



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

April 8th, 2026

Notice Of Meeting - Tipperary County Council Monthly Meeting

Don Cathaoirleach agus Gach Ball den Comhairle.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú Míosúil de Chomhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann san Oifigi Cathartha, Cluain Meala, Contae Thiobraid Arann, dé Luain triú lá de mhi na Aibreán ar a deich a chlog ar maidin.

You are requested to attend the Monthly Meeting of Tipperary County Council to be held in the Civic Offices, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on Monday, 13th April 2026 at 10:00 am to consider the agenda attached.

Alternatively, if you wish to attend remotely via Zoom, you may use the Meeting ID 3819631528 to log on to the meeting via the Zoom app.

Lunch will be provided from 1.30pm in the canteen.

Is Mise le Meas,

Ger Walsh

Meetings Administrator,

Tipperary County Council.

Agenda

Welcome and introduction.

1.1 Meeting Protocol (Attached)

For Information

Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 381 963 1528

Ethics Declarations

2.1 Disclosure/or Conflicts of Interest

For Information

Consideration of Minutes

3.1 Minutes of Council Meeting held on 9th March 2026 (Attached)

For Approval

Conferences / Seminars / Training/ Further Education

4.1 Approval to attendance

For Approval

4.2 Reports on Conferences

For Information

Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Council

5.1 Section 183 Notice - Disposal of circa 0.0025ha at Garrykennedy, Portroe, Co Tipperary to ESB Networks (Attached)

For Approval

- To facilitate the transfer of ownership of a site containing a sub station to ESB Networks

5.2 Section 183 Notice – Disposal of circa 0.0332ha at Garrykennedy, Portroe, Co. Tipperary to Portroe GAA Club (Attached)

For Approval

- To facilitate the construction of a new entrance to a proposed car and bus parking area serving the club

5.3 Section 183 Notice - Disposal of circa 0.0064ha at Garryard East, Silvermines East, Nenagh Co Tipperary to ESB Networks (Attached)

For Approval

- To facilitate the transfer of ownership of a site containing a sub station to ESB Networks

5.4 Section 183 Notice - Disposal of circa 0.014ha (140sqm) at, Liscahill, Thurles, Co. Tipperary to Eileen and Thomas Ryan (Attached)

For Approval

- To facilitate the regularisation of a mapping error

5.5 Section 183 Notice - Disposal by way of a 99 year lease agreement of property at Old Bridge, Clonmel to Teach an Tseandroichid Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Rachaiochta (Attached)

For Approval

- To facilitate the amendment of a leaseholder's name. The disposal in question was previously approved by the Council in June 2023 and requires formal updating.

5.6 Section 183 Notice - Disposal of circa 0.0397ha of land at No. 7 Northview Close, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to Thomas & Alison Butler (Attached)

For Approval

- To facilitate the regularisation of a mapping error

5.7 Section 183 Notice - Disposal by way of a 99 year lease agreement between Tipperary County Council and Cashel Handball Club, for premises know as Cashel Handball Alley, at O'Connor's Field, Friar Street, Cashel (Attached)

For Approval

- To facilitate the regularisation of area under a 99 year lease agreement

5.8 Section 183 Notice - Disposal of Serviced Site "A" at The Crescent Housing Estate, Boherlahan, Co. Tipperary to Ms Lorraine Hannon and Tamer Mohammad Nagib (Attached)

For Approval

- To facilitate the transfer of a serviced site under an affordable housing pilot project funded under the Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Fund

5.9 Section 183 Notice - Disposal of circa 0.0336ha at Fethard Rd, Rathronan, Co. Tipperary to Tony and Siobhan Joyce (Attached)

For Approval

- To facilitate the regularisation of a mapping error

5.10 Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application by Soleirtricity Lisheen Ltd (Attached)

For Information

"To note Chief Executives Report prior to Tipperary County Council's submission on the proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application by Soleirtricity Lisheen Ltd for a 10 year planning permission for a 110kV electrical substation and associated 110Kv underground grid connection, cabling and associated works located in the townlands of Killoran, Co. Tipperary (www.cooleenysubstation.com), in accordance with section 182A of the Planning & Development Act 2000".

5.11 Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application by Killough Solar (Attached)

For Information

"To note Chief Executives Report prior to Tipperary County Council's submission on the proposed Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) application by Killough Solar for the development of a 110kV electrical Gas Insulated Switchgear substation providing a connection to the national grid via a Loop In/Loop Out (LI/LO) connection to the existing Killhill- Thurles 110kv overhead line within the townland of Graigue, Co. Tipperary in accordance with section 182A of the Planning & Development Act 2000".

5.12 Local Authority own development pursuant to Article 81 of Part 8 of the Planning development Regulations (as amended) - Report to be attached

For Approval

Under the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) and Article 81 of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Tipperary County Council proposes to carry out a housing development at Derry, Rathcabbin, County Tipperary consisting of 7no. new dwellings consisting of 4no. 3-bed two-storey houses, 2no. 2bed single-storey houses and 1no. 3-bed single-storey house and new entrance, access roadway, footpaths, bin storage, car parking, boundary works, landscaping, drainage connection, related ancillary

services and all associated site works.

5.13 Draft Service Delivery Plan 2026 (Report to be attached)

For Approval

"To consider and approve the Annual Service Delivery Plan in accordance with Section 134 (a) of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as inserted by Section 50 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014)".

5.14 Arts Act Grants 2026 (Attached)

For Approval

"To consider and approve recommendations on the 2026 grant applications in accordance with the Arts Act 2003".

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

For Information

- Mr. Jonathan Cooney - Director of Services

Appointment of Members to Committees or Boards

6.1 Ratification of Members to Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

For Approval

- Social Inclusion, Community & Rural Development SPC
 - Ms. Trish Markey County Tipperary Chamber replacing Mr. Michael O'Donoghue

6.2 Ratification of Member to Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

For Approval

- Mr. Darragh Scott IFA replacing Mr. Pat Carroll
 - IFA Representative

Consideration of Reports and Recommendations

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

For Information

- Economic, Community and Rural Development

- Environment & Climate Action
- Corporate Services
- Housing Services

7.2 Local Authority Climate Action Plan Progress Report (Attached)

For Information

- Mr. Eamon Lonergan - Director of Services

7.3 New Vacant Business-property Re-open (VBR) Grant Scheme portal

For Information

- Ms. Ruth Maher - I.S. Project Leader
- Ms. Kathleen Prendergast - Economic Development Officer

7.4 Draft Annual Report 2025 (Report to be attached)

For Approval

7.5 Tipperary Local Authority Performance Indicator Report 2024 (Report to be attached)

For Information

Corporate/Organisational Issues

8.1 Agree Date for Councillor Workshops/Training

For Approval

Anti Fraud & Corruption Policy Briefing & Personal Security Awareness Training

- Proposed Date: Thursday, 14th May 2026 - Thurles MD Offices and remotely via MS Team. Time TBC
 - Claire Meaney - IS Security Practitioner
 - Sergeant John McCormack - Crime Prevention Officer Tipperary Division

Governance Training (Ethics, Standards, Lobbying, GDPR & Code of Conduct Training for Elected Members)

- Proposed Date: Tuesday, 19th May 2026 - Thurles MD Offices and remotely via MS Team. Time TBC
 - Leahy Reidy L.L.P
 - Tommy Moylan A.I.L.G.
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**9.1 Consideration of Orders for the period to the 31st March 2026
(Attached)**

For Information

Notices of Motion (Adjourned from previous Meeting)

10.1 Cllr. Richie Molloy (NOM Ref. 3092)

For Approval

"That Tipperary County Council call on the Minister of Finance to exempt the carers allowance/ carers benefit from income tax in recognition of the contribution of family carers to the care of their loved ones ."

Notices of Motion (Tipperary County Council Functions)

11.1 Cllr. Michael Brennan (NOM Ref. 3123)

For Approval

"That Tipperary County Council establish an Animal Welfare Committee, operating as a sub-committee of the Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee, with the purpose of improving coordination oversight, and policy development in relation to animal welfare across the county.

The proposed Committee will:

- 1. Provide a structured forum for engagement between Tipperary County Council, An Garda Siochana, the Department of Agriculture, the ISPCA/NSPCA, local veterinary professionals, and recognised welfare organisations.*
- 2. Review and make recommendations on issues relating to horse control, dog control, farm animal welfare, abandoned or neglected animals, and support for local rescues.*
- 3. Examine enforcement challenges and opportunities for improved multi-agency cooperation.*
- 4. Advise on the allocation of animal welfare grants and the development of local welfare initiatives.*
- 5. Promote public awareness of responsible animal ownership and welfare standards.*
- 6. Report quarterly to the Environment & Climate Action SPC, with recommendations brought forward to the full Council where appropriate.*
- 7. Provide for seizure, impoundment, and associated fees where animals are found to be unlicensed, uncontrolled, or kept in breach of welfare standards.*
- 8. Introduce penalties for breaches, including fines and cost recovery for enforcement actions.*
- 9. Provide for a public consultation process prior to adoption, ensuring community input and transparency.*

Rationale:

Animal welfare issues in Tipperary frequently involve multiple agencies and require coordinated response. Establishing a dedicated committee will strengthen communication, improve enforcement outcomes, support local rescues, and ensure that Tipperary County Council continues to meet its responsibilities under national animal welfare legislation and the Department of Agriculture's Animal Welfare Strategy."

11.2 Cllr. Michael Brennan (NOM Ref. 3124)

For Approval

"That Tipperary County Council prepare draft bye laws under the Control of Horses Act 1996, modelled on the Kilkenny County Council Equine Bye Laws, to address the dangers associated with sulky use on public roads and to strengthen animal welfare and public safety protections across the county.

Further, that these draft bye laws include provisions to:

Prohibit sulky racing and the use of sulkies on all public roads within County Tipperary. Require a valid horse licence for any horse kept or moved within the county, with enforcement powers for Gardaí and authorised officers. Mandate full equine identification compliance, including microchipping, passports, and proof of ownership. Require that any person in control of a horse on a public road must be over 16 years of age, competent, and able to demonstrate proper control of the animal. Prohibit the use of horses on public roads without appropriate tack, including bridles and other equipment necessary for safe handling. Require proof of lawful access to suitable land for keeping any horse within the county. Provide for seizure, impoundment, and associated fees where horses are found to be unlicensed, uncontrolled, or kept in breach of welfare standards. Introduce penalties for breaches, including fines and cost recovery for enforcement actions. Enable multi agency enforcement, including cooperation between Tipperary County Council, An Garda Síochána, and the Department of Agriculture. Provide for a public consultation process prior to adoption, ensuring community input and transparency.

Rationale: Recent incidents in Clonmel and across Tipperary have highlighted the significant risks posed by sulky use on public roads, resulting in serious danger to motorists, pedestrians, and the animals involved. Kilkenny County Council has already implemented robust bye laws that prohibit sulky racing and strengthen equine control, providing a clear and effective model. Adopting similar measures in Tipperary would enhance public safety, improve animal welfare, and give Gardaí and Council officers the enforcement tools they currently lack."

11.3 Cllrs. Liam Browne, Niall Dennehy & Richie Molloy (NOM Ref. 3126)

For Approval

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Transport, the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and the Government to introduce comprehensive national legislation governing the use of horse drawn sulkies on public roads, and further calls for enabling powers to allow local authorities to implement and enforce supporting bye laws.

In particular, this Council requests that national legislation include provisions for:

- *The establishment of a Sulky Road Use Licence (SRUL) for all sulky drivers, including mandatory equine handling and road safety training, a practical driving assessment, and proof of public liability insurance.*
- *A prohibition on persons under 18 years of age driving or controlling a sulky on public roads.*
- *The creation of a National Sulky Horse Register, requiring microchipping, veterinary certification of fitness, and up to date welfare records for all horses used in sulky driving.*
- *Mandatory protective equipment for all drivers, including certified equestrian helmets, high visibility clothing, gloves, and appropriate footwear.*
- *Minimum construction and safety standards for sulkies, including lighting, reflective markings, braking systems, and annual roadworthiness inspections.*
- *A clear rule that no more than one person may be carried on a sulky at any time.*
- *A statutory offence for organising, promoting, participating in, or assisting in sulky racing on public roads, closing the current gap where participation is not explicitly prohibited.*
- *Stronger animal welfare protections, including minimum age requirements for horses, fitness to work standards, and restrictions on use during extreme weather.*
- *Enforcement powers for Gardaí and authorised officers to inspect sulkies and horses, request proof of licensing and registration, issue fines, and impound sulkies or seize horses where necessary.*
- *Enabling provisions allowing local authorities to introduce local bye laws, including designated sulky routes, signage, and community education programmes.*

This Council further notes that these measures are necessary to improve road safety, protect animal welfare, reduce the risk of collisions and injuries, and support responsible sulky use within communities where the practice is culturally significant.

Accordingly, this Council resolves to write to the relevant Ministers, the Road Safety Authority, and the Oireachtas Transport Committee requesting that these proposals be considered as part of forthcoming road safety and animal welfare legislation."

Notice of Motions (Non-Tipperary County Council Functions)

12.1 Cllr. Seamus Morris (NOM Ref. 3122)

For Approval

"That Tipperary County Council opposes the exclusion of trade in services in the occupied territories bill and writes to the Tánaiste and Minister for finance, Simon Harris,

and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Helen McEntee, calling on them to include a ban on trade in services in the Governments proposed OTB with immediate effect."

12.2 Cllrs. Dr. Phyll Bugler, Mary Hanna Hourigan, Tom Acheson, Mark Fitzgerald. Marie Murphy (NOM. Ref. 3125)

For Approval

"I hereby request Tipperary county Council to write to Minister of Transport to introduce legislation making it mandatory for pedestrians and cyclists to wear Hi- Vis jackets/ vests in the interest of public safety. It is extremely difficult to see pedestrians and cyclists who are not wearing Hi - Vis jackets/ vests especially on narrow country roads and in towns."

12.3 Cllr. Séan Ryan & Cllr. Amy Goldsboro (NOM Ref. 3130)

For Approval

We request that Tipperary County Council writes to the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment Darragh O'Brien TD outlining this Council's commitment to delivering on the measures in its LACAP but clearly highlighting the challenges facing the Council in doing so.

In particular we request that the urgent need for increased national financial support and grant funding for local authorities is highlighted to ensure that the statutory targets of 50% energy efficiency and 51% emissions reduction are met by 2030. We also note that there are new and emerging targets that local authorities will need to comply with, up to 2050 which will also have to be funded.

The SEAI Pathfinder programme provides capital funding to local authority's for energy and decarbonisation works to it's public facilities/buildings, but this requires 50% match funding from the local authority, which represents a €5.5 million investment by Tipperary County Council before 2030.

With the 2030 statutory deadline fast approaching, there is an urgent need to accelerate energy retrofitting and decarbonisation of our facilities and of our local authority fleet, so there needs to be improved national funding provided to local authorities with immediate effect.

Correspondence

13.1 Reply dated 12th March 2026 from Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade (Attached)

For Information

- Re: NOM Ref. 3094 - Cllr. Pat English
 - Occupied Territories Bill

13.2 Reply dated 24th March 2026 from Minister for Defence (Attached)

For Information

- Re. NOM Ref. 3075 - Cllr. Declan Burgess
 - Triple Lock

13.3 Reply dated 26th March 2026 from Minister for Housing (Attached)

For Information

- Re. NOM Ref. 3095 - Cllr. Mairín McGrath
 - Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People Scheme

Resolutions from Other Local Authorities

14.1 Motions from other Councils (Attached)

For Information

- Longford County Council
 - Cost of Disability Payment
- Sligo County Council
 - Mother & Baby Homes
- Leitrim County Council
 - Maintenance & Repair of Greenways
- Galway County Council
 - Irish Medium Education
- Clare County Council
 - Cost of Disability Payment

Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations

15.1 Expressions of votes of sympathy/congratulations

For Information

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16.1 Any other business appropriate to a meeting of Tipperary County Council arising with the permission of the Cathaoirleach.

For Information