MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, CLONMEL AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM AT 10.00 AM

ON MONDAY 9th JUNE, 2025.

Present

Cllr. D. Burgess, Cathaoirleach

Cllrs: Acheson, T; Ambrose, S; Anglim, M; Bonfield, F; Bourke, K; Brennan, MI; Browne, L; Bugler, P; Cahill-Skehan, K; Carroll, J; Crosse, J; Dunne, D; FitzGerald, J; Goldsboro, A; Hannigan, J; Hourigan, Mary Hanna; Kennedy, R; Kennedy, Wm; Lee, S; McGrath, M; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Morgan Walsh, L; O'Heney, J, O'Meara, J.P.; Ryan, S; Smith, MI.

Remote

Cllrs: Dennehy, N; Fitzgerald, M; Lowry, MI; Morris, S; Murphy, O'Meara, M; Quirke O'Meara, P; Ryan, AM; Ryan, J; Ryan, P.

Apologies

Cllr. Pat English

Also Present

Ms. Sinéad Carr, Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Jonathan Cooney, Brian Beck, Anthony Coleman, Michael Moroney, Denis Holland, Anthony Fitzgerald, Robert Johnston, Shane O'Dwyer, Fergal Condon, Marie O'Donnell

Item 1.1 Welcome & Introduction/ Meetings Protocol

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the June Meeting of the Council, advising members present in the Chamber that their microphone had to be turned on when they spoke and referred members attending remotely of the protocol for remote meetings circulated with the agenda and asked members to observe the rules contained therein with regard to remote meetings. He checked with each councillor attending remotely that they could see and hear clearly. He welcomed the media, the staff members and the members of the public who were in attendance.

The Meetings Administrator took a roll call and commenced the meeting with the opening prayer.

The Cathaoirleach extended congratulations to Eileen Condon Caterer on her retirement. He welcomed Cllr. Kieran Bourke back to the chamber. The Cathaoirleach acknowledged Corporate Services for the Civic Reception for Daire Lynch, Olympic Medallist.

The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Declan Burgess referred to the recent All-Ireland success achieved by the Tipperary U20's in the Hurling Championship and proposed: -

"That a Civic Reception be accorded to the Tipperary U20 Hurling Team in recognition of their winning the 2025 All Ireland Final, with a date to be agreed".

This was seconded by Cllr. Máirín McGrath and agreed by the Council.

Item 2.1 Disclosure/or Conflicts of Interest

Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 (the Act) sets out that a member must disclose any pecuniary or other beneficial interest which he or she or a "connected person" has in any matter which comes before a meeting and a relevant employee must do likewise in the case of any matter with which he or she is concerned in the course of work.

The following disclosures/conflicts of interest were advised to the Meetings Administrator in advance of the meeting.

Agenda Item 5.3 Section 183 Notice - Kickham Barracks Chapel, Davis Road, to South Tipperary Arts Centre CLG

Cllr. John FitzGerald and Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose declared their membership on the Board of South Tipperary Arts Centre. It was noted that where a member makes such disclosure he or she must withdraw fully from the meeting for so long as that matter is being discussed or considered and take no part in the discussion or consideration of the matter and shall refrain from voting in relation to it.

Item No. 3.1 Minutes of Council Meeting held on 12th May, 2025

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on 12th May, 2025 were proposed by **Clir. S. Ryan** and seconded by **Clir. J. Crosse** and approved.

Item 4.1 Approval to Attendance

It was proposed by **Clir. Mairín McGrath** and seconded by **Clir. Roger Kennedy** and resolved: -

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

Seminars/ Conferences/ Similar Events	Dates	Venue	Nominees
International Social Housing Festival	4 th – 6 th June	Convention Centre Dublin	Cllr AnnMarie Ryan Shiner Cllr Michael O Meara Cllr John O Heney Cllr Liam Browne Cllr Michael Brennan Cllr Michael Smith Cllr John Fitzgerald Cllr Máirín McGrath Cllr Niall Dennehy Cllr Michael Anglim Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan Cllr Andy Moloney Cllr Richie Molloy

AILG Training Module 4 "Planning 2025",	19 th June, 2025	Radisson Blu Cork	Cllr Sean Ryan Cllr Michael Smith Cllr Andy Moloney Cllr Richie Molloy Cllr Michael O Meara
AILG Training Module 4 "Planning 2025",	21 st June, 2025	Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan	Cllr Seamie Morris Cllr Phyll Bugler Cllr Marie Murphy Cllr Liam Browne Cllr John Carroll Cllr John Fitzgerald Cllr Micheal Anglim Cllr Máirín McGrath Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan

Councillor Training & Development Programme 2025

Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator informed the members that Tipperary County Council had previously adopted a Training and Development Programme for the Elected Members. He noted the following training events scheduled for the next number of months: -

Cathaoirleach Training - Clonmel Civic Offices (In Person only)

Provisional Date - Wednesday 16th July, 2025, 10 am to 3.30 pm

Social Media Training & Personal Security Awareness Training

Quarter 3 2025 Provisional Date - Tuesday 15th July, 10 am to 12 noon. With a follow up session to be organised in September/October 2025

SPC Policy Making & Literacy Awareness Training

Quarter 3/Quarter 4 2025 (Provisional Dates of 16/17/18/26 September). Mr. Walsh noted that one session would be organised in Clonmel & one in Nenagh and further a further date in October would also be considered. The dates as proposed were agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Máirín McGrath, seconded by Cllr. Roger Kennedy.

Item 4.2

Reports on Conferences

Reports on Conferences attended were noted.

<u>Item 5.1</u>

Section 183
Notice Disposal of land
at No. 10
Fontency
Terrace, Thurles
to Orla Moloney

It was proposed by Cllr. Séan Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Kay Cahill Skehan and resolved: -

"that in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of 0.066ha at No. 10 Fontenoy Terrace, Thurles to Orla Moloney for a consideration of €300.00 and the Councils Legal Fees in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Wednesday, 28th May 2025".

The disposal of property was required to facilitate the regularisation of a mapping error.

Item 5.2

Section 183
Notice Disposal of land
at Sladagh,
Lisronagh,
Clonmel to Allez
Farms Ltd

It was proposed by **Cllr. Mairin McGrath,** seconded by **Cllr. John FitzGerald** and resolved: -

"that in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 0.021 ha at Sladagh, Lisronagh, Clonmel to Allez farms Ltd for a consideration of €500.00 and the Councils Legal Fees in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Wednesday, 28th May 2025".

The disposal of the property was required to facilitate the registration of an entire holding.

Item 5.3

Section 183
Notice –
Disposal of
Kickham
Barracks Chapel,
Davis Road,
Clonmel to
South Tipperary
Arts Centre CLG

It was proposed by **Clir. Tom Acheson**, seconded by **Clir. John Crosse** and resolved: -

"that in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of Kickham Barracks Chapel, Clonmel to South Tipperary Arts Centre via a 5-year lease for a consideration of €100.00 per annum in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday, 29th May 2025".

The disposal of the property via a 5-year lease was required to facilitate the further development of arts and culture usage.

(Note: Both Cllr. John FitzGerald and Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose withdrew from the meeting).

Item 5.4

Local Authority
own
development
pursuant to
Article 81 of
Part 8 of the
Planning
development
Regulations (as
amended)
Gantly Road &
Chapel Lane,
Townparks,
Roscrea, County
Tipperary.

In accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and development Regulations 2001, as amended, Tipperary County Council made available for public inspection the plans and particulars of the proposed development of 17 new dwellings consisting of 15 no. apartments comprising of 7 No. 1-Bed apartments and 8 No. 2-Bed apartments and 2 No. semi-detached single storey houses at Gantly Road, Roscrea, Co Tipperary. The development will also include a community room and coffee dock in the apartment building block, a new entrance from Gantly Road, new roadways, footpaths, bin storage, car parking, pedestrian routes, landscaping, drainage connections, related ancillary services and all associated site works from Wednesday 26th March 2025 to Friday 25th April 2025.

The Planning Authority was satisfied that the proposal is in accordance with the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 and the Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023, was acceptable in terms of design and layout and presents no significant impacts on the conservation objectives of any Natura 2000 site.

The development as set out on the plans and particulars is considered acceptable and is consistent with the principle of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Therefore, it was recommended that the proposed development should proceed subject to the following recommended requirements and conditions.

 Tipperary County Council shall enter into pre-connection agreements with Uisce Eireann to provide for service connections to the public water supply and wastewater collection network and shall adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement

Following consideration, it was proposed by **ClIr. Fiona Bonfield**, seconded by **ClIr. Michael Smith** and agreed; -

"That the development, as proposed in the Chief Executives Report, be proceeded with subject to the recommended requirements and conditions".

Item 5.5 Tipperary County Council Draft Annual Report 2024

The Meetings Administrator referred to the report as circulated and noted that a hard copy of the report would be provided to the members at the annual meeting. He advised that a draft report was circulated to the members at the April meeting and that the Council was obliged under Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001 to prepare and adopt an Annual Report for the period to the end of December, 2023.

It was proposed by **Clir. Sean Ryan**, seconded by **Clir. David Dunne** and resolved:

"That in accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, the Annual Report for year ended 31st December 2024 as presented be and is hereby adopted"

The Cathaoirleach acknowledged the staff involved in the compilation of the report.

Item No. 6.1 Consideration of the 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 Director of Services.

- Economic, Community and Rural Development
- Environment & Climate Action
- Corporate Services
- Housing

Item 7.1

Economic, Community and Rural Development

Presentation by Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services Economic Community & Rural Development

It was agreed, on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 6.2 Tipperary LCDC Annual Report 2024 and to take Item no 7.1 Presentation by Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services Economic Community & Rural Development as part of the Management Report on Economic Community & Rural Development

The Cathaoirleach invited Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services to give a presentation to the members, a copy of which had been provided. Mr. Beck noted there were two elements to the presentation. Mr. Beck invited Anthony Fitzgerald, Head of Enterprise to present the Economic/LEO element of the presentation.

Mr Fitzgerald outlined to the members the state supported companies in Tipperary, noting that there were over 14,000 employees in these companies. He outlined the major employers in the county. He noted the work being done regarding the future expansion planned for Boston Scientific with the acquisition of additional lands from the HSE.

He outlined the LEO performance from 2020-2024. He stated it was solid over the period.

Four locations were highlighted under Property Activation: -

- Brodeen Knockanrawley
- Ranbaxy Cashel
- O'Dwyer Steel Dundrum
- Miloko Carrick on Suir

Mr. Beck noted that the staff at the Local Enterprise Centres were available to offer advice to any persons wishing to set up companies and encouraged elected members to engage with staff on this matter.

Mr. Beck briefed the members on Land Activation highlighting the following locations:

- Ballingarrane
- HSE lands Clonmel
- Lisbunny
- Treame
- Roscrea
- Carrick on Suir
- Tipperary Town
- Templemore
- Lisheen

Mr. Beck gave a status update on the sites to the members. He highlighted the Lisheen project. He noted challenges in areas like Roscrea where land is not available to the local authority. He said the availability of water and power was crucial to progressing developments. He also referred to the challenges presented from a potential tariff introduction and a shortage of skilled labour and noted the importance of apprenticeships schemes in this regard. The cross partnership with the local authority and other organisations was acknowledged. He acknowledged the work of Mr. Fitzgerald and his team.

Mr Beck acknowledged their feedback and positive comments on his presentation.

In response to members queries and comments Mr. Beck responded as follows:

Item No. 6.1 Consideration of the Management Report contd.

Link with Limerick LEO

He said that Tipperary was a unique location, bordered by 8 counties and there is ongoing engagement with other counties. He encouraged businesses in the county to link in with LEO.

Staffing

It was noted that there were three staff available, working with existing businesses and seeking to generate new employment opportunities for the county. Businesses are encouraged to contact LEO.

Leader Targeted Call

Huge response to expressions of interest for the Green Economy Targeted Call. Currently being evaluated. Further targeted calls are planned.

Drugs Training

It was noted that drug training was taking place in Clonmel and opportunities to expand training in schools in the 2025/2026 academic year would be examined. Engagement with schools is ongoing.

County/Local Development Plans & Zoning

Discussion are taking place with multinational investors. Temporary accommodation options for companies based in an area are not generating interest. Focus on investment is concentrated on facilities. A wider discussion on zoning will be required to flesh out issues before a new plan is approved. This must be done in accordance with specific proposals.

Tourism Activator Update

Fáilte Ireland's Investment Grant Aid Scheme for Private and Community SMEs has resulted in 2 further successful applicants in Tipperary resulting in grants awarded to the value of €545,000. Mairead Winters assists private companies/individuals to apply for funding under Just Transition. Further announcements are anticipated. Examples of projects would be conversion of farm buildings into tourist accommodation. Applications for funding are encouraged.

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Applications are being evaluated. Given the volume submitted nationwide this will take time.

Water & Electricity

Objective of local authority is to make sites shovel ready. The investment in Ballingarrane was noted.

Small Businesses

Key objective of local authority. Land activation is needed to assist them

Social Enterprise/Community shops

Critical to rural areas. Not businesses so they cannot compete against existing businesses.

<u>Tipperary Tourism Strategic Plan</u>

Masterplan presentation to be facilitated at next Economic SPC meeting

Item 6.2

Tipperary LCDC Annual Report 2024 The report as circulated was noted.

Item No. 6.1 Consideration of the Management Report

Environment & Climate Action

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services, responded to general queries raised on the Management Report as follows: -

Textile Banks

Removal of bins to commence. Awaiting Regional sign off. Bins will be relocated to Civic Amenity Sites. A tendering process will take place to ascertain interest. The budget implications were noted.

Climate Action Fund

Round two scheduled for September. Strong attendance at the recent webinar was noted.

CCTV Pilot Areas

New oversight board in place. Sections working on details for new codes of procedure.

Green Schools

Awareness Officer will link in with schools.

Stray Horses

Local authority has powers under Control of Horses for public areas. Private land is a matter for the private owner and the council have no powers of seizure on private lands. It was agreed to liaise with Cllr. John FitzGerald on a specific issue raised and to provide Cllr. John FitzGerald with information on the powers of the local authority under the Control of Horses Act.

Burial Ground Capital Development Policy

Policy in place effective from 12^{th} May 2025. Limited funding was noted. It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Willie Kennedy on specific issues raised

Dumping in Silvermines

It was agreed to liaise with Cllr. Pamela Quirke O'Meara on specific query raised

Chapel Lane, Roscrea

Household waste inspection to be carried out to determine if such waste is an issue. Estate to be monitored to resolve issue. It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Shane Lee on same.

Kilbov Burial Ground

It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Phyll Bugler with update

Big Belly Bins

It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Phyl Bugler on specific query raised

Old Land Fill Ballina

It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Phyl Bugler on specific query raised.

Dog Control

A breakdown of dog seizures across county to be provided to the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Declan Burgess

Item 6.3 Electoral

Commission
Oversight
Report on
Electoral
Registers

Corporate Services

It was agreed, on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 6.3 Electoral Commission Oversight Report on Electoral Registers as part of Management Report Corporate Services

The Cathaoirleach invited Mr. Ger Walsh, Director of Services to brief the members.

Mr. Walsh outlined the importance of data accuracy for the democratic process. He noted that 2024 was a busy year in franchise with 3 Electoral events. The ease of online applications increased volumes and an increased commentary on registration at the local and national level. He stated that the next two years will be a period of enormous change arising from the introduction of the provisions of the Electoral Reform Act 2022.

He outlined the factors contributing to the increased activity at present. He noted that the Electoral Reform Act 2022 also provides for the preregistration for 16 and 17-year-olds. The Act provided for the establishment of a shared national electoral register database. This is known as the Local Government Electoral Registration System (LGERS). It is planned that LGERS will be rolled out nationally in 2026. Mr. Walsh noted that this as an important step in increasing the effective future management of the electoral registers.

Until this system is established only the four Dublin local authority registers are able to talk to each other. The other 27 local authority registers are standalone. When LGERS is established, it will facilitate, among other things, the ability to cross check for duplicate entries across the electoral registers. The Electoral Reform Act 2022 introduced what is termed 'individual registration'. This was the most significant change for the electors and for the local authorities.

Under individual registration, it is now the responsibility of each person to register themselves on an electoral register and, once on the register, to ensure that all their details are accurate and up-to-date. All registrations or amendment applications to voter ie are, if approved by local authority staff, then added electronically to the register through an automated process. For those who do not wish to apply online he noted that there is the option of registering with a paper application form.

He outlined that in order to either register online or update a person's information online it is necessary for that person to provide details which act as personal identifiers. In addition to name, address and citizenship these are:

- > PPSN
- > Date of birth
- > Eircode

He noted that to date the vast majority of electors on electoral registers have not provided PPSNs.

He highlighted to the members that when they receive the electoral register they become Data Controllers and the appropriate care should be taken. The relevant information will be circulated to the members.

He outlined the ongoing data cleansing process of the electoral register noting that the removal of duplicate and redundant entries is essential to the effective management of electoral registers and increases accuracy. This ensures that an elector can vote only once at an electoral event, and means that the assessment of turnout is more accurate. The accurate removal of entries on the electoral registers is a complicated issue and one that has given rise to considerable comment and the removal of deceased electors from the system is another issue.

He highlighted to the members that under the Electoral Reform Act 2022 removal can involve local authorities making three documented attempts to contact an elector before removing them from the register. Removal must happen only when there is a verifiable exact match of data with that on the register, for example, name and date of birth. In some instances, a grieving relative may be asked to provide a death certificate in order to remove the elector.

The maintenance of rolling registers has resourcing, training and budgetary implications as the work flow with a 'live' register is a year-round task and the plan is to be ready to migrate in 2026.

He said that the report provides an in-depth analysis of electoral register trends, accuracy levels, and operational challenges faced by Tipperary County Council. The findings highlight substantial growth in voter registrations, but also concerns regarding data accuracy and resource limitations.

Mr. Walsh summarised the findings and highlighted the substantial growth in voter registrations, but also expressed concerns regarding data accuracy and resource limitations. He outlined the current staff numbers working on the register and outlined the activities being undertaken to improve the accuracy and completeness of the register.

In response to members comments and queries on the Electoral Register Changes, it was agreed to: -

- Revert to Cllr. Liam Browne regarding availability of Public Register and Marked Register to the public.
- Revert to Cllr. Liam Browne regarding Data Controller requirements.
- Revert to Cllr. David Dunne regarding Courts Service access to Register of Electors
- Explore opportunities to work with schools to create awareness

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services, responded to general queries raised on the Management Report as follows: -

Pothole Claims

It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Phyll Bugler on query on cost to council of pothole claims

Item 8.1
Attendance of
Deputation - Ms.
Cara Darmody,
Disability Rights
Campaigner

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Cara Darmody and her father, Mr. Mark Darmody to the chamber. He outlined Ms. Darmody's work campaigning to raise awareness of delays of supports needed for autistic children. He noted the event as a historic one for the council.

Before delivering her presentation to the council, Ms. Darmody thanked her father and acknowledged Cllrs. Michael Brennan and Ger D'arcy. In her presentation, she outlined to the members the background to her campaign for rights for those with a disability. She expressed her concern at the numbers on waiting lists around the country and in Tipperary. She noted that legislation provided for a timeframe for autism assessments to be carried out but the requirements of the legislation were not being met. She said there was a need for a state of urgency on the matter and stated that early intervention is key to a positive outcome for those affected. She outlined the representations that she had made at government level and she asked the elected members to consider contacting Oireachtas and Senate members to lend their support to her campaign.

She stated it was a great honour for her to address the council and acknowledged the elected members for their work.

She concluded with a quote from Muhammad Ali.

"Service to others is the rent we pay for a room here on earth".

The Cathaoirleach acknowledged the call for local representatives to campaign Oireachtas and Senate members for more funding for disability services.

A spokesperson from each political party complimented Ms. Darmody on her presentation and on her relentless advocacy for her brothers and those with autism, stating that she was a voice for the people who cannot speak for themselves. The significance of the assessment of needs issue was noted and they offered their support to her campaign.

Ms. Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive complimented Ms. Darmody on an impressive presentation. She stated it was encouraging to see young people articulating their issues and acknowledged that huge support was needed for the worthwhile cause.

Item No. 6.1 Consideration of the Management Report contd.

Housing, Ukrainian Refugee Accommodation Response

Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Director of Services, responded to general queries raised on the Management Report as follows: -

Affordable Housing

KPMG Report strengthens the affordability need for Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles. It was agreed to revert to the Department of Housing with a view to having further towns in_the county approved for Affordable Housing. One scheme advertised in Clonmel with a further potential scheme.

Housing Voids

A number of voids will be demolished but will still be shown as a vacant property until unit until redeveloped.

Works to commence on property in Ballina. Issue has been resolved on void in Templederry and will progress.

Cullen Village

Engagement is ongoing with NOVAS. Approved Housing Body is driving the development.

Housing Grants

Priority 1 & 2 applications are currently being processed. Priority 3 applications will not be dealt with in 2025. It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Shane Lee on specific Vat queries raised

Uisce Eireann

Issues at Nenagh Developments noted.

<u>International Social Housing Festival 2025</u>

It was agreed to liaise with Cllr. Liam Browne to discuss inviting representatives from the convention to attend a brief Housing SPC meeting

Vacancy & Dereliction Team

A Report to be provided to council on a bi-monthly basis as part of the Management Report – Planning & Development

Anti-Social Behaviour

A strategy has been adopted. The court expectation of proportionality was noted. Every effort must be maintained to maintain the tenancy.

Choice Based Letting

Scheme focuses on one bed properties for one bed applicants.

Right Sizing

A policy is being developed through the SPC.

Mountain View

Design being finalised. Part 8 will be before members in September.

Clogheen

Archaeological issues discovered. Design amendments required.

Retrofits

71 allocations spread across district.

Item 9.1 Agree
Date for
Councillor
Workshops

It was agreed that the Roads Funding Workshop incorporating a presentation on Vacant Above the Shop Units would take place in the Nenagh Civic Offices and Remotely via Zoom on Wednesday, June 25th at 2.30pm

Item 10.1
Consideration of
Orders for the
period to the
31st May 2025

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 31st May 2025 were noted.

Item No. 11.1
Tipperary Cahir
Cashel MD
Councillors
(NOM Ref. No.
2985)

The Motion Reference No. 2985 was proposed by Cllr. Roger Kennedy

"That this Council seek a deputation with Minister Jim O'Callaghan and relevant officials of the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

To discuss the awarding of the contract to accommodate 277 IPAS clients in Dundrum House Hotel, Dundrum Tipperary, a village of c 200 persons

To provide a range of additional supports and services to both the local current population and any interim population as identified by the Community Integration Forum

To seek an assurance that in the identification and provision of any future interim IPAS accommodation in the county (pending the permanent government facilities) that due regard is had to the population number of the receiving community and the services available

That a Community Risk assessment is required to be carried and submitted by the owner of any building seeking to accommodate IP clients in an area. This risk assessment to include prior consultations to take place with the local community and any agreements reached

The deputation to consist of the Cathaoirleach of the Council and the Cathaoirleach/Mayor of the Borough/Municipal Districts.

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. Liam Browne.**

In moving the motion Cllr. Kennedy stated that the proposal to house IPAS clients now having previously accommodated Ukrainian clients, was not sustainable in the long term owing to the lack of ancillary facilities in Dundrum. Councillor Kennedy said that the placement of 277 IPAS clients would have a huge impact on the Dundrum area noting there are 200 residents in the village of Dundrum.

He said it could not be sustained long-term because the facilities and the ancillary backup was not there in any of the services, whether be it education, health, business. He noted the significant issues with ownership of the company that currently owns Dundrum House.

Cllr. Liam Browne and Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan spoke in support of the motion. They also referenced the lack of consultation with the local community. Cllr. Browne said that there were planning issues within Dundrum House, which is against the Department's rules for awarding IPAS contracts, stating that planning issues were a matter for the local authority.

It was agreed to amend the motion to include Cllr. Browne and Cllr. Kennedy in the deputation.

Ms. Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive noted the seriousness of the motion and stated that she was happy to support the members in their preparation for the deputation. She said the deputation should be approached in a managed manner and agreed with the proposal regarding the makeup of the deputation.

It was agreed that the Motion be referred to the Minister for Justice, Mr. Jim O'Callaghan for consideration.

The Motion Reference 2983/2986 was proposed by **Cllr. Kieran Bourke**.

Item 12.1 Carrick M.D. Councillors (NOM 2983 / NOM 2986)

"We are calling on the Tipperary County Council Plenary Council to write to the Minister for Transport seeking support and additional investment for Waterford Airport."

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. David Dunne**.

In moving the Motion Cllr. Bourke said that it was critical for the South East to develop Waterford Airport and upgrade it to a satisfactory standard to ensure a regional balance of airports.

The Motion was supported by all councillors.

It was agreed that the Motion be forwarded to the Minister for Finance, Mr. Paschal Donohoe and Minister for Transport Mr. Darragh O'Brien

Item 13.1 - 13.4 Correspondence

- Letter dated 15th May 2025 from Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage re nomination of candidates for presidency
- Reply dated 20th May 2025 from Minister for State, Small Business, Retail & Circular Economy & Waste Management Services, Mr. Alan Dillon T.D. re NOM 2958 Aerosol String Sprays
- Reply dated 22nd May 2025 from the Office of the Minister for Health, Minister Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD re NOM 2953 Registration Process for Dentists
- Letter dated 26th May 2025 to Mr. Coilín O'Reilly Rural Community, Culture and Heritage Committee from Ms. Sarah Treleaven Sláintecare Regions Unit re proposed changes to the structure of the HSE Regional Health Forums

Item 14.1 Motions from Other Councils

The following Resolutions from other Local Authorities were considered and noted: -

Fingal County Council

"That the Chief Executive introduce a ban on fox hunting on council-owned lands in Fingal."

Item No. 15.1 Expressions of Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations

Votes of sympathy were passed for the following: -

- Liam Cleere, Roads Section, Carrick on Suir MD on the death of his mother Marion (Maggie) Cleere
- Noel Ryan, Technician, Nenagh Municipal District on the death of his father Denis Ryan
- Liam Brett, Director on the death of his mother in law Jean Whelan
- Helen Butler, AO, Housing, Clonmel on the death of her father Patrick (Paddy) Butler
- Cllr. Sean Ryan on the death of his Aunt Sarah (Sadie-Mai)
 O'Dwyer
- Cllr. Declan Burgess on the death of his Uncle, John (Johnny) Murphy
- The family of Mr. Tom Ryan, AILG

Votes of Congratulations were passed for the following: -

 Wayne Lordan, son in law of John Harney, Clerihan on winning the Epsom Derby on Lambourn

There being no other business, the Meeting concluded at 13.45.

Item No. 16.1 A.O.B.

