

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,
CLONMEL AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM
AT 11.00 AM on MONDAY 13TH March, 2023.**

Present

Cllr. R. Kennedy, Cathaoirleach.

Cllr's S. Ambrose, M. Anglim, D. Burgess, N.J. Coonan, J. Crosse, D. Dunne, P. English, J. Fitzgerald, M. Fitzgerald, I. Goldsboro, S. Hanafin, J. Hannigan, M. Hanna Hourigan, S. Lee, M. Lowry, M. McGrath, R. Molloy, A. Moloney, M. Murphy, Ml. Murphy, K. O'Meara, A. Ryan, S. Ryan, M. Smith.

Remote

Cllr's T. Black, F. Bonfield, P. Bugler, J. Carroll, G. Darcy, N. Dennehy, H. McGrath, J. McGrath, E. Moran, S. Morris, M. O'Meara, P. Ryan.

Also Present

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, Ms. S. Carr, Mr. E. Lonergan, Directors of Services, Mr B. Beck, A/Director of Services, C. Morrissey, S.E.O., J. Cooney, S.E., D. Flannery, S.S.O., Shane Grogan, A.O. Ml. Moroney, S.E.O., O. Kelly, A.O., Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies

Cllrs K. Bourke, Ml. Fitzgerald and J. Ryan.

Item 1.1

**Welcome &
Introduction/**

**Meetings
Protocol**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the March Meeting of the Council, including the members of the press, advising members present in the Chamber that their microphone had to be turned on when they spoke, referred members attending remotely to the protocol for remote meetings circulated with the agenda and asked members to observe the rules contained therein with regard to remote meetings.

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

The Cathaoirleach referred to the death of Darius Farrell, son of Ann-Marie Buck, a member of the Council's cleaning staff. On behalf of the Council, he extended their sympathy to all the family on this sad occasion. Funeral Mass was at 11.30am today.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive joined with the Members regarding the sad and painful loss of Darius, the son of Ann-Marie Buck, a highly valued staff member.

The Cathaoirleach then called for everybody to stand for a minute's silence, which was duly observed.

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

Noted, no matters were notified to the Meetings Administrator

Item 3.1
Minutes of
Council Meeting
held on 13th
February, 2023

The Minutes of the February Monthly Meeting held on 13th February, 2023 were proposed by Cllr. S Ryan, seconded by Cllr. P English and adopted.

Matters Arising

Cllr. Ambrose queried when the submission would be made to TII regarding the connection between The Blueway and The Waterford Greenway. Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Services, replied that work is ongoing on the finalisation of this matter and they are engaging with TII and their colleagues in Waterford.

Item 4.1
Approval to
Attendance

It was proposed by **Cllr. M McGrath**, seconded by **Cllr. M. Anglim** 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: -

Seminar/Conference/ Similar Event	Dates	Venue	Nominees
LAMA Spring Seminar	2 nd -4 th March, 2023	Westlodge Hotel, Bantry	Andy Moloney Declan Burgess Marie Murphy Michael Murphy Mark FitzGerald Máirín McGrath Michael Smith Niall Dennehy Richie Molloy John Crosse Sean Ryan Michael O'Meara Imelda Goldsboro Siobhan Ambrose Michael FitzGerald Kevin O'Meara Phyll Bugler Kieran Bourke Mary Hanna Hourigan John Carroll Seamus Morris Micheál Anglim John FitzGerald Joe Hannigan
AILG Module 2 – 'Local Authority Climate Action'	23 rd March, 2023	The Clayton Whites Hotel Co. Wexford	Michael Smith Phyll Bugler Joe Hannigan

Item 4 .2
Reports on
Conferences

AILG Module 2 – 'Local Authority Climate Action'	25 th March, 2023	Fairways Hotel Dundalk	Seamus Morris Michael Murphy Mary Hanna Hourigan Sean Ryan Imelda Goldsboro Michael FitzGerald Marie Murphy John Carroll Michael Anglim John Crosse
Irish Rail – National Rail Capital Investment Agenda	28 th March, 2023	Clayton Hotel Limerick City	Michael Murphy Andy Moloney Roger Kennedy Michael FitzGerald

Training and Development Programme 2023

The Training and Development Programme 2023 as circulated to the Elected Members with the Agenda was noted and approved.

Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator referred to the social media refresher training for Councillors, with suggested dates of 18th April or 2nd May noting that Octave Digital will carry out a training needs assessment in advance of the training sessions with a view to establishing the competency, skill or knowledge in one or more areas of social media among the trainees and will lay the basis for the preparation and delivery of the training.

Delivery of the training will be via zoom or an agreed online video meeting platform. It was proposed by Cllr. M. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne and agreed that the training would commence on Tuesday, 18th April, 9.30 – 12.00 and would take place on the following Tuesdays for 3 sessions in total.

Reports on Conferences were noted.

Item 5.1 **Section 183** **Notice –** **Disposal of** **Property at** **Kilbeg, Toem,** **Co. Tipperary**

It was proposed by **Cllr. M. Hanna Hourigan**, seconded by **Cllr. J. Crosse** and resolved: -

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 0.007ha and 0.014ha (total 0.021ha) to Patrick and Eileen Meehan, Kilbeg, Toem, Co. Tipperary in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section as circulated on Thursday 2nd March, 2023.”

It was noted that Patrick and Eileen Meehan have requested that a small portion of land measuring circa 0.007ha and 0.014ha (total of 0.021ha) be disposed of to them. The lands are located within the Townsland of Kilbeg, Toem, Co. Tipperary and forms part of the curtilage of their dwelling. The lands are contained in Folio TY32793 and are outlined in red on the attached map.

The matter was reviewed and it was deemed that this was a historical mapping error. It is recommended that the property should be transferred to Patrick and Eileen Meehan.

Item 5.2
Section 183
Notice –
Disposal of
Property at 25
Slievenamon
Road, Clonmel,
Co. Tipperary

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Ambrose seconded by Cllr. J. Fitzgerald and resolved: -

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 0.0122ha (122sqm) of land situated at 25 Slievenamon Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to Patrick Ryan for consideration of €100.00 plus Council’s legal fees in accordance with the term of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on Thursday 2nd March, 2023.”

It was noted that John Shee Solicitors submitted a request on behalf of Patrick Ryan (registered owner of 25 Slievenamon Road) to regulate title of the unregistered portion of land with the curtilage of his property.

The matter was reviewed and it was deemed that this was a historical mapping error. It is recommended that the property should be transferred to Mr. Ryan.

Item 5.3
Consideration of
Audit Committee
Reports in
Accordance with
Local
Government Act
2001

The Cathaoirleach noted the apologies from the Chair of the Audit Committee, Mr. Denis Harrington, who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Brian Beck, Acting Director of Services, Corporate Services was available to deal with any matters arising regarding this item.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Smith and seconded by Cllr. R. Molloy and adopted that the Council approve the 2023 Annual Work Programme for the Audit Committee.

The following documents were noted: -

1. Tipperary County Council Audit Committee Charter Annual Review
2. Tipperary County Council Audit Committee Annual Report 2022
3. Tipperary County Council Audit Committee Self Evaluation Report 2022 and appendix
4. Tipperary County Council Audit Committee Report on AFS in accordance with Section 121 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by Section 60 of the Local Government Act 2014.

It was noted that the Audit Committee had considered and agreed these documents on 31st January 2023.

Item 6.1
Ratification of
nominee

Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator informed the members that normally the Chairperson of the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee was a Council Representative on the TEA. However, unfortunately due to work commitments, Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro was unable to hold the position on the TEA. Given these circumstances and in agreement with TEA, another Councillor can be selected by the members of EDE SPC as the representative to the TEA.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. M. Hanna Hourigan and adopted that Cllr. Peggy Ryan be nominated as the Council Representative on the Tipperary Energy Agency.

Item 7.1

Consideration of Management Report

The Cathaoirleach referred to the Management Report as circulated with the Agenda noting that the reports related to the Directorates based in Clonmel and any queries/clarifications would be dealt with by the relevant Director of Services.

Economic, Community & Rural Development

Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Services, responded to queries raised as follows: -

CCTV Authorisation / CCTV Workshop

Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Services said that authorisation by the Garda Commissioner was expected in the near future. He would liaise with the Chief Superintendent, Colm O'Sullivan in this regard.

In relation to the Management and Maintenance of CCTV Schemes it was noted that a good deal of background information was being gathered in advance of the CCTV Workshop with Councillors and different funding options were being looked at. It was noted that each camera would cost €2,000 per year to maintain. GDPR implications will also have to be considered. An agreed policy in addition to best practice in other counties will be drafted for consideration well in advance of the Annual Budget.

Thurles Digital Hub

Mr. Beck said that he would check out the position regarding the digital hub feasibility study, and revert to Cllr. S. Ryan.

Rural (RRDF) Regeneration Development Funding

It was noted that the position regarding Carrick on Suir was not holding up other funding elements. The first phase for Carrick would be going to tender in less than 2 weeks. Other projects had been delayed because of procurement issues. Kilsheelan, Templemore Town Hall and Thurles were all moving forward. It was expected regarding Phase 1 for Carrick on Suir that the contractors would be onsite in June.

It was a matter for the Department to make the call re. commencement of the Cahir Projects noting that utilising matching funding to commence may impact project cost approval if project commenced in advance of Department approval.

CCTV Ballina

This was subject to procedures which the District Administrator is currently looking at. It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Bugler on the matter.

Castlelough

It was noted there was no movement on proposals, the Fibre Ireland Grant Scheme is awaited.

Broadband Connection Points

It was noted that these were provided to allow remote working, which was not the case in Ballina. A case would have to be made to the Department. It is expected that Ballina will in any event get broadband in due course.

IDA Requests

IDA will contact the Council if they have any requests.

Fibre Broadband

The position will be checked regarding whether this is just for town centres.

Community Recognition Fund

Mr. Brian Beck, A/DOS informed the members that a total of €997,000 had been received on 24th January 2023. Proposals were required by March. Webinars and online consultations had taken place with a closing date of 22nd February. There had been 70 respondents with a total value of €6 million. Effectively, the fund has been oversubscribed by 6 times the allocation.

The submissions had been issued to each Municipal District with marking criteria and they had come back a week ago. Ukrainian Nationals and internationally protected refugee allocations were made.

Different groups had submitted different funding options. Not all had clarified whether VAT at 13.5% had been included or not. Successful submissions would be sent up to the Department for decision, with a spend of 60% in 2023 and 40% in 2024.

Cllr. Marie Murphy asked what was considered a large population, i.e., would it be based on the 2016 CSO figures?

Cllr. P. English welcomed the CCTV approval for Clonmel and asked where was the funding for this.

In reply to Cllr. Murphy's query, Mr. Beck said that the question of a large population depended on the location.

In reply to Cllr. English, Mr. Beck said funding for Clonmel and other schemes would be for discussion at the CCTV Workshop. This would include cost elements such as maintenance, capital replacement, etc.

Corporate Services

The Cathaoirleach thanked Corporate Services and Clonmel and Thurles Municipal Districts for their work regarding the visit of Minister Darragh

O'Brien for the launch of the Kickham Barracks and the various Housing Schemes. Cllr. Sean Ryan concurred. He asked when would a Director of Services be appointed to the Thurles swimming pool. The Chief Executive replied that he would come back to him on this.

Environment & Climate Action

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services, responded to queries raised as follows: -

Vacant Homes Officer

He confirmed the appointment of Nevin Phelan as Vacant Homes Officer. This appointment works through the Housing Section. There is liaison with the Director of Services for Housing regarding strengthening the approach generally to vacant and derelict properties.

Roadside Litter

He agreed that the issue was particularly unsightly at present and that it was being discussed at all levels of the Council including SPC and Municipal Districts. The Litter Management Plan is being reviewed this year. Work was continuing with the Green Schools Programme. He acknowledged the work of the Tidy Towns Groups who were doing excellent work within towns and villages. Roads Engineers were now spending more money on cleaning that would be better spent on road maintenance. The Council needs to be more hard-hitting in its public messaging. He was aware of new legislation being brought in regarding single use and plastic bottles refunds. A strong and engaging advertising campaign will be brought forward in relation to littering. Enforcement was also a key element in this. He agreed that mechanical means could be more effective in terms of roadside cleaning and it was hoped to be trialled during 2023 by the Roads Section.

Derelict Sites Levies

There were 92 owners on the Derelict Sites Register during 2022. He confirmed that levies do remain as a charge on the property for those which had been subsequently removed from the Derelict Sites Register.

Weed Removal

A thermal weed removal machine was trialled in certain areas to assist with responsible use of weed killers, and that he would refer this matter to the Director for Roads, for consideration.

Biodiversity Officer

This appointment was being made through the Planning Section and is expected will be filled in Quarter 2.

Climate Action Plan

A statutory Local Authority Climate Action Plan must now be prepared. The preparation process has commenced. A presentation will be made to the members at an early stage in the process.

Dog Fouling

Ultimately, this is the personal responsibility of dog owners. A National Working Group had been set up which was meeting and would report on its findings soon. The Council's Dog Wardens were doing a lot of good work in this area. A strong engaging advertising campaign will be brought forward in relation to various issues around control of dogs. He encouraged people to phone the Council regarding issues. He noted that An Garda Síochána also have powers regarding control of dogs.

Litter not in public view

This matter can be looked at under different legislation and the Council will seek to find a solution to the specific problem raised.

Burial Ground Extension

The Council has just received a report from the National Monuments Service regarding the proposed extension site for Ardfinnan Burial Ground, expressing concerns regarding archaeology, etc. This report will need to be considered further and alternative sites may need to be examined.

The Borough Engineer is currently examining preliminary designs associated with proposal for an extension and entrance upgrade at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Clonmel.

Water Quality

A presentation to the Council can be arranged in the future with LAWPRO regarding this matter.

Housing

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take item 9.2 Notice of Motion Reference No: 2573 as part of the Management Report on Housing.

It was further agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take item 9.1 Notice of Motion Reference Number: 2572 as part of the Management Report on Housing.

Item 9.2

**Notice of Motion
Ref.2573**

"Given the number of young people in Tipperary who are trying to buy their first homes, I am asking that Tipperary County Council explores the possibility of rolling out affordable housing schemes across the County.

The Motion Reference No: 2572 was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose.**

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. Ml. Anglim.**

The reply to the Motion was noted as follows: -

Tipperary County Council are actively investigating a number of options under 'Housing For All' to determine the most suitable form of affordable housing provision.

Croí Cónaithe fund – Vacant Homes Grant

This scheme has been expanded to include houses in rural areas and the Council is already actively engaging with applicants with a number of applications being processed.

To date we have received 70 applications of which 25 have received approval in principle to proceed.

Croí Cónaithe fund – Ready to Build

The Council has also identified a pilot site for self-build affordable units in Boherlahan and we will progress activity in the coming months to bring these sites to market. There is a significant legal and administrative process to be set up in advance of this scheme being ready and this will require substantial allocation of resources.

Once this scheme is underway we intend to look at suitable sites in other areas of the county.

First Home Scheme

The Council actively engaged with the Department and provided them with supporting documentation around the average all in cost of building a new build in Tipperary. As a result of this engagement the ceiling in Tipperary for new build was lifted from €250,000 to €325,000.

Council staff are working on documentation which will afford developers in the county to provide as much information as possible to prospective client's as to their eligibility for the various programs under Housing For All. It is also intended to arrange meetings with key developers who have planning permission to bring them through the contents of the scheme and the various supports so that they can actively support same.

Affordable purchase

Tipperary County Council intend to offer affordable properties for sale to those applicants who qualify for this scheme. A call will be made in the next couple of months to seek expressions of interest from developers who have planning permission in the key towns of Thurles, Nenagh and Clonmel and who have an interest in the provision of affordable homes.

It is envisaged that these developments will take the form of a mixed-use development with a proportion of homes being:

- sold to private purchasers, possibly assisted by the First Homes Scheme,
- sold under an affordable purchase arrangement to eligible applicants, and
- some of the home being reserved for social housing.

It is hoped that this initiative will assist in leveraging additional private homes to come onto the market.

At the same time, we will expand on the work undertaken by the initial affordable housing survey and engage with the public through a media campaign. It is hoped that this will generate additional interest in the schemes so that we may accurately determine the level of eligible applicants with an interest in affordable purchase homes.

Once this exercise is complete and a viable scheme is available to submit to the Department, the Council will make a submission for access to the Affordable Housing Fund.

Cllr. Ambrose referred to the difficulties being encountered by young people, couples and other groups in trying to buy their first homes. She felt that the Council should follow up on an Affordable Homes Scheme and mixed-use developments across the County. It would give hope to these people. She acknowledged the extensive work being carried out by the Minister for Housing on various Housing Schemes.

Item 9.1
Notice of Motion
Ref.2572

“That Tipperary County Council requests the Minister for Housing Darragh O’Brien to increase the limits on the Housing Adaptation Grants for older people and people with a disability from 30,000 to 40,000 as the current limits take no account of the serious rise in the price of building materials and labour which have shot up in the past four years.”

The Motion Reference No: 2572 was proposed by **Cllr. Pat English.**

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. Marie. Murphy.**

The reply to the motion was noted as follows: -

Subject to Council approval the motion will be referred to the Minister for Housing, Darragh O’Brien for response/comment.

Cllr. English noted that the costs of adaptation works are rising and it is difficult for people to come up with the shortfall, especially when they wish to stay in the family home with no additional costs to the State.

Cllr. Marie Murphy said that the maximum grant of €30,000 was there since 2009. People would be happier to stay in their own homes and it would work out cheaper. Adaptation works are now costing over €50,000.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Máirín McGrath**, agreed by **Cllr. Pat English** as mover of the Motion to include additional wording re. Amending the criteria for income thresholds re. providing an additional income allowance for exceptional or extenuating circumstances.

“That Tipperary County Council request the Minister for Housing Darragh O’Brien to increase the limits on the Housing Adaption Grants for older people and people with a disability from 30,000 to 40,000 as the current limits take no account of the serious rise in the price of building materials and labour which have shot up in the past four years and furthermore, that consideration be also given

to increasing the income thresholds under each scheme or providing an additional income allowance for exceptional or extenuating circumstances.

It was agreed that the matter would be referred to the Minister for Housing.

Ms. S. Carr, Director of Services and Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised as follows: -

Provision of Affordable Housing

Ms. S. Carr said that a lot of work was going on in an attempt to pull together a solution to the Affordable Homes issue. They were looking at First Homes Schemes / Equity Share Scheme etc and engaging with developers. Following engagement with the Department, the ceiling in Tipperary for a new build was lifted from €250,000 to €325,000.

A pilot initiative of self-build Affordable Units under Croí Cónaithe was being progressed in Boherlahan and, if successful would be rolled out to other sites in the county. Expressions of interest were being sought under the approved housing fund to activate planning permissions leading to additional private sector activity. This was happening in 3 towns, Nenagh, Thurles and Clonmel. Local Authority Housing Loans were also available from the County Council.

Under Croí Cónaithe, the Council were looking at renovating existing properties. They had 83 applicants, 29 of whom were approved, 29 of which were the subject of further information, 13 of which had withdrawn and 12 were under inspection.

Housing Grants

The question of including septic tanks would be reviewed. They would also review the question around double glazing for windows and doors. The policy to date was to process only those applications for single glaze windows and requests for double glaze replacement could be looked at on a case by case basis. The full allocation for 2023 had yet to be confirmed however the Department had indicated that 65% of last year's budget could be spent in advance of the full allocation being received.

Affordable Housing Survey

There had been a good response to the survey. This survey seeks to identify the levels of interest in cost rental, affordable purchase and serviced sites in various areas of the county. It also seeks to determine the types of applicants and families who would be applying for affordable housing in Tipperary.

Homelessness

The work of the Council's Homelessness Team was acknowledged, and noted that it is stressful. 128 properties had previously received Notices to Quit. 44 were purchased, with 29 under investigation. Not every property is bought either because prices have been inflated or they may not represent good value for money in terms of a significant level of additional investment for refurbishment. The Council were still signing up HAP's and allocating houses. 19 Notices to Quit had been received up to 28th February 2023, plus those received in 2022. The Council were actively purchasing and required

tenants to come in immediately on receiving Notices to Quit. Where applicants were above the social income limits, the Approved Housing Bodies can buy under the Cost Rental Scheme.

Four Bedroom Houses

The Council were actively looking for these type of houses and it would depend on the location of them and the need in that area.

Bids by Single Persons on Choice Based Lettings

The matter would be brought back to the Housing SPC for further consideration. The issue is complex and may require a change to the scheme of allocation.

Retirement Villages

The Council were working with two interested parties in this regard.

Turnkeys Generally

These are dependent on planning applications and each developer can make a submission, after which the council engage with them.

Glennconor

This will be going up on Choice Based Letting next Monday, a total of 14 to be allocated off the existing waiting list.

Choice Based Lettings

The Council wished to maximise activity on the CBL. It was acknowledged that some people have problems with using the system. They could call in to any of the Municipal Districts for support and advice in this regard. It was noted that approximately 30% of registered users have failed to engage with the system. These individuals have been written to and invited to contact the housing section should they be having difficulties engaging with the system.

Croí Cónaithe

The Council does not have the remit in this area to increase the grant limit but SPC can investigate findings arising from the scheme, in terms of the appropriateness/effectiveness of the grant level of €50,000 and make representation to the Department. It can be looked at through the SPC to review how it is operating. Councillors can make direct representations to the Department.

Homelessness Provision

The Own Front Door Scheme involved families and single people. It was operating in Cahir, Clonmel, Cashel and Tipperary Town. There is an intention to expand the provision of this service to cover the entire county.

Turnkeys

These come under various schemes. The Council puts out calls to developers each year in relation to serviced lands and planning permissions. Submissions are assessed and question of delivery, timeframe and price is considered. They are then ranked and sent to the Department. They must represent value for money.

Portroe Houses

The delay with the ESB issue had been resolved in October 2022 and the houses were on track to be completed at the end of Quarter 2 2023.

Provision of New Units

A total of 1,125 units were envisaged from 2022 to 2026 under the Housing for All Programme.

Buy and Renew Scheme

6 had been completed in 2022. There was a target of 3 for 2023.

Croí Cónaithe Teams

Technical Staff had been assigned to each of the 5 Districts which would take pressure off the Vacant Housing Officer workload.

Turnkeys

There was a procedural process and confidentiality was an issue, involving contracts and legal process.

Naming of Estates

The Council's procedure is to go to the relevant Municipal District with three choices or a further choice made by the elected members.

Homeless / Houses we Buy

If the Council has houses being built in the relevant area, there is no need to buy. However, this process is kept under constant review as the landscape is constantly changing.

Approved Housing Bodies

Sinead Carr added that they would engage with the approved housing bodies for Councillors to have better access to them. In relation to the second Vacant Homes Officer, the matter would be followed up with HR.

Regarding the difficulties with the CBL, Ms. Carr stated that she would look at the idea of putting up a notice which made it clear that a house had been allocated and was to be removed from CBL.

In terms of delays on schemes caused through Irish Water, this is an issue across the country and the Council are engaging with Irish Water in this regard.

Item 7.2

Consolidated Civic Protocol / Attached

The Meeting Administrator said that the purpose of this document is to review and develop a consolidated suite of Civic Protocols relevant to the Council and each Borough/Municipal District which will replace the various protocols already in place for Civic events and functions such as Civic Receptions, Attendance at Official events, Flag raising and lighting of public buildings and provide general information and guidance for all Members, Management Team and employees.

The draft Protocol has been considered and endorsed by the Council's Privilege and Procedure Committee and its Corporate Policy Group and is recommended for approval by the full Council.

The consolidated Civic Protocol was proposed by Cllr. M. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. P. English and adopted.

Item 8.1

The Managers Orders for the period to the end of February were noted.

**Consideration of
Orders for the
period to 28th
February, 2023**

Item 9.3

Cllr. S. Ambrose proposed the following Notice of Motion (Ref No: 2574)

**Notice of Motion
Ref: 2574**

“That Tipperary County Council explores the possibility of offering Apprentice Schemes within the Council and in addition looks at the possibility of including an apprenticeship clause for contractors tendering for large council led construction projects”.

This motion was seconded by Cllr. M. Anglim.

The reply to the motion was noted as follows: -

Tipperary County Council operates an apprenticeship scheme for Construction Plant Fitters/Mechanics. Tipperary County Council currently has 4 apprentices, 2 operating from the Machinery Yards in Nenagh and Clonmel. The Council will explore the possibility of including an apprenticeship clause for contractors tendering for large council led construction projects.

Cllr. Ambrose said that there were currently 24,000 apprenticeships across the country. At a recent meeting of LAMA they had received a presentation from 2 apprentice carpenters. The Council should look at additional schemes in the County. She acknowledged the work of the Tipperary Training and Education Board. She noted that Cllr. Anglim was a joint proposer of this Notice of Motion. She asked if the Council would engage with Dublin City Council in order to make a presentation to them regarding their types of schemes.

Cllr. M. Anglim referred to the same LAMA Seminar in Bantry and the Dublin City Council presentation.

Cllr. D. Dunne said that they should also engage with transition year students. He mentioned also an early retirement scheme for construction workers and in terms of their well-being as it was a hard game to be in over the years. Cllr. M. Hanna Hourigan noted that the ETB were doing good work. The Cathaoirleach said that the Council should be a sponsor. The Motion was unanimously adopted.

It was agreed that this Notice of Motion should be circulated to all other Local Authorities.

Item 10.1

Notice of Motion **Ref No: 2571** **Mother and** **Baby Homes** **Redress Scheme**

Cllr. P. English proposed the following Notice of Motion (Ref No: 2571)

“That Tipperary County Council request the Government to amend the Mother and Baby Homes redress scheme to include the 24,000 survivors who were excluded from the redress scheme.”

This motion was seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy.

The reply to the motion was noted as follows: -

Subject to Council approval this motion will be forwarded to the Minister Roderic O’Gorman, TD, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for comment/response.

Cllr. English said that the present position was callous and cruel, including the fact that the excluded survivors cannot take court cases. He asked that this Notice of Motion be circulated to all other Local Authorities.

Item 11.1

Correspondence

Correspondence as circulated was noted as follows: -

- Reply dated 17th February, 2023 from office of Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine re: Control of Dogs (NOM 2535)
- Reply dated 1st March, 2023 from Senator Pippa Hackett, Minister of State, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine re: Irish Strategic Forestry Fund (NOM 2550)

Item 12.1

Motions from **other Councils**

Cavan County Council

- (i) “That Cavan County Council request further protections for family farms by writing to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine demanding him to urgently intervene and prevent Semi-State body Coillte from entering into joint venture arrangements with the Gresham House Fund.
- (ii) That we write to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue and Minister of State Pippa Hackett to outline that the forestry deal between Coillte and Gresham House and selling Irish lands to an outside fund is not in the best interest of the people of Ireland and that we should circulate to all Councils in Ireland.
- (iii) That Cavan County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to review the relationship between Coillte and Gresham House and all the proper control of commercial afforestation”.

Kerry County Council

“That this Council calls on the new Minister for Defence to award the medals as recommended by Commandant Pat Quinlan to the veterans of Jadotville. Failure to do so is a stain on the reputation of the state”.

Sligo County Council

"That this Council write to the Minister for Health, the Taoiseach and the Tánaiste to ask for an explanation as to why Sligo and the North-West has not been included as a surgical hub and for Sligo University Hospital to be added to the list as the 6th surgical hub catering for the people of Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal, North Mayo and North Roscommon. Can this motion be shared with all TDs and local authorities in all of the aforementioned counties".

Sligo County Council

"Under the older and disability grants scheme, retired old age pensioners who have decided to put their affairs in order by transferring their homes to their next of kin while retaining their right to live in their homes for the rest of their lives, now find themselves unable to avail of those grants. They live on their own. Their next of kin does not live in the house with them. The next of kin have their own house with mortgages and family's expenses. The household income of the applicant who resides there and the registered owner and their spouse is taken into account so the two household incomes exclude the applicant from the grant. I propose that Sligo County Council writes to the Minister and the Department to address this anomaly and to amend the terms and conditions of the schemes to exclude the income of the registered owner and their spouse if they do not reside in the property".

Sligo County Council

"That this Council write to the Ministers for Communication and Justice seeking the introduction of legislation at an EU level so that social media accounts are traceable to people operating them. This would immediately stop anonymous abuse, online bullying and trolling".

Sligo County Council

"To call on Sligo County Council to write to the Minister of Transport Eamon Ryan to introduce a scheme, to make funding available to our regional roads to address realignment and other safety issues".

Sligo County Council

"That this local authority calls on the Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, The Greens and the Independents in Government to make provisions ASAP to include those on Working Family Payments to avail of the Fuel Allowance Payment Scheme. A copy of this motion to be sent to all local authorities within the state".

Wicklow County Council

"That the Members of Wicklow County Council object strenuously to the Coillte decision to partner with a UK based Investment Fund, Gresham House, in the purchase by this Fund of thousands of hectares of Irish forestry lands depriving the Irish people of the profits accruing and at the same time driving up the price of agricultural land which could be bought by Irish farmers. Furthermore, this Council calls on the Government to halt this arrangement immediately and ensure that the future ownership of Irish Forestry assets remains in the hands of the Irish People and that where local farmers who need more land to improve their viability would be able to buy back from this giant Coillte fund."

Westmeath County Council

"That Westmeath County Council would write to the Finance Minister to request immediate action using the expertise available to design and implement a comprehensive regional public banking system that makes full use of the remaining financial services infrastructure in local towns and other areas in this county to deliver an essential local banking service to local communities and businesses that would augment the work of post offices and credit unions and give local people and business real finance and borrowing options and keep local towns thriving".

Cork County Council

"That rather than its apparent aims of limiting public participation and access to justice, the new Planning & Development Bill would take the opportunity to address identified concerns with regard to Ireland's need to meet the requirements of the Aarhus Convention, to which it is a signatory".

Each of these Notices of Motions were noted by the Council. Cllr. F. Bonfield said that the Notice of Motion from Westmeath County Council regarding Credit Unions should be supported. This was supported by the members present.

Item 13.1

Votes of Sympathy / Congratulations

The Members passed a Vote of Sympathy to the following: -

- Jane Bulfin, Library Service, Tipperary Services on the death of her mother Jane
- Thomas Duffy, District Engineer, Thurles MD on the death of his mother Josephine
- Baden Powell, Environment SPC Member on the death of his brother Caleb
- John McCormack, Carrick on Suir Borough District on the death of his brother Richie
- Michael Cahill, Gortnahoe on the death of his mother Annie (Annie's late husband Mick was a former foreman with the Council)
- Ryan Family, Littleton on the death of Kitt Ryan (age 104). Grand Aunt of Cllr. Sean Ryan
- Ann Marie Buck, Cleaning Staff, Clonmel Civic Offices on the death of her son Darius
- Former Councillor/Former Senator Tony McKenna, Borrisokane on the death of his wife Phyllis
- Liam Kearns, Former Offaly, Tipperary, Laois and Limerick Manager

The Members passed a Vote of Congratulations to the following: -

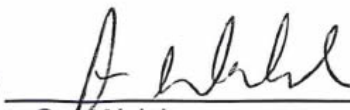
- Ryan's Cleaning & Waste Recycling, Thurles on winning the Cleaning Service Provider of the Year Specialist Award at the Irish Facilities Management Awards
- Bodega Wine and Tapas Bar – Best Wine bar in Munster
- Truepas who won County Enterprise Award and are going to the National Finals in Dublin

Item 14.1
Any Other
Business

The meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date:

