

**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 September, 2022**

Present

Cllr. R. Kennedy, Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs: Ambrose, S. Anglim, M; Bonfield, F; Bugler, P; Burgess, D; Carroll, J; Coonan, N; Crosse, J; Darcy, G; Dunne, D; English, P; FitzGerald, MI; Fitzgerald Mark; Fitzgerald, J; Hannigan, J; Hanna-Hourigan, M; Lee, S; Lowry, MI; McGrath, H; McGrath, M; McGrath (Rocky), J; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Morris, S; O'Meara, MI; Murphy, Marie; Murphy MI; Ryan, AM; Ryan, J; Smith; MI.

Remote

Cllrs: Black, T; Bourke, K; Goldsboro, I; Hanafin, S; O'Meara, K; Dennehy, N; Molloy, R; Ryan, P; Ryan, S

Cllr K. Bourke informed the meeting that due to his location abroad his connection may be interrupted and he wished it put on record that in respect of Item 5.9 on the Agenda, he was in favour of the proposal to increase the Local Adjustment Factor by 10% for 2023 and 2024.

Also Present

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, K. Cashen, S. Carr, P. Slattery, E. Lonergan, Director of Services, B. Beck, A/Director of Services, A. FitzGerald, A/DOS, L. McCarthy, Head of Finance, D. Dullahan, County Librarian, D. Carroll, C.F.O., L. Brett, Senior Engineer, Mr. J. Nolan, Senior Engineer, A.M. Devaney, Senior Planner, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies

Mr. Marcus O'Connor, D.O.S.

Item 1.1

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

**Welcome &
Introduction/Me
etings Protocol**

**Vote of
Sympathy**

Cllr Marie Murphy proposed a vote of sympathy to King Charles III, the Queen Consort, the extended Royal Family, the British people and the many people living in Tipperary who were saddened by the death of Queen Elizabeth II and recalled the recent visit of Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall to Cahir and Cashel and the honour it had been for her as then Cathaoirleach to welcome them to Tipperary.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr R. Kennedy and he proposed a minute's silence as a mark of respect. He also proposed a vote of sympathy to the De Bromhead family of the tragic death of their son Jack, to the family of Dillon Quirke on his tragic passing, to John Magnier on the death of his mother Evie Magner Stockwell, the family of three siblings fatally injured in their home in Tallaght and the family of the two children who died in a car fire in County Westmeath.

A minute's silence was observed.

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 11th
July, 2022

The Minutes of the July Monthly Meeting held on 11th July, 2022 remotely via Zoom were proposed by **Cllr. J Carroll**, seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and adopted.

Matters Arising

It was agreed to amend the minutes to reflect the attendance of Cllr. D. Burgess and Cllr. P. Ryan at the July Monthly Meeting.

Item 4.1
Approval to
Attendance

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose**, seconded by **Cllr Marie Murphy** 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
AILG Autumn Seminar	14 th and 15 th Sept, 2022	Knightsbrook Hotel Spa & Golf Resort, Trim, Co. Meath	Cllr. Micheál Anglim Cllr. Phyll Bugler Cllr. John FitzGerald Cllr. Michael FitzGerald Cllr. Máirín McGrath Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Noel Coonan Cllr. John Crosse Cllr. Niall Dennehy Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan Cllr. Joe Hannigan Cllr. Andy Moloney

			Cllr. Richie Molloy Cllr. Eddie Moran Cllr. Seamus Morris Cllr. Kevin O'Meara Cllr. Sean Ryan
Celtic Conferences – A practical guide to the Budget 2023	30 th Sept – 2 nd October, 2022	The Four Seasons Hotel Carlingford Co. Louth	Cllr. Michael Murphy

Item 4 .2
Reports on
Conferences

Proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and noted.

Item 5.1
Part 8 –
Littleton
Labyrinth
Walking &
Cycling Route

The Chief Executives Report had been circulated to the members in relation to the development of Littleton Labyrinth Walking & Cycling Route.

The proposed development involved the development of a series of linked trails and comprised a 3km loop walk at Lough Dhoire Bhile and a 1.6km loop trail at Derrynaflan, linked by a 7km trail.

The proposed development comprised:

- The upgrade and improvement of the public lane at Lough Dhoire Bhile (0.22km)
- Construction of 7km of cycleway (with a quarry dust finish) linking the public laneway at Lough Dhoire Bhile with the Derrynaflan Loop (0.6km)
- The upgrade and improvement of the Derrynaflan Loop (0.6km)
- All associated site works

The proposed development, which was being undertaken by Tipperary County Council in partnership with Bord Na Mona, represents the first phase (Hidden Treasures and Ancient Prophecies) in the development of the Littleton Bog Complex, a project to simulate the area as a major tourism hub for bush craft, survival and outdoor activity experiences.

The development was located at Littleton Bog to the south-east of Horse & Jockey and north-west of New Birmingham. The site connects the existing cycleway at the Derrynaflan Loop and walking loop at Lough Dhoire Bhile. The lands are part of the Littleton Bog complex and the site is predominately located on lands owned by Bord na Mona (BNM). The route of the proposed cycleway follows an old peat rail line that was used for commercial purposes within the bog complex. The most westerly point of the cycle way begins at the end of the public laneway at Lough Dhoire Bhile. The route then runs eastwards to the north of the now decommissioned Lanepark peat briquette factory before turning due east once the route crosses the L6201, to the south of Derrynaflan Church and then linking into the existing Derrynaflan cycleway.

Tipperary County Council made available for inspection plans and particulars of the proposed development together with the project Appropriate 3 Assessment Screening and Environmental Impact

Assessment Preliminary Examination documents from the 15th June to 15th July, 2022 and no submissions were received.

The Planning Authority was satisfied that the proposal was in line with the policies and objectives of the Tipperary County Development Plan, 2022, would accord with national and regional planning policies and was consistent with the principle of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Therefore, it was recommended that the proposed development should proceed subject to the certain requirements: -

- The clearance of vegetation on the rail line corridor, retaining boundary hedgerows and boundary vegetation
- The lifting of the old rails
- The laying of a 3-meter-wide quarry dust/surface dressing surface on a crushed stone base to form the track
- Repair and upgrade of existing drains
- The installation of barriers/fencing for the safety of Greenway users
- Provision of traffic safety measures and signage to facilitate safe pedestrian and cycling crossings at intersections with the L-6201, L-6201 and L-2201
- All necessary site works including trail head improvements, informative boards, directional signage and installation of seating benches.

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

“That the development as proposed in the Chief Executives Report be proceeded with subject to the requirement contained in the report.”

Cllr Ryan and Cllr Hanafin welcomed the project and acknowledged the role of An Bord na Mona and former Councillor John Hogan in bringing this development to fruition.

Item 5.2

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of disused Council Depot at Birdhill, Co. Tipperary.

It was proposed by **Cllr. P. Bugler**, seconded by **Cllr. F. Bonfield** and resolved: -

“That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve of the disposal of all that and those parts of the property, consisting of circa 0.11 hectares and contained wholly within Folio TY16237 at Birdhill, Co. Tipperary to AEK Technical Design Ltd., 6 Ard na gCapall, Cloughjordan, E53 YC62, Co. Tipperary”.

The property, a former Council Depot, was deemed surplus to the requirements of Tipperary County Council.

Item 5.3

It was proposed by **Cllr. I Goldsboro**, seconded by **Cllr. D. Burgess** and resolved: -

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Upper Green
Street, Fethard**

“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 0.0074ha at Upper Green Street, Fethard, to Anne Carey and Sarah Carey for consideration of €0.00 plus council’s reasonable legal fees in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section as circulated on Thursday 1st September, 2022”.

The Notice was required to allow the rectification of a historical title error on the property.

Item 5.4

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at 62
Yewston,
Nenagh**

It was proposed by **Cllr. J. Carroll**, seconded by **Cllr. G. Darcy** 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 0.0096ha at No. 62 Yewston, Nenagh North, Nenagh to Breda Hogan in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section as circulated on Thursday 1st September, 2022”.

The Notice was required to rectify the boundary line of the property.

Item 5.5

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Ballysheeda,
Annacarty to
Bernard
Bradshaw**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan**, seconded by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** 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 0.018ha at Ballysheeda, Annacarty, Co. Tipperary for consideration of €0.00 plus council’s reasonable legal fees to Bernard Bradshaw in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on Thursday 1st September, 2022”.

The Notice was required to facilitate the rectification of a mapping issue.

Item 5.6

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at 12
Heywood
Terrace,
Clonmel to HSE**

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose**, seconded by **Cllr. P. English** 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 0.0449Ha at No. 12 Heywood Terrace, Burgagery Lands West, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to HSE in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on Thursday 1st September, 2022”

The Notice was required to facilitate the rectification of a mapping issue.

Item 5.7

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at**

It was proposed by **Cllr. A. Moloney**, seconded by **Cllr. M. Mcgrath** 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 0.18ha at Outeragh, Cahir, Co. Tipperary to

Outeragh, Cahir to John Hurley (Midleton) Ltd.

John Hurley (Midleton) Ltd, as part of a boundary amendment between Folio TY36150 registered to John Hurley (Midleton) Ltd, in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on Thursday 1st September, 2022”.

The Notice was required to facilitate the rectification of folio boundary lines.

Item 5.8

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at 23 Bulfin Crescent, Nenagh to Kathleen McGrath.

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Morris**, seconded by **Cllr. H. Mcgrath** 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 59m2 at No. 23 Bulfin Crescent, Nenagh to Kathleen McGrath in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on Thursday 1st September, 2022”.

The Notice related to lands no longer required by Tipperary County Council and which would form part of the front garden of 23 Bulfin Crescent, Nenagh.

Item 5.9

Local Property Tax

The Head of Finance, Mr. Liam McCarthy advised the members that the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), provided that Elected Members of a local authority may pass a formal resolution to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax (LPT) for their administrative area by a percentage known as the local adjustment factor.

The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 which came into effect from 18 July 2022 provided for one main change, the 2022 regulations do not refer to yearly decisions but instead to “a period as specified in the resolution”, meaning elected members can now set a local adjustment factor for a period of their choosing – longer than one year. Notice of the Public Consultation Period on Consideration of setting a local adjustment factor for Local Property Tax for 2023 was published in local media on the 13th July 2022. Notice was also published on the Council’s website www.tipperarycoco.ie. It was noted that no submissions were received via email or through the post.

A report was circulated to the members outlining the Financial Position at 30th June 2022 & Estimate of Income and Expenditure for 2023 and 2024, the Budgetary Challenge, the Financial Effect of Implementing a Local Adjustment Factor and the recommendation of the Chief Executive which recommending that: -

- The local adjustment factor for Tipperary be increased by 10% for 2023 and 2024 to yield an additional income of €1,034,710 per annum based on current indications.

It was recommended that this additional income of €1,034,710 be allocated as follows in the 2023 Budget:

- 58.3% of this amount €603,680 allocated to the General Municipal Allocation (GMA), which will maintain it at 2022 levels and allocated as follows:

District	Population based on 2016 Census	Additional from LPT Variation 10% - 58.3% to GMA	%
		€	
Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District	19,440	73,553	12.18%
Clonmel Borough District	24,310	91,979	15.24%
Tipperary - Cahir- Cashel Municipal District	42,099	159,284	26.39%
Nenagh Municipal District	37,728	142,746	23.65%
Thurles Municipal District	35,976	136,118	22.55%
Total	159,553	603,680	100.00%

- the remaining 41.7% €431,030 allocated for additional supports for Leisure Centres & Arts Centres with €190,000 for Council Run Leisure Centres –, Clonmel, Nenagh and Tipperary town in 2022 and balance of €241,030 allocated to Leisure Centre & Arts Centres supported by the Council as follows:
 - Thurles Leisure Centre
 - Roscrea Leisure Centre
 - Sean Kelly Sports Centre
 - Nenagh Arts Centre
 - South Tipperary Arts Centre
 - Tipperary Excel
 - Canon Hayes Recreation Centre

This would enable a top up subvention of approximately 35% for 2023 to assist with the impacts of energy prices increases and inflation and a continuation of the allocation for the Canon Hayes Centre to help alleviate these pressures for 2023.

For 2024 it was proposed to allocate €603,680 to the General Municipal Allocation and the remainder of €431,030 would be decided by the Elected Members during the 2024 budget process.

The Cathaoirleach referred to the workshop held on Wednesday 7th September and the Chief Executives Report that had been circulated to the members. Elected members could now set a local adjustment factor for a period longer than one year and the proposal was to set the Local Adjustment Factor for the remaining term of this Council i.e. 2023 and 2024 at 10%.

In reply to Cllr English's query that the public consultation process had only been advertised for the year 2023 and not 2024. Mr. L. McCarthy confirmed that the public consultation process was in accordance with regulations and that no comments or submissions were received. Consultation had also taken place with the CPG.

Mr. L. McCarthy made a presentation to the members which had also been presented to them at the recent workshop. His presentation outlined the changes in regulations and the allocations model. He outlined the current charge base based on the various bands and how the overall LPT was down in 2022 in Tipperary. Reference was made to the impact the LPT would have on the GMA and how the additional income would be distributed in each of the Municipal Districts. The budget process 2023 was also outlined together with key issues and constraints.

Cllr S. Morris stated that Local Government in Ireland was poorly funded with local authorities searching to make up the deficit in their budget. He said that the Chief Executives Report contained fantastic projects but members were being asked to vote that Central Government underfund Local Government.

Cllr S. Ambrose proposed the 10% increase in the local adjustment factor for Tipperary for 2023/2024. The recommendation would bring clarity to house owners who would know they would pay same amount as in 2022, for 2023/2024. 22% of homeowners would get the reduced LPT notice because of the changes in bands. It would ensure all services provided locally in the County would be continued.

Cllr Marie Murphy seconded the proposal. She said the vast majority of property owners would be paying €99, a reduction in a lot of cases and monies raised was being spent in all Municipal Districts.

Cllr P. English said he was disappointed with the increase of 10% and was opposed to any tax on the family home when families were under severe pressure. He said that Central Government should compensate for any funds taken by reductions. He proposed that there would be no increase in the Local Adjustment Factor for 2023/2024.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr D. Dunne who said that while he agreed with the way the tax was expended, there was a serious cost of living crisis. He had received a mandate from the people which he would honour.

Members expressed opposing views on the proposal to the 10% increase in the local adjustment factor for Tipperary for 2023/2024.

Following further consideration, the Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a roll call and vote on the motion proposed by Cllr S. Ambrose, seconded by Cllr Marie Murphy noting that the proposal by Cllr. P. English was deemed a direct negative in accordance with Standing Order No. 27 and that the vote was being taken on the following Motion: -

“that the Local Property Tax be increased by 10% for 2023 and 2024 i.e. 10% increase on the basic rate and allocated as outlined in the Chief Executives report to the members.”

A vote was taken as follows: -

	<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	27	10	3	

The Meetings Administrator noted that that were 27 votes in favour of the proposal, 10 votes against with 3 absentees, deeming the motion passed.

The proposal to increase the local adjustment factor by 10% for 2023 and 2024 was therefore approved.

Joe MacGrath, thanked members for their consideration of his report and gave his commitment that every euro raised would go back into communities, with €600,000 going back to the General Municipal Allocation to be decided by members. The remainder would go into arts and leisure centres to deal with increasing costs.

Cllr Ml. Fitzgerald requested that consideration would be given to support other projects and referred to Community Centres in rural areas that needed assistance. This would be a matter to be decided at Municipal District meetings. Cllr J. Hannigan referred to projects under Town and Village Renewal Schemes where match funding was a strain on community groups.

Item 5.10

Museum Standards Programme of Ireland

The approval of the members was sought to the following Museum Standards Programme of Ireland Policies.

- 1.1 Mission Statement included in synopsis document for Councillors
- 1.5 Collection Policy
- 1.6 Disposal, De accessioning policy
- 1.7 Loan Policy
- 2.3 Strategic Management Plan
- 3.20 Disaster Plan
- 3.21 Care of Collections strategy
- 5.4 Exhibition policy
- 6.6 Education Policy & 18 months Implementation Plan

The MSPI standard and accreditation programme was a national project with The Heritage Council. It was an important piece of work as it raised the professionalism of Tipperary Museum & increased+ funding opportunities within government departments and private funders. The policies are working policies and dictate how we run our business daily. We already have successfully achieved Full Accreditation in 2012 and Maintenance in 2016. Every 5 years Tipperary Museum is committed to re-evaluating its policies and strategic goals. Due to our recent investment and redevelopment, it is imperative to highlight the huge advancements the Museum has achieved since our 2016 – 2020 SMP and our vision for the next 5 years. 2022 is our next step in maintaining these standards and ensuring our policies are current within national guidelines and standards of practice.

Mr. Joe MacGrath referred to the excellent programmes devised by the Museum and that the members endorsement was important to show that these policies and standards had a democratic mandate from the members.

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr P. English** and resolved: -

“That in accordance with the Museum Standards Programme of Ireland and Section 19 of the National Monuments Acts 2004 and Section 68 (2) of the National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997, it is hereby resolved that this Council, formally adopts these policies as set out in the document”.

Members wished the Museum every success in their forthcoming assessment.

Cllr M. O'Meara asked that consideration would be given to a centre of military history due to the huge interest in this. It was noted that Tipperary Museum had an open call for military history donations.

Item 6.1

Ratification of Nominee to Corporate Policy Group

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

"That Cllr. Pat English (Clonmel Borough Council) be and is hereby ratified nominee to the Corporate Policy Group" as no member of Clonmel Borough District was a Chair of an SPC.

Item 6.2

Ratification of nominees Joint Policing Committee.

It was proposed by **Cllr N. Coonan**, seconded by **Cllr D. Dunne** and resolved:

"That in accordance with the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (Section 36), that provides for the establishment of a joint policing committee (JPC) in each local authority that the following names be ratified as member of the Tipperary Joint Policing Committee: -

- **Ms. Michelle Aylward, Business/Community**
- **Ms. Sabelo Mavuso, PPN Nominee**
- **Mr. Cathal O'hEanna, PPN Nominee**
- **Mr. Dean McGrath, PPN Nominee."**

The Cathaoirleach informed members that the PPN would be requested to specify the group that each nominee represented for future nominations.

Item 6.3

Ratification of nominees Strategic Policy Committees

Housing SPC

It was proposed by **Cllr M Hanna Hourigan**, seconded by **Cllr P. English** and resolved:

"That Janette Fogarty be and is hereby ratified nominee to represent PPN Community and Voluntary on the Housing SPC".

"That Niamh Ni Chillin be and is hereby ratified nominee to represent PPN Community and Voluntary on the Housing SPC".

Environment & Climate Action SPC

It was proposed by **Cllr Mark Fitzgerald**, seconded by **Cllr A. Moloney** and resolved:

"That Sarah Fogarty be and is hereby ratified nominee to represent the Business Sector on the Environment & Climate Action SPC".

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, Health & Safety

Mr Liam Brett, S.E. and Mr. John Nolan, S.E. responded to queries raised as follows: -

Bus Shelter Liberty Square, Thurles

Cllr J. Ryan referred to the need for a Bus Shelter at Liberty Square, Thurles and was informed that the complete bus stop including drop off, pick up and any shelter infrastructure would be designed as a whole as part of Phase 2 of the Liberty Square Development.

Sight Lines Planning Permissions

Cllr M. Smith referred to the volume of queries he was receiving from planning permission applicants regarding the requirement to secure 160m sight lines to the entrance of a house site. He urged that these concerns would be examined. A number of members supported Cllr Smith. It was explained that the Sightline requirement within the recently adopted Tipperary County Development Plan was now aligned with the National Standards. Sightlines are now not restricted by Speed Limit but each location is assessed on the safe driving speed at that location. While the maximum situation will stay the same as the previous plan there is now room for reduced sightlines to be accepted where it can be demonstrated that a lesser average driving speed exists.

Members asked that the matter be examined further by both the Planning and Roads SPC's and also that there be a point of contact for members concerns on the matter.

It was agreed to have the matter examined by the Planning and Roads SPC. In the interim, Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, undertook to discuss the concerns raised with the relevant Director of Services and revert to Cllr. Smith on the matter.

N.24

➤ Monard to Cahir

Cllr MI FitzGerald queried a change in a section of the N24 route from Monard to Cahir and the effect this would have on proposed housing development. Members were informed that while the study area for the N24 had not changed there was potential for sections of the route to change as the project progressed and property owners affected would be consulted. This was an isolated case and the project team was available to discuss the particular issue.

➤ Carrick-on-Suir

Cllr Dunne highlighted road safety concerns of bus operators bringing children to schools in Carrick-on-Suir and the need for this to be examined as part of the development of the N.24. The project team was aware of the Bus Operators concerns and was consulting with the operators.

N62 Thurles Outer Bypass

The Council continued to highlight the need for this scheme during meetings with TII and were actively lobbying for the scheme to be included in the next National Development Plan.

N.75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel

This scheme was at preliminary design stage. It was noted that traffic management would be key in the development of this project.

N.24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming

Preliminary Design for this scheme was underway along with liaison with TII Road Safety Engineers.

Rosslare Euro-port

Cllr S. Ambrose welcomed the recent announcement for infrastructure upgrades to Rosslare Euro-port which combined with the extension of Waterford Airport Runway was hugely significant for Tipperary.

Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil

Members were informed that the use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil was currently being trialled in 10 vehicles with positive results but additional costs being incurred.

Suir Blueway

Cllr Dunne welcomed the proposed linkage of the Suir Blueway and Waterford Greenway and the attraction that this would have due to the different terrain it would bring to the route. Cllr English welcomed recent works to the Suir Blueway.

Public Lighting

➤ National Public Lighting Energy Efficient Project

A survey of public lighting was being carried out and a programme of works would be agreed with an anticipated commencement date in 2023.

➤ Public Lighting Maintenance

It was noted that issues with timelines for parts required to maintain public lighting had been resolved and repair response times would improve.

Hedge-cutting/Ash dieback

Notices in respect of the Hedge-cutting Season 2022-2023 had been placed in the local media and radio. Members were asked to contact their District Engineer with any particular concerns.

Active Travel

It was confirmed that the full allocation under the Active Travel Programme would be drawn down in 2022. It was noted that Tipperary County Council was one of the few counties in Ireland that drew down all of the 2021 allocation. Projects under this scheme were subject to approval by the NTA.

Winter Maintenance

It was confirmed that the Council had adequate salt supplies to treat approved routes.

CIS Scheme

Following a query by Cllr M. McGrath it was agreed to examine a tertiary road to ascertain if it would qualify for works under the CIS Scheme.

Estates Taking in Charge

Members requested additional funding for estates taken in charge. Members were advised that Active Travel funds could be sought for particular projects.

Planning

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services and Ms. A. M Devaney responded to queries raised as follows: -

Correspondence from Planning Regulator

The Cathaoirleach referred to Item 12.1 on the Agenda, a letter from the Office of the Planning Regulator congratulating the Council on the delivery of a well-presented County Development Plan and welcomed the positive feedback. Members complimented the planning staff on their engagement with members and the public through the process.

Cllr A.M. Ryan referred to the comment of the Regulator in relation to the innovation of the preparation of town profiles and her previous requests to appoint an Architectural Conservation Officer and the need for specialist advice to assist prospective developers.

Mr. Lonergan advised members that this post was not provided for in the workforce plan for Tipperary County Council but that a national review would look at the need for additional resources in the planning section. He was satisfied with the service currently being provided from our experts in the private sector and conservation was not ignored by the planning department.

Eastern and Midland Water Supply

Cllr S. Morris voiced his anger at the cost implications of the Eastern and Midlands Water Supply Project. He said that approximately €2bn would be spent on a project that had no funding. It was his opinion that this project was a disaster for the areas it impacted on, the pipeline had statutory status and therefore affected farming development. He also referred to the water shortages in Ardnacrusha Station during the month of August and at various Waste Water Treatment Plants. It was his intention to submit a motion to the next meeting of Tipperary County Council in relation to the Eastern and Midlands Water Supply Project.

Mr. Eamon Lonergan advised that the development planning application for this project would be submitted to An Bord Pleanala and would go through all the rigours of a planning application.

Regional Sports Hub

The construction phase of the Regional Sports Hub was due to be completed by end of September, 2022

Local Area Plan Clonmel

Preparation of Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles and Roscrea had commenced and workshops would be arranged with members over the coming weeks.

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund – Fourth Call Category 1 Projects

Three applications had been submitted for funding and a decision on these applications had not yet been received.

Log Cabins/modular homes/Timber framed dwellings

A number of members requested that enforcement action in respect of timber framed structures would be suspended in view of the current housing crisis. Members were advised that local authorities were obliged to enforce planning legislation but it was the intention of the planning department to engage with the concerned parties including the neighbours of the structure and to be fair and transparent in the process while being sympathetic to the circumstances of each case.

Liberty Square Thurles Enhancement Scheme Phase 1

Cllr J. Ryan referred to operational issues with the car park barrier system in Liberty Square and it was agreed this would be reviewed with the District Engineer and the Director of Services, Roads.

Livestock underpass.

Following concerns raised by Cllr M. McGrath regarding expensive certification costs associated with planning applications for livestock underpasses, it was agreed to examine this matter further noting that the certification process was not onerous.

Pre-Planning Meetings

Members were advised that the hybrid format for pre planning meetings continued and it had been a particular request of agents that this format would remain.

Sight Lines Planning Permissions

The concerns raised by members under the Roads Directorate in relation to sight lines was noted and the Planning Department would work with agents and the Roads Department to find a solution to this.

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

Members referred to the new tax being introduced to activate land for residential purposes, and which would in time replace the Vacant Site Levy and were advised that this tax had been introduced by the Department of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as a Land Activation Measure. It proposed an annual tax of 3% of the market value of land. The Planning Authority were responsible for preparing and publishing maps based on criteria to facilitate the identification of lands which fall within the scope of the tax. These maps would be based on the local authority development plan and where relevant, local area plan zoning maps i.e. where land is zoned and suitable for residential development. The legislation also sets out certain lands which are to be excluded from the scope of the tax. Draft maps would be published by the 1st November, 2022, followed by a public consultation period up to the 1st January, 2023. Following engagement and consultation with landowners and other bodies a supplemental map would be published with an appeals mechanism. Final maps reflecting the outcome of the submission and appeals process would be published by 1st December, 2023 with taxes liable in early 2024.

Gap Sites

Members were advised that the change in policy in relation to Gap Sites would be discussed at a forthcoming workshop in October.

Fire & Emergency Services

Mr. Brian Beck, Acting Director of Services and Mr. Dave Carroll, C.F.O. responded to queries raised as follows: -

Fire Fighter Games

Congratulations were extended to Thurles Fire Station on winning the Tipperary Fire Fighter Games.

Fire Response

Cahir Fire Station were thanked for their response to a recent fire in Killballyboy.

LGBTQIA+

Clonmel Fire Station were thanked for their support in lighting up their building in support of pride day in Clonmel.

Fire Station, Cashel.

It was noted construction was due to commence in September, 2022.

New Appliances.

Members were informed that a decision as to where new appliances would be assigned would be dependant on demand and age of existing fleet.

Emergency Calls

It was noted that emergency calls had slightly increased on the previous year but that this was following a similar trend to other years. Road Traffic Collisions were a large part of these calls together with medical assist calls. The number of house fires was decreasing.

Library & Cultural Services

Mr. Brian Beck, Acting Director of Services and Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian responded to queries raised as follows: -

MABS

Cllr S. Ambrose requested that consideration would be given to inviting MABS to provide an information stand on finance and budgeting in Libraries in Tipperary similar to that provided in Dundalk Library recently.

Sensory Tents

Cllr J. Ryan requested that consideration would be given to raising awareness of the location of sensory tents in specific libraries. It was noted that a sensory toy lending service was now available in Tipperary Libraries and sensory tents were recently purchased for all Libraries.

Clonmel Library

It was confirmed that there were no delays anticipated in progressing the design of the Clonmel Library refurbishment project.

Finance & Information Technology

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 10.1 Notice of Motion Ref. 2471 as part of the Management Report on Finance.

Item 10.1

Notice of Motion Cllr MI Murphy (Ref No: 2471)

Motion Ref. No. 2471 was proposed by **Cllr MI Murphy**.

“That we, the members of Tipperary County Council, call on the Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform to provide significant additional funding to Local Authorities in 2023 having regard to the unprecedented levels of inflation, in particular, spiralling energy costs, rising construction costs, enhanced payroll commitments, impact of the cost of living crisis on other revenue streams such as rents and rates. Such additional funding is crucial to maintaining essential services”.

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

The reply to the motion was noted and agreed as follows: -

Subject to the agreement of the members, this NOM would be also circulated to all other Local Authorities.

In speaking to the motion Cllr MI. Murphy referred to the spiralling costs on families and SME's. It was critical that the Local Authority budget would deliver for them. Local Authorities were being faced with inflation, energy and construction costs. It was critical that funding was provided at National level to maintain essential services.

Members supported the motion and complimented Cllr. Murphy on submitting it.

Mr. J. McGrath, Chief Executive, said it was a timely and well-constructed motion. He suggested that the motion would also be forwarded to the Minister for Finance Mr. Paschal Donohoe and Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Mr. Darragh O'Brien.

This was agreed.

Finance & Information Technology

Energy measures in local authority offices.

In reply to an enquiry by Cllr D. Dunne, Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, advised that no communication had been received to date in relation to proposals to conserve energy and reduce costs this winter in public sector offices. He pointed out that Tipperary County Council Management Team had discussed measures and outlined that currently energy solar cells, PV solar panels, sensors on lights in offices and other measures were all used in our buildings where possible.

Retirement

The Cathaoirleach advised members that this meeting was the last Council Meeting for Director of Services Mr. Pat Slattery. He thanked him for his dedicated years of service, advice and devotion to the members.

Members joined in thanking Mr. Slattery for his outstanding service and referred to his "open door", his professionalism and his respect for public representatives and referred to the legacy he had left in Tipperary.

Mr. Slattery thanked the members for their kindness and courtesy. He said he always appreciated the importance of democracy and had enormous respect for the members and the issues they brought from their communities. He hoped their paths would cross again in the future.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, conveyed his sincere thanks and gratitude to Mr. Slattery for his contribution to Tipperary County Council, South Tipperary County Council and North Tipperary County Council was phenomenal. He had been a Senior Planner and Director of Services in many directorates. His work in the Municipal Districts was also appreciated and in particular in Tipperary, his native town. He would be missed by all his colleagues as he had been a popular member of staff. He wished him, his wife Ruth and son Conor all the best for the future.

Item 8.1
Civic Reception
- Tipperary
Minor Hurling
Team and
Management.

It was recommended to the members that following consideration by the Privilege and Procedure Committee and CPG that the Civic Reception for the Tipperary Minor Hurling Team and Management would take place on Saturday 8th October, 2022, in the Dome, Thurles, at 12 noon.

It was proposed by Cllr D. Dunne, seconded by Cllr M. Murphy and resolved: -

"That a Civic Reception be accorded to the Tipperary Minor Hurling Team and Management in recognition of their significant achievement in winning the 2022 All Ireland Minor Hurling Championship".

Item 8.2
Monthly
Meetings
October, 2022 to
March 2023

The Cathaoirleach referred to the decision made at the Monthly Meeting held on the 14th March, 2022 that monthly meetings would commence at 11 a.m. in wintertime and 10 a.m. in summertime. Remote meeting would remain at 10 a.m. In view of this decision the Monthly Meetings from October, 2022 to March 2023 inclusive, would commence at 11 a.m.

This was noted.

Item 8.1
Consideration of
Orders for the
period to the
31st August,
2022

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 31st August, 2022 were noted.

- Item 11.1**
Notice of Motion
Cllr A. Moloney
(Ref. No. 2457)
- Motion Ref. No. 2457 was proposed by **Cllr MI. Murphy** in the absence of Cllr **A. Moloney**.
- “That this council write to the relevant minister to give an assurance that any town in Tipperary will not be left without a bank with all the services following the threat of AIB to reduce their services recently and leave some towns without a financial institution”.**
- The motion was seconded by **Cllr D. Burgess**
- The reply to the motion was noted and agreed as follows: -
- Subject to Council approval this motion will be forwarded to Mr. Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Finance for comment/response.
- Item 11.2**
Notice of Motion
Cllr P. English
Ref No: 2472
- Motion Ref. No. 2472 was proposed by **Cllr P. English**.
- “That Tipperary County Council request the Government to restore Town Councils before the next local Government Elections in May, 2024”.**
- The motion was seconded by **Cllr S. Ambrose**
- The reply to the motion was noted and agreed as follows: -
- Subject to Council approval this Motion will be referred to Mr. Darragh O’Brien, TD, Minister for Local Government & Reform for consideration/response.
- Item 11.3**
Notice of Motion
Cllr P. English
Ref No: 2473
- Motion Ref. No. 2473 was proposed by **Cllr P. English**.
- “That Tipperary County Council request the Minister for Children Roderic O’Gorman to reverse his decision to shelve an Independent Human Rights Law Expert of the testimony given by Mother & Baby Home survivors”.**
- The motion was seconded by Cllr. Marie Murphy.
- The reply to the motion was noted and agreed as follows: -
- Subject to Council approval this Motion will be referred to Roderic O’Gorman, Minister for Children for consideration/response.
- Item 12.1**
Correspondence
- Correspondence as circulated was noted as follows: -
- Letter from Office of Planning Regulator dated 4th August, 2022 re. Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2023
- Item 13.1**
- Members passed a vote of sympathy to the following: -
- Royal Family on the death of Queen Elizabeth 11
 - De Bromhead family on the tragic death of their son Jack

Expressions of votes of sympathy

- John Magnier on the death of his mother Evie Magnier Stockwell
- Family of siblings fatally injured in their home in Tallaght
- Cllr. Niall Dennehy on the death of his sister Margaret Dennehy
- The family of Mary Darmody, wife of former Mayor of Clonmel Terry Darmody
- Alison Blackmore on the death of her mother in law Maura
- Matthew Keyes, Environment & Climate Action Section, Wallers-Lot, Cashel on the death of his mother Winifred (Freddie) Keyes
- The family of Pat Maher, Former Craftsman with South Tipperary Housing Section and Carrick on Suir Municipal District
- Paddy Darcy, Nenagh MD and Declan Darcy, Cloughjordan Fire Station on the death of their mother Mary Jane Darcy
- Carmel Hanrahan, Revenue Section on the death of her sister Catherine
- Michael O'Shea, Housing Section, Clonmel on the death of his mother Bridget O'Shea
- Annette Daly, Senior Staff Officer, Planning Section on the death of her father Brendan Daly
- The Quirke Family, Rossmore on the death of former Tipperary hurler Dillon Quirke

Votes of Congratulations

Members passed a vote of congratulations to the following: -

- Noel McGrath, Loughmore on being nominated for a PWC Hurling All-Star
- Ardfinnan U17 Ladies Gaelic Football Team on winning the County Final
- Clerihan U17 Ladies Football on winning the County Final
- Tipperary Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann on their success at Comhaltas All Ireland Fleadh Cheoil 2022


Item 14.1

Any Other Business

The meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: