

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CIVIC OFFICES, CLONMEL
AT 10.00 AM on Monday 11th July, 2022**

Present

Cllr. R. Kennedy, Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs: Ambrose, S; Bonfield, F; Bourke K; Burgess, D; Coonan, N; Crosse, J; Darcy, G; Dennehy, N; Dunne, D; English, P; FitzGerald, J; Goldsboro, I; Hanafin, S; Hannigan, J; Lee, S; Lowry, MI; McGrath, H; McGrath, M; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Murphy, M; Murphy, MI; O'Meara, K; O'Meara, MI; Ryan, P; Ryan, S; Smith, MI; Ryan Shiner, AM.

Also Present

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, M. O'Connor, S. Carr, C. Curley, P. Slattery, E. Lonergan, S. Carr, K. Cashen, Director of Services, B. Beck, A/Director of Services, L. McCarthy, Head of Finance, D. Dullaghan, County Librarian, L. Brett, Senior Engineer, A.M. Devaney, Senior Planner, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies

Cllrs Anglim, MI; Black T; Bugler, P; Carroll, J; Fitzgerald Mark; FitzGerald MI; Hanna Hourigan, Mary; McGrath (Rocky) John; Morris, S; Ryan J.

Item 1.1

Cllr R. Kennedy welcomed members to his first meeting as Cathaoirleach and looked forward to working with the Council over the next 12 months.

**Welcome &
Introduction/Meetings Protocol**

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

Vote of Sympathy

The Cathaoirleach extended the condolences of the members to the family of Jim Drohan, former Carrick on Suir Town Councillor Mr. Drohan was a Councillor from 1999 to 2009 and was Chairman in 2001. A minute's silence was observed in his memory.

Civic Reception

The Cathaoirleach advised members that it was agreed at the Corporate Policy Group Meeting that a Civic Reception would be accorded to the Tipperary Minor Hurling Team. Members would be advised of arrangements in due course.

**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 13th
June, 2022**

The Minutes of the June Monthly Meeting held on 13th June, 2022 were proposed by **Cllr. S. Ryan** seconded by **Cllr. S. Ambrose** and adopted.

Item 3.2
Minutes of
Annual Meeting
held on 24th
June, 2022

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 24th June, 2022 were proposed by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and adopted.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 4.1
Approval to
Attendance

It was proposed by **Cllr. G. Darcy** seconded by **Cllr S. Hanafin** 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
Energy & Farm Business Show	19 th July	Gurteen College	Cllr. Sean Ryan Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Michael O'Meara Cllr. Michael FitzGerald Cllr. Michael Anglim
Letterkenny Tidy Towns 'Derelict in Donegal' Conference	22 nd July	Dillons Hotel Letterkenny Co. Donegal	Cllr. Ann Marie Ryan Shiner Cllr. Andy Moloney Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan Cllr. John FitzGerald Cllr. Richie Molloy Cllr. Micheál Anglim Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro Cllr. Sean Ryan Cllr. Michael FitzGerald Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Michael O'Meara Cllr. Joe Hannigan
AILG Module 4 'Local Authority Audit Committees and the Governance and Oversight Role of Elected Members	23 rd July	Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran Co. Donegal	Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro Cllr. Sean Ryan Cllr. Seamus Morris Cllr. Andy Moloney Cllr. Eddie Moran Cllr. Joe Hannigan Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan

	28 th July	Horse & Jockey Hotel Thurles Co. Tipperary	Cllr. Michael FitzGerald Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Declan Burgess
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Proposed by **Cllr. S. Hanafin**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Ryan** and noted.

Item 4 .2

Reports on Conferences

Item 5.1

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of property at Church Street, Toomevara, Co. Tipperary to Paddy O'Meara Properties

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Lee**, seconded by **Cllr. MI O'Meara** and resolved: -

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approve of the disposal of all that and those parts of the property, consisting of circa 170 sqm and contained wholly within Folio TY901F at Church Street, Toomevara, Co. Tipperary to Paddy O'Meara Properties, Ollatrim, Moneygall, Birr, Co. Offaly".

It was noted that this property was the subject of a previous Section 183 notice in April but the purchaser subsequently withdrew his offer and it was now proposed to dispose to the next best offer - Paddy O'Meara Properties, Moneygall.

Item 5.2

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of property adjacent to No. 62 Glencarrick, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary to Rory Landy and Nichola McLoughlin

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Lee**, seconded by **Cllr. MI Smith** and resolved: -

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of plot adjacent to No. 62, Glencarrick, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary containing circa 0.008ha or thereabouts to Rory Landy & Nicolas McLoughlin in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on the 28th July, 2022.

It was noted that this disposal was required to facilitate the owners of No. 62 Glencarrick, Roscrea to square their garden which would allow a proposed extension to the side of their house, subject to planning permission.

Item 5.3

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of property at Templemore Demense, Templemore to Blackcastle Templemore Harps.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Michael Smith** seconded by **Cllr. Eddie Moran** and resolved:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of land, circa 0.687ha, situated at Templemore Demense, Templemore, Co. Tipperary by way of 15 Year Lease Agreement to Blackcastle Templemore Harps in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 28th July, 2022.

It was noted that the disposal was required to facilitate the extension of a small pitch to a full-size playing pitch and could only be used for activities associated with a soccer club.

Item 5.4

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of property adjacent to 11 William O'Brien Street, Scrouthea East, Clonmel, to Frank Hackett

It was proposed by **Cllr. Pat English**, seconded by **Cllr. Michael Murphy** and resolved: -

“That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of plot adjacent to No. 11 William O’Brien Street, Scrouthea East, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary containing circa 0.0281ha or thereabouts to Frank Hackett, No. 11 William O’Brien Street, Scrouthea East, Clonmel in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section as circulated on the 28th July, 2022”.

It was noted that the lands were no longer required by Tipperary County Council and would form part of garden of the adjacent property at 11 William O'Brien Street, Clonmel.

Item 5.5

Section 85 Agreement between Tipperary County Council and Waterford City & County Council

A report was circulated noting that Tipperary County Council had been allocated funding by Transport Infrastructure Ireland through its Greenway Scheme for the provision of a feasibility study on the development of a recreational trail connecting the Waterford Greenway and Suir Blueway Tipperary. For this purpose, it is necessary for Tipperary County Council to put in place a Section 85 Agreement with Waterford City & County Council. This agreement would allow Tipperary County Council and their appointed Consultants to complete the Feasibility Study in the functional area of Waterford City & County Council. The cost of the Feasibility Study was 100% funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland with no cost occurring to Tipperary County Council.

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

“That Tipperary County Council agrees to the making of an Agreement, as presented to it under Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended () between Tipperary County Council and Waterford City & County Council in respect of the provision of a feasibility study on development of a recreational trail connecting Waterford Greenway and Suir Blueway Tipperary”.

Item 5.6

Consideration of the Draft Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2027

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services gave members a brief overview of the Draft Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2027.

The plan which had been named “Shaping our Future” was a strategic plan that was the product of over two years of work. The plan had been through three extensive public consultation processes with almost 1,000 submissions received and considered. The Plan consisted of 5 volumes, 14 documents and 2,000 pages, 10 strategic objectives, 116 planning objectives and 94 planning policies. The Plan was consistent with National & Regional Strategies and demonstrated proper planning and sustainable development while also addressing local issues, local needs and local interests. The plan was the first Development Plan for the entire county. The plan aimed to enhance the balance between progression and protection, and was evidence based, targeted, focused and balanced.

Mr. Lonergan thanked everyone who had contributed to the process of making the Plan, the members that worked on the RSES for the Southern Region, the elected members that gave so much to the process through dialogue, debate, decision making and directions, to the 3 Cathaoirleach that chaired the workshops and meetings over the two-year period Cllr MI Smith, Cllr Marie Murphy and Cllr Roger Kennedy and to the planning team led by Ms. Anne Marie Devaney.

The Cathaoirleach invited Ms. Anne Marie Devaney to make a presentation to the members on the statutory process that had taken place.

Anne Marie Devaney noted that the making of the Plan had commenced on the 18th September 2020. Three periods of public consultation had taken place, 846 submissions had been received, three Chief Executive Reports had been issued and 37 documents and reports had been published on the dedicated website <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/cdp>. 26 workshops had been held together with briefing sessions and council meetings. If members adopted the Plan at this meeting the Plan would become effective on Monday 22nd August 2022,

The Plan was set out over 5 volumes:

1. Written Statement
2. Settlement Plans and Serviced Land Assessment
3. Appendices
4. Built Heritage
5. Environmental Reports & Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

She added that the plan would attract investment into Tipperary, ensure Tipperary could access funding, would support job creation, would support community projects, would support local people to live in their own rural and urban communities, give people choices and protect our environment and landscape for existing and future generations to benefit from and enjoy.

Following further discussion and consideration, it was proposed by Cllr. Phyll Bugler, seconded by Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose and resolved: -

“that pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 (10) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having considered:

- **The Draft Tipperary County Development Plan 2002 – 2028, the proposed amendments of the Draft Tipperary County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, the proposed modifications of the proposed amendments of the Draft Tipperary County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, and the related reports by the Chief Executive, and,**
- **The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Appropriate Assessment (AA) and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) processes and the following:**
 - **The SEA Environmental Report for the Draft Plan**
 - **The AA Natura Impact Report for the Draft Plan**
 - **The SFRA for the Draft Plan**

- **The SEA Environmental Report for the Proposed Material Alterations**
 - **The Natura Impact Report for the Proposed Material Alterations**
 - **Ongoing advice on SEA, AA and SFRA from the Council’s agents (CAAS Ltd)**
 - **The final, consolidated Natura Impact Report**
 - **The final AA Determination**
- **It is hereby resolved to make the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022 – 2028, as recommended by the Chief Executive and to proceed in accordance with Section 12 (12) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to publish notice of the making of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022 – 2028.**

Members thanked staff for their engagement throughout the process. Special mention was made of the members on the Regional and Southern Assembly, including former members Mattie Ryan and Joe Bourke for their work at the start of the process and achieving key status for towns in Tipperary.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the former Cathaoirligh Cllrs M. Smith and Marie Murphy, present and former planning staff and the Chief Executive Mr. Joe MacGrath for their input and assistance.

Chief Executive Mr. Joe MacGrath acknowledged that it had been a historic decision by members to adopt the first Development Plan for the county of Tipperary. He congratulated members and thanked them for their detailed consideration of the Plan. The Plan would be a legacy of this Council and a blueprint for the future development of the County. Mr. MacGrath said that the plan had received extraordinary levels of consideration from both the members and the public. It was the members plan and the priorities and ambitions contained in the plan were those of the elected Members. The process had shown the partnership that was there between the officials and members and the spirit of co-operation. Mr. MacGrath thanked the members and the three Cathaoirligh for their commitment to the process. He thanked the present and former staff of the Planning Section for their efficiency and professionalism.

Item 6.1
Ratification of
Sector
Nominees to
Strategic Policy
Committees

It was proposed by **Cllr. David Dunne**, seconded by **Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose** and resolved: -

“That **Michelle Lawrence** be and is hereby ratified nominee to represent PPN Social Inclusion on the Culture & Library Services SPC.”

It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy**, seconded by **Cllr. Seamus Hanafin** and resolved: -

“That **Pat Carroll** be and is hereby ratified nominee to represent the IFA on the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC.”

It was proposed by **Cllr. Ger Darcy**, seconded by **Cllr. Sean Ryan** and resolved: -

"That **Baden Powell** be and is hereby ratified nominee to represent the IFA on the Environment & Climate Action SPC."

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

"That **Krista Keating** be and is hereby ratified nominee to represent the PPN Community & Voluntary on the Environment & Climate Action SPC"

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

"That **Charles Stanley Smith** be and is hereby ratified nominee to represent the PPN Social Inclusion on the Environment & Climate Action SPC".

It was proposed by **Cllr. Ger Darcy**, seconded by **Cllr. Michael O'Meara** and resolved: -

"That **Iva Pocock** be and is hereby ratified nominee to represent PPN Environment on the Housing SPC"

It was proposed by **Cllr. David Dunne**, seconded by **Cllr. Ann Marie Ryan** Shiner and resolved: -

"That **Liam Browne** be and is hereby ratified nominee to represent PPN Community & Voluntary on the Infrastructure SPC".

It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy**, seconded by **Cllr. Michael Smith** and resolved: -

Item 6.2

Ratification of Public Participation Network nominees to Tipperary Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

"That in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended by Section 49 A (1), Chapter 2 of Part 6 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and Article 4 (1) of the Local Community Development committee (Section 128e) Regulations 2014 and Statutory Instrument No. 314 of 2014 the Local Community Development Committee (Section 128e) (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations 2014 that: -

The following nomination of the Public Participation Network to Tipperary Local Community Development Committee is ratified by Tipperary County Council: -

Mr. Mike Edwards (Social Inclusion Pillar)

It was proposed by **Cllr. Michael O'Meara**, seconded by **Cllr. Michael Smith** and resolved: -

"That in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended by Section 49 A (1), Chapter 2 of Part 6 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and Article 4 (1) of the Local Community Development committee (Section 128e) Regulations 2014 and Statutory Instrument No. 314 of 2014 the Local Community Development Committee (Section 128e) (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations 2014 that: -

The following nomination of the Public Participation Network to Tipperary Local Community Development Committee is ratified by Tipperary County Council: -

Mr. Gearoid O’Foighil (Environmental Pillar)

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 Clonmel and any queries/clarifications would be dealt with by the relevant Director of Services. He informed members that it was proposed to take the Housing Report as the first Directorate and he would also take Notice of Motion Ref: 2444 as part of the Housing Management Report.

Item 9.1

Notice of Motion Cllr P. English (Ref. No. 2444)

It was proposed by **Cllr P. English**: -

“That Tipperary County Council request Dail Eireann to affirm into Law that a Housing Emergency exists in Ireland and the Law should continue for three years after the passing of the Law by the Government. At the expiry of the three-year period the Government should bring a review before both Houses of the Oireachtas. Unprecedented Emergency Actions were taken in the past to deal with the Banking Crisis and Covid-19 Pandemic”.

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

Cllr English sought the support of the members to have the housing emergency affirmed into law. A number of members indicated that they would not be in support of the motion. The Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a vote on the motion as follows: -

	Comhairleoir	FOR	AGAINST	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
1.	Ambrose, Siobhan		√		
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, J			√	
16.	Mark Fitzgerald			√	
17.	FitzGerald, Michael			√	
18.	Goldsboro, Imelda			√	
19.	Hanafin, Seamus		√		
20.	Hannigan, Joe	√			
21.	Hanna Hourigan, Mary			√	
22.	Lee, Shane			√	

23.	Lowry, Michael			√	
24.	McGrath, Hughie	√			
25.	McGrath, John (Rocky)		√		
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) Annemarie	√			
36.	Ryan, Jim			√	
37.	Ryan, Peggy		√		
38.	Ryan, Sean		√		
39.	Smith, Michael		√		
40.	Kennedy, Roger		√		
	TOTALS	8	20	12	

The Meetings Administrator noted the results of the vote as 8 voting in favour of the motion, 20 voting against the motion with 12 absentees.

The motion was therefore defeated.

Housing

Housing Report

Ms. S. Carr, Director of Services, informed members that as agreed at the June Monthly Meeting, Cllr K. Bourke, Chair of the Housing SPC had called a meeting of the SPC where issues and options were discussed to enable housing options to be progressed in the County. In this regard Mr. J. Cooney would give a presentation to members on housing delivery in the County and Ms. Carr would give a presentation on Homelessness and proposals made at the SPC Meeting.

Mr. J. Cooney, Senior Engineer, gave the members a detailed presentation of delivery progress made by Tipperary County Council. Under Rebuilding Ireland 2018-2021 this Council had exceeded its target of 625 units to be delivered by 215. Under Housing for All 2022-2026 the target was 887 and this Council was satisfied it would deliver 1125 units over this period. A breakdown was given on the delivery of units for each year of Housing for All. Some recent positive changes that had been made by the Department were that there was scope to facilitate increased construction costs, a revised staffing structure which resulted in 5 additional staff in Tipperary, the establishment of a Housing Delivery Office as a link across all Local Authorities and acquisitions as an option where Notices to Quit had issued with no alternative accommodation available. It was highlighted to the members the lack of new private housing in the County, the Income threshold for Social Housing Supports €25k vs €30k, the Assessment being finalised on Affordable Housing showing the need to kick start private housing in the County and the impact of increased costs on new homes vs second hand homes.

Members were briefed on Affordable Housing Options, the Buy and Renew Scheme, the Repair & Lease Scheme, Voids, Housing Grants and the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme.

Ms. S. Carr made a presentation to members on Homelessness and briefed the members on the discussion by the SPC on Housing Policy. Members were advised that 75 people were currently in emergency accommodation (13 families - 17 adults and 25 children). There was a significant increase in the number & type presenting as homeless and the homeless budget was under significant pressure with insufficient emergency accommodation in the county to meet the current spike in demand. The Council was addressing these challenges by a number of measures including the introduction of the Own Front Door Policy, Choice Based Letting, Re-allocation of an additional Clerical Officer to manage calls/CRMs and paperwork re homelessness, strengthened and altered in-house procedures to deal with those families in particular who had received Notices to Quit. It was noted that the HAP discretion rate had been increased to 35% from 1st July and the HAP hardship rent discretion was internally utilised.

The Council was actively looking to allocate another two family Own Front Door units by the end of the year resulting in a total of nine units. Four Housing First Units were to be rolled out in the coming weeks to address the most challenging of the 33 single homeless people making a total of 16 Housing First units and it was expected to deliver another 6 units of Housing First by the end of the year.

Ms. S Carr referred to the recent SPC meeting called by Cllr K. Bourke, Chair of the SPC to discuss the concerns of members in relation to housing raised at the June Monthly Meeting. There had been significant debate at this meeting in relation to homelessness, options on social housing delivery affordable housing delivery, repair and leave options, void turnaround times and lack of private housing. The SPC members also considered the response of the Director of Services in relation to suggestions put forward by some elected members. The recommendations made by the SPC were as follows: -

Social Housing

- Newly revised Repair & Lease Scheme -look at additional options to promote the new scheme & advocate the benefits of same

Homeless

- Fast track delivery of OFD units and Housing First Units in the county.
- Actively seek to purchase all relevant NTQ properties where they are of an appropriate standard and where they are value for money
- Provide better access & communication around the NTQ process & engagement with clients & councillors

Affordable homes

- Planning section, in association with the Housing section to make contact will all developers who currently have live permissions (or who may have an interest in developing on zoned serviced lands), to advise them of First Home Scheme and how to access same

- Host a special Affordable Housing SPC meeting to examine all affordable housing options available to the County before the end of the month
- Have a draft affordable housing scheme prepared for the September meeting
- Have options identified on where to deliver affordable units by end Q4

Private Housing

- Write to Minister supporting the introduction of targeted, time-limited & locational appropriate tax incentives or other innovative financial supporting mechanisms which would deliver private housing on lands which currently have live planning permissions in counties such as Tipperary

Members discussed the recommendations put forward by the SPC. There was a long discussion in relation to all aspects of housing and suggestions made in addition to those of the SPC included: -

- Temporary planning exemptions for mobile homes.
- Schemes for Independent living for the Elderly in town centre areas to be explored.
- Derelict Buildings to be included in Repair and Lease Scheme
- The establishment of a Choice Based Letting Clinic.
- Remove VAT on new builds
- Tax incentives for developers to deliver social and affordable housing.
- Review of maximum grant payable on housing grants
- Additional Vacancy Housing Officer to be appointed due to size of County.
- Vacancy and Dereliction in Town Centres to be examined as options for housing.
- Construction of Modular homes, co-op housing and services sites to be considered.
- Use of C.P.O. process on vacant property and sites

Ms. S Carr, Director of Services, thanked the members for the constructive debate and suggestions made. There was a significant difference in the housing market over the past 20 years. In 2001, local authorities had manageable housing waiting lists and local authority housing was being built. The difficulty in recent years was that we were playing catch up on a decade where there was no social housing being built. As outlined in the presentation to members there was a pathway in place to 2026 to deal with the social housing nett need of 1600. The concern was the availability of housing for the group just above social housing need and private developers had a role in this regard. Unless this need was addressed there would continue to be a housing crisis.

In relation to mobile homes Ms Carr said that their provision was not the correct solution to housing needs due to planning, residential, amenity and environment issues.

Having regard to the suggestions made by the SPC and the full Council, Ms Carr proposed that she would write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage outlining the following key points that if addressed by the government would help improve the availability of housing and the ability of applicants to qualify for housing.

1. Increase social housing income limit to the same level as adjoining counties (Limerick/Waterford).
2. Reintroduce long term leasing as an option for small time landlords
3. Appoint a second vacant housing officer to Tipperary given its size and the level of work required to address dereliction and vacancy.
4. Amend repair and lease scheme to include for a tax-based incentive scheme for those property owners in towns of 20,000 and less which is targeted at over the shop living.
5. Seek the introduction of a targeted, time limited & locational appropriate tax incentive or other innovative financial supporting mechanism which would deliver housing on lands which currently have planning permission including, but not limited to
 - a. Reduction of VAT on new builds (similar to the support given to the hospitality sector when they were deemed to be in crisis)
 - b. Increase the Central Bank multiplier for purchasers given the better standard of homes currently being built and the lower operational cost of running same
 - c. Consider old section 23 type incentives which are targeted, time limited and location specific
6. Amend the Housing for All Loan to better accommodate those who cannot access social housing supports.
7. Raise cap on the Home First Scheme in Tipperary from €250k to €290k to facilitate affordable housing development to occur.

In addition, suggestions regarding co-op housing, serviced sites and affordable housing options would be referred to the SPC for consideration.

Mr. Joe MacGrath welcomed the productive and constructive debate that had taken place and understood that housing was a huge issue. It was a tribute to staff in the Housing Section that everything was being done to maximise all aspects of housing provision. Targets were being exceeded and projected targets were realistic and achievable. Issues with some housing schemes were highlighted by members in regard to their effectiveness and ability. He supported the Director of Services in relation to mobile homes not being an option for long term accommodation needs and said that modular homes could be a suitable form of accommodation. Both public and private sectors had to work together to address the totality of housing needs. There were valid reasons for the lack of private housing being provided in the county and it was hoped that the Home First Scheme would incentivise the private sector. The Council would continue to work with the Members to address the housing needs in the County and the

letter would issue to the Minister on matters to be addressed by his Department.

It was agreed that a letter would issue to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage as outlined by the Director of Services and this letter would be copied to each member.

Community/Economic Development & Tourism

Mr. Pat Slattery, Director of Services, responded to queries raised: -

Community CCTV Schemes

It was confirmed that the Littleton and Fethard CCTV Schemes and been submitted to Garda Divisional Headquarter. Borrisokane Scheme was currently being processed.

Just Transition Fund Projects

A report would be circulated to members on the current status of projects under the Just Transition Fund.

Water Services

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services and Mr. Denis Holland, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised: -

Irish Water Communication

Members expressed their dissatisfaction with communication by Irish Water to residents prior to planned maintenance works and during water outages and it was agreed to convey this to Irish Water. It was also agreed to request Irish Water to revise the protocol for out of hours water outages and boil water notices at weekends and outside normal working hours.

Water Sector Transformation

Reference was made to the Framework for Future Delivery of Water Services recently published. This document was currently being reviewed and the protection and support of the interests of local authority staff would be a key priority of the Council.

Clonmel Town and Rural Water Scheme

It was noted that a planning application had been submitted to install a booster station to assist with the Mountain Road Supply.

Road Reinstatement.

Members were advised that Irish Water had introduced a new framework for the permanent reinstatement of roadworks.

Boil Water Notices

It was confirmed that testing of water supplies the subject of boiled water notices were carried out by laboratory staff at weekends when required. The HSE currently required clear results for 3 consecutive days before a notice was lifted and could require a longer compliant period at their discretion.

Merging of Thurles Schemes

The Council was working with Irish Water on the progression of the amalgamation of public water schemes in the Thurles area into one Treatment Plant.

Water Connection Charges

The water connection rates charged by Irish Water had been implemented following a public consultation process and approval by the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU)

Environment & Climate Action

Ms. C. Curley, Director of Services and Ms Marion O'Neill, S.E., responded to queries raised: -

Civic Amenity Sites

The development of a Civic Amenity site in Carrick-on-Suir by a private company was welcomed. It was noted that Tipperary County Council operated 5 Civic Amenity Sites throughout the County. The provision of further sites was dependant on capital funding being available due to the significant cost to develop sites.

Dog Fouling

Community Groups were invited to engage with the Environment Section in relation to Dog Fouling Initiatives. Awareness Campaigns would continue throughout and county and on social media.

Household Waste Inspections

In person household waste inspections continued with 162 houses surveyed to date this year of which 86 had shown evidence of compliance. Households not in compliance would be served with warning letters, fixed penalty notices and possible legal proceedings where households refuse to comply.

Burial Ground Policy

Members were advised that the draft Burial Ground Policy was to be considered at the next SPC meeting and brought before the full Council in due course.

Drones

It was confirmed that staff in the Environment Section were trained to use drones and these were being used to tackle illegal dumping and littering throughout the County.

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

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Consideration of Orders for the period to the 30th June 2022

Item 10.1
Correspondence

- Email dated 8th June, 2022 from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage re. email notifications to the Department on Planning, Heritage and Environmental related matters.

Item 13.1
Motions from
other Councils.

The following resolutions were noted: -

Cork City Council

“That Cork City Council reaffirms the motion of no confidence in the board of An Bord Pleanála passed by this Council on 13 July 2020; and that this message shall be forwarded to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O’Brien TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning, Peter Burke TD, and to all other local authorities in Ireland”.

Limerick City & County Council

“I will move at the next meeting that, having regard to the thousands of people who are suffering with adverse effects from Covid-19 for long periods of time, that the Metropolitan District of Limerick agrees the following:

- To write to the Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly, the Oireachtas Health Committee and the HSE CEO Paul Reid, requesting that the provision of Long Covid Clinics is retained and expanded;
- To raise it with our regional health board and/or local hospital;
- To circulate this motion to the rest of the Councils around the country asking them to consider doing the same.

Limerick City & County Council

“That Limerick City and County Council call on the Government and the Minister for Housing to declare a housing emergency and to use emergency powers to introduce a moratorium on evictions similar to Covid emergency measures until the Minister for Housing raises the income thresholds for social housing supports for a three-month period with an option to review thereafter”.

Members passed a vote of sympathy to the following: -

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Expressions of
Votes of
sympathy

- Family of Jim Drohan, former member of Carrick-on-Suir Town Council.
- Cllr. Niall Dennehy on the death of his sister Mary Nevins (nee Dennehy)
- The Family of Patrick (Paddy) Doherty, former Schools Mobile Driver for Tipperary Joint Libraries Committee
- Thomas Nugent, General Operative, Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD on the death of his mother Margaret Nugent
- Susan Scally, Thurles MD and Debbie Scally, Roads Section on the death of their sister Bridgie Maher (nee Scally)
- Martina Ryan, Civic Offices, Nenagh on the death of her brother Kenneth McCarthy
- Allan Ryan, Technician, Water Services on the death of his father Paddy Ryan (Former Water Caretaker in the Hollyford Area with South Tipperary County Council).

- Mairead Lyons, Library Service, on the death of her mother Nora Troy.
- The family of Gerry O’Dea, Limerick County Council
- The family of James Tobin, Waterford County Council
- Former Tipperary Town Council member Gerry Cronin on the death of his wife Patsy.

**Votes of
Congratulatory**

Members passed a vote of congratulations to the following: -

- Durlas Og, Thurles on winning the All Ireland Hurling Feile
- Clonmel Concert Band on winning the South of Ireland Senior Band Competition and the best trombone section
- Clonakenny GAA on winning Mid Tipperary Premier Intermediate Final
- Carrick Swan on winning South Tipperary Senior Hurling Final.
- JK Brackens GAA on winning Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Final.
- Beibhinn Butler on reaching the Canoe and Kayaking World Championships finals
- Kian Clarke on winning a bronze medal in the Equine Division at the Special Olympics National Games

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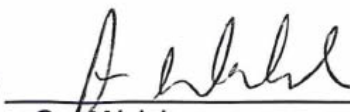
No matters were raised

**Any Other
Business**

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: