

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,
NENAGH AND Remotely Via Zoom
AT 10.00 AM on Monday 12th December, 2022**

Present	Cllr. R. Kennedy, Cathaoirleach. Cllrs: Ambrose, S; Anglim, M; Bonfield, F; Bugler, P; Carroll, J; Coonan, N; Darcy, G; English, P; FitzGerald, J; Fitzgerald, Ml; Hanafin, S; Hannigan, J; Lee, S; Lowry, Ml; McGrath, H; McGrath (Rocky), J; Moran, E; O'Meara, Ml;
Remote	Cllr Bourke, K; Burgess, D; Crosse, J; Dennehy, N; Dunne, D; FitzGerald, M; Goldsboro, I; Hanna Hourigan, M; McGrath, M; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Morris, S; Murphy, M; Murphy, Ml; Ryan, A.M.; Ryan, J; Ryan, P; Ryan, S; Smith, Ml;
Apologies	Cllrs. T. Black; O'Meara, K;
Also Present	Mr. J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, Mr. M. O'Connor; Ms. S. Carr, Mr. A. Coleman, Mr. S. Duclot, Directors of Services, Mr. Brian Beck, A/ Director of Services, Mr. L. McCarthy, Head of Finance, Mr. L. Brett, S.E., Ms. M. Scott, Arts Officers, Mr. D. Carroll, C.F.O., Mr. D. Dullaghan, County Librarian, Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.
Item 1.1 Welcome & Introduction/Me etings Protocol	<p>The Cathaoirleach welcomed members to the December Monthly Meeting. He conveyed the sympathies of the members to Cllr Andy Moloney, the Moloney and Lyons family on the passing of his mother-in-law Mrs. Kathleen Lyons. He welcomed Mr. Stephane Duclot to Tipperary County Council as Director of Services for Planning & Development, Emergency Services and Emergency Planning, Libraries and Cultural Services.</p> <p>The Meetings Administrator then took a roll call and commenced the meeting with the opening prayer.</p>
Item 2.1 Disclosure/or Conflicts of Interest	Noted, no matters were notified to the Meetings Administrator
Item 3.1 Minutes of Council Meeting held on 10th October, 2022	The Minutes of the October Monthly Meeting held on 10 th October, 2022 were proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll seconded by Cllr. S. Ambrose and adopted.
Minutes of Annual Budget Meeting held on 25th November, 2022	The Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting held on 25 th November, 2022 were proposed by Cllr. J. Fitzgerald , seconded by Cllr. S. Hanafin and adopted.

Item 4.1
Approval to
Attendance

There were no Conferences/Training events attended by Members in December.

Item 4 .2
Reports on
Conferences

There were no Conferences/Training events attended by Members in December.

Item 5.1
Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Twomileborris

It was proposed by **Cllr. S Hanafin** seconded by **Cllr. S Ryan** and resolved: -

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 8.89sqm at Borris, Twomileborris, Thurles, Co. Tipperary to Electricity Supply Board in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st December, 2022”.

This notice was required to facilitate the installation of an ESB Substation to provide power to 22 houses in Twomileborris.

Item 5.2
Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at Main
Street,
Templemore to
Electricity
Supply Board.

It was proposed by **Cllr. N. Coonan** seconded by **Cllr. S. Ambrose** and resolved:

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 6sqm at Main Street, Templemore, Thurles, Co. Tipperary to Electricity Supply Board in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st December, 2022.”

This notice was required to facilitate the relocation of an existing ESB Substation.

Item 5.3
Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Lisbryan,
Ballingarry to
Tipperary
Garden Peat Ltd.

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr. J. Fitzgerald** and resolved:

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 0.12ha of land situated at Lisbryan, Ballingarry to Tipperary Garden Peat Ltd., in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on 1st December, 2022”.

This notice refers to a disused pumphouse no longer required by Tipperary County Council.

Item 5.4
Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Barrack Street,
Fethard to

It was proposed by **Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald** seconded by **Cllr. S. Ambrose** and resolved:

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 0.0034 ha at Barrack Street, Fethard, Co. Tipperary to Laurence Kenny and Rosena Kenny in accordance with

Laurence Kenny and Rosena Kenny

the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st December, 2022.”

This notice was required to facilitate the rectification of title.

Item 5.5
Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at No.
25 Liberty
Square, Thurles
to JL Johnston
(1959) Ltd.

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** seconded by **Cllr. S. Ryan** and resolved:

“That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve of the disposal of land, the total of which amounts to 0.002 hectares forming part of No. 25 Liberty Square, Thurles, Co. Tipperary to JL Johnston (1959) Ltd., Liberty Square, Thurles (known as Costcutters) in accordance with the terms of the notice under the above section.

This notice was required to rectify a mapping error.

Item 5.6
Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Carrick Street,
Mullinahone to
John Tobin

It was proposed by **Cllr. D. Dunne** seconded by **Cllr. S Ambrose** and resolved:

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 0.0056ha at Carrick Street, Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary to John Tobin in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st December, 2022”.

This notice was required to facilitate the rectification of title.

Item 5.7
Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Lisbunny
Business Park
Nenagh to David
and Alan Spain

It was proposed by **Cllr. G. Darcy** seconded by **Cllr. F. Bonfield** and resolved:

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 0.539 acres of land at Lisbunny Business Park, Nenagh to David and Alan Spain in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st December, 2022”.

To facilitate the construction of a new facility by Spain Audio-visual

Item 5.8
Tipperary Public
Lighting Policy
2022

The Cathaoirleach advised that this item would be taken with the Roads Section of the Management Report.

Item 5.9
Loan facility for
co-funding
projects under
the capital
programme

The approval of the Council was sought to raise loans, over a duration of up to 25 years, from lending institutions not exceeding the total sum of €40,000,000 to co-fund URDF and RRDF and other capital projects during the period 2023-2025. The cost of repayments for these loans would be met from the provision made in the Revenue Budget to support capital projects in 2023 and subsequent years.

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and resolved:

“That pursuant to the Local Government Act 2001 (Section 106) and subject to the sanction of the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, this Council approves the raising of loans, over a duration of up to 25 years, from lending institutions not exceeding the total sum of €40,000,000 (forty million euro) for the purpose of co-funding URDF and RRDF and other capital projects during the period 2023-2025.”

Item 5.10
Draft Tipperary
Arts Strategy
2023-2027

Ms. Melanie Scott, Arts Officer, referred members to the draft Tipperary County Council’s second all-county Arts Strategy (2023 – 2027) which had been circulated with the agenda which built on a strong legacy of over two decades of arts provision in the county and aimed to maximise opportunities for arts development in the years ahead. The Arts Office worked to support and develop programmes and practices which enabled artists, cultural producers, organisations and communities to realise their artistic ambitions, with a view to making Tipperary a better place through the arts.

The strategy was developed through a wide-ranging consultative process designed to hear the experiences, challenges, ambitions and needs of artists, cultural producers, organisations, communities, voluntary groups, participants and audiences across age ranges and social backgrounds. Following this, the findings of the process were analysed and a new set of actions for the coming five-year period were identified. The consultation process began in September and concluded in November 2022.

Members thanked Ms. Scott and staff for their response to the Arts Sector over the past few years which had been challenging. They referred to the rich cultural and artistic heritage throughout the County and welcomed the progressive actions contained in the draft strategy.

Ms Scott responded to queries raised as follows: -

Tipperary Festival & Events Grant Scheme 2023

It was confirmed that the closing date for applications was the 31st January, 2023. Funding available for this scheme would be examined in early 2023

Arts in Primary School Scheme

This scheme provided funding for a professional artist to work in a school on a collaborative project and the closing date for applications from schools for this scheme was the 10th February.

There was also a touring art exhibition available to secondary schools. A core focus of the County Arts Programme was to ensure access for children and young people to the arts through a range of supports.

All arts schemes would be advertised through newsletters, social media and advertising.

Addendum to Draft Arts Strategy.

At the request of Cllr S. Hanafin, it was agreed that an addendum would be inserted to the Arts Strategy listing the Arts Centres in the County.

It was proposed by **Cllr. A. Moloney** seconded by **Cllr. G. Darcy** and resolved:

“That Tipperary – A Place for the Arts-Tipperary Arts Strategy 2023-2027 is adopted”.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, thanked members for their support of the Arts Strategy 2023-2027 and the Council looked forward to working with the various groups and artists for the development of arts in the County.

Item 6.1
Audited
Financial
Statements for
2021 and the
Local
Government
Auditors Report

The Audited Financial Statements for 2021 and the Local Government Auditors Report thereon had been circulated to the members and noted.

Item 7.1
Ratification of
Nominee - Local
Community
Development
Company
(LCDC)

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose**, seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and resolved: -

**“That in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended by Section 49A (1), Chapter 2 of Part 6 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and Article 4 (1) of the Local Community Development Committee (Section 128E) Regulations 2014, and Statutory Instruments No. 314 of 2014 the Local Community Development Committee (Section 128E) (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations 2014 and that:
The following name be ratified a member (private) of the Tipperary Local Community & Development Committee (TLCDC).**

Tipperary Public Participation Network (Community and Voluntary Seat) Member: Mr. Michael Geary of Ballyporeen Community Council”.

Item 6.1
Consideration of
Management
Report

The Cathaoirleach referred to the Management Report as circulated with the Agenda noting that the reports related to the Directorates based in Nenagh and any queries/clarifications would be dealt with by the relevant Director of Services.

Item 5.8 would be taken as previously outlined with the Roads, Transportation Report.

Item 5.8
Tipperary Public
Lighting Policy
2022

The draft Tipperary Public Lighting Policy 2022 had been circulated to the members for their consideration. Mr. Liam Brett, S.E., informed members that it was the policy of Tipperary County Council to ensure the development of a sustainable energy efficient public lighting network which was a highly valued and visible asset. Tipperary County Council had a stock

of approximately 17,850 street lights. Public lighting represented 38% of the council's entire energy usage, and 65% of the Council's electricity usage. The stock of public lighting was increasing due to the taking in charge of estates, new road schemes, active travel projects and urban and village renewal projects. The need to find CO² reductions was also increasing.

The draft policy outlined: Policy objectives, Policy strategies, Database and Asset Management System, programme and prioritisation of funding, design standards and guidelines, lighting designer requirements, general requirements for new developments, specifications, colour temperature of LED lights and explanation of Dimming and Trimming of LED street lights.

Three key changes were highlighted: -

- The policy now allows for lights in the 60kph zone, but areas within the 50kph should be first considered.
- In exceptional circumstances, where there was a proven Active Travel need and Active Travel funding, with the ability to create permanent segregation, lights can be provided outside the 50 kph/60 kph zone. Active Travel was travelling with a purpose, to work, school or retail, rather than for leisure purposes
- An annual allocation to Municipal/Borough Districts for public lighting improvements in their areas would be provided. Proposed projects must be agreed with and organised through the Public Lighting engineer, and in line with this policy;

The policy was considered by the Roads, Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee at their meeting held on 3rd October, 2022 and was recommended for adoption.

Members welcomed the Policy and in particular the key changes outlined. They outlined a number of locations in their respective areas that would benefit from additional public lighting: -

- Clongour Thurles as far as the An Post Sorting Office and the Holycross Road as far as Dew Valley Food.
- Ballingarry Village (North Tipperary)
- Kilcash, Kilsheelan, Lisronagh Villages.
- Littleton – Active Travel Footpath
- Clogheen Road Cahir, AIBP Meat Processors – active travel footpath.
- Ballina Park

Mr. Marcus O'Connor, D.O.S and Mr. Liam Brett, S.E., responded to the following queries on Public Lighting: -

Solar Powered Public Lighting

The option of solar powered public lighting was being monitored. The period for full light was an issue without the provision of batteries which are cost excessive.

Public Lighting Active Travel Schemes

It was confirmed that active travel funding could be used for the provision of public lighting subject to the agreement of the National Transport Authority.

Public Lighting Allocation to Municipal Districts.

It was clarified that the public lighting allocation to each Municipal District would be allocated pro rata based on the number of public lights in each district.

Illuminance Area Led Lights

It was noted that due to the high light quality produced by LED lights, there was a specific illuminance area to ensure the lights did not interfere with nature.

Public Lighting – Estates not taken in Charge.

Cllr Coonan urged that lights would be provided in two estates in his District that had not yet been taken in charge. His comments were noted but works to public services could not be carried out until an estate was taken in charge. The Council continued to work with the developers of unfinished estates to enable the estates to be taken in charge.

Hamlets of Houses in rural areas.

Members were informed that it was not possible to provide public lighting in hamlets of houses due to energy and budget constraints and it would set an unsustainable precedent.

It was proposed by **Cllr. J. Fitzgerald** seconded by **Cllr. Ml. O’Meara** and resolved:

“That Tipperary County Council hereby adopts the Public Lighting Policy 2022, as presented by the Roads, Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee”.

Roads, Transportation, Active Travel, Health & Safety

Annual Meeting TII

Mr. Marcus O’Connor, D.O.S. briefed members on the recent annual meeting held with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) on the 29th November, 2022. The key issues raised across the Municipal Districts were:

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Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District

- ❖ N24 at Carrick on Suir
 - (a) seeking provision of cycle lane westwards from Carrick on Suir to Arrigans Boreen to provide safe "loop" with Suir Blueway;
 - (b) provision of cycle lanes on N24 Carrick on Suir pavement improvement contract
- ❖ Safety improvements required at Poulacapple National School on N76
- ❖ Safety Improvement urgently needed to junctions at Glenbower and South Lodge with N76

Clonmel Borough District

- ❖ N24 - Waterford to Cahir - Urban Bypasses and removal of dangerous sections from Carrick, Kilsheelan, Clonmel and to Cahir
- ❖ Resurfacing N24 Kilsheelan Village
- ❖ Resurfacing N24 at Traas Apple Farm
- ❖ Complete remaining road resurfacing works on the N76 from Kilcash Cross to the boundary with the Carrick District

Nenagh Municipal District

- ❖ Carrigahorig:
- ❖ Flooding on N65;
- ❖ Pavement improvements and traffic calming in Carrigahorig Village
- ❖ Realignment of section of the N52 (Ballyhaden, Borrisokane)
- ❖ Poor signage and hazards at right hand turns on N52 e.g. Ashley Park, Congor etc.
- ❖ Traffic calming in Ballingarry Village on N52

Thurles Municipal District

- ❖ Thurles By Pass
- ❖ Turtulla Cross, Thurles
- ❖ Tullaskeagh, Roscrea
- ❖ N62 Thurles to Templemore Road

Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD

- ❖ N24 - Cahir to Limerick Junction - prioritise the section around Tipperary Town when developing new N24 route
- ❖ Maintenance and safety issues on the N24:
 - (a) Knockagh Roundabout safety upgrade & Knockagh Roundabout to Buckley's Cross resurfacing;
 - (b) Additional monies - Hedge cutting at junctions on N24;
 - (c) Realignment works along the existing N24;
 - (d) Safety enhancement works on Bansha approach road to Tipperary Town

Cllr MI O' Meara, Chair of the Roads & Transportation SPC said that while no definite commitment had been given by TII, it had been a positive meeting and enhanced the relationship with them. It was also noted that a case for additional funding was made as a result of increased energy costs.

Mr. Marcus O'Connor, DOS and Mr. Liam Brett, S.E., responded to queries raised on the Roads and Transportation Directorate as follows: -

Killaloe ByPass, Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme

Cllr Bugler congratulated all involved who contributed to the bringing to fruition of the Scheme which had its sod turning ceremony on the 3rd November, 2022. She acknowledged the input of all members past and present who campaigned for the scheme and mentioned in particular former Councillor John Sheehy. She also praised the work of Director of Services, Marcus O'Connor and his team for their efforts in this regard also.

Greenway Project Lough Derg Greenway – Ballina to Dromineer

This project was in its initial stages and routes were only indicative. The second public consultation for the option selection was launched on the 28th November, 2022. People who wished to comment on the options advertised

were urged to put in a submission. This scheme was one of a number of exciting projects being progressed throughout the county.

Winter Maintenance

It was confirmed that there were adequate salt supplies to deal with the current weather conditions and details of routes that were being treated were on the Council's website. It was not financially or logistically possible to treat areas outside of the current published routes, also due to issues including insurance it was not possible to distribute salt supplies to communities for use. The need to treat footpaths in town centre was being monitored by the District Engineers.

Speed Limit Review

National guidance was awaited before the countywide speed limit review could commence.

Rural Road markings.

Cllr H. McGrath spoke of the importance of road marking in adverse weather conditions particularly on rural roads and said that central line markings in some areas needed to be renewed. The possibility of yellow road markings on the hard-shoulder on narrow roads where central line markings were not possible due to the road width was also suggested.

Thurles Bypass.

Members from the Thurles Municipal District stressed the urgent need for an outer bypass for Thurles while noting that the scheme could not be progressed until it was included in the National Development Plan. It was noted that the T.I.I. were aware of the members concerns to have the scheme progressed.

N65.Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge

Preliminary design of this scheme would commence following the appointment of Consultants in Q1 of 2023.

N.24 Knockagh Roundabout

The Part 8 Planning Process for this scheme was to commence in Q4 of 2022. The scheme had been discussed with the T.I.I. at the recent annual meeting.

Turtulla Cross, Thurles

It was acknowledged that this was a problematic junction and the Council were engaging with the T.I.I. to progress a scheme. It was noted that land acquisition at this location could be challenging. This location was raised at the recent annual meeting with the T.I.I.

R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends

Tender documentation would be prepared for this scheme in 2023 with a works contractor appointed in 2024. A valuer had been appointed to enter into discussions with landowners affected.

Bansha approach road to Tipperary.

Traffic calming on the Bansha approach road to Tipperary was raised with the T.I.I. at the annual meeting but no commitment had been given on this.

N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction

The phase 2 Options Selection Report was expected to be published before the end of the year.

Active Travel

It was confirmed that the Active Travel allocation of €6.66m for 2022 would be drawn down and it was hoped to receive a further allocation for 2023.

Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)

A total of €1,125,773 had been allocated for the LIS Scheme in 2022 with schemes completed across all Districts. The scheme would re-open for applications in early 2023.

Planning

Mr. Stephane Duclot, D.O.S. and Ms. A.M. Devaney, S.P., responded to queries raised on the Planning Directorate as follows: -

Cllr MI FitzGerald as Chair of the Planning & Emergency Services SPC welcomed Mr. Duclot as Director of Services.

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

Members spoke of the need for more awareness on the criteria on what land could be liable for RZLT as there were concerns being expressed by landowners. Members were informed that while the tax itself would be managed and collected by the Revenue Commissioners, the local authority was responsible for preparing maps and draft maps for the Residential Zoned Land Tax were published by Tipperary County Council on the 1st November 2022. Any landowner with concerns was urged to initially view these maps to ascertain if their lands were contained within the 20 urban settlements outlined on the maps. The urban settlements contained in the draft maps were: -

- Clonmel Borough District: Clonmel, Ballyclerihan, Kilsheelan.
- Nenagh Municipal District: Nenagh, Borrisokane, Portroe
- Thurles Municipal District: Thurles, Templemore, Roscrea, Borrisoleigh, Two-mile-Borris, Holycross.
- Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District: Tipperary Town, Cahir, Cashel, Ardfinnan, Clogheen.
- Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District: Carrick-on-Suir, Killenaule, Mullinahone.

Landowners and third parties had until midnight on Sunday January 1st 2023 to make a submission to Tipperary County Council about whether or not land on the map meets the criteria for being subject to the tax. Further information can be requested from the landowner or a referral can be made to Irish Water, TII etc., within 21 days of 1st January. By 1st April 2023, the landowner must be notified of the determination, also advising they have a right to appeal the determination to An Bord Pleanála, if the determination is not to their satisfaction. On 1st May 2023, Tipperary County Council will be required to publish 'Supplemental Maps and this would be followed by a further opportunity for submissions to be made. The final maps prepared by local authorities are required to be published on the 1st December 2023. The taxation measure will come into effect on 1 February 2024 and will be managed by the Revenue Commissioners.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that a member's workshop would be held in early 2023 on the RZLT, members would be forwarded a list of the 20 urban settlements outlined on the maps and an awareness campaign would be carried out.

Mr Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, thanked members for their discussion on the issue. The RZLT was aimed at increasing housing supply by activating zoned and serviced residential and town/village centre lands for housing. He said that the vast majority of lands and landowners would be unaffected by the RZLT. There were defined lands, incorporated in maps that have been prepared and were available online, on the Council's website and at planning counters in the Civic Offices. The first port of call for any concerned landowner was to look at the maps and see if their land came within the scope of definition and then to make a submission. There were a number of processes to go through before the tax came into effect and there was an appeal process to an Bord Pleanala.

Cluster Housing Kilsheelan.

The detailed design for this scheme had been completed and tender documents for the construction stage were almost complete.

Unfinished Rural Houses.

A request had been issued to the members seeking the identification of incomplete/unfinished rural houses. Members were informed that on receipt of the information, the planning authority would revert to the SPC with the findings.

N.24 Sterilisation of Lands.

It was noted that the preferred transport solution had been selected for the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction and lands not affected by the route selection were no longer sterilised. It was anticipated that the preferred transport solution for the N24 Waterford to Cahir scheme would be announced in the middle of 2023 which would allow the non-sterilisation of lands at that stage.

County Development Plan

Members were informed that if there were water/wastewater infrastructure/capacity issues that could affect the zoning attached to lands, these issues would be raised with Irish Water.

Fire & Emergency Services

Mr. Dave Carroll, C.F.O. responded to queries raised as follows: -

Fire Hydrants Cahir

Cllr A. Moloney referred to fire hydrants that were covered over by various utilities carrying out works and the need for the location of these to be mapped for future reference. Mr. Dave Carroll, Chief Fire Officer, confirmed that the Fire Service had a record of fire hydrant locations but he would liaise with Cllr A. Moloney regarding his particular areas of concern.

Number of Emergency Calls attended

It was confirmed that the number of emergency calls attended to by the Fire Service to date in 2022 was up slightly on previous years but was not related to anything specific.

Library & Cultural Services.

Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, responded to queries raised as follows: -

Clonmel Library

It was confirmed that a design team had been appointed to progress the design and planning phases for the refurbishment of Clonmel Library. It was anticipated that the project would be ready to progress to Part 8 in Q2/Q3 of 2023.

My Open Library Tipperary Town

It was confirmed that problems with My Open Library in Tipperary Town had been resolved.

Finance & Information Technology

Early Payment Scheme Commercial Rates

Mr. Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance, informed members that drop-in clinics had been held in Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles, Carrick-on-Suir and Tipperary. These clinics would be held again in February 2023 after bills had issued. It was agreed to liaise with the Chamber of Commerce regarding awareness of the Early Payment Scheme and to consider a walk-in clinic in Roscrea in 2023.

Item 9.1 **January 2023** **Monthly Meeting**

It was proposed by **Cllr. MI FitzGerald**, seconded by **Cllr P. English** and agreed that the January Monthly Meeting of Tipperary County Council would be held on the 16th January, 2023 at 2 p.m.

Item 10.1 **Consideration of** **Orders for the** **period to the** **30th November,** **2022.**

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 30th November, 2022 were noted.

Item 11.1 **Notice of Motion** **(Ref No: 2525)**

Motion Ref. No. 2484 was proposed by **Cllr R. Kennedy**.

“That this Council liaise with the Minister with responsibility for the Ukrainian refugees in order to get the necessary finance for ancillary services needed to provide the necessary infrastructure to sustain them in community settings”.

The motion was seconded by **Cllr D. Dunne**

It was agreed to forward the motion to Minister Micheál Martin, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister Roderic O’Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality, Integration and Youth of Ireland for consideration.

Item 12.1-12.3
Correspondence

Correspondence as circulated was noted as follows: -

- Reply dated 13th October, 2022 from Office of Minister for Finance, Mr. Paschal Donoghue, T.D.
- Reply dated 21st November, 2022 from Ms. Maria O'Dwyer, Head of Asset Management, Irish Water.
- Reply dated 28th November, 2022 from Mr. Darragh O'Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

12.2 Bank Services

Cllr A Moloney expressed his disappointment at the reply received which he said did not address the issues raised in the motion and requested that a further letter would be sent. This was seconded by Cllr S. Hanafin.

Item 13.1
Motions for
other Councils

The following motions from other Councils were noted: -

Cork County Council

"Cork County Council calls on the EPA to put in place a full suite of end of waste criteria to support the circular economy and climate action. These criteria must allow for an efficient means to move materials out of the waste streams in all areas including

- Construction and demolition waste materials such as concrete, topsoil, concrete products such as blocks and kerbs, timber, etc to reduce the demand for virgin materials and it must allow for materials from smaller projects coming to locations such as civic amenity sites
- Re-use schemes such as paint, bicycles, etc coming to locations such as civic amenity sites
- Items such as furniture, toys, tools, equipment and schoolbooks coming to locations such as civic amenity sites to extend their useful life or for parts to extend the life of other items.

Members agreed that a copy of this letter would be circulated to the EPA and the Southern Regional Assembly".

Donegal County Council

"That this Council call on Minister Ryan to abandon his criminalisation policy of our turf cutting population".

Longford County Council

"That following the publication of the Social Housing Assessment Regulations in which Longford was left out, that Longford County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien to move Longford from Band 3 into Band 2 to raise the basic income threshold from €25,000 to €30,000.

It was also proposed and agreed that Longford County Council writes to the Local Authorities in Band 3 seeking their support to the motion.

Mayo County Council

"Calling on the Minister for Housing & Local Government to make a fund available to enable the taking in charge of estates across Ireland that have not been taken in charge to address the legacy issue which is denying estates basic access services across our country. If supported, that the motion be circulated to all local authorities for support"

Monaghan County Council

"That Monaghan County Council notes that Citizens' Assemblies are powerful democratic exercises that inform citizens, allowing them to debate specifics, develop positions and inform policy. They have operated effectively in many jurisdictions across the world. This Council calls on the Irish Government to establish an all-Ireland Citizens' Assembly to debate and discuss our constitutional future. The debate on Irish Unity is live and growing, and we must plan for constitutional change, in the context of the Good Friday Agreement provision for a Unity referendum.

That Monaghan County Council also invites officials from the Taoiseach's Shared Island Unit to present to Council and provide an update on activity and plans for the future".

Monaghan County Council

"That this Council call on the Ministers for Environment and Finance to initiate a scheme, similar to the 'Fair Deal' scheme, whereby pensioners and retired people's homes would have solar panels fitted to their homes, thereby greatly reducing their energy costs".

Monaghan County Council

"That this Council call on the Government to defer the introduction of a 'concrete/block levy' for the foreseeable future."

Offaly County Council

"At the October Meeting of Offaly County Council, the Members passed a resolution highlighting the difficulties faced by emergency medical technicians including low salary and poor working conditions resulting in a number of technicians leaving the service. They further highlighted the issue of the ambulances covering countrywide, often leaving none available for Offaly and surrounding areas.

Sligo County Council

"In light of the huge staffing issues our health service is now facing that Sligo County Council calls on the Minister for Health to undertake a review of the numbers of doctors and nurses being trained annually with a view of doubling capacity within the system as is required.

Furthermore, that the Minister for Health instructs the Department of Health and the Health Service Executive to implement a workforce strategy for the retention of nurses and doctors to stay working within our health service instead of paying millions for recruitment campaigns overseas. That this Motion be relayed to the Minister for Health, the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste and every Local Authority".

It was further agreed to write to the Minister for Further & Higher Education in support of the motion.

Sligo County Council

"That SCC ensure that all new buildings have a changing place facility for people with Disability."

It was further agreed to write to the Minister for Further & Higher Education in support of the motion.

Sligo County Council

"That Sligo County Council write to the Minister for Social Protection to ask for a complete review of the criteria for individual to qualify for a Social Employment Scheme;

- (i) To reduce the time required to be on Jobseekers Allowance
- (ii) To increase the payment on Schemes from €20 to €100 over the Jobseekers Allowance
- (iii) In cases where individuals want to continue their employment when time has elapsed, that their contract should be significantly extended if their position can't be filled by others".

Wicklow County Council

"That Wicklow County Council asks the Government to recognise the European Commission's confirmation that the Government could exceptionally address the case of C.J. Gaffney and the MV Mary Kate through the European Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF)".

Item 14.1 **Expressions of** **votes of** **sympathy**

Members passed a vote of sympathy to the following: -

- Cllr. Andy Moloney on the death of his mother in law Kathleen Lyons also mother of Josie Lyons, Water Services
- The family of Martin Costello, Bank Street, Templemore, Former Ganger with Thurles MD
- Joseph O'Dwyer, Clonmel Borough District on the death of his mother Catherine
- The Family of John Hyland, Staff Member Nenagh Recycling Centre
- Margo Hayes, Community & Economic Development on the death of her father Tim Joe Hayes
- The family of Michael O'Meara, former staff Member, South Tipperary County Council
- Family of Patricia Ryan, Ardcroney, whose husband was a former staff member of North Tipperary County Council.

Votes of **Congratulations**

Members passed a vote of congratulations to the following: -

- Tim Floyd on the completion of his two terms as Tipperary County Board Secretary.
- Archdeacon Adrian Wilkinson on his election as Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory.
- Michael Martin on his terms of office as Taoiseach and best wishes on his role as Tánaiste.

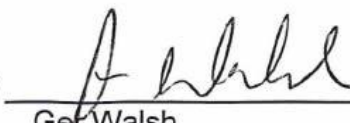
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Any Other
Business

The Cathaoirleach wished members, media and staff a happy and safe Christmas.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: