

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

Present

Cllr. Michael Murphy, Leas Chathaoirleach

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

Also Present

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, M Shortt, K. Cashen, S. Carr, S. Keating, P. Slattery, Directors of Service, L. McCarthy, Head of Finance, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Mattie Ryan and Cllrs. J. Bourke, H. McGrath, K. O'Meara, The Cathaoirleach had sent his apologies and due to illness was unable to Chair the Meeting. Cllr. Michael Murphy took the chair in his absence.

Welcome and Introduction

Cllr. Michael Murphy, Leas-Chathaoirleach welcomed all to the February meeting and asked all Councillors present to have regard to Standing Orders during the meeting and he re-iterated the point that any matters of a Municipal District basis would not be dealt with at the Plenary Meeting.

Item 1.1

Proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** seconded by **Cllr. P. English** and resolved

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 21st January 2019

"That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st January 2019 in the Ballykisteen Golf Hotel, Ballykisteen, Co. Tipperary, as presented be adopted".

Item 1.2

Proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** seconded by **Cllr. G. Darcy** and resolved

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 21st January 2019

"That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 21st January 2019 in the Ballykisteen Golf Hotel, Ballykisteen, Co. Tipperary, as presented be adopted".

Item 2.1

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

Conferences /Seminars /Training

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

Seminar/ Conference/ Similar Event	Dates	Venue	Nominees
Trade Deputation	12 th to 15 th March	State of Pennsylvania	Cllr J. Crosse
Meath County Council "Tidy Towns Conference 2019	2 nd Feb 2019	Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath	Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Ml. Murphy Cllr. J. Carroll Cllr. Ml. Smith Cllr. Ml. Anglim Cllr. Ml. O'Meara
TASC "thinking Outside the Ballot Box"	8 th Feb 2019	The Hilton Hotel, Dublin	Cllr. S. Morris Cllr. M. Smith Cllr. Ml. Murphy Cllr. P. Bugler Cllr. J. Carroll Cllr. D. Doran
Southern Regional Assembly	15 th Feb 2019	Tower Hotel, Waterford.	Cllr. J. Carroll Cllr. M. FitzGerald Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Ml. Anglim Cllr. J. Bourke Cllr. M. Ryan
Southern Regional Assembly	13 th Feb 2019	The Strand Hotel, Limerick	Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan
AILG "Annual Training Conference 2019	21 st -22 nd Feb 2019	Longford Arms Hotel	Cllr. S. Ryan Cllr. M. Ryan Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. I. Goldsboro Cllr. M. Hanna Hourigan Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald Cllr. R. Molloy Cllr. Ml. FitzGerald Cllr. E. Moran Cllr. J. Hogan Cllr. K. Bourke Cllr. J. Hannigan Cllr. S. Ambrose Cllr. R. Kennedy Cllr. M. Anglim Cllr. L. McLoughlin Cllr. D. Leahy Cllr. P. Bugler Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. J. Crosse
Celtic Conference "Guide to EU Educational Programmes"	8 th -10 th Feb 2019	The Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth.	Cllr. E. Moran

Item 2.2
Reports on
Conferences

Proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** seconded by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** and noted.

Item 3.1
Section 183

It was proposed by **Cllr. M. Smith**, seconded by **Cllr. M. O'Meara** and resolved

Disposal of
Property at
Inane, Roscrea
to Charlie
Williams

"In accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of plot at Inane, Roscrea, County Tipperary containing approximately 0.26 acres or thereabouts to Mr. Charlie Williams in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 30th January 2019".

This property relates to a strip/portion of land located adjacent to the property of Mr. Charlie Williams and is no longer required by the Council for the purposes of carrying out their powers and duties.

Item 3.2
Section 183

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

Disposal
Property
adjacent to 46
James Connolly
Park, Tipperary
to Christopher
Morey

"In accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of plot adjacent to No. 46, James Connolly Park, Tipperary Town containing approximately 0.0203ha or thereabouts to Mr. Christopher Morey in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 30th January 2019.

This property relates to a strip of land adjacent to No. 46 James Connolly Park and is required to facilitate the erection of wheelchair assessable extension to property at 46 James Connolly Park, Tipperary.

Item 3.3
Section 183
Notice
Disposal of
property at
Ballycahill,
Nenagh to Denis
Darcy

Proposed by **Cllr. G. Darcy**, seconded by **Cllr. M. O'Meara** and resolved:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.705 hectares at Ballycahill, Nenagh, Co Tipperary in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section as circulated on the 31st January 2019."

This property is no longer required by the Council for the purposes of carrying out their powers and duties.

Item 3.4
Section 183
Disposal of
property at
Grangemockler,
Nine-Mile-
House, Carrick-
on-Suir to Repts
of Mary Tobin

Proposed by **Cllr. D. Dunne** seconded by **Cllr. L. McLoughlin** and resolved:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.436 hectares at Nine-Mile-House, Carrick-on-Suir, Co Tipperary in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section as circulated on the 31st January 2019."

It was noted that this was a rectification of title.

Item 3.5

**Section 183
Disposal of
Property at
Ballycraggan,
Puckane to
Puckane Tennis
Club**

Proposed by **Cllr. M. O'Meara** seconded by **Cllr. G. Darcy** 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 of lease of property, consisting of circa 0.0898ha, situated at Ballycraggan, Puckane, Co. Tipperary to Puckane Tennis Club in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 1st February 2019".

The property in question is required for social and amenity purposes.

Item 3.6

**County
Tipperary Local
Economic and
Community Plan
(LECP) 2015-
2020**

It was agreed that this item would be taken as part of the Management Report on Community/Economic Development and Tourism

Item 3.7

**Draft Policy on
the Naming of
Local Authority
Estates**

It was agreed that this item would be taken as part of the Management Report on Housing

Item 4.1

**Ratification of
Member to
Economic
Development &
Enterprise SPC**

Proposed by **Cllr. M. FitzGerald** seconded by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** and resolved

"That Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald be ratified as a member of the Economic Development & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee".

Item 4.2

**Ratification of
Member to
Tipperary
Educational
Training Board**

Proposed by **Cllr. M. FitzGerald** seconded by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** and resolved

"That Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald be ratified as a member of the Education and Training Board".

Item 4.3

**Ratification of
Member to
South Tipperary
Arts Centre**

Proposed by **Cllr. M. FitzGerald** seconded by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** and resolved

"That Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald be ratified as a member of the South Tipperary Arts Centre".

Item 5.1

Consideration of Management Report

Community/Economic Development & Tourism

It was agreed to take item 3.6 as part of the Management Report on Community/Economic Development & Tourism.

Item 3.6

County Tipperary Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2015-2020

Ms. Margo Hayes and Ms. Attracta Lyons made a presentation to the members outlining the key achievements of the Community and Economic Actions Plans 2015-2018 and gave an overview of the Community and Economic Action Plans 2019.

Community

Community Key Achievements for 2015-2018 were outlined in respect of Access to services within the community, Sustainable resilient communities, tackle social deprivation, address long term unemployed, opportunity and potential for young people, reduce the marginalization of target groups, needs of vulnerable families, children/young people & health & wellbeing, needs of the elderly population and supporting people of all ages with disabilities, access life-long educational opportunities, potential for alternative energy projects and develop a sense of security and safety.

The 2019 Community Action Plan had 36 actions to be progressed under 14 high level priorities.

- Support and enable continuing improvement of **access to services** within the community for all citizens. Improve the **quality of life & well-being** for communities through supporting prioritized community infrastructural development and providing prioritized relevant support services
- To Support the development of **sustainable resilient communities**. Support communities and the voluntary sectors to have a voice in **decision-making** in areas which affect their communities
- Seek to eliminate or significantly reduce those areas with the **highest level of social deprivation**
- Address the high level of long term **unemployed**
- To maximise life opportunity and potential for **young people**
- Reduce the marginalisation of **specific target groups** and communities – Travelling community, Non Irish Nationals and Asylum Seekers, Lone Parents, LGBTI and people at risk of homelessness.
- Provide a targeted and integrated response to the needs **of vulnerable families, children / young people** in areas of greatest risk
- Develop an integrated response to the needs of the elderly population.
- Develop an integrated response to reducing the level of **substance misuse/abuse** in agreed targeted areas
- Develop an integrated approach to supporting people of all ages with **disabilities**
- Integrated response in relation to **health & wellbeing** of the community marginalised groups & areas
- To provide opportunities for the citizens to access **life-long educational opportunities**
- Develop the potential for **alternative energy** projects to reduce impact of poverty in key agreed areas
- Develop a sense of **security and safety** in communities in Tipperary with particular reference to the elderly and those who live in more isolated rural areas

Economic

Economic Key Achievements for 2015-2018 were outlined in respect of the promotion and support of Economic Development Opportunities, improve sustainability of County's Energy Use, Entrepreneurship Enterprise Support and Innovation, Identify and Address Skills Deficit and Marketing of the County.

The 2019 Economic Action Plans actions were: -

Economic Opportunities -

- Progress next phase of Ballingarrane site
- Promotion of Lisheen & Bioeconomy Centre of Excellence Project etc. - €4.6m
- Progress Kickham Barracks & Frank Drohan Sports Hub Plan and Liberty Sq., Thurles
- Implementation of projects under Town & Village Renewal Scheme and LEADER
- Further bids under Ireland 2040
- Flights of Discovery Project, Clonmel; and Suir Blueway

Sectoral & Enterprise Support -

- Develop and implement annual action/promotional plan to attract inward investment
- Enterprise support & development, BREXIT challenges
- Continuation of workforce development & upskilling and reskilling programme development
- Implementation of SEAP Actions
- Town Centre & Retail Supports – ongoing supports to towns, particular focus on Tipperary Town, Carrick-on-Suir, and Roscrea
- Network Support – Tipperary Food Producers, Green Business, Women in Business Networks
- Craft Strategy implementation - craft week, network development and branding, craft trail
- Digital Strategy implementation –supporting NBP roll-out, Public Wifi, Digital Hubs, Citizens on Line training programmes, mobile 'phone blackspots
- Promotion of Buzz Quarter, Questum
- Munster Vales, Tipperary Tourism & Lough Derg - Marketing & promotion, product development, industry training & networking and Lough Derg Roadmap etc.

It was proposed by **Cllr. D. Doran** seconded by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** and resolved

"That pursuant to the provisions of Section 66 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 Tipperary County Council adopts the County Tipperary Local Economic & Community Action Plan 2019 as presented under the County Tipperary Local Economic and Community Plan 2015-2020".

Members discussed various aspects of the plans and raised the following issues which were responded to by Mr. P. Slattery, DOS.

Town Centres – Reference was made to the need to review town centre development policies particularly in relation to independent retailers, residential units over retail units and parking charges.

Taxis – The shortage of taxi services in rural towns was highlighted. It was noted that this issue was being considered by the Economic Development and

Enterprise SPC

Insurance Premiums Community Groups – Members strongly condemned the prohibitive insurance costs for charities, small businesses and the voluntary and community section.

It was agreed to write to the Minister seeking reform of this insurance sector.

Tourism – It was agreed that the marketing of Tipperary as one county had proved advantageous and all aspects of tourism were being progressed.

Various potential tourism options were suggested

Broadband and Mobile Phone Coverage – The lack of coverage in areas throughout Tipperary was highlighted. It was agreed that Mr. S. Howe, Broadband Officer, would attend the next meeting of the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC with an update on Broadband in the County. Mobile phone coverage in the County was currently being examined.

Jigsaw Services for Tipperary – Members sought an update and were informed that a Jigsaw service for Tipperary was being considered by HSE South East and it was hoped that Tipperary would be included in the next Government announcement of service areas.

Community CCTV – Members noted that the approval of the Garda Commissioner to allow the Council to act as Data Controller was being sought.

Ballingarrane Phase 2 – It was agreed to keep Clonmel Borough District members up to date on progress.

Corporate Services

Municipal Districts Order 2018

Members expressed mixed views on the recent County of Tipperary Local Electoral Areas and Municipal Districts Order 2018 which had moved the electoral area of Cahir from Clonmel Borough District to the Cashel-Tipperary Municipal District. It was noted that members from the Clonmel and Cahir Electoral Areas were to have a meeting with the Minister John Paul Phelan, T.D. in the coming week to discuss this Order.

Cllr. P English proposed that this Council would write to the Minister seeking the reversal of the decision and was supported by Cllr. R. Molloy.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, suggested that members should await the outcome of the meeting to be held with the Minister and this was agreed to by Cllr. English.

Adjournment

As a result of a fractious exchange between Cllrs. D. Dunne and MI. FitzGerald, the Leas Cathairleach adjourned the meeting for a short time.

Resumption

On resumption of the meeting Cllr. MI FitzGerald apologised for his remarks to Cllr. Dunne. However Sinn Fein members indicated their dissatisfaction with the manner in which Cllr. MI FitzGerald treated their party colleague Cllr. Dunne and the tone of his apology. Cllr. Dunne did not accept the apology in the manner it was proffered. Cllrs. M. Browne, C. Carey and D. Dunne withdrew from the meeting in protest.

In response to the Leas Cathaoirleach's query as to whether the members were satisfied with continuing with the remainder of the meeting agenda, it was agreed to proceed.

Water Services

Combined Drains - It was agreed to inform Irish Water of the urgent need to have an agreed protocol in place for combined drains. Members felt that Irish Water were not addressing this long standing issue which was causing distress to many households.

Legacy Water Accounts – Members were requested to inform Water Services of outstanding legacy water accounts and water services would liaise with Irish Water in an effort to resolve these cases.

Water outages Mountain Road, Clonmel/Giantsgrave Reservoir –these issues would be discussed at the Borough District Meeting in February.

Glenary/Poulavanogue Water Supply, Clonmel – It was agreed to convey the members concerns to Irish Water regarding the retention of the Glenary and Poulavanogue Water Supply Scheme as part of the future supply network for Clonmel.

Ardfinnan/Burncourt RWSS – The tender assessment process was being carried out on this scheme.

Environment and Climate Action

Fly-tipping - As part of the Waste Management ByeLaws, individual house enquiries would commence to ascertain the methods being used to manage their household waste. It was confirmed that the practice whereby households shared bins was acceptable subject to confirmation of details.

Keep Tipperary Tidy Initiative - Members were informed that a County wide clean up day was being organised for March which would involve all organisations. A media campaign would be initiated to promote this.

Suggestions were made regarding the inclusion of high profile business and sports personalities in the promotion of such initiatives and for future years consideration should be given to the holding of the event on Good Friday or a day when schools are closed.

Road Sweeper – the customised road sweeper for approach roads into towns would be rolled out for 2019.

Housing

Houses at Cabra Bridge.

In response to enquiries raised in relation to houses provided at Cabra Bridge, it was confirmed that the mediation process was ongoing and no further comment would be made until this process was finalised. It was agreed to revert to Thurles Municipal District Members on receipt of the legal advice sought.

28 dwellings at Mill Road, Thurles.

It was noted that this scheme would be tendered in March with a completion date of 2020.

Housing Voids

A standardised system was being put in place to deal with the management of voids on a countywide basis.

Energy Efficiency Works

Phase 1 of the Energy Efficiency Works was in progress and phase 2 tender documentation was being prepared.

It was agreed to take Items 3.7 and 5.2 as part of the Management Report on Housing.

Item 3.7 Draft Policy on naming of local authority estates

The draft policy on the Naming of Local Authority Estates had been circulated to the members. This draft policy had been approved by the Housing, Community & Cultural SPC. The main aim of the policy was to promote the use of meaningful local names in bilingual format or in Irish only on Housing Estates. It was proposed that the Council Executive would submit three names for listing on the next monthly Municipal District Agenda for adoption by District members. The members could either adopt one of the submitted names or make an alternative proposal for adoption.

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Morris**, seconded by **Cllr. I. Goldsboro** and resolved

“That Tipperary County Council hereby adopts the Policy on the Naming of Local Authority Estates”, as presented.

Item 5.2 Review of Homeless Services in Tipperary.

Mr. Sean Lonergan, A.O. Housing, made a presentation to the members on the review that had taken place on homeless services in Tipperary. Its purpose was to review the adequacy of the current homeless service provision in Tipperary, to highlight challenges and to explore the opportunities so as to address the challenges and myriad of needs of homeless in the County. On a regional basis Tipperary was situated within two different regions from an Administrative and HSE perspective -

South Tipperary: South East Region

North Tipperary: Mid West Region

Services operated under two separate Action Plans –South East Homeless Action Plan 2013 – 2016 and the Mid West Homelessness Action Plan 2013 – 2018

The Homeless Service for all of Tipperary was funded through the Strategic Management Group of the South East Regional Homeless Forum. They also provided advice, support & training.

On a County basis Homeless Action Teams (THAT) operated in both Clonmel and Nenagh. These were multidisciplinary teams which provide an interagency approach to those who presented as homeless or who were at risk of becoming homeless. Regular clinics were held throughout the county.

In response to the challenges being encountered by the homeless services the review recommended the following improvements: -

- More effective engagement with regional structures and between the 2 regions
- Setting up of one county wide THAT overview group
- Re-purposing & revitalising of THAT in Clonmel & Nenagh

- Maximising the level of consistent supports and wrap around services for those in need of same
- Hierarchy approach to dealing with the various homeless categories
- Housing First Model, Housing Led approach, Tenancy Sustainment, Mediation Service
- Aligning service supports with the hierarchical model
- Provision of a number of dedicated homeless units throughout the county which are actively managed and supported
- Greater engagement with the AHB to assist in addressing the homeless challenge
- Securing a greater number of emergency accommodation options throughout the county and all such accommodation to be managed in the same way
- Continuing to seek a review of the HAP rent levels
- Introduction of a HAP Place Finder Service
- Re-structuring of staffing model within housing
- Training for staff
- More effective usage of IT system to assist with developing appropriate policy solutions

Members thanked Mr. Lonergan for his presentation. They acknowledged the difficulties that homeless presentations posed for housing staff and referred to the need for hostel type accommodation in Tipperary together with improved mental health and addiction services. They welcomed solutions proposed in the review.

Following further consideration, it was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose**, seconded by **Cllr. I. Goldsboro** and agreed that the Homeless Services review and recommendation as proposed be hereby adopted by the Council.

Item 5.3
Climate
Adaptation Plan
Update

Mr. Sean Keating, Director referred to Presentation as circulated with Agenda and noted that Tipperary County Council was a leader in energy conservation and collaboration on the bio-economy. Energy efficiency had been improved by 46% from a 2005 baseline, against a national target of 30% by 2020. Increased energy efficiency was part of the Council' effort to mitigate against further climate change by limiting our carbon footprint and reducing our emissions of greenhouse gases.

It was noted that work had now started on the Tipperary County Council Climate Adaptation Strategy, to be finalised by September, 2019.

Local councils were key players in responding to the challenges posed by climate change. They played a pivotal role in planning for and responding to emergency situations and possessed up-to-date knowledge of the local natural and man-made environment. They interact with local communities on an ongoing basis and were well placed to lead the behavioural changes that are required.

Tipperary County Council was reacting to the scale of the climate challenge by

assigning lead responsibility within the council to the re-named "**Environment and Climate Action**" Directorate. The full council would adopt the County Climate Adaptation Strategy later this year. The people of Tipperary would have an opportunity to express their opinion on the draft strategy when it went to public consultation in the coming months.

This was noted and agreed by the Members.

Item 5.4
Submission to the Southern Regional Assembly Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2019-2031

Members considered the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) submission as circulated which outlined specific issues of concern together with general issues raised by the members of Tipperary County Council on the draft document.

The Members acknowledged the work undertaken by the Elected Members and Executive of the Southern Regional Assembly in preparing the Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Southern Region. This Strategy would be pivotal to the delivery of a robust, planned and sustainable Southern Region for the next decade with an influence extending well beyond 2030.

Following consideration, it was proposed by **Cllr. Micheál Lowry**, seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and agreed to adopt the submission as drafted. It was further agreed that the submission would be forwarded to the Southern Regional Assembly for their consideration.

Item 6.1
Consideration of Orders for the period to the 31st January 2019

Chief Executive and Delegated Officers Order for the period to the 31st January 2019 were noted.

Item 7.1
Notice of Motion Restoration of Pay - Members of Defence Forces

Motion No. 7.1 (1559) was proposed by **Cllr. P. English**

"That Tipperary County Council write to the Taoiseach, Minister for Defence Leo Varadkar to request the immediate restoration of pay, allowances and conditions to members of the Defence Forces to a level that will allow members of the Defence Forces and their family's to live with dignity, and without the requirement for Social Welfare to supplement their basic income".

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

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

Item 7.2
Notice of Motion KBC Bank Evictions

Motion No. 7.2 (1560) was proposed by **Cllr. D. Doran**

"That this Council expresses their disgust at the actions of KBC bank and their actions in evicting a family in Strokestown, also to condemn the type of personnel used in these evictions".

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

It was agreed to forward the motion to the CEO of KBC Bank.

Item 7.3

Motion No. 7.3 (1561) was proposed by **Cllr. D. Doran**

Notice of Motion

Evictions by All Banks

"That this Council calls for the relevant Minister to instruct banks to cease these evictions and to work with the families involved to reach an agreement where families can stay on in their homes/farms".

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

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

Item 7.4

Motion No. 7.4 (1562) was proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy**

Notice of Motion

Side Skirts on Articulated Trucks

"That this Council write to Department of Transport asking that it be made a requirement for all new articulated trucks to have side skirts in the interest of safety as it reduces spray from trucks on carriage ways".

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. K. Bourke**

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Department of Transport for consideration and reply

Item 7.5

Motion No. 7.5 (1572) was proposed by **Cllr. J. Hannigan**

Notice of Motion

A.N.C. Scheme 2019 (Areas of Natural Constraint)

"That Tipperary Local Authority contact the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to request a suspension such that the 79 Townlands in County Tipperary excluded from A.N.C. Scheme 2019 be reinstated to the scheme for 2019 on the basis that the methodology used to apply the criteria set down for such expulsions was flawed, and did not consider all mitigating factors".

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan**

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for consideration and reply noting that no consideration or understanding of the methodology used to select townlands that were added/excluded from the Scheme had been provided to land owners affected.

Item 7.6

Motion No. 7.6 (1573) was proposed by **Cllr. J. Hannigan**

Notice of Motion

Regulation of Banks

"That Tipperary Local Authority contact the Minister for Finance and propose that the Minister introduces legislation that Banking Institutions who are regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland and who wish to sell on mortgages/loans that they have advanced to their customers, be allowed to sell such loans on to only similarly regulated institutions"

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. J. Crosse**

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

Item 8.1

Motion No. 8.1 (1583) was not dealt with in the absence of Cllr. C. Carey.

Notice of Motion
Horses - Must be Chipped

"That no horse be allowed on Council property without being chipped. This is a legal requirement and we as a Council must ensure the upkeep of this law".

Item 8.2

Motion No. 8.2 (1587) was proposed by **Cllr. I. Goldsboro**

Notice of Motion
Property Market Machines

"That Tipperary County Council in association with Tipperary Joint Policing Committee purchase five property market machines that can be loaned to Community Alert Groups throughout each District in the County to roll out property marking at a local level which will act as a determinant to criminal activity".

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

The reply to the Motion was as follows: -

Property theft is one of the biggest security challenges in Ireland today. At their December 2018 meeting of Tipperary Joint Policing Committee, the issue of Property Marking was discussed. This involves a community led crime prevention program run in partnership with the county-based Joint Policing Committees, Local Authorities and community organisations, particularly Community Alert and Neighborhood Watch groups.

The program involves marking property with the owner's Eircode number, which is a unique identifier, and displaying a sticker on the premises to show that household's or businesses participation in the program. The mark that is made on the property is a physical mark which is etched into the property. It is very difficult to remove and can be repeated a number of times on the one item. The mark is made by a specially-designed machine (weighing 25gr.) which embosses the property item with small dots in the pattern of your Eircode.

To date, a small number of counties have piloted this scheme. In County Louth the PPN are leading this out and making the machine available to local groups and community alert groups. In Monaghan the 'property marking machine' is made available through an App through their IT section, and the community groups register an interest in using the machine.

The costs of the machine are close to €6,000 including VAT and the yearly service fee is about €500. This does not include for incidents where damage was done to the machine while being used by a group. In addition, it requires a section of the council to hold and administer its use and someone to show a community groups and if were to bring it to marts etc!

In Lough and Monaghan, Community Alert groups are the main users, but it has also been used at marts and colleges and managed by C&E or the Gardai. Signage can also be provided at a cost to community alert areas that participate in the scheme. Monaghan advise voluntary groups marking property for members of their community to take out insurance. BHP Insurance has a special policy in place to cover groups who organise property marking events, or can add on a charge to your existing cover with them to cover you to carry out property marking.

Recommendation: A budget of €10,000 will be sought by Tipperary County

Council to purchase property marking machine on a trial basis. The Community and Enterprise Section will liaise with Muintir Na Tire and Tipperary PPN to see if they would be willing to hold the machine and offer it to community alert groups. A policy protocol would need to be adopted as well as a booking register.

Cllr Moloney requested that consideration would be given to the purchase of two machines, one for use in North Tipperary and one for South Tipperary.

This was agreed by the Council.

Item 8.3

Motion No. 8.3(1588) was proposed by **Cllr. P. English**

Notice of Motion

Recycling Deposit Scheme

"That Tipperary County Council request the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Richard Bruton to introduce a Recycling Deposit Scheme for plastic bottles, glass bottles and cans, as is the case in other jurisdictions in Europe such as Germany, Austria, Netherlands, Sweden and Finland".

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

The reply to the Motion was as follows:

For the information of the members, current waste policy in Ireland does not include deposit and return schemes. The alternative approach adopted includes segregation at household level, supported by a requirement for waste collectors to provide recycling bins, and the provision of a countrywide network of free recycling banks for glass and aluminum containers.

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment for consideration and reply

Items 9.1 – 9.3

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

Correspondence

Item 9.3 – Below Cost Selling of Alcohol.

Members were informed that the Corporate Policy Group had agreed to a deputation from Vintners Federation of Ireland to make a presentation to the members at the March Monthly Meeting.

Items 10.1-10.2

Resolutions from other Local Authorities were noted:

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Sligo County Council

Recognising that the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (I.N.M.O), which representing 40,000 nursing professionals, have overwhelmingly balloted to strike in light of rejecting pay proposals brought forward by the Government in budget 2019; and that the government has failed to address matters such as pay equality and the over reliance of hiring of agency nurses.

Leitrim County Council

I will ask the elected members for support in calling on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris, T.D. and the Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh, T.D. to work together in providing Speech Therapy in our Primary and Post Primary Schools for children with special needs.

11.1

**Expression of
Votes of
Sympathy.**

Votes of sympathy were extended to the following: -

- Anthony Orme on the death of his father, John. Anthony is a Leak Detection Inspector with Tipperary County Council.
- Family of Stephen Morrissey, Killahagan, former employee of Templemore Town Council.
- Margaret Drohan, Planning Section, Clonmel on the death of her mother, Joan.
- Seamus McCutcheon, Regional Training centre, Roscrea on the death of his father, Tom.
- Family of Kieran T. Flynn, Solicitor, Tipperary Town.

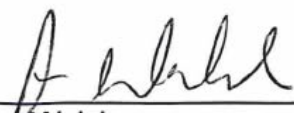
Votes of Congratulations were extended to the following: -

- Borrisokane Community College Hurling Team on winning the Munster Colleges "C" Final.
- Denis Heffernan on winning a Special Recognition Award for service to the Community at the LAMA All Ireland Community and Council Awards 2019.
- Zero Waste, Cashel on winning Best Waste Management Programme in the LAMA All Ireland Community and Council Awards 2019.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: