#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, REARCROSS, CO. TIPPERARY AT 10.30 AM ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

#### **Present**

Cllr M. Ryan, 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; Fitzgerald, M; FitzGerald, Ml; Goldsboro, I; Hanafin, S; Hannigan, J; Hogan, J; Kennedy, R; Leahy, D; Lonergan, M; Lowry, J; McGrath, H; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Morris, S; Murphy, Marie; Murphy, Ml; O'Meara, K; O'Meara, Ml; Ryan, J; Ryan, S;

#### Also Present

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, M. Shortt, S. Carr, K. Cashen, P. Slattery, C. Curley, M. O'Connor, Directors of Service L. McCarthy, Head of Finance, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

#### **Apologies**

Cllrs: P.English, M.Hanna Hourigan, L. McLoughlin, R. Molloy, M. Smith, T. Wood.

#### <u>Guests</u>

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Principal Siobhan Corcoran together with pupils Brian O'Connell, Lucy Nolan, Eoin Bryan, and Lisa Carey from Rearcross National School as observers to the meeting.

#### <u>Welcome</u>

Mr. Tom Butler, Chairman of Rearcross Community Council welcomed the Cathaoirleach and members of Tipperary County Council to Rearcross and thanked the Cathaoirleach for holding the last meeting of the current Council in the village. He invited members to visit the local unique church after the meeting. The church was originally designed by a Swiss architect for a Wesleyan congregation as temporary structure in Northumbria and used by a mining community there. In 1887, the parish priest of Kilcomman in Co. Tipperary arranged to purchase the church, had it dismantled, imported to Limerick and transported by the local farmers of Rearcross to its present location.

Mr. Butler acknowledged the Council funding that had been provided to the local area and highlighted improvements required to broadband availability, road improvements, public lighting and signage.

#### Vote of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was passed to the family of Lorraine Chute (Treacy), a former staff member of Templemore-Thurles Municipal District. A minutes silence was observed.

#### Speech by Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Mattie Ryan

Cathaoirleach Cllr Mattie Ryan spoke of his honour to be elected as Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and representing Tipperary as its first citizen in the final year of the first Council elected to serve on an all-county basis.

He stated that during his term, he had the privilege to meet communities

and individuals across Tipperary and wider afield, to attend events celebrating the past and the present and show-casing the rich talents that are in such abundance in the Premier County. He met young and old, celebrities and unsung heroes, business people, politicians, sports clubs and many more – all of whom combine to make Tipperary what it is.

He referred to the many significant events that he could look back on with pride, but none more so that in October 2018 when he accepted the Supreme Award for Health & Safety on behalf of the Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service in the National awards jointly organised by the National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) and the Northern Ireland Safety Group. This award reinforces their status as safety leaders across the country and is testament to the high quality service provided to the public.

In September 2018, he had the opportunity of seeing first-hand the wonderful work done by the Library Service when he attended Cashel Library Young Readers Awards. The county's continued commitment to enterprise was apparent at the Bank of Ireland National Enterprise Towns Awards in Kilkenny in November 2018 where there were a number of Tipperary recipients honoured.

He also referred to the continued investment in the county throughout his term, which was evident with a number of contract signings, including some within his own Nenagh Municipal District, such as the N52 Borrisokane Streets Improvement Scheme and the R498 Knockalton Realignment. The new state of the art offices in Carrick-on-Suir, which he had the pleasure of officially opening, demonstrated the commitment to providing facilities which allow the public to access the Council's services.

As a member of the Southern Regional Assembly, he had had the opportunity to see first-hand the work put in by the Planning Section of Tipperary County Council to ensure that the needs of Tipperary are recognised in the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. This would be one of the most important policies that will impact on Tipperary in the future and it would inform the County Development Plan process and be crucial to supporting the county's towns, villages and rural areas.

He highlighted the importance of the contribution made by community groups across the county – from the individual who maintains a green area on his own doorstep to the dedicated tidy towns committees and development groups, the residents' associations and burial ground committees, the Men's Sheds projects, the festival committees, the first responders and community alert groups - and the high marks obtained by these tidy towns groups across the county shows an enthusiasm for the protection of the environment and promotion of bio-diversity, as well as enhancing the presentation of our towns and villages. He was delighted that Birdhill, who had the previous year won the overall national Tidy Town's award, were chosen in 2018 to represent Ireland in the Communities in Bloom Competition in Canada and to have their efforts recognised in receiving the International Award for Best Floral Display.

He stated that the launch of 'Ireland's Hidden Heartlands' brand is of major significance to Tipperary and gives the county an opportunity to showcase

the wealth of heritage, landscape, lakes and rivers, mountains, culture and stories it has to offer. It was important that the Council promoted its hidden jewels and to ensure that the work of the Tipperary Tourism Company, the Lough Derg Marketing Group and those involved in the provision of accommodation, catering and facilities in the tourist industry are supported and developed so that the message 'Tipperary – time to take it all in' resounds nationally and internationally.

He referenced the impact that Tipperary has had in the area of 'green energy' and combating climate change with the annual 'Energy in Agriculture' event at Gurteen College testament to this each year with increased levels of participation.

At national level, he had the unique opportunities to be present during the papal visit to Ireland and at the Presidential inauguration. He also attended at the US Embassy in the Phoenix Park in July 2018 for the Independence Day celebrations. Remembering the past was an intrinsic part of the year with events such as the National Day of Commemoration in Dublin in July 2018, the centenary commemorations at Soloheadbeg, the opening of the Thomas MacDonagh Garden of Remembrance in Cloughjordan and the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Local Elections at the Custom House.

As in any year there were also moments of sadness. It was with great regret that he learned of the death of Cllr. John Fahey. John was a true friend to all and was held in the highest esteem by all his fellow Councillors. He would be sadly missed. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

He concluded by thanking his fellow Councillors in Tipperary County Council for their invaluable support during his term as Cathaoirleach of Tipperary. He paid a special word of thanks to his Leas-Cathaoirleach, Michael Murphy and also paid tribute in particular to those members who had decided not to contest the local elections in 2019 and wished them well in the future. He wished all the candidates the best of luck as they faced the electorate, knowing that they will play their part in continuing the development and promotion of the county in the years ahead.

He thanked the media who attend the Council meetings and report to the general public on what is happening in the county and said that it was a particular pleasure for him to have 'Down Your Way' broadcast from his own home during his time as Cathaoirleach as it gave the opportunity to give an insight into rural Ireland and the challenges facing it.

He expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive for his guidance and support throughout the year and also thanked all the staff of the Council at all levels, indoor and outdoor for all their hard work in delivering a wide range of services.

#### Item 1.1

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Proposed by Cllr R. Kennedy., seconded by Cllr. S. Ambrose and resolved

"That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Clonmel Co. Tipperary, as presented be adopted".

#### **Matters Arising**

#### An Post Office, Liberty Square, Thurles

In response to an enquiry by Cllr Doran, Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, confirmed that An Post had been informed of the availability of Council officials to meet with them in relation to the retention of the Post Office in Liberty Square.

## Item 2.1Conferences/Seminars/Training

It was proposed by **CIIr**. **S. Hanafin** seconded by **CIIr**. **S. Ryan** 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/ **Dates** Venue **Nominees** Similar Event 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Institute of Cllr. Joe Bourke Lord Bagenal Professional May Hotel, Training "Health 2019 Leighlinbridge, and Safety for Carlow your Council" The Heritage 31<sup>st</sup> May The Deebert Cllr. John Carroll Council "Climate 2019 Hotel. Change and Kilmallock, Co. historic Towns -Limerick. Adapting to Change"

Item 2.2 Reports on Conferences Proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin seconded by Cllr. S. Ryan and noted.

#### <u>Item 3.1</u>

Section 183

Disposal of
Property at
Strylea, Rocklow
Road, Fethard to
Fethard Regional
Community Sport
and Recreational
Campus Company
Ltd.

It was proposed by **Clir. I Goldsboro** seconded by **Clir. D. Dunne** 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 by way of lease of property, consisting of circa 2.87ha, within the townsland of Fethard, Barony of Middlethird in the county of Tipperary, contained in the Folio(s) TY40294F and TY53074F to Fethard Regional Community Campus Company Limited by Guarantee in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019".

This Section 183 was by way of 99 Year Lease and required to facilitate the provision of sport and recreational facilities.

#### Item 3.2

#### Section 183

Disposal of Freehold Interest in 15 Staunton Row, Clonmel to legal reps. Of Mr. William McKenna. It was proposed by CIIr. S. Ambrose seconded by CIIr. 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 its Freehold interest in a property at 15 Staunton Row, Clonmel to The Reps of Mr William McKenna in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019".

The Section 183 was required to facilitate the transfer of the freehold interest in the property.

#### Item 3.3

Issue of Polling
Cards in
accordance with
Article 55(3)
Local Election
Regulations 1995

It was proposed by CIIr. R. Kennedy, seconded by CIIr. S. Ryan and resolved: -

"That in accordance with Article 55 (3) of the Local Election Regulations 1995 Polling Cards for use at the Local Elections to be held on 24th May, 2019 be issued to all Electors who are registered to vote at Local Elections only. These Electors are denoted with the letter 'L' in the current Register of Electors.

Polling Cards should also issue to all such Electors who are included in the Supplement to Register which will be prepared and published prior to the Elections".

Members referred to the need for improvements in the compilation of the register and were informed by the Meetings Administrator that a review of the electoral process was being carried out by the Department.

In relation to concerns raised by Cllr Morris at the April Monthly Meeting in relation to Electoral Area Boundary Reviews, it was noted that his suggestion regarding a publicity campaign had been forwarded to the Minister for his attention.

#### <u>Item 3.4</u>

Draft Annual Financial Statement (AfS) 2018 The Members considered the Draft Annual Financial Statement and Report for 2018 as circulated and noted same.

Mr. Liam McCarthy referred to Report circulated setting out the excess expenditure and advising that a Resolution of the Council was required in relation to same in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001.

#### Item 3.4

To Consider and Approve Resolution authorising Excess Expenditure

It was proposed by Clir. Ml. Murphy, seconded by Clir. Marie Murphy and resolved.

"That in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, excess expenditure in respect of the Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 for Tipperary County Council be and is hereby approved as follows"

Service Service Description Amount €

A01	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units	593,177
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	25,305
A03 A05 A07 A09	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration Administration of Homeless Service RAS and Leasing Programme Housing Grants	98,231 337,378 417,173 1,394,794
A12 B01 B02 B03 B04	HAP Programme  NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement  NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement  Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement  Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	61,712 229,969 480,848 156,888 1,782,691
B05	Public Lighting	17,182
B09 B11 C01	Car Parking Agency & Recoupable Services Water Supply	3,601 811,327 106,756
C03 C05	Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges Admin of Group and Private Installations	542 163,243
C07	Agency & Recoupable Services	1,017
D04 D06 D09 D10	Industrial and Commercial Facilities  Community and Enterprise Function  Economic Development and Promotion  Property Management	33,515 279,855 1,430,527 205,527
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	24,535
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	77,445
E04	Provision of Waste to Collection Services	2,022
E05 E06	Litter Management Street Cleaning	56,428 117,997
E08	Waste Management Planning	14,906
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	31,794
E10 E11	Safety of Structures and Places Operation of Fire Service	1,885 892,484
E13 E14	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution Agency & Recoupable Servicess	75,265 1,582,969
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	15,528

F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	112,859
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	18,885
G01	Land Drainage Costs	9,020
G06	Agency & Recoupable Services	44,173
H01	Profit/Loss Machinery Account	5,628
H02	Profit/Loss Stores Account	16,666
H03	Administration of Rates	1,280,623
H04	Franchise Costs	11,491
H05	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	225
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services	1,351,005

# Item 3.5 Draft Policy on the use of Traffic Calming Measures in Existing Housing Estates

Mr. Matt Shortt, D.O.S., referred to the Draft Policy on the use of traffic calming measures on roads in existing housing estates which had been circulated to the members. The policy outlined the Council's policy in relation to requests for traffic calming measures in existing housing estates and it was recommended for adoption. Mr. Shortt thanked the members of the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee for their input into the compilation of the policy.

In response to queries by members, particularly in relation to additional measures to curb speeding within Estates, Mr Shortt confirmed that the policy allowed various solutions to traffic calming. The cause of the speeding, the layout of estates and the best solution for that particular estate would be considered in consultation with the Gardai, Ambulance Service and residents. The policy does not rule in or rule out any one option and each Estate has to be examined individually.

It was proposed by Clir. S. Hanafin seconded by Clir. S. Ambrose and resolved

"That Tipperary County Council hereby adopts the Draft Policy on the use of traffic calming measures on roads in existing housing estates as presented by the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee".

## Item 3.6 Affordable Housing Priprity Scheme.

Ms. Sinead Carr, DOS, Housing informed the Members that the purpose of this Scheme of Priority was to set out the manner in which affordable dwelling purchase arrangements would be made available by the Council and the methodology that would be applied to determine the order of priority to be accorded to eligible households where the demand for such arrangements exceeded the dwellings or resources available. Eligibility of households would be assessed in accordance with section 84 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and Regulations

Ms. S. Carr, D.O.S., informed the members that the Scheme, once adopted, would be brought back to the Strategic Policy Committee for further consideration and if there were any suggested amendments it would be

brought back to the full Council. She noted that there is a requirement in legislation to adopt the Scheme notwithstanding the fact that the Council does not have any Affordable Housing Scheme at present. The Draft Scheme as circulated is a holding Scheme pending further consideration by the Housing SPC.

It was proposed by Cllr. Marie Murphy seconded by Cllr. R. Kennedy and resolved

"that in accordance with the provisions of Section 85 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 (Part 5) Regulations 2019, Tipperary County Council hereby approves the scheme of priorities for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements, as circulated on the 3rd May 2019".

### Item 3.7 Arts Grants 2019

It was proposed by CIIr. R. Kennedy seconded by CIIr. S. Ryan and resolved

"That allocation of grants to the sum of €32,100 as per the circulated schedule under the Arts Act 2003 are approved".

No.	Group	Description	Recommend ed Allocation for 2019
1	Fethard & Killenaule Youth Project	Music & Dance	€1,800
2	Killross Tidy Towns	Visual Arts	€300
3	Cloughjordan Arts	Multi-Disciplinary Arts	€800
4	South Tipperary Arts Centre, Clonmel	Visual Arts & Film	€4,000
5	St. Mary's Choral Society, Clonmel	Musical Theatre	€1,500
6	Cahir Comhaltas	Traditional Music & Dance	€1,000
7	Suircan Community Forum, Clonmel	Multi-Disciplinary Arts	€500
8	STAG, Clonmel, Junior Section	Visual Arts	€750
10	Cloughjordan Circus Club	Circus	€3,000
12	Midwest Music Projects, Ballina/Killaloe	Theatre	€1,500

13	Tipperary Musical Society, Tipperary Town	Musical Theatre	€1,500
14	Kilcash Comhaltas Group, Clonmel	Music	€750
15	Dreamtime Theatre, Annacarthy	Theatre	€400
16	Nenagh Arts Centre	Multi-Disciplinary Arts	€4,000
17	Belle Voci Choir, Clonmel	Music	€750
18	Fethard Choral Society	Music	€250
19	Creative Minds Productions. Cahir	Theatre	€1,500
20	Phoenix Productions, Thurles	Musical Theatre	€1,500
21	Uproar Rock Chorus, Clonmel	Music	€750
22	Cashel Day Care Centre for the Elderly	Music	€400
23	Damer House Gallery, Roscrea	Visual Arts	€1,500
24	Fionn MacCumhaill Players	Theatre	€250
26	Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles	Multi-Disciplinary Arts	€300
27	Newport Musical Society	Musical Theatre	€600
28	Thurles Musical Society	Musical Theatre	€1,500
29	ClonTempo Choir, Clonmel	Music	€1,000

Item 3.8 Annual Report 2018

It was proposed by Clir. J. Hogan, seconded by Clir. S. Ambrose and resolved

"That in accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, the Annual Report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 as presented be and is hereby adopted".

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, acknowledged the input by staff to this formal informative record of the previous years activities of the Council. He asked that consideration be given to circulating an e-copy of the Annual Report to each Primary School for their information.

#### Item 4.1

#### Consideration of Management Report

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

#### Roads, Transportation, Health & Safety.

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Items 7.1 and 7.2 as part of the Management Report on Roads.

#### Item 7.1

Lighting

## Notice of Motion Provision in 2020 Budget for Additional Public

Motion No. 7.1 (1650) was proposed by Cllr. Marie Murphy

"That this Council would make a provision of €200,000 in the 2020 Budget for the installation of additional public lighting in our towns and villages. This would give each Councillor a budget of €5,000 towards public lighting in their Electoral Area".

The Motion was seconded by Cllr. S. Ryan

The reply to the motion as follows was noted and agreed.

This request will be considered in the context of framing the 2020 Budget in conjunction with the County Council's policy on Public Lighting.

Members made suggestions in relation to the distribution of the budget and it was agreed that this was a matter for the incoming Council to debate.

#### Item 7.2

#### N24 Improvements at Ballydrehid

**Notice of Motion** 

Motion No. 7.2 (1670) was proposed by CIIr. A. Moloney

"That Councillors are updated on any recent progress on the N24 improvements at Ballydrehid and within the county in general in light of the Limerick/Cork action supporting the Limerick/Waterford route as opposed to their route".

The Motion was seconded by Cllr. R. Kennedy

The reply to the Motion as follows was noted and agreed.

For the purpose of advancing the upgrade of the N24, the N24 upgrade had been divided into two projects i.e. Waterford to Cahir and Cahir to Monard. The first step in this process to complete, and seek approval to, the Project Appraisal Plan (PAP) for both projects. Both these Plans had been prepared and approved by Transport Infrastructure Ireland and subsequently the Strategic Research and Analysis Division (SRAD) of the Department of

Transport Tourism and Sport.

This would now allow for the procurement of Consultants for both sections, and to progress this Tipperary County Council was now in the process of preparing Section 85 Agreements with both Kilkenny County Council and Limerick County Council, where Tipperary County Council would be the Lead Authority for the Cahir to Monard section and Kilkenny County Council would be the Lead Authority for the Waterford to Cahir section. It was noted that Tipperary County Council had also written to Transport Infrastructure Ireland seeking approval to appoint Consultants to progress the Cahir to Monard project.

Members spoke in support of the motion and in particular members from the Tipperary Area spoke of the urgent need of this infrastructure for Tipperary Town.

Mr. Matt Shortt confirmed that officials from Tipperary County Council had been invited to be part of a Steering Group on the project and emphasised that no preferred route had yet been selected.

#### Parking - Thurles Town

Further to an issue raised by members of the Thurles Area, it was noted that a review of parking in Thurles Town would be carried out later in 2019 and a report would be brought to the Thurles Municipal District Members for consideration

#### Retirement – M.F. Hayes

The Cathaoirleach and members congratulated Mr. M.F. Hayes on his imminent retirement and thanked him for his courtesy and kindness over the course of his service. Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, joined with the members in expressing his appreciation to Mr. Hayes on his exemplary service to North Tipperary, Clonmel Borough Council and Tipperary County Council.

#### **Library & Cultural Services**

Tipperary Library – Cllr MI Fitzgerald thanked the County Librarian for the recent dedication of a collection of books in Tipperary Library to honour the late Brian O'Donnell.

Clonmel Library – it was noted that there was no further update on the redevelopment of Clonmel Library and it was agreed to follow up with the Department in relation to a meeting with the Council re the upgrade of the Library.

#### Item 5.1

#### Agree date for Annual Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting would be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 in Civic Offices, Clonmel.

#### Item 5.2

Agree date for Workshop regarding Annual It was agreed that a workshop with the new Council would be held in the Thurles Municipal District Office at 10 a.m. on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019.

#### Meeting.

#### <u>Item 6.1</u>

Consideration of Orders for the Period to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 were noted.

#### <u>Item 7.3</u>

### Notice of Motion Climate Strikes

Motion No. 7.3 (1675) was proposed by Cllr. M. Browne

"That Tipperary County Council acknowledge and support the recent Climate Strikes driven by the young people and families all around the country".

That Tipperary County Council have listened and understood the deadly urgency felt by the young people and their demand that all stakeholders and representatives act immediately to ensure that young people have a liveable future in Tipperary, in Ireland and on planet earth.

That Tipperary County Council agree that the evidence of emergency from all the experts worldwide is overwhelming.

That Tipperary County Council agree that, while relatively small in global terms, Tipperary can and must step up and show visible leadership.

That Tipperary will immediately implement the following steps (as leading proactive cities and regions internationally already have)

- Declare a Climate Emergency for Tipperary
- Publish a Climate Action Plan
- Declare a Biodiversity Emergency for Tipperary
- Update and publish a Biodiversity Action Plan
- Report regularly on progress on both Action Plans

The Motion was seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne

The reply to the Motion as follows was noted and agreed.

Tipperary County Council recognised the significant role that Climate Change & biodiversity contributes to our environment. We were the leading local authority in the country in meeting CO2 emissions targets, as well as promoting climate and biodiversity awareness programmes such as the Tipperary Countryside Wild on Flower Initiative.

The Environment & Climate Action section had prepared the Climate adaptation strategy, which outlined the actions planned to tackle climate change and increase public awareness. The Heritage Strategy included a

suite of actions targeting biodiversity which are currently being implemented across the county. We are also a signatory to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan which is the main implementation action addressing the loss of biodiversity.

The council would continue to adapt the above plans in line with emerging issues on both climate change and biodiversity and would continue to keep the members updated on progress.

#### Item 8.1

Motion No. 8.1 (1674) was proposed by Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald

#### <u>Learner Driver</u> <u>Legislation</u>

**Notice of Motion** 

"I call on the Government to amend the Learner Driver Legislation for those who have completed their 12 lessons and have confirmation of applying for a test. That they be allowed drive unaccompanied to and from work or for educational purposes without the learner driver or the owner of the vehicle facing penalty or prosecution".

The Motion was seconded by Cllr. D Dunne

Members spoke in support of the motion and also agreed that the motion be amended to request the appointment of additional testers to address the backlog.

#### <u>Item 8.2</u>

Motion No. 8.2 (1676) was proposed by CIIr. M. Browne

### Notice of Motion CE Supervisors

"That Tipperary County Council support the CE supervisors who are due to go on a five day strike on the 13<sup>th</sup> May in their demand for the implementation of a pension scheme which was recommended by the Labour Court in 2008".

The Motion was seconded by **CIIr. C Carey** and it was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection and the Minister for Finance.

#### Item 8.3

Motion No. 8.3 (1677) was proposed by Cllr. D. Dunne

## Notice of Motion Adoptee Identity Rights

"On behalf of Aitheantas I am calling on Tipperary County Council to write to Minister Zappone's Office requesting/demanding that her department acknowledges Adoptee Identity Rights and immediately allows Adoptees access to their own information on Health, History and Heritage in line with the equality and personal autonomy rights of other citizens and as voted for in two referenda".

The Motion was seconded by **CIIr**. **S**. **Hanafin** and agreed to refer the motion to the Minister for her consideration and report.

#### <u>Item 9.1 – 9.9</u>

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

#### Correspondence

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#### Item 10.1 - 10.5

#### Resolutions from Other Local Authorities

The following resolutions from other Local Authorities as circulated with the Agenda were noted.

#### **Donegal County Council**

That all-Ireland Pollinator Plan is about everyone working together and contributing to making the landscape more pollinator friendly. That Donegal County Council

- (a) Adopt, implement and actively promote the All Ireland Pollinator Plan on council open spaces and parks.
- (b) Provide information, training and distribute pollinator guidelines to rural community groups, tidy towns and community development organisations.
- (c) Devise and deliver a biodiversity action plan for Donegal County Council.

#### **Galway County Council**

That Galway County Council call on the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Regina Doherty, T.D., to use all means available to her to uphold the 2008 Labour Court Ruling and to provide an agreed Pension Scheme for community Employment Supervisors and Assistant Supervisor. The work that DE Supervisors carry out on behalf of the Department through sponsoring bodies is vital to all communities and voluntary services that benefit. The Department funds both the wages and PRSI and controls all aspect of these schemes.

It is regrettable, that despite the 2008 ruling from the Labour Court which is a vital part of the States Industrial Framework and a Dáil vote in April 2018.

#### Kilkenny County Council

That Kilkenny County Council calls on all the State Bodies of Ireland to position a "fada", where it should be, in any given word in Irish, in all communications, and relevant places when printing words in Irish.

#### **Waterford City & County Council**

That this Council recognizes the selfless commitment of the Irish Defence forces (Navy, Army and Air Corps) to the people of Ireland in defence of the nation and in the protection of the internal security of the State. In particular it acknowledges the role played by the Defence Forces in multinational peacekeeping, humanitarian relief, maritime security and fishery protection.

This Council in its support for the campaign for Respect and Loyalty calls on the Government to immediately take action to resolve the issues relating to the pay and conditions of service of Defence Forces Members as they are seriously impacting retention and recruitment.

#### **Wicklow County Council**

That Wicklow County Council acknowledge and support the recent Climate Strikes (1,2) driven by the young people and families in Greystones, Arklow, Dublin and around the country.

That Wicklow County Council have listened and understood the deadly urgency felt by the young people and their demand that all stakeholders and representatives act immediately to ensure that young people have a liveable future in Wicklow, in Ireland and on planet Earth.

That Wicklow County Council agree that the evidence of emergency is overwhelming from IPCC on Climate (3) and from WWF LPR on Biodiversity (4).

#### Item 9.1 Votes of Sympathy

Votes of Sympathy were extended to the following:

- Jonathan Flood, Planning Section on the death of his mother, Lila.
- Anna Ryan, Housing Section on the death of her mother-in-law, Eileen.
- Family of Lorraine Chute, Nenagh Municipal District.
- Peter Williams, Revenue Section on the death of his mother, Mary.
- Family of Lauri McDonnell, former comptroller and Auditor General and a Thurles native.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Mattie Ryan (Coole) conveyed best wishes to each Councillor that was contesting the upcoming Local Election.

There being no further business, the meeting then concluded.

Signed/_		
<b>o</b> –	Cathaoirleach.	
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