected members, each sourced. It alleges no wrongdoing by any named official and makes no finding on the cause of the collision — those are matters for the proper legal process.

BEFORE 24 APRIL 2025

4 March 2014

A €450 parapet repair was priced, scheduled for 2017 — and never carried out

The council's own commissioned inspection recorded loose and missing stones on both parapets of Killardry Bridge and priced the fix: €200 masonry repair and €250 repointing — €450 in total, scheduled for 2017. It was never done. The same report set the next principal inspection for 2016.

Reference: Eirspan Principal Inspection, O'Connor Sutton Cronin for South Tipperary County Council, structure TS-LP3101-001.00, Component 4 (Parapets/Safety Barrier), issued 4 March 2014.

2016

The scheduled 2016 inspection was never carried out

The council later confirmed in writing: "Sufficient funding was not available for inspection of the bridge in 2016, and no subsequent inspection took place."

Reference: FOI Internal Review Decision, Kieran Malone, Senior Engineer, 18 February 2026 (FOI 174/25).

1 January 2024

Tipperary had the highest number of road deaths in Ireland in 2023

A Provisional Review of Fatalities found 16 people died on Tipperary's roads in 2023 — the most of any county, more than double the 7 who died in 2022. Nationally 184 people were killed.

Reference: Provisional Review of Fatalities, reported 1 January 2024. · Source: [Tipperary Live](https://www.tipperarylives.ie/news/home/1384286/tipperary-had-the-highest-number-of-road-deaths-in-the-country-in-2023.html) — <https://www.tipperarylives.ie/news/home/1384286/tipperary-had-the-highest-number-of-road-deaths-in-the-country-in-2023.html>

20 June 2024

Maintenance inspection: overall "Warning"; parapets rated "Good"; no work followed

A maintenance inspection rated the bridge overall "Warning", with abutments/piers and vegetation "Warning" and the parapets "Good." No comments were recorded and no work followed.

Reference: Tipperary County Council inspection ref TY-L3151-B-010 (maintenance inspection, 20 June 2024).



14 October 2024

Council moved against a universal 60 km/h limit — nine months after being named Ireland's worst county for road deaths

Tipperary County Council unanimously agreed a motion (Notice of Motion Ref. 2861) that the new default speed limits “not be universal across this County, but apply only in areas deemed necessary by this Council.” Proposed by Cllr Niall Dennehy — who called it “a blanket, punitive measure and a money-making devise for the government” — and seconded by Cllr Máirín McGrath. A council officer stated they “were not able to identify any road that they could recommend to stay at 80kmph.” The 60 km/h default took effect on this road anyway on 7 February 2025, as a national change.

Reference: Adopted Minutes, Tipperary County Council monthly meeting, 14 October 2024, Notice of Motion Ref. 2861. · Source: Tipperary County Council minutes (14 October 2024) — <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/sites/default/files/2025-02/TCC%20Minutes%2014th%20October,%202024.pdf>

14 October 2024

Cllr McGrath appointed to the Infrastructure (Roads & Transportation) committee

At the same meeting, Cllr Máirín McGrath was appointed to the council's Strategic Policy Committee for Infrastructure (Roads & Transportation).

Reference: Tipperary County Council minutes, 14 October 2024.

21 January 2025

The council's own engineer rated the bridge “Significant Damage” — 93 days before the death

An engineering inspection rated the bridge overall “Significant Damage.” It recorded: “There are four areas of missing stonework to the upstream wall and two areas to the downstream wall. A 5m long length of wall has collapsed at left hand side on both upstream and downstream walls. The capping of the downstream wall has been partly removed.” On the same sheet: “Is Signage Present? No.” No sign, barrier, reduced limit or closure followed in the 93 days before Bronagh died there.

Reference: Tipperary County Council engineering inspection ref TY-L3151-B-010, 21 January 2025. · Source: Tipperary Live (FOI findings, 27 February 2026) — <https://www.tipperarylives.ie/news/clonmel/2028122/devastated-tipperary-family-highlight-dangers-of-bridge-where-their-daughter-lost-her-life.html>

7 February 2025

The speed limit fell from 80 to 60 km/h — as a national statutory change

The default limit on rural local roads (including this road) fell from 80 to 60 km/h under the Road Traffic Act 2024 — a national re-limiting, not a local decision responding to a known hazard.

Reference: Tipperary County Council roads notice, February 2025. · Source: Tipperary County Council — <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/roads-and-transport/roads-and-transport/roads-and-transport-latest-news/2025/new-default-speed>

24 February 2025

Cllr McGrath asked whether Kilmoyler could be addressed under Climate and Flood Relief Funding

At the Municipal District meeting: “Councillor McGrath referred to the Climate and Flood Relief Funding available and asked if the issues at Kilmoyler could be addressed with this Scheme.”

Reference: Tipperary–Cahir–Cashel MD signed minutes, 24 February 2025.

AFTER 24 APRIL 2025



24 April 2025

Bronagh English died at Killardry Bridge

Bronagh English, 18, died at about 22:01 when her car left the road at the blind bend and entered the River Aherlow, at the point where the parapet capping had been recorded “partly removed.” A Garda review of nearby camera footage found she was within the posted speed limit.

Reference: Garda findings as reported; DWA forensic findings.

25 April 2025

Road closure notice issued

The council issued a public notice: “Road closed until further notice at Killaldriffe Bridge, Kilmoyler, Cahir following fatal road traffic accident.”

Reference: Tipperary County Council, Facebook, 25 April 2025. · Source: [Tipperary County Council \(Facebook\)](https://www.facebook.com/tipperarycc/posts/1088076883356721) — <https://www.facebook.com/tipperarycc/posts/1088076883356721>

28 April 2025

A vote of sympathy — and no reference to the bridge or parapet at the district meeting

Clonmel Borough District councillors passed a vote of sympathy to the family. At the Municipal District meeting four days after the death, the minutes record no reference to the death, the bridge or the parapet.

Reference: Tipperary Live, 28 April 2025; Tipperary–Cahir–Cashel MD minutes, 28 April 2025. · Source: [Tipperary Live](https://www.tipperarylives.ie/news/clonmel/1789062/councillors-pass-vote-of-sympathy-to-family-of-tipperary-student-killed-in-car-accident.html) — <https://www.tipperarylives.ie/news/clonmel/1789062/councillors-pass-vote-of-sympathy-to-family-of-tipperary-student-killed-in-car-accident.html>

26 May 2025

Cllr O'Heney asked for safety measures at the bridge — the engineer deferred to the Garda investigation

Cllr John O'Heney referred to the tragic incident and requested safety measures be put in place (reported as a crash barrier). The senior engineer responded that the matter was subject to the ongoing Garda investigation — “if there's something we need to do we'll do it.” O'Heney is the only member the minutes record referencing the incident.

Reference: Tipperary–Cahir–Cashel MD signed minutes, 26 May 2025; Tipperary Live, 29 May 2025. · Source: [Tipperary Live](https://www.tipperarylives.ie/news/cahir/1813891/local-councillor-calls-for-road-safety-measures-to-be-put-in-place-on-bridge-in-tipperary.html) — <https://www.tipperarylives.ie/news/cahir/1813891/local-councillor-calls-for-road-safety-measures-to-be-put-in-place-on-bridge-in-tipperary.html>

26 May 2025

Cllr McGrath sought an update on the climate-change funding works at Kilmoyler

At the same meeting: “Councillor McGrath sought an update in relation [to] the climate change funding works at Kilmoyler.” The engineer replied the works would commence mid-June.

Reference: Tipperary–Cahir–Cashel MD signed minutes, 26 May 2025.

23 June 2025

Cllr McGrath asked whether the Kilmoyler climate project was going ahead “as this would alleviate flooding”

“Councillor McGrath inquired... whether the Kilmoyler project, under Climate Change Funding, was going ahead as this would alleviate flooding.” The District Engineer said the project would begin in the next two weeks. Across the district minutes for this period there is no motion, question or representation by any member to repair the bridge parapet or wall.

Reference: Tipperary–Cahir–Cashel MD signed minutes, 23 June 2025.



25–27 June 2025

“Essential overlay” roadworks and a road closure — about two months after the death

The council carried out “essential overlay” roadworks on the Kilmoyler road (L-31011-0), closing it 25–27 June 2025. The father’s account matches: “They started fixing it and tidying it up a few weeks after the accident.”

Reference: Tipperary Live, 18 June 2025; family statement, October 2025. · Source: Tipperary Live — <https://www.tipperarylives.ie/news/cahir/1829038/council-in-tipperary-warn-residents-that-essential-works-will-lead-to-road-closure-next-week.html>

23 August 2025

“A €25 reflective sign could have saved her” — parents to the Irish Independent

In a national interview, Michael and Danielle English said a €25 reflective sign could have saved their daughter’s life and urged the council to install safety measures at blackspots.

Reference: Irish Independent (Ralph Riegel), 23 August 2025. · Source: Irish Independent — <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/bronagh-s-hould-not-have-died-that-night-parents-of-tragic-leaving-cert-student-say-warnings-at-crash-site-could-have-saved-her-life/a/132439412.html>

22 September 2025

Councillors passed a road-safety motion for the N24 Kilmoyler junction — a different, national road

The Municipal District passed a motion asking the council to work with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to make the Kilmoyler junction on the N24 safer. Proposed by Cllr Andy Moloney, seconded by Cllr Máirín McGrath, who said the changes “don’t require a lot of money either and it is dangerous.” Cllr Liam Browne said: “Why are we not doing something about it? Because people will be killed.” (This is the N24 national-road junction, a Transport Infrastructure Ireland road — not Killardry Bridge on the local road.)

Reference: Tipperary Live, 22 September 2025. · Source: Tipperary Live — <https://www.tipperarylives.ie/news/cahir/1900716/councillors-pass-motion-to-ask-for-safety-measures-at-lethal-junction.html>

8 & 15 October 2025

The council declined to comment — twice

Asked on 8 and 15 October 2025 to respond to the family’s concerns about the road and bridge, Tipperary County Council declined to issue a statement, citing the ongoing Garda investigation.

Reference: Tipperary Live, 15 October 2025. · Source: Tipperary Live — <https://www.tipperarylives.ie/news/clonmel/1919611/council-is-silent-on-bronagh-english-crash-as-they-decline-to-issue-a-statement.html>

10–12 October 2025

The family’s independent engineer set out seven critical safety failings

The family’s commissioned engineering report identified seven critical failings: missing/collapsed parapet capping; a collapsed 5m wall section; multiple areas of missing stonework; an unsafe speed limit; no chevron at the blind bend; no advance warning signs for the previous ~1 km; and no yield sign. “If any one of those seven had been solved,” said Michael English, “our daughter would be with us.”

Reference: Family’s independent engineering report, as reported. · Source: Limerick Leader / Tipperary Live — <https://www.limerickleader.ie/news/national-news/1915635/how-did-it-happen-parents-of-teen-killed-in-crash-hit-out-at-council-as-they-seek-answers.html>



30 December 2025

The family's solicitor filed FOI/174/2025

A solicitor for the family submitted FOI/174/2025, seeking all records on the bridge and the approach road from 2000 to date — accident notifications, work orders, inspections, signage and markings, drainage works, and road-condition data.

Reference: Tipperary County Council FOI register, December 2025. · Source: [Tipperary County Council FOI register](https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/sites/default/files/2026-01/December%202025_0.pdf) — https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/sites/default/files/2026-01/December%202025_0.pdf

18 February 2026

The council confirmed the 2016 inspection and 2014 repairs were never carried out

The council's Internal Review found funding was not available for the 2016 inspection and none took place, and that “the repair works listed in the report have not been carried out to date.” It noted the council funds works on only 5–10 bridges a year, and that bridges rated condition 2 or better were “further down the list of priorities.”

Reference: FOI Internal Review Decision, Kieran Malone, Senior Engineer, 18 February 2026 (FOI 174/25).

18 February 2026

€1.07m for 13 named bridges in the 2026 allocation — Killardry was not among them

In the 2026 roads programme, €1,070,000 was allocated to Bridge Rehabilitation Works across 13 named bridges — including Labbidha (€170,000), Carrowkeale (€146,000), Pallas Lower (€120,000), Toberheena Well (€110,000) and Knocknagave Culvert (€101,000). Neither Killardry Bridge nor the road it carries appears among the bridges named in the €49.4m allocation.

Reference: 2026 roads allocation, reported 18 February 2026 (corroborated by Tipp Mid West Radio: “€1.07M... for repairs to 13 bridges”). · Source: [Tipperary Live](https://www.tipperarylives.ie/news/home/2018808/revealed-over-50-000-000-in-funding-allocated-to-tipperary-roads.html) — <https://www.tipperarylives.ie/news/home/2018808/revealed-over-50-000-000-in-funding-allocated-to-tipperary-roads.html>

11 March 2026

€19,518.50 paid for the inspection that recorded the danger — the €450 repair was never spent

The family's solicitor's submission recorded that the inspecting engineer was paid an invoice of €19,518.50, while the council “failed to spend the sum of €450 to repair the parapets and safety barrier.”

Reference: Solicitor's draft submission to An Garda Síochána, 11 March 2026 (invoice held on file).

29 March 2026

National coverage: “Warning” in June 2024, “Significant Damage” in January 2025

The Irish Times reported the June 2024 “warning” rating with parapets “good”, and the January 2025 overall “significant damage” with the downstream capping “partly removed.” The council cited the LA16 fatal-collision process and would not comment on specifics.

Reference: Irish Times (Arthur Beesley), 29 March 2026. · Source: [Irish Times](https://www.irishtimes.com/) — <https://www.irishtimes.com/>



31 July 2026

FOI decision on how “no records” was produced — and the road identifiers

An FOI decision confirmed the bridge road is correctly numbered L3151 (shown as L3101 on Google Maps) and that L-31011-0 is a separate tertiary cul-de-sac; minutes back to 2014 were reviewed with no Notices of Motion on the road, and the 80→60 km/h reduction was a statutory national change. A request covering records from 2000 had been answered by searching only back to 2014, under a road number with almost no history.

Reference: Tipperary County Council FOI 10526 decision, 31 July 2026.

The wider record

The council closes, weight-limits and guards other bridges it judges unsafe

The council's own signed minutes record that, before and after 24 April 2025, it responded to bridges it judged unsafe: Lisvernane (remedial works, made safe, 25 April 2022); Thonogue/Knockaun, Ballylooby (closed for “bridge parapet works”, reopened 2 December 2023); Ardmayle on the Suir (survey + safety-paint motion, 23 September 2024); Rossadrehid/Market Bridge (Bridge Rehabilitation Grant application, 17 December 2024); Middlequarter/Newcastle L-3503 (closed as a “hazardous bridge structure”, 3.5-tonne limit, 26 March 2026); Rehill (closed 2026, still blocked at 25 May 2026). Killardry, rated Significant Damage with a collapsed parapet and no signage, received none of these measures in the 93 days before Bronagh died.

Reference: Tipperary–Cahir–Cashel Municipal District signed minutes (dates as listed).

The wider record

477 bridges, and where Killardry sat in the backlog

At the Municipal District meeting of 25 May 2026 the District Engineer told members there are 477 bridges in the district; about 14 are submitted for funding each year and about 3 approved, against roughly €1 million in county bridge funding. Killardry, rated Significant Damage in January 2025, was not among the funded structures.

Reference: Tipperary–Cahir–Cashel MD signed minutes, 25 May 2026.

Every item above is drawn from the public record — the council's own minutes, inspection reports and funding announcements, FOI decisions, and published news reports. The full record, with photographs and documents, is at <https://bronaghenglish.com>