

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, CLONMEL, CO. TIPPERARY
AT 11 AM ON 8TH APRIL, 2019**

Present

Cllr. M. Murphy, Leas Cathaoirleach

Cllrs. Ambrose, S. Anglim, M; Bonfield, F; Bourke, J; Bourke, K; Browne, M; Bugler, P; Carey, C; Carroll, J; Crosse, J; Darcy, G; Doran, D; Dunne, D; English, P; Fitzgerald, M; FitzGerald, MI; Goldsboro, I; Hanafin, S; Hannigan, J; Hogan, J; Hanna-Hourigan, M; Kennedy, R; Lonergan, M; Lowry, J; McGrath, H; McLoughlin, L; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Morris, S; Murphy, Marie; O'Meara, K; O'Meara, MI; Ryan, J; Ryan, S; Wood, T.

Also Present

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, S. Carr, K. Cashen, P. Slattery, C. Curley, M. O'Connor, Directors of Service D. Holland, S.E., J. Cooney, S.E, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies

Cllrs: M. Ryan, D. Leahy, M. Smith

The Cathaoirleach was unable to chair the meeting due to the death of his sister in law Kathleen Ryan.

**Votes of
Sympathy.**

A vote of sympathy was passed to Cllr. Ryan on the death of his sister-in-law, to the family of Pat Ryan, a former Councillor in Carrick-on-Suir Town Council and to the family of Jackie Fahey, former T.D. for South Tipperary.

A minutes silence was observed.

Adjournment

The Leas Chathaoirleach informed the meeting that a Notice of Motion had been considered by the Corporate Policy Group and it had been recommended that due to the complexity and sensitivity of the content of the motion, which related to a housing matter, the meeting would be adjourned for a short period to allow the Director of Services for Housing meet with members of the Thurles-Templemore Municipal District. This was proposed by Cllr. Michael Murphy seconded by Cllr. John Crosse.

Cllr. Doran disagreed with the recommendation and asked that the motion would be discussed at the Plenary Meeting.

The Meetings Administrator informed the members, that as the motion was not listed on the Agenda for the plenary meeting, three quarters of the membership (30 members) would have to vote in favour of the motion being discussed.

Cllr. Doran did not support the adjournment of the meeting and this was agreed by Cllr. S Morris.

A vote was taken on the proposal to adjourn the meeting as follows:-

	Comhairleoir	FOR	AGAINST	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
1.	Ambrose, Siobhan	√			
2.	Anglim, Micheál			√	
3.	Bonfield, Fiona	√			
4.	Bourke, Joe	√			
5.	Bourke, Kieran	√			
6.	Browne, Martin		√		
7.	Bugler, Phyll	√			
8.	Carey, Catherine		√		
9.	Carroll, John			√	
10.	Crosse, John	√			
11.	Darcy, Ger	√			
12.	Doran, David		√		
13.	Dunne, David		√		
14.	English, Pat		√		
15.	Mark Fitzgerald			√	
16.	FitzGerald, Michael			√	
17.	Goldsboro, Imelda			√	
18.	Hanafin, Seamus	√			
19.	Hanna-Hourigan, Mary	√			
20.	Hannigan, Joe			√	
21.	Hogan, John	√			
22.	Kennedy, Roger	√			
23.	Leahy, Denis			√	
24.	Lonergan, Martin		√		
25.	Lowry, Michael			√	
26.	McGrath, Hughie	√			
27.	McLoughlin, Louise			√	
28.	Molloy, Richie			√	
29.	Moloney, Andy	√			
30.	Moran, Eddie	√			
31.	Morris, Seamus		√		
32.	Murphy, Marie	√			
33.	Murphy, Michael	√			
34.	O'Meara, Kevin	√			
35.	O'Meara, Michael	√			
36.	Ryan, Jim		√		
37.	Ryan, Sean	√			
38.	Smith, Michael			√	
39.	Wood, Tom	√			
40.	Ryan (Coole), Mattie			√	
	TOTALS	20	8	12	

The proposal was carried by 20 votes to 8 with 12 members absent at the time of the vote.

The meeting was adjourned.

Council Meeting held on 11TH March, 2019

"That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th March 2019 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, as presented be adopted".

Item 2.1

It was proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** seconded by **Cllr. S. Ryan** and resolved: -

Conferences /Seminars /Training

"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
Irish Planning Institute "Annual Planning conference 2019"	3 rd April – 5 th April 2019	The Landmark Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim	Cllr. J. Bourke
Dundalk Chamber of Commerce "Cross Border Tourism Conference 2019"	10 th April 2019	Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co. Louth	Cllr. J. Carroll Cllr. S. Morris

Item 2.2

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

Reports on Conferences

Item 3.1

It was proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** seconded by **Cllr. MI. FitzGerald** and resolved

Section 183

Disposal of Land at Gortavalla Business Park, Tipperary Town to Seamus and Anne Clarke.

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of land at Gortavalla Business Park, Tipperary Town containing approximately 0.2143ha or thereabouts to Seamus & Anne Clarke in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 22nd March 2019".

Cllr Fitzgerald welcomed this disposal of land which would facilitate the expansion of an existing business in Tipperary Town

Item 3.2

It was proposed by **Cllr. J. Hogan** seconded by **Cllr. E. Moran** and resolved

Section 183

Disposal of Land at Richmond, Templemore, Co. Tipperary to Aoife Clery, legal representative of Edward Meagher.

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve of the disposal of land, the total of which amounts to 0.012 hectares at Richmond, Templemore, Co. Tipperary to Aoife Clery, Legal Personal Representative of Edward Meagher in accordance with the terms of the notice under the above Section as circulated on the 25th March 2019".

The Section 183 was required to regularise the registration of the site.

Item 3.3

Disposal of Property (by way of Lease), at Heywood Road, Clonmel to south Eastern Mountain Rescue Association (SEMRA)

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr. P. English** and resolved

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, that Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal by way of Lease Agreement of Existing Lease of Lands at Clonmel Fire Station for a consideration of € 10/annum for a period of 10 years.

The disposal was required to facilitate the building of an office/training room to be used for social and community purposes, specifically the provision of a voluntary Mountain Rescue Service.

Item 3.4

Section 183

Disposal of Old Clogheen Courthouse and detached garage at Barrack Hill, Main Street, Clogheen to Clogheen Mens Shed

It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** seconded by **Cllr. M. Lonergan** and resolved

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal by lease of property at Old Clogheen Courthouse and detached garage at Clogheen Market, Main Street, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary to Clogheen Mens Shed in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 27th March 2019.”

The notice was for disposal by way of Lease Agreement for a term of 20 years.

Item 3.5

Section 183

Disposal of Property at Old Civic Offices, Thurles to Dr. Paul Ryan and Dr. David Millman

It was proposed by **Cllr. D. Doran** seconded by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** and resolved

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal by sale of property situated at Stradavoher, Slievenamon Road, Thurles, Co. Tipperary to Dr. Paul Ryan and Dr. David Millman, in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 26th March 2019.”

This property was no longer required by the Council to carry out its duties.

At the request of Cllr Smith, it was agreed that the Municipal Administrator for the Thurles-Templemore Municipal District would brief members in relation to the terms of disposal.

Item 3.6

Draft Service Delivery Plan 2019

The Local Government Reform Act, 2014, established the requirement for each Local Authority to prepare an Annual Service Delivery Plan identifying the services that it proposed to deliver to the public in the year ahead. The purpose of the Plan, which had been circulated to the members, was to provide a corporate document that highlighted the services that would be provided by Tipperary County Council across all directorates in 2019 and had been prepared based on the provisions of the adopted budget of Tipperary County Council for 2019.

It was proposed by **Cllr. J. Hogan** seconded by **Cllr. J. Crosse** and resolved "That the Draft Service Delivery Plan 2019 as presented be adopted by the Council in accordance with Section 134A of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended".

Item 3.7
Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Annual Report 2018

The Tipperary County Council Local Community Development Committee Annual Report for 2018 had been circulated to the members.

It was proposed by **Cllr. P. English** seconded by **Cllr. J. Carroll** and resolved

"That in accordance with Section 128B(1) of the Local Government Act 2001, the Annual Report of the Local Community Development Committee as presented to the Members be and is hereby adopted".

Item 4.1
Consideration of Management Report

The Management Report with a focus on directorates based in Clonmel as circulated with the agenda was noted and considered by the Council. The following issues were raised: -

Community/Economic Development & Tourism

It was agreed, on the proposal of the Leas Cathaoirleach, that item 4.4 All Ireland Pollinator Plan would be considered with the Management Report on Community/Economic Development & Tourism.

Item 4.4
Local Authority Partnership with All Ireland Pollinator Plan – Framework Agreement and Action Plan

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020 was a strategy that addressed the problem of pollinators in decline in Ireland. It was a shared plan of action supported by more than 90 governmental and non-governmental organisations. By helping our pollinators, the Council were improving biodiversity across the island.

Most Local Authorities were already taking actions to support pollinators on public land. Many were also working with local community groups, residents' associations and schools to help raise awareness of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. To better support these efforts and to better promote the work being undertaken, a framework had been developed to recognise Councils as partners of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.

As Chair of the Water & Environment S.P.C. Cllr MI Murphy proposed the adoption of the plan and was seconded by Cllr MI O'Meara.

Members spoke in support of the Plan and the actions contained therein.

Community/Economic Development & Tourism

Tipp Classical 2019 – The support of Tipperary County Council to the new music festival Tipp Classical to take place in Thurles in 2019 was acknowledged.

Hidden Heartlands - It was agreed that Marie Phelan, Tourism Officer, would update Nenagh Municipal District members on Irelands Hidden Heartlands

Tourism Initiative.

Conference Hotels – Reference was made to the lack of hotel facilities in Tipperary to hold National Conferences and it was noted that Tipperary County Council would engage with any hotel owners who wished to develop such facilities in the County. It was noted, in particular, that the Council were currently engaged with a number of Developers within Clonmel at present.

Fishing Boardwalk at Ladyswell, Thurles – It was agreed to refer the suggestion for the provision of a fishing boardwalk and wheelchair accessible bays at Ladyswell, Thurles to Thurles Municipal District for consideration.

Historical Quarter, Nenagh – It was confirmed that the development and promotion of the Historical Quarter, Nenagh, was receiving consideration.

Tipperary Town Forum – Council officials had met with all stakeholders and collaboration on a number of projects had commenced.

Thurles Post Office – Thurles area members reiterated their opposition to proposals to move the Post Office in Thurles from Liberty Square to the Shopping Centre.

Water Services

Holycross Water Supply – It was agreed to liaise with Cllr Lowry regarding water pressure issues at specific locations in the Holycross area.

Killenaule to Gortnahoe Watermain - the upgrade of this supply was under consideration by Irish Water.

Ballycommon Village - It was agreed to discuss with Irish Water the viability of extending the sewage scheme at Ballycommon Village

Cahir Town – It was agreed to revert to Cllr Moloney on a sewage incident in Cahir Town on the 24th March. Cllr Moloney expressed concerns over the length of time it took to have the matter rectified.

Ballina Sewage Plant – It was noted that there were capacity issues with this Treatment Plant and this was under consideration by Irish Water.

Provision of tankers during water outages – Cllr Ambrose requested that this Council convey to Irish Water the concerns of households in relation to the provision of water tankers for water outages for periods less than 24 hours. It was noted that current legislation required an alternative water supply to be provided in cases of water outages exceeding 24 hours.

Poulavanogue and Glenary Water Supplies Clonmel - Members were informed that these supplies were no longer suitable for the Clonmel Area because of issues relating to capacity, security and safety. A new source from the River Suir that would meet all the necessary standards was being proposed for the Clonmel area. Cllrs. English and Carey expressed their disagreement with any proposal to decommission the Poulavanogue and Glenary Water Supplies.

Friarsfield Estate, Fethard – It was agreed to revert to Cllr Mark Fitzgerald regarding blocked gulleys in this estate.

Templemore - It was agreed to revert to Cllr E. Moran regarding sewage issues in two estates in Templemore.

Communications - A number of members spoke of problems logging calls with the Irish Water Call Centre particularly out of hours. It was clarified that call centre staff determined the level of response required to reported faults. Faults requiring immediate attention were forwarded to the Council Call Centre to contact the designated staff on call.

Environment & Climate Action

Climate Adaptation Strategy - Mr. Sean Keating referred to the Climate Adaptation Strategy that had been circulated to the members. The Environment & Climate Action section of Tipperary County Council was tasked with developing a Climate Adaptation Strategy for the Council. The strategy drew on the data issued by both national and international forums and from local sources. It established an extreme weather event baseline detailing the weather events that had affected the county over the past number of years. It predicted the challenges and risks that climate change would pose for the county in the future and proposed a series of actions to mitigate further changes and adapt to those that were already inevitable.

The strategy was based on extensive review and stakeholder engagement undertaken between January and March 2019, inclusive of presentations, workshops and various stakeholders. The strategy would be the main instrument to achieve the over-arching commitment by Tipperary County Council towards a low carbon, climate resilient and sustainable environment.

The draft strategy could be amended based on internal feedback from Councillors, Council Staff and on the results of screening for AA and SEA prior to public consultation.

Members indicated their agreement to the Strategy proceeding to public consultation.

Horses Old Briquette Factory, Littleton – It was agreed to investigate reports of loose horses at the Old Briquette Factory, Littleton.

Sulky Racing – The Council continued to work with the Tipperary Horse Owners Association on a variety of issues including sulky racing. It was clarified that horse welfare issues were a matter for the Department of Agriculture.

Litter Action – In response to issues raised by members in relation to fly-tipping it was noted that current actions being taken were a County Clean which had taken place and individual house calls were due to commence to ascertain household waste disposal methods.

Waste Tyre Collection Service - It was noted that there were no current Waste Tyre Collection Services in Tipperary. Should funding be made available by the Department for 2019 this service could again be considered.

Dog Fouling – It was noted that a limited number of Dog Fouling signs were being allocated to each Municipal District to be erected on known dog walking routes and dog waste bag dispenser locations were being put on the Council Website.

Student Village, Stradavoher, Thurles – The Environment Section were aware of waste issues at this location and notices had been served on the owners.

Burial Grounds – Members were informed that a county wide burial ground policy was being formulated.

Housing

Houses at Cabra Bridge - A commitment was given to the members that on completion of the mediation process, the Director of Services would meet with Thurles Area members to respond to any queries that they would have.

Coolnamuck Road, Carrick-on-Suir – It was confirmed that a masterplan for this area was being prepared.

Voids - It was noted that an internal team were being established to examine the void process with a view to accelerating the process

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) It was confirmed that the Council were actively engaging with the Department in relation to the rent caps imposed on the scheme.

House Acquisitions – The purchase of houses for housing purposes went through a number of suitability checks prior to acquisition.

Tenant Handbook – Members who had issues in relation to repairs were advised to discuss individual cases with the relevant staff in their Municipal District.

D.P.G. Grants – A total of four grants had been approved to date in 2019 and 50% of the allocation was committed under this scheme.

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach that Notice of Motions Ref. 1653 and 1654 would be taken with the Management Report on Housing.

Item 6.1

Notice of Motion

Housing Rents

Motion No. 6.1 (1653) was proposed by **Cllr. C. Carey**

"That Tipperary County Council do not take carer's allowance or working family payment (formerly family income supplement) as an extra income while calculating rents".

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. P. English**

The reply to the motion was as follows:

The new Rent Scheme for Tipperary County Council came into effect in July 2018. Carer's Allowance and FIS Income were always included in the calculation of rent across the County. It should be noted that the Differential Rent Scheme is based on an individual's income, and the rent charged by Tipperary County Council compares very favourably with the rent charged in all of the surrounding Local Authorities.

Given the recent adoption of the Scheme it was not intended to revise the

Rent Scheme again at this stage.

Members spoke in support of the motion. However Ms. Carr.D.O.S., reiterated that it was not intended to revise the current Rent Scheme but the content of the motion would be borne in mind when compiling future schemes. She invited any individual who was encountering hardship in meeting their rent commitment to engage with staff. The Council continued to actively manage rent accounts.

Item 6.2

Notice of Motion

Motion No. 6.2 (1654) was proposed by **Cllr. P. English**

“That Tipperary County Council ask the Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy to declare a national housing emergency. The homeless figures for February show that there are now 10,264 people in Ireland officially living in emergency accommodation, the first time the homeless figure has exceeded 10,000”.

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. D. Dunne**

The reply to the Motion was as follows: -

Rebuilding Ireland which is the Governments National Housing Plan was an action-driven Plan with five pillars which aimed to address the needs of homeless people and families in emergency accommodation, accelerate the provision of Social Housing, deliver more housing, utilise vacant homes, and improve the rental sector. Tipperary County Council was utilising each strand of "Rebuilding Ireland" in order to address the housing needs of families and individuals in Tipperary.

In response to members who spoke in support of the motion, Ms. S. Carr, Director of Services, referred to the presentation made to members at the February Meeting outlining actions being taken by Tipperary County Council in relation to homelessness in the County. She also referred to the appointment of a HAP Place Finder and the target set to source 400 new Hap buildings for 2019. There was also a commitment to appoint 2 social care workers and it was anticipated that a full resource team would be in place by the end of the year.

Corporate Services

Local Electoral Area Boundary Review – Members referred to the lack of information to households affected by changes that had taken place to electoral area boundaries and it was agreed to write to the Department requesting that consideration would be given to a National Public Awareness Campaign following changes arising from Local Electoral Area Orders every 5 years.

Item 4.2

Tipperary County Council Draft Annual Report 2018

The draft Annual Report 2018 had been circulated to the members and the final version of the Annual Report would be listed on the agenda for adoption at the May Meeting.

Item 4.3

Tipperary Joint Policing Committee Draft Annual Report 2018

The Tipperary Joint Policing Committee Draft Annual Report 2018 had been circulated to the members and was noted.

Item 51

Consideration of Orders for the period 31st March, 2019

Chief Executive and Delegated Officers Order for the period to the 31st March, 2019 were noted.

Item 7.1 – 7.7

Correspondence

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

Item 8.1- 8.4

Resolutions from Other Local Authorities

Limerick City & County Council

I will move at the next full Council Meeting that this Council calls on the Department of Housing to consider a grant aid scheme for Granny Flat extensions for persons on the housing list where agreement is reached with the house owners and the applicants.

Cork County Council

That Cork County Council asks the Government, both TDs and Senators, to bring the Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Amendment) (Climate Emergency Measures) Bill before the Dáil for consideration such that in this time of climate emergency it may be considered for passing into legislation, with or without appropriate amendments, without delay.

Waterford City & County Council

That Waterford City and County Council calls on Government to immediately abandon any decision to proceed to Phase 2 development of National Children's Hospital. This, pending a new full site and project review by an international independent group of healthcare experts chosen from a panel politically approved by a cross party committee.

Carlow County Council

That Carlow County Council write to all Local Authorities that are in band 3 appendix 2 for assessing eligibility, based on income, for social housing. Members requested your Council's support to have band 3 completely removed from the housing regulations that were introduced by former Minister Michael Finneran in 2010. The removal of band 3 would leave just 2 bands and be a much fairer system and give young couples just outside of the social housing income limits in band 3 a chance to get on the housing list.

Item 9.1
Votes of
Sympathy/
Congratulations

Votes of Sympathy were extended to the following:

- Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Mattie Ryan on the death of his sister-in-law, Kathleen Ryan. A minutes silence was observed.
- Pat Holland, Water services, on the death of his brother, Michael
- Eddie Meegan, GIS Section, Clonmel on the death of his mother, Nola
- Family of Mary Martin, wife of Harry Martin, Thurles
- Family of Pat Ryan, former Carrick-on-Suir, Town Councillor. A minute's silence was observed
- Family of Peg Kenehan, Thurles, mother of former Cllr. John Kenehan
- Family of Martin Behan, Tidy Towns, Clonmel. A minutes silence was observed.
- Family of Jackie Fahey, former deputy for South Tipperary/West Waterford. A minute's silence was observed.

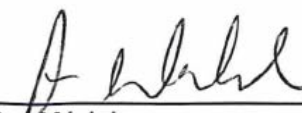
Votes of Congratulations were extended to the following: -

- St. Michael's Football Club, Tipperary Town on reaching FAI Junior Cup
- Cashel Community School – Junior All-Ireland Camogie Final, the 3rd All Ireland Final win this year.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: