

**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 8th SEPTEMBER, 2025.**

Present

Cllr. John Carroll, Cathaoirleach

Cllrs: Acheson, T; Ambrose, S; Anglim, Ml; Bonfield, F; Brennan, Ml; Browne, L; Burgess, D; Cahill-Skehan, K; Crosse, J; Dennehy, N; Dunne, D; English, P; FitzGerald, J; Fitzgerald, M; Kennedy, Wm; Lee, S; Lowry, Ml; McGrath, M; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Morris, S; Murphy, M; O'Heney, J; O'Meara, JP; O'Meara, Ml; Quirke O'Meara, P; Ryan, AM; Ryan, P; Ryan, S; Smith, Ml.

Remote

Cllrs: Bugler, P; Goldsboro, A; Hannigan, J; Morgan Walsh, L; Ryan, J;

Apologies

Cllr. Bourke, K; Hourigan, MH; Kennedy, R;

Also Present

Ms. Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Mr. Brian Beck, Directors of Services. Mr. Mark Connolly, Head of Finance.

Mr. Michael Moroney, Mr. Shane O'Dwyer SEO's, Mr. Robert Johnston SEE
Mr Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator

Item 1.1

**Welcome &
Introduction/
Meetings
Protocol**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the September 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.

**Item 2.1
Disclosure/or
Conflicts of
Interest**

No disclosures or conflicts of interest were notified to the Meetings Administrator in advance of the meeting

**Item No. 3.1
Minutes of
Council Meeting
held on 14th July
2025**

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on were proposed by **Cllr. Pat English**, seconded by **Cllr. Richie Molloy** and approved subject to clarification outlined below.

Matters Arising

Cllr. Niall Dennehy stated that the Minutes of the July meeting relating to Item 5.6 Business Improvement District Scheme (B.I.D.) Clonmel Borough District did not reference his contribution adequately. In reply the Meetings Administrator clarified that the purpose of the presentation by the Clonmel BID reps at the July Meeting of the Council was informative and that the matter would be re-listed for consideration by the Council, as a voting authority, at a future meeting of the Council, following a public consultation process as provided for in legislation. Notwithstanding same, the Meetings Administrator agreed to amend the Minutes to reference Cllr. Dennehy's objection to the BID process.

Item 4.1
Approval to
Attendance

It was proposed by **Cllr. Fiona Bonfield** and seconded by **Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald** 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
AILG – Training for SPC Chairs	2 nd September, 2025	Midlands Hotel, Portlaoise	Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan
AILG – Training for SPC Chairs	3 rd September	Hotel Kilkenny Kilkenny	Cllr. Sean Ryan
AILG Autumn Training Seminar	17 th – 18 th September, 2025	Westport Woods Hotel, Co. Mayo	Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Michael Smith Cllr. Sean Ryan Cllr. Richie Molloy Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Kieran Bourke Cllr. Shane Lee Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose Cllr. Michael O'Meara Cllr. Liam Browne Cllr. Declan Burgess Cllr. John Crosse Cllr. Niall Dennehy Cllr. Mark FitzGerald Cllr. Joe Hannigan Cllr. Máirín McGrath Cllr. John O'Heney Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan

La Touche Legacy 10 th Festival of History	19 th and 20 th September, 2025	Greystones Gold Course Co. Wicklow	Cllr. Phyll Bugler Cllr. Michael O'Meara Cllr. Michael Smith
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Item 4.2

Reports on Conferences

Reports on Conferences attended were noted.

Item 5.1

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of circa 0.025ha at Dualla Rd. Hughes Lot East, Cashel to Michael Courtney and Josephine Devitt

It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy**, seconded by **Cllr. Declan Burgess** 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 0.025ha of land at Dualla Rd. Hughes Lot East, Cashel to Michael Courtney and Josephine Devitt for a consideration of €1,000 in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 28th August 2025"

The disposal of property was required to regularise the boundary of a property.

Item 5.2

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of circa 5.39ha (13.32acres) at Toberaheena, Ardgaoithe, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to SSE Airtricity Distributed Energy Ltd

It was proposed by **Cllr. Pat English**, 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 13.32 acres of land at Lawlesstown, Ardgaoithe, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to SSE Airtricity Distributed Energy Ltd by way of a 25 year Lease for a consideration of an upfront payment of €500,000 with an annual payment of €30,750 compounded at 3% for 25 years and the Council legal fees in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 28th August 2025"

The disposal of the property was required to facilitate the development of a solar farm by SSE Airtricity considered with the Strategic objectives of the Council to facilitate and activate industrial lands to create employment and industrial wealth in the county and region.

Item 5.3

Section 183 - Disposal of Unit 3 Enterprise Centre, Drangan Thurles, to Away with Nature Ltd by way of a 5 year Lease

It was proposed by **Cllr. Kay Cahill Skehan**, seconded by **Cllr. David Dunne** 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 by lease agreement for term of 5 years to "Away with Nature" Ltd of Unit 3 Drangan Enterprise Centre, Drangan, Thurles, Co. Tipperary for consideration of €3000.00 per annum (year 1) and €4000.00 per annum (year 2,3,4 &5) plus the Council's legal fees in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 28th August 2025"

The disposal was required to facilitate the provision of suitable accommodation for enterprises in rural areas consistent with the Councils strategic objectives to activate industrial lands to create employment.

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

Item 5.4

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of circa 0.89ha at Kiltillane, Templemore, Co. Tipperary to the Woodville Crescent Residents Committee by way of a 5 year lease

"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 0.89ha at Kiltillane, Templemore, Co. Tipperary to the Woodville Crescent Residents Committee by way of a 5-year lease for a consideration of €100/yr in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 28th August 2025"

The disposal was required to facilitate the development of a playing pitch for community & amenity purposes.

Item 5.5 Section 183 Notice - Disposal of Thurles Market Quarter Building to One 19 Coffee by way of a 5 year Lease

It was proposed by **Cllr. Wm. Kennedy**, seconded by **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 Thurles Market Quarter Building to One 19 Coffee by way of a 5-year lease in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 28th August 2025"

The disposal was required to facilitate a Regeneration Initiative funded through the Rural Regional Development Fund (RRDF).

Item No. 6.1 Audited Financial Statements for 2023 and Local Government Auditors Report

The Audited Financial Statements for 2023 and Local Government Auditors Report as circulated with the Agenda were noted and agreed.

Item 7.1 Consideration of Management Report as per Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended by the Local Government

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 Services

Reform Act, 2014

Economic, Community and Rural Development

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, and seconded by Cllr. William Kennedy, to take the following items as part of the Management Report on Economic, Community and Rural Development:

- Item No. 7.2 Presentation by Helen King, Chair of Tipperary Tourism Company on Tipperary Tourism and Draft Tipperary Tourism Roadmap 2025-2030 and
- Item No. 7.3 Consideration and Adoption of the Tipperary Festivals and Events Strategy 2025-2029

The Tipperary Festivals and Events Strategy 2025-2029 – “Bringing the County Alive” had been circulated to the members. The draft strategy identified four strategic priorities (Supporting, Sustaining, Advocating, Communicating) under which it will work to encourage, support and sustain festivals that are created in Tipperary to develop and grow in quality and delivery.

This new festival strategy had been considered and discussed by the Library Services Culture and Biodiversity SPC chaired by Cllr. Andy Moloney at its June Meeting. It was now being recommended for adoption by the council.

Item 7.3 Consideration and Adoption of the Tipperary Festivals and Events Strategy 2025-2029

It was proposed by **Cllr. Pat English**, seconded by **Cllr. David Dunne** and resolved: -

“That Tipperary Festival and Events Strategy 2025-2029 is approved”

Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services acknowledged the work of Ms. Melanie Scott, Arts Officer. Cllr. Declan Burgess also acknowledged the work of Ms. Scott and the SPC. He stated the economic benefits of festival events to the communities and securing funding as part of the budget allocation was important.

Item 7.2 Presentation on Tipperary Tourism & Draft Tipperary Tourism Roadmap 2025- 2030

The Cathaoirleach invited Ms. Helen King, Chair of Tipperary Tourism Board to give a presentation to the members. The presentation was titled ‘Growing the Value of Tourism in Tipperary, Our Roadmap 2025-2030’, a copy of which had been provided.

In her overview, she outlined three core areas of focus – Marketing, Sustainability and Advocacy. She detailed the governance structure, detailing board composition and responsibilities and the proposed funding model noting that growing the network was a strategic priority, notwithstanding within a challenging environment.

She detailed the consultation process that took place to deliver the SMART roadmap and outlined the goals and objectives under five key themes: -

- Sustainability
- Marketing
- Alignment
- Representative
- Tipperary Experience

She stated that the SMART roadmap was broken down into core objectives. She noted that workshops had taken place with Districts & the Board. The members were given details of the Key Performance Indicators for each element on the roadmap and an outline of the action plan which will commence once sign off is complete on the roadmap.

Members welcomed the roadmap and stated the importance of rural tourism to Tipperary. The importance of linking areas up both within the county and on an inter county basis was seen as a way to further promote the county as a whole. The need for campervan sites, promotion of sport within the county and encouraging more tour bus operators to visit areas were outlined by the members. The shortage of tourist accommodation in the county was discussed. The engagement with Tipperary Tourism and District Administrators was welcomed.

In response to members queries and comments, Ms. King thanked the members for their contributions and their well wishes. She stated that alignment and representation were two core areas of the plan and would address a lot of the issues raised. She stated that representatives from both North and South would sit on the board. She noted that Loch Derg, Munster Vales and Hidden Heartlands present to the Board. She stated that the Camper Van initiative was an immediate priority and a feasibility study would be undertaken once plan was approved. The board will work with District Administrators regarding localised priorities. Clustering work is ongoing with Failte Ireland for towns such as Clonmel, Cahir, Cashel and Carrick on Suir, with other areas to be identified. Ways to assist independent events would also be examined.

Ms. Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive, thanked the members for their active engagement in outlining the role that they can play in promoting Tipperary. She stated that Tipperary had unique selling points. She noted Helen Kings credentials and said that it was very fortunate that Helen had taken on the role of Chairperson and noted her involvement in the Food Producers Network. The Chief Executive acknowledged the work of the board members and said that more engagement between Tipperary tourism and elected members would be arranged.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the members for their contribution and looked forward to further engagement from stakeholders. Ms. King then withdrew from the meeting.

Economic, Community and Rural Development

Item 7.1 **Management** **Report contd.**

Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services updated the members in relation to the following matters

- Local Enhancement Programme 2025 approval for 250 groups across the county
- Outdoor Recreation Scheme project approval

- Towns & Village Renewal allocations were awarded
 - Local Community Safety Partnership Governance and Membership
- Mr. Beck responded to general queries raised on the Management report as follows: -

NBI

It was agreed that the Broadband Officer would revert to Cllr. Séan Ryan on query raised re timeline for Littleton connections.

Timeline of Local Community Safety Partnerships

Two meetings scheduled before year end. Committee and workload to be agreed. Safety Action Plan proposal expected for Q1 2026.

CCTV

It was noted that the Budget for 2025 provided for CCTV project schemes that have received authorisation from Garda Commissioner to be proposed in the first instance.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities

It was agreed that there is a need to examine ways to work more closely with schools. Information on issues identified around the county through the youth work plan will assist in the roll out of the project. A multi organisation approach is planned.

Environment & Climate Action

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services, updated the members in relation to the following matters

- Local Authority Performance Framework for Environmental Enforcement results for 2024, noting particular the mattress amenity which resulted in the recycling of over 1,000 mattresses

Mr. Lonergan responded to general queries raised on the Management Report as follows: -

Textile Banks

Bring Banks will be relocated to Civic Amenity Sites. Tendering process is progressing. Awareness and marketing to be examined at appropriate time.

Deposit Return Scheme

It was noted that the Company involved is committed to the roll out of bulk machines however the contract is with retailers. Local Authority have no role in the consideration of this scheme.

Decarbonisation Strategy

It was noted that there are a number of elements to the strategy and in particular the Council has a fleet decarbonisation strategy in place. It is not proposed to roll out all an all-electric policy across its fleet.

30 actions identified in the Decarbonisation Zone.

Bottle Banks

Social obligation to provide bottle banks. Will keep under review. The work of Tidy Towns Committees was acknowledged. There is a cost associated with increasing maintenance and management of the banks. It was agreed to write to Department of Climate, Energy & the Environment requesting the introduction of Deposit Return Scheme for Glass

Pilot CCTV Scheme

Submissions have been received which have been positive. A review will be undertaken following rollout of the pilot scheme.

Household Waste Inspections

It was agreed that a breakdown of figures by District would be circulated to members

Control of Horses & Control of Dogs

It was agreed that a breakdown of figures by District would be circulated to members, noting that the legislation concerning the control of horses is being implemented notwithstanding the challenges involved.

Mattress Amnesty

This is contingent on a Department Grant Allocation.

River Suir

Engagement with various stakeholders is ongoing and the council are working with LAWPRO. It was agreed to examine short term options to address issues raised by Cllr. Jim Ryan.

Climate Risk Assessments

It was noted that Tipperary are 1 of 2 Local Authorities with Louth currently carrying out a risk assessment. Matter will be brought to the council over the next 12 months through consultations, seminars and workshops. A Workshop/Seminar with councillors is planned before the end of Q4, 2025.

Corporate Services

Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator responded to general queries raised on the Management report as follows: -

Register of Electors

Reference as made to the presentation delivered to the members in June and clarification was provided on the increases to the register, noting the personal responsibility on the individual to check the register. Media advertising is ongoing and data cleansing would continue into 2026 in advance of the migration to the National LGER database.

Housing, Ukrainian Refugee Accommodation Response

Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Director of Services, and Mr. Shane O'Dwyer, SEO, responded to general queries raised on the Management Report as follows:

Anti-Social Behaviour

There is a policy in place which is enacted by the council. The first approach is to engage with the tenant. If this is not successful, a warning

is issued and if issue not resolved it is referred for court action. There is a requirement to establish proof and determine the level of anti-social behaviour. Tipperary are one of the few councils that have successfully evicted offending tenants and there is ongoing engagement with the community liaison officer. Complaints are dealt with confidentially. Tenants are encouraged to report the complaint to the Gardaí and details recorded on PULSE. Tenancy Inspections occur once every five years. Illegal dumping is logged with the Tenancy Liaison Officer. The time involved in progressing a case through the courts was noted.

Ms. Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive stated that no one should be expected to reside in an estate where anti-social behaviour is an issue. She noted that Tipperary County Council is one of the few local authorities where court evictions have been obtained. Significant anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated. She noted the need to manage vulnerable tenants. The confidentiality clause is in place and will be protected. She said that tenants should be encouraged to come forward and make complaints.

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People

Sub group in place. Needs are examined and Tipperary are liaising with other housing providers. Mental health is a specific focus of the sub group.

Downsizing Policy

Will be brought to the SPC. This policy will present challenges. Working in conjunction with Town Centre First team re derelict homes.

Social Housing Delivery

A single stage approval process for all social housing projects up to €200 million is not yet activated and the requirement to go through a Part 8 process remains.

Guidance documents are awaited from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in this regard.

Notice to Quits

Department approach is different to previous years noting the €5m allocation for 2025. Additional funding has been sought. Figures for Tipperary for last six months will be circulated to elected members.

Housing Grants

It was noted that there was a waiting list of 12 months for P1 and P2 applications. P3 applications are not being processed at present.

Vacant Housing

Housing will link with the Districts regarding the boarding up of dwellings

9 to 9 Service

The service is being examined for Tipperary Town. The viability of a proposed building is being examined which requires structural assessment. The North of the County will then be reviewed. Members will be updated on funding approved for Clonmel.

Affordable Housing

Funding has been approved for Clonmel and Nenagh. Two submissions have been received for Clonmel. Affordability need must be justified. Affordability KPMG report has been submitted to the Department for Clonmel and the outcome of the scheme will determine the rollout in other areas.

Department Targets & Delivery

The council will always seek to exceed targets provided. A breakdown of units in Clonmel will be shared with members. The Council were actively exploring sites in Tipperary Town but the challenges presented with the layout of the town was noted.

Item 8.1

Agree date for Meetings / Councillor Workshops

It was agreed on the proposal of the **Cllr. Pat English**, seconded by **Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald**, that: -

- (a) The Special Meeting to facilitate Presidential Election 2025 candidates to present to the Council would take place on Tuesday 16th September, 2025 in Nenagh at 10am. The Meetings Administrator advised the members that the Council may decide to nominate a candidate as prescribed by section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993 and referred to the protocol as agreed by the Council at its September meeting.
- (b) A Councillor Workshop with Uisce Eireann would take place on 14th October from 10am to 1.30pm in the Council Chamber, Nenagh with remote access being facilitated.
- (c) Members are reminded of the upcoming SPC Policy Making & Literacy Awareness Training Workshop scheduled for the 25th September from 13.30pm to 16.30pm in Nenagh Civic Offices and on the 26th September from 10.00am to 1pm in Clonmel Civic Offices.

Item 9.1 **Consideration of Orders for the period to the 31st August 2025**

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

Item 10.1

Letter from Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage and Minister of State for Local Government & Planning

This item was noted.

Item No. 11.1
Motions from
other Councils

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

Waterford City & County Council

"Waterford City & County Council calls upon the Central Bank to take all possible steps to discontinue facilitating the sale of Israeli bonds."

Wexford County Council

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD to amend Section 12 of the Residential Tenancy Act 2004 to eliminate blanket bans on pets in tenancy agreements thereby reducing the number of pets being surrendered and abandoned".

Waterford City & County Council

"That the members of Waterford City and County Council call on the Minister for Social Protection Mr. Dara Calleary, to abolish means testing for Carers Allowance in Budget, 2026. We further call on the Minister to introduce a fair and adequate payment for recipients of Carers Allowance and Carers Benefit one which truly reflects the time, dedication and compassionate care that covers provided everyday across Ireland".

Clare County Council

"Clare County Council calls on the Minister Local Government and Heritage, James Browne T.D. to review and amend the terms of the Defective Concrete Block Scheme to allow for applications, where individuals are living long term in supported housing provided by charitable bodies. These are the homes of these individuals & deserve equality of treatment with all other homeowners".

Galway County Council

"Galway County Council reaffirms its strong support for Portiuncula University Hospital, as recognised under Special Policy Objective H4 of the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028, and acknowledges PUH's long term strategic importance in the county and beyond as a provider of essential healthcare services and also as a major employer and economic driver in Co. Galway.

-Galway County Council calls on the Minister for Health and CEO HSE to support PUH's critical role in maternity care provision in the county and to recognise Portiuncula UH's strategic location as the most accessibly located maternity unit in the country just 800 meters off the M6 in providing crucial timely accessible maternity care for mothers infants and families across a wide and rural catchment in County Galway and to communities in Roscommon, Westmeath, Longford, Leitrim, Offaly, North Tipperary and beyond. Restriction of maternity services poses serious risks to women and infants, especially those in rural and socioeconomically disadvantaged areas with poor transport where they are now facing much increased travel times and reduced local access to crucial maternity services.

-Galway County Council calls on the Minister for Health and CEO HSE to seek development of an immediate plan for reinstatement of high-quality safe maternity services at PUH, with allocation of the necessary funding & resources for full implementation.

-Galway County Council asks the Minister for Health if she will commission a fully independent external review of maternity services across the county and comprehensively examine risk assessments and consequences of any maternity care downgrade in the wider area served including the ability of receiving maternity units to safely absorb additional patient load, given capacity, staffing and infrastructure challenges”.

Limerick City & County Council

“I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council write to the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, James Lawless, stating that this District condemn any future attempt by the Government to reinstate the €3,000 college contribution fee for students given the increased financial burden that this will place on students and their families”.

Galway City Council – In support of Donegal County Council Resolution

“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 Náisiún 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 Náisiún 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 Náisiún Aontaithe a bhaint, aithníonn an Chomhairle seo freagracht na Náisiún 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 provide a liaison/link to Community Welfare where support is necessary to enable newly allocated tenants move in speedily”.

Offaly County Council

“That this Council asks the Minister for Housing to include Part 5 houses in the “Tenant Purchase Scheme”.

Donegal County Council

"That this Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to express concern over the exclusion through ineligibility of County Donegal from key national affordable housing schemes, including cost rental initiatives, and to request an urgent review of the eligibility criteria and geographic rollout of such schemes to ensure they are extended to rural and peripheral counties like Donegal, where housing need is significant but often underrepresented in national policy".

Donegal County Council

"Comhairle Contae Dhún nGall supported the 10th an alliance which seeks to have socio-economic status recognised as the tenth ground of discrimination in the 26 Counties equality legislation, namely the Equal Status Act and the Employment Equality Act, 1 Dec 2021. We call on the Government in Baile Átha Cliath to legislate for this important change without further delay".

Item No. 12.1 **Expressions of** **Votes of** **Sympathy /** **Congratulations**

Votes of sympathy were passed for the following: -

- John Bergin, IT Section on the death of his mother Mary Bernadette (Bernie) Bergin
- Gráinne O'Malley, Community and Enterprise on the death of her father Michael O'Malley, Retired Senior Engineer
- Maria Quinlisk, Finance Section, Nenagh on the death of her father Edward (Ned) Ryan
- The family of Ger Hawkins, Cullenagh, Burncourt, Cahir, Tipperary

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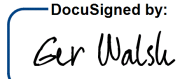
Expressions of thanks were passed for the following: -

- LAWPRO on hosting a workshop re Water Quality, Nitrates Derogation and CAP

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

Signed/ 
 Cathaoirleach.

Date 13th October, 2025

Signed/ 
 Meetings Administrator

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