

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, NENAGH
AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM
AT 10.00 AM
ON MONDAY 14th July 2025**

Present

Cllr. J. Carroll, Cathaoirleach

Cllrs: Acheson, T; Ambrose, S; Anglim, M; Bonfield, F; Bourke, K; Brennan, M; Bugler, P; Cahill Skehan, K; Dennehy, N; English, P; Fitzgerald, M; Hannigan, J; Hourigan M.H.; Kennedy, R; Kennedy, Wm; Lee, S; Lowry, Ml; McGrath M; Moran, E; O'Meara, J.P.; O'Meara, Ml; Quirke O'Meara, P; Ryan, J; Ryan, S;

Remote

Cllrs: Browne, L; Burgess, D; Crosse, J; Dunne, D; FitzGerald, J; Goldsboro, A; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Morgan Walsh, L; Morris, S; Murphy, M; Ryan, A.M.; Ryan, P;

Apologies

Cllrs. Smith, Ml.

Also Present

Ms Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive, Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator, Mr. Brian Beck, Mr. Liam Brett, Mr. Anthony Coleman, Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Director of Services. Mr. Mark Connolly, Head of Finance, Mr. Dave Carroll, A/Director of Services, Robert Johnston S.E.E., Mr. Michael Moroney, S.E.O., Mr. Jonathan Flood, Mr. Fergal O'Donnell Senior Executive Planners, Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian

**Item No. 1.1
Welcome &
Introduction/
Meetings
Protocol**

The Cathaoirleach, Mr John. Carroll welcomed members to the July meeting of Tipperary County Council, his first monthly meeting as Cathaoirleach. He advised members present in the Chamber of General Housekeeping rules and that their microphones had to be turned on when they spoke and referred to members attending remotely of the protocol for remote meetings circulated with the Agenda.

He reminded members of Social Media Training scheduled for Tuesday, July 15th and noted that Uisce Eireann have proposed a workshop with elected members for September, date to be agreed.

The Meetings Administrator took a roll call noting that a quorum was present and commenced the meeting with the opening prayer.

The Emergency Evacuation Procedures and exits were referred to and noted.

Item 2.1
Disclosure/or
Conflicts of
Interest

There were no disclosures or conflicts of interest advised to the Meetings Administrator in advance of the meeting.

Item 3.1
Minutes of
Council Meeting
held on the 9th
June 2025

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on 9th June 2025, were proposed by **Cllr. Séan Ryan**, and seconded by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy** and approved.

Item 3.2
Minutes of
Annual Meeting
held on 27th
June 2025

The Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 27th June 2025, were proposed by **Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose**, and seconded by **Cllr. Kay Cahill Skehan** and approved.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 4.1
Approval to
Attendance

It was proposed by **Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan** and seconded by **Cllr. Phyll Bugler** 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
McGill Summer School, Glenties, Co. Donegal	17 th – 19 th July, 2025	Glenties, Co. Donegal	Cllr. Seamus Morris Cllr. Phyll Bugler Cllr. Andy Moloney Cllr. Niall Dennehy Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Michael Smith Cllr. John FitzGeald Cllr. Liam Browne Cllr. Michael O'Meara Cllr. Richie Molloy

The Daniel O'Connell Summer School, Co. Kerry	29 th – 30 th August, 2025	Cahersiveen and Caherdaniel	Cllr. Seamus Morris Phyll Bugler Cllr. Richie Molloy Cllr. Niall Dennehy
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Item No. 4.2
Reports on
Conferences

Reports on Conferences attended were noted.

Item No. 5.1

Section 183
Notices -
Disused Roads
Depot, Old
Water Tower
Site, Nenagh
Road,
Borrisokane to
Mr. Gary O'Toole

It was proposed by **Cllr. John Crosse**, seconded by **Cllr. Fiona Bonfield** 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 disused Roads Depot (Old Water Tower Site) Nenagh Road, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary (on approximately 0.042 acres and contained wholly within Folio TY66721F at Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary) to Mr. Gary O'Toole for a consideration of €36,000 in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Wednesday 2nd July 2025."

This was a disposal of property deemed surplus to the Council's requirement.

Item No. 5.2

Section 183
Notices - Manna
South,
Templemore to
Ms. Patricia
Kelly

It was proposed by **Cllr. Eddie Moran**, seconded by **Cllr. Shane Lee**, 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 0.37 ha at Manna South, Templemore, CO. Tipperary to Ms. Patricia Kelly in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Wednesday 2nd July, 2025."

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

Item No. 5.3

Section 183
Notices -
Fethard Road,
Rathronan, Co.
Tipperary to
Robert &
Elizabeth
Greaney

It was proposed by **Cllr. Pat English**, seconded by **Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose** 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 0.0157ha at Fethard Road, Rathronan, Co. Tipperary for a consideration of €500 in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Wednesday 2nd July 2025."

The disposal of property was required to facilitate the regularisation of a boundary issue.

Item No. 5.4
Local Authority
own
development
pursuant to
Article 81 of
Part 8 of the
Planning
development
Regulations (as
amended) at
Ashbury,
Roscrea, Co.
Tipperary

The CE Report as circulated, noted that 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 f 10 residential units comprising of 8 No. 1-Bed apartments in two separate blocks (4 No. at Ground Level & 4 No. at First Floor Level) and 2 No. 2-Bed two-storey houses and new entrance, access roadway, footpaths, bin storage, car parking, boundary walls, sub-station kiosk, landscaping, drainage connection, related ancillary services and all associated site works from Wednesday 16th April 2025 to Tuesday 20th May 2025.

The Planning Authority is satisfied that the proposal is in accordance with the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 and the Roscrea Local Area Plan 2023, is 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 should proceed subject to the following recommended requirements and conditions: -
- Tipperary County Council shall enter into 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.
- All surface waters shall be collected, attenuated and drained to the existing surface water sewer located in the public roadway.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Shane Lee**, seconded by **Cllr. Eddie Moran** and resolved: -

“That Tipperary County Council hereby adopted the report in respect of Housing development at Ashbury, Roscrea, County Tipperary consisting of the construction of 10 residential units comprising of 8 No. 1-Bed apartments in two separate blocks (4 No. at Ground Level & 4 No. at First Floor Level) and 2 No. 2-Bed two-storey houses and new entrance, access roadway, footpaths, bin storage, car parking, boundary walls, sub-station kiosk, landscaping, drainage connection, related ancillary services and all associated site works”.

Item No. 5.5
Record of
Protected
Structures –
Carrick-on-Suir

The Cathaoirleach referred to the report as circulated in relation to Proposed Additions to the Record of Protected Structures in accordance with Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

This report sets out the process under which the Council is proposing to incorporate the Carrick-on-Suir Record of Protected Structures (RPS) into Volume Four, Record of Protected Structures of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 (TCDP).

The Cathaoirleach called on Fergal O'Donnell, Senior Executive Planner, to brief the members on the report which was provided to the members in advance of the meeting.

He outlined that before the members is the Chief Executives Reports in relation to Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the Carrick-on-Suir and Environs Local Area Plan (LAP) was formally made by the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council on 12 May 2025 and came into effect on 23 June 2025. The LAP replaced the Carrick-on-Suir Town Development Plan 2013 (as varied) which included a Record of Protected Structures specific to structures within the plan boundary.

He outlined that preceding the making of the Carrick-on-Suir & Environs LAP, a process under Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) ("the Act") was commenced in order to transfer the Record of Protected Structures for the town to the Record of Protected Structures for the Tipperary County Council County Development Plan (TCDP). The process required that the existing Records are added to the CDP initially as 'proposed protected structures.' A 'proposed protected structure' is a structure whose owner or occupier has received notification of the intention of the planning authority to include it in the RPS. The protective mechanisms under the Act apply equally to protected structures and 'proposed protected structures.

In accordance with Section 55 of the Act the 'proposed protected structures' were placed on public display for a period not less than six weeks (six weeks, 2 days between 24 April 2025 up to 06 June 2025) during which time submissions were invited from members of the public and statutory consultees.

Two submissions were received and considered in the preparation of the report now before the members.

Following consideration, it was proposed by **Cllr. Kieran Bourke**, seconded by **Cllr. David Dunne** and resolved: -

"That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 54 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having considered the "Report on Submissions Received – Proposed Additions to the Record of Protected Structures – Carrick-on-Suir", we the members of Tipperary County Council hereby resolve to make the Proposed Additions to the Record of Protected Structures of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028, in accordance with the recommendations set out in the aforementioned Report, with the following exceptions:

- 1. That "The Bridge at John Street (Proposed Structure TRPS2587), Carrick-on-Suir" is not added to the Record of Protected Structures**

2. That “The Former Friends Meeting House (Proposed Structure TRPS2588), Park Side, Carrick-on-Suir” is not added to the Record of Protected Structures”.

Item No. 5.6

**Business
Improvement
District Scheme
(B.I.D.) Clonmel
Borough District**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Michelle Alyward, C.E.O. County Tipperary Chamber and Mr. Noel Buckley, Chairperson of Clonmel Town Team to deliver a presentation to the members on the proposed Clonmel BID Scheme.

Mr. Buckley gave an overview outlining what a BID is and the potential projects and benefits to Clonmel. The Governance & Risk Management and the Funding model was explained to the members and the timeline for the BID vote.

Cllr. Niall Dennehy, while commending the outlined objectives of the scheme, voiced his concerns regarding the delivery and cost implications of the scheme. He described the proposal as a “quadruplication of resources” and criticised it as a further weakening of the Municipal and Borough District system. He argued that the proposal reflects the powerlessness of local entities such as the Chamber, Team Clonmel, and Town Champions. Mr. Dennehy formally stated that he would not be endorsing the current proposal.

Members of Clonmel Borough district spoke in support of the proposal and acknowledged the efforts in bringing the BID proposal to this stage noting that initiative would support and complement the existing work of the local authority and stated that it demonstrated a collaborative approach between the Clonmel BID team and Tipperary County Council.

Members from other Districts noted the BIDS proposal and said it was a welcome approach to addressing town centre related matters.

CEO Salary

In response to members queries and comments, the presenters clarified with regard to the funding of a CEO salary, noting that a payment of €15,000 from Tipperary County Council to establish a BID proposal was still available in addition to a contribution of €1,000 for the 20 proponents of the BID proposal. The business community of Clonmel were supportive of the BID proposal, noting that it would involve the setting up of a separate Independent company for 5 years. A levy of 5% would apply to the 720 ratepayers within the BID boundary which would generate a fund of up to €1.9m. The levy would be applied through the existing commercial rates system and transferred to the BID company once established. The Management and collection of the levy would be a matter for the BID company to administer.

The Board of the BID company will appoint the CEO. A salary for the CEO of €80,000 to €100,000 was indicated but this will be a matter for the Board to decide. Leadership will be critical to any success the company will have and it is crucial that this appointment is at the correct level. Identifying and sourcing additional funding streams would be a key role of the CEO once appointed.

Christmas Lights Contribution

It was noted that the BID proposal if approved would remove the need for businesses to contribute to the Christmas lights in the town. It was stated that the type of town that people wish to see for Clonmel in 2050 is the background shaping this vision.

Comparison with other Bid Towns

The speakers outlined the positive benefits of the BID to the town of Sligo. The proposal for Clonmel is an opportunity to bring key stakeholders together, develop the economy further and bring additional footfall to the town. He noted that the Sligo BID team would make a presentation in the Talbot Hotel in the coming months and further details would be provided to the members. He encouraged members to direct any queries or concerns to him or Ms. Alyward. It was agreed to issue a reminder to public representatives regarding the public meeting to be held in the Talbot Hotel, Clonmel.

Ms. Sinéad Carr, CEO acknowledged the work undertaken to date by the BID proponent team and representatives of Clonmel Borough District. She stated that this was a separate process to Commercial Rates. She said that Clonmel was a special town and encouraged the council to support the BID team proposal. She said that social meeting places and connections are the future of our towns.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald**, seconded by **Cllr. Phyll Bugler** and resolved: -

Item No. 6.1 **Ratification of** **existing** **Regional Health** **Forum** **Nominees to** **new HSE Health** **Regions**

"That the existing Regional Health Forum Nominees be nominated to the new HSE Health Regions as follows: -

Regional Health Forum South to HSE Dublin & South East

- ***Cllr Marie Murphy***
- ***Cllr. David Dunne***
- ***Cllr. Roger Kennedy***
- ***Cllr. Michael Smith***

Regional Health Forum West to HSE Mid-West

- ***Cllr. Seamus Morris***
- ***Cllr. JP O'Meara***
- ***Cllr. Phyll Bugler"***

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 Director of Services.

Item No. 7.1 **Consideration of** **Management** **Report**

- Roads, Transportation, Health and Safety – Liam Brett
- Planning and Development (including Town Centre First and Just Transition) – Dave Carroll
- Emergency Services & Emergency Planning – Dave Carroll
- Library, Cultural Services & Biodiversity – Brian Beck
- Finance & Information Technology – Mark Connolly

Roads, Transportation, Health and Safety

Mr Liam Brett, Director of Services gave an update to members on a number of items which had progressed since the last meeting. He outlined that the roads work programme was ahead of schedule, noting the good weather was a factor. The Latteragh Project was out to tender and the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction project was progressing. Roads funding remains a concern and the eastern end of the N24 project remains stalled for this reason. He said that strong support would be needed to secure funding for this project. It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item No. 10.2 NOM 2999 in relation to the use of glyphosate as part of the Management Report on Roads, Transportation, Health & Safety.

The Motion Reference No. 2999 was proposed by **Cllr. Phyll Bugler.**

Item No. 10.2

Cllrs Fiona Bonfield, Cllr Seamus Morris, Cllr Michael O Meara, Cllr Louise Morgan Walsh, Cllr JP O Meara, Cllr John Carroll, Cllr Phyll Bugler, Cllr Joe Hannigan, Cllr Pamela Quirke O Meara (NOM Ref. No. 2999)

"That Tipperary Co. Council refrain from the use of glyphosate (Round up) as a means of weed control in the Tipperary Region. This is following on from it being banned in most European countries. Everyone is aware of the serious health effects attributed to the use of Glyphosate."

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. Fiona Bonfield.**

The reply to the motion was noted as follows:

Tipperary County Council is a partner to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan and also recognises the role of biodiversity in its Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029. The Council commits to reduce the use of herbicides/pesticides in Council owned spaces to improve biodiversity levels.

One of the available products is glyphosate. Glyphosate is not banned in Ireland and is approved for use in the EU. The European Commission has renewed the approval for glyphosate as an active substance until December 15, 2033. Glyphosate is a herbicide sometimes used for control of invasive species.

Tipperary County Council will continue to minimise the use of all herbicides/pesticides. However, where necessary and appropriate, glyphosate will be used."

In moving the motion Cllr. Bugler expressed disappointment with the reply and referenced weed control measures that are glyphosate free. Cllr. Bonfield suggested that other options of weed control should be explored.

Mr. Liam Brett, Director of Services stated that the response was prepared in consultation with the Bio-Diversity Officer. He noted the commitment in the LACAP to reduce the use of glyphosate but stated the difficulty in dealing with invasive species. It was agreed to explore alternative options to using glyphosate and to revert to Cllr. Pamela Quirke O'Meara regarding the amount of glyphosate used by Tipperary County Council on an annual basis.

Mr. Liam Brett and Messrs. Kieran Malone and John Nolan S.E. responded to roads related queries raised as follows:

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Report contd.

Hedge Cutting

Roads are inspected and council liaise with landowners and utilise statutory powers when required. Media outlets are utilised to remind land owners that hedge cutting season is underway. Grant scheme is a significant budgetary issue. Additional funding needed for core works.

Thurles By Pass

This project was flagged in the review of National Development Plan submission by Tipperary County Council and will be highlighted at every opportunity.

Severe Weather Events

Concerns re lack of funding noted. There has been an impact on District funding also.

Traffic Calming Policy

Agreed at SPC. Workshop held. Significant funding impact noted.

N24 Waterford To Cahir

Funding not available to progress next phase

Tertiary Roads Funding

Matter to be included on SPC Agenda. Funding noted as the main constraint.

Clonoulty Footpath

The matter will be referred to District Engineer

Bansha Road, Tipperary Town

TII funding an issue. Representations will be made to meet with TII.

Ballina Lough Derg Greenway

Preferred option identified through existing farmland and rural roads and engagement will be challenging. Scheme currently in limbo and has not progressed from preferred option. It was noted that the ESB lands were deemed not suitable. An update at next meeting is anticipated.

Flood Relief Scheme Ballina

Preferred solution to be modified to consider issues raised. Scheme is expected to go through planning in Q4 2025.

N62 Slievenamon Road

Part of a number of projects scheduled for Thurles. Funding issues noted. Roads Capital Team will engage with District Engineer re short term surfacing solutions.

Moangarriff

Designer engaged. Complexity of planning process noted. This is part of a bigger scheme that will entail Active Travel works.

Kilsheelan

€256,000 emergency funding earmarked for pavement works. Focus will be on worst affected areas.

Derrygrath, Cahir (near Apple Farm)

4km scheme from Knockagh to Clonmel scheduled for 2026 subject to funding

Suir Blueway Link

TII funded project under Greenway banner. Waterford have also expressed an interest. A detailed summary and progress report to be provided to Cllr. Ambrose

CIS

Roads Directorate will work with SPC to consider amendments to the Scoring Criteria and review policy with particular reference to applications that have been submitted in previous years.

Roads Directorate will engage with existing applicants on reapplication process, highlighting the oversubscription of applications for both schemes and limited funding available annually. It was agreed to review and revert to members re. status of both schemes.

Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)

Clarification on changes in Terms and conditions of scheme to be provided to elected members in advance of commencement. Scheme must be advertised annually. Agreed to review the scoring criteria having regard to repeat applications. Matter to be referred to the SPC.

Planning and Development (including Town Centre First and Just Transition)

Item No. 10.1

**Cllr. Liam
Browne & Cllr.
Mary Hanna
Hourigan (NOM
Ref. No. 2998)**

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item No. 10.1 NOM 2998 in relation to the variation of the County Development Plan as part of the Management Report on Planning and Development.

The Motion Reference No. 2998 was proposed by **Cllr. Liam Browne**
"We formally request that Tipperary County Council prepare a report to initiate a process to consider the variation of the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022–2028, in accordance with Section 11 or Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

We propose that the settlement boundary of Dundrum village be extended to incorporate the lands associated with Dundrum House Hotel, including the County Tipperary Golf & Country Club and the historic Dundrum Manor House, a protected structure of national heritage significance.

Proposed Zoning Objectives

It is requested that the subject lands be zoned for:

- ***Tourism/Leisure (T/L)***
- ***Amenity/Conservation (A/C)***

These designations directly support the intended uses of the site and are in clear alignment with the strategic aims of the County Development Plan 2022–2028, particularly in fostering sustainable rural development, enhancing the tourism economy, and conserving built heritage".

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan**.

In moving the motion Cllr. Browne stated that the hotel needs to be incorporated into the settlement boundary of Dundrum. Cllr. Hourigan stated that this is a huge area of significance to Dundrum for tourism and leisure, noting Dundum House is a protected structure.

Mr. Fergal O'Donnell, Senior Executive Planner informed the members that the Motion required a Resolution of the Council to progress and outlined the reply to the Motion as follows:

Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provides that:

"(1) A planning authority may at any time, for stated reasons, decide to make a variation of a development plan which for the time being is in force.

(1A) (a) The members of a planning authority may at any time, for stated reasons, submit a resolution to the manager of the planning authority requesting him or her to prepare a report on a proposal by them to initiate a process to consider the variation of the development plan which for the time being is in force where three quarters of the members of that authority have approved such a resolution.

(b) The manager of a planning authority shall submit a report further to a request under paragraph (a) to the elected members within four weeks of the adoption of the resolution."

Therefore, if three quarters of the Elected members resolved to request a report on the motion, the Planning Section will prepare a report, to be submitted by the Chief Executive to the members within 4 weeks of the July plenary meeting. Alternatively, the Planning Section will provide a workshop to the Elected Members to discuss the motion. Members should note that the decision to undertake a Variation to the County Development Plan (under Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act) is an "executive function", in accordance with the meaning set out in the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

The Cathaoirleach called on the Meetings Administrator to take a vote on the Motion as presented.

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Development Plan 2022–2028, in accordance with Section 11 or Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

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Acheson, Tom	✓			
Ambrose, Siobhán	✓			
Anglim, Micheál	✓			
Bonfield, Fiona	✓			
Bourke, Kieran	✓			
Brennan, Michael			✓	
Browne, Liam	✓			
Bugler, Phyll	✓			
Burgess, Declan			✓	
Cahill Skehan, Kay	✓			
Crosse, John	✓			
Dennehy, Niall			✓	
Dunne, David			✓	
English, Pat	✓			
FitzGerald, John			✓	
Fitzgerald, Mark	✓			
Goldsboro, Amy	✓			
Hannigan, Joe	✓			
Hourigan, Mary Hanna	✓			
Kennedy, Roger	✓			
Kennedy, William	✓			
Lee, Shane			✓	
Lowry, Michael	✓			
McGrath, Máirín	✓			
Molloy, Richie			✓	
Moloney, Andy	✓			
Moran, Eddie	✓			
Morgan Walsh, Louise			✓	
Morris, Seamus	✓			
Murphy, Marie	✓			

O'Heney, John	✓			
O'Meara, J.P.	✓			
O'Meara, Michael	✓			
Quirke O'Meara, Pamela	✓			
Ryan, Anne Marie	✓			
Ryan, Jim	✓			
Ryan, Peggy	✓			
Ryan Séan	✓			
Smith, Michael			✓	
Carroll, John	✓			
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There were 31 votes in favour, none against.

Three quarters of the members of the local authority (31/40) approved the resolution, the Meetings Administrator deemed the motion passed.

It was noted that a Report on the Suggested Variation to the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022-2028 will be prepared by the Executive for circulation to the members under s13(1A) of the Planning and Development Act which requires the manager of a planning authority to submit a report further to a request under paragraph (a) to the elected members within four weeks of the adoption of the resolution, that date being the 11th August 2025.

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Report contd.

Mr. Dave Carroll, A/Director of Services and Mr. Shane Grogan A/S.E.O., Mr. Fergal O'Donnell, Senior Executive Planner responded to members queries as follows:

Quarry Lane Project

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

Thurles Market Quarter

It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Séan Ryan on specific query raised

Active Travel

It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose on timelines for Loretto PPS and Davis Road projects.

Bus Shelter

It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Ambrose re query raised on Bus Eireann Bus Shelter at Ormonde Stores.

Land Rezoning

A variation to the County Development Plan is expected in Q4. 2025 following direction from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. A meeting will be held with district staff to ensure that workable sites are identified. On receipt of further guidance, workshops with elected members will be organised.

East Midlands Water Supply

NDP submission referred to all capital projects in Tipperary with specific reference to this project and likely impacts. The report does not reference council support for the project. The council have a

responsibility to highlight the potential impacts to ensure concerns are considered. The concerns of elected members were acknowledged.

Ballina Town Team

There is engagement with Clare County Council to get the team in place.

Derelict Sites Levies

Letters to issue at the end of July. Final levy figure has yet to be established. Dependant on value of property. There has been two CPOs, one in each of Clonmel and Thurles. There is no specific fund assigned to progress the CPS process outside of URDF funding. Council will engage with owners to get properties back into use having identified funding streams. It is on a case by case basis outside of URDF. A figure of 77 properties was provided to members, noting a crossover between URDF and derelict site properties in this figure.

Emergency Services & Emergency Planning

The efforts and prompt response of the Emergency Services in the recent tragedy in Newcastle was acknowledged by the members who further said that a discussion on Water Safety Awareness was needed.

There were no further matters arising

Library, Cultural Services & Biodiversity

Ms. Brian Beck, Director of Services responded to members queries as follows:

Clonmel Library

The aim is to advertise Part 8 by end of Qtr. 3 2025. Public Display will be in Civic Offices and libraries.

Cahir Library

Expect to be on site Q3. 2025 and open in 2026.

Finance & Information Technology

Mr. Mark Connolly, Head of Finance responded to members queries as follows:

NBI

Details of Broadband Scheme will be circulated to Cllr. Bugler via the Broadband Officer.

It was agreed to hold an Annual Budget 2026 Workshop on the 11th September at 11 am. The venue to be decided and advised to members.

Item No. 8.1 **Agree Date for** **Councillor** **Workshops**

It was also noted that a Special Meeting would take place for Presidential nominees, date to be agreed at the September monthly meeting. The Presidential Election Protocol as agreed by the CPE would be circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 30th June 2025 were noted.

Item No. 9.1

**Consideration of
Orders for the
period to the
30th June 2025**

The Motion Reference No. 3000 was proposed by **Cllr. Jim Ryan.**

Item No. 11.1

**Cllrs. Jim Ryan,
Seamie Morris,
Joe Hannigan,
and Liam
Browne (NOM
Ref. No. 3000)**

"On behalf of the residents of Tipperary, the elected members of Tipperary County Council should write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to urgently request the publication of regulations for renewable energy, including but not limited to biomethane, solar and wind energy, before any further grants are awarded to facilities by the government or any facilities are granted planning approval. Furthermore, in recognition of the uncertainty caused by the absence of an up-to-date national regulation, this Council calls on the Minister to introduce a temporary pause on all large-scale projects.

This motion reflects the council's commitment to ensuring that renewable energy development proceeds in a manner that is appropriately planned, environmentally sustainable, respects people's rights and protects health and wellbeing of local communities who need to be prioritised in this legislation."

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. Seamus Morris.**

In moving the Motion Cllr. Ryan outlined the importance of the topic and communities genuine concern regarding the impact of large-scale renewable projects.

Members spoke in support of the Motion noting the financial impact on local communities and the need for communities to be provided with information on the impact of the projects. It was acknowledged that Tipperary County Council is to the forefront of renewable energy and there was a need to examine council lands and link in with the Department of Agriculture on the impact of such projects on food production. It was stated that a strategy is needed to assist with the identification of suitable sites for renewable energy projects. There is a lack of regulation and companies are taking advantage of this.

In response to members requests, Ms. Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive said that the Planning Section would examine its own lands internally.

The Motion was agreed and will be referred to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Mr. James Browne and the Minister for Climate, Energy and Environment, Mr. Darragh O'Brien for their consideration and reply.

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

Item No. 12.1
Motions from
Other Councils

Carlow County Council

"The international court of justice stated on the 19th July, 2024 that the creation of illegal settlements in Palestinian territories and exploration of resources is unlawful and illegal under international law.

The international criminal court following an investigation of war crimes and crimes against humanity, issued arrest warrants for two Israeli officials, Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant.

The genocide convention imposes a legal obligation on States to take responsible action to contribute towards preventing genocide".

Carlow County Council

"This Council calls on the Minister for Housing to reinstate the Tenant-in-situ scheme in full and to restore the cuts to the funding."

Carlow County Council

"That Carlow County Council writes to HIQA, requesting the authority to initiate paediatric coeliac disease screening in Ireland as soon as possible."

Galway County Council

"I propose that we write to the Minister for Housing to call for an immediate review of the Affordable Housing policy, to facilitate wider development catchment".

Donegal County Council

"Do Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, mar mheabhrúchán gur ghlac Comhairle na hEorpa le Dearbhú Seville i mí an Mheithimh 2002, rud a dheimhnigh nach raibh aon bhagairt ar neodracht na hÉireann mar thoradh ar Chonradh Nice, tugtar le fios gur dheimhnigh an Taoiseach a bhí ann ag an am, an tUasal Ahern, do Theach Laighean :

"Athdhearbhaíonn an Dearbhú Náisiúnta ceangal na hÉireann le beartas neodrachta agus dearbhaíonn sé: nach bhfuil Éire páirteach in aon ghealltanais comhchosanta: go ndéanfaimid ár gcinneadh ceannasach féin maidir le ar cheart d'fhórsa cosanta na 26 Contae páirt a ghlacadh i dtascanna daonnúla nó bainistíochta géarchéime arna gcur ar bun ag an AE bunaithe ar an Ghlas Triarach ceadaithe ag na Náisiúin Aontaithe, cinneadh an Rialtais agus glactha leis ag Teach Laighean ". Tá Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall sásta gur bhain an Dearbhú Náisiúnta Sollúnta le hIonstraimí daingniúcháin de chuid na hÉireann a bhain le Conradh Nice agus gur cláraíodh é ina dhiaidh sin ag na Náisiúin Aontaithe, agus gur athdhearbhaigh rialtas Cowan na gealltanais ina dhiaidh sin tar éis diúltú do Chonradh Liospóin ar dtús in 2008.

Mar sin féin, is mian le Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall a ndíomá a chur in iúl maidir le rún agus polasaí an Rialtais deireadh a chur leis an Ghlas Triarach, ina ndearna an Taoiseach, an tUasal Martin, cur síos air roimhe seo mar "croílár neodrachta na 26 contae".

I bhfianaise an rúin an riachtanas maidir le sainordú ó na Náisiúin Aontaithe a bhaint, aithníonn an Chomhairle seo freagracht na Náisiúin Aontaithe maidir le síocháin agus slándáil idirnáisiúnta a choinneáil agus

tosaíocht Chairt na Náisiún Aontaithe mar dhoiciméad bunúsach de chuid an dlí idirnáisiúnta. Léiríonn an Glas Triarach gealltanais dlíthiúil agus polaitiúil ó stát na hÉireann i leith phrionsabail na Náisiún Aontaithe. Ag am ina bhfuil méadú ar éagobhsaíocht dhomhanda, iarrann an Chomhairle seo ar rialtas an tSaorstáit an Glas Triarach a chosaint mar chuid lárnach de neodracht na hÉireann agus brú a chur ar iarrachtaí chun síocháin agus taidhleoireacht a chur chun cinn.

Mar sin de tá Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall go láidir i gcoinne polasaí den chineál seo agus geallann siad go ndéanfar teagmháil le gach Comhairle Contae láithreach ag iarraidh orthu seasamh linn agus leis na forais rialtais cuí chun iad a chur ar an eolas faoina bhfreasúra.” Má cheadaítear an rún go ndéanfar é a scaipeadh ar chomhairlí eile taobh istigh den stát –

“Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, recalling that in June 2002 the European Council adopted the Seville Declaration, which confirmed that the Nice Treaty posed no threat to Ireland’s neutrality, notes that the then Taoiseach Mr Ahern confirmed to Teach Laighean that: “ The National Declaration reaffirms Ireland’s attachment to a policy of neutrality and confirms that: Ireland is not party to any mutual defence commitment: that we will take our own sovereign decision on whether 26 Counties defence force should participate in humanitarian or crisis management tasks mounted by the EU based on the Triple Lock of UN endorsement, Government decision and Teach Laighean approval”.

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall is satisfied that the Solemn National Declaration was associated with Ireland’s Instruments of ratification of the Nice Treaty and subsequently registered at the UN, while the undertakings were subsequently reiterated by the Cowan government following initial rejection of the Lisbon Treaty in 2008.

However, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall now wishes to express its dismay at the stated intention and policy of the Government to dismantle the Triple Lock, which the Taoiseach Mr Martin previously described as “the core of 26 counties neutrality.”

In light of the intention to remove the requirement for a UN mandate, this Council recognises the responsibility of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security and the primacy of the UN Charter as a foundational document of international law. The Triple Lock represents a legal and political commitment by the Irish state to the principles of the UN. At a time of heightened global instability, this Council calls on the Freestate government to safeguard the Triple Lock as a core component of Irish neutrality and to redouble efforts to promote peace and diplomacy.

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall therefore states its forceful opposition to such a policy and pledges to immediately contact all County Councils requesting them to join us in this course of action and to inform the appropriate government organs of their opposition.”

If motion is approved that it is circulated to other councils within the state.

Limerick City & County Council

"That Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne, TD, to amend the Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme 2016/S.I. No. 619/2023, to allow tenants to purchase their Council house after a period of five years and not a ten-year period as is currently required".

Limerick City & County Council

"That, Limerick City and County Council call on the Government to enact legislation to prohibit the use of smartphones (mobile phones with access to internet and social media) among youths under 16 years of age".

Votes of Sympathy were passed for the following: -

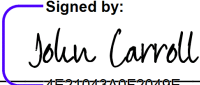
- Cllr. John Crosse on the death of his mother in law Freddie Bourke
- The family of Freya Tobin, Newcastle, Clonmel

Item No. 13.1

**Expressions of
Votes of
Sympathy /
Congratulations**

There being no other business, the Meeting concluded at 1.45 pm.

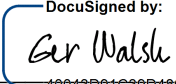
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