

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,
CLONMEL AND Remotely Via Zoom
AT 11.00 AM on Monday 13th February, 2023.**

Present

Cllr. R. Kennedy, Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs: Ambrose, S; Anglim, M; Bonfield, F; Bugler, P; Carroll, J; Coonan, N; Darcy, G; FitzGerald, Ml; Goldsboro I; Hanafin S; Hannigan, J; Lee, S; Lowry, Ml; McGrath, H; McGrath, M; McGrath (Rocky), J; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Morris, S; O'Meara, Ml; Murphy, Marie; Ryan, AM; Ryan P; Ryan, S; Smith; Ml.

Remote

Cllrs: Black T; Bourke K; Burgess D; Crosse J; Dennehy, N; Dunne D; English P; Fitzgerald J; Fitzgerald M; Hanna Hourigan M; Molloy R; Murphy Ml; O'Meara K; Ryan J.

Also Present

Mr. J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, Mr. M. O'Connor, Mr. S. Duclot, Mr. A. Coleman, Director of Services, Mr. B. Beck, A/Director of Services, Mr. Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance, Ms. A.M. Devaney, S.P., Mr. Dave Carroll, C.F.O., Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Ms. Ruth Maher, I.T. Project Leader, Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Item 1.1

**Welcome &
Introduction/Me
etings Protocol**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the February Meeting of the Council advising members present in the Chamber that their microphone had to be turned on when they spoke, referred members attending remotely to the protocol for remote meetings circulated with the agenda and asked members to observe the rules contained therein with regard to remote meetings.

The Meetings Administrator took a roll call and commenced the meeting with the opening prayer.

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 16th
January, 2023.**

The Minutes of the January Monthly Meeting held on 16th January, 2023 were proposed by **Cllr J. Carroll**, seconded by **Cllr S. Ryan** and adopted.

Matters Arising

Japanese Knotweed Riverside Park, Ballina.

It was confirmed to Cllr Bugler that Japanese Knotweed in Riverside Park Ballina would be treated in September as part of the Council's Annual Programme of spraying which was the optimum time for spraying this invasive species.

Vacant Housing Officer.

It was confirmed to Cllr Ambrose that this position had been filled. Cllr Ambrose asked that funding would be sought for a second Vacant Housing Officer due to the size of the County.

Item 4.1 **Approval to** **Attendance**

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Hanafin**, seconded by **Cllr G. Darcy** and resolved: -

"That pursuant to Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act 2001 and having regard to (i) the benefits likely to accrue, (ii) the general interest of this administrative area and of the local community (iii) the estimated cost of the proposed attendance and the provision made for such purposes in the annual budget, hereby nominate those listed hereunder to attend the following Conferences/Seminars/Trainings: -

Seminar/Conference/ Similar Event	Dates	Venue	Nominees
Association of Irish Regions – Regions in Focus 2023	7 th – 9 th Feb, 2023	Four Seasons Hotel and Leisure Club, Monaghan	Michael Smith John Crosse Shane Lee Niall Dennehy Mary Hanna Hourigan Michael O'Meara Siobhan Ambrose Michael FitzGerald Marie Murphy Micheal Anglim
AILG Module 1 – A Briefing on the Electoral Reform	25 th Feb, 2023	Radisson Blu Hotel, Limerick	Michael Murphy Phyll Bugler Sean Ryan Marie Murphy Michael Smith Richie Molloy Michael FitzGerald Micheal Anglim John Carroll John FitzGerald
Celtic Conferences – Modular Housing in Ireland	3 rd to 5 th Feb, 2023	The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth	Shane Lee Kevin O'Meara Siobhan Ambrose John Carroll

**Washington St.
Patricks Day
Parade**

Members were informed that subject to invitation, it was intended that the Cathaoirleach & Chief Executive would travel to Washington for the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

It was proposed by **Cllr M. FitzGerald**, seconded by **Cllr S. Ryan**, That the Cathaoirleach Cllr R. Kennedy & Chief Executive Mr. Joe MacGrath would represent Tipperary County Council at the Washington St. Patricks Day Parade

Item 4 .2

**Reports on
Conferences**

Proposed by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** seconded by **Cllr. G. Darcy** and noted.

Item 5.1

**Section 183
Notice –
Disposal of
property Old
Roscrea
Courthouse.**

It was proposed by **Cllr MI. Smith** seconded by **Cllr N. Coonan** 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 by amendment to the term of lease agreement to Age Friendly Roscrea of building known as Old Courthouse, Goal Road, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary.”

Tipperary County Council had previously agreed to let the property to Age Friendly Roscrea for a term of 20 years to be used for community and social activities. In order to facilitate access to funding the community group requires a minimum term of 25 years. It is proposed to increase the term of the lease agreement from 20 to 29 years.

**Item 5.2
Memorandum of
Friendship –
Maryland USA**

G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator advised members that the Corporate Policy Group had considered and recommended that a Memorandum of Friendship would be entered into with the state of Maryland. There was a number of common themes between Tipperary and Maryland and this Agreement opened up the possibility of strategic alliances across the Atlantic for business involved in the equine industry and related tourism traffic. The Governor of Maryland Mr. Larry Hogan and the Secretary of State Mr John Wobensmith and a number of the Maryland Horse Board completed an equine trade mission to Ireland in June 2022 and as part of their itinerary, they paid a visit to Coolmore and the Fethard Horse Country Museum in Fethard. As a follow up to this visit, Ms Candice Kelly and Mr. Patrick Capurro representing the US State of Maryland visited Ireland again from 5th to the 11th January 2023 to follow up on relationships forged by Governor Hogan by establishing Sister State partnerships with a no of counties in Ireland, namely Longford, Kildare, and Tipperary in addition to re-connecting with Co Cork where a sister state agreement has been established since May 2023. During the January 11th visit, Candice Kelly forwarded a copy of a memorandum of Friendship signed by Secretary of State Mr John Fobensmith setting out 6 main objectives and how they might be achieved; On the basis of the engagement and communication with the Maryland Sister States committee, it was recommended that the Council enter into this friendship and cooperation agreement with the State of Maryland, which was timely relative to the Thoroughbred Country

Project, the all-weather race track project in Tipperary Raceway and the Fethard Horse Country Experience in Fethard.

It was clarified that the Agreement did not relate to the equine sector only and all industries wanting to establish connections in the USA would benefit from this liaison.

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

“In accordance with Section 75 of the Local Government Act, 2011, Tipperary County Council enter into a friendship and co-operation agreement with the State of Maryland on the basis of the engagement and communication with the Maryland Sister States Committee and the potential strategic alliances for businesses involved in the equine industry and related tourism traffic between Tipperary and Maryland and United States generally”.

Item 6.1

Ratification of Women’s Caucus Nominees.

The Meetings Administrator advised the members that a proposer and seconder was required to establish a Tipperary County Council Women's Caucus. This Committee would be established to promote and encourage the participation of women in local elections and local government. Section 51 of Local Government Act required the approval of the Council to the establishment of a new committee. The Women’s Caucus Committee was committed to ensuring that Local Government was more diverse and representative of the communities that it represented and the establishment of the caucus would help to promote and encourage the participation of women in local elections and local government in Tipperary. The membership was cross-party and cross-Council and was open to all new female Councillors. Cllr Peggy Ryan was elected as Chairperson of the committee and they had agreed a terms and reference and an action plan for the remaining term of the Council. The Council was successful in securing funding from the Department to establish the caucus and organise a county wide event to raise awareness of female participation in Local Government; It was hoped to hold the event in May. The action plan also sought to hold awareness sessions at District level for transition year students.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Peggy Ryan**, seconded by **Cllr. Phyll Bugler** and resolved that: -

“Under Section 51 of the Local Government Act, That Tipperary County Council establish a Women’s Caucus Committee that would be cross party, cross council and open to all female Councillors with the aim to promote and encourage the participation of women in local elections and local Government”.

Item 7.1

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.

Roads & Transportation, Active Travel, Health and Safety

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 11.1 Notice of Motion Ref. 2552 as part of the Management Report on Roads & Transportation, Active Travel, Health & Safety.

Item 11.1

Notice of Motion Ref. 2552 – Active Travel

Motion Ref No. 2552 was proposed by Cllr. **Andy Moloney**

“That this Council ask the Minister about the future of the Active Travel Programme and if it is being replaced by another source due to the large number of projects left behind during this phase of funding.”

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy**

The reply to the Motion was noted as follows: -

The Programme for Government "Our Shared Future" committed to an investment of €360 million per annum in walking and cycling over the lifetime of the Government. The Government committed to an allocation of 10% of the total transport capital budget for cycling projects and an allocation of 10% of the total capital budget for pedestrian infrastructure. As per the Programme for Government the "Government's commitment to cycling and pedestrian projects will be set at 20% of the 2020 capital budget (€360 million) per year for the lifetime of the Government. This commitment will deliver a five-year, multi-annual funding programme linked with a specific target of new separated cycling and walking infrastructure, which will be delivered or under construction by the end of 2024. This will enable a step change in the number of people taking daily journeys by foot and bicycle, which will help improve quality of life and air quality."

In 2021 the Rural Active Travel Investment Programme for Local Authorities outside of the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) and Regional Cities was launch. The budget for the Rural Active Travel Investment Programme for rural local authorities including Tipperary County Council (TCC) was initially set for a €50 million allocation, this was increased to over €70 million due to the number of applications received from Local Authorities. The key aim of the funding is to support the development of high-quality urban cycling and walking infrastructure outside of our cities, so this investment is specifically targeted at towns and villages across the country.

The years 2021 and 2022 seen a significant increase in the Department's funding for cycling and walking, in line with the Government's prioritisation of Active Travel and Greenways with the National Transport Authority (NTA) the funding authority for the active travel programme allocations and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) the funding authority for the Greenways programme.

In 2021 nationally, there was €312.9 million allocated to the active travel programme of which TCC secured initial funding of €4.66 million with a final drawdown of €5.06 million.

In 2022 nationally, there was €387.7 million allocated to the active travel programme of which TCC secured initial funding of €6.66 million with a final drawdown of €7.37 million.

This year to date there was €332.2 million allocated to the active travel programme of which TCC secured initial funding of €4.66 and we would hope that during the year we will secure additional funding under the active travel programme. Over the last two years and particularly in 2022 we have been progressing a considerable number of projects through design and planning with many of these projects yet to be constructed. The NTA has been very supportive of the TCC active travel programme and with their continued support we would be extremely confident of spending any additional funding we may secure during the year as we have a pipeline of near shovel ready project.

The above funding allocations do not include the funding allocations provided annually by TII for the Greenways programme which was approximately €60m in 2022.

Cllr Moloney voiced his disappointment about the reduction nationally in funding for Active Travel and his concerns that the Programme was being phased out.

A number of members spoke of the excellent works that had been carried out under the Active Travel Programme and their disappointment at the reduction in allocation. Reference was made to a number of areas that would benefit from works and Tipperary Area Members urged that Tipperary Town would be considered for Active Travel Funding.

Mr. Marcus O'Connor, D.O.S. advised that Tipperary was one of three counties who spent the full Active Travel Allocation in 2021 and 2022. It was disappointing that the allocation had been reduced. This Council would continue to progress schemes across the Districts and would seek additional funding.

Tipperary Area Members urged that Tipperary Town would be considered for Active Travel Funding.

Following further consideration, it was agreed that the matter would be referred to the relevant Minister for consideration.

Roads & Transportation, Active Travel, Health and Safety

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

Local Improvement Scheme 2023

At the request of the members it was agreed to extend the closing date for applications for the LIS Scheme 2023 for one week from the 13th February, 2023.

Greenway/Blueway Project

Lough Derg Greenway – Public Consultation had concluded and submissions were being reviewed.

Suir Blueway/ Gas House Bridge to Suir Island – a planning application was being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanala.

Suir Blueway/Waterford Greenway Link – Concept and feasibility were substantially complete and would be submitted to TII for approval.

Flooding Ballina

It was noted that a number of pipes and culverts in Ballina required upsizing and this would be raised with the Office of Public Works.

Winter Maintenance

It was confirmed that there was no scope to add additional routes to the winter maintenance programme.

Road Reinstatement

The Road Opening Licence procedure was outlined. Road reinstatements were subject to inspection and the applicant was liable until works were carried out to the accepted standards.

Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening Scheme

It was confirmed that the ongoing maintenance of landscaping of this scheme would become the responsibility of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District.

N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel

It was noted that the carrying out of works during school holidays at this location would be advantageous.

N74 Ballyhusty Realignment

It was agreed to revert to Cllr MI. FitzGerald regarding the completion of works on this scheme.

Rural Roads

Members expressed concerns regarding the condition of rural roads and the need for additional funding for the maintenance of rural roads.

Electric Street Vacuum

Members welcomed the piloting of an electric street vacuum in Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District and requested that consideration would be given to rolling it out to other Districts in the future.

Vehicle Activation Signage

A pilot scheme of vehicle activation signage was carried out in Nenagh which had received mixed reviews. The ongoing use of these signs in one area could cause them to lose their effectiveness and it was best practice to alternate locations.

Public Lighting

This Council was working with the Contractor to improve response times for public light maintenance.

Japanese Knotweed.

It was noted that Japanese Knotweed was treated in September each year and members were urged to make their District Engineer aware of locations of this invasive plant.

Forestry Roads

Members spoke of damage caused to rural roads by forestry equipment and lorries and referenced particular roads in their areas. While it was noted that forestry lorries were entitled to use the road network, it was agreed to liaise with Coillte regarding damage caused to a section of road near Gleann and Knockanroe Wood, Silvermines.

Planning

Mr. S. Duclot, DOS and Ms. A.M. Devaney, SEP, responded to queries raised as follows: -

National Development Plan

Cllr S. Morris expressed his view that the National Development Plan was out of date as it had been based on data from the 2016 census that was now obsolete and did not have regard to the changed environment in Ireland particularly remote working. He also expressed the view that the review of the National Development Plan that had taken place was not compatible with Local Area Plans. It was outlined that the population targets for the county were set out through the National Planning Framework and the Regional Economic and Spatial Strategy and incorporated into the Core Strategy of the County Development Plan.

Cluster Housing Kilsheelan

It was noted that an e-tender had been advertised for the development of Cluster Housing and an amenity park in Kilsheelan. Once tenders had been received and assessed the approval of the Department would be sought to progress this scheme.

Built Heritage Improvement Scheme (BHIS) and Historic Structures Fund (HSF)

It was clarified that an application could not be submitted under the BHIS and the HSF for the same project.

E-Planning

Members welcomed the increase to 70% of planning applications submitted online to the end of January, 2023

Just Transition Fund

Thurles Municipal District were progressing Phase 1 of the Littleton Labyrinth Project and would seek opportunities as they arise with respect to the delivery of subsequent phases of the Labyrinth in conjunction with our project partners.

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

Members were advised that the third funding round under URDF had been announced. This call was non-competitive and was specific to the activation of long-term vacant properties and the acceleration of residential developments in line with Housing for All and Town Centre First Policy.

Applications would be submitted for Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles. It was expected that a fourth round of funding would be announced later in the year and this would be similar to previous calls.

Vacant Housing Officer

A request for a second Vacant Housing Officer for Tipperary would be considered this was proposed by Cllr. S. Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. AM Ryan and agreed by the Council.

Modular/Timber Housing

A policy in relation to modular/timber type housing would be discussed by the Planning SPC and a workshop would be arranged with members.

Fire & Emergency Services

There were no queries raised in relation to Fire and Emergency Services.

Library & Cultural Service

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

Clonmel Library

Members were advised that the design stage of the refurbishment project was progressing and would be brought to Clonmel Borough District Council once complete.

Ukrainian Health & Well-being Support Fund.

It was agreed that consideration would be given to the addition of Thurles as a location for the artistic experience being developed under the Fund and that Cllr. Peggy Ryan would be kept informed of progress on this matter.

Commemorations Programme

It was noted that funding for the 2023 Commemoration Programme had not yet been announced.

Finance & Information Technology

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 8.2 Tipperary County Council Website as part of the Management Report on Finance and Information Technology.

Item 8.2

Tipperary County Council Website – new version.

Ms. Ruth Maher, I.T. Project Leader made a presentation to the members which showcased the new version of the Tipperary County Council website. The last website was designed at the time of the merger. The new version was launched in January and was based around the standardised national services catalogue. It had a new look, increased security and accessibility. Members complimented Ms. Maher on the new look website.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, joined in complimenting Ms. Maher and the I.T. Team on the work in designing the website which was a huge undertaking due to the many and diverse services provided by Tipperary County Council.

Drop in Clinics

Mr. Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance, advised members that following the issue of rate bills Drop in Clinics would be open in each Municipal District from Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February, 2023. Rate payers who were in arrears were encouraged to avail of the Clinics.

Item 7.2

Publication of the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029

Mr. Stephane Duclot, D.O.S., advised members of the publication of the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029 and this was noted.

Item 8.1

Date and times of meetings.

Members were advised that the March Monthly Meeting would commence at 11 a.m. and as per Standing Orders the Monthly Meetings from April to September inclusive would commence at 10 a.m.

Members were advised that due to Monday the 10th April being a Bank Holiday it was proposed to hold the April Monthly Meeting on Tuesday 11th April, 2023 at 10 a.m. and this was proposed by Cllr S. Ryan, seconded by Cllr J. Carroll

Item 9.1

Attendance by I.D.A.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Denis Curran, Head of Regions, Property and Enterprise Development and Mr. Will Corcoran, Mid-West. Regional Manager, to the meeting who made a presentation to the members.

The aim of the IDA strategy nationally was to win and develop foreign direct investment and add jobs to the existing base while also protecting existing jobs. The core target sectors were Technology, Content Consumer and Business Services, International Financial Services, Biopharmaceuticals and Food, Medical Technologies and Engineering. Progressive gains had been made each year for the last 10 years in employment growth with 301,475 employed in IDA client companies in 2022 and these jobs had a significant spill-over in terms of payroll.

Significant progress had been made across all strategic objectives of the Regional Enterprise Plan for the Mid-West. The Regional Strategy required extensive collaboration and the IDA worked in harmony with stakeholders forming productive working relationships to realise the ambition and potential of the region. The IDA would continue to position the region for high value manufacturing services and R&D opportunities across the established clusters.

In relation to Tipperary, there had been a 35% employment growth in the past 10 years. There were 15 IDA clients in Tipperary employing 4,568 direct jobs and 3,654 indirect jobs. Sectors in Tipperary included Lifesciences, MedTech, Manufacturing, Tech Financial and Business Services. Tipperary was strongly positioned for areas of opportunity and the IDA would continue to partner with and market Tipperary.

Members thanked Mr. Curran and Mr. Corcoran for their attendance at the meeting and for their presentation.

Members welcomed the growth in employment in Tipperary but referred to the towns of Thurles, Roscrea, Templemore and Tipperary Town that had not benefited from FDI investment and queried what action they could take to promote their areas.

Mr. Curran assured members that the IDA did market and promote Tipperary as a collective. However, in order to compete globally, geographies had to be combined and regions had to be represented as a whole to give a sense of scale. Companies looked at a region as a collection of towns and villages and after comprehensive analysis, the company make a decision as to what area was best aligned to the needs of their business. An investment in a particular town was seen as an investment for the region.

Carrick-on-Suir Area members voiced their concerns regarding the recent announcement that the Corman Miloko plant located outside Carrick-on-Suir with a loss of 31 jobs and Mr. Curran advised that Enterprise Ireland were working with the company and employees.

Mr Joe MacGrath, thanked Mr. Curran and Mr. Corcoran for outlining the overall strategy of the IDA and for their ongoing co-operation and working relationship. As had been outlined, the first task in the global context was to get companies to invest in Ireland and in the current climate this was a challenge. Tipperary did benefit from strong FDI investment and most of the existing companies were in expansion mode. It was understandable that members would focus on their own area and good cases have been put forward for each location. The Management Team would work with the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to promote those areas. While it may not be possible to attract FDI investment, all other opportunities would be examined. The Chief Executive said he wanted to see more announcements and job creation for Tipperary It was a significant achievement that the Tipperary Enterprise Office had the second highest job creation in the country. He had heard clearly the ambitions of the members and would continue to work to get investment into those towns.

Item 10.1
Consideration of Orders for the period to the 31st January, 2023.

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 31st January, 2023 were noted.

In response to a query by Cllr S. Ambrose regarding the granting of a Licence to St. Mary's Hurling & Camogie Club and Clonmel Commercial Football Club it was noted that this was for a period of one year.

Item 12.1
Notice of Motion Ref. 2550 – Sale of Forest Land

Motion Ref. No. 2550 was proposed by **Cllr. Pat English**

“That Tipperary County Council request the Irish Government to put a ban on selling off Irelands publicly owned Forest Land to foreign and national investment funds”.

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. Seamus Morris**

It was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister of State for consideration.

Item 12.2

Notice of Motion Ref. 2551 – An Bord Pleanála

Motion Ref. No. 2551 was proposed by **Cllr. Pat English**

“That Tipperary County Council vote no confidence in An Bord Pleanála in light of the very disturbing controversy at the decisions made by An Bord Pleanála recently”.

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. Seamus Morris**

The reply to the motion was noted as follows: -

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien, published an Action Plan for An Bord Pleanála in October 2022, in response to the review by the Office of the Planning Regulator of certain systems and procedures used by An Bord Pleanála. Following this review and publication, new legislation has been drafted and published and is being considered by the Oireachtas. The legislation is currently at Bill stage. The bill outlines provisions for the reform of An Bord Pleanála including the provision of a new governing Board of Directors, with oversight, and new name for the organization.

Cllr Marie Murphy made reference to the new legislation being drafted and the need to allow this to work its way through the Houses of the Oireachtas and stated she would not support a vote of no confidence in An Bord Pleanála in view of this.

Discussion took place on the motion and a number of proposals were put forward.

Mr Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, said that there was a fundamental difficulty in a Notice of Motion being passed by the members conveying a vote of no confidence in an entity that was being abolished. He acknowledged the concerns expressed by the members and assured them that the draft legislation going through the Houses of the Oireachtas was being advanced at a swift pace. He urged caution about passing a resolution of no confidence when such a substantial review was being undertaken.

Cllr English expressed his wish to proceed with the motion as submitted by him and seconded by Cllr Morris.

Cllr John Carroll proposed the following amendment to the motion.

“That Tipperary County Council acknowledges the new legislation currently at Bill stage outlining provisions for the reform of An Bord Pleanála, including the provision of a new governing Board of Directors with oversight and new name for the organisation and requests that both Houses of the Oireachtas expedite their consideration of the Bill provisions to restore public confidence in the planning system.”

This was seconded by **Cllr F. Bonfield**.

The Cathaoirleach advised members that he proposed to ask the Meetings Administrator to take a vote on the amendment.

A vote was taken on the amendment: -

	<i>COMHAIRLEOIR</i>	<i>FOR</i>	<i>AGAINST</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>
1	Ambrose, Siobhán	√			
2	Anglim, Micheál	√			
3	Black, Tony			√	
4	Bonfield, Fiona	√			
5	Bourke, Kieran			√	
6	Burgess, Declan			√	
7	Bugler, Phyll			√	
8	Carroll, John	√			
9	Coonan, Noel J.			√	
10	Crosse, John			√	
11	Darcy, Ger	√			
12	Dennehy, Niall J.			√	
13	Dunne, David			√	
14	English, Pat	√			
15	Fitzgerald, John			√	
16	Fitzgerald, Mark			√	
17	Fitzgerald, Michael			√	
18	Goldsboro, Imelda			√	
19	Hanafin, Seamus			√	
20	Hannigan, Joe			√	
21	Hourigan, Mary Hanna			√	
22	Lee, Shane			√	
23	Lowry, Michael			√	
24	McGrath, Hughie			√	
25	McGrath, John	√			
26	McGrath, Máirín			√	
27	Molloy, Richie			√	
28	Moloney, Andy			√	
29	Moran, Eddie			√	
30	Morris, Seamus		√		
31	Murphy, Marie	√			
32	Murphy, Michael	√			
33	O'Meara, Kevin	√			
34	O'Meara, Michael			√	
35	Ryan (Shiner)			√	
36	Ryan, Jim			√	
37	Ryan, Peggy	√			
38	Ryan, Sean	√			
39	Michael Smith			√	
40	Roger Kennedy		√		
	TOTALS	12	2	26	

The Meetings Administrator noted the result of the vote at 12 for, 2 against with 26 absentees and deemed the amended motion passed.

Item 13.1-13.2

Correspondence as circulated was noted as follows: -

Correspondence

- Reply dated 17th January, 2023, from Office of Minister for Finance re. Bank Services (NOM Ref. 2457).
- Letter dated 31st January, 2023 from Minister Darragh O'Brien TD re. Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

Item 14.1

Motions from other Councils

Clare County Council

"In light of the ongoing crisis at UHL, the Elected Members of Clare County Council call on the HSE and the Minister for Health to immediately open Ennis, Nenagh, and St. John's as full accident and emergency departments on a full time 24-hour, 7 day a week basis. We also call on all Oireachtas members in the mid-west region to support and work for same".

Cork County Council

"That Cork County Council would write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage of Ireland to express concern at the proposed Planning & Development Bill coming before cabinet this week which will limit local Councillors' powers. The proposed bill seeks to change the term of the County Development Plan to ten years which is far too long. Members also agreed to circulate the letter to all local authorities as well as LAMA and AILG".

In view of the ongoing crisis in the delivery of emergency services at UHL, it was proposed by Cllr S. Morris, seconded by Cllr J. Carroll, that Tipperary County Council would seek a deputation with HSE Mid-West regarding accident and emergency services in UHL.

It was agreed that the deputation would comprise of the three members on Health Forum, Cathaoirligh of Tipperary County Council, Thurles M.D. and Nenagh M.D. and two officials.

Cavan County Council

"That Cavan County Council having regard to the thousands of people who are suffering with adverse effects from Covid-19 for long periods of time (long covid)-

- To write to the Minister for Health Mr. Stephen Donnelly, T.D, the Oireachtas Health Committee and the HSE Chief Executive Officer requesting that the provision of Long Covid Clinics be retained and expanded
- To raise it with our Regional Health Board and/or local hospital and
- To circulate this motion to the rest of the Councils around the Country asking them to consider doing the same.

This Motion received the support of the Members.

Members passed a vote of sympathy to the following: -

Item 15.1

- Evan Lawson, Clonmel Swimming Pool on the death of his father Matthew

Expressions of votes of sympathy

- Pauline Toomey, Planning Section, Clonmel on the death of her father Paddy
- Roger Noonan, District Engineer, Clonmel Borough on the death of his mother Christina
- Sean Ryan, Nenagh Civic Amenity Centre on the death of his father Johnny
- Paddy Darcy, Ganger, Nenagh Municipal District and Declan Darcy, Cloughjordan Fire Station on the death of their brother Dan
- Elaine Ryan, Information Systems, Nenagh Civic Offices on the death of her mother Evelyn Martin
- John Joe Buckley, former District Court Clerk on the death of his wife Brid.

Votes of Congratulations

Members passed a vote of congratulations to the following: -

- Irish Under 20 Rugby International Brian Gleeson from Loughmore on receiving the Man of the Match in the recent Ireland V Wales under 20 six nations international
- Cashel Community School on winning the Harty Cup
- Abbey CBS on winning the Munster Colleges B. Football Championship.
- Shauna O’Keeffe on winning the Senior Elite Boxing Championship
- Sandra English on receiving a GAA Presidents Award for her outstanding voluntary contribution to Rockwell Rovers GAA Club.

Letters of Condolence

It was agreed to issue Letters of Condolence to the Turkish and Syrian Ambassadors on the loss of life and devastation caused by the recent earthquakes in their countries.

Item 16.1 Any Other Business

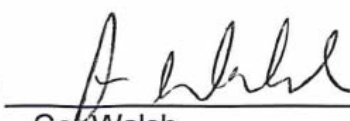
Monthly Meetings.

Cllr Anglim expressed his preference to have in person attendance at Monthly Meetings. The Meetings Administrator advised that attendance at meetings had been considered by the Privilege and Procedure Committee and it had been agreed that attendance would continue to be remote or in person in accordance with Standing Orders agreed by the Council in April, 2022.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date:

