

**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 13<sup>TH</sup> October 2025.**

**Present**

Cllr. John Carroll, Cathaoirleach

Cllrs: Acheson, T; Ambrose, S; Anglim, MI; Bonfield, F; Brennan, MI; Bugler, P; Burgess, D; Cahill-Skehan, K; Dennehy, N; Dunne, D; Fitzgerald, J; Hannigan, J; Hourigan, M.H.; Kennedy, R; Kennedy, Wm; Lee, S; McGrath, M; Moran, E; Morgan Walsh, L; Murphy, M; O'Meara, JP; Quirke O'Meara, P; Ryan, AM; Smith, MI.

**Remote**

Cllrs: Bourke, K; Browne, L; Crosse, J; English, P; Fitzgerald, M; Goldsboro, A; Moloney, A; Morris, S; O'Heney, J; O'Meara, MI; Ryan, J; Ryan, P; Ryan, S;

**Apologies**

Cllrs: Lowry, M; Molloy, R

**Also Present**

Ms. Sinead Carr, Chief Executive

Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Mr. Liam Brett, Mr. Brian Beck, Mr. Damien Ginty, Mr. Anthony Coleman - Director of Services

Mr. Kieran Malone S.E., Mr. Damien Dullaghan County Librarian, Mr. Anthony Fitzgerald Head of Enterprise, Mr. Shane Grogan A/SEO, Ms. Caroline Conway Senior Executive Planner, Mr. Ger Ryan AO, Mr. Mark Connolly, Head of Finance, Mr. Ger Walsh Meetings Administrator

**Item 1.1**

**Welcome &  
Introduction/  
Meetings  
Protocol**

The Cathaoirleach opened the October Meeting of the Council and welcomed all present. He reminded members in the Chamber to activate their microphones when speaking and referred remote participants to the protocol for online meetings circulated with the agenda, requesting adherence to the rules outlined therein. He confirmed with each remote attendee that audio and visual connections were functioning correctly. The Cathaoirleach also welcomed members of the media, staff, and members of the public in attendance.

He extended a particular welcome to Mr. Damien Ginty, Director of Services for Community and Enterprise and Tipperary Cahir Cashel District Director, recently appointed to the role, and to Ms. Ruth Smith, PPN Co-Ordinator, attending with a group from the Increasing Participation Project.

Cllr. Liam Browne with the permission of the Cathaoirleach addressed the Council, offering an apology for his conduct at the recent Special Meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025. He acknowledged that, while logged in remotely, he failed to mute his microphone, resulting in inappropriate language being overheard. He assured members that he would take steps to prevent a recurrence. The Council noted and resolved to accept the apology issued by Cllr. Liam Browne.

The Meetings Administrator conducted a roll call noting that a quorum was in place and the meeting commenced with the opening prayer.

The Cathaoirleach expressed appreciation to the Nenagh MD team for their efforts in supporting Terryglass to achieve a Gold Medal in the Entente Florale Competition, noting the significance of this European award. He also congratulated the Planning Team for securing an Irish Planning Institute award for the Kickham Barracks project, highlighting the collaborative work of the Corporate, Planning, and Business Development teams over several years.

He further acknowledged the work of staff involved in the RRDF applications, which successfully secured substantial funding for projects in Roscrea, Carrick-on-Suir, and Ballina/Killaloe. He commended the energy, commitment, and vision that contributed to these achievements, noting the benefits for local communities.

On behalf of the Council, the Cathaoirleach extended sympathies to Cllr. Michael Smith, the Smith family, and party colleagues on the passing of Dan Smyth, former member of North Tipperary County Council, and to the family and colleagues of Dr. Martin Mansergh, former Senator, TD for Tipperary South, and Minister of State.

A five-minute adjournment was proposed by Cllr. David Dunne, seconded by Cllr. Roger Kennedy, and agreed.

**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 5.5 Section 183 Notice – Disposal of circa 0.021ha (210sqm) at Ardgeeha Lower, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to Breda Lee.

Cllr. John FitzGerald declared that he was the auctioneer acting for the sale. 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 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 2025**

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were proposed by **Cllr. David Dunne**, seconded by **Cllr. Kay Cahill Skehan** and approved.

**Item No. 3.2**  
**Minutes of**  
**Special Meeting**  
**held on the 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 2025**

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were proposed by **Cllr. David Dunne**, seconded by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy** and approved.

**Item No. 3.3**  
**Amended**  
**Minutes of**  
**Council Meeting**  
**held on the 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**July 2025**

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 were proposed by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. Willie Kennedy** and approved.

There were no matters arising

**Matters Arising**

**Item 4.1**  
**Approval to**  
**Attendance**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**, seconded by **Cllr. Michael Smith** 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: -

| <b>Seminars/<br/>Conferences/<br/>Similar Events</b> | <b>Dates</b>                                     | <b>Venue</b>             | <b>Nominees</b>   |
|--|--|--------------------------|---|
| IPI – Autumn Planning Conference                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025                     | Gibson Hotel Dublin      | Mairin McGrath  |
| RIAI – Cities Towns Neighbourhoods                   | 8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2025   |                          | Richie Molloy   |
| AILG – LA Finance & Budget process                   | Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2025            | Arklow Bay Hotel         | Michael Smith   |
| AILG – LA Finance & Budget process                   | Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2025           | Horse and Jockey Thurles | Mairin McGrath<br>Mary Hanna Hourigan   |
| Celtic Conference – A Practical Guide to Budget 2026 | 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 | Carlingford              | Sean Ryan<br>John Fitzgerald<br>John Crosse<br>John Carroll<br>Siobhan Ambrose<br>Amy Goldsboro |
| Smart Towns & Villages                               | 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2025                    | Mohill, Leithrim         | Michael O Meara   |

|                                  |  |                          |  |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| ICSH – Biennial National Housing | 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 | The Slieve Russell Hotel | Declan Burgess<br>Seamus Morris<br>Mairin McGrath  |
| LAMA – Autumn Seminar            | 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 | Wexford                  | Sean Ryan<br>Declan Burgess<br>Richie Molloy<br>John Fitzgerald<br>Mark Fitzgerald<br>Niall Dennehy<br>Phyll Bugler<br>Kieran Bourke |

**Item 4.2****Reports on Conferences****Item 5.1****Section 183****Notice - Disposal of land at Green Street, Fethard to Patrick & Patricia Byrne**

It was proposed by **Cllr. David Dunne**, seconded by **Cllr. Mark 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 a land at Green Street, Fethard to Patrick & Patricia Byrne for a consideration of €100 and the Council's legal fees in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Wednesday 1st October 2025."***

The disposal of property was required to regularise a mapping error.

**Item 5.2****Section 183****Notice - Disposal of the CYMS Hall, Greenside South, Carrick On Suir, Co. Tipperary to St Nicholas Boxing Club**

It was proposed by **Cllr. David Dunne**, seconded by **Cllr. Liam Browne** 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 the CYMS Hall, Greenside South, Carrick On Suir, Co. Tipperary to St Nicholas Boxing Club in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 2nd October 2025."***

The disposal of the property was required to facilitate the provision of community amenity facilities.

**Item 5.3****Section 183****Notice - Disposal of circa 0.0148ha of land at Boherduff Filling Station, Fethard Rd, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to Gearoid Chawke**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**, seconded by **Cllr. Tom Acheson** 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 0.0148ha of land at Boherduff Filling Station, Fethard Rd, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to Gearoid Chawke in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Wednesday 1st October 2025."***

The disposal of property was required to regularise a mapping error.

**Item 5.4**

**Section 183**

**Notice -**  
**Disposal of circa**  
**0.0018ha of**  
**land at Kilcash,**  
**Co. Tipperary,**  
**Clonmel to Uisce**  
**Eireann**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose**, seconded by **Cllr. Tom Acheson** 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 0.0018ha of land at Woodview Heights, Kilcash, Co. Tipperary, Clonmel to Uisce Eireann in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Wednesday 1st October 2025."***

The disposal of the property was required to facilitate the provision of a water supply as part of Kilcash rationalisation project.

Cllr. John Fitzgerald left the meeting.

**Item 5.5**

**Section 183**

**Notice -**  
**Disposal of circa**  
**0.021ha**  
**(210sqm) at,**  
**Ardgeeha**  
**Lower, Clonmel,**  
**Co. Tipperary to**  
**Breda Lee**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Tom Acheson**, seconded by **Cllr. Siobhán 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 0.021ha (210sqm) at, Ardgeeha Lower, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to Breda Lee in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Wednesday 1st October 2025."***

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

**Item No. 5.6**

**Section 183**

**Notice -**  
**Disposal of circa**  
**0.0517ha at,**  
**Garrykennedy,**  
**Portroe, Co.**  
**Tipperary to**  
**Darach McGrath**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Fiona Bonfield**, seconded by **Cllr. Pamela Quirke O'Meara** 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 0.0517ha at, Garrykennedy, Portroe, Co. Tipperary to Darach McGrath for consideration of €2,500 in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Wednesday 1st October 2025."***

The disposal of the property was required to facilitate the regularisation of title to land.

**Item No. 5.7**

**Section 183**

**Notice -**  
**Disposal of circa**  
**0.0068ha of**  
**land at**  
**Lisgarde,**  
**Ballygibbon,**  
**Nenagh to**

It was proposed by **Cllr. J.P. O'Meara**, seconded by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy** 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 0.0068ha of land at Lisgarde, Ballygibbon, Nenagh to Matthew and Theresa Peters in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Wednesday 1st October 2025."***

**Matthew and  
Theresa Peters**

**Item No. 5.8**

**Section 183**

**Notice -**

**Disposal of circa  
0.526 ha (1.3  
acres) Roscrea  
Business and  
technology Park  
to Hogan's Drain  
& Pipe Cleaning  
Ltd**

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

It was proposed by **Cllr. Michael Smith**, 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 0.526ha of land at Roscrea Business & technology Park to Hogan's Drain & Pipe Cleaning in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 2nd October 2025."***

The disposal was to facilitate economic development.

**Item No. 5.9**

**Overdraft  
facility for the  
year ending the  
31st December  
2026**

It was proposed by **Cllr. John Crosse** and seconded by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy** and resolved: -

***"That pursuant to the Local Government Act 2001 and subject to the sanction of the Minister of the Environment, Community and Local Government, this Council authorises the temporary borrowing by way of overdraft from the Council's Treasurer of a sum not exceeding €10,000,000 (ten million euro) during the year ending 31st December, 2026".***

The Cathaoirleach referred the item to Mark Connolly, Head of Finance. Mr. Connolly referenced the background document circulated to members prior to the meeting. He explained that the overdraft facility serves as a safety net and an insurance measure should the local authority need to make payments in advance of receiving funds. The facility amount remains consistent with previous years. He confirmed that Tipperary County Council did not require use of the overdraft facility in 2025.

**Item No. 5.10**

**Local Roads  
Policy 2025**

The Cathaoirleach referred this item to Mr. Kieran Malone S.E. to brief the members on the draft Local Roads Policy Document and recommendation from the Director of Services which has been provided to members in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Malone outlined that further to requests from Councillors for clarification on a number of issues relating to the treatment of Local Tertiary roads, and in particular the operation of the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS), a presentation was given at the Infrastructure SPC meeting held in Nenagh Civic Offices on Monday, 29 September 2025.

The presentation covered the following issues:

- Classification of Local roads
- Funding for the treatment of Local Primary and Local Secondary roads
- Funding for the treatment of Local Tertiary roads – CIS and Own Funds
- Details of CIS applications on hand
- Review of the scoring system used to rank CIS applications
- The future treatment options for Local Tertiary 'through' roads

- The future treatment options for Local Tertiary roads located in urban housing estates.

He presented the recommendations arising from the SPC meeting to the members.

Mr. Malone responded to members queries as follows: -

### **Funding Allocation**

Funding was allocated between counties based on the total kilometres of roads within each county, and Tipperary follows a similar approach for internal distribution. Approximately 80% of funding is allocated based on road kilometres per district, while tertiary roads funding is determined by the proportion of local tertiary roads in each district. Notwithstanding members' comments, Mr. Malone stated that allocation based on kilometres per district remains the fairest model.

### **Roads Programme**

A three-year programme 2025-2027 had been agreed by the members noting that there is scope for each district to review roads within their programme.

The same allocation is being utilised and it was expected to receive the same funding as the current year. It is anticipated that additional roads will be added to each three-year programme.

### **Tertiary Through Roads and Estate Roads**

Local Tertiary 'through' roads have a combined length of just over 40km, or 3.7% of the overall Local Tertiary road length in the County. He stated that it was recommended by the SPC that these rural Local Tertiary 'through' roads should be included for consideration in the roadworks programme, funded by the RI and RM/SRM allocations, from the start of the next 3-year roadworks programme in 2028.

It was noted that the relevant urban Local Tertiary roads are those included in Schedule 2 (Special Speed Limit of 30km/h) in the Speed Limit Bye-Laws.

### **CIS Applications**

Applications for 2026/2027 are currently under assessment. The CIS scoring system applied is the same as that used for evaluating applications under the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) Funding Treatment. This was stated in Page 3 of the Policy Document

Mr. Liam Brett, Director of Services, advised that parking charges are currently under review with the relevant SPC, and workshops will be arranged at district level. In response to members' queries, he confirmed that there will be no pro-rata increases, as allocations are based on total road kilometres within the county. He further noted that the three-year roads programme has been agreed with the District Engineers and that the LIS has been advertised.

Following consideration of the replies, it was proposed by **Cllr. Mairín McGrath**, seconded by Cllr. **David Dunne** and resolved; -

***"That Tipperary County Council hereby adopts the 'Local Roads Policy 2025' as recommended by the Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee".***

**Item No. 5.11**

**Vacant Business Property Re-open Grant Scheme**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Kathleen Prendergast, Economic Development Officer, who delivered a short presentation to the members. She advised that the presentation would be circulated following the meeting. The matter before the members was to consider and adopt the County Tipperary Vacant Business Property Reopen Grant Scheme 2025.

The presentation provided a briefing to members under the following headings: -

- Aims of the Scheme
- Qualifying criteria
- Qualifying Occupier
- Qualifying Business/Use
- Targets Businesses for main street zoned areas
- Non-qualifying business units
- Qualifying premises
- Location Zones
- Zoning criteria
- Grant Financial details
- Operational transfer
- Grant Transfer
- Grant Application Procedure
- Retail Sub Group

Mr. Brian Beck and Cllr. Marie Murphy acknowledged the work of the sub group and said that the scheme was about creating vibrancy and setting the tone for our towns and villages.

The members spoke in support of the scheme and thanked Ms. Prendergast and the team for their work. They stated that the absence of a taxi rank was noted as an issue in a number of towns. A mechanism to subside and incentivise events in towns was suggested and parking challenges in certain towns was highlighted. Members expressed concerns regarding long term vacancies in towns.

Cllr. Marie Murphy proposed that, subject to approval, the scheme be implemented immediately. This was supported by Cllr. Anne Marie Ryan.

In response to queries, Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services, clarified that some issues raised fall under the remit of the Planning and Roads SPC. He noted that extensive consultation and research informed the scheme and that engagement with property owners will be required under relevant legislation. He highlighted that many small shops close due to retirement and lack of succession planning. Taxi ranks and hackneys are outside the scope of the scheme.

Ms. Kathleen Prendergast clarified to the members with regard to the hairdressing businesses qualifying within the scheme. She recognised the importance of shopping local. She said that the work of the SPC will continue and will examine the succession plan and generational continuity of businesses. She stated that a scheme to bring together all the supports of the council is also being examined by the SPC.

Following consideration, It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy**, seconded by **Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose**, and resolved; -

***"That the County Tipperary Vacant Business-Property Reopen Grant Scheme 2025 be adopted."***

**Item 6.1**

**Consideration of Management Report as per Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014**

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.

- Roads, Transportation, Health and Safety
- Planning and Development (including Town Centre First and Just Transition)
- Emergency Services & Emergency Planning
- Library, Cultural Services & Biodiversity.
- Finance & Information Technology

**Roads, Transportation, Health & Safety**

Mr. Liam Brett, Director of Services provided the members with a summary update on the Road works around the county.

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, to take Item 9.2 - Notice of Motion Ref. 3038 in relation a Footpath Maintenance Scheme as part of the Roads, Transportation and Health & Safety Report.

The Motion Reference 3038 was proposed by **Cllr. J.P. O'Meara**.

***"That this Council would write to the Minister for Transport requesting that he introduce a funding scheme for the maintenance and improvement of existing footpaths, and the development of new footpaths."***

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy**.

In moving the motion, Cllr. O'Meara proposed that the scheme would operate similar to the current roads funding programme, whereby the Municipal District can set a multi-annual footpaths maintenance and improvement plan, giving councillors direct input into the design of this plan, thereby providing more funding certainty for works to be carried out on footpaths in our towns and villages, and allow the council to set a clear roadmap for how it will improve our footpaths infrastructure over the coming years. He further proposed that part of this work would include a survey of all footpaths in towns and villages in the Municipal District so that

each footpath can be graded, similar to the work done on surveying our roads as part of the roads programmes.

Cllr. Roger Kennedy said in seconding the motion there was a requirement for a dedicated funding scheme for footpaths and said there was a lack of funding at present for this and required works are carried out from district finances.

All Members spoke in support of the motion and said it was important that funding would not be sourced from the Active Travel Budget. Issues raised by the Irish Wheelchair Association on footpaths in Tipperary town were highlighted.

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to Mr. Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Transport for comment and response.

**Management Report contd.**

**Road Pavements**

It was noted that the policy of vertical deflection is working well.

**Hedgerows**

Liam Brett acknowledged that this is a critical enforcement role that the local authority has. It was noted that the local authority request that all landowners manage their hedgerows. A media campaign serves as a reminder for this. Staff are monitoring areas and elected members are asked to highlight specific areas of concern to their District Engineer. It was noted that the local authority writes to landowners and will issue legal proceedings when necessary.

**N24**

It was noted that land activation in Clonmel requires the N24 project to be advanced.

**Irish Place Names**

It was agreed that the Director of Services will liaise with Cllr. Roger Kennedy regarding the Irish translation of town place names on road signage and will engage with the Place Names Committee to confirm the correct Irish names for towns and villages. The matter will also be referred to the Council's Irish Language Officer.

**Loch Derg Algae Bloom**

It was agreed that the Environment Director of Services will liaise with Cllr. Seamie Morris regarding the Loch Derg algae bloom and his request for a multi-agency meeting.

**Severe Weather Event Response**

It was agreed that issues relating to the engagement of local contractors and farmers for snow clearance during severe weather events, as well as the availability of salt in rural areas, will be further considered in the context of the upcoming budget process.

### Thurles Roadworks

The Roads Section will endeavour to carry out the works with minimal impact during the Christmas period.

### Footpath Deficiencies

The lack of funding to address the deficiencies was highlighted as a critical issue.

### Speed Limit Review

The next stage of the process is scheduled for Q2/Q3 2025. It was noted that guidance from the Department of Transport is awaited. The Department has indicated that the rollout will be targeted rather than a blanket reduction from 50 km/h to 30 km/h. Consultation will take place on a district-by-district basis, with the final decision to be made by the Council. Guidelines will be circulated to members upon receipt.

Members noted the need for enforcement of speed limits and expressed concern regarding the lack of policing.

### Loch Derg Greenway

Members' frustration regarding the lack of progress on these schemes was acknowledged. The impact on road maintenance and funding issues with TII were noted. It was agreed that an updated progress report will be provided at the next Council meeting in January 2026.

### Moangarriff

Tramore House design team has been engaged. The complexity of planning process was noted and the progress is slow.

### N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction

Recent amendments to noise and air quality standards have affected environmental reporting requirements. Changes to the project arising from public consultation are impacting timelines.

### N74

Members noted frustration with utility providers. It was further noted that ESB is under increased pressure to deliver services due to the impact of the recent severe weather event.

### N62 Slievenamon Road

Funding challenges persist, requiring the use of maintenance allocations. The District will need to seek additional funding through the TII Maintenance Project funding stream.

### Traffic Lights

It was agreed to revert to Cllr. M. Brennan regarding the removal of traffic light batteries in the Carrick on Suir District.

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

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, to take Item 9.1 - Notice of Motion Ref. 3025 in relation to Planning and Development

(Exempted Development) (No 4) Regulations 2023 as part of the Planning & Development Report.

**Item No. 9.1**

**Cllr. Liam**

**Browne NOM**

**Ref. No. 3025**

The Motion Reference 3025 was proposed by **Cllr. Liam Browne**.

The motion was seconded by Cllr. **Mairín McGrath**

***"That this council write to Minister James Browne, the Minister for the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, requesting that the Department bring back the current exemption allowing the temporary change of use of certain existing structures to accommodate people seeking international protection, from December 31, 2028, to the 31st of December 2025.***

***The regulations, specifically the Planning and Development (Exempted Development) (No 4) Regulations 2023, allowing the temporary use of structures like schools, community centres, and hotels, must cease by this specified date."***

In moving the motion, Cllr. Browne expressed serious concerns regarding planning transparency. He emphasised the need for the Council to adhere to the established planning framework, noting that two systems—the normal planning process and the IPAS process—are currently operating concurrently. This situation is causing confusion and friction within communities. He stressed the importance of restoring consistency to the planning process.

Members spoke in support of the motion and expressed dissatisfaction with the current planning exemption

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded Mr. James Browne, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for comment and response

Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services, Mr. Paddy Crowley, S.E. & Mr. Fergal O'Donnell Senior Executive Planner responded to queries raised as follows:

**RRDF**

The securing of additional funding was welcomed. Location to be specified.

**Quarry Lane**

The design remains under examination

**Davis Road**

A design team is currently being appointed.

**Bus Shelters**

There is a reliable standard of shelter across the country. Service is constantly increasing which will in turn increase the stops provided. The provision to provide shelters where population exceeds 1500 was noted.

### Bio Methane Plants

It was agreed to liaise with Cllr. Phyll Bugler regarding issues associated with Bio Methane Plants.

### County Development Plan

The Chief Executive's Report is currently in preparation. Upon its completion, work will commence on the proposed variation to the County Development Plan and Settlement Plan. A procurement process will be initiated to appoint a consultant to support this process and workshop would be held with the members.

### Town Centre First

Nenagh and Thurles plans are advancing. A number of projects are currently preparing to apply for funding.

Members were provided with an update on staffing within the TCF team, noting progress made in filling existing vacancies

### Tipperary Town Development Plan

The process has yet to commence owing to issues with capacity at the Waste Water Treatment Plant but this will form part of the variation process.

## **Emergency Services & Emergency Planning**

There were no further queries or comments.

## **Library, Cultural Services & Biodiversity**

Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian responded to general queries raised on the Management Report as follows:

### Cahir Library

Work is scheduled to commence in the coming weeks. The construction phase is expected to take approximately 10 to 11 months, with fit-out for ancillary services projected for Q4 2026.

Cllr. Marie Murphy expressed her appreciation to Mr. Dullaghan for his role in securing the contract for the library.

### Clonmel Library

Part 8 submission is imminent and a Stage Two funding application has been made.

## **Finance & Information Technology**

There were no further queries or comments.

It was agreed on the proposal of the **Cllr. Michael Brennan**, seconded by **Cllr. John O'Heney** that: -

- The Annual Budget Meeting would be held on Friday, 28th November 2025 at 10 am in Nenagh Civic Offices

**Item No. 7.2**

**Conferal of  
Civic Reception -  
Tipperary Senior  
and U20 Hurling  
Teams**

- The Annual Budget Workshops 2 and 3 would be held on Friday October 31st at 2pm in Nenagh Civic Offices and remotely via Zoom and on November 25th 2025 at 10AM in Clonmel Civic Offices and remotely via Zoom

It was proposed by **Cllr. Declan Burgess**, seconded by **Cllr. Michael Smith**, and agreed that a Civic Reception for the Tipperary Senior and U20 hurlers and management in recognition of their All Ireland Championship success in 2025 would take place on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 PM in the Horse and Jockey, Thurles.

**Item No. 8.1  
Consideration of  
Orders for the  
period to the  
30<sup>th</sup> September  
2025**

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 were noted.

**Item No. 10.1  
Cllr. Declan  
Burgess NOM  
Ref. No. 3037**

The Motion Ref. 3037 was proposed by **Cllr. Declan Burgess**.

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. Tom Acheson**.

***"That Tipperary County Council supports the immediate inclusion of Commercial Bus Operators (CBOs) in the Child Leap Card Scheme, which provides free bus travel for children under nine.***

***Tipperary County Council calls on the Minister for Transport and the National Transport Authority to:***

***1. Urgently include CBOs in the Child Leap Card Scheme.***

***2. Ensure a fair and consistent transport policy that treats all children equally, regardless of geography or bus service used".***

It was agreed to forward the motion to Mr. Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Transport for comment/response and to circulate motion to all local authorities for consideration

**Items No's.**

**11.1 – 11.5  
Correspondence**

These items were noted.

**Item No. 12.1  
Motions from  
Other Councils**

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

**Carlow County Council**

"Carlow County Council agree to write to the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, and to the Taoiseach,

expressing this Council's opposition to any increase in college fees and the Government to ensure to maintain the Grant in the upcoming budget.

### **Sligo County Council**

"Given the huge success of the Love Sligo Gift Card since its launch in 2024, and it having achieved over €1M in sales within a year in Sligo, over €10M in gift card sales in Ireland, driving an estimated 150,000 in-store consumers across the country:

That Sligo County Council writes to Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment and the Minister for Rural Affairs to ask them to consider supporting the Town and City Gift Card rollout across every county".

### **Limerick City and County Council**

"That, Limerick City and County Council write to the Taoiseach, Micheál Martin T.D., the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll-MacNeill T.D., and the Minister of State with responsibility for Mental Health, Mary Butler, T.D., in support of the IACP's call for increased investment in counselling and psychotherapy in Budget 2026. The IACP's Budget 2026 priorities are the following: (i) Removal of VAT on counselling and psychotherapy services; (ii) Extension of tax relief to counselling and psychotherapy fees; and (iii) Investment in and expansion of access to school counselling at the primary and secondary levels. I also ask that this Motion, if passed, is circulated to the thirty other local authorities, asking that they support this campaign".

### **Kerry County Council**

"That Kerry County Council write to the Minister for Health calling for the introduction of a ban on vaping in all workplaces, on the grounds of protecting public health and ensuring safe, aerosol-free working environments".

### **Limerick City & County Council**

"That, Limerick City and County Council call on the Ministers for Agriculture and for Forestry to provide an appropriate Scheme to compensate for the loss of their livelihoods suffered by landowners due to Ash Dieback disease, and that support for this Motion be sought from sister Authorities nationally".

### **Roscommon County Council**

"I am seeking the support of my fellow Councillors and Roscommon County Council to write to the Taoiseach Micheál Martin; to the Minister for Health, Deputy Carroll MacNeill; and to Tony Canavan of the HSE, to request them to reconsider the removal of care and maternity services for high risk pregnant women at Portiuncula University Hospital, to request a timeline for the reinstatement of all services, and to ensure that full resources are allocated to maintain and improve the quality of maternity care at the hospital.

It was also agreed that this motion is circulated to all Local Authorities in the region that are covered by services at Portiuncula University Hospital.

### **Roscommon County Council**

"To write to the Minister for Local Government to request that development fees be waived for all applicants who served a commencement notice prior to the required deadline in 2024. Some applicants served the notice within the required timeframe, but failed to submit the required waiver form, resulting in them receiving an invoice for development charges. Many applicants were unaware of the need to complete the form, despite meeting all other guidelines of the scheme".

#### **Item No. 13.1** **Expressions of** **Votes of** **Sympathy /** **Congratulations**

Votes of sympathy were passed for the following: -

- Michael Woulfe, SEE, Roads Capital on the death of his father Timothy (Timmy) Woulfe
- Michael Pollard, IS Project Leader, IT on the death of his father Kieran Pollard
- Anselm McGowan, District Administrator, Tipperary Cahir Cashel MD on the death of his mother in law Patricia Lally
- The family of Dr. Martin Mansergh, Former Minister of State, TD and Senator.
- Madeline Ryan, Assistant Business Advisor, Local Enterprise Office on the death of her mother Mary Lanigan Ryan
- Cllr. Michael Smith and family on the death of his uncle Dan Smyth, Former Councillor with North Tipperary County Council
- The family of Vincent Costello, GO, Water Services

Votes of congratulations were passed for the following: -

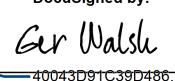
- Folke and Annika Rohrssen, who represented Ireland at two World Championships for carriage drivers.

#### **Item No. 14.1**

There being no other business, the Meeting concluded at 1.30 pm.

#### **A.O.B.**

Signed/   
John Carroll  
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Ger Walsh  
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