MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, NENAGH AT 11.00 AM ON 9th DECEMBER, 2019

Present

Cllr. S. Hanafin, Leas-Chathaoirleach

Cllrs: Ahearn, G; Ambrose, S; Anglim, M; Black, T; Bonfield, F; Bourke K; Bugler, P; Burgess, D; Carroll, J; Coonan, N.J; Crosse, J; Dennehy, N.P; Dunne, D; English, P; Fitzgerald, M; FitzGerald, MI; Goldsboro, I; Hannigan, J; Hourigan, Mary Hanna; Kennedy, R; Lee, S; Lowry, M; McGrath, H; McGrath (Rocky), J; McGrath, M; Molloy, R; Moran, E; Morris, S; Murphy, Marie; O'Meara, MI; Ryan (Shiner), A; Ryan, J; Ryan, S.

Also Present

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, S. Carr, P. Slattery, C. Curley, M. O'Connor, K. Cashen Directors of Service, S. Kennedy A/Director of Services, L. McCarthy, Head of Finance, D. Holland, S. Engineer, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies

Cllrs. G. Darcy, A. Moloney, Ml. Murphy, K. O'Meara, P. Ryan, M. Smith.

Chair

Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr. Seamus Hanafin chaired the meeting owing to the absence of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Ml. Murphy, who had another prior commitment with the Committee of the Regions.

Vote of Sympathy A vote of sympathy was proposed by Cllr. N. Coonan to the family of former Senator Liam Whyte. Mr. Whyte was a strong advocate for Rural Ireland and worked tirelessly to promote the Lower Ormonde Area and Tipperary. He was elected to the Council – North Tipperary in 1960 and had 30 years of unbroken service. He was elected to the Seanad in 1973 through the Agriculture Panel. The vote of sympathy was seconded by Cllr. Marie Murphy and it was agreed to adjourn the meeting for a short time as a mark of respect.

Resumption

Item 1.1

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 14th October 2019

Proposed by Clir. R. Kennedy, seconded by Clir. S. Ryan and resolved

"That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th October, 2019 in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, as presented be adopted".

Item 1.2

Minutes of Privilege and **Procedure** Committee dated 30th September,

Proposed by Clir. P. English seconded by Clir. R. Kennedy and resolved

"That the minutes of the Privilege and Procedure Committee dated 30th September, 2019 as presented be adopted".

The Meeting's Administrator highlighted a number of matters agreed by

2019

the Committee which were listed on the Agenda and required the approval of the Council namely: -

- Review Standing Orders to incorporate an amendment to the order of business to include item on Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest. Also review procedure for the Chairing of Annual Meeting in an Election Year pending the election of Cathaoirleach.
- > Review Protocol on Attendance at Official Events.

<u>Item 2.1</u> Conferences /Seminars /Training

It was proposed by Clir. I. Goldsboro seconded by Clir. J. Carroll 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
Celtic Conferences	6 th -8 th	O'Donovan's	Cllr. N. Dennehy
"Irish Social	Dec	Hotel, Clonakilty,	Cllr. Ml. FitzGerald
Welfare System"	2019	Co. Cork	Cllr. M. Anglim
			Cllr. R. Molloy
			Cllr. S. Ambrose
Celtic Conferences	13 th -	Four Season's	Cllr. Ml. O'Meara
"first-time Home	15 th	Hotel,	Cllr. P. Bugler
Buyers Incentives"	Dec	Carlingford,	Cllr. M. McGrath
	2019	Co. Louth	

<u>Item 2.2</u> Reports on Conferences

Proposed by Clir. J. Carroll seconded by Clir. R. Kennedy and noted.

Item 3.1

Section 183

Disposal of land at 25 Liberty Square, Thurles to JL Johnston (1959) Limited

It was proposed by Clir. S. Ryan seconded by Clir. I. Goldsboro 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 land at 25 Liberty Square, Thurles, the total of which amounts to 0.00156 hectares, to J.L. Johnston (1959) Limited, (known as Costcutters) in accordance with the terms of the notice under the above Section as circulated on the 22nd November, 2019".

It was noted that this Section 183 Notice superseded the September Resolution and was required to amend the name from David McKevitt to JL Johnston (1959) Limited.

<u>Item 3.2</u> Section 183

Disposal of

Proposed by Cllr. P. English, seconded by Cllr. R. Kennedy and

"That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local

resolved

Freehold Title of land at Old Bridge, Clonmel

Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of freehold title of properties at, site 1, circa 0.02172ha at Old Bridge, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to Donal Crean and Mary Crean, and site 2, circa 0.008059ha at 2A Old Bridge, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to Mary Crean, in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 27th November 2019".

This Section 183 was required to transfer from Leasehold to Freehold by way of Deed on Conveyance.

<u>Item 3.3</u>

Section 183

Disposal of
Freehold Title of
property at
Ballingarrane,
Cahir Road,
Clonmel known
as Clonmel Park
Hotel to Clonmel
Hospitality Ltd.

Proposed by Cllr. N. Dennehy, seconded by Cllr. P. English 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 freehold title of property, contained in Leasehold TY3245L, circa 1.367ha at Clonmel Park Hotel, Cahir Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary to Clonmel Hospitality Limited, in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 27th November 2019".

This Section 183 was required to transfer from Freehold Title of property to comply with Lease Agreement dated 27/02/2003.

Item 3.4

Draft Corporate Plan 2020-2024

The Meetings' Administrator referred to the Draft Plan as circulated. He noted that The Corporate Plan was the Council's strategic framework for future action over the next 5 years. The Council was required to prepare a statement of Strategy within 6 months of the annual meeting and an internal cross directorate working group was established to assist in drafting the vision and supporting strategies. An online survey had also been carried out and 116 submissions were received which had been taken into account in the final drafting of the strategic statements. He noted that some of the key challenges/drivers of change facing the Council over the next 5 years would include

- Climate Action/Living Town Centres/ Citizen Safety/Enterprise
- Development/Ensuring a fit for purpose organisation/ leading multi agency approaches/leading on shared services/new media and trust in local authorities.

These issues had been incorporated within 4 strategic themes which framed the new vision statement

The new Vision proposed was:

"Tipperary - A vibrant place where people can live, work and visit in a competitive and resilient economy, a sustainable environment and an inclusive and active community."

The following Statements of Strategy for each theme were also noted.

"Our Economy"

Make Tipperary resilient by supporting innovation, enterprise

growth and sustainable employment. Support a diverse and skilled workforce to enhance and develop our County.

"Our Environment"

Further development Tipperary's reputation as a green and sustainable environment achieved through future proofing our communities to be energy efficient and climate change ready. Support our citizens in protecting our environment for current and future generations

"Our Community"

Continue to develop Tipperary as an attractive place to live with sustainable and sensitive development. Build strong and confident communities with a sense of pride that are inclusive, equal and informed. Support the Arts and Lifelong learning, to create a rich and diverse heritage and culture

"Our People"

Build on the capacity and capability of our dedicated workforce, by providing training and development opportunities that seek to fulfil both organisational and personal goals. Recruit people with the appropriate knowledge and skills that will add further value to the delivery of high quality public services

For each Strategic Statement, a number of supporting objectives had been identified, for which, strategies, actions and activities would be identified by Directorates in the annual service delivery plans.

The Meetings Administrator advised that approval was being sought to the new vision and strategic statements and to extend the time frame for the completion and adoption of the Corporate Plan to the March meeting of the Council to allow a further consultation process to take place. The final Draft Plan would be presented to the CPG for endorsement prior to be being submitted to the full Council for consideration and adoption

Following consideration it was proposed by **CIIr**. **Marie Murphy** seconded by **CIIr**. **R**. **Kennedy** and resolved

"In accordance with Section 134 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby adopts the Draft Corporate Plan with new vision and strategic statements as presented".

Item 3.5

Draft Polling
Scheme for
County Tipperary

This matter had been brought before the Council at the monthly October meeting and provided for the changes arising from the constituency commission report in 2017 creating a four seat Limerick city constituency which would include some population from County Tipperary and the rest of County Tipperary, including that part that was in the existing Offaly Constituency, would form a five seat constituency (23 DED's would move from Offaly and three DED's would move to Limerick).

In addition, the scheme would also incorporate the changes arising from the County of Tipperary Local Electoral Areas and Municipal Districts Order 2019. It was noted the scheme had been advertised and no submissions were received. It was recommended that the scheme as presented would be adopted. If adopted, the scheme would come into effect from 16th December, 2019 and public notice of the making of the scheme would be published and a copy furnished to the Minister and each returning officer. A copy would also be available to view at the CSD's in Nenagh and Clonmel, each Library and each Municipal District Office.

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

"That the Draft Polling Scheme for the County of Tipperary as presented be and is hereby adopted".

<u>Item 3.6</u>

Revised TCC Standing Orders

The revised Tipperary County Council Standing Orders had been circulated to the members for consideration.

It was proposed by **CIIr**. **P**. **English** seconded by **CIIr**. **R**. **Kennedy** and resolved: -

"That the revised TCC Standing Orders as presented be and are hereby adopted".

Item 3.7

Consideration of Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2020 and the making of the Development Contribution Scheme 2020

The Chief Executive's Report had been circulated to the members for consideration. This report formed part of the statutory procedure for the preparation of a Development Contribution Scheme (DCS) as required by Section 48 (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

It was proposed by **CIIr**. **R**. **Kennedy** Seconded by **CIIr**. **Marie Murphy** and resolved:-

"That in accordance with Section 48(8)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended the Tipperary County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2020 shall be made as recommended in the Chief Executive's Report to the Council with effect from 1st January 2020".

Item 3.8

To Note the
Audited Financial
Statements for
2018 and the
Local
Government
Auditor's Report
thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements for 2018 and the Local Government Auditor's Report thereon were noted.

Item 3.9

Consideration of Loan Drawdown for Public Lighting Upgrade Programme

It was proposed by **Clir. Marie Murphy** Seconded by **Clir. J. Carroll** and resolved: -

"That pursuant to the Local Government Act 2001 (Section 106) and subject to the sanction of the Minister of Housing, Planning and Local Government, this Council approves the raising of loans not exceeding the total sum of €7,000,000 (seven million Euro) from the Housing Finance Agency (HFA) for the purpose of the National Public Lighting Upgrade program."

The primary aim of the Project is to enable Local Authorities reach their statutory energy efficiency target to be 33% more energy efficient by 2020. The Project will also significantly help Local Authorities reach their new 2030 target of 50%.

Secondary objectives are to survey and collect data on the condition of the Public Lighting infrastructure. This will enable Local Authorities to strategically plan and invest in the upgrading of Public Lighting services into the future.'

In addition to meeting the objectives above, the Project is forecast to generate significant and ongoing cost savings in terms of both energy usage and reduced maintenance costs, such as to match the costs of loan repayments (over a 10 year term).

Item 4.1

Ratification of Nominees to Strategic Policy Committees

It was proposed by **CIIr**. **K**. **Bourke s**econded by **CIIr**. **R**. **Kennedy** and resolved: -

"That Mike Edwards be ratified as PPN(Social) Nominee to the Planning & Emergency Services SPC".

It was proposed by **CIIr**. **K**. **Bourke** seconded by **CIIr**. **R**. **Kennedy** and resolved: -

"That Patti O'Neill, PPN(Environment) be ratified as Nominee to Planning & Emergency Services SPC"

It was proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke Seconded by Cllr. R. Kennedy and resolved: -

"That Clare Ryan O'Keeffe, PPN(Community) be ratified as Nominee to Planning & Emergency Services SPC".

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan seconded by Cllr. P. English and resolved: -

"That Lalor McGee (Trade Union) be ratified as Nominee to the Housing SPC".

It was proposed by **CIIr**. **D**. **Dunne** Seconded by **CIIr**. **P**. **English** and resolved: -

"That Philip Brett (Trade Union) be ratified as Nominee to the Infrastructure (To include Roads Transportation and Water Services SPC".

Item 4.2 Ratification of LCDC Member

It was proposed by Clir. R. Kennedy Seconded by Clir. D. Burgess and resolved: -

"That in accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 49A (1), Chapter 2 of Part 6 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and Article 4 (1) of the Local Community Development Committee (Section 128E) Regulations 2014, and STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS No. 314 of 2014 THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (SECTION128E) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 1) REGULATIONS 2014 that Ann Ryan of the HSE Mid West (CH03 area) be ratified as a member of the Tipperary Local Community & Development Committee (TLCDC) in place of Maria Bridgeman who resigned".

Item 5.1

Consideration of Management Report

Roads, Transportation, Health & Safety

It was agreed, on the proposal of the Leas Cathaoirleach to take Item 9.1, Notice of Motion Ref 1806, as part of the Management Report on Roads, Transportation, Health & Safety.

<u>Item9.1</u>

Notice of Motion

Roadside Memorials Policy

Motion No.9.1 (1806) was proposed by Cllr. M. McGrath

"That this Council amend it's policy on Roadside Memorials to allow Commemoration committees and Communities seek assistance to have their Memorial sites and monuments maintained by the Council where same committees have become inactive and struggle with upkeep, in the interest of preserving our proud history, heritage and the Tipperary People's involvement in the War of Independence and many other struggles and to make a list of such sites available to the public"

The motion was seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne

The reply to the notice of motion was noted

The Council's policy on Roadside Memorials (referred to in the Notice of Motion) related to memorials erected in memory of persons who have lost their lives on the roads. This was not an appropriate policy to be applied in relation to historic monuments.

The Council adopted a Civic Memorial Policy in March, 2019 and this set out the Council's policy in relation to monuments, memorials or plaques erected in the public domain in commemoration of individuals or of events. The policy stated that Tipperary County Council would not be responsible for future maintenance and upkeep of memorials, other than memorials on council-owned buildings.

Nenagh Leisure Centre

Cllr. H. McGrath, voiced his condemnation of the recent break-in and vandalism caused to Nenagh Leisure Centre. He stated that this was an act of malicious vandalism and an attack on the community that used the facility. He acknowledged that every effort was being made to reopen the facility and urged people to co-operate with the Gardai in their efforts to establish who was responsible.

Pedestrian Crossings

Cllr. J. Ryan urged that a safety audit would be carried out to pedestrian crossings across the County. He referred in particular to pedestrian crossings in Thurles. Other members referred to crossings in their areas.

It was agreed that these crossings would be examined.

N.24 Carrick-on-Suir

It was noted that the Council was in liaison with the Regional Design Office to progress this scheme.

Winter Maintenance

The winter maintenance route was displayed on the Council's website and following queries from members it was clarified that the route was at full capacity and it was not possible to add additional routes, noting that over €1M is spent of the programme each year.

L.I.S. Scheme

It was noted that there had been a lack of communication to members regarding the LIS Scheme and this would be rectified for future notifications.

Hedge Cutting

Members were asked to notify the Roads Department of particular overgrown hedges/dangerous trees that were of concern in their area. Notices were issued to landowners as required.

R692 Cloneen to Fethard

It was agreed to examine safety aspects of this section of road.

N62 (between M8 & M7)

Overlay works had been carried out to this section of road.

Rural Roads

In reply to a request by Cllr. MI O'Meara regarding the raising of a loan to fund improvement works to rural roads, Mr. Joe McGrath stated that it would not be possible to fund the repayments on such a loan other than through the roads maintenance budget which would result in a depleted budget for ongoing maintenance works. The raising of a loan could also affect the Department's Roads Allocation. The members concerns were acknowledged and the Council would continue to seek an increase in funding for rural roads in Tipperary.

<u>Health & Safety – Galtee Water Supply</u>

In response to a request for an update on the section of the Galtee Regional Public Water Supply which was the subject of a boiled water notice, it was confirmed that Irish Water were hopeful that this notice would be lifted shortly.

<u>Planning</u>

One off housing rural areas

In response to concerns raised regarding possible significant costs on applicants applying for one off rural housing for various surveys to be included with their planning application, members were informed that preplanning meetings were advisable for planning applicants to make them fully aware of statutory requirements that they would have to comply with in advance of submitting a planning application.

Kickham Barracks Public Realm Development

Members were informed that the Council were actively engaging with all partners in this project to progress this development.

Library & Cultural Services

Libraries

Members complimented the Library Service on their social media engagement and the impressive range of events and projects being delivered across the County.

Clonmel Library

The application to extend and refurbish Clonmel Library was progressing.

Tipperary Library

Arrangements were in place to extend the opening hours of Tipperary Library from the 6th January.

Templemore Library

It was noted that this Library was currently open 5 days a week.

My Open Library

It was noted that should funding be received for "My Open Library", this service would allow libraries to open 7 days a week. Libraries in Roscrea and Carrick-on-Suir would be assessed for this service in 2020 subject to funding.

Finance & Information Technology

Broadband

A presentation would be made to members in early 2020 on the progression of broadband services in the County.

Item 5.2

Local Authority
Performance
Indicator Report
2018

The Performance Indicator Report for 2018 had been circulated to the members for their perusal. Performance Indicators were an important resource for management, elected members and the citizen to review aspects of its activity in the interest of accountability and transparency. The report identified where the Council was excelling and provided a basis for collaboration and sharing of good practice with other Local Authorities. The report set out key findings for Tipperary and the Council was

improving its performance in a number of key areas. It contained evidence of a vast range of activities and showed that the council was operating with an expanded role, with reduced budgets and staffing, creating efficiencies and delivering more with less;

Members welcomed the report and noted its contents.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, complimented Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator, for his input in the analysis and comparison of the data contained in the report.

Item 5.3

A revised policy had been circulated to the members.

Representation of Official Events

It was proposed by **CIIr**. **P**. **English s**econded by **CIIr**. **D**. **Dunne** and resolved: -

<u>Protocol</u>

"That the Representation at Official Events Protocol as presented be and is hereby adopted".

Item 6.1

Agree date for January Meeting.

It was agreed that the January Meeting would be held in Clonmel Civic Offices on the 13th January, 2020.

Item 7.1

<u>Comhairle na</u> nÓg Presentation The Cathaoirleach welcomed members from Comhairle na nÓg to the Meeting together with their co-ordinator Pauline Strappe. He invited Adam Jester and Anna Powell to make a presentation to the members on their activities.

In 2019 Tipperary Comhairle focused their work on the topic of Equality and four key areas, Gender Equality, Inclusion, LGBTQ+ and Healthy Relationships.

Events that they attended and participated in during the year were: - Comhairle Showcase 2018; Limerick Networking Event; Dáil 100; Tipperary Be Heard Project with U.L.; Social Education Reform; Sexual Education Reform; LGBT Event.

The Easter Meeting of the Comahirle was held in the Civic Offices in Nenagh and was attended by Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive. The AGM was held in Thurles and was attended by Cllrs. Máirín McGrath & Declan Burgess.

Members thanked the Comhairle na nÓg representatives for their presentation and congratulated them on their achievements in 2019.

Item 7.2

Jigsaw Mental Health Service Presentation. The Cathaoirleach welcomed Alexandra O'Keeffe and Jason Smith from Jigsaw, the National Centre for Youth Mental Health. Ms O'Keeffe and Mr. Smith briefed members on their services and progress being made on the opening of a service in Tipperary.

The mission of Jigsaw was to advance the mental health of young people in Ireland, aged 12-25 by influencing change, strengthening communities and delivering services through an evidence-informed early intervention and a prevention approach. The service was aimed at mild to moderate

mental health difficulties. The model of mental health support offered was brief and goal focused and was a primary care service.

The next steps for Jigsaw Tipperary was to secure premises in Thurles and to commence recruitment. Jigsaw would continue to network and publicise the service and the launch date for Tipperary when known.

Members welcomed the news that Jigsaw would have bases in Tipperary. This crucial service was long awaited. In response to queries from members, Ms. O'Keeffe and Mr. Smith clarified the following: -

Hubs – Outreach options would be developed with Clonmel and Nenagh being the first hubs to receive consideration.

Social Media – social media was an important form of communication and there was now an online hub for increased accessibility to the service.

Opening Hours – Opening Hours would be 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Opening hours would be reviewed as the service developed.

Members thanked Ms O'Keeffe and Mr. Smith for briefing them on the services that Jigsaw provided and offered any support that they could provide.

Item 8.1

Consideration of CE Orders for Period to the 30th November 2019 Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to 30th November, 2019 were noted.

Item 10.1-10.4

Correspondence

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

<u>Item 11.1 – 11.9</u>

Resolutions from Other Local Authorities

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

Westmeath County Council

For Westmeath County Council to call on the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence, Leo Varadkar, T.D. to establish without delay a Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces in Ireland and also to establish a Permanent and Independent Defence Forces Pay Body.

Carlow County Council

Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Health to immediately reinstate the Rehabilitative Training bonus for people with disabilities.

Fingal County Council

That this Council congratulates the Community Development Office for

their presentation to representatives from 27 Local Authorities at the recent "Developing and Implementing Local Migrant Integration Strategies" and asks that copies of the presentation be forwarded to all Elected Representatives in Ireland in the hope it will prevent future discriminatory comments being made by politicians similar to the offensive comments made recently in Oughterard.

Roscommon County Council

It was agreed to request that the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health meet to discuss the proposed closure of Cuisle Centre in Donamon, Co. Roscommon as a National Holiday Centre and that the Irish Wheelchair Association be invited to this meeting to explain their decision.

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

That the Chief Executive, once again writes to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Eoghan Murphy, T.D. and the Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe TD to express this Council's complete dissatisfaction with the requirement for all Councils to decide on the variation of the Local Property Tax(LPT) basic rate in the absence of comprehensive budgetary information which is impossible to achieve within the existing timescale i.e. end of September each year. This Council calls on both Ministers to undertake to move the date required for that all local authorities to inform the Revenue Commissioners of the basic rate of LPT to no earlier than the end of October and that a copy of this motion is sent to all local authorities across Ireland.

Monaghan County Council

That this Council supports the ongoing campaign by the National Ambulance Services Representative Association in their efforts to have Trade Union representation rights advocated on their behalf through the Psychiatric Nurses Association and further calls on Health Minister Simon Harris to instruct the HSE to resolve this issue through the Workplace Relations Commission and negotiation.

Donegal County Council

That this Council supports a vote of No Confidence in the Mercosur Trade Deal.

Sligo County Council

To request, in consultation with Coillte, for signage to be placed at local woodland areas and forest recreation walks in order to increase awareness of Lyme Disease, to advise the public of the dangers of contracting Lyme Disease from ticks, and how to protect yourself when visiting the outdoors, and also to request for this motion to be forwarded to all local authorities for consideration.

Wicklow County Council

That Wicklow County Council has a social responsibility to serve, inform and protect the public and the environment from exposure to harm, and therefore it opposes the roll-out of unregulated 5G in the County of Wicklow based on the "precautionary principle" pending the enactment by

Dáil Éireann of protective legislation.

Item 11.1 Votes of Sympathy

Votes of Sympathy were extended to the following:

- Family of Liam White, former Senator and Member of North Tipperary County Council.
- Councillor Niall Dennehy on the death of his mother-in-law, Ellen Phelan.
- Jean Kearney, former employee Motor Tax, Planning Internal Audit on the death of her father, Austin and to Brian McLoughlin on the death of his Grandfather, Austin.
- Mary Devine, Environment Section on the death of her father-inlaw, Laurence Felle.
- Colette McGrath and Paddy Brennan, Finance Section, Clonmel on the death of Colette's father, P.J.
- Margaret Sheehy, Thurles Municipal District on the death of her mother, Elizabeth (Betty).
- D.J. Buckley, Environment Section on the death of his father, Donal.
- John Bergin, IT Section, Nenagh on the death of his brother, Colin.
- Jonathan Flood, Planning Section, Clonmel on the death of his father, Denis (Dinny)
- Turner Family, Thurles on the death of their mother, Biddy.
- Brendan Lonergan on the death of his mother, Angela.
- Pat McCormack, President of ICMSA on the death of his father, Tom
- Teddy Knight, Dromineer on the death of his wife, Pauline.

Item 11.1

Votes of Congratulations

Votes of Congratulations were extended to the following: -

- Cllr. Máirín McGrath on her recent graduation.
- Tipperary L.C.D.C. On being one of the top ten Local Action Groups in terms of leader funding.
- Cahir was named the National Category Winner at the 2019 Bank of Ireland National Enterprise Awards.
- Borrisoleigh Senior Hurling Team on winning the Munster Club Final.

Good Wishes

The Leas-Cathaoirleach and members conveyed good wishes to Ms. Sharon Kennedy, A/Director of Services who was leaving the employment of Tipperary County Council.

Christmas Wishes

The Leas-Cathaoirleach wished Members and Officials a Happy Christmas.

There being no further business, the meeting then concluded.

Signed/_	
J	Cathaoirleach.
Date:	

Signed/_

GerWalsh, Meetings Administrator.

Date: