

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,
CLONMEL, AND Remotely Via Zoom
AT 11.00 AM on Friday 27th October, 2023.**

Present

Cllr. G. Darcy, Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs: Ambrose, S. Anglim, M; Bourke, K; Carroll, J; Coonan, N; Crosse, J; Dunne, D; Fitzgerald, J; Fitzgerald, M; Hanafin, S; Hannigan, J; Kennedy, R; Lowry, M; McGrath, M; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E.; Murphy, Marie; O'Meara, K; Ryan, J; Ryan, S; Smith, M;

Remote

Cllrs: Black, T; Bonfield; F; Burgess, D; Bugler, P; Dennehy, N; Goldsboro, I; Lee, S; Hourigan, M; McGrath, H; Murphy, M; O'Meara, M; Ryan, Peggy;

Also Present

Mr. J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, Ms. S. Carr, Director of Services, Mr. E. Lonergan, Director of Services, Mr. M. Connolly, Head of Finance, Mr. B. Beck, A/Director of Services, Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator, Cora Morrissey, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Senior Engineer, Denis Holland, Senior Engineer, Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer.

Apologies

Cllrs: English, P; Fitzgerald, M; McGrath, J(Rocky); Morris, S; Ryan, A.M.;

Item 1.1

**Welcome &
Introduction/Meetings Protocol**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the October 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.

The Cathaoirleach referred to the conflict in the Middle East and called for everybody to stand for a minute's silence, which was duly observed

The Cathaoirleach and members conveyed congratulations to former Cllr Peter Ryan who ran 586km from Malin in Co Donegal to Mizen in Co Cork over five days. having covered the equivalent of 15 marathons, raising funds for sight loss delivery services.

Item 2.1
Disclosure/or
Conflicts of
Interest

Members were advised the Meetings Administrator had been notified of the following declarations:

- Cathaoirleach Ger Darcy in relation to item 5.25 Draft Nenagh Local Area Plan 2024-2030
- Cllr Jim Ryan in relation to item 5.26 Draft Thurles Local Area Plan 2024-2030.

Both Councillors advised they would remove themselves from the meeting while the relevant items were debated.

Item 3.1
Minutes of
Council Meeting
held on 11th
September,
2023

The Minutes of the September Monthly Meeting held on 11th September, 2023, were proposed by **Cllr. S. Hannafin**, seconded by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** and adopted.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 4.1
Approval to
Attendance

It was proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** seconded by **Cllr. M. 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
Celtic Conferences – A Practical Guide to Budget 2024	13 th – 15 th October, 2023	The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth	Cllr. Richie Molloy Cllr. Niall Dennehy Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Michael FitzGerald Cllr. Andy Moloney
Idea Home Exhibition	20 th – 22 nd October, 2023	RDS, Dublin	Cllr. John Carroll
Celtic Conferences – First Home Scheme	20 th – 22 nd October, 2023	O'Donovans Hotel, Clonakilty	Cllr. Niall Dennehy
AILG Module 5 – Elected Members Security	21 st October, 2023	The Rose Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry	Cllr. Michael Murphy Cllr. Sean Ryan Cllr. Richie Molloy

			Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan Cllr. John Carroll
LAMA Autumn Conference	25 th & 26 th October, 2023	Aard Rí House Hotel, Tuam Co. Galway	Cllr. John FitzGerald Cllr. Declan Burgess Cllr. Andy Moloney Cllr. Richie Molloy Cllr. Sean Ryan Cllr. Michael FitzGerald Cllr. Phyll Bugler Cllr. Niall Dennehy Cllr. Kieran Bourke Cllr. Máirín McGrath Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose Cllr. Roger Kennedy Cllr. Micheal Anglim Cllr. Mark FitzGerald Cllr. Kevin O'Meara Cllr. Michael O'Meara Cllr. John Crosse Cllr. Michael Murphy Cllr. Joe Hannigan Cllr. Michael Smith Cllr. Shane Lee Cllr. Eddie Moran
AILG Module 6 – Road Safety	16 th Nov, 2023	Tower Hotel, Waterford	Cllr. Phyll Bugler Cllr. Declan Burgess Cllr. John Carroll
AILG Module 6 – Road Safety	18 th Nov, 2023	Clayton Hotel Galway	Cllr. Andy Moloney Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro Cllr. Sean Ryan Cllr. Seamus Morris Cllr. Michael O'Meara Cllr. Michael Smith Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose Cllr. Michael Anglim
Celtic Conferences – Modular Housing in Ireland	24 th to 26 th Nov, 2023	McKevitts Hotel, Carlingford	Cllr. Hughie McGrath Cllr. Micheal Anglim Cllr. Michael Smith Cllr. Roger Kennedy

Item 4 .2

Reports on Conferences

Noted.

Item 5.1

Section 183

**Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Units 1 & 2
Enterprise
Centre, Drangan**

It was proposed by **Cllr J. Ryan**, seconded by **Cllr K. O'Meara** 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 lease agreement for term 5 years to Araglin Scientific Ltd of Units 1 & 2 Drangan Enterprise Centre, Drangan, Thurles, Co. Tipperary in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section as circulated on Monday 16th October, 2023".

The disposal was required to facilitate the renewal of lease agreement for a period of 5 years.

Item 5.2

Section 183

**Notice -
Disposal of
property at Unit
3 Enterprise
Centre,
Drangan,
Thurles**

It was proposed by **Cllr K. O'Meara** seconded by **Cllr I. Goldsboro** and resolved: -

"That in accordance with the provision of Sectionj 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal by lease agreement for term of 5 years to Horan Automation & Robotics of Units 3 Drangan Enterprise Centre, Drangan, Thurles, Co. Tipperary in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Monday 16th October, 2023".

The disposal was required to facilitate the renewal of lease agreement for a period of 5 years.

Item 5.3

Section 183

**Notice -
Disposal of
property at Unit
1 Slieveardagh
CITE Enterprise
Centre,
Ballingarry,
Thurles**

It was proposed by **Cllr K. O'Meara** seconded by **Cllr I. Goldsboro** 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 lease agreement for term of 5 years to Ballingarry Community Development CLG of unit 1 Slieveardagh CITE Enterprise Centre, Ballingarry, Thurles, Co. Tipperary in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Monday 16th October, 2023".

The disposal was required to facilitate the renewal of lease agreement for a period of 5 years.

Item 5.4

Section 183

**Notice -
Disposal of
property at Unit
2 Slieveardagh
CITE Enterprise**

It was proposed by **Cllr K. O'Meara**, seconded by **Cllr I. Goldsboro** 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 lease agreement for term of 5 years to Mick & Lieneke Smyth of Unit 2 Slieveardagh CITE Enterprise Centre, Ballingarry, Thurles, Co. Tipperary in accordance with the terms of

**Centre,
Ballingarry,
Thurles**

the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Monday 16th October, 2023."

The disposal was required to facilitate the renewal of lease agreement for a period of 5 years.

Item 5.5

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Brittas, Thurles**

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

"In accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council approves of the disposal by way of Deed of Rectification to correct a historic mapping error associated With Folio TY67039F in favour of Michelle Wilson in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Monday 16th October, 2023".

The disposal was required to facilitate the rectification of a historic mapping error.

Item 5.6

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at No.
4 Galteen View,
Bansha West,
Bansha**

It was proposed by **Cllr Ml. Fitzgerald** 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 0.0016Ha (16 sqm) of land adjacent to No. 4 Galtee View, Bansha West, Bansha, Co. Tipperary to Kieran O'Dwyer for consideration of €100.00 plus the council's legal fees in accordance with the terms of the notice under the above section, as circulated on Monday 16th October, 2023."

The disposal was required to facilitate the Transfer of land adjacent to 4 Galtee View, Bansha to allow the site to be "squared off".

Item 5.7

**Section 183
Notice -
Extension of
existing lease
agreement of
properties No's
22, 23, 24, 25 &
26 Greenane
Drive, Tipperary
Town, Co.
Tipperary**

It was proposed by **Cllr R. Kennedy** seconded by **Cllr J. 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 extension of the existing lease agreement of properties No's 22, 23, 24, 25 & 26 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 Monday 16th October, 2023."

This was required to facilitate the extension of existing lease agreement to comply with condition of grant under the Community Centres Investment Fund.

Item 5.8

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of**

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr A. Moloney** and resolved: -

"That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves

**property at
Kilballygorman,
Ardfinnan, Co.
Tipperary**

of the disposal of circa 0.01ha of lands at Kilballygorman, Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary to Franklink Ltd 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 Monday 16th October, 2023."

This was required to facilitate the location of control panels and kiosks serving Solar Farm in Kilballygorman, Ardfinnan.

Item 5.9

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Lisbunny
Business Park,
Nenagh**

It was proposed by **Cllr J. Carroll** 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 0.082ha of land at Lisbunny Business Park, Nenagh to Central Auctions Services Co-operative Society Ltd in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Monday 16th October, 2023."

This was required to allow Central Auctions Services Co-operative Society Ltd., extend their existing facility.

Item 5.10

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Limerick Road,
Nenagh North,
Nenagh, Co.
Tipperary**

It was proposed by **Cllr H. McGrath** seconded by **Cllr J. Carroll** 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 0.034ha at Limerick Road, Nenagh North, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary contained in Folio TY50036F to Lyons of Limerick to regularise a mapping error in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Monday 16th October, 2023".

This was required to allow the completion and regularisation of a land transfer agreement.

Item 5.11

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of**

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 0.043ha of land at Terryglass, Nenagh as contained in Folio T~Y60360F to the Old Boat Club Ltd for a consideration of €100. In accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Monday 27th October, 2023".

This was required to facilitate the rectification of a historic mapping error.

Item 5.12

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of land**

It was proposed by **Cllr J. Carroll** seconded by **Cllr G. Darcy** and resolved: -

"That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves

**at Terryglass,
Nenagh, Co.
Tipperary**

of the Disposal of circa 0.02ha of land at Terryglass, Nenagh as contained in Folio TY60360F to Sinead Mulcair for a consideration of €100 in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Monday 16th October, 2023."

This was required to facilitate the correction of a historic mapping error.

Item 5.13

Section 183

**Notice -
Disposal of land
at Tyone,
Nenagh, Co.
Tipperary**

It was proposed by **Cllr H. McGrath** seconded by **Cllr J. Carroll** 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 0.97ha of land at Tyone, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary to the Health Service Executive in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Monday 16th October, 2023."

This was required to facilitate the correction of a historic mapping error.

Item 5.14

Section 183

**Notice -
Disposal of
property at No.
1 Michael Collins
Row, Old Bridge,
Clonmel, Co.
Tipperary**

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr R. Molloy** 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 0.014ha at rear of No. 1 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel to Andrew Cosgrave 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 Tuesday 16th October, 2023."

This was required to facilitate extension of back garden of 1 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel.

Item 5.15

Section 183

**Notice -
Disposal of
property at No.
2 Michael Collins
Row, Old Bridge,
Clonmel, Co.
Tipperary**

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr A. Moloney** 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 0.014ha at rear of No. 2 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel to Frank and Mary Fahey 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 Monday 16th October, 2023."

This was required to facilitate the extension of back garden of 2 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel.

Item 5.16

Section 183

**Notice -
Disposal of
property at No.
3 Michael Collins**

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr A. Moloney** and resolved: -

"That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approve of the disposal of circa 0.010ha at rear of No. 3 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel to Declan English for consideration of €100.00

Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

plus the council's fees in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Monday 16th October, 2023."

This was required to facilitate the extension of back garden of 3 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel.

Item 5.17

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at No 4 Micheal Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr A. Moloney** 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 0.010ha at rear of No. 4 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel to John and Sheila Ryan 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 Monday 16th October, 2023."

This was required to facilitate the extension of back garden of 3 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel.

Item 5.18

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at No. 5 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr A. Moloney** 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 0.010ha at rear of No. 5 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel to Keith O'Grady and Sarah Jane Olding for consideration of €100.00, the council's fees in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Monday 16th October, 2023."

This was required to facilitate extension of back garden of 5 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel.

Item 5.19

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of property at No. 6 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr A. Moloney** 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 0.008ha at rear of No. 6 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel to Robert and Mary Kennedy 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 Monday 16th October, 2023."

This was required to facilitate extension of back garden of 6 Michael Collins Row, Old Bridge, Clonmel.

Item 5.20

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr MI. Fitzgerald** and resolved: -

"That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves

property at Old Bridge, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

of the disposal of circa 0.054ha at Old Bridge, Clonmel to Tony Scully consideration of €350.00 the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Monday 16th October, 2023."

This was required to facilitate extension of garden to rear of dwelling.

Item 5.21

Section 183

Notice - Disposal of 2 no. plots of land measuring circa 0.04ha (A) and 0.05ha (B) at Butlerstown, Ballyneale, Carrick on Suir, Co Tipperary

It was proposed by **Cllr K. O'Meara** seconded by **Cllr K. Bourke** 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 2 no. plots of land measuring circa 0.04ha (A) and 0.05ha (B) at Butlerstown, Ballyneale, Carrick on Suir, Co. Tipperary to Killian Murphy for a consideration of €500.00 in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Tuesday 17th October, 2023."

This was required to facilitate a boundary rectification.

Item 5.22

Overdraft Facility

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

"that pursuant to the Local Government Act 2001 and subject to the sanction of the Minister of the Housing, Local Government and Heritage, this Council authorises the temporary borrowing by way of overdraft from the Council's Treasurer of a sum not exceeding €10,000,000 (ten million euro) during the year ending 31st December, 2024."

Item 5.23

Draft Litter Management Plan 2024-2026

Members were advised under the Litter Pollution Action 1997(as amended) Local Authorities are required to prepare and implement a Litter Management Plan every three years. It was noted the Draft Litter Management Plan 2024-2026 was put out for public consultation from 24th July to 28th August 2023. All submissions were considered and a number of minor amendments were included in the revised Drat Plan before the Council for adoption.

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr MI Fitzgerald** and resolved: -

"That, in accordance with the Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, we the Members of Tipperary County Council, hereby adopt the Litter Management Plan 2024-2026, the terms of which were circulated with the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 27th October, 2023."

Item 5.24

Draft Clonmel Local Area Plan 2024-2030

Mr. Dave Carroll, A/Director of Services gave members a brief introduction on the Draft Local Area Plans for Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles advising members the plans before the council were for material amendments. Mr. Carroll thanked members for their constructive engagement throughout the process.

Mr. Fergal O'Donnell, Senior Executive Planner, gave a presentation advising members the three Local Area Plans had been progressed at the same time and outlined the process and progress to date, the legal requirements and the next steps. Mr O'Donnell advised the plans are at Stage 2 - Draft Stage and members were again advised of the specific legal requirement which were required. It was highlighted the plans were before the meeting for consideration of the Draft Local Area Plans and the CE Reports that were circulated on 6th October 2023. Mr. O'Connor outlined the next steps and timelines if the material alterations were resolved/adopted and noted the plans would be resubmitted to the members for consideration in February 2024.

Various members spoke and thanked staff for their work on the plans to date. Mr. O' Donnell agreed to revert to Cllr Bugler by email to confirm that the two X's on the Nenagh Local Area Plan under the Service Land Assessment (Cycle Lane at Nenagh and Compact Growth) had been removed.

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr Ml. Fitzgerald** and resolved: -

"To adopt the Draft Clonmel Local Area Plan 2024-2030 as amended in accordance with the recommendations set out in the Chief Executive Report."

Item 5.25
Draft Nenagh
Local Area Plan
2024-2030

The Meetings Administrator noted the Cathaoirleach Ger Darcy left the chamber in advance of discussions and adoption of the Draft Nenagh Local Area Plan

It was proposed by **Cllr H. McGrath** seconded by **Cllr J. Carroll** and resolved: -

"To adopt the plan as amended in accordance with the recommendations set out in the Chief Executive Report."

Item 5.26
Draft Thurles
Local Area Plan
2024-2030

The Meetings Administrator noted Cllr Jim Ryan left the chamber in advance of discussions and adoption of the Draft Thurles Local Area Plan

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

To adopt the plan as amended in accordance with the recommendations set out in the CE Report subject to the modifications as outlined in the document additional proposals amendments to the Thurles Local Area Plan 2024-2030 circulated on the 25th October, 2023.

Item 6.1
Ratification of
Nominees -
Tipperary Local
Community &

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr R. Kennedy** and resolved: -

"That in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 49A (1), Chapter 2 of Part 6 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and Article 4 (1) of the Local Community Development

**Development
Committee
(TLCDC)**

Committee (Section 128E) Regulations 2014, and Statutory Instruments No. 314 of 2014 The Local Community Development Committee (Section 128E) (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations 2014 and that:

The following names be ratified a member (Public) of the Tipperary Local Community & Development Committee (TLCDC)

- Ms. Elaine Cullinane (Economic Team)
- Ms. Katie Frazer (Teagasc)
- Ms. Stephanie O'Callaghan (Tulsa – Tipperary Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC) Co-ordinator).

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.

Economic, Community and Rural Development.

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

Advanced Technology Unit, Ballingarrane

It was noted that the design was agreed and costings were being prepared, liaison was ongoing with ESB re connectivity and council were looking at an onsite water solution pending public water mains upgrade. Council were continuing to work with IDA marketing team to promote the building. Working towards having a planning application in Q1 2024.

It was agreed to include an update re Advanced Technological Unit Ballingarrane in future monthly reports to Clonmel Borough District.

CCTV

It was noted that a draft policy has been prepared and presented to the Strategic Policy Committee. SPC members are currently considering the draft policy and intend to hold another meeting in order to sign off on the policy. The policy will be brought before the Council at the next relevant meeting. Members were advised Tipperary County Council have to get a sustainable financial model in place if CCTV is going to be introduced around the county and all issues including Data Protection have to be considered. In response to queries Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, outlined the work to date on the policy and advised members of implications to be considered in terms of funding. The matter would be revisited when the policy comes before the Council for consideration.

Tipperary Tourism

It was noted 2023 was a different year to previous years with 2020/2021 being dominated by local tourism. Members were advised promotion of tourism in Tipperary is ongoing.

Local Economic and Community Development Plan (LECD)
Draft prepared and will go before Council in December for adoption.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
ORIS applications have been evaluated and are with the Department at present.

Environment & Climate Action

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services, responded to queries raised as follows.

Litter Management Plan
Acknowledged the adoption of the litter management plan.

EV Charging Rollout
EV charging points are being rolled out as part of the National Strategy and is been driven by national policy. It was noted all options are being examined in the context of the Climate Action Plan.

Flooding
Flooding is covered under the Roads Act as well as the Arterial Drainage Act. Landowners are responsible and are not allowed have water coming off their land or property on to a public road where it can create a hazard.

CCTV
Working group set up at National Level currently examining the codes of practice.

Ashe Dieback
Responsibility is with the landowner but Tipperary County Council will continue to raise awareness.

Litter Fine
Increasing the litter fine will be raised at National Forums where possible.

Picker Pals
Picker Pals Initiative 2022 funded under the Anti-litter, Anti-Graffiti grant received from the department. The Initiative focused on children and families. Very successful initiative and Tipperary County Council funding another programme in 2023 to include 20 Classes. It was agreed to revert to Cllr Ambrose on the 20 Classes/Schools which have been selected under the 2023 funding.

Cigarette Litter/Disposable Vapes
Further awareness campaigns will be progressed in relation to these issues.

Tidy Towns
Tipperary County Council provide a huge amount of supports to emerging Tidy Towns groups across all functions. It was noted the first point of contact would be the relevant Municipal District. Discussions on increase to funding will be discussed during upcoming Budget Workshops.

Bring Banks/Clothe Banks

Identified as problem areas by the public in submissions under the Litter Management Plan. CCTV would be very useful and will be utilised in the future. Tipperary County Council intend to take a more active role in the area of enforcement. In relation to littering within unfinished estates, it was noted that this matter was under the remit of Planning Section but the matter could be dealt with under Environment where Litter is visible from a public area.

Household Waster Surveys

A number of surveys carried out to date in 2023 with 86% compliance in comparison to the National Average of 75%. Focus to increase the compliance figure for 2024.

Japanese Knotweed

Noted that spraying is the most effective treatment process and a 3-year district spraying programme was currently in place.

Alga Bloom

Generally, not caused by Waste Water Treatment Plants but mostly run off from land. It was agreed to revert to Cllr Bugler with EPA report on emissions from Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Kilboy Cemetery

In relation to the regulation of right of way, it was noted that the registration of any property including burial grounds belonging to the Local Authority have to go through a legal process with the Property Registration Authority which is handled by the Local Authority Legal advisors. Tipperary County Council currently in the process of preparing the necessary documents.

Cemetery Byelaws

In response to specific concerns in relation to the erection of monuments in Cormac Cemetery Cashel and the implementation of byelaws, Mr. Denis Holland, Senior Engineer advised Tipperary County Council are introducing a number of measures one of which is a Register of approved sculptors and a requirement to apply for a licence or permit to erect a particular headstone.

Community Climate Action Fund

Marie O'Donnell is the Community Climate Action Officer. Delay with funding but grant agreement now agreed at National Level which will allow formal applications and administration of the grant which is approximately €700,00

Dog Licence

Awareness around fostering/rehousing of dogs will be examined and it was agreed to liaise with An Post in relation to raising an awareness campaign for fostering/adopting dog.

Lisvernane Bridge to Narrow

It was agreed to bring this concern to the attention of the Roads Director of Services.

Housing, Ukrainian Refugee Accommodation Response.

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take items 11.1, Notice of Motion Ref. 2612 adjourned from the July Monthly Meeting and Item 12.1, Notice of Motion Ref. 2712 as part of the Housing Management Report.

Item 11.1

**Notice of Motion
Ref: 2612 –
Carers
Allowance/Bene
fit and Working
Family Payment**

The Motion Reference No: 2612 was proposed by **Cllr. R Molloy**

“We are proposing that from 2024, Tipperary County Council disregards the Carers Allowance/Benefit and the Working Family Payment when calculating the rent of our council tenants”.

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. M. McGrath**

In reply to the Motion Ms. Sinead Carr, DOS gave a brief presentation setting out the implications of the proposed motion and highlighted various options open for consideration. Ms. Carr, DOS commenced with an explanation on Working family Payment, its purpose and how it featured in rent calculations. Members were advised Tipperary currently discount children when calculating rents for families. WFP is a payment based on the number of children in that same household and to remove same would effectively amount to a double discount. Members were advised the removal of WFP would discriminate against households with the same net income who are not in receipt of WFP.

Members were given an explanation in relation to the current impact of carers. It was explained that Tipperary County Council currently have a total of 602 households (11%) in Local Authority Housing in receipt of Carers. If the motion before the council was passed and Carers removed from the rent calculation there would be a deficit of €861,00 and this shortfall would have to be met.

In preparation the Housing Section made comparisons with 7 LA's close to Tipperary. It was noted Tipperary have one of the lowest minimum rents and 4 out of 7 Local Authorities include carers in rent calculations. Members were advised the local authorities which excluded carers have to make up the deficit in other areas such as an increased maximum rent or no maximum.

Members were presented with a number of options and provided with the figures on how each option would affect tenancies and the income it would generate.

It was noted the solutions which would generate the largest Income would be to increase min rent to €26 which increases income by €260,000 and remove max rent which increases income by €613,000 raising a total of

€873,000. Members were advised this would affect 1,496 households (28%).

Ms. Carr. DOS concluded by advising members the solutions provided to generate the most income above would leave 49 of the 602 Carer households in a worse off situation than before Carers was removed. The change would also have a negative effect on a much greater proportion of households than the carers group who may be more vulnerable. It was advised support for carers would be far better addressed at national level.

Cllr. Richie Molly thanked Ms. Sinead Carr, DOS for her presentation and advised that Family Carers Ireland have recently made a submission to the Department calling for a National solution on the issue relating to differential rents. Cllr. Molly asked could people in receipt of the half carers allowance be exempt when it comes to calculating rents.

Cllr Marie Murphy also spoke on the motion and advised after consideration she could not support the motion before the council owing to the financial constraint involved but proposed the following amendments to the motion.

Amendments to the motion were **proposed as follows by Cllr Marie Murphy** and **Seconded by Cllr R. Molloy** as follows:

“That this council write to the department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage asking the following questions:

- **Where is the review of the Differential Rent Scheme and the development of a standardised differential rents model currently at within the Department?**
- **Is the department open to receiving submissions on the review of the Differential Rents scheme?**
- **Is it likely that the review will be completed in the short term?”**

The amendment as proposed was agreed unanimously. Cllr Marie Murphy requested a copy of the letter that will go to the department be circulated to all Councillors in advance.

Item 12.1

Notice of Motion **Ref. 2712 –** **Affordable** **Housing** **Projects**

Motion Ref. 2712 was proposed by **Cllr. Máirín McGrath**

“That this Council would outline current plans regarding the provision of affordable housing projects around the county and the proposed status of delivery”.

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose**

The reply to motion was noted as follows: -

There are a number of schemes available both directly to individuals engaging with developers and the main lenders and also a scheme funded through Local Authority engagement.

The First Home Scheme (FHS) aims to make home ownership achievable for individuals and families by bridging the gap for first-time buyers and other eligible homebuyers between their deposit and mortgage, and the price of their new home. There is a very good website and FAQ available at: wvyw.firsthomescheme.ie/about-the-scheme.

Officials of the Housing Section have actively engaged with developers who are on site promoting the scheme and the feedback to date has been positive. The initial cap on the scheme was €250k and this was raised to €325k at the start of the year. There have been 8 applications to date in Tipperary with 3 approvals and 2 drawdowns. The recent extension of the scheme to fund self-build projects is a welcome addition. This scheme is administered completely independent of any Local Authority involvement.

The direct funding mechanism for the provision of affordable housing through a Local Authority is a subvention against the cost of construction/acquisition as well as the provision of a shared equity scheme to bridge the gap between the cost of new build home and maximum mortgage which an applicant can obtain. In order to gain access to this funding the Local Authority are obliged to demonstrate that there is a minimum of 5% of the eligible population who either do not qualify for social housing or are unable to raise the funds to secure a mortgage with no other intervention. This is largely based on the price of new build homes.

TCC carried out an exercise to assess whether we could reach this threshold, however the available data did not support access on a county wide basis. We then did a further analysis for the larger towns which demonstrated that Clonmel would qualify and a strong case could be made for Nenagh and Thurles. The Department have supported us prioritising on that basis and there is a possibility of gaining access to funding should a suitable project be found to support an application.

Consequently, we have prepared a suite of documents which will enable us to send out an expression of interest to developers with projects intended for the Clonmel Town and Environs in the first instance. We will have this ready for publication before the end of the year. The intention of any call is to not only provide the affordable units identified but also to leverage additional private housing construction in the county.

The provision of serviced sites which enable self-builders to construct their own homes is part of the Housing for All programme. Tipperary County Council will be providing four serviced sites for sale in the village of Boherlahan for which we understand approval is imminent. We expect to be advertising these for sale in the coming weeks and asking for applications from interested parties. All details will be advertised once the sites are ready for sale.

The provision of funding under the Vacant Homes scheme - Croi Conaithe has meant that we have processed 285 applications to the scheme of which 166 have been approved to date with 77 at further information stage. The cumulative value is circa €9 million committed to these projects but this will bring much needed houses back into use throughout the county.

Cllr. Máirín McGrath acknowledged the response, noting that the purpose of the motion was to get an update from the executive as to where affordable housing implementation was across the council and felt that the solution was to expand further the roll out of affordable Housing Estates.

A number of members spoke in support of the motion and it was agreed to provide Cllr Burges with a breakdown on the results of the Affordable Housing Survey.

**Management
Report
continued.**

Housing

Ms. S. Carr, Director of Services, responded to queries raised as follows: -

Approved Housing Bodies

In response to queries raised in relation to AHB's, members were advised where Tipperary County Council have units that were identified for clients requiring particular supports under the Own Front Door Scheme Tipperary County Council enter in to agreement for those properties and draw up service level agreements or memorandums of understanding with key agencies who provide supports to those individuals. Members were advised clients will remain in these properties until the Council are in a position to offer a permanent tenancy. Members were advised that AHB's will be attending District Meetings in November 2023. It was clarified that the Council Executive allocates tenants to these properties and not the AHB's.

Homeless

In response to queries on homeless numbers, members were advised of the increases in the homeless presenting as well as an increase in the number of homeless families. It was noted normally the average number of homeless presentations in Tipperary is approximately 400 and members were advised this number has been reached already with approximately 400 to date. Members were advised the Own Front Door properties were utilised for two purposes, one for families who require emergency accommodation. Families can remain in this accommodation for anything up to 6 months. Own front doors are also utilised for singles especially those who have very challenging behaviour or significant substance abuse issues. It was noted the figures change on a daily rate. It was noted Tipperary County Council currently have capacity in its emergency accommodation but members were advised the first course of action is prevention. It was confirmed all the units were occupied at this point in time other than the unit in Bansha which will be occupied at the end of the week. It was clarified Own Front Doors is an initiative which was introduced approximately 3 years ago and is where a Local Authority can utilise their own assets to provide temporary emergency accommodation.

Social Housing Needs Assessment - Application Figures

It was clarified the SHNA standard assessment which is completed at a point in time annually will demonstrate that Tipperary County Council have had a drop in the number of people on the housing waiting list compared to this time last year. In response to the queries on the 3,370 applicants it was noted the net need is approximately 1094.

It was noted the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have addressed any issues brought forward by Tipperary County Council.

Vacancy Units

The vacancy figure at present is 1.76% which represents a significant improvement on the vacancy rate of 2019 which was 4.6% and is testament to the decision by the Council to take out a loan to address housing long term voids.

Choice Base Letterings

It was clarified that new development allocations are allocated under a mix of CBL and general allocations.

Notice to Quits

It was acknowledged Tipperary County Council are experiencing an increase in the numbers presenting on foot of a Notice to Quit but members were advised the majority are addressed once adequate notice is given. At least six months is required.

Croi Conaithe

In response to queries raised on the timeframes/drawdown of grants and legal costs, members were advised that Tipperary County Council have been actively engaging with the Department on these issues and the grant scheme is currently under review. Mr. Jonathan Cooney, advised members a legal charge is placed on these properties prior to the payment of the grant, hence the delay in finalising matters as this charge must be recorded against the dwelling with the PRA.

Housing Delivery – Construction Programme

Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Senior Engineer confirmed the number of units in Clogheen to be constructed is 14 and the OGP stands for The Office of Government Procurement. It is expected to go to tender during Q2 2024 with a contractor on site Q3 2024.

Members were advised the development at Farranlahassery, Cahir has been submitted to Tipperary County Council through Respond and is a CAP application. Department approval is anticipated for Q4 2023. Handover is expected towards the end of Q4 2024 and Q2 2025.

Update was given on Mountain Road Cahir and members were advised it is hoped to bring notice of the Part 8 Planning under section 179A before the members at the next available opportunity.

Housing Assistance Payment

In relation to HAP inspections, members were advised Tipperary County Council have a team in place including three Clerks of Works based in Thurles who cover the County. It was noted there is a pre-set format in terms of inspections and following this notice, of works issues to the landlord and they are given a timeframe to carry out the works.

Item 8.1

Agree date for Councillor Workshop

It was agreed that a remote Cllr. workshop would be held on 6th November 2023 at 12noon to facilitate a briefing from HSE Mid-West

Item 8.2

Agree date for Budget workshops and Budget Meeting

The following Workshops were agreed

Budget Workshops - Remote
6th November, 2023 at 2.30 p.m.
21st November, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Annual Budget Meeting

Friday 24th November 2023 at 10am, Civic Offices, Nenagh

Item 9.1

Presentation by National Broadband Ireland (NBI)

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Donal Hanrahan, Chief Operating Office, National Broadband Ireland to the meeting. Mr. Hanrahan made a presentation to members on the National Broadband Plan.

Members were advised the current plan is the largest telecommunications project ever been undertaken by the state and the plan will ensure that all people and businesses have access to highspeed broadband no matter where they live or work. NBI have been contracted to connect 559,000 premises ensuring no one is left behind. The network is being designed, built and operated by NBI using a combination of state subsidy and commercial investment. It was noted this is a 7-year build programme scheduled to be completed in 2023 and NBI will be responsible to manage and maintain the network for 25 years.

Members were given an update on County Tipperary Fibre to Home and advised the rollout of the National Broadband Plan is divided up into 227 Deployment Areas. It was noted the Government have invested €118 million in Tipperary under the National Broadband Plan. This will cover 30,000 premises and members were given a detailed breakdown of Deployment Areas in Tipperary

Mr. Hanrahan advise members in Tipperary to date 98% had been surveyed with 100% expected by the end of 2023. It was noted 75% build had commenced with 85% expected to be completed by 2023 and 100% by end of 2025. The Build complete currently stands at 42% with 100% build complete expected at end of 2026.

Members were advised in Tipperary there are currently 20 Broadband Connection Points in scope to connect to high-speed broadband and these locations are available to view on www.nbi.ie. 36 Schools are in scope to connect to high-speed broadband, and 32 schools are live. 2 Schools with two schools being served under the Department of Education Schools Programme.

Members were directed to visit the National Broadband Website where the public and public representatives can determine if a premises is included in the NBP and establish the anticipated timeframes. It was noted NBI are a wholesale provider and don't directly sell broadband to customers.

Mr. Hanrahan concluded the presentation by advising members they can contact NBI directly via political reps email address reps@nbi.ie .

Various members thanked Mr. Hanrahan for the informative presentation and also acknowledged the work of Mr. Simon Howe, Broadband Officer, Tipperary County Council.

In response to queries on the acceleration of the programme Mr. Hanrahan confirmed the programme ran behind due to covid but is now back on track and NBI are always examining ways to get ahead and are committed to making every effort to finish ahead of time.

Concerns were noted in relation to reinstatement works and Mr. Hanrahan confirmed NBI will ensure contractors carryout reinstatement works as agreed with the Local Authority.

In response to queries on the roll out of fibre cable Mr. Hanrahan advised homes that are in the intervention area under this programme will be serviced by NBI. Currently there is a state aid restriction which means the NBI cannot use state aid money to go in to areas where commercial operators exist. If a constituent finds they are not in the NBI area and the current commercial operator are not providing what they have committed to do Mr. Hanrahan recommends public representatives lobby the Department of Communications for those areas to come under the intervention area.

In response to queries on land disputes and wayleaves members were advised they are instances all over the country where land disputes are impacting on people at the other side of a lane. It was noted NBI will look at alterative engineering options but the only real way to work these issues are locally to try and resolve issues.

Mr. Hanrahan responded to queries on connection charges advising the retail service provider decides on the connection fee charge. It was noted in long lanes there is a cost to connect and it was agreed to revert to Cllr Fitzgerald with the details. Members were advised the over ground infrastructure is cheaper to install than underground infrastructure.

Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive thanked Mr. Hanrahan and his team for the work to date and the informative presentation. Mr. MacGrath acknowledged the progress which has been made along with the Investment for Tipperary and noted this is vital infrastructure for the County. Compliments were also given to Simon Howe, Broadband Officer and Local Enterprise Office Team.

Item 10.1

Consideration of Orders for the period to the 30th September, 2023.

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 30th September, 2023 were noted.

Item 13.1

Notice of Motion Ref. 2656

Election and Referendum poster

The Motion Reference No: 2656 was proposed by **Cllr. A. Moloney**

“That this council request the minister for local government restrict the use of the ridiculous amounts of election and referendum posters in upcoming elections and especially along main streets and town centres”

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. S. Hanafin**

The reply to the Motion was noted as follows: -

The requirements in relation to the erection of election poster are set out in the Litter for Pollution Act 1997 (as amended) and the Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2009, which provides that posters may only be erected for a certain specified time period before a polling date and must be removed within 7 days of polling day. Subject to the approval of the Council, the motion will be referred to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Mr Darragh O'Brien for his consideration and reply.

Item 13.2

Notice of Motion Ref. 2694

Section 38 Workers (HSE)

In the absence of Cllr. Ann Marie Ryan Shiner to move the motion, it was agreed to defer the Motion reference No: 2694 to the December meeting

“That Tipperary County Council write to the Minister for Health to express the councils full support for Section 39 Organisations and staff and to call on the Minister to restore full pay parity to these workers. Under 2008, workers in these agencies received pay increases under national wage agreements. At the onset of the financial crisis, they were subject to pay cuts in line with the same cuts applied to public sector pay. Many "section 39" workers have still not received pay restoration and are looking for pay parity with Section 38 Workers (HSE Workers) who perform the same duties.

“Section 39" agencies, who are funded under Section 39 of the Health Act, 2004, provide a range of residential and day services for people with disabilities, mental health, addiction, domestic and sexual violence services, and other supports, under service level agreements with the HSE. Pay inequality is leading to recruitment issues, existing staff burn out and a reduction in the vital services they provide”

Item 13.3

Notice of Motion Ref. 2691

Gambling Regulation Bill

The Motion reference No: 2691 was deferred to the December meeting on the request of **Cllr. M. Fitzgerald**.

“That Tipperary County Council write to the Minister of State James Browne TD, Minister for Law Reform expressing concern with the consequences of the Proposed Gambling Regulation Bill on small rural racecourses (Tipperary, Thurles, Clonmel) which are a key economic component of our County's Development”.

Item 14.1 & 14.2

Correspondence

Correspondence as circulated was noted as follows: -

- Reply dated 20th September, 2023 from Office of Minister Roderic O’Gorman, T.D., re. Community Recognition Fund
- Reply dated 3rd October, 2023 from Office of Minister Ryan, Department of Transport re. N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction (Ref NOM 2575)

Item 15.1

Motions from other Councils

CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

“I am calling on the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan to address the chaos being caused to members of the public by the incompetent service currently in operation by the National Car Test Company. This arrangement with a company operating on a monopoly basis is not fit for purpose and should be discontinued with a view to opening up a tendering process for accredited garages in Ireland similar to the DOE process that currently provide a quality service for the public for testing commercial vehicles. The carrying out of a car test on private vehicles over 4 years is mandatory and the government have a duty of care to the public to make adequate provision in the delivery of this service. This proposal would also have the potential to provide employment at local level for many people and provide enhanced opportunities for apprenticeships”.

CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

“In future housing developments and as part of the planning process, there should be a planning condition to all new housing applications stating that part of the conditions would be that traffic calming measures would be part of the development, as a matter of safety for all concerned”.

CORK CITY COUNCIL

“That this Council notes with concern the upward turn in road deaths, in particular the exponential growth in pedestrian deaths, and calls upon national authorities to review policies that can help reverse this trend”.

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

“That Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown 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. If passed, a letter should be sent to all local Councils, An Taoiseach, An Tánaiste and the Minister for the Environment, and further recognises as part of a just transition there must be ongoing measures to address fuel and energy poverty”.

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

"That, the Minister for Housing is called upon to reconsider the Government's position in relation to the tax placed on residentially zoned land".

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

"That, Limerick City and County Council call on Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly, TD, and Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath, TD, to raise the funding support for the Cuan Mhuire Association in Bruree, and also in their Centres throughout the Country, from ten euro per bed per night to 50 euro per bed per night".

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

"That Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly, TD and Minister of State at the Department of Health, Mary Butler, TD, to provide the necessary funding to the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) to stop further nursing home closures and bring fees payable in line with the reality of nursing home costs. It must also bring into effect a Fair Deal pricing mechanism that reflects the reality of residents' care needs".

MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL

"Calling on the Department of Housing to increase the build time requirement of the Croí Cónaithe Scheme from 13 months to 24 months. Currently the Scheme requires a derelict property to be brought back into use within 13 months which is, for the most part, unattainable given the works required on these properties".

SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

"That Sligo County Council call on the Irish Government to provide free school transport to all students, Primary, Secondary and University Students and all citizens up to the age of 25. (A) This will take thousands of cars off the road at peak times and massively reduce carbon emissions and help Ireland to meet its emission targets (B) This will incentivize and educate young people to use public transport and people will become accustomed to using buses and trains into their adult lives (c) Given that Government acknowledges 35% of families go into debt to send their children to school. If agreed, to be circulated to all local authorities".

Item 16.1

Expressions of votes of sympathy

Members passed a vote of sympathy to the following: -

- The family of Frank Brohan, Benedine, Nenagh, former engineer with North Tipperary County Council
- Valerie Grace, Finance Section, Nenagh on the death of her father John (Johnny) Keogh, Benedine & Cloughjordan, Nenagh
- The family of Tom Thompson former Caretaker, South Tipperary County Council
- Fergus O'Connor, Executive Engineer, Environment and Climate Action, Nenagh on the death of his brother Donal
- Fiona Crotty, Economic, Community and Rural Development on the death of her mother Marie

- Verena McGrath, Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD on the death of her mother in law Margaret McGrath
- Catherine Taylor death of her sister Denise Ryan
- Family of late Austie Crowe – Dundrum
- Family of late Nancy Currivan Golden who died age 102

**Votes of
Congratulations**

Members passed a vote of congratulations to the following: -

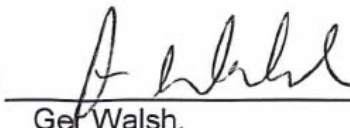
- Former Councillor, Peter Ryan ran 586km from Malin in Co Donegal to Mizen in Co Cork over five days. In the pitch dark and lashing rain, Mr Ryan crossed the finish line at Mizen Head having covered the equivalent of 15 marathons, raising funds for sight loss delivery services.

**Item 17.1
Any Other
Business**

Cllr Jim Ryan proposed Tipperary County Council write to the Israeli Ambassador calling for a cease fire to allow humanitarian aid in to Gaza. Following further consideration Cllr Marie Murphy spoke on the proposal by Cllr Jim Ryan calling on this council to write to the Israeli Ambassador calling for an immediate ceasefire on hostilities. On the proposal of Cllr Marie Murphy, it was unanimously agreed to write to Irish Foreign Minister Micheál Martin, Israeli Ambassador Dana Erlich, Palestinian Ambassador Dr Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid calling for an immediate ceasefire from all sides in the conflict and that humanitarian aid be allowed as a matter of urgency.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: _____