

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,
CLONMEL AND Remotely Via Zoom
AT 10.00 AM on Monday 10th July, 2023.**

Present

Cllr. G. Darcy, Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs: Ambrose, S. Anglim, M; Bourke, K; Carroll, J; Coonan, N; Dunne, D; Fitzgerald, J; Goldsboro, I; Hanafin, S; Kennedy, R; McGrath, M; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E.; Murphy, MI; Ryan, A.M.; Ryan, S;

Remote

Black, T; Bonfield, F; Bugler P; Burgess, D; Crosse, J; Dennehy N; Fitzgerald, Mark; Hannigan, J; Hourigan, M. H.; Lee, S; Lowry M; McGrath J; Morris, S; Murphy, Marie; O'Meara, K; O'Meara, MI; Ryan, P; Smith, MI.

Also Present

Mr. J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, Ms S. Carr, Mr. E. Lonergan, Mr A. Coleman, Director of Services, Mr. J. Cooney, S.E., Mr. MI Moroney, S.E.O., Ms Margo Hayes, A.O., Ms C. Lee, Climate Action Co-ordinator, Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies

Cllrs P. English, MI. FitzGerald, H. McGrath; Ryan, J

Item 1.1

**Welcome &
Introduction/Meetings Protocol**

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

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

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 12th
June, 2023**

The Minutes of the June Monthly Meeting held on 12th June, 2023 were proposed by **Cllr. I Goldsboro**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Ambrose** and adopted.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 4.1
Approval to
Attendance

It was proposed by **Cllr. S Ryan** seconded by **Cllr R. Kennedy** 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
AILG Module 4 – Uisce Éireánn	20 th July, 2023	Radisson Blu Hotel, Cork	Cllr. Declan Burgess Cllr. Sean Ryan Cllr. Phyll Ryan Cllr. Seamus Morris Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro
Energy & Farm Diversification Show 2023	20 th July, 2023	Gurteen College, Co. Tipperary	Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Michael Murphy Cllr. Michael FitzGerald Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Noel Coonan Cllr. Ger Darcy Cllr. Michael O’Meara Cllr. Joe Hannigan
Derelict in Donegal & Beyond Conference	21 st July, 2023	The Station House Hotel Letterkenny	Cllr. Richie Molloy Cllr. Annemarie Ryan Shiner Cllr. Micheal FitzGerald Cllr. Eddie Moran Cllr. Siobhán Ambrose Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Seamus Morris Cllr. Sean Ryan Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro
AILG Module 4 – Uisce Éiréánn – Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo	22 nd July, 2023	Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo	Cllr. Michael Murphy Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Kevin O’Meara Cllr. Michael FitzGerald Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan Cllr. Richie Molloy Cllr. Joe Hannigan

Item 4 .2 Proposed by **Cllr. S. Ryan** seconded by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** and noted.

Reports on Conferences

Item 5.1

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of property at Killadangan, Puckane, Nenagh

It was proposed by **Cllr J Hannigan** seconded by **Cllr G. Darcy** and resolved that: -

“In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 0.0075ha at Killadangan, Puckane, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary to Mr. John Daly, Killadangan, Nenagh in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 29th June, 2023”.

The disposal referred to a disused Water Treatment Plant which was surplus to requirements and of no strategic value to Tipperary County Council.

Item 5.2

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of property at Kilballygorman, Ardfinnan, to Suirside Football Club.

It was proposed by **Cllr A. Moloney** seconded by **Cllr M. McGrath** 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 1.14ha at Kilballygorman, Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary to Suirside Football Club in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 29th June, 2023”.

The disposal was required to facilitate the development of a new playing pitch.

Item 5.3

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of property at Commons, Ardfinnan to Brett Brothers Ltd.

It was proposed by **Cllr M. McGrath** seconded by **Cllr A. Moloney** and resolved that: -

“In accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 0.155ha at Commons, Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary to Brett Brothers Ltd. for consideration of €6,000 in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 29th July, 2023”.

The disposal was required to facilitate the expansion of the local business and enhance an adjoining public area with new landscaping.

Item 5.4

Section 183 Notice - Disposal of property at

It was proposed by **Cllr M. McGrath** seconded by **Cllr A. Moloney** 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 0.23ha at Moancrea, Grange, Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary to: -

**Moancrea,
Grange,
Ardfinnan to
Cunningham
family**

- John Cunningham
- Michael Cunningham
- Noreen Quinn
- Margaret Kennedy
- Paul Cunningham
- Patrick Cunningham
- Gerard Cunningham
- Martin Cunningham
- Kieran Cunningham
- Anthony Cunningham

The disposal was required to rectify a mapping error.

Item 5.5

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Ballygerald East,
New Inn, Cashel
to Gerard Moore**

It was proposed by **Cllr A. Moloney** seconded by **Cllr R. 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 0.25ha at Ballygerald East, New Inn, Cashel, Co. Tipperary to Gerard Moore in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Friday 30th July, 2023.”

The disposal was required to rectify a mapping error.

Item 5.6

**Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Gortnahoe,
Boulick to
Gortnahoe
Community
Development
Association.**

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Hanafin** seconded by **Cllr S. Ryan** 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 0.355ha at Gortnahoe (Boulick), Thurles, Co. Tipperary to Gortnahoe Community Development Association in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Friday 30th June, 2023”.

The disposal was required to facilitate the development of an outdoor playground with sensory garden to support the playschool.

Item 5.7

**Local Authority
own
development -
Garraun,
Golden, Cashel.**

The proposed Part VIII Development included for an extension to the existing 3-bedroom single storey dwelling to form a new 6-bedroom single storey dwelling including internal refurbishment of the existing dwelling on a total site of 0.183 hectares at Garraun, Golden, Cashel, Co. Tipperary. The new 6-bedroom single storey dwelling would include a new kitchen, living room, utility room, wet room, entrance hall and storage with revised bedroom layout and new footpaths / yards, underground services, treatment works, landscaping and all associated site works. Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection from 4th May 2023 to the 2nd June 2023. No third-party submissions were received in respect to the proposed development. The Planning Authority was satisfied that the proposal, subject to the considerations in the report being implemented, was in accordance with the Tipperary County

Development Plan 2022-2028, would not impact on the visual amenity or archaeological heritage of the area, was acceptable in terms of design, drainage and wastewater disposal, presents no significant impacts on the conservation objectives of the Lower River Suir SAC and presents no flood risk issues.

The development as set out on the plans and particulars was considered acceptable and was consistent with the principle of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Therefore, it was recommended that the proposed development should proceed subject to the following recommended requirements and conditions.

It was proposed by **Cllr R. Kennedy** seconded by **Cllr I. Goldsboro** and resolved that: -

“That the development as proposed in the Chief Executives report be proceeded with subject to the requirements and conditions contained in the report.”

Item 6.1

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 and Rural Development

Ms Margo Hayes, C&E responded to queries raised as follows: -

Community CCTV

It was noted that clarification had been sought by the Garda Commissioners Office regarding the Borrisokane & Littleton CCTV application and the matter was currently receiving attention.

Phase 2 Ballingarrane

It was agreed to revert to Cllr Ambrose and Cllr MI Murphy regarding timelines for Phase 2.

Community Action Partnership

It was noted that a similar structure to the RAPID model in Clonmel and Carrick-on-Suir was set up in Roscrea and Littleton, comprising a multi agency community structure representing agencies/organisations active in those areas working together on a needs basis. Roscrea has since been incorporated into the Town Centre Trust Programme while Littleton has received support for its efforts in dealing with the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis

Just Transition Fund

It was noted that while no date has been specified to date for the tourism side of the Just Transition Fund, a date for the Bio-economy stream was due to issue, details of which would be circulated to the members in due course. It was noted that the Council would be making a submission under the bio-economy for the Lisheen Site.

Environment & Climate Action

With the agreement of the members it was agreed to take items 6.2 and 6.3 with the Management Report on Environment and Climate Action.

Item 6.2 **Draft Litter** **Management** **Plan 2024-2026**

The draft Litter Management Plan 2024-2026 had been circulated to the members. The Litter Pollution Act 1997 (as amended) required Local Authorities to prepare and implement a Litter Management Plan for their functional areas every three years.

The new Draft Litter Management Plan 2024 – 2026 was brought to the attention of the Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee at a meeting held on the 7th June 2023. The Draft Plan was now being formally brought to the Council for noting.

As set out under Section 12 of the Act, replacing a Litter Management Plan requires public consultation. It was intended to commence public consultation stage in mid-July, where the Draft Plan would go on public display after which, consideration would be given to all submissions received and the Draft Plan would be amended, as required. It was intended that the revised Draft Plan would be brought again to the Council for formal adoption at the plenary meeting in October.

The members indicated their agreement to the commencement of the public consultation process in respect of the Draft Litter Management Plan 2024-2026.

Item 6.3 **Tipperary** **County Council** **Climate Action** **Plan 2024-2029**

Ms Clare Lee, Climate Action Co-ordinator, made a presentation to the members on the Tipperary County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 which was required to be adopted by the members by February, 2024.

1. Reference was made to a Climate Change Risk Assessment carried out for Tipperary, highlighting a number of hazards that might arise as a result of a change in climate and impacting on the environment.
2. A National Adaptation Framework and Climate Action Plan (CAP 2023) was in place with a suite of sectoral adaptation plans.
3. In terms of Tipperary, and responding to Climate Change a new governing structure was put in place comprising (a) Climate Action Steering Group at senior management level (b) Climate Action Office comprising a Climate Action Co-Ordinator, Climate Action Officer, Community Climate Action Fund Officer and support from TEA in terms of energy management, (c) Climate Action Team comprising senior staff across all the Directorates and (d) external stakeholders.
4. The Local Authority scope on Climate Action must have an inward facing function, being fully responsible for reducing its own emissions by 51% by 2030 in addition to an outward facing function, influencing, facilitatory and advocating other sectors and citizens on emission reductions.

Under the Climate Action and Low Carbon (Amendment) Act 2021, each local authority was requested to prepare and make a LACAP with a set of six strategic goals to be incorporated into it. The LACAP was required to be

adopted by the elected members of the local authority by 23rd February 2024 and the first LACAP and subsequent iterations had a duration of 5 years.

The aim of the Tipperary LACAP was to: -

- Translate national climate policy (National CAP 2023) to Tipperary using evidence-based approach
- Assist in the delivery of the National Climate Objective – through decarbonising our own operations
- Assist in the delivery of the National Climate Objective at local and community levels through outward focused Actions across our Functions and Services
- Identify a Decarbonising Zone (DZ) - a test bed for a range of climate mitigation, adaptation and biodiversity measures in a specifically defined area
- Identify Specific, Action-focused, Timebound and Measurable Action

In relation to Green House Gas emissions, it was noted that (GHG) Agriculture was the highest GHG emitter with residential second and Transport third. Manufacturing & Commercial also produced significant emissions. GHG emissions for Tipperary County Council in 2018 were 8.5kt of Co2 -eq or 0.2% of the county wide GHG emissions. Transport fuels accounted for 29%. Buildings and facilities were the highest energy consumer accounting for 44% and Public Lighting accounted for 27%. The target of the Council was a 51% reduction in TCC's overall non-electrical (Thermal and Transport) related greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 from 3,390 tons to 1,661 tons per annum. It was the role of Tipperary County Council to influence, co-ordinate and advocate for the reduction of GHG emissions across the County, however, individual sectors were responsible for their own GHG emission reduction

Details were outlined in respect of the Council's own emissions in relation to transport, building/facilities and public lighting and how to influence emission reductions in these areas. Details were also given on the Mid-Tipperary Decarbonising Zone which identified the Lisheen Mine and Lisheen Bog Area centred on the National Bio economy Campus as the first candidate DZ in the county with co-benefits in terms of Tourism and amenity.

The steps in the formulation of the LACAP were noted as follows: -

- A Members Workshop would be held on the 26th July 2023;
- A Members Workshop for DZ (to be arranged)
- Stakeholder Consultation Strategy
- Draft LACAP to be published in September
- Submissions to be invited
- Submissions received will be considered before the LACAP is adopted in February 2024
- Final publication of LACAP 2024 in March 2024

Members thanked Ms Lee for her informative presentation and made a number of observations as follows: -

- That farmers would be treated fairly in the climate action process and the need to protect the farming sector.
- The challenge of retrofitting older homes and businesses, the need for a variety of grants to achieve targets and for retrofitting to be financially viable.
- The grant application process to be simplified
- The importance of Lisheen mine and bog areas within the new Mid-Tipperary Decarbonising Zone.
- The need to work with communities in relation to wind and solar farms.
- The need for adequate resourcing to meet the targets contained in the plan.
- Grid Connection issues for projects
- The importance of stakeholder engagement in the formulation of the plan

Ms. Lee thanked members for their comments and input which would be considered and developed further at the forthcoming workshop.

Mr Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, thanked members for their debate which clearly showed how much members were already engaged on climate change issues across the county. He reiterated that there would be a lot of engagement with stakeholders going forward. In relation to the agricultural sector he referred to the positive working relationship in the county with the farming community. Mr. MacGrath acknowledged the huge challenge to reduce emissions and significant decisions would have to be made, especially to get the Councils own operations compliant.

In response to queries raised, the Chief Executive confirmed that Taoiseach Leo Varadkar joined with Ministers to launch the Shannon Taskforce Report which made proposals to transform the Shannon Estuary Region and identified a number of measures for Tipperary.

In reply to a query concerning the Eastern and Midlands Water Supply Project it was noted that this project had gone through a non-statutory public consultation and there would be a further opportunity to provide feedback on the project before a Strategic Infrastructure Development Planning Application was submitted for planning approval to An Bord Pleanála.

Management Report continued.

Environment & Climate Action

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services, Environment & Climate Action responded to Environment queries as follows: -

Ash Dieback

It was agreed to develop an awareness campaign to inform tree owners of the impact of Ash Dieback disease.

Anti-Roadside Litter Campaign

Members were informed that an Anti-Roadside Litter Campaign had been launched with a focus on preventative measures and a Litter Pick Week would take place from the 21st to the 27th August and interested groups

could register on the Tipperary County Council website to receive a free litter pack.

Mobility Aids

It was agreed to liaise with the HSE regarding the reuse/refurbishment of Mobility Aids being sent for recycling.

Civic Amenity Sites

It was noted there was a nominal charge in Civic Amenity Sites for paper waste and this would be kept under review.

Dog Control Unit

It was noted that the Dog Control Unit in Nenagh was operating satisfactorily for county wide needs but the matter would be kept under review.

Litter Prosecutions

It was agreed that the SPC would consider the application of legislation under the Waste Management Acts rather than the Litter Acts for litter prosecutions.

In reply to an enquiry about the use of drones in litter enforcement, members were informed that The Circular Economy Act provided for the use of drones, CCTV and other technologies to support enforcement activity around waste management. The Act required that in order to ensure a standard and compliant approach by the 31 local authorities, the LGMA would develop codes of practice governing the use of CCTV, etc for approval by the Minister. It was expected that draft codes would be prepared for consultation, as required under the Act, shortly. This consultation would inform a final draft, which would be submitted for approval by the Minister.

Housing

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Notice of Motions Ref 2612 and 2638 as part of the Housing Management Report.

Item 8.1

Notice of Motion Ref. 2612

Carers Allowance/Bene fit

The Motion Reference No: 2612 was proposed by **Cllr. R Molloy**

“We are proposing that from 2024, Tipperary County Council disregards the Carers Allowance/Benefit and the Working Family Payment when calculating the rent of our council tenants”.

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. A. M. Ryan**

The reply to the Motion was noted as follows: -

The calculation of differential rent is based on household income. It is calculated as €20 for the first €200 of income earned with 20% of any additional income added to this amount. This gives an effective rent to income ratio of approximately 19% of income earned for Council tenants which compares very favourably to others in the non-social housing rented sector who are expected to pay anything between 30% - 40% of their net

income on rent. It is also widely acknowledged that the rents charged by the Council do not cover the economic cost of maintaining the housing stock, (unlike other social rented sectors such as the AHBs) and therefore any changes to the rent system will have very significant and detrimental impacts

on the housing services to our tenants including our ability to maintain and upkeep our housing stock, and react to repair and servicing requests.

Members are aware of the hardship facility that is available to all tenants who struggle for whatever reason with their rent payments. This facility is activated by our staff with support from MABS and it has been very beneficial to any tenant who has had to use it to date.

There are plans, to implement a national differential rent scheme for the entire country and we await an update from the department as to the progress on this programme. TCC Differential Rent Scheme will then need to be altered depending on the content of the national one and will be brought back before members for their consideration.

Cllr Molloy referred to the long hours that those on Carers Allowance put in caring for those in need of fulltime care and attention for a weekly rate of approximately €230 and in his opinion, it was wrong to take this income into account when determining the weekly rent of a council tenant.

A number of members spoke in support of the motion and made reference to other councils that disregarded these payments when determining rent. They praised carers for the work that they did in allowing a person needing support stay in their own home.

Ms S. Carr, Director of Services, said she was conscious of the value that carers brought to their community and the savings they made to Government. She outlined that tenants pay a rent in proportion to their income and on average 19% of income they earn goes towards their rent. The rent paid did not cover the economic cost of house maintenance etc.

Discussion was ongoing in relation to a National Differential Rent Scheme. The Council had given a significant level of thought when devising the current rent scheme and provision had been made to examine individual hardship cases. Since 2022, 90 hardship cases had presented, 15 of which related to carers.

Ms Carr said she was satisfied that the current rent system, the making of which was an executive function, was fair and looked after those tenants who found themselves in a vulnerable position. Members had also to be conscious of the amount of rent being paid and the cost of maintenance of local authority dwellings.

After further consideration by the members and with the agreement of Cllr R. Molloy it was agreed to defer the motion to allow an opportunity for the full financial implication to the Council be established and detail provided to the members in relation to the effect the adoption of the motion would have on the rent budget. S. Carr, Director of Services acknowledged the decision to defer the motion until the full financial implications were established and agreed to revert to the members in due course. She also

noted that a significant level of other allowances were allowed for in the rent scheme which would also have to be factored in.

Item 8.2

Notice of Motion Ref. 2638 Combined Drains.

The Motion Reference No: 2638 was proposed by **Cllr. M. McGrath**

“That Tipperary County Council, as landlord for council properties would take responsibility for the clearing of combined drains where tenants are impacted by blockages”.

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. A. M Ryan**

The reply to the motion was noted as follows: -

The Housing Section, Tipperary County Council has clearly identified tenant responsibility in the Tipperary County Council tenant handbook and maintenance policy which includes items under plumbing repairs and incorporates:

“Clearing blocked drains, pipes or sewer. Maintenance of sewers between the dwelling and the main sewer line is the tenant’s responsibility. If the problem is outside the curtilage of the property the first point of contact for all water supply our foul drainage issues is Irish Water at www.water.ie or on 1850 278 278”.

A common drain is a drain which collects wastewater (and, often, surface water) from one or more dwellings and discharges its contents to a public sewer in the control of Uisce Éireann. A common drain typically runs through the rear gardens (or, sometimes, the front gardens) of terraced dwellings. The provision of common drains was a feature of housing estate design and layout for many decades up to recent years. The approach was similar in private housing estates and in housing estates

Cllr McGrath in speaking to the motion referred to a Dail question raised by Deputy Mattie McGrath on the Service Level Agreement between Irish Water and Local Authorities and the response issued by the Minister for Housing, Local Government on the 8th November, 2022 and in view of the content of this reply Cllr McGrath requested clarification in relation to who was responsible for blockages affecting combined drains in Council tenanted properties and situations where the combined drains affect both council tenanted properties and tenant purchased dwellings.

Members spoke in support of the motion.

It was noted that there was a workshop scheduled to take place with Irish Water in September, 2023 and members could raise the matter with Irish Water Representatives at that meeting. It was also agreed that a letter would issue to Mr. Daragh O’Brien, T.D. seeking clarification on the matter.

Housing

Ms Sinead Carr, Director of Services, Housing, and Mr. Jonathon Cooney, S.E., responded to queries as follows: -

Community Liaison Officers

It was confirmed that all vacant Community Liaison Officer posts had now been filled.

Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme

Members were informed that the period of time a tenant would be required to be in receipt of social housing support to be considered eligible under the Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme was 10 years. Time spent in HAP or RAS tenancies could be counted towards the 10 years period as long as there was no break in social housing support. In the case of joint tenancies both tenants had to be in receipt of social housing support for at least 10 years before being eligible to apply.

Homeless

It was clarified that the figure in the Management Report in relation to homeless presentations could include repeat presentations. When rehousing homeless applicants every effort was made to provide accommodation in the area the applicant was from but this was not always possible and due to their urgent need for housing it was not possible to allow the applicant refuse an offer of tenancy based on location if they had been in emergency accommodation for a period of time.

Policy on Pets in Local Authority Dwellings

The current policy allowed for two domestic pets on the premises but this did not include dogs defined as "controlled breeds" and written consent was required. The matter was under review at present and would form part of the Tenant Handbook.

Croi Conaithe Town Funds Scheme

It was confirmed that from 1st May, 2023, vacant property refurbishment grants had been expanded to provide for applications for one property which would be available to rent in addition to one property which would be a principal private residence of the owner.

Housing Grants

The scheme had opened for P1, P2 and P3 applications for 2023. A significant number of applications had been received and an application for additional funding would be made if required.

Refugee Accommodation –Thurles

It was agreed to seek clarification regarding management proposals for modular housing units in the Thurles Area. The challenge to obtain education and medical support for the refugees was noted.

Modular Homes

The use of modular housing for local authority housing schemes would continue to be considered if the provision of such was cost effective and suitable for the particular scheme of housing. This type of housing provision was subject to planning permission.

Affordable Housing Schemes

The Council continued to engage with developers to progress private sector activity under the various scheme.

Corporate Services

Electoral Register

Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator, referred members to the national publicity campaign underway calling on voters to update their entry on the Register of Electors with their PPSN, Date of Birth and Eircode. This campaign would now be rolled out locally with a leaflet drop to houses. Details could be updated online through www.checktheregister.ie or by contacting the Franchise Office. Members were asked to encourage voters to log on and update their details.

Item 6.4

Draft Local Area Plans

It was noted that the following Draft Local Area Plans would be published on the 28th July, 2023

- Clonmel Local Area Plan 2024-2030
- Nenagh Local Area Plan 2024-2030
- Thurles Local Area Plan 2024-2030

Mr. Fergal O'Donnell, Senior Executive Planner made a presentation to the members outlining the process for the making of the Local Area Plans and the progress to date. There was no decision required from the members at this stage of the process, the matter was being brought to their attention to note that the public consultation process would commence on the 28th July for a period of six weeks. Workshops would be held with the members prior to the plenary meeting at which members would be required to adopt or amend the Local Area Plans. If further amendments were proposed at this stage, the plans would go through further public consultation.

Members indicated their agreement that the Local Area Plan 2024-2030 for Clonmel, Nenagh and Thurles would proceed to public consultation.

Item 7.1

Consideration of Orders for the period to the 30th June, 2023.

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 30th June, 2023 were noted.

7.2 Appointment of Deputy Chief Executive

The appointment of Ms. S. Carr as Deputy Chief Executive was noted.

Item 9.1

Correspondence

Correspondence as circulated was noted as follows: -

- Reply dated 16th June, 2023 from Department of Rural and Community Development re. Dog Control (NOM Ref. 2535)

- Email dated 6th July, 2023 from Irish Abroad Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs

Item 10.1

Motions from other Councils

Wexford County Council

"Wexford County Council ceases using the term 'Halting Sites' in the County and begins renaming with a name more appropriate to the area. The naming should happen following a public consultation process and engagement with the local community. We also request that this motion be sent to all Councils throughout the country for consideration".

Item 11.1

Expressions of votes of sympathy

Members passed a vote of sympathy to the following: -

- Cllr. Pat English on the death of his sister Margaret O'Dwyer
- Mr. Pat Slattery, former Director of Services, on the death of his mother Anna.
- Mr Pat Kelly, GSS Tar Depot Carrigeen, on the death of his mother Mrs Mary Kelly.
- Family of Mr. Jimmy Collins, former member of Clonmel Corporation.
- Anglim Family on the death of Mr. Martin Ryan.

Votes of Congratulations

Members passed a vote of congratulations to the following: -

- Brian Gleeson on his success to date in the World Rugby U20 Championship.
- Mary Carri, Melview Nursing Home on her 100th birthday.
- Competitors in the Tipperary Fleadh Cheoil

Item 12.1

Any Other Business

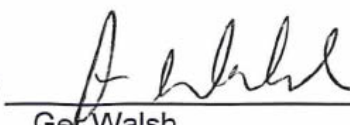
Irish Water Workshop

Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator, advised members that the suggested date for the "in person" Irish Water Workshop was Tuesday 19th September, 2023 at a venue to be decided.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: