

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF  
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD  
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM  
AT 10.AM ON 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2021**

**Present**

Cllr. MI Smith, Cathaoirleach

Cllrs: Ambrose, S; Anglim, MI; Bonfield, F; Bourke, K; Bugler, P; Burgess, D; Carroll, J; Coonan, N.J; Crosse, J; Darcy, G; Dennehy, N.P; Dunne, English, P; FitzGerald, MI; Fitzgerald, M; FitzGerald, J; Goldsboro, I; Hanafin, S; Hanna Hourigan, M; Hannigan, J; Kennedy, R; Lee, S; Lowry, M; McGrath, H, McGrath (Rocky) J; McGrath, M; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Morris, S; Murphy, Marie; Murphy, MI. O'Meara, K; O'Meara, MI; Ryan (Shiner), A; Ryan, J; Ryan, P; Ryan, S;

**Also Present**

Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, S. Carr, C. Curley, M. O'Connor, K. Cashen, P. Slattery, Director of Services, E. Lonergan, B. Beck A/Director of Services, L. McCarthy, Head of Finance, J. Cooney, Senior Engineer, Housing, M. O'Neill, S.E.O., Environment, S Lonergan, A/SEO, Housing, G, Walsh Meetings Administrator.

**Apologies**

Cllr. Tony Black

**Welcome and Introduction**

Cllr Michael Smith, Cathaoirleach, welcomed members to the first meeting of 2021, wishing everyone a happy and healthy new year, and noting in particular that this was the first virtual meeting to be held by the Council by zoom. He referenced the decision taken in consultation with the Chief Executive and the CPG to convene the meeting virtually having regard to the current level 5 restrictions currently in place and the critical need to restrict movement around the county. He noted an apology from Cllr Tony Black and then proceeded to take a roll call of all members present.

**Item 1.1**  
**Meeting Protocol**

Members were referred to the meeting protocol for virtual meetings which had been circulated as part of the Agenda.

**Item 1.2**  
**Covid19 Update and potential implication for Tipperary County Council Services**

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive updated the members in relation to the impact on services arising from the recent decision by government to move to level 5 restrictions until the end of January. He said the country was now in the most difficult and challenging stage of the pandemic and it had been a very difficult start to 2021. The health system was under extreme pressure and the Council was doing everything it could to assist the HSE. The number of cases and hospitalisations continued to rise and transmission was at its highest. It was important to comply with public health advice, to reduce our mobility and keep the number of contacts to a minimum.

The Chief Executive stated that the Council was remaining calm, considered, consistent and conscious of the role everyone had to play to deliver its services. Effective from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, the Council

had further restricted its services amid the surge in Covid-19 cases. Access to all Council offices has been restricted to an appointment-based service where considered necessary and offices were closed to walk-in services. Access to all essential services could be made by phone, post, email and on the Council's website. These measures being taken by the Council were critical to ensure the continued delivery of services. Covid-19 cases in Tipperary have increased exponentially over the past month which was a huge concern.

Actions taken by Tipperary County Council were being guided by the absolute priority of protecting the health and safety of staff, elected representatives and the members of the public that interact with the Council. These actions were being taken to give an assurance that we would continue to deliver essential services to the public and communities of Tipperary.

Mr. MacGrath thanked members for their support and patience through this pandemic. He advised that the Council's Crisis Management Team, which he chaired and the Covid-19 Response Team, which was chaired by Director of Services Karl Cashen were managing the Council's response to the pandemic.

Mr. Karl Cashen, Director of Services, informed members that the next meeting of Covid-19 Response Team would be the 75th meeting in the space of 10 months to examine the latest advice issued on a national level. The team would continue to meet weekly to review national guidance and advice, review the current situation within the Council and consider key issues for the council across a range of services. Network meetings were taking place regionally with HSE and Gardai and information was disseminated down to sections. Communications to staff and members was critical and noted that 49 communications had issued to date and 15 press releases updating local media of the council's response to each level of restriction

He advised members that 28 Council staff members had contracted Covid-19 since the start of the pandemic, with most being asymptomatic and 255 staff members had to self-isolate or restrict their movements. 25% of staff were working full-time at home, 25% full-time remotely and 50% were working a hybrid arrangement consisting of both office and remote working. The default position was that staff would work remotely unless it was absolutely necessary that they were required to be in the office. The Council offices were a safe place of work and protocols were in place including wearing face masks when working in an office with others and when leaving the office. Members were urged to observe protocols and that phone and email communication should be the first method of contact and only when absolutely necessary should members visit offices of the Council.

Mr. Cashen confirmed that the arrangements in place were working well in response to the pandemic. Protocols for dealing with emergencies and

the provision of essential services across the directorates were in place.

In response to queries Mr. Cashen confirmed that traffic warden enforcement would continue in the towns and community employment scheme workers would be required to stay at home and not be required to report for work during this current lockdown.

**Item 2.1**  
**Disclosures/**  
**Conflicts of**  
**Interest**

Noted, no matters were notified to the Meetings Administrator in relation to the meeting agenda.

**Item 3.1**  
**Minutes of**  
**Council Meeting**  
**held on 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**December, 2020**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. John Rocky McGrath** and resolved: -

**“That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 in Moycarkey-Borris Community & Sports Centre, Littleton, as presented be adopted.”**

**Item 4.1**  
**Approval to**  
**attend**  
**Conferences**

Owing to Covid-19 restrictions, no physical conferences, seminars or training took place since the last meeting of the Council.

**Item 4.2**  
**Reports on**  
**Conferences**

Owing to Covid-19 restrictions, no physical conferences, seminars or training took place since the last meeting of the Council.

**Item 5.1**  
**Section 183**  
**Notice –**  
**disposal of lands**  
**to rear of No. 1**  
**Galtee View,**  
**Ballyporeen.**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Mairín McGrath**, seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and resolved: -

**“That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve of the disposal circa 70 sq. metres to the rear of No. 1 Galtee View within the village of Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary.”**

The disposal related to a plot of land to the rear of No 1 Galtee View, Ballyporeen which was surplus to the requirements of the Council.

**Item 5.2**  
**Section 183**  
**Notice –**  
**Disposal of**  
**property at**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Andy Moloney**, seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and resolved: -

**“That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, pursuant to Section 211 of the**

**Caherabbey  
Upper, Cahir**

**Planning and Development Act 2000, we hereby approve of the disposal of circa 0.0281ha at Caherabbey Upper, Cahir, Co. Tipperary”.**

The disposal related to a strip of land which was surplus to the Councils requirements and would allow rectification of property in possession of Michael Fitzgerald, Caherabbey, Cahir

**Item 5.3**

**Cahir Local Area  
Plan 2021 –  
2027**

Tipperary County Council commenced the review of the Cahir Local Area Plan 2011 in November 2019, with the publication of a pre-draft Issues Paper and launch of a four-week public consultation process. The submissions received as part of this pre-draft public consultation were taken into consideration and in September 2020, the proposed Cahir Local Plan 2021-2027 was published and submissions were invited for 6 weeks.

A report had been circulated to the members that summarised each of the submissions and observations received in response to that public consultation process and the Chief Executive’s recommendation to same.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Micheál Anglim**, seconded by **Cllr. Andy. Moloney** and resolved: -

**“That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having regard to the Chief Executives’ Report circulated on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 on the proposed Cahir Local Area Plan 2021-2027, we the members of Tipperary County Council hereby AMEND the Plan in accordance with the recommendations set out in the Chief Executives Report, subject to the further modifications as agreed at the Tipperary County Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Máirín McGrath**, seconded by **Cllr. Micheal Anglim** and resolved that: -

**Amendment 1: Insert Objective in Chapter 5**

**It is the objective of the Council, in preparing a Masterplan for public lands at Mountain View Drive, to facilitate the consideration of the housing needs of the town, in addition to maintaining a recreational use, to ensure the co-ordinated development of lands at this location. The Masterplan shall include a Development Impact Statement (DIS) as required by the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009 (as varied) (and any review thereof). (Masterplan area to include hatched area as per map attached)**

**Reason: To plan for a co-ordinated development of public lands at this location in the interest of proper planning and sustainable**

development.

**This amendment would not have significant environmental or ecological impacts and Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment is not required.**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy**, seconded by **Cllr. Máirín McGrath** and resolved that: -

**Amendment 2: Amend the Zoning Matrix and wording relating to the agricultural zoning**

**Primary purpose of this zoning is to preserve the integrity of these lands and to ensure future access; therefore, proposals for new homes will be directed to alternative locations outside of this zoning type. Applications for single homes will only be permitted in exceptional cases to persons who are direct descendants of long-term landowners.**

**Reason: To facilitate housing development subject to need, while not undermining the future development of serviced lands within Cahir Town.**

**This amendment would not have significant environmental or ecological impacts and Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment is not required”.**

**Item 5.4**  
**Consideration of**  
**Revised**  
**Strategic Policy**  
**Committee**  
**(SPC) Standing**  
**Orders**

Revised Standing Orders in relation to Strategic Policy Committees (SPC) had been circulated to the members. The Meetings Administrator advised that the revisions related to changes to the quorum for SPC Meetings and arrangement which would facilitate meetings to take place in Municipal District Offices. Members indicated their agreement to the revisions as proposed.

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

**“That the revised Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Standing Orders Version 2 11.01.2021, as presented be and are hereby adopted”.**

**Item 5.5**  
**Ethics**  
**Framework**  
**Compliance**

Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator, referred to Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 (the 2001 Act) which set out the ethical framework for all those involved in the Local Government Service, both members and employees. The framework imposed a statutory duty on all in the service to maintain proper standards of integrity, conduct and concern for the public interest.

Members were informed that **Annual Declarations** under Section 171 of the 2001 Act, were required to be submitted to the Ethics Registrar in writing on or before the last day in February 2021 containing particulars of his or her declarable interests; and an undertaking to have regard to and be guided by the relevant Code of Conduct in the exercise of his or her functions.

Also, in accordance with electoral legislation members were required to submit a **Donation Statement in respect of donations** received, the value of which exceeded €600.00. These statements were to be furnished to the Ethics Registrar not later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

In response to a query regarding the need for the donation statement to be witnessed by a Peace Commissioner or equivalent, the Meetings Administrator advised that there was no derogation to this requirement at the moment owing to the current lockdown but that he would seek further advice from the Department on the matter and update the members accordingly.

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

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

The following queries were raised by the members in relation to the report: -

**Community/Economic Development & Tourism**

IDA Strategy

Cllr MI Murphy welcomed the recent launch of the newly published IDA Strategy 2021-2022, in particular the written commitment to work with Tipperary County Council on planning for an Advanced Technology Building in Clonmel.

It was noted that the IDA intended to seek out a partnership with Tipperary County Council for the delivery of a planning permit for an Advance Technology Building in Clonmel to promote the location from an attractiveness perspective and this would happen if the necessary resources were put behind the planning, design and development process.

Members joined with Cllr Murphy in welcoming the commitment to Clonmel contained in the strategy and spoke of the need to see the progression of other developments in the County.

Chief Executive Joe MacGrath welcomed the announcement for the Technology Building in Clonmel, the development of which the Council had been working on with the IDA for some time. The Council continued to pitch the County for other developments in the County and made particular reference to sites in Thurles, Nenagh, Roscrea and Tipperary

which were being actively pursued with the IDA and Enterprise Ireland. In response to a suggestion by Cllr MI Murphy it was agreed that updates on the IDA lands at Ballingarrane would be incorporated into the Management Report.

Cllr J. Ryan made reference to lands at Turtalla, Thurles, that were suitable for development. The Chief Executive advised that lands in Thurles were being considered for purchase and development.

#### Community CCTV Littleton.

It was agreed to revert to Cllr Sean Ryan regarding Community CCTV in Littleton following progress on the Fethard CCTV project and the drafting of a joint controller agreement. Fethard was being used as a pilot scheme and Littleton and other areas would then use a similar model.

#### Scheme of Capital Grants for Community Facilities and Amenities

It was agreed to provide Cllr English with details of de-commitments per Municipal District.

### **Water Services**

#### Irish Water Investment Programme

##### Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme.

Clonmel Area Members expressed their wish to have the Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme progressed as a matter of urgency. The supply was experiencing frequent interruptions and members urged that interim measures would be examined. Reference was made to the upgrade of the Monroe and Poulavanogue Schemes as possible solutions until the main water supply scheme commenced.

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, A/DOS and Mr. D. Holland, Senior Engineer, Water Services, referred to the detailed meeting that senior Council management had with senior management from Irish Water on the 22nd October 2020 to review the ongoing delivery of water services capital projects in County Tipperary. At that meeting, Irish Water confirmed that the preferred solution for the Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme was an estimated €40 to €50 million investment in the abstraction and treatment of water from the River Suir. However, this was dependent on the options assessment process and on the Irish Water National Water Resources Plan, which was expected to be published early in 2021. It was not possible to identify a timescale for the delivery of the Scheme. Irish Water had identified the further development of the Monroe Wellfield as an interim solution to the water supply issues currently being experienced in Clonmel and surrounding area. Irish Water were committed to reviewing the timelines with a view to fast-tracking this project. In this respect, Water Services was seeking a meeting with Irish Water's Head of Asset Management to review progress on this project.

Irish Water had also committed to re-examining existing assets to

determine appropriate capital interventions that would increase the resilience and reliability of the water supply scheme, especially during storm periods. One of these assets was the water treatment plant at Poulavanogue, Clonmel. In this regard, Irish Water had considered the provision of additional storage capacity within the site at Poulavanogue and commissioned a site investigation to assess the feasibility of same. A structural review of the site had identified that unsuitable ground conditions militate against the provision of additional storage facilities.

Water Services would continue to engage with Irish Water with a view to identifying further capital interventions which would make the water supply more resilient and reliable.

#### Rehabilitation Works – Solohead and Dundrum

It was agreed to seek an update on these schemes from Irish Water.

#### Water Supply Interruptions

Dungarvan Road Clonmel – this interruption was due to damage to water valves caused by roadworks in the area and was repaired.

Coolbawn Cross, Fethard – severe weather conditions had caused a delay in repairs being carried out to this supply.

Repairs out of hours – it was confirmed that repairs to significant outages would be carried out during weekends subject to staff availability, Covid 19 restrictions and weather conditions.

#### Councillor Customer Service Phone Line

Members requested that the Irish Water Support Line would be extended from a 5 day service to a 7 day service to cover the weekend period. It was agreed to refer this request to Irish Water for consideration.

### **Environment and Climate Action**

#### Stray Horses

In response to a query by Cllr A. Ryan in relation to horses that are seized, it was noted that the pound held horses for 5 days after the date they were seized in order to allow the owner of the horses to reclaim them. If the horses were not reclaimed after the 5 days, the pound would try to rehome the horses through animal rescues centres. In some situations when a horse was seized, the animal could have injuries or health conditions that may necessitate that the horse be put to sleep, however this rarely happened.

For 2019, Tipperary County Council seized 86 horses of which 68 were rehomed, 11 reclaimed by owners and 7 euthanized.

#### Household Waste Inspections

Reference was made to the low number of household waste inspections being carried out, particularly in view of the high level of indiscriminate dumping taking place. Members were informed that household inspections had to be curtailed in accordance with Covid 19 restrictions

but these inspections would be commenced again once restrictions were lifted. Illegal dumping continued to be monitored and a number of prosecutions had been enforced.

#### Aherlow Woods Estate, Tipperary

Issues relating to effluent, rat infestation, dumping and anti social behaviour in a derelict hotel adjacent to Aherlow Woods Estate, Tipperary which was causing problems for the residents of this estate was raised by Tipperary Area Members. Reference was also made to planning restrictions on the estate due to the category of housing in the estate. Members urged officials to liaise with the residents in an effort to find a solution to the problems they were experiencing.

It was agreed that the Environment Section would liaise with both Housing and Planning Sections on this matter and revert to the Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District members.

#### Derelict Sites

In response to a query regarding properties in Carrick-on-Suir that were not derelict but were unsightly, it was agreed to discuss the activation of a paint scheme with the Municipal District.

#### Burial Grounds.

Cemetery Byelaws – it was agreed to provide Cllr S. Lee with a copy of the Cemetery Byelaws in response to his query regarding criteria for headstones.

Columbarium Policy – The provision of a Columbarium in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Clonmel was welcomed and it was noted that a county wide policy in relation to Columbariums was being drafted, this would be brought to the SPC for consideration and to the plenary council for adoption. Each Municipal District would be briefed on the policy.

### **Housing**

#### Buy and Renew Scheme

In response to a query raised on the Buy and Renew Scheme, members were informed that this initiative, which complemented the Repair & Leasing Scheme, was also designed to assist local authorities and AHBs (approved housing bodies) to harness the accommodation potential that existed in certain vacant properties for social housing use. As with the Repair & Leasing Scheme, the use of the Buy & Renew Scheme was subject to the suitability of the property for social housing, the condition of the property and the cost of remediation.

The scheme funded local authorities and AHBs (the latter using the Capital Assistance Scheme for priority housing categories) to purchase and renew housing units in need of remediation and make them available for social housing use. There was real potential for local authorities to acquire properties that were vacant and where there was a need for social housing, to remediate them and make them available to those on the

waiting list. Renewing vacant and derelict premises could be difficult and costly. As well as targeting areas of social housing need for this initiative, local authorities also worked to sustain an appropriate 'tenure mix' within communities and would have regard to this when implementing the Buy & Renew Scheme. Tipperary County Council secured 5 units under the Buy & Renew Scheme in 2020

The complementarity between the Buy & Renew Initiative and Repair & Leasing meant that local authorities/AHBs could approach owners of vacant, privately-owned houses in need of repair/remediation, with the option to either lease/repair the property, or to buy and repair/remediate it.

#### HAP/RAS Schemes

It was agreed to revert to Cllr Marie Murphy in relation to statistics on house inspections under these schemes.

#### Voids

It was agreed to revert to Cllr A. Moloney regarding specific long terms voids in the Cahir Area.

#### Housing Maintenance

Heating Systems – Problems reported on heating systems would be responded to by the Municipal Districts.

Mould/Condensation issues – these were examined on a case by case basis by the relevant Municipal District.

#### Construction Programme

It was noted that the majority of the local authority dwelling construction programme had to be temporarily stopped to comply with current department guidelines as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. Schemes at Mitchel Street, Thurles, Cloughjordan and Knockanrawley, Tipperary would continue and were due for completion by the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

It was noted that the targets for the House Building Programme for 2020 were exceeded.

The housing delivery programme would continue to be progressed with an estimated 1,100 units of accommodation provided in total by the end of 2021. Of the 3,600 housing applicants, over 50% of these were in some form of local authority assisted housing accommodation and the number of applicants on the list were not all a reflection of the need for housing, they were indicators of a desire for a particular type of accommodation.

The Audited Financial Statements for 2019 and the Local Government Auditor's Report thereon were noted.

## **Item 6.2** **Audited** **Financial** **Statements for** **2019 and the**

**Local  
Government  
Auditors Report**

**Item 7.1**

**Agree date for  
Councillors  
Virtual  
Workshop**

The dates and dates for Councillor virtual workshops in January and February were agreed as follows:

- Tuesday 19th January 2021 - workshop to commence at 2pm to deal with the council's submission to the national development plan review and the housing allocations scheme and choice based letting scheme;
- Wednesday 17th February 2021 - to deal with a presentation on the importance of the equine industry to Tipperary by Horse Racing Ireland and the Chief Executives report on submissions received on phase 1 of the County Development Plan review process;
- It was noted that a workshop would also be held on the impact of 5G by the EPA and the council were waiting on the EPA to revert regarding their availability to attend a virtual meeting;

**Item 8.1**

**Consideration of  
CE Orders for  
the period to  
the 31<sup>st</sup>  
December, 2020**

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 were noted.

**Item 9.1**

**National  
Development  
Plan Review to  
Renew**

Motion No. 9.3 (Ref. 2034) was proposed by **Cllr. Ann Marie Ryan Shiner**

**“That Tipperary County Council call a workshop immediately with elected members to consult and collaborate with Councillors in the preparation of our submission to the National Development Plan Review to Renew. It is vital that Councillors views/suggestions/recommendations are given due consideration in shaping the priorities to be identified by Tipperary County Council. To date there has been no consultation with Councillors regarding the preparation of this submission, the deadline for submissions is the 29<sup>th</sup> January.”**

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. Pat English**.

The reply to the motion was noted as follows: -

The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform had invited submissions to Review to Renew, the public consultation element of the National Development Plan. This consultation offered all people in Ireland - expert stakeholders and users of infrastructure - the opportunity to inform and influence important policy that affects the fabric of our daily lives including the distribution of our people, our jobs, businesses, houses, roads, public transport, education and health infrastructure; our social, cultural and sporting facilities.

The review would not be considering the merit of individual projects or sectoral policy strategies as this was a primarily matter for individual

Departments and Agencies. Individual projects were selected based on a detailed process which begins with Departments or Agencies setting their own sectoral strategy and goals, and then subsequently identifying specific needs or challenges to be addressed, whether that be through education, regulation, taxation or potentially expenditure on an infrastructure project. The consultation period would run to 5pm, 29 January 2021. Submissions received after this deadline may not be considered.

While each Member may make their own individual submission, a submission would also be made on behalf of the full Council. In this regard, it was intended to hold a workshop with members having regard to the terms of the review. A date for the workshop would be agreed at the January meeting of the Council.

Cllr A. Ryan in speaking on the motion, again expressed the need for members to be given an opportunity to collaborate fully in the review of the County Development Plan. Mr E Lonergan, A/DOS, referred to an email communication to members in November, 2020 in relation to the submission of this Council under "Review to Renew – Review of the National Development Plan" and confirmed that comments received from members were being collated. He stressed that this submission was not project specific or funding specific, it referred to national issues. The current questionnaire that was due for completion under Review to Renew would be sent to members for their information. Members could make an individual response to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform if they so wished.

Cllr S. Morris and Cllr M. McGrath spoke in support of the motion and the urgent need to review the County Development Plan.

**Item 10.1**  
**TUS Workers**

Motion No. 10.1 (Ref. 2035) was proposed by **Cllr. Mark FitzGerald**  
**I call on the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection to extend participation time for current TUS workers for a period of at least 6 months as those workers have not been able to participate in their community host organisation in 2020 due to the pandemic.**

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. John Crosse.**

It was agreed that the Motion would be forwarded to the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection for consideration and reply.

**Items 11.1 –**  
**11.3**  
**Correspondence**

Correspondence circulated was noted.

- Reply from Department of Social Protection in relation to pension provision for Community Employment Supervisors dated 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020
- Reply from Office of the Minister for Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs in relation to the Siege of Jadotville, dated 10<sup>th</sup>

December, 2020

- Email from Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the National Development Plan Review.

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

**Items 12.1 & 12.2**

**Resolutions from other Local Authorities**

**Waterford City and County Council**

"That Waterford City and County Council sends it solidarity and support to the former Debenhams workers seeking a just and fair settlement from their former employer;

Reaffirms the Council's support for workers' rights, the principle of collective bargaining and fairness and dignity at work;

Calls on the Government to immediately engage with the workers and their representatives in the Mandate Trade Union;

Calls for KPMG and Government to immediately engage with the workers and their representatives in the Mandate Trade Union".

**Galway County Council**

"I propose that Galway County Council write to the Minister for Justice Helen McEntee to request that the review of the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Strategy on Domestic Sexual and Gender based Violence is expedited to provide a fit for purpose strategy taking into account the additional reported rise in domestic abuse incidents occurring during COVID Pandemic restricted conditions and the urgent need for additional refuge places and adequately resourced services".

**Item 13.1**

**Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations**

Votes of Sympathy

- Cllr. Pat English on the death of his mother Breda English
- Mary Corcoran, Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD on the death of her mother Johanna (Josie) Ryan
- Francis Keogh, Environment Section on the death of his mother Breda Keogh
- Lar Corbett on the death of his mother Breda Corbett
- Family of Mary Tuttle, former Council employee
- Family of Ann Ryan, former Council employee, Community/Economic Development & Tourism Section
- Family of Theo English, former Tipperary Hurler
- Family of Ellen (Nellie) Ryan, Dominic Street, Cashel, former Caretaker Halla na Feile, Cashel.

Cllr Pat English thanked members for their kind words on the death of his mother.

Members made particular reference to Ms Ann Ryan Commins who had worked in the Community/Economic Development and Tourism Section

and who had made a significant impact in communities through her involvement with a number of projects.

Votes of Congratulations

- Kitty Maher, Shankill, Roscrea who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Buckley's Bakery (BBC), Cappawhite on celebrating 100 years in business
- 2 Johnnies on the success of their TV Christmas special

**Item 14.1**

**Any other  
Business**

No matters were raised.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

Date/ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Meetings Administrator

Date/ \_\_\_\_\_