

**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 11<sup>TH</sup> September, 2023.**

**Present**

Cllr. G. Darcy, Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs: Ambrose, S.; Bonfield, F; Burgess, D; Carroll, J; Coonan, N; Crosse, J; English, P; Fitzgerald, Ml.; Hanafin, S; Hannigan, J; Lee, S; Lowry M; McGrath, H; McGrath J; McGrath, M; Moran, E; Morris, S; O'Meara, Ml; Smith, Ml.

**Remote**

Anglim M; Black T; Bourke, K; Bugler P; Dennehy N; Dunne, D; Fitzgerald, J; Fitzgerald, Mark; Goldsboro, I; Hourigan, M. H.; Kennedy, R; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Murphy, Ml; O'Meara, K; Ryan, A.M; Ryan, J; Ryan, P; Ryan, S.

**Also Present**

Mr. J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, Mr. M. Connolly, Head of Finance, Mr. B. Beck, Director of Services, Mr. D. Carroll, Acting Director of Services, Mr. L. Brett, S.E., Mr. J. Nolan, S.E., Ms A.M. Devaney, S.E.P, Mr. J. Flood, District Planner, Mr E. Ryan, CFO, Mr. D. Dullaghan, County Librarian, Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

**Apologies**

Cllr. Marie Murphy

**Item 1.1**

**Welcome &  
Introduction/Me  
etings Protocol**

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

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

**Vote of  
Sympathy/  
Adjournment.**

The Cathaoirleach referred to the recent road tragedies that had occurred in Clonmel and Cashel and extended a vote of sympathy to the families of Zoey Coffey, Nicole Murphy, Grace McSweeney, Luke Mc Sweeney, Thomas Reilly, Bridget Reilly and grandson Tom Reilly and all families affected by road tragedies during the year in Tipperary.

The Cathaoirleach proposed that the meeting would be adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect to the victims and a minute's silence was observed.

**Item 2.1**  
**Disclosure/or**  
**Conflicts of**  
**Interest**

Cllr M. Anglim had notified to the Meetings Administrator his interest in Item 5.8 on the agenda, a Section 183 Notice regarding the disposal of property known as Erasmus Smith House and it was noted that he would leave the meeting while this item was being considered.

**Item 3.1**  
**Minutes of**  
**Council Meeting**  
**held on 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**July, 2023**

The Minutes of the July Monthly Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 were proposed by **Cllr. J. Carroll**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** and adopted.

**Matters Arising**

Cllr Moloney sought an update on the undertaking given at the July Monthly Meeting to develop an awareness campaign in relation to Ash Dieback and it was agreed that an update would be given to him by the Environment Section.

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

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Hanafin**, seconded by **Cllr M. FitzGerald** 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
NFGWS Rural Water Services Conference	7 <sup>th</sup> September,	Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone	Cllr. Ger Darcy Cllr. John Carroll
AILG Autumn Conference	13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Sligo Park Hotel	Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose Cllr. Micheal Anglim Cllr. Kieran Bourke Cllr. Phyll Bugler Cllr. Declan Burgess Cllr. Mark FitzGerald Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan Cllr. Andy Moloney Cllr. Eddie Moran Cllr. Seamus Morris Cllr. Michael Murphy Cllr. Michael O’Meara Cllr. Sean Ryan Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. John FitzGerald Cllr. Mairin McGrath

			Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Kevin O'Meara
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**Item 4 .2**

Proposed by **Cllr. S. Hanafin**, seconded by **Cllr. M. FitzGerald** and noted.

**Reports on Conferences**

**Item 5.1**

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

**Section 183 Notice - Disposal of property at 1 Fontenoy Terrace, Stradavoher, Thurles**

**“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of 0.0103ha of land at No. 1 Fontenoy Terrace, Stradavoher, Thurles, to Kathleen and Seamus Slattery for the consideration of €300 plus the Council’s legal Fees in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023”.**

The disposal was required to rectify boundary of property.

**Item 5.2**

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

**Section 183 Notice - Disposal of property at Monadreen, Clongower, Thurles**

**“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 63sqm at Monadreen, Clongower, Thurles, Co. Tipperary to Declan Hallinan for a 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 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023”.**

The disposal was required to rectify a mapping error.

**Item 5.3**

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

**Section 183 Notice - Disposal of property at 1 Abbeyside, Holycross**

**“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 Marcin Rybicki for a 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 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023”.**

The disposal was required to facilitate a name change due to sale of property - Previous Section 183 Notice dated 12th June, 2023 refers.

#### **Item 5.4**

##### **Section 183**

##### **Notice - Disposal of property at Gort na Chlocharir, Borrisokane.**

It was proposed by **Cllr MI. O Meara** 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 0.0005ha (5sqm) at Gort na Chlochair, Shesheraghmore, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary to ESB Networks in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023”.**

The disposal was required to facilitate the transfer of the site of an ESB sub-station serving Gort na Chlochair Housing Estate.

#### **Item 5.5**

##### **Section 183**

##### **Notice - Disposal of property at Longfordpass South, Gortnahoe, Co. Tipperary**

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

**“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 0.44ha of land situated at Longfordpass South, Gortnahoe, Co. Tipperary as contained in folio TY16474 to Mr. Sean Hayden in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023”.**

The land was no longer required by Tipperary County Council. The site contained a former borehole no longer in use.

#### **Item 5.6**

##### **Section 183**

##### **Notice - Disposal of property at 1 Avondale Crescent, Spital Land, Cashel Road, Tipperary Town**

It was proposed by **Cllr MI. FitzGerald** seconded by **Cllr M. Hanna Hourigan** 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 0.0295ha at No. 1 Avondale Crescent, Spital Land, Cashel Road, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary for a 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 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023”.**

The disposal was required to facilitate the extension of the garden at 1 Avondale Crescent.

Cllr MI FitzGerald referred to the length of time that some transfers took, noting that these transfers, in some instances, referred to historic agreements relating to small portions of property.

Mr. J. MacGrath, Chief Executive acknowledged that the process for some transfers did take time. Agreements were made at a point in time in relation to the transfer of a portion of land but were never properly registered. These transfers were subsequently, due to the sale of the property or for other reasons, referred to the Council to rectify title.

**Item 5.7**

It was proposed by **Cllr M.H. Hourigan**, seconded by **Cllr R. Kennedy** and resolved: -

**Section 183**

**Notice - Disposal of property at Foilaclog, Kilnamanagh Upper, Co. Tipperary**

**“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 30ha at Foilaclog, Kilnamanagh Upper, Co. Tipperary to Ellen Ryan by way of Deed of Rectification for a 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 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023”.**

The disposal was required to rectify a mapping error.

**Item 5.8**

It was proposed by **Cllr M. McGrath**, seconded by **Cllr A. Moloney** and resolved: -

**Section 183**

**Notice - Disposal of property known as Erasmus Smith House, Church Street, Cahir**

**“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 5-year lease agreement to Farm Ed Ltd for the building known as Erasmus Smith House at Church Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary for consideration of €18,000.00 per year in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023”.**

The property was no longer required by Tipperary County Council and the disposal was in respect of the lease of the property for a period of 5 years.

In response to a query by Cllr A. Moloney, it was confirmed that the lease would include the lease of the grounds with a condition. Cllr Moloney expressed the need for the upkeep of grounds to be kept to an acceptable standard.

**Item 5.9**

It was proposed by **Cllr J. Carroll**, seconded by **Cllr S. Morris** and resolved: -

**Section 183**

**Notice - Disposal of property at Slieve Locha, Garrykennedy, Portroe**

**“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 0.0010ha (10sqm) at Slieve Locha, Garrykennedy, Portroe, Co. Tipperary to ESB Networks in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023”.**

The disposal was required to facilitate the transfer of the site of an ESB sub-station serving Slieve Locha Housing Estate

**Item 5.10**

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

**Section 183**

**Notice - Disposal of property at**

**“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 0.0010ha (10sqm) at Cormack Drive, Nenagh North, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary to ESB Networks in**

**Cormack Drive,  
Nenagh**

**accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023”.**

The disposal was required to facilitate the transfer of the site of an ESB sub-station serving Cormack Drive Housing Estate

**Item 5.11**

**Section 183  
Notice -  
Disposal of land  
at Roscrea  
Business and  
Technology  
Park, Benamore,  
Roscrea**

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Lee** seconded by **Cllr M. 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 2.63 ha at Roscrea Business and Technology Park, Benamore, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary to Quitmann O’Neill Facilities Ltd in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023”.**

The disposal was required to facilitate the construction of a building to be used for the specialised cleaning and reconditioning of all types of steel and plastic drums and containers.

Cllr M. Smith, acknowledged the courage and vision shown by the Executive to purchase the site. The investment by this company was significant and would encourage interest from other companies to invest in the area.

**Item 5.12**

**Section 183  
Notice -  
Disposal of land  
at Hilledun, King  
Street, Clonmel**

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 0.0028ha of land at Hilledun, Kingstreet, Clonmel to Mary Harney in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023”.**

The disposal was required to rectify the boundary of property.

**Item 5.13**

**Roscrea Local  
Area Plan 2023-  
2029**

Tipperary County Council (TCC) commenced the process of preparing a new Local Area Plan (LAP) for Roscrea on 24 February 2023 with the publication of a Draft LAP. On 23 June 2023 the Council published proposed material alterations (PMA) to the Draft LAP. Consultation in respect of the PMA was carried out over the period from 23 June 2023 to 24 July 2023 during which submissions were invited from stakeholders and the public. 16 submissions were received during this period. A report had been circulated to the members providing a summary of the submissions and observations received together with the Chief Executive’s (CE) Report for consideration and recommendations on same.

Following further consideration of the matter, 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 considered the following:**

- **The Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029**
- **The Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023-2029**
- **The Chief Executive’s reports prepared pursuant to Section 20 (c) & Section 20 (k) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended**
- **The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report for the Draft LAP**
- **The Screening for SEA Report for the Proposed Material Alterations**
- **The Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening Report for the Draft LAP**
- **The Screening for AA Report for the Proposed Material Alterations**
- **The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for the Draft LAP and SFRA Addendum**
- **Screening for SEA and AA determinations in respect of the Draft LAP and Proposed Material Alterations to date**
- **Written submissions relating to SEA, AA and SFRA made during the Plan preparation process**
- **Ongoing advice on SEA, AA and SFRA from the Council’s agents**
- **The final Screening for AA report and associated AA Determination**

**“That we the members of Tipperary County Council hereby agree to make the Plan in accordance with the recommendations and modifications set out in the Chief Executives Report on the Proposed Material Alterations circulated on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, subject to the further modifications as agreed at the Tipperary County Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 and to proceed in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to publish notice of the making of the Plan”.**

Cllr Smith in proposing the adoption of the plan welcomed the final plan which would be a blueprint for the development of Roscrea into the future and acknowledged the amount of active engagement that had taken place in its formulation.

Cllr Noonan in seconding the adoption of the plan, also expressed his view that planning guidelines should be relaxed for people wishing to build in rural areas and in particular on family farmland.

The draft policy on Local Improvement Schemes (2023) was approved by the Infrastructure SPC on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, and recommended for adoption. It was noted that the primary change was that additional scoring was being given to applications on hand for a number of years.

Following consideration it was proposed by **Cllr. MI. O’Meara**, seconded by **Cllr. MI. FitzGerald** and resolved: -

**“That Tipperary County Council hereby adopts the Local Improvement Scheme Policy (2023) as presented by the Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee”.**

#### **Item 5.14**

#### **Local Improvement Scheme Policy (2023)**

Cllr Ml. O'Meara. Chair of the Infrastructure SPC, welcomed the Scheme and hoped that more funding would become available for both the CIS and LIS Schemes.

A number of members sought clarification on the terms of the scheme relating to eligibility. It was agreed to seek clarity from the Department in relation to the following:-

- status of an application for educational purposes;
- a new clause whereby individual projects could not exceed 20% of a Local Authority's annual allocation i.e. cost of project at time of application compared to commencement of works.

In response to a query regarding the eligibility of commercial enterprises to apply, it was noted that commercial applications had to be referred to the Department for a decision.

Mr. L. Brett acknowledged the success of the LIS and CIS Schemes and allocations for both schemes were fully utilized. It was hoped that the new Scheme would help the ranking of long-term applicants.

**Item 6.1**  
**Consideration of**  
**Management**  
**Report**

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

**Roads, Transportation, Health and Safety**

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

N.24 Projects

Waterford to Cahir at Phase 2 stage, Preferred Route Selection. it was noted that the T.I.I Peer Review had commenced and was expected to be announced before the end of the year and the progression of this project would be subject to capital funding.

Cahir to Limerick Junction at Phase 3 stage the Design and Environmental Evaluation Processes commenced. An application to an Bord Pleanala would be ready by early 2025.

It was noted that significant design investigations were ongoing which would take 18 months before an application to An Bord Pleanala. It would take a minimum of 3-5 years before work would commence onsite

The opportunity to make a presentation to Minister of State Jack Chambers on a recent visit to Clonmel on the impact of the N.24 on the County was welcomed.

Thurles Outer Bypass.

It was noted that the Council continued to lobby for this scheme to be included in the next National Development Plan.

Thurles Inner Relief Road



It was necessary to secure funding to deliver the Inner Relief Road project and finalise land acquisition. It was noted that Land acquisition for this project was ongoing.

#### Suir Blueway – Waterford Greenway Link

The concept and feasibility study were under review by the TII.

#### Tullaskeagh Road Safety Improvement Works (N62)

A layout was being agreed with TII and subject to funding works were expected to commence in 2025.

#### EV Charging

The installation of EV Charges was continuing at 13 locations throughout the County. It was noted that following installation there could be some delays in having these points energised by the ESB. The Council would continue to liaise with ESB Networks to progress these installations.

#### Hedge Cutting

A public awareness campaign had commenced and would continue through the hedge-cutting season. The District Offices would carry out local inspections and notices would be issued as necessary to relevant landowners. Members stressed the need to highlight Ash Dieback as part of the public awareness campaign.

#### Active Travel Programme

It was noted that large scale projects were the preferred choice to be submitted to the National Transport Authority under the Active Travel Programme. The Council would continue to lobby for additional funds under this programme.

#### Speed Limit Review

It was noted that national guidance was awaited before a county wide speed limit review would commence.

#### Annual meeting with TII

The Annual meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland would take place in November and Municipal Districts had been requested to submit priority projects for discussion.

#### Housing Estate Back Access Lanes.

As these were not designated public roads, any improvement works would be a budgetary matter for each Municipal District.

#### Latteragh Bends

Noted that advance works were due to commence in Q4 2023 with the main contract to commence following a 6 month tender process later in 2024.

#### Annual Roads Budget

It was confirmed that additional monies were sought to supplement the roads budget at every opportunity.

#### Quest Lough Derg

Cllr Bugler conveyed her thanks to all those involved in organising the successful Quest Lough Derg event.

### **Planning and Development**

Mr. D. Carroll, A/Director of Services and Ms. A.M. Devaney, Senior Executive Planner responded to questions raised as follows: -

#### Kilsheelan Cluster Houses.

A business case was currently with the Department in relation to this development.

#### Clonmel Local Area Plan

It was noted that a workshop would be held with members following the public consultation period to consider submissions received.

### **Emergency Services & Emergency Planning**

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 9.1 Notice of Motion Ref. 2654 in relation to Fire Hydrants as part of the Emergency Services and Emergency Planning Report.

#### **Item 9.1**

#### **Notice of Motion Ref. 2654**

#### **Fire Hydrants**

The Motion Reference No: 2654 was proposed by Cllr. Ml. Fitzgerald

**“That all fire hydrants throughout the county are checked to ensure they are fit for purpose and that a programme of annual maintenance for fire hydrants would be conducted”.**

The Motion was seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy

The reply to the Motion was noted as follows: -

There are rolling inspections of fire hydrants undertaken by fire-fighters on an ongoing basis throughout the County. Inspections are undertaken during drill nights and during the filling of appliances post-incident when crews are encouraged to fill from different hydrants on their return to the station. The recent WRC proposals included for a significant increase in community fire safety activity and hydrant inspections will be further targeted under this programme. Where faults are identified they are notified to Uisce Eireann for review and maintenance.

#### **Management Report continued.**

### **Emergency Services & Emergency Planning**

Mr Dave Carroll, Director of Services, responded to queries as follows: -

#### Fire Crews

It was confirmed that confidential counselling was available for fire fighters following traumatic/critical incidents and a 24/7 phone support line was also in place.

#### Road Tragedies Clonmel and Cashel

Members thanked all emergency services and schools in Clonmel and Cashel for their assistance and support to those affected by the recent road fatalities in Clonmel and Cashel.

#### Road Diversions – Road Traffic Incidents

It was noted that the Gardai took the lead in conjunction with the County Council in organising road diversions at road traffic incidents. Traffic re-routing following serious traffic accidents through local roads should be a last resort.

#### Blueway Clonmel to Carrick -on-Suir

It was noted that consideration was being given to the purchase of a suitable vehicle that would enable emergency services access the blueway.

#### Electric Vehicles

It was noted that fire crews were trained in electric vehicle fire control.

#### Cashel Fire Station.

It was noted that the construction of Cashel Fire Station was due to complete in October 2023

### **Library, Cultural Services & Biodiversity.**

#### Royal Sites of Ireland = UNESCO World Heritage Status

It was noted that the process for nomination for UNESCO World Heritage Status for the Rock of Cashel was ongoing with mapping of OUV attributes of the sites taking place and a Climate impact Assessment by Queens University of each site being carried out. A Royal Sites Project Co-Ordinator for the period of the application was to be employed by Tipperary County Council with the cost being shared by all local authorities involved.

#### Thurles Library

It was agreed to arrange power washing of the entrance to Thurles Library/Source.

#### My Open Library, Cashel Library

The Council were working with the contractor with a view to having “My Open Library” operative in Cashel Library by the end of 2023. It was noted that there was a delay nationally with the provision of parts necessary to allow construction to be completed.

#### Clonmel Library

The design process for Clonmel Library Refurbishment was at Option Appraisal stage with no definitive date finalised. It was noted that a funding stream was available at National Level.

#### Biodiversity Officer

The post of Biodiversity Officer had been advertised and until the appointment was finalised, Ms. Rosin O’Grady, Heritage Officer, was available to provide assistance.

## **Finance & Information Technology**

The Cathaoirleach, Chief Executive and members welcomed Mr. Mark Connolly, Head of Finance to his first meeting of Tipperary County Council.

Mr. Connolly responded to queries raised as follows: -

### **Thurles M.D.- Zoom facilities**

It was agreed to examine zoom connectivity issues arising in Thurles M.D Chamber.

### **Commercial Rates Vacancy Relief.**

It was agreed to examine application forms for vacancy relief with a view to making form filling more user friendly and criteria required less onerous.

### **Rates Incentive Schemes.**

It was agreed to consider methods to increase awareness among Ratepayers of schemes available to them. Ratepayers who were concerned about their rates bill were encouraged to contact the Finance Section where staff would assist and advise them on the various options available.

### **Staff Recruitment**

In response to an enquiry regarding staffing levels, Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive advised that a formal review of staffing levels has not been sought to date with the Department but an internal workforce analysis was being carried out with funding being the main challenge. The Council would continue to recruit and fill any existing vacancies outstanding.

## **Item 6.2** **Publication of** **the 'Draft** **Tipperary Local** **Authority** **Climate Action** **Plan 2024 –** **2029**

Members noted that it was intended to commence public consultation of the Draft Tipperary Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 for a period of over 6 weeks until Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 after which, consideration would be given to all submissions received, before adoption of the Draft LACAP.

## **Item 7.1** **Agree date for** **Councillor** **Workshop**

It was agreed that a Councillor Budget Workshop would be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 at 2p.m and subject to availability of HSE Mid-West representatives a briefing would be given to members by the HSE Mid-West before lunch.

## **Item 7.2** **October Monthly** **Meeting**

Members were informed that it was necessary to reschedule the October Monthly Meeting to facilitate the timelines for the Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Thurles and Nenagh. Following discussion, it was agreed that the October Monthly Meeting would be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at 11 a.m. in Clonmel Civic Offices.

<p><b><u>Item 8.1</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Consideration of Orders for the period to the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023.</u></b></p>	<p>Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023 were noted.</p>
<p><b>Item 10.1</b></p> <p><b><u>Notice of Motion Ref. 2657</u></b></p> <p><b><u>VAT rate for food related businesses.</u></b></p>	<p>Motion reference No: 2657 and 2669 were proposed by <b>Cllr. D Burgess</b></p> <p><b>“Tipperary County Council support the reintroduction of the 9% Vat rate for hospitality sector businesses, and we are calling on the Minister for Finance to extend the 9% vat rate to the end of 2024”.</b></p> <p><b>“Tipperary County Council support the reintroduction of the 9% Vat rate for food related businesses, and we are calling on the Minister for Finance to extend the 9% vat rate to the end of 2024”.</b></p>
<p><b>Item 10.2</b></p> <p><b><u>Notice of Motion Ref.2669</u></b></p> <p><b><u>VAT rate for food related businesses.</u></b></p>	<p>The Motions were seconded by <b>Cllr. S Ambrose</b></p> <p>A number of members spoke in support of the motions.</p> <p>The reply to the Motions was noted and agreed as follows: -</p> <p><b>Subject to Council approval this Motion will be referred to the Minister for Finance, Mr. Michael McGrath, TD for comment/response</b></p>
<p><b>Item 11.1 &amp; 11.2</b></p> <p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p>	<p>Correspondence as circulated was noted as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reply dated 28th July, 2023 from National Transport Authority Bus Shelters (NOM: 2581)</li> </ul> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">At the request of Cllr. Ambrose it was agreed to forward the motion to the Department of Education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reply dated 9th August, 2023 from Office of the Minister of State for Planning and Local Government Temporary Time Limited Waiver Development Contributions (NOM: 2623)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Item 12.1</b></p> <p><b><u>Motions from other Councils</u></b></p>	<p>The following Resolutions from other Local Authorities were noted: -</p> <p><b>Cork County Council</b></p> <p>“That Cork County Council write to the HSE and Coillte to request a campaign to raise awareness of the possibility of contracting lyme disease at parks and walkways and to circulate correspondence to all other local authorities”.</p> <p><b>Clare County Council</b></p> <p>“That Clare County Council communicate with both the Taoiseach’s office and the office of the Minister for Arts and Culture, to lend support to the application made in July 2022 by Ennis and County Clare Soroptimist International, to have the stained-glass image of St. Brigid created by a prominent County Clare female artist, Catherine O’Brien adopted as the</p>

official image of the saint in the context of our new St Brigid's Day public holiday, which commenced 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023."

### **South Dublin County Council**

"South Dublin County Council formally backs the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and urges the Irish Government to support the initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty".

### **Cork County Council**

"This Council requests that the RSA and Department of Transport use every means possible to reduce the totally unacceptable waiting times for driving tests".

### **Waterford City & County Council**

"Waterford City & County Council recognise and appreciate the positive benefits that have been brought about through Active Travel Funding and would welcome more. However, we also acknowledge that limitations on the Active Travel scheme mean that it is increasingly focussed on larger urban areas and cannot be used for the badly needed maintenance and repair of deteriorating footpaths. In the interests of pedestrians, particularly people with disabilities, we therefore hereby resolve to write to Minister Eamon Ryan to formally notify him that we upon the Department of Transport to provide ringfenced funding (separate from roads funds and also distinct from Active Travel funding) to Local Authorities to assist significantly and substantially with the costs of maintaining and repairing existing footpaths and to assist significantly and substantially with the costs of providing new footpaths that are not eligible for Active Travel funding. And we further call upon Minister Ryan and the Department of Transport to ensure that Local Authorities would have discretion and autonomy to use such dedicated footpaths funding without having to receive approval from the Department, the NTA, or any other agency, on a per project basis; and to ensure that there would be no other bureaucratic obstacles to the expeditious spending of such urgently needed footpath funding".

## **Item 13.1**

### **Expressions of votes of sympathy**

Members passed a Vote of Sympathy to the following: -

- Families of Zoey Coffey, Nicole Murphy, Grace McSweeney, Luke McSweeney, Thomas Reilly, Bridget Reilly and Tom Reilly.
- Ms Gabrielle Egan, former Councillor Clonmel Borough District, on the death of her mother Esther O'Donoghue.
- Breda O'Connor, Human Resources Section, on the death of her sister in law Sinead Kavanagh.
- Pat Slattery, former Director of Services and Ruth Hennessy, LAWPRO, on the death of Pat's father P.J. Slattery
- Frank Cussen, Executive Engineer, Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District on the death of his mother in law Tess Ryan
- Michael Mullins, Clonmel East and Machinery Yard on the death of his brother Frankie Mullins
- Carol Kennedy, Fire Services on the death of her mother in law Noreen Meehan
- Family of Johnny Dowley, former members of Carrick-on-Suir Urban District Council.
- Family of John Kelly, former Tipperary hurler and team captain.

**Votes of  
Congratulations**

Members passed a vote of congratulations to the following: -

- Jennifer O'Donnell, trainer, on her success in the Irish Greyhound Derby
- Hilary McLoughlin, Horse Trainer on her training success to date.
- Sharlene Mawdsley on her success in the World Athletics Championships in Budapest.
- Littleton National School on the launch of the first Cinealtas Flag in Ireland (Clare Ryan Principal)
- Competitors in the All Ireland Fleadh 2023 who received All Ireland Medals in Music, Song and Dance.
- Aidan O'Brien and the Ballydoyle/Coolmore Team on his 4,000 winner in the Vincent O'Brien National Stakes at the Curragh.
- Organising Committee on success of Quest Lough Derg 2023
- Organising Committee of Monster Auction held in Aglish Hall in memory of Deirdre Darcy Hogan.

**Item 12.1  
Any Other  
Business**

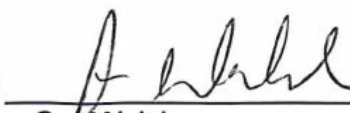
With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr John Fitzgerald queried litter offence notices that had been issued to local Auctioneers in relation to signs advertising properties for sale. He took umbrage that these For Sale signs were being referred to as littering and it was his opinion that these signs were tools of their trade.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, informed Cllr FitzGerald that he was not in a position to respond as prior notice of this issue being raised at the meeting was not notified but he would arrange for the Director of Services for Environment & Climate Action to engage with him on the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting then concluded.

Signed/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathaoirleach.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed/  \_\_\_\_\_  
Ger Walsh,  
Meetings Administrator.

Date: