

**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 June, 2023.**

Present

Cllr. R. Kennedy, Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs: Ambrose, S. Anglim, M; Bonfield, F; Bourke, K; Burgess, D; Bugler, P; Carroll, J; Coonan, NJ; Darcy, G; English, P; FitzGerald, MI; Hanafin, S; Hannigan, J; Lee, S; Lowry, MI; McGrath, H; McGrath, JR; McGrath, M; Moran, E; Murphy, M; O'Meara, MI; Ryan J; Ryan, P; Smith, MI

Remote

Cllrs: Black, T; Crosse, J; Dennehy, NP, Dunne, D; FitzGerald, J; FitzGerald, M; Goldsboro, I; Hanna Hourigan, M; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Morris, S; Murphy, MI; O'Meara, K; Ryan, AM; Ryan, S;

Also Present

Mr. J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, Mr. M. O'Connor, Ms S. Carr, Director of Services, Mr. B. Beck, A/Director of Services, Mr. D. Carroll, A/Director of Services Mr. L. McCarthy, Head of Finance, Mr. Liam Brett, S.E., Mr. D. Dullaghan, County Librarian, Ms. A.M. Devaney, S.E.P., Mr. J. Flood, District Planner, Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Vote of Sympathy

The Cathaoirleach passed a vote of sympathy to the family of former Councillor and former Mayor of Clonmel Mr. Billy Shoer. A special meeting of Clonmel Borough District in his honour had been held on Sunday 11th June, 2023, in the Town Hall, Clonmel.

Cllr Pat English spoke of the immense sadness at the passing of Mr. Shoer who had been a friend and former colleague. He had been a fantastic public representative for his adopted town and loved the cut and thrust of politics. He was a member of the Workers and Unemployed Action Group since 1980 and even though he had retired he never stopped doing things for people. Mr. Shoer had also been a shop steward and former President of Clonmel Trades Council. He had been a member of Clonmel Rugby Club and St. Mary's Church. Cllr English said that one of life's gentlemen had been laid to rest. Sympathies were extended to his wife Mary and family, mother Kitty, brothers and sisters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Cllr H. McGrath also joined in the vote of sympathy, noting that Mr. Shoer was a native of Nenagh and a proud former St. Josephs Park resident.

The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes as a mark of respect with one minute's silence being 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 8th May,
2023

The Minutes of the May Monthly Meeting held on 8th May, 2023 were proposed by **Cllr. J. Carroll**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** and adopted.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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 Module 3 – Overview of Existing Planning Legislation & Policy Guidance	17 th June, 2023	Avalon House Hotel, Kilkenny	Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. John FitzGerald Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Michael FitzGerald Cllr. Seamus Morris Cllr. Andy Moloney Cllr. Micheal Anglim

Item 4 .2
Reports on
Conferences

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

Item 5.1
Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of land
at Lisbunny
Business Park,
Nenagh to L&M
Garage

It was proposed by Cllr **J. Carroll** 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 0.143ha of lands at Lisbunny Business Park to L&M Garage in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on Thursday 1st June, 2023”.

Dispose of Plot 4 in Lisbunny Business Park to L&M Garage.

Item 5.2

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of land at Lisbunny Business Park, Nenagh to David and Alan Spain.

It was proposed by **Cllr H. McGrath** 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 0.567a 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 June, 2023”.

To dispose of Plot 3 in Lisbunny Business Park to David & Alan Spain, trading as Spain Audiovisual. (Previous Section 183 Notice dated 1st December, 2022 refers).

Item 5.3

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at Cedarville, Carrig Hill, Roscrea to Brigid Fogarty

It was proposed by **Cllr M. Smith** seconded by **Cllr S. Lee** 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 0.025ha at Cedarville, Carrig Hill, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary to Brigid Fogarty for consideration of €100.00 in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section as circulated on Thursday 1st June, 2023”.

The disposal was required to regulate title of the property

Item 5.4

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at New Road, Tullaskeagh, Roscrea to Brian Corrigan

It was proposed by **Cllr. Shane Lee** seconded by **Cllr MI. Smith** 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 0.0162ha at New Road, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary to Brian Corrigan for consideration of €100.00 plus the transfer to circa 0.003ha from Mr Corrigan’s adjoining property in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st June, 2023”.

To facilitate the transfer of a portion of ground to the side of dwelling from Tipperary County Council to Mr. Corrigan to allow compliance with septic tank regulations and the transfer of a strip of land along the front boundary wall from Mr. Corrigan to Tipperary County Council to facilitate road development.

Item 5.5

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of disused water tower at Nenagh Road, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary to

It was proposed by **Cllr F. Bonfield** seconded by **Cllr J. Carroll** 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 disused mass concrete water tower on circa 0.11 acres and contained wholly within Folio TY66721F at Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary to Mr. Damien Kennedy, The Beeches, Nenagh Road, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary”.

Damien Kennedy

The property was deemed surplus to requirements and contained a disused mass concrete water tower and was no longer required by Tipperary County Council.

Item 5.6

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

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at Nenagh Road, Borrisoleigh to Aileen Og Groome

“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 0.002ha at Nenagh Road, Mountgeorge, Borrisoleigh, Co. Tipperary to Aileen Óg Groome in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st June, 2023”.

The disposal was required to rectify a historic mapping error.

Item 5.7

It was proposed by **Cllr J. Carroll** seconded by **Cllr F. Bonfield** and resolved: -

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at Curragh, Portroe to Anthony Shouldice

“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 0.07ha of lands at Curragh, Portroe to Anthony Shouldice, Portroe in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st June, 2023”.

The disposal was in respect of land containing a disused pumphouse which was no longer required by Tipperary County Council.

Item 5.8

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

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of land to rear of 21 Fairfields, Clonmel, to Thomas Kirwan

“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 0.0017ha at Fairfields, Burgagery Lands West, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to Thomas Kirwan for consideration of €100.00 plus council’s reasonable legal fees in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on Thursday 1st June, 2023”.

The disposal was required to regularise the site boundary of No. 21 Fairfields, Clonmel.

Item 5.9

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

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at Old Bridge, Clonmel to Old Bridge Football Club.

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal by way of a 99 year lease agreement of property at Old Bridge, Clonmel to the Old Bridge Football Club in accordance

with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st June, 2023.”

The notice was required to enter into a 99 year lease to regularise the ownership of their soccer pitch/facility at the Old Bridge, Clonmel. The club have operated from the grounds for over 20 years.

Item 5.10

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at Wilderness, Clonmel to Waterford and South Tipperary Community Youth Services CLG

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 0.158ha at Wilderness, Carrigeen, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to Waterford and South Tipperary Community Youth Service Ltd in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st June, 2023”.

The disposal was required to facilitate the extension of the existing lease to 2110 which would ensure the continuity of services.

Item 5.11

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at the rear of 1 Abbeyside, Graiguenoe, Holycross, Thurles to Peter McKay and James McKay

It was proposed by Cllr **S. Hanafin** seconded by Cllr **J. 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 0.0003ha (3sqm) at Abbeyside, Graiguenoe, Holycross, Thurles, Co. Tipperary to Peter McKay and James McKay for consideration of €100.00 plus the council’s fees in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st June, 2023”.

The Notice was required to rectify title of a portion of land at the rear of 1 Abbeyside.

Item 5.12

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at St. Martins, Monadreen, Clongower, Thurles to Noreen Bowden

It was proposed by Cllr **S. Hanafin** seconded by Cllr **J. 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 111.3sqm at St. Martins, Monadreen, Clongower, Thurles, Co. Tipperary to Noreen Bowden for consideration of €100.00 plus the council’s fees in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st June, 2023”.

The Notice was required to regularise the site boundary of the property.

Item 5.13

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at 49 Carrowclough, Tipperary Town to Brothers of Charity

It was proposed by **Cllr Ann Marie Ryan Shiner** seconded by **Cllr John Crosse** 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 way of 5 year lease agreement fro 49 Carrowclough, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary to Brothers of Charity for consideration of €100.00 per annum in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st June, 2023”.

The Notice was required to facilitate the extension of the existing lease by 5 years which would ensure the continuity of services.

Item 5.14

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property 22/25 Greenane Drive, Tipperary Town to Three Drive Family Resource Centre Ltd

It was proposed by **Cllr J. Crosse** seconded by **Cllr A.M. 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 by way of lease agreement at 22/25 Greenane Drive, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary to Three Drive Family Resource Centre Ltd in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st June, 2023”.

The Notice was required to facilitate the extension of the existing lease by 7 years which would ensure the continuity of services.

Item 5.15

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at Palmers Hill, Cashel to Kevin Maher

It was proposed by **Cllr D. Burgess** 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 0.0337ha at Palmers Hill, Cashel, Co. Tipperary to Kevin Maher for consideration of €100.00 in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 1st June, 2023”.

A previous Section 183 Resolution was passed on the 10th December, 2018 where the property was transferred to a legal representative of the estate of the former owner. Property now being transferred to new owner.

Item 5.16

Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029

Mr. J. Flood, District Planner, made a presentation to the members on the process to date, noting the following: -

Tipperary County Council commenced the process of preparing a new Local Area Plan (LAP) for Roscrea on 24th February 2023. The Draft LAP was made available for a period of 6 weeks from 24th February 2023 to 11th April 2023 and submissions were invited from stakeholders and the public during this time. 19 submissions had been received.

A report had been circulated which provided a summary of the submissions and observations received during the public consultation process and provided the Chief Executive's considerations and recommendations on the submissions and observations received.

The report was set out over two parts:

- Part 1 set out the process, legislative requirements, submissions received and the consideration and recommendations on these submissions.
- Part 2 provided a detailed list of all recommended changes to the Draft LAP arising from the consideration of submissions received.

A workshop was held in the Thurles MD offices on 23rd May 2023 to discuss the CE report and proposed amendments to the Draft Roscrea LAP.

A further 5 no. proposed amendments to the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029 were proposed (members amendments) which were additional to the amendments recommended in the CE report. The additional amendments were as follows: -

Amendment 1

Amend the zoning matrix (Table 9.2 of the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029) as it relates to the Town Environs zoned land use zone to allow sports and leisure facilities to be Open for Consideration (from Not Normally Permitted).

Reason

To allow flexibility to develop new sporting and leisure facilities on lands zoned for Town Environs and to extend existing facilities onto Town Environs zoned lands.

Amendment 2

Amend subsection 4. North of the Train Line of Section 5.2.1 Roscrea Neighbourhoods of the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029 to include for the following additional text (red text is additional):

4. North of the Train Line

This area is more accessible to the town centre than the area south of the N62 and is more accessible to the rail service. However, easy links into the town centre are limited by the rail line. The area is more open with gentle topography, than the medieval centre of the town, and there may be scope for investment in walking and cycling to improve accessibility with the town centre. The Council will work with its active travel team to improve connectivity with the town centre. In addition, the provision of walking and cycling facilities connecting the rail station to Ashbury rail crossing to be examined.

Reason

To include for a provision within the LAP to examine the potential for east/west pedestrian/cycle linkages from the Roscrea rail station and Ashbury rail crossing.

Amendment 3

Amend Objective 5C of the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029 to include for the following additional text (red text is additional):

Develop, in conjunction with the Council's Active Travel Team, interconnectivity and linkages within, and between the neighbourhoods as identified as in Section 5.2.1 and the town centre, the train station,

employment areas and local schools, including the provision of walking and cycling facilities to the Ashbury rail crossing.

Reason

To include for a provision within the LAP to examine the potential for east/west pedestrian/cycle linkages from the Roscrea rail station and Ashbury rail crossing.

Amendment 4

Amend bullet point 3 under the Key Planning Criteria for regeneration site 5. Birr Road, Appendix 3, Schedule of Regeneration sites to include for the following additional text (red text is additional):

- A Masterplan should consider providing sufficient pedestrian / cycle and vehicular linkages and permeability through the site, to adjoining lands to the southwest, also through to 'Strategic Reserve' lands to the north west, and east to the town centre, with consideration for a pedestrian bridge over the railway line to connect through lands on the west side of Gantly Road, as indicated in the Gantly Road Age Friendly Masterplan.

Reason

To include for provision to allow for active travel and vehicular linkages with lands to the southwest of the regeneration site.

Amendment 5

Amend Appendix 4 of the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029 to replace the initial draft version of the Roscrea Town Centre First Plan with the most up to date draft version of the Roscrea Town Centre First Plan.

Reason

An initial draft version of the Roscrea Town Centre First Plan was circulated as part of the Chief Executives report. This change is to ensure the most up to date draft of the Roscrea Town Centre First Plan issues as a proposed material alteration to the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029

A resolution of the members was required where it was proposed to make or amend the plan otherwise that as recommended in the Chief Executives report. Amendments in the CE report and additional amendments were considered material alterations and would require a further round of consultation.

Cllr M. Smith, acknowledged the engagement of the Planning Department with the elected members throughout the process. He proposed a further amendment to the plan in respect of the rezoning of a section off the Limerick Road from Employment use to town environs use. The reason for the proposed amendment was to balance regional development as part of the town.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr S. Lee. Reason for change – to balance regional development as part of the town.

Cllr N. Coonan referred to the 19 submissions made and said that some people were not happy with the responses given and referred in particular to lands on the Birr Road. He referred to matters of concern which included the relationship between the Local Area Plan and the Town Centre First Plan and the connectivity between Main Street, Roscrea and Gantly Road and that there would be balanced development on the north western side of town within approximately 500 metres of the town centre.

Mr. J. Flood, confirmed that the Town Centre First Plan was incorporated under the Local Area Plan as an appendix which would allow the plan to be given a statutory footing as part of the Local Area Plan. Therefore, the objectives in the Town Centre First Plan became objectives of the Local Area Plan

With regard to the lands on the Birr Road, members were informed that the processes that informed designation of lands for residential, obliged the Council to undertake serviced land assessments to determine the appropriate designations for residential lands and land west of town on the Birr Road were subject to that. There was a portion of lands, a former quarry that was identified for regeneration zoning which could be residential led regeneration but lands further west had been zoned strategic reserve and that decision was made following the undertaking of the serviced land assessment.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, confirmed that the next part of the process, which would include the amendment proposed by Cllr M. Smith, was that the material amendments would go out for further consultation, there would be further meetings at District level and the Plan would be brought before the members at the plenary meeting on the 11th September, 2023 for final adoption. The Chief Executive emphasised the importance of continued engagement throughout the process and the importance of these plans to local areas.

It was proposed by **Cllr M. Smith** seconded by **Cllr N. Coonan** and resolved: -

“That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having regard to the Chief Executives Report circulated 18th May, 2023 on the proposed Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029, we the members of Tipperary County Council hereby AMEND the Plan in accordance with the recommendations set out in the Chief Executives Report, subject to the modifications as outlined in the document ‘Additional Proposed Amendments to the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029’, dated 8 June, 2023 and subject to the further modification as set out below:

Further Amendment 1

Amend the Zoning Map of the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029 to change the zoning of an area of lands located within Carrick townland and as outlines in red on the map from Employment to Town Environs

Reason

In the interest of balanced regional development.

Item 5.17
Draft Annual
Report 2022

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

“That in accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, the Annual Report for year ended 31st December 2022 as presented be and is hereby adopted “.

Item 6.1

Appointment of Nominees.

The Cathaoirleach invited replacement nominees for the following:

Tipperary Transport Coordination Unit CLG t/a Local Link Tipperary (TTCU)

Following the resignation of Cllr I. Goldsboro, it was proposed by Cllr Marie Murphy seconded by Cllr D. Burgess and resolved:-

"That **Cllr. Mark FitzGerald** be and is hereby ratified as a representative to the Tipperary Transport Coordination Unit CLG t/a Local Link Tipperary (TTCU)"

Tipperary Education & Training Board (TETB)

Following the resignation of Cllr K. Bourke, it was proposed by Cllr S. Hanafin seconded by Cllr J. Carroll and resolved: -

"That **Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose** be and is hereby ratified as a representative to the Tipperary Education & Training Board (TETB)"

Itemn 6.2

Ratification of Nominees

The Cathaoirleach advised members that approval was required to PPN Nominees to the following Strategic Policy Committees.

It was proposed by **Cllr Declan Burgess** seconded by **Cllr Roger Kennedy** and resolved: -

"That Kuldeep Joshi, Federation of Indian Community Ireland (FICI) be and is hereby ratified as a PPN representative to the Planning & Emergency Services SPC."

It was proposed by **Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose**, seconded by **Cllr. Noel Coonan** and resolved: -

"That the following: -

- Sara Bourke, Aherlow Community Council
- Michael Madden, Roscrea Chamber of Commerce

be and are hereby ratified as a PPN representative to the Housing SPC."

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

"That Theresia Gruschlbauer, Suircan be and is hereby ratified as a PPN representative to the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC"

It was proposed by **Cllr. Fiona Bonfield**, seconded by **Cllr. Pat English** and resolved: -

"That Dave Philip, Cloughjordan Co-Housing be and is hereby ratified as a PPN representative to the Environmental & 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, Active Travel, Health & Safety

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

Speed Limit Review

A county speed limit review would take place once national speed limit guidelines were issued as this may change default speed limits on national, secondary and local roads. It was noted that consultation with Gardai did take place in respect of problematic locations where speed limits were not being obeyed.

Suir Blueway-Waterford Greenway Link

The concept and feasibility study for this project was under development.

N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming

The planning process for this project would commence following TII technical approvals.

EV Charging

Members were informed that 13 new fast electric vehicle (EV) charging stations were being installed throughout the County in 2023 which would provide 18 charging points. It was noted that Local Authorities were to prepare an Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy which would likely involve public consultation.

N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction

Members welcomed clarification received of funding for the progression of the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction project. A designated website was available to provide up to date information on this scheme.

Local Link Service Thurles to Clonmel

It was agreed to liaise with the Department regarding proposal for the introduction of a local link service from Thurles to Clonmel.

Clonmel Town Bus

It was confirmed that the National Transport Authority (NTA) were the responsible authority for the provision of a town bus service in Clonmel.

Relocation of bus stop at Kickham Street, Nenagh.

It was confirmed that the relocation of this bus stop was under consideration with the National Transport Authority.

Safe School Route Programme

It was agreed to liaise with the NTA regarding future funding of the safe school route programme.

Thurles Inner Relief Road

Funding for the design stage of this project had been received and negotiations with landowners on the route were ongoing.

Road Safety – Deer

A number of members spoke of the danger to road users from deer and also the damage being caused to farm crops. It was agreed to write to the Department of Agriculture regarding this issue.

Noise Pollution M8

Cllr M. McGrath sought clarity on the responsible authority regarding possible noise pollution affecting a residence adjacent to the M8 and it was agreed to obtain further details of the location of the property concerned.

Roadworks Knockavilla

Cllr Kennedy referred to road diversion signage issues at recent roadworks in Knockavilla and it was agreed to raise this matter with the District Engineer.

Public Lighting

The upgrade of existing public lighting to LED across Tipperary under the National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project would commence later this year as a contractor had been appointed and surveys had commenced.

Ardfinnan Bridge

Cllr Anglim sought assurance that the Council would continue to seek funding to progress the Ardfinnan Bridge Project following the recent statement by the The National Transport Authority (NTA) that it was not in a position to support or fund an independent walkway at the Bridge and had removed it from its 2023 list of projects. Members were advised that the Council would continue to work with the community in Ardfinnan, the elected representatives and the NTA to get past the current impasse.

Planning & Development

The Cathaoirleach advised members that he proposed to take Item 10.1 Notice of Motion Ref 2624 with the Planning and Development Directorate.

Item 10.1

Notice of Motion Ref. 2624

County Development Plan – Small Rural Enterprises.

The Motion Reference No: 2624 was proposed by Cllr. M. Smith

We are calling on Tipperary County Council to review its policy for small rural enterprises in the countryside contained in the County Development Plan 2022. This Policy is having an adverse impact on the future of families engaged in rural enterprise.

The Motion was seconded by Cllr. N. Coonan.

The reply to the Motion was noted as follows: -

The Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 provides a framework for a thriving rural economy, through support for diversification and innovation to sustain and strengthen our rural communities. The plan supports small scale rural enterprise outside of settlements to facilitate a

start-up entrepreneur in or adjacent to the home. The plan further supports rural enterprise through farm diversification into alternative on-farm and off-farm activities and the development of tourism and tourism accommodation in the County.

Section 8.4 of the Draft Plan recognises the importance of, and supports rural enterprise. In particular Section 8.4.4 supports start up enterprises while Section 8.5 supports appropriate levels of expansion to existing enterprises. These supports are reiterated in Planning Policy 8-5 and 8-9 respectively.

The Councils support for rural enterprise is further endorsed in Section 7.3 and Planning Policy 7-4 regarding farm diversification and in Section 9.4 and Planning Policy 9-1 and 9.2 which supports tourism development.

Cllr M. Smith expressed his disappointment with the current Development Plan which he said was having an adverse impact on rural development and this had been highlighted by a recent planning application in his area.

Cllr N. Coonan spoke of the need to protect services being provided in rural areas.

A number of members spoke in support of the motion and following discussion it was agreed that a workshop would be held with the members to identify specific constraints within the existing plan and establish if further amendment was required which would necessitate a variation of the existing plan.

Planning and Development

Ms. A.M. Devaney, S.E.P., responded to queries raised as follows: -

Modular Homes

It was confirmed that the Local Authority were obliged under legislation to act on complaints received in relation to unauthorised modular homes. A workshop had been held with members in relation to Modular Homes clarifying the Council's position.

Section 57 Declarations

It was noted that some owners of protected structures were experiencing difficulties in meeting timelines associated with declarations issued under Section 57 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. A declaration under Section 57 did not prejudice the application of Section 5 of the Act which on payment of the prescribed fee would allow the owner to receive a decision and review by An Bord Pleanala.

Members were made aware that a free seminar was being held in TUS Thurles Campus on the 17th June, 2023 regarding the process of bringing vacant properties (historic and non-historic) back into use.

Knocklofty House

It was confirmed that the Council would engage with the receiver and any new owners of Knocklofty House to ensure their awareness of the protected status of the building.

Cluster Housing Model – Kilsheelan

A decision by the Department to the business case for this development was awaited.

Cahir Town Centre Regeneration Strategy

Funding had been announced under Phase 2 of this project and an update would be sought in relation to timelines.

Conservation Architect

A decision had not been received to date from the Department in relation to the position of Conservation Architect.

Just Transition Scheme

It was noted that a response was awaited in relation to the members request to the Minister to have the Lower Ormond area within the Nenagh Municipal District included in the scheme.

Fire & Emergency Services

Mr. D. Carroll, A/Director of Services, responded to queries raised as follows: -

Sacred Heart Convent, Roscrea

Reference was made to the proposed housing of refugees in the former Sacred Heart Convent in Roscrea and it was confirmed that fire safety requirements for this site were currently being processed. Nenagh District Members expressed their dissatisfaction with the level of engagement that had taken place in relation to the proposed use of the building. Following discussion it was agreed to write to the Minister to request a meeting with District Members and community representatives regarding the provision of refugee accommodation in Roscrea.

National Industrial Action – Retained Fire Fighters

Members were advised that escalating industrial action commenced on 6th June, 2023 with a work to rule and non co-operation with training. From the 13th June there would be rolling strikes to 50% of fire stations on a rotation basis and contingency plans were in place whereby calls would be picked up by the remaining stations. Engagement was ongoing with the strike committee to minimise disruption to the public. The public were advised to continue to dial for emergency services. In the event of an all out strike the fire service would respond to all emergency calls involving life-threatening situations. Members would be kept advised of this evolving situation in the Fire Service.

Library & Cultural Services

Mr. B. Beck, A/Director of Services, responded to queries raised as follows:
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Clonmel Library Refurbishment

It was noted that an update on the Clonmel Library Refurbishment would be provided to Clonmel Borough Members in the coming weeks following completion of the Final Design Plan.

CCTV

Members were advised that approval had been received to CCTV projects in Burgess, Ballina and Cooleen and a decision on the remaining projects was expected in the coming weeks.

Finance & Information Technology

Mr. Liam McCarthy Head of Finance.

Members congratulated Mr. L. McCarthy on this forthcoming retirement from Tipperary County Council and wished him health and happiness. They thanked him for his excellent service and commitment to Tipperary. Reference was made to his financial knowledge and his availability to members, particularly during the annual budget process.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, joined members in paying well deserved tributes to Mr. McCarthy. He said he was an exemplary public servant and had been intensely loyal to the Council, the County and his colleagues. He always protected the finances of the Council and had worked at a national level to secure the position of Tipperary County Council. The Chief Executive wished Mr. McCarthy a happy, long and fruitful retirement.

Mr. McCarthy, thanked members and the Chief Executive for their kind comments. He said he had worked with a good team in the Finance and I.T. Sections and enjoyed a good working relationship with his fellow colleagues, Directors of Services, Section Heads and members. He had enjoyed his career and wished everyone success in the future.

Early Payment Scheme

In response to a query raised it was noted that Revenue Collectors would communicate with ratepayers regarding the Early Payment Scheme, which would also be promoted via Social Media

Item 8.1

Agree date for Councillor Workshops (remotely via zoom)

Members were advised of the following workshop dates: -

- CCTV Operations and Maintenance - Tuesday 26th June, 2023 at 3 p.m.
- Draft Local Authority Climate Action Plan - Wednesday 26th July, 2023 at 2 p.m.

Item 8.2

Annual Meeting - Change of Time

The Cathaoirleach advised members that it was proposed to change the commencement time for the Annual Meeting to 11.15 a.m. to facilitate the holding of a Mass at 10.30 a.m. for deceased members in Church of the Assumption, Knockavilla.

This was agreed by the members.

Item 9.1

Consideration of Orders for the period to the 31st May 2023.

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

Item 11.1

Notice of Motion Ref. 2623 Development Contributions.

The Motion Reference No: 2623 was proposed by Cllr. Marie Murphy

“That Tipperary County Council would write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of Ireland, about Circular PL 04/2023, announced on April 25th last and which details the Temporary Time Limited Waiver in respect of Development Contributions. The waiver of the development contributions is very welcome, however the members of Tipperary County Council request that the applicable date for this waiver should be from January 1st 2023 and not March 28th as stated in the circular.

Could this motion be circulated to all other local authorities and also sent to the following: The Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, The Tanaiste, Micheal Martin, The Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe”.

The Motion was seconded by Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald.

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of Ireland, and copy of the correspondence sent to The Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, The Tanaiste, Micheal Martin, The Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath and The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe.

The motion would also be circulated to all local authorities.

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Correspondence

Correspondence as circulated was noted as follows: -

12.1 Reply dated 15th May, 2023, from Deputy Chief Executive, National Transport Authority in relation to the provision of bus shelters at bus stops (NOM 2581)

Cllr Ambrose requested that the Council would write to the National Transport Authority outlining need for bus shelters at bus stops for school children, such stops would not meet the minimum threshold of services. Cllr S. Hanafin asked that consultation with elected members would take place with members in advance of identification of new bus shelter locations in towns.

12.2 Reply received 29th May, 2023, from Office of the Minister for Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform in relation to the N24 Cahir to Limerick project (NOM 2575).

Item 13.1

Motions from other Councils

The following Resolutions from other Local Authorities as circulated with the agenda were noted: -

Mayo County Council

"I respectfully seek the support of my colleagues and Management of Mayo County Council to petition the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to double the maximum grants for the Croí Cónaithe Scheme from €30,000 for a vacant property and €50,000 for a vacant property confirmed derelict to €60,000 and €100,000 respectively, given the recent unprecedented increases in the price of construction materials and the fact that these increases have not yet stabilised. In addition, I respectfully ask for your support to petition the Minister to expand the Croí Cónaithe Scheme to owners who wish to renovate vacant or vacant homes confirmed derelict, subject to conditions that the property is subsequently used for long term occupancy either through a sale or through a long-term lease. Furthermore, that those approved under the existing scheme be included when the changes have been implemented, if they have not yet drawn down their funding".

Clare County Council

"That Clare County Council supports the recent Macra na Feirme campaign, entitled "The Rural Revival, Steps for our Future". This campaign was a march that departed Athy, Co. Kildare at 7pm on Tuesday, April 25th, marching through the night, physically carrying their message, before arriving at Government Buildings circa 1pm on Wednesday, April 27th. The message is simple, Macra Na Feirme members want to be able to remain at home, working and living in their own communities and the key components of their message are as follows:
Accessing affordable housing and cumbersome housing planning guidelines.
Disjointed and scare healthcare services for rural communities.
No recognition or engagement by Government on a farming succession scheme.
Lack of planning for the future of our rural communities informed by rural people.
Imposition of quotas on young farmers availing of grant aid support.
Lack of public transport for rural Ireland.
Proposals to rewet large areas of rural Ireland.
I am also requesting that this Notice of Motion be circulated to all other Local Authorities".

Kerry County Council

That we as a Council would lead by example and change our correspondence with elected members to a paperless, electronic system for those who wish to avail of it, as it would greatly reduce our paper trail, and would also make it easier from a GDPR perspective as we would not have to worry about the disposal of said correspondence when it is no longer required".

Kerry County Council

"That Kerry County Council calls on the Government to immediately initiate a National Pension Scheme for the State. That this motion would be circulated to all Local Authorities".

Item 14.1

Expressions of votes of sympathy

Members passed a vote of sympathy to the following: -

- The family of Billy Shoer, former member of South Tipperary County Council and Clonmel Borough Council and former Mayor of Clonmel
- Geraldine Troy, Community Employment Scheme Supervisor on the death of her sister in law Bernie Murphy
- Anne Loughnane, Templemore Library on the death of her husband John
- Maura Lillis, Finance Section, Nenagh on the death of her mother Josephine Farrell
- Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro on the death of her aunt Madge Rafferty
- The family of Noel Cullen, Former Staff Member, Finance Section, Tipperary County Council
- Family of Senator Paul Coughlan
- Family of Shay Spain
- Family of Jim Ryan (Sandy)

Votes of Congratulations

Members passed a vote of congratulations to the following: -

- Drombane Creamery on 125 years in business.
- North Tipperary U13 Girls Soccer Team on winning Darren Ward Cup

Thank you

A thank you vote was passed to: -

- David Power for his tenure as Tipperary Senior Football Manager

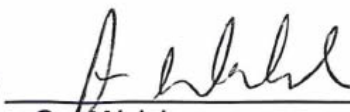
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Any Other Business

The meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: