

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, CLONMEL
AT 11.00 AM ON 14TH OCTOBER, 2019**

Present

Cllr. Ml. Murphy, Cathaoirleach

Cllrs: Ahearn, G; Ambrose, S; Anglim, M; Black, T; Bonfield, F; Bourke K; Bugler, P; Burgess, D; Carroll, J; Coonan, N.J; Crosse, J; Darcy, G; Dennehy, N.P; Dunne, D; English, P; Fitzgerald, M; FitzGerald, Ml; Goldsboro, I; Hanafin, S; Hannigan, J; Hourigan, Mary Hanna; Kennedy, R; Lee, S; Lowry, M; McGrath, H; McGrath (Rocky), J; McGrath, M; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Morris, S; Murphy, Marie; O'Meara, K; O'Meara, Ml; Ryan (Shiner), A; Ryan, J; Ryan, P; Ryan, S; Smith, M.

Also Present

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, S. Carr, S. Keating, P. Slattery, C. Curley, M. O'Connor, K. Cashen, Directors of Service, E. Lonergan A/Director of Services G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Item 1.1

**Deputation –
Save our Hospital
Committee**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Prof. Paud O'Regan and Dr. Alan Moore and invited them to make a presentation to the members on behalf of the "Save our Hospital Committee".

Prof. Paud O'Regan addressed the members specifically in relation to the placement of Tipperary Hospital Services in the new six new regional health areas and the effect this would have on services. He outlined, as background, the services provided currently by South Tipperary General Hospital, annual statistics, the problems the hospital was facing and what the hospital required which included: -

- Complete staffing and equipping of all 40 beds in modular unit;
- Obtain deregation from jobs moratorium for immediate restoration of posts.
- Seek planning & funding for 75 replacement beds and 50 additional beds.

In July 2019 the restructuring of the health service was announced. The HSE was to be divided into six new regional health areas, each would be given more autonomy and its own budget while answering to the HSE executive and board on major issues. Tipperary South was being placed in Area C with Waterford, Kilkenny, Carlow, Wexford, Wicklow and part of South Dublin. There were deep concerns at breaking existing established networks for complex acute patient care, the competing by each of the urban centres for funding and development particularly in view of Tipperary's placement in an area with part of South Dublin and the threat to have no level 3 acute hospitals in South Tipperary.

Prof O'Regan called for a united county wide political action on the

new proposals before services were lost.

Dr. Alan Moore addressed the members on psychiatric services in Tipperary which he stated were stretched beyond their limit due to a large number of empty posts and lack of acute admission beds. This resulted in an inability to address the needs of the most ill of the patients with citizens of South Tipperary being referred to Kilkenny and North Tipperary to Ennis. Patients suffering from major psychiatric illnesses required lifelong contact with the service, consistent familiar staff and regular visits from family and community based staff with the option of home trial leave to ensure good health outcomes. This could not happen at present due to the distances involved and lack of public transport.

Dr Moore called for the following action: -

- Unlock recruitment moratorium.
- Support applications made for extra posts.
- A start date for Crisis House Build
- Official recognition of Tipperary as special case.
- New consultant psychiatrist pay differential to be abolished
- Written commitment from Minister to reopen beds at STGH and North Tipperary.

Members thanked Prof. O'Regan and Dr. Moore for their informative presentations. It was unanimously agreed that Minister Harris and Minister Daly should be contacted immediately seeking the receipt of a deputation from Tipperary County Council to discuss the issues raised in the presentation.

Item 2.1
Minutes of
Council Meeting
held on 9th
September 2019

Proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** ,seconded by **Cllr. S. Ryan** and resolved

"That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th September 2019 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, as presented be adopted".

Congratulations

Cllr. Hanafin as Leas Cathaoirleach congratulated Tipperary Fire Service on winning "Best Public Service" and "Consistent High Achiever" awards recently in the National Safety Awards.

Item 2.1
Conferences
/Seminars
/Training

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

"That pursuant to Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act 2001 and having regard to (i) the benefits likely to accrue, (ii) the general interest of this administrative area and of the local community (iii) the estimated cost of the proposed attendance and the provision made for such purposes in the annual budget, hereby nominate those listed hereunder to attend the following Conferences/Seminars/Trainings: -

Seminar/	Dates	Venue	Nominees
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Conference/ Similar Event			
Wexford County Council "Creating Economic and Business Opportunities from Climate Change"	9 th October 2019	Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	Cllr. Ml. O'Meara Cllr. P. Bugler
AILG "The Planning Process, the Elected Member and the Office of the Planning Regulator"	10 th October 2019	Radisson Blue Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick	Cllr. P. Butler Cllr. A. Moloney Cllr. G. Ahearn Cllr. S. Ambrose Cllr. M. Anglim Cllr. Ml. Fitzgerald
AILG "The Planning Process, the Elected Member and the Office of the Planning Regulator"	12 th October 2019	The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth	Cllr. S. Ryan Cllr. Ml. Murphy Cllr. I. Goldsboro Cllr. S. Morris Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald Cllr. J. Crosse Cllr. P. Ryan Cllr. K. O'Meara Cllr. J. Carroll
LAMA "Autumn Seminar"	17 th - 19 th October 2019	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	Cllr. S. Ryan Cllr. M. Smith Cllr. I. Goldsboro Cllr. G. Ahearn Cllr. S. Morris Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. R. Molloy Cllr. P. Bugler Cllr. R. Kennedy Cllr. M. McGrath Cllr. K. Bourke Cllr. E. Moran Cllr. D. Burgess Cllr. K. O'Meara Cllr. N. Dennehy Cllr. A. Moloney Cllr. Ml. O'Meara Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Ml. FitzGerald Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan Cllr. Ml. Murphy Cllr. M. Anglim Cllr. S. Ambrose
NFLA All Ireland Sustainable	18 th October	Council Chamber City Hall,	Cllr. J. Carroll Cllr. G. Ahearn

Energy Forum "Autumn Energy Policy Seminar 2019"	2019	Dublin.	
Tusla "Tusla Regional Engagement Event – South"	21 st Oct 19	Clayton Hotel, Silversprings , Tivoli, Cork	Cllr. R. Kennedy
Energy Action "Fuel Poverty Conference"	21 st October 2019	Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin	Cllr. J. Carroll Cllr. G. Ahearn Cllr. Ml. Murphy Cllr. N. Dennehy
Celtic Conferences "Budget 2020"	11 th - 13 th October 2019	Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth	Cllr. E. Moran Cllr. G. Ahearn Cllr. R. Kennedy Cllr. P. Ryan Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan Cllr. J. Crosse Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald Cllr. D. Burgess
Celtic Conferences "Ireland and Plastic Waste"	25 th - 27 th October 2091	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. A. Moloney

Item 2.2
Reports on
Conferences

Proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** seconded by **Cllr. J. Carroll** and noted.

Item 4.1
Part 8
121, Ard-na-
Greine, Clonmel,
Co. Tipperary.

The Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 had been circulated to the members. The development proposed the demolition of an existing derelict dwelling and construction of 2 No. dwellings at Ard-na-Greine, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. Two submissions were received during the public consultation period. The Planning Authority was satisfied that the proposal, subject to conditions was in line with the policies and objectives of the Clonmel and Environs Development Plan 2013, as varied, would not impact on the visual amenity or character of the area, was acceptable in terms of access and traffic movements, and was acceptable in terms of drainage. The development as set out on the plans and particulars was considered acceptable and was consistent with the principle of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Therefore, it was recommended that the proposed development should proceed subject to the recommended requirements and conditions.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. P. English and agreed that the development should proceed as outlined.

Item 4.2
Section 183

It was proposed by **Cllr. A. Moloney** seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and resolved

Disposal of land at No. 6 Mill Cottages, Mitchelstown Road, Cahir, Co. Tipperary to Deirdre McEniry and Neville Shortt

Item 4.3

Section 183

Disposal of part of the property known as Bridewell Old Jail Southern Block and Yard in the townlands of Carrownreddy to Cashel & Emly Diocesan Trust Ltd.

“That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve the disposal of land, the total of which amounts to 0.0069 ha. at 6, Mill Cottage, Mitchelstown Road, Cahir, County Tipperary to Deirdre McEniry and Neville Shortt in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section circulated on 24th September 2019”.

This Section 183 Notice was necessary to rectify a historic mapping error.

Cllr. Annemarie Ryan referred to the Section 183 Notice issued for part of the property known as the Bridewell Old Jail and spoke of the historical significance of the property and asked for a deferral of the disposal until a Task Force in Tipperary was established which was imminent, to allow them to assess the significance of the site and its future development.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr. T. Black.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Hanna Hourigan, seconded by Cllr M. Fitzgerald to proceed with the disposal.

Cllr. Hourigan said that she welcomed the disposal. The property was unoccupied for a long period. Cllr. Fitzgerald spoke of the good relationship in Tipperary with the Diocesan Trust and the benefits of having them develop this building and adjacent open space for the benefit of the community. He referred to other vacant properties in this building complex that were available for development.

The Meetings Administrator clarified that the disposal of the building, the subject of this Section 183, was previously approved by Members at a meeting of the Council held on the 10th December, 2018. The Diocesan Trust subsequently requested a section of outside space to be included in the disposal and it was necessary, therefore, to bring the matter back before the members for consideration. The disposal was by way of a 20 year lease and would be subject to review. The Diocesan Trust were to invest significant funds to refurbish the building and develop the outside space.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, stated that he appreciated the concerns that had been raised but it was his advice that the Council should proceed with the disposal on the terms outlined. The Diocesan Trust had committed to investing in this vacant property. The Chief Executive invited any Community/Heritage Group who was interested in the development of the other vacant properties in this site, to contact the local authority.

Cllr. Annemarie Ryan having considered the advice of the Chief Executive, still reiterated her proposal to defer a decision on the disposal of the land in question.

A vote was subsequently taken on the resolution

Proposed by **Cllr. M. Hanna Hourigan**, seconded by **Cllr. M. Fitzgerald**

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal by way of lease agreement of property known Tipperary Town Old Jail Southern Block and yard to Cashel & Emlý Diocesan Trust Ltd. in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on **Thursday 3th October 2019**”.

	Comhairleoir	FOR	AGAINST	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
1.	Garret Ahearn	√			
2.	Ambrose, Siobhan	√			
3.	Anglim, Micheál	√			
4.	Tony Black		√		
5.	Bonfield, Fiona	√			
6.	Bourke, Kieran	√			
7.	Burgess, Declan	√			
8.	Bugler, Phyll			√	
9.	Carroll, John	√			
10.	Coonan, Noel J.	√			
11.	Crosse, John	√			
12.	Darcy, Ger	√			
13.	Dennehy, Niall J.		√		
14.	Dunne, David		√		
15.	English, Pat		√		
16.	Mark Fitzgerald	√			
17.	FitzGerald, Michael	√			
18.	Goldsboro, Imelda	√			
19.	Hanafin, Seamus	√			
20.	Hanna-Hourigan, Mary	√			
21.	Hannigan, Joe	√			
22.	Kennedy, Roger	√			
23.	Lee, Shane				√
24.	Lowry, Michael	√			
25.	McGrath, Hughie	√			
26.	McGrath, John (Rocky)	√			
27.	McGrath, Máirín	√			
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 (Shiner) Annemarie		√		
37.	Ryan, Jim	√			
38.	Ryan, Sean	√			
39.	Ryan, Peter	√			
40.	Smith, Michael	√			
	TOTALS	31	5	1	3

The Meetings Administrator noted that there were 31 votes for, 5 against and 1 absentee and 3 abstentions, therefore he deemed the resolution to dispose of the said property approved.

Item 4.4

Section 183

Disposal of parts of the property known as Old Roscrea Courthouse within the townland of Parkmore to Age Friendly Roscrea.

It was proposed by **Cllr. M. Smith** seconded by **Cllr. S. Lee** and resolved

"In accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal by way lease agreement of property known as Roscrea Old Courthouse to Age Friendly Roscrea, in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on Thursday 3th October 2019".

It was noted that this Section 183 was for community and social purposes.

Item 4.5

Disposal of part of property at 3 Mountain View, Bansha Road, Tipperary Town to Rudolph Wade

It was proposed by **Cllr MI Fitzgerald** seconded by **Cllr.M. Hanna Hourigan**

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves the disposal of the Council's interest in property at 3 Mountain View, Bansha Road, Tipperary Town to Mr Rudolph Wade in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 3rd October 2019".

It was noted that this Section 183 Notice was in respect of rectification of title.

Cllr. Fitzgerald requested that the matter be progressed as soon as possible.

Item 4.6

Conferral of Civic Reception

It was proposed by **Cllr. G. Ahearn** seconded by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** and resolved: -

"That in accordance with Section 74 of Local Government Act 2001, Tipperary County Council afford a Civic Reception on the 14th December, 2019 at 12 noon in the Dome, Thurles, to the following: -

- Tipperary Senior Hurling Team
- Tipperary U20 Hurling Team
- Tipperary Ladies Intermediate Football Team"

in recognition and appreciation of their significant achievements in winning their respective All Ireland Championships during 2019.

Item 4.7

Overdraft Facility for year ending 31st December 2020

It was proposed by **Cllr. J. Carroll** Seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and resolved: -

"That pursuant to the Local Government Act 2001 and subject to the sanction of the Minister of the Environment, Community and Local Government, this Council authorises the temporary borrowing

by way of overdraft from the Council's Treasurer of a sum not exceeding €5,500,000 (five million and five hundred thousand euro) during the year ending 31st December, 2020."

Adjournment

On the proposal of **Cllr. J. Ryan**, seconded by **Cllr. P English**, the meeting was adjourned for a short period to allow members discuss nominations to the Strategic Policy Committees.

Resumption

Item 5.1

Appointment of members to the Strategic Policy Committee

It was proposed by **Cllr. J. Ryan** Seconded by **Cllr. P. English** and resolved: -

"That Councillors **Máirín McGrath; Séamus Morris; Joe Hannigan; Tony Black** be and are hereby appointed as members of Economic Development & Enterprise SPC"

"That Councillors **Shane Lee; John(Rocky) McGrath; David Dunne; Pat English** be and are hereby appointed as members of the Housing SPC"

"That Councillors **Michael O'Meara; David Dunne; Hughie McGrath; Jim Ryan** be and are hereby appointed as members of the Infrastructure(to include Roads, Transportation & Water Services) SPC"

"That Councillors **Hughie McGrath; Micheál Lowry; Michael O'Meara; Joe Hannigan** be and are hereby appointed as members of the Planning and Emergency Services SPC"

"That Councillors **Richie Molloy, Pat English; John(Rocky) McGrath; Eddie Moran** be and are appointed as members of the Environment and Climate Action SPC"

"That Councillors **Annemarie Ryan(Shiner); Micheál Lowry; Niall Dennehy; Andy Moloney** be and are appointed as members of the Community, Culture and Library Services SPC"

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

"That Councillors **John Carroll; Roger Kennedy;** be and are hereby appointed members of the Planning and Emergency Services SPC".

"That Councillors **Micheál Anglim; Kieran Bourke; Kevin O'Meara** be and are appointed members of the Infrastructure(to include Roads, Transportation & Water Services) SPC".

"That Councillors **Michael Smith; Kieran Bourke; Roger Kennedy** be and are appointed members of the Housing SPC".

It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** Seconded by **Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald** and resolved: -

"That Councillors **Phyll Bugler; Michael Fitzgerald; Ger Darcy; Marie Murphy** be and are appointed members of the Planning and Emergency Services SPC".

"That Councillors **Declan Burgess; Michael Murphy; Mark**

Fitzgerald; Peter Ryan be and are appointed members of the Environment and Climate Action SPC”.

It was proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** Seconded by **Cllr. S. Ryan** and resolved:

“That Councillors **Seamus Hanafin; Siobhán Ambrose; Imelda Goldsboro** be and are hereby appointed members of the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC”

“That Councillors **Siobhán Ambrose; Micheál Anglim; Fiona Bonfield** be and are hereby appointed members of the Community, Culture and Library Service SPC”

It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** Seconded by **Cllr. D. Burgess** and resolved:

“That Councillors **Michael FitzGerald; Mark Fitzgerald; Declan Burgess** be and are hereby appointed members of the Infrastructure(to include roads, Transportation & Water Services) SPC”.

“That Councillors **John Crosse; Ger Darcy; Garret Ahearn** be and are hereby appointed members of the Community, Culture and Library Services SPC”.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** Seconded by **Cllr. P. Ryan** and resolved:

“That Councillors **John Crosse; Garret Ahearn; Peter Ryan; Phyll Bugler; Mary Hanna-Hourigan** be and are appointed members of the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC”.

It was proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** Seconded by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** and resolved:

“That Councillors **John Carroll; Sean Ryan** be and are hereby appointed members of the Environment and Climate Action SPC”.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** Seconded by **Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan** and resolved:

“That Councillors **Noel Coonan; Marie Murphy; Mary Hanna-Hourigan** be and are hereby appointed members of the Housing SPC”.

The following were deemed members of the 6(Six) respective SPC’s

SPC	Councillor
Economic Development & Enterprise	Cllr. John Crosse (Chair) Cllr. M. McGrath Cllr. S. Morris Cllr. J. Hannigan Cllr. T. Black Cllr. S. Hanafin Cllr. S. Ambrose Cllr. I. Goldsboro Cllr. G. Ahearn Cllr. P. Ryan Cllr. P. Bugler Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan

Housing	Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan(Chair) Cllr. S. Lee Cllr. J. McGrath Cllr. D. Dunne Cllr. P. English Cllr. Ml. Smith Cllr. K. Bourke Cllr. R. Kennedy Cllr. N. Coonan Cllr. Marie Murphy
Infrastructure(to include Roads, Transportation & Water Services)	Cllr. Jim Ryan(Chair) Cllr. Ml. O'Meara Cllr. D. Dunne Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. M. Anglim Cllr. K. Bourke Cllr. K. O'Meara Cllr. Michael FitzGerald Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald Cllr. D. Burgess
Planning and Emergency Services	Cllr. Phyll Bugler(Chair) Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. M. Lowry Cllr. Ml. O'Meara Cllr. J. Hannigan Cllr. J. Carroll Cllr. R. Kennedy Cllr. Ml. Fitzgerald Cllr. G. Darcy Cllr. Marie Murphy
Environment and Climate Action	Cllr. John Carroll(Chair) Cllr. R. Molloy Cllr. P. English Cllr. J. McGrath Cllr. E. Moran Cllr. S. Ryan Cllr. D. Burgess Cllr. Ml. Murphy Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald Cllr. P. Ryan
Community, Culture and Library Services	Cllr. Michael Lowry(Chair) Cllr. Anne Marie Ryan(Shiner) Cllr. N. Dennehy Cllr. A. Moloney Cllr. S. Ambrose Cllr. M. Anglim Cllr. F. Bonfield Cllr. J. Crosse Cllr. G. Darcy Cllr. G. Ahearn

Item 5.1 (b)
Ratification of
sectoral
representatives
to the Strategic
Policy
Committees.

It was proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** Seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and resolved

“That **David Shanahan**, Clonmel Chamber be and is hereby ratified as **Business, Commercial & Tourism nominee to the Infrastructure (to include Roads, Transportation & Water Services) SPC**”.

“That **John Butler** be and is hereby ratified as **Business,**

Commercial & Tourism nominee to the Community, Culture and Library Services SPC".

"That **Jonathan Gleeson**, Sherry, Fitzgerald, Gleeson be and is hereby ratified as **Business, Commercial & Tourism nominee to the Housing SPC"**.

"That **Laura Jones**, Clonmel Park Hotel, Clonmel and **Tom McGrath** be and are hereby ratified as **Business, Commercial & Tourism nominees to the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC"**.

"That **Tim Harty**, Upper Gortmore, Thurles be and is hereby ratified as **Agriculture & Farming nominee to the Planning and Emergency Services SPC"**.

"That **Imelda Walsh**, Barhaha, Carrigahoher, Nenagh be and is hereby ratified as **Agriculture & Farming nominee to the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC"**.

"That **Eamon Clancy**, Gortlandroe, Co. Tipperary be and is hereby ratified as **Agriculture & Farming nominee to the Community, Culture and Library Services SPC"**.

"That **Erica O'Keeffe**, Mooreabbey, Cashel be and is hereby ratified as **Agriculture & Farming nominee to the Environment and Climate Action SPC"**.

"That **Peter Farrell**, Springfield, Clonmel be and is hereby ratified as **Agriculture & Farming nominee to the Infrastructure (to include Roads, Transportation & Water Services) SPC"**.

"That **Sean Reidy**, Duggan Brothers (Contractors) Ltd. be and is hereby ratified as **Development Construction nominee to the Infrastructure (to include Roads, Transportation & Water Services) SPC"**.

"That **Jim Sheehan**, Surecom be and is hereby ratified as **Development Construction nominee to the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC"**.

"That **Tom Gallahue**, Teamar Property Development Ltd. be and is hereby ratified as **Development Construction nominee to the Housing SPC"**.

"That **John O'Shaughnessy**, Clancy Construction, Drangan be and is hereby ratified as **Development Construction nominee to the Planning and Emergency Services SPC"**.

"That **Brian Pope** An Taisce(North Tipperary) be and is hereby ratified as **PPN nominee to the Infrastructure(to include Roads, Transportation & Water Services) SPC"**.

"That **Emer Leahy**, Knockanrawley Resource Centre, Mary McMahan, Cabragh and Charles Lamb, Roscrea Heritage Society be and are hereby ratified as **PPN nominees to the Environment and Climate Action SPC"**.

"That **Evelyn Norton** Acquired Brain Injury Ireland, **Matt O'Meara**, An Taisce, **Peggy O'Brien**, Fionn MacCumhaill Players and **Patrick Hanley**, Toomevara GAA Club be and are hereby ratified as **PPN nominees to the Community, Culture and**

Library Services SPC”.

“That **Moira Merrigan**, Youth Work Ireland and **James Byrne**, Community Group be and are hereby ratified **as PPN nominees to the Housing SPC”**

“That **Clare Cashman**, Millennium Family Resource Centre, Glengoole, **Noel Byrne**, Drombane Upperchurch Energy Team and **Mary Spillane**, Pallasderg Residents Committee be and here hereby ratified **as PPN nominees to the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC”.**

“That **Helen Butler**, Ballagh Social Centre be and is hereby ratified **as PPN nominee to the Housing SPC ”.**

“That **Seamus Hoyne**, LIT, Thurles be and is hereby ratified **as LIT nominee to the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC”.**

Item 5.2

Ratification of Members to the Tipperary Local Community & Development Committee (TLCDC)

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr. D Burgess** and resolved:

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 Committee (Section 128E) Regulations 2014, and statutory instruments no. 314 of 2014 the Local Community Development Committee (section128e) (amendment) (no. 1) regulations 2014

and that:

The following persons be ratified as members (private) of The Tipperary Local Community & Development Committee (TLCDC)

- **Mr. Karl Cashen Director of Service** – Nominee of Tipperary County Council
- **Mr. Anthony Fitzgerald** – Nominee of Tipperary County Council
- **Ms. Bernadette Cullen** – Nominee of Tipperary Education and Training Board
- **Mr Mike Edwards** – Nominee of Tipperary Public Participation Network (alternate).

Item 6.1

Consideration of Management Report

Community/Economic Development & Tourism

National Coursing Meeting, Clonmel, February 2020

Cllr Mairin McGrath expressed concerns regarding the possible suspension of the licence for the netting of hares due to the RHD2 virus which in turn would affect the National Coursing Meeting in Clonmel in February 2020. She requested that urgent contact be made with Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Josepha Madigan, T.D. to ensure the continuance of this Meeting which was vital for the economy of Clonmel and surrounding areas.

Members were unified in their support of Cllr. McGrath’s proposal and it was agreed that an email would be sent immediately to

Minister Madigan conveying the concerns of the members.

Members condemned the actions of some protestors at a recent demonstration against Greyhound Racing carried out at Thurles Greyhound Track

Attendance of Garda Commissioner at J.P.C. Meeting

Members welcome the forthcoming visit by Garda Commissioner Drew Harris to a meeting of the Joint Policing Committee. At the request of various members it was agreed to seek clarification if Councillors, not members of the J.P.C. could attend the J.P.C. Meeting.

Hidden Heartlands

It was agreed to circulate Nenagh District members with an update on the development of the Hidden Heartlands in North Tipperary.

Insurance Costs

In response to Cllr Morris who referred to prohibitive insurance costs for community events, it was noted that this was a national issue and the matter would be discussed at a forthcoming I.A.A.T. Conference.

Blueway – Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir

It was noted that Sports Partnership were working in conjunction with Healthy Ireland to develop a number of family events in 2020 to promote the Blueway.

Water Services

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 10.1 Motion No. 1755 submitted by Cllr A. Moloney as part of the Management Report on Water Services.

Item 10.1

Notice of Motion **Concessions for** **provision of Rain** **Water Harvesting** **Systems**

Motion No. 10.1 (1755) was proposed by Cllr. A. Moloney

“That Irish Water allow concessions to new builds or billed customers who provide Rain Water Harvesting Systems on all new and existing developments. This could be in the form of a reduction in the price of a new connection or a credit on billed metering”.

The motion was seconded by Cllr P. English.

It was agreed to forward the motion to Irish Water.

Irish Water – Communication

Some members expressed dissatisfaction with communications between Irish Water and the Members and the lack of feedback to queries raised by the members at recent Workshop.

Prioritisation of Schemes

It was noted that Tipperary County Council could make recommendations for inclusion of schemes in the Irish Water Investment Programme but Irish Water were the decision makers..

Municipal District Meetings

A number of items relative to Municipal District Areas were raised and it was agreed that these would be dealt with at the relative Municipal District Meetings during November.

Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region

It was noted that this project was going through the planning approval process.

Housing

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 9.2 Motion Nos. 1767 and 1768 submitted by Cllr P. English as part of the Management Report on Housing.

Item 9.2

Motion No. 9.2 (1767) was proposed by **Cllr. P. English**

Notice of Motion

“That Tipperary County Council request the Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy, T.D. to allocate additional funding to Tipperary County Council for the Housing Adaptation Grant for Local Authority Tenants as this year’s allocation is €100,000 less than the council received in 2018”

Additional Funding for Housing Adaptation Grants

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

Reply to the Notice of Motion was as follows: -

I can confirm that the Housing section seek additional funding on a yearly basis for works under the Housing Adaptation Schemes. In 2018 we were successful in receiving an extra allocation of €430,000 under the scheme.

We are currently compiling a costed list of works which could be completed by the end of November 2019, if monies became available, and this will be submitted to the Department for approval within the next week

It was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Item 9.3

Motion No. 9.2 (1768) was proposed by **Cllr. P. English**

Notice of Motion

“That Tipperary County Council request the Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy, T.D. to designate Clonmel a rent pressure zone, rents across the County have continued to rise over the last year with Clonmel having the largest increase”.

Designate Clonmel a Rent Pressure Zone

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

Reply to the Notice of Motion was as follows: -

Rent Pressure Zones are designated by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government. For an area to be designated a Rent Pressure Zone, the following measures used are:

- The average rent in the previous quarter must be above the average national rent in the quarter and
- The annual rate of rent inflation in the area must have been 7% or more in four of the last 6 quarters.

The information in relation to rents in an area is monitored centrally from different sources such as the C.S.O., Residential Tenancies Board, the HAP HUB, Daft.ie etc and if the above criteria is being met in an area, it will be designated a Rent Pressure Zone by the Minister.

Subject to the approval of the members, the matter can be forwarded to the relevant Minister for his consideration and reply.

It was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Housing Adaptation Grant Recipients

Following a request by Councillors it was agreed that consideration would be given to the format for notifying members of grant recipients.

Housing Grant Application Forms

Members referred to the need for grant application forms to be made more relative to the information being sought and it was agreed that the Housing SPC would be requested to review the application forms.

Homeless Support

It was confirmed that the Homeless Action Teams operating in Clonmel and Nenagh were dealing effectively with persons presenting as homeless but it was noted that in some cases there were challenging and complex issues other than housing accommodation.

Vacant Houses

It was noted that the void budget for 2019 had been expended and an application for additional funding had been made.

Succession Policy – Rented Dwellings

Reference was made to the succession policy for local authority rented dwellings and the requirement for the family members remaining in the house to comply with social housing criteria to be allowed succeed tenancy.

Repair and Leasing Scheme/Buy & Renew Scheme

It was noted that there was a low take-up on this scheme with one

contract entered into to date. The Buy & Renew Scheme was being actively progressed through the Vacant Homes Officer.

Social Housing Glencarrig Site Roscrea.

It was confirmed that it was intended to develop this site for social housing.

Local Authority Housing - Construction Programme

The four stage process for the construction of local authority dwellings was outlined. Significant progress was being made with 91 dwellings currently at Stage 2 approval. Members were urged to bring any comments/observations they wished to make about a particular development during the public consultation period for the Part 8 process.

Part V Planning & Development Act, 2000

In response to a query raised it was noted that no concerns had been communicated by developers in relation to the requirement to zone 10% of developments for social and affordable housing.

Environment and Climate Action

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 9.1 Motion No. 1754, Item 9.4 Motion No. 1770 and Item 9.5 Motion No. 1771 as part of the Management Report on Environment and Climate Action.

Item 9.1

Motion No. 9.1 (1754) was proposed by **Cllr. M. Murphy**

Notice of Motion

Mattress and Sofa Amnesty

“That this Council would have a Mattress and Sofa Amnesty (as has been done in numerous other Councils) in each Municipal District. I believe an initiative such as this, could help alleviate some of the illegal dumping which is a blight on the county’s landscape”.

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

The reply to the Motion as follows was noted and agreed.

Those councils that offered mattress and sofa amnesties during 2019 did so with financial assistance from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment under the Anti-Dumping Initiative. We chose to tackle other waste management priorities this year under the same scheme, including the purchase of CCTV, IT tablets and a drone to assist our waste enforcement efforts.

The Council will however apply for amnesty funding in 2020, assuming that the initiative is still in place. Details of any amnesty will be designed around available funding, should the Department agree to support our application.

Item 9.4

Notice of Motion

Reverse Vending

Motion No. 9.4 (1770) was proposed by **Cllr. M. McGrath** in the absence of and on the request of Cllr J. Ryan

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. A. Ryan (Shiner)**

Machines

The reply to the Motion as follows was noted and agreed.

The Council is aware of the recent installation of a reverse vending machine in Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan. We have checked with the Department of Communication, Climate Change and the Environment who advised that they have commissioned a review to establish the best way to reach a 90% collection target for beverage bottles including examination of a deposit and return scheme and will consider the outcome of such review and any necessary actions from it, once completed.

Should the members agree, the Council will forward a copy of this notice of motion to Minister Bruton for attention.

Item 9.5

Notice of Motion Reverse Vending Machines

Motion No. 9.4 (1771) was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose**

“That Tipperary County Council investigates the possible rollout of Reverse Vending Machines across each District. These machines give the customer ten cent for every plastic bottle that is put into the machine and the bottles are then recycled by a plastics company”.

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

The reply to the Motion as follows was noted and agreed.

The Council is aware of the recent installation of a reverse vending machine in Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan. We have checked with the Department of Communication, Climate Change and the Environment who advised that they have commissioned a review to establish the best way to reach a 90% collection target for beverage bottles including examination of a deposit and return scheme and will consider the outcome of such review and any necessary actions from it, once completed.

Should the members agree, the Council will forward a copy of this notice of motion to Minister Bruton for his consideration.

Item 10.2

Notice of Motion Acute Psychiatric In-Patient Beds for County Tipperary

Motion No. 10.2 (1774) was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose**

“That Tipperary County Council writes to Minister Jim Daly, the Minister with responsibility for Mental Health and Older People to respectfully remind him of his promise to deliver acute psychiatric in-patient beds for County Tipperary”.

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

It was agreed to forward the motion to Minister Jim Daly, T.D. for consideration and reply.

Following discussion on the motion, it was agreed to write to Minister Bruton to seek an update on the outcome of the review referred to in the reply to the motion.

Donohill Landfill

Mr. Sean Keating, Director of Services, advised members that Donohill Landfill Site was now formally closed and was being examined as a potential site for a Recycling Centre.

Household Waste Inspections

Mr. Sean Keating, D.O.S. advised members that 200 household inspections had been carried out and of these 41 fixed penalty notices had issued. A proposed further round of inspections would take place in 2020.

Item 6.2

Draft Polling Scheme for County Tipperary

A report had been circulated to the members which set out how the polling districts should be updated to accommodate the changes as a result of the Local Electoral Area boundary changes SI No. 634 of 2018 & SI No. 156 of 2019 and proposed changes to the Dáil Constituency Boundaries.

The Electoral (Amendment) (Dáil Constituencies) Act 2017 (No. 39/2017) was signed into law by the President on 23rd December 2017 and provides for new Dáil constituencies, which would take effect at the next Irish general election for the 33rd Dáil. The next general election was due by 12 April 2021 at the latest, but may take place before then.

This Act replaced the Electoral (Amendment) (Dáil Constituencies) Act 2013, which defined the constituencies used for the 32nd Dáil (elected in 2016). The 2017 report of the Constituency Commission, an independent body established by the Government of Ireland to review constituency boundaries, proposed several changes to Dáil constituencies. The number of constituencies had been reduced by 1 to 39. It also increased the number of seats in the Dáil by 2 from 158 to 160. These changes were provided for by the Act.

In relation to Tipperary, The Constituency Commission Report 2017 recommended the creation of a "4 seat Limerick City constituency which should include some population from county Tipperary. The rest of county Tipperary (including the part of county Tipperary that is in the existing Offaly constituency) should form a 5 seat constituency." (Constituencies, 2017) As a result of these recommendations 23 DED's would move from the Offaly Constituency to the Tipperary Constituency and 3 DED's would move from the Tipperary Constituency to the Limerick Constituency. These changes would come into effect on the dissolution of the current Dáil.

Furthermore, The Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 1 Report 2018 recommended that Tipperary should be divided "into eight local electoral areas (LEA), to be formed around the towns of Nenagh, Newport, Thurles, Roscrea and Templemore, Cashel and Tipperary, Cahir, Clonmel, and Carrick-on-Suir" (Report, 2018). Statutory Instrument No. 634 of 2018 and Statutory Instrument No. 156 of 2019 refer to County of Tipperary Local Electoral Areas and Municipal Districts Order bring these changes into statutory effect.

This Council had amended its polling register (iReg) to reflect the above changes.

The making of a new Polling scheme was a reserved function under Section 28 of the Electoral Act 1992. It was recommended that the Council would proceed with the making of a new scheme to reflect the changes, the draft scheme would be put on public display for a period of 5 weeks and a report would be brought to the members following public consultation.

Item 7.1

Agree Date for Annual Budget Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Budget Meeting would be held on the 22nd November, 2020 at 10 a.m. in Civic Offices, Clonmel.

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Consideration of Orders for the period to the 30th September 2019

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to 30th September, 2019 were noted.

Item 10.1-10.7

Correspondence

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

Item 11.1 – 11.3

Resolutions from Other Local Authorities

The following resolutions from other Local Authorities as circulated with the Agenda were noted.

Sligo County Council

That Sligo County Council delay (1) the testing of 5G and the roll-out of 5G in County Sligo (2) call on ComReg to delay the licensing of its roll-out and (3) calls on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment to establish the facts about the radiation impact of 5G and to delay the roll-out across the country until a full assessment of the health and environmental implications are carried out with a report compiled and presented to the Oireachtas.

Leitrim County Council

That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for the Environment to introduce a moratorium on the granting of planning permission for new wind farms until such time as the long overdue new guidelines are issued by the Minister.

Leitrim County Council

That Leitrim County Council call on the National Transport Authority, the Minister for Transport and his Department to extend the area of operations for Local Area hackney Licenses from 5-7 kilometers to 16-20 kilometers.

Leitrim County Council

That Leitrim County Council unanimously support The Beef Plan Campaign in seeking to get for its members and all producers a much fairer percentage share of the income from the livestock they

are producing. In particular, we want to see all thirteen of their key grievances, concerning policy and technical issues, addressed in full by the meat factories. Also, that this motion is forwarded to the Minister for Agriculture and to all other Councils seeking their full support.

Leitrim County Council

That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture Michael Creed and the Government to reject the Mercusor Trade Deal in light of the threat that it poses to our main industry and more specifically to our beef industry which is already experiencing great difficulty in the marketplace with diminishing returns to the primary producer. The Mercusor deal coupled with the proposals coming from the National Climate Change Council which is proposing to terminate beef production via the suckler herd has potential to shut down rural Ireland particularly the Northwest where the land type doesn't lend itself to any other type of production.

Leitrim County Council

That Leitrim County Council supports The Beef Plan Movement and farmers in their campaign for a fair share of profits that are being made from beef and lamb sales, and calls on the Minister for Agriculture to help free farmers from the beef baron's shackles of slavery.

Leitrim County Council

That Leitrim County Council calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Michael Creed, T.D. to take some positive action to alleviate the crisis that is looming in the beef sector at the moment.

Item 11.1 **Votes of** **Sympathy**

Votes of Sympathy were extended to the following:

- Ann Higginbotham, Finance Section on the death of her mother, Patricia.
- Willie Corby, SE Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District on the death of his stepmother, Mary Corby and Rosarie Hickey, Finance Section on the death of her mother-in-law.
- Family of Catherine Bourke former Librarian at Roscrea Library.
- Dan Downey, Community and Social Inclusion on the death of his father, Pat.
- Cllr. Ger Darcy on the death of his mother, Bridie.
- Noeleen Maher, Roscrea Regional Training Centre on the death of her sister, Patricia Ryan and Seamus Ryan, Farneigh, Ballinahinch on the death of his wife, Patricia.
- Sean Ryan, Water Services Caretaker, on the death of his wife Josephine
- Mary McCarthy, Tipperary Town Library, on the death of her sister Josephine Higgins.
- P.J. Maher, former Councillor, Glenbawn, Lattin on the death

of his mother, Rita.

Item 11.1

**Votes of
Congratulations**


Votes of Congratulations were extended to the following: -

- John Hanafin on his election to the Bar Council of Ireland.
- U.14 Cappawhite Ladies Football Team on winning the U14 C Championship 2019.
- Tidy Towns Groups within the County on their excellent results in the 2019 tidy Towns Competition.

There being no further business, the meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: