

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF  
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD  
IN MOYCARKEY-BORRIS COMMUNITY & SPORTS CENTRE, LITTLETON  
AT 10.00 AM ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2020**

<b>Present</b>	Cllr. Michael Smith, Cathaoirleach.
	Cllrs: Ambrose, S; Anglim, M; Bonfield, F; Bourke, K; Bugler, P; Burgess, D; Carroll, J; Coonan, N; Crosse, J; Darcy, G; Dennehy, N; Dunne, D; English, P; FitzGerald, J; FitzGerald, M; FitzGerald, Ml; Goldsboro, I; Hanafin, S; Hanna-Hourigan, M; Kennedy, R; Lee, S; Lowry, Ml; McGrath, H; McGrath, M; McGrath (Rocky), J; Molloy, R; Moran, E; Murphy, Ml; Murphy, M; O'Meara, K; O'Meara, Ml; Ryan, J; Ryan, S;
<b><u>Also Present</u></b>	J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, Directors of Services; M. O'Connor, S. Carr, K. Cashen, S. Keating, A/Director of Services E. Lonergan, Senior Planner, B. Beck, County Librarian D. Dullaghan, Chief Fire Officer D. Carroll, Meetings Administrator G. Walsh.
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllrs T. Black, J. Hannigan, H. McGrath, A. Moloney, S. Morris, A. Ryan Shiner, P. Ryan.
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	<p>The Cathaoirleach Cllr M. Smith welcomed all to the final meeting of the Council for 2020 and noted apologies from a number of members.</p> <p>He called on the Council to observe a minute's silence in memory of the late Mr. Larry Looby, a former member of North Tipperary County Council.</p>
<b><u>Item 1.1 Adherence to the Council's guidelines for attendance at Meetings</u></b>	<p>The Cathaoirleach referred to guidance which would have previously issued to all members regarding precautions to be taken at Council Meetings in light of Covid-19.</p> <p>In particular he highlighted the following measures which would apply for the duration of the December Meeting: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of Covid-19 Self Declaration form in advance of the meeting;</li> <li>• Time of the meeting would be limited to a maximum of 1 hour and 55 minutes and the meeting would finish by 11.55am at the latest;</li> <li>• All attendees were required to wear face coverings entering /exiting and moving within the venue and should only be removed on attendee entering seat;</li> <li>• There should be no congregation before or after the meeting and all attendees were asked to leave the venue immediately after the meeting;</li> </ul>

	<p>In relation to the meeting agenda, the Cathaoirleach advised that he would be allocating a specific timeframe to each agenda item in order to get through the agenda in the allotted time and in particular he asked members to note the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda items - unless a member had flagged their concerns to the meetings administrator in advance of the meeting in relation to any of the agenda items and if there were no issues/objections to the matter, he would seek a proposer and seconder for the statutory related matters;</li> <li>• He proposed to take the Management Report at the end of the meeting and would allow priority to those members that had submitted queries in relation to the management report. Only county wide related matters would be considered and all district related matters would be referred to the relevant Municipal District meeting for consideration;</li> <li>• Notices of Motion re. Tipperary County Council related functions – These would be taken with the Management Report and only the proposer and seconder would be allowed to speak to a Notice of Motion. If the proposer was happy with the reply, matter would be deemed agreed;</li> <li>• Votes of Sympathy/Congratulations – The list of Votes of Sympathy or Congratulations was available to view on Decision Time and any additional votes could be considered at the end of the meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Item 2.1</u></b> <b><u>Disclosures/or</u></b> <b><u>Conflicts of Interest</u></b></p>	<p>Noted, no matters were notified to the Meetings Administrator</p>
<p><b><u>Item 3.1 Minutes of Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2020</u></b></p>	<p>The Meetings Administrator informed the meeting that he had received communication from Cllr N. Dennehy, questioning the accuracy of the Minutes in relation to the verbal notification at the October Meeting of the extension of the Chief Executive’s tenure and asked that his objections be recorded as part of the record of the December Meeting. It was noted that Cllr Dennehy had left the meeting.</p> <p>The Meetings Administrator advised the meeting that the minutes contained an account of what the Cathaoirleach informed the members of at the commencement of the October Meeting and the insertion of the legislative basis was to provide a context in relation to the matter being brought to their attention.</p>

	<p>It was also noted that there was no statutory decision required of the Council in relation to the matter and the Cathaoirleach was only obliged to notify the members that the Chief Executive had given the prescribed notice to him and that the Cathaoirleach would be transmitting a copy of the notice to the Minister and Chief Executive of the Public Appointments Service.</p> <p>It was also noted by the Meetings Administrator that while Cllr Dennehy was entitled to raise any matters regarding the accuracy of the minutes, the procedure by which this is done is set out in the Standing Orders adopted by the Council and the manner in which Cllr Dennehy was seeking to have the matter reviewed was not in compliance with Standing Order 15.</p> <p>The Cathaoirleach advised the meeting that he was satisfied as to the content of the minutes in relation to the Chief Executive's tenure extension and that the correct procedures were observed in relation to this matter.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr <b>R. Kennedy</b>, seconded by Cllr. <b>Marie Murphy</b> and resolved</p> <p><b>"That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, in Moycarkey-Borris Community &amp; Sports Centre, Littleton, as presented be adopted"</b>.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 3.2 Annual Budget 2021</u></b></p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr <b>N. Coonan</b>, seconded by Cllr. <b>Marie Murphy</b> and resolved</p> <p><b>"That the minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, in Moycarkey-Borris Community &amp; Sports Centre, Littleton, as presented be adopted"</b>.</p> <p>It was noted that a summary note of queries and clarifications raised at the Budget Workshop held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 were attached as an appendice to the Annual Budget Meeting Minutes.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 4.1 Reports on Conferences</u></b></p>	<p>Owing to Covid-19 restrictions, no conferences, seminars or training took place since the last meeting of the Council.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 4.2 Approval to Attendance</u></b></p>	<p>Owing to Covid-19 restrictions, no conferences, seminars or training took place since the last meeting of the Council.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 5.1 Consideration of Revised Standing Orders V5 regulating</u></b></p>	<p>The Meetings Administrator referred to the Ministerial Order which had been signed on 20th October 2020 designating local authorities under Section 29 of the Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, which would allow for council meetings and sub</p>

**the proceedings of the Council in holding remote meetings.**

committees of the Council to be held remotely. All decisions or votes taken by elected members at such meetings (whether physically or remotely present) would have the same status in law as decisions or votes taken at a physical meeting. The Council may avail of this order as required, to facilitate attendance and participation at meetings to ensure the efficient carrying out of council business while also protecting the health and safety of elected members and local authority staff. It was a matter for the Council to now decide if and how Plenary and District meetings would be held remotely and whether they wished to hold meetings remotely.

He noted that the revised standing orders were considered and endorsed by the Privilege and Procedure Committee on 9th November and the CPG further considered the matter at their meeting on 11th December and recommended the said standing orders for adoption by the Plenary Council.

The main changes were summarised as follows;

- Standing Order No. 2 - amended to facilitate meetings taking place physically, remotely or a combination of both; Should meetings be held remotely, supplementary standing orders as attached at appendix 1 will apply;
- Standing Order, No 7 - The default position of the Council is that they will continue to meet physically in person in the Council Chambers but may by resolution agree an alternative arrangement as provided for in Standing Order No 2 for a particular meeting /or meetings. It was noted that a resolution was passed by the Council earlier in the year to facilitate the meetings taking place in the Sports and Community Centre in Littleton while Covid-19 restrictions are still in place.

Provision had been allowed in SO No. 2 where exceptional/emergency circumstances arise and the Council was prohibited or prevented from meeting physically, then the meetings administrator in consultation with the Cathaoirleach and CPG could convene a meeting of the Council by remote means. It was recommended that the Council adopt these standing orders as circulated.

It was proposed by **Cllr Sean Ryan** and seconded **Cllr Ger Darcy** and agreed:

**“That the revised Standing Orders Version 5 dated be and are hereby adopted by the Council providing for the regulating of Council Meetings by remote means.”**

**Item 5.2**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Michael Smith** seconded by **Cllr. Noel Coonan** and resolved: -

<p><b><u>Section 183 Notice – Disposal of site at Templedowney, Toomevara</u></b></p>	<p><b>“That in accordance the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of site at Templedowney, Toomevara, Co. Tipperary to Scoil Naomh Sheosaimh, Tuaim Ui Mheara, Co. Tipperary in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020.”</b></p> <p>This matter related to the disposal of 026 acres of land located adjacent to Scoil Naoimh Sheosaimh, Toomevara to facilitate the development of an all-weather astro-turf pitch for school and community use.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 5.3</u></b> <b><u>Section 85</u></b> <b><u>Agreement between Limerick City and County Council and Tipperary County Council</u></b></p>	<p>A report had been circulated to the members. The matter referred to the appointment by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) of Tipperary County Council as the lead authority for the N24 Waterford to Cahir Road scheme and for this purpose, it was necessary to put in place a Section 85 agreement with Limerick County Council. The agreement was required for the purposes of performing and carrying out the functions of Limerick Co Council by Tipperary County Council of all the relevant statutory procedures for the development of the road scheme in the functional area of Limerick. The making of the agreement was a reserved function of the Council and required the approval of the Council.</p> <p>It was proposed by <b>Cllr. Marie Murphy</b> seconded by <b>Cllr. Roger Kennedy</b> and resolved: -</p> <p><b>“That Tipperary County Council shall enter into an agreement with Limerick City and County Council pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act 1993 for the purposes of performing and carrying out of the functions of Limerick City and County Council by Tipperary County Council of all the relevant statutory procedures pertaining to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) The powers, functions and duties of acquiring part of the land necessary for the development of the part of the Road Scheme situated in the functional area of Limerick City and County Council and</b></li> <li><b>b) The powers, functions and duties of procuring the appraisal and assessment of project options, detailed design, discharging the statutory procedures, procuring the necessary contractors, construction of and all other powers, functions and duties necessary for the design, construction and completion of any part of the Road Scheme in the functional area of Limerick City and County Council</b></li> </ol>

<p><b><u>Item 5.4</u></b> <b><u>Part 8 - Lisnaviddoge, Templemore – Local Authority own development pursuant to Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended and Part 8 of the Planning, Development Regulations 2001, as amended</u></b></p>	<p>The Chief Executives Report had been circulated to the members.</p> <p>This development related to the demolition of an existing derelict 4bedroom detached bungalow dwelling on a 0.138-hectare site at Lisnaviddoge, Templemore and the removal of a demountable structure with mobile home at the site and the construction of a replacement 5-bedroom single storey detached house on the site. The Chief Executives report as circulated recommended that the development as proposed be modified to take account of the side boundary walls forward of the front building line of the house to be constructed to a height of 1.85m and the rear boundary wall and the side walls behind the front building line of the dwelling be constructed to a height of 2.44m. The development was in accordance with the policies and objectives of the North Tipperary Development Plan and should be proceeded with as proposed subject to the modifications referenced already.</p> <p>It was proposed by <b>Cllr Eddie Moran</b> and seconded by <b>Cllr Seamus Hanafin</b> and agreed</p> <p><b>“That the development as proposed in the Chief Executive’s report be proceeded with subject to the modifications stated in the report.”</b></p>
<p><b><u>Item 5.5</u></b> <b><u>To consider and authorise an overdraft facility</u></b></p>	<p>The approval of the Council was required to authorise the temporary borrowing by way of overdraft from the Council's Treasurer of a sum not exceeding €10,000,000 for year ended 31st December 2021. The overdraft was required to enable funding for day to day operations to be carried out in an efficient manner and would enable the Council to carry expenditure on capital projects pending the receipt of grant down during 2021.</p> <p>It would also meet the peak demands on cash flow in 2021 and avoid excessive interest and surcharges in the event of not having the facility in place and requiring overdraft facilities.</p> <p>It was proposed by <b>Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan</b> and seconded by <b>Cllr Marie Murphy</b> and agreed: -</p> <p><b>“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 €10,000,000 (ten million euro) during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.”</b></p>
<p><b><u>Item 5.6</u></b></p>	<p>The matter was for noting by the Council as required by section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001. The figures</p>

<p><b><u>Consideration of 3-year Capital Programme 2021-2023</u></b></p>	<p>were estimated and related solely to infrastructural projects and other capital projects where applications have and would be made under the various Ireland 2040 streams. Over the next 3 years, expenditure on the capital programme was estimated at €425 million on capital projects. Grants were estimated at €339 million with the balance being funded from own resources, loans or development levies.</p> <p><b>"The 3-year Capital Programme for the period 2021-2023 as circulated was proposed by Cllr Roger Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Sean Ryan and agreed."</b></p>
<p><b><u>Item 7.1 Consideration of Orders for the period to the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2020</u></b></p>	<p>Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 were noted.</p>
<p><b><u>Item No. 8.1 Notice of Motion Planning Applications granted, dwellings/structures not completed</u></b></p>	<p>Motion No. 8.1 (1986) was proposed by <b>Cllr M. O'Meara</b>,  <b>"I am requesting that Tipperary County Council planning department reconsider any planning application granted in the past 20 years where by the dwelling/structure has been started but not completed. I am asking that any dwelling constructed to wall plate level be considered under the conditions it was previously granted planning, except for new guidelines under the EPA waste water requirements.</b></p> <p><b>I request that as a one off 'amnesty' to allow the completion of ghost one off dwellings and structures which are a blight on the landscape. Most of these are a legacy of the economic downturn and will never be completed if we don't adopt a creative approach to address this problem. I suggest this a way of addressing a need for housing and also as a way of revitalizing rural areas. I am also requesting that local needs policy does not apply on any dwelling outlined above".</b></p> <p>The motion was seconded by <b>Cllr E. Moran</b>The reply to the motion was noted as follows: -</p> <p>The proposal to apply an 'amnesty' for individual circumstances is not possible within the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).</p>



	<p>However, this matter can be considered as part of the preparation of the new County Development Plan.</p> <p>The motion was supported by a number of members.</p> <p>Cllr Ml. FitzGerald spoke of the financial burden being placed on planning applicants who were required to carry out archaeological surveys and questioned the necessity for this.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 9.1</u></b> <b><u>Notice of Motion</u></b> <b><u>National Screening Programme for Haemochromatosis</u></b></p>	<p>Motion No. 9.1 (2004) was proposed by <b>Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald.</b></p> <p><b>“That Tipperary County Council call on the HSE and the Minister for Health to put in place a national screening programme for Haemochromatosis. Furthermore, that as a chronic condition with simple treatment, that the suffers of Haemochromatosis be offered free treatment and supervision for life.”</b></p> <p>The motion was seconded by <b>Cllr M. Murphy.</b></p> <p>It was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister for Health and the H.S.E. for consideration and response</p>
<p><b><u>Item 9.2</u></b> <b><u>Notice of Motion</u></b> <b><u>Proceeds of Crime</u></b> <b><u>Drug and Drug trafficking monies.</u></b></p>	<p>Motion No. 9.2 (Ref. 2008) was proposed by <b>Cllr. R. Molloy.</b></p> <p><b>“Requesting that Tipperary County Council write to the Ministers for Justice, Finance and Public Expenditure to make provisions where drug and drug trafficking monies confiscated under the Proceeds of Crime Legislation be redirected from central coffers back into local addiction services, youth organisations, and community initiatives to combat the effect of addiction on our communities, and that the necessary legislation is changed as a matter of urgency to allow this vital funding support to happen”.</b></p> <p>The motion was seconded by <b>Cllr M. McGrath</b></p> <p>It was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister for Justice and Minister for Finance for consideration and response.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 9.3</u></b> <b><u>Good Friday Agreement</u></b></p>	<p>Motion No. 9.3 (Ref. 2011) was proposed by <b>Cllr. D. Dunne</b></p> <p><b>“That Tipperary County Council calls on both the Irish and British Government to fully implement the Good Friday Agreement and all their obligations with</b></p>



	<p>regard to the rights of citizens and also call on the British Government to agree to set a date for the Irish Unity referendum as provided in the Agreement and the Irish Government to work for this outcome.</p> <p><b>This Council notes the centenary of the passing by the British Parliament at Westminster of the Government of Ireland Act in December 1920, the Act which provided for the Partition of Ireland. We recall the deep injustices, divisions and conflict caused by this Act. We reiterate our support for the Good Friday Agreement and the political process arising from it, including the revoking of the Government of Ireland Act. We reaffirm our support for the self-determination of the people of Ireland as expressed in Article 3.1 of Bunreacht na hÉireann and for the bringing about of a United Ireland “by peaceful means with the consent of a majority of the people, democratically expressed, in both jurisdictions”. We stand ready as a Council to work with all statutory bodies and with civic society to plan and prepare for the referendum on Irish Unit and for a positive outcome to the referendum.</b></p> <p>The Motion was seconded by <b>Cllr. P English.</b></p> <p>The Cathaoirleach requested Cllr Dunne to consider an amendment to the motion as he felt that the motion should be about consensus and it would be an injustice to forward the motion in its present format.</p> <p>The amendment suggested was as follows: -</p> <p><b>That the Council call on the Irish and British Government to fully implement the Good Friday Agreement and all their obligations with regard to the rights of citizens and also call on the British Government to agree to set a date for the Irish Unity Referendum as provided for in the agreement. That the members of Tipperary County Council work together to ensure that when the conditions laid down in the Good Friday agreement for a border pole are met, that a vote will be taken then and hopefully carried. The union of all the people of this island will be progressive from economic, social and cultural stance.”</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the amended motion would be forwarded to the Department of An Taoiseach and Minister for Foreign Affairs for their consideration.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 9.4</u></b> <b><u>Ballybrophy to Limerick Railway Line</u></b></p>	<p>Motion No. 9.4 (Ref. 2011) was proposed by <b>Cllr. F. Bonfield.</b></p> <p><b>“We ask Tipperary County Council to write to Irish Rail and the N.T.A. to request that they carry out an</b></p>

	<p><b>engineer’s report on the Ballybrophy to Limerick rail track. There has been 31 miles of continuous welded track laid over the past few years which should have resulted in an increase in speed. This hasn’t happened. Increased speed is crucial to the development and marketing of the line”.</b></p> <p>The motion was seconded by <b>Cllr. J. Carroll.</b></p> <p>It was agreed to forward the motion to Irish Rail and N.T.A. for consideration and response.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 9.5</u></b> <b><u>Grant to Update Sewage Facilities</u></b></p>	<p>Motion No. 9.5 (Ref. 2018) was proposed by <b>Cllr. R. Kennedy.</b></p> <p><b>“That this Council write to LAWPRO and the relevant Minister to ask that a person applying for a grant to update sewage facilities may qualify if they submit an engineering report stating the works are required and they have already registered their facility as was required in 2014.</b></p> <p>The Motion was seconded by <b>Cllr. S. Ryan</b></p> <p>The reply to the motion was noted as follows:</p> <p>The recent extension to the grant scheme for domestic waste water treatment systems (septic tanks) was administered by the Rural Water Division of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, through regulations signed by the Minister. Any further extension, such as that requested in the notice of motion would have to follow the same approach. The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) has a limited role in the grant scheme in clearly defined areas of the county. That role does not cover extensions to the scheme.</p> <p>Subject to the agreement of the members, the motion will be forwarded to Minister Darragh O’Brien, TD for his attention.</p> <p>It was agreed to forward the motion to LAWPRO and Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration and response.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 9.6</u></b> <b><u>Notice of Motion</u></b> <b><u>Student Nurses - Pay</u></b></p>	<p>Motion No. 9.6 (Ref. 2019) was proposed by <b>Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald.</b></p> <p><b>“In light of the pandemic and the fact that unpaid student nurses cannot seek part time work due to the environment they work in that we call on the Minister for Health and the Government to pay all unpaid student nurses for the duration of the academic year 2020/2021.</b></p>

	<p>The motion was seconded by <b>Cllr. D. Burgess</b> and was unanimously supported by the members.</p> <p>It was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister for Health and the Department of the Taoiseach for consideration and response.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 9.7</u></b> <b><u>Notice of Motion</u></b> <b><u>Public Enquiry into 1989 murder of Belfast Solicitor Pat Finucane</u></b></p>	<p>Motion 9.7 (Ref. 2021) was proposed by <b>Cllr. P. English</b></p> <p><b>“Tipperary County Council call on the Taoiseach to request the British Government to reconsider its decision to hold a Public Enquiry into the 1989 murder of Belfast Solicitor Pat Finucane”.</b></p> <p>The motion was seconded by <b>Cllr D. Dunne</b></p> <p>It was agreed to forward the motion to the Department of An Taoiseach and Minister for Foreign Affairs for consideration and response.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 9.8</u></b> <b><u>Notice of Motion</u></b> <b><u>Support to Former Debenhams Workers</u></b></p>	<p>Motion 9.8 (Ref. 2022) was proposed by <b>Cllr. P English.</b></p> <p><b>“That Tipperary County Council sends its solidarity and support to the former Debenhams workers who are seeking a just and fair settlement from their former Employer. The Council re-affirms their support for worker’s rights, the principle of collective bargaining and fairness and dignity at work. To call on the Government to implement the Duffy-Cahill report to legislate to protect workers and to protect collective bargaining agreements.</b></p> <p>The motion was seconded by <b>Cllr. D. Dunne.</b></p> <p>It was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister of State for Employment Affairs and Retail Business for consideration and response and to issue a letter of support to the former Debenhams workers.</p>
<p><b><u>Item 9.9</u></b> <b><u>Notice of Motion</u></b> <b><u>Post Office network modernisation.</u></b></p>	<p>Motion 9.9 (Ref. 2020) was proposed by <b>Cllr. S. Ryan</b></p> <p><b>“That Tipperary County Council call on the government to consider providing a once off capital investment fund to modernise the Post Office network in Ireland and to establish a working group to identify the potential for local Post Offices to act as hubs to facilitate government services”.</b></p> <p>The motion was seconded by <b>Cllr. I Goldsboro.</b></p> <p>It was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister for Finance for consideration and response.</p>

<p><b><u>Items 10.1-10.4</u></b> <b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p>	<p>Correspondence as circulated was noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reply from Chief Superintendent, An Garda Síochána, Division of Tipperary, dated 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 regarding Community Policing Units.</li> <li>• Reply from Chief Executive, Iarnród Éireann dated 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 regarding Timetable Changes – Limerick Junction and Waterford.</li> <li>• Email reply from Irish Water Southern Region dated 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 in relation to the Local Representative Support Desk.</li> <li>• Email reply from Irish Water dated 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 regarding Capital Funding Water Services Infrastructure.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Items 11.1 to 11.6</u></b> <b><u>Resolutions from other local authorities</u></b></p>	<p>The following resolutions from other Local Authorities as circulated with the Agenda were noted: -</p> <p><b>Carlow County Council</b></p> <p>“That Carlow County Council recognises that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mother and Baby homes represent a very dark part of our State’s history</li> <li>• That survivors of mother and baby homes have legitimate concerns regarding access to their personal information</li> </ul> <p>Therefore, the Council will write to the Taoiseach and Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration requesting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the final report of the mother and baby homes commission of investigation be published as soon as possible and include the details of the experiences of survivors in each institution</li> <li>• That the Government provide a full State response to the findings and recommendations of the Final Report</li> <li>• That the Government publish new statutory information and tracing legislation without delay</li> <li>• That survivors of Mother and Baby Homes are given access to their personal records in a manner consistent with GDPR</li> <li>• That the Department of Children and Tusla work with the Office of the DPC to ensure that the rights of survivors to personal information about themselves under data protection legislation and the DGPR are fully respected</li> <li>• That the Government urgently put in place a range of supports for survivors and adoptees</li> <li>• That the Government continues to engage in consultation with survivors and their representative organisation as they establish a national archive of</li> </ul>

	<p>records related to institutional trauma during the 20<sup>th</sup> century</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That a copy of this motion should be sent to every local authority in Ireland, north and south as correspondence.”</li> </ul> <p><b>Kerry County Council</b>      “That we Killarney MD would put up notices at uncontrolled crossings, informing the public that they do not have the right to just walk across, as this is at the discretion of the driver and cyclists to stop.</p> <p>During a discussion on the matter, the Members requested that a letter issue to the Road Safety Authority requesting that the “Safe Cross Code” would once again be aired on television and radio in an effort to educate pedestrians of their responsibilities when using the roads. The members asked that each Local Authority would do the same”.</p> <p><b>Meath County Council</b>      “That Meath County Council calls on the Minister for Health, the Department of Health and NPHET to make available weekly or bi-monthly, details of confirmed COVID-19 cases on a townland basis. This would ensure further compliance with COVID-19 measures and encourage the principle of “We are all in this together” bringing communities together to reduce the spread of the virus locally”.</p> <p><b>Meath County Council</b>      “Meath County Council calls upon the Departments of Communications, Climate Action and Environment &amp; Agriculture, Fisheries and Marine &amp; Health to introduce a remunerated DUMP (dispose of unwanted medicines properly) scheme, through pharmacies to promote the safe and appropriate disposal of animal &amp; human medicines, to reduce pharmaceutical waste in the environment”.</p> <p><b>Sligo County Council</b>      “To call on Sligo County Council to write to the Taoiseach asking him to implement the recommendation of the Grant Thornton report on the future of the post office network”.</p> <p><b>Wexford County Council</b>      “That Wexford County Council call on the government to amend the remit of Irish Water to fund County Councils to allow them to deal with, increase capacity in and manage rural waste water systems in our rural villages with a population of less than 3,000 to protect the survival and growth of rural Ireland”.</p>
<p><b><u>12.1</u></b>  <b><u>Votes of Sympathy</u></b></p>	<p>Votes of sympathy were extended to the following: -</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The family of Larry Lobby, Bouladuff, Thurles, former Councillor, North Tipperary County Council</li> <li>• Liam White, Housing Section, Clonmel on the death of his father James White</li> <li>• The family of Pa O'Dwyer (former Council Employee)</li> <li>• The family of Diarmuid Ryan, Summerhill, Nenagh</li> <li>• The family of Sgt. Niall O'Halloran, Kilmalogue, Cahir</li> </ul>
<b><u>Votes of Congratulations</u></b>	<p>Votes of congratulations were extended to the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terryglass Improvement Association on winning the Pride of Place Award</li> <li>• Damien Gleeson on his success as Manager of Antrim Senior Hurling team on winning the 2020 Joe McDonagh cup following their victory over Kerry on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.</li> </ul>
<b><u>Civic Reception – Tipperary Senior Footballers</u></b>	<p>The Cathaoirleach advised the members of his intention to convey a Civic Reception to the Tipperary Senior Footballers. The format of the reception would be decided in conjunction with the County Board and in compliance with Covid 19 restrictions. A letter would be sent to the County Board in this regard.</p> <p>This was agreed in principle by the Council and a suitable date/time would be agreed following liaison with the Tipperary County Board.</p>
<b><u>Retirement – Sean Keating</u></b>	<p>Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, advised the members that Mr. Sean Keating, Director of Services, would retire on the 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. Sean had given exemplary service in many capacities during his career with Tipperary County Council. He was currently Director of Services with responsibility for LAWCO and prior to this he had played a vital role in the merger of South and North Tipperary County Councils. The Chief Executive thanked Mr. Keating for his support and loyalty and wished him and his family a long, happy and healthy retirement.</p> <p>Members were associated with the tributes paid to Mr. Keating.</p> <p>Mr. Keating thanked the Chief Executive and members for their kind words.</p>
<b><u>Consideration of Management Report</u></b>	<p>The Cathaoirleach referred to the Management Report as circulated with the Agenda noting that the reports related to the Directorates based in Nenagh and any queries/clarifications would be dealt with by the relevant Directors.</p>

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

### **Roads, Transportation, Health & Safety**

#### CIS and LIS Scheme

CIS Scheme – There were currently 82 applications on hand. The new CIS scheme would be advertised during 2021.

LIS Scheme – There were currently 76 applications on hand. The new LIS scheme would be advertised in December 2020/January 2021

Members referred to the importance of these schemes to rural communities and were disappointed that lack of funding did not allow more local roads and non-public accommodation roads to be maintained.

It was noted that a new scheme for the period 2022/2023 would be advertised in early 2021 and it was anticipated that an increased allocation would be available.

#### Salting of Roads

The use of salt brine in place of salt crystals for the salting of roads was discussed. The use of salt brine had been trialled and had advantages and disadvantages. The main disadvantage was that significant quantities of water would have to be transported for the salt brine solution and this would have implications which were under consideration.

#### Construction of footpaths

In response to a query regarding the installation of public lighting as part of any new footpath construction, members were advised that the increased cost in addition to the footpath cost would be significant and could result in the footpath not being constructed. Regard would have to be had to the Council's Public Lighting Policy and the Council's obligations in relation to the Climate Action Plan in the provision of additional public lighting.

#### Road Maintenance

It was noted that the Council used its two Velocity Patching Units across the Municipal Districts. These machines were used in conjunction with standard pothole maintenance units.

#### N62 Roadworks Slievenamon Road, Thurles (Phase 2)

It was agreed that consultation would take place with businesses and householders as part of the design process for this scheme.



#### Liberty Square, Thurles

It was acknowledged that there had been disruption caused to business owners in Liberty Square during works being carried out on utilities by Eir over an extended period without prior consultation and every effort would be made to ensure prior consultation would take place where possible.

#### Clonmel Inner Relief Road – Cycle Lanes

It was noted that cycle lanes would be considered for inclusion as part of the Phase 2 – N24 Improvement Works Programme.

#### Post and Rail Retrofit Programme

It was noted that the retrofit programme of fencing was a rolling programme.

#### Enhancement Scheme – Roscrea

An update on this scheme would be provided in the next Roads Management Report.

#### Passing bays – tertiary roads

In reply to a suggestion regarding the installation of passing bays on tertiary roads, such bays would be dependant on landowners consent and the feasibility of such bays on the particular stretch of roadway.

### **Planning**

#### Invalid Planning Applications

Invalid planning applications were monitored throughout the year and the planning section was working with agents to ensure that standards were met when submitting applications.

#### Planning & Development issues in Portroe

It was agreed that the matter would be considered and revert to Cllr Carroll.

#### Log Cabins

It was clarified that the erection of habitable log cabins did require planning permission but if the structure was joined to an existing dwelling and under 40 sq. meters in floor space, it can be considered as an extension to the existing dwelling and may not require planning permission. It was noted that this would be considered further as part of the County Development Plan process having regard to new technology and ways of building log cabins.

#### Fire & Emergency Services

In response to a query it was noted that Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Response Training in Cahir Fire Station would take place in 2021 on the River Suir.

**Item 13.1**  
**Any Other Business**

Urgent Business

Members of Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District requested that an urgent matter required that a motion would be considered by the members and this was agreed.

Cllr K. O'Meara proposed that "Tipperary County Council request the Minister for Health to reverse the decision to end inpatient services including hospice care at St. Brigid's District Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir".

The motion was seconded by Cllr D. Dunne.

Members unanimously supported the motion.

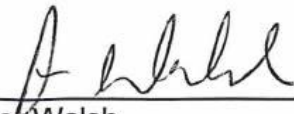
Management Report

In response to a query regarding adequate time allowed for consideration of the Management Report, it was noted that this matter would be referred to the Privilege and Procedure Committee and the CPG for further consideration.

This concluded the business of the meeting, with the meeting finishing at 11.54am.

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

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

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

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