

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, NENAGH, CO. TIPPERARY
AT 11 AM ON 11th MARCH 2019**

Present

Cllr. M. Ryan, Cathaoirleach

Cllrs. Ambrose, S. Anglim, M; Bonfield, F; Bourke, J; Bourke, K; Browne, M; Bugler, P; Carey, C; Carroll, J; Crosse, J; Darcy, G; Doran, D; Dunne, D; English, P; Fitzgerald, M; FitzGerald, Ml; Goldsboro, I; Hanafin, S; Hannigan, J; Hogan, J; Hanna-Hourigan, M; Kennedy, R;; Lonergan, M; Lowry, M; McGrath, H; McLoughlin, L; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Morris, S; Murphy, Marie; Murphy, Ml; O'Meara, K; O'Meara, Ml; Ryan, J; Ryan, S; Smith, M; Wood, T.

Also Present

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, M Shortt, K. Cashen, P. Slattery, C. Curley, M. O'Connor, Directors of Service, L. McCarthy, Head of Finance, M. O'Neill, A/Director of Services, D Carroll, Chief Fire Officer, D. Dullaghan, County Librarian, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies

Cllr. D. Leahy

Vote of Sympathy

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. G. Darcy proposed a vote of sympathy to the Cleary family, Ballycapple, Cloughjordan on the death of Tom Cleary, former Chairman of Bord Bainne.

Members joined in offering their condolences to the family.

Item 1.1

Proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** seconded by **Cllr. D. Doran** and resolved

**Minutes of
Council Meeting
held on 11th
February 2019**

"That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th February 2019 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Clonmel Co. Tipperary, as presented be adopted".

Item 2.1

It was proposed by **Cllr. M. Fitzgerald** seconded by **Cllr. M. Hanna Hourigan** and resolved:-

**Conferences
/Seminars
/Training**

"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
LAMA "Spring Training Seminar 2019"	7 th -8 th March 2019	The Bush Hotel, Carrick-on- Shannon, Co. Leitrim	Cllr. S. Ryan Cllr. M. Ryan Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald

			Cllr. I. Goldsboro Cllr. S. Morris Cllr. Ml. Smith Cllr. Ml. FitzGerald Cllr. Ml. Murphy Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. S. Ambrose Cllr. A. Moloney Cllr. K. Bourke Cllr. J. Bourke Cllr. D. Leahy Cllr. M. Anglim Cllr. J. Crosse Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. P. Bugler Cllr. R. Molloy Cllr. J. Hannigan Cllr. L. McLoughlin Cllr. J. Hogan
Centre for Local & Regional Governance "Who Runs Local Government"	14 th March 2019	UCC	Cllr. J. Carroll
SEAI Energy Show	27 th -28 th March 2019	RDS	Cllr. Ml. O'Meara Cllr. J. Carroll Cllr. J. Hannigan
AILG "The Marine Spatial Planning Strategy & Met Eireann, Forecasting Services and Local Authorities"	21 st March 2019	The Park Hotel, Dungarvan	Cllr. I. Goldsboro
AILG "The Marine Spatial Planning Strategy & Met Eireann, Forecasting Services and Local Authorities"	23 rd March 2019	Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow,	Cllr. A. Moloney Cllr. M. Ryan Cllr. S. Morris Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. S. Ryan Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan Cllr. Marie Murphy
AILG "The Marine Spatial Planning Strategy & Met Eireann, Forecasting Services and Local Authorities"	28 th March 2019	Radisson Hotel, Sligo	Cllr. Ml. Smith Cllr. J. Hannigan Cllr. J. Carroll

Item 2.2
Reports on
Conferences

Proposed by **Cllr. M. Fitzgerald** seconded by **Cllr. M. Hanna Hourigan** and noted.

Item 3.1
Section 183

It was proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. M. Fitzgerald** and resolved

Disposal of
Property Hughes
Lot East,
Rathordan,
Kilscobin, Cashel

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve of the disposal of 2.0546 hectares at Rathordan, Hughes'-Lot East & Kilscobin, Cashel Co Tipperary in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section as circulated on the 26th February 2019."

This land relates to the construction of the N8 Cashel Bypass and is no longer required by the Council. In speaking in relation to disposal of land in connection with the N8 Cashel Bypass, Cllr. M. FitzGerald asked that the legal status of ownership of lands at Rathordan be clarified for other landowners utilising lands at this location.

It was agreed that the matter would be followed up with the relevant Authority.

Item 3.2
Audit Committee
Report

The Annual Audit Report 2018 and Report pursuant to Section 121 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended by Section 60 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 had been circulated to the members.

Mr. Tony Musiol, member of the Audit Committee, confirmed that the report had been approved by the Audit Committee. The report summarised the key issues considered by the Committee in 2018. Mr. Musiol highlighted the key outcomes during 2018 which included: -

- The review of the Annual Financial Statement and Auditors Report.
- The adoption of an annual Audit Plan for 2018 in line with the Strategic Audit Plan.
- The review of internal audit reports and Audit Committee performance and effectiveness.
- The monitoring of progress of the Internal Audit Plan and recommendations.
- The review of the relevant findings and recommendations of NOAC and VFM reports
- Review of TCC annual performance indicators report.
- Review of the 5 year Audit Plan.

Mr. Musiol stated that the Audit Committee was meeting its statutory role and the current Committee's term of office would cease with the Local Elections in May but that it had put in place an audit program to the end of 2019 in line with our Strategic Audit Plan. He thanked staff and committee members for their contribution to the committee.

The reports as presented were approved by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and agreed.

Item 3.3
To Consider and

It was proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. M. Hanna Hourigan** and resolved

Authorise a Loan Facility not exceeding €3,600,000 for the purposes of advancing mortgages under the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme.

“That pursuant to the Local Government Act 2001 and subject to the sanction of the Minister of Housing, Planning and Local Government, this Council approves the raising of loans not exceeding the total sum of €3,600,000 (three million and six hundred thousand euro) from the Housing Finance Agency for the purpose of advancing mortgages under the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme.”

Item 4.1
Consideration of Management Report

The Management Report with a focus on directorates based in Nenagh as circulated with the agenda was noted and considered by the Council. The following issues were raised: -

Roads, Transportation, Health & Safety

Liberty Square/Slievenamon Road Phase 2

In response to concerns regarding adequate consultation with businesses in advance of the commencement of works, it was noted that both contracts would be completed in tandem and the requirement to consult with relevant businesses would be incorporated into the tender design brief.

Abbey Road, Thurles – The lack of communication with residents by Irish Water during recent works at Abbey Road, Thurles, was raised and it was agreed to convey this to Irish Water. It was noted that no road closures would be required to facilitate these works.

Winter Maintenance - It was noted that no further roads would be added to the winter maintenance programme as the current routes were at full staffing capacity having regard to the resources available..

Meeting with T.I.I. – It was expected that a date for a meeting with the T.I.I. to discuss various county wide issues would be confirmed in the coming weeks. Members were encouraged to raise any particular issues of concern with the Chair of their respective Municipal Districts.

Water Outage Clonmore – Reference was made to a recent water outage in the Clonmore area, which would be flagged with Irish Water.

Suir Blueway – It was suggested that consideration would be given to seeking expressions of interest from private markets to provide pick up points along the route.

Reference was also made to issues on the blueway relating to green waste and dog control which would be referred to Environment for investigation.

Directional Signs – The cleaning of directional signs would be followed up with District Engineers.

Ardfinnan Bridge – It was agreed to liaise with Leitrim County Council regarding cantilever type pedestrian bridge utilised in Carrick-on-Shannon.

N.62 Templemore – Discuss temporary works to a section of road with T.I.I.

Walking Route, Nenagh – The provision of public lighting on the walking route on the periphery of Nenagh Town between roundabouts to be raised with T.I.I.

N.24 Upgrade - It was noted that a preliminary appraisal plan had been approved for the N.24

Clonmel Outer Ring Road – it was agreed that the provision of an outer ring road for Clonmel would be raised at the TII Meeting.

Turnaround points Motorway - Reference was made to the need for strategic turn-around points on a motorway in the event of motorway closures and the matter to be considered in future Motorway designs..

Post Office, Liberty Square, Thurles

Thurles Area Members spoke of proposals to move the Post Office from Liberty Square to another location in Thurles. It was the opinion of some members that this would have a negative impact on businesses in the area.

Mr. Joe MacGrath confirmed that the concerns of members had been expressed to officials of An Post and the Council were willing to engage with An Post on the issue.

Item 8.1

Notice of Motion

**Special Funding
for public Cul-de-
Sacs**

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoireach to take Item 8.1 Notice of Motion Ref 1606 Policy as part of the Management Report

Motion No. 8.1 (1606) was proposed by **Cllr. M. Anglim**

"I call on Tipperary County Council to write to the Minister seeking a meeting with him to call for Special Funding for Public cul-de-sacs which are greater than 1.5km in length. These roads are so long it would take the entire funds allocation for a year to the CIS in a Municipal Area to do just one road".

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. A Moloney**

The reply to the Notice of Motion was as follows: -

Works to be carried out under the Community Involvement Scheme must be in accordance with the conditions set out in Circulars RW-04/2018 of the 19th of February and RW7/2018 of the 5th of June 2018. The length of roadway is not identified in either of these Circulars as a parameter for prioritising the works.

Members spoke in support of the motion. They referred to the need to incorporate a maximum contribution for the CIS Scheme similar to the LIS Scheme. It was agreed that a meeting would be sought with the Minister and the suggestion regarding maximum contributions would be discussed with the Department.

Planning

Preplanning Meetings - Members referred to their dissatisfaction at the removal of individual preplanning meetings with members and planning applicants that they represented. It was the view of the members that they had an important role in advising planning applicants and in some instances an individual preplanning meeting with planner, member and applicant was a necessary stage of the planning process. It was the members' view that the current procedure did not afford privacy to applicants.

Mr. M. O'Connor, D.O.S. noting the members views agreed that the role of members in the planning process was crucial. He advised that currently monthly preplanning clinics for one off houses were held and these clinics were successful in dealing with general queries with the facility for one to one consultation if required. The feedback from these clinics was positive and the clinics had been successful in reducing a backlog of requests for preplanning meetings. It was agreed to review the current protocol having regard to the members concerns. He confirmed that commercial planning applications were automatically given a private consultation with a planner.

Signage National Routes – It was noted that the Development Plan set out the criteria in relation to signage on National Routes

Fire & Emergency Services

Solar Panel Storage Batteries - It was agreed to liaise with Cllr. Dunne regarding fire procedures for Solar PV Storage Batteries.

Borrisokane Fire Station – The viability of incorporating a Library as part of the design for a new Fire Station was raised and it was agreed to investigate the matter further noting that the proposed station was third on the list of five stations to be developed and it was anticipated that it would be 2020 before design work would commence.

Templemore Fire Station – It was noted that works were expected to be completed in July 2019.

Cashel Fire Station – Preliminary design had been completed and it was anticipated that the Part 8 Public Consultation process would commence later in 2019.

Fire Call out - Cllr Morris conveyed his appreciation to the Fire Brigade for their professionalism during a recent call out to a housefire.

Library & Cultural Services

Clonmel Library Upgrade – An application for the redevelopment of Clonmel Library had been submitted to the Department but no further update was available.

Library Digital Hub - Digital Hubs in Clonmel and Nenagh Library would be opened in the coming weeks.

Library Building, Cahir – Repair works to be carried out to entrance door of building.

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoireach to take Item 4.2 Consideration of Draft Civic Memorial Policy as part of the Management Report.

Draft Civic Memorial Policy

The Draft Civic Memorial Policy had been circulated to the members. The policy set out the process by which Tipperary County Council would consider the commemoration of events or individuals who had shaped the County, either by the naming of infrastructure or by the installation of monuments, memorials and plaques in the public domain.

The Draft Policy had been made available for public inspection from the 28th January, 2019 until Friday, 22nd February. Copies of the Draft Policy were available at all Council Offices and Public Libraries and it was also available on the Council's website. One submission was received.

It was noted that the Housing, Community & Cultural SPC at their meeting held on the 6th March, considered the submission made and recommended that the Council adopt the Civic Memorial Policy with changes.

Following further consideration, it was recommended that the Draft Civic Memorial Policy be adopted subject to the changes proposed by the SPC.

It was proposed by **Cllr. J. Ryan**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Ryan** and resolved: "That the Draft Civic Memorial Policy as circulated to the Members be and is hereby adopted".

Finance & Information Technology

Parking Charges - Members spoke of the effect parking charges were having on town centre businesses. They referred to the variance in charges in different towns and the need for a review of charges.

Mr. Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance, confirmed that car parking charges were set for 2019 and outlined that these charges generated an income of approximately €3m for the County. Members would have to consider this significant income source as part of any review of car parking charges, noting that there had been no increase in Car Parking Charges during the life of the current Council.

Mr. Joe MacGrath advised members that as parking charges were set for 2019, it was open to members to raise this issue in the context of the 2020 Budget. However, he urged caution as issues affecting town centre business would not be resolved by a review of parking charges alone. A range of issues affected businesses, in particular online shopping. Members were aware that substantial investment would be made in town centres over the next 3 years as a result of urban and regional funding streams and the Chief Executive indicated that he would be happy to facilitate further discussion on Car Parking Charges as part of Budget 2020.

REVAL 2019 – Mr. Liam McCarthy advised members that Proposed Valuation Certificates would issue to occupiers of relevant rateable properties in Tipperary beginning on 15th March 2019. A ratepayer who was dissatisfied with any of the particulars contained in his or her Proposed Valuation Certificate could, within 40 days of the date of the issue of the Proposed Valuation Certificate, make representations to the Valuation Office.

It was noted that the Valuation Office would have walk-in-clinics in each district in March and dates for each clinic would be circulated to the members. Ratepayers were urged to engage with the Valuation Office.

Item 5.1 **Agree Date for** **May Council** **Meeting**

It was agreed that the May Meeting would be held on the 13th May at a venue to be decided. The meeting would commence at 10.30 a.m.

Item 5.2

It was agreed on the recommendation of the Corporate Policy Group that a

Agree date for Councillor Workshop

Workshop with Irish Water would be held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 10.00am in Thurles Municipal District Chamber. Part of the workshop would deal with the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

Item 3.3
Representations by Elected Members – GDPR implications.

Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator, referred to the recent workshop held on the implications of GDPR for representations for Elected Members and Non Elected Members. This matter was held in Committee and clarified the Council's recently adopted protocol in relation to same.

Item 6.1
Deputation from Vintners Federation of Ireland

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Kieran Linnane, Chairman Tipperary Vintners Federation of Ireland and Mr. Pat Kelleher, National Off Licence Association and invited them to make a presentation to the Members.

Mr. Linnane and Mr. Kelleher spoke of the effect that below cost selling of alcohol by large retailers was having on the off licence and bar trade and how this also promoted excessive consumption of alcohol. Despite successive increases in excise duty there had been no proven increase in alcohol prices. Excise duty did not decrease the dangerous consumption of alcohol but damaged local businesses. They were seeking a ban on below invoice cost selling in the absence of a Minimum Unit Pricing and sought the support of the members.

Members were unanimous in their support of the campaign by the VFI and Noffla. They were also concerned about the effects of below cost selling and the excessive consumption of alcohol. They spoke of the important role pubs had as a social connection in the community and from a tourism aspect.

The Deputation thanked the members for their support and the opportunity to present their case and they then withdrew from the meeting.

Item 7.1
Consideration of Orders for the period 28th February 2019

Chief Executive and Delegated Officers Order for the period to the 28th February 2019 were noted.

Item 8.2
Notice of Motion
Merge of Cahir LEA with Cashel/Tipperary Municipal District

Motion No. 8.2 (1617) was proposed by **Cllr. M. Lonergan**

"That in light of the recent decision by Minister of State, Mr. John Paul Phelan, T.D. to remove the Cahir LEA from Clonmel Borough District and merge it with Cashel/Tipperary Municipal District, that the County Council would insist that the Minister review this decision, for the Department to liaise with the CE and Council Officials to best address concerns of Elected members regarding the geographical size of the proposed new Super District, the logistics of removing the Cahir LEA in terms of staff and funding and membrs of the public and that the Minister revert back to the proposals of the Independent Boundary Commission that the Borough would remain the same with separate LEA's or alternatively, to hold off on its implementation pending a full review".

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. P. English**

The reply to the Notice of Motion was as follows: -

The relevant legislative provision was set out in Section 22A and Section 23 of the Local Government Act 2001, which provided for each city and county to have 2 or more districts (each consisting of 1 or more than 1 local electoral area) to be known as Municipal Districts, as the Minister shall determine by order made under Section 23 of the Local Government Act 2001. Section 23 empowered the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to divide a local authority area into local electoral areas and to determine the Municipal Districts within a county, however in advance of deciding to make an order, the Minister must request a Boundary Commission to make a report having regard to such terms of reference as may be specified by the Minister. The Minister must publish the report and must have regard to the report of that committee when deciding to make an order on local electoral area boundaries.

Two independent Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees were established to review and make recommendations on local electoral areas (LEAs) having regard to, among other things, the results of Census 2016 as well as the commitment to consider reducing the size of territorially large local electoral areas and ensuring adequate levels of representation for towns and urban areas. The requirement to reduce the size of LEAs arose from concerns raised by councillors in previous years in relation to territorially large areas, and to bring a tighter and more urban focus, particularly to former borough towns, and towns with populations of 30,000 or more, following the last boundary review. Each recommendation required a balance of all relevant factors, such as population, extent of urban and rural population density, geography and topography, as well as consideration of community linkages and the practicalities of boundary lines. The boundary committees completed their reports in June 2018, following 3 public consultations. Tipperary County Council made a detailed submission on 16th February 2018 and a total of 10 submissions were made in respect of Tipperary, all of which are available to view on the boundary commission website. In general, the recommendations of the Boundary committee were in line with the Council's submission and in addition, the Boundary Committee No. 1 report also made recommendations in relation to the configuration of municipal districts within Tipperary as follows:

- Clonmel Municipal Borough District comprising Clonmel LEA and Cahir LEA;
- Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District comprising Cashel-Tipperary LEA;
- Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District comprising Carrick-on-Suir LEA;
- Nenagh Municipal District comprising Nenagh LEA and Newport LEA;
- Thurles Municipal District comprising Thurles LEA and Roscrea-Templemore LEA.

The Minister accepted all of their recommendations in relation to the designation of LEA's however, in a very limited number of circumstances; he decided to deviate from the Committee's recommendations on Municipal Districts in order to facilitate the creation of distinct urban Municipal Districts for a small number of very large centres and former boroughs.

The designations of Municipal Districts in County Tipperary were signed into effect by statutory instrument in December 2018 in parallel with the division

of the county into Local Electoral Areas as follows:

- The Borough District of Clonmel consisting of the LEA of Clonmel;
- The Municipal District of Cahir-Cashel consisting of the LEA of Cashel-Tipperary and the LEA of Cahir;
- The Municipal District of Carrick-on-Suir consisting of the LEA of Carrick-on-Suir;
- The Municipal District of Nenagh consisting of the LEA of Nenagh and the LEA of Newport;
- The Municipal District of Thurles consisting of the LEA of Thurles and the LEA of Roscrea-Templemore;

It was noted also that the Minister of State for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Mr John Paul Phelan met with the members and officials of both Clonmel Borough District and Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District on Monday 25th February 2019 to discuss local views on specific Municipal District alignment and titles and while he was open to changing the title of the Cahir – Cashel Municipal District to incorporate the name of Tipperary, he made it clear that he was not open to changing the configuration of the Clonmel Borough District.

The Council was currently examining the implications of said Order in terms of the administrative and operational resources required to manage the re-configured Municipal District.

Cllrs. M. Lonergan, P. English, R. Molloy, Marie Murphy, A. Moloney and M. Anglim expressed their disappointment at the responses given to their concerns at the meeting held with Minister Phelan on the 25th February, 2019. It was their view that the existing structure for the Clonmel and Cahir areas should remain, the structure was working well and Cahir and Clonmel had a natural linkage. Cllr. Ambrose stated that she had no opposition to the structure proposed for Clonmel Borough District.

It was the view of some members that the motion would not alter the decision that had been made.

Mr. Joe MacGrath stressed that this was a political decision and a factual account of the background had been outlined in the response to the motion. The Minister was aware of the views of the members but it was his understanding that the decision regarding Clonmel Borough District would not be altered.

As the Members were divided on the matter, the Cathaoirleach called for a vote on the motion as follows: -

	Comhairleoir	FOR	AGAINST	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
1.	Ambrose, Siobhan		√		
2.	Anglim, Micheál	√			
3.	Bonfield, Fiona	√			
4.	Bourke, Joe			√	
5.	Bourke, Kieran	√			
6.	Browne, Martin	√			
7.	Bugler, Phyll			√	
8.	Carey, Catherine			√	
9.	Carroll, John			√	

10.	Crosse, John		√		
11.	Darcy, Ger		√		
12.	Doran, David	√			
13.	Dunne, David	√			
14.	English, Pat	√			
15.	Mark Fitzgerald			√	
16.	FitzGerald, Michael		√		
17.	Goldsboro, Imelda			√	
18.	Hanafin, Seamus	√			
19.	Hanna-Hourigan, Mary		√		
20.	Hannigan, Joe			√	
21.	Hogan, John			√	
22.	Kennedy, Roger		√		
23.	Leahy, Denis			√	
24.	Lonergan, Martin	√			
25.	Lowry, Michael			√	
26.	McGrath, Hughie				√
27.	McLoughlin, Louise		√		
28.	Molloy, Richie	√			
29.	Moloney, Andy	√			
30.	Moran, Eddie			√	
31.	Morris, Seamus	√			
32.	Murphy, Marie	√			
33.	Murphy, Michael			√	
34.	O'Meara, Kevin	√			
35.	O'Meara, Michael			√	
36.	Ryan, Jim	√			
37.	Ryan, Sean			√	
38.	Smith, Michael	√			
39.	Wood, Tom			√	
40.	Ryan (Coole), Mattie	√			
	TOTALS	17	7	15	1

The motion was carried by 17 votes in favour, 7 against and 16 absent at the time of the vote and it was agreed to refer the motion to the Minister for his consideration and reply.

Item 9.1

Motion No. 9.1 (1607) was proposed by **Cllr. J. Ryan**

Notice of Motion

"I am calling on the Minister for Justice to introduce a cap on the number of times that a repeat offender can avail of free legal aid".

Free Legal Aid - Repeat Offenders

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. D Doran**

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Minister for Justice for consideration and a copy forwarded to other local authorities.

Item 9.2

Motion No. 9.2 (1608) was proposed by **Cllr. A. Moloney**

Notice of Motion

"That this Council call on the relevant Minister to include the Car Theory Test as an optional part of the Transition Year School Curriculum".

Car Theory Test

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. P. English**

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport and to the Minister for Education and Skills for consideration.

Item 9.3

Notice of Motion

**Wild Deer
Population in
Ireland**

Motion No. 9.3 (1613) was proposed by **Cllr. M. Lonergan**

"That Tipperary County Council would call on either the Minister for Agriculture or the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to acknowledge that the wild deer population of Ireland has dramatically increased, that they are causing devastating damage to farmland, crops and causing a dangerous hazard on our rural and national roads particularly in Areas of County Tipperary (in particular the foothills of the Knockmealdown, Galtee and Comeragh Mountain Ranges), if the Departments could confirm the current status of the Irish Deer Management Forum, when a Chairperson will be appointed, and we call on the Departments in question to establish, along with local stakeholders including farmers and local Gun Clubs, County Management Committees to implement policies and best practice to deal with the issue in the interest of animal, economic and motorists interests".

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

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and to the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Item 9.4

Notice of Motion

**VAT Rate on Food
Supplements**

Motion No. 9.4 (1615) was proposed by **Cllr. P. English**

"That Tipperary County Council request the Minister for Finance, Paschal Donohoe to reverse his decision to introduce 23% VAT rate on food supplements including vitamins, minerals, probiotics, omega 3 and 6 fatty acids and folic acid".

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

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Minister for Finance for consideration and reply.

Item 9.5

Notice of Motion

**Better Energy
Warmer Homes
Scheme**

Motion No. 9.5 (1618) was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose**

"That Tipperary County Council writes to Minister Richard Bruton, Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment and to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland requesting that in light of their recent announcement to include drylining under their free Better Energy Warmer Homes Scheme that they amend their eligibility criteria to allow home owners living in mass concrete homes who previously could only have their attics insulated under this scheme to be given permission to re-apply to this scheme to have their homes drylined".

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

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment and to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland for consideration and response.

Item 9.6

Motion No. 9.6 (1619) as proposed by **Cllr. K. O'Meara**

Notice of Motion

Immunization Programme - Meningitis B

"I would like to call on the Council to write to the Minister for Health and the National Immunization Advisory Committee and request a catch up programme to immunize older children against Meningitis B. Since 2016, all children receive the vaccine, a catch up scheme is needed for children born before this who are not immunized. GP's are inundated with calls from parents seeking the vaccine which can cost €450, causing financial stress on families".

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

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Minister for Health for consideration and response.

Item 9.7

Motion No. 9.7 (1620) as proposed by **Cllr. D. Doran**

Notice of Motion

Removal of Religious Symbols from Hospital Wards

"I propose that this Council write to the Government expressing our opposition to a Government proposal that will oblige hospitals run by the Catholic Church to remove crucifixes and other religious symbols from the hospital wards. If this proposal was passed it would be another denigration of our country's values and long held traditions".

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. R. Kennedy**

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Minister for Health for consideration and response.

Item 9.8

Motion No. 9.8 (1621) was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose**

Notice of Motion

VAT Rate on Food Supplements

"That Tipperary County Council write to both the Minister for Finance Paschal Donohoe, T.D. and the Office of An Taoiseach to express our opposition at the Government's proposal to add a 23% VAT to Food supplements, Vitamins and Minerals".

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. P. English**

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Minister for Finance for consideration and response.

Items 10.1 – 10.3

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

Correspondence

Items 11.1

Resolutions from other local authorities

Resolutions from other Local Authorities were noted:

Laois County Council

That Laois County Council request funding from the Department of Justice & Equality to facilitate the operational expenses of the County Morgue and Coroner.

Cllr. Ambrose indicated her support of the Resolution.

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Expression of Votes of Sympathy.

Votes of sympathy were extended to the following: -

- Anne Marie Keaveney, Nenagh on the death of her father, Sean.
- Joe McGrath, G.O. Cashel-Tipperary MD on the death of his brother, Michael(Mikey).
- Adrian O'Mahoney, Carrigeen Civic Amenity Site Caretaker on the death of his brother, Brian.
- Family of Danny Hassett, Tyone, Nenagh, former Overseer, Burial Ground Caretaker and Member of Fire Service with North Tipperary County Council and father of former staff members, Tony, Noreen and Ger.
- Family of Tom Cleary, former Chairman of Bord Baine.
- Maureen Gleeson on the death of her husband, Michael.

Vote of Congratulations

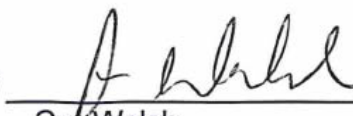
Vote of Congratulations was extended to the following: -

- Cashel Community School on winning the All Ireland Senior Camogie Final.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: