

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, NENAGH
AT 11.00 AM ON 9th March, 2020**

Present

Cllr. Michael Murphy, Cathaoirleach.

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

Also Present

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, S. Carr, P. Slattery, C. Curley, K. Cashen, M. O'Connor, S. Keating, Directors of Services, L. McCarthy, Head of Finance, E. Lonergan A/Director of Services, J. Cooney, D. Holland, Senior Engineers, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Presentation

The Cathaoirleach made a presentation to Miss Davina Ryan, Year 4 Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel, the winner of a 4 day education trip to Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg in the "Graudate.ie 2nd level student competition" which was sponsored by Tipperary County Council.

Also in attendance was Mr. Michael O'Loughlin, Principal and Ms. Roisin Hennessy, Vice Principal, Presentation Secondary School.

Covid 19 (Corona Virus)

The Chief Executive outlined measures taken by the Management Team in view of the developing situation relating to the potential threat of Covid 19. An in-house response team had been established. This team would continue to meet daily to address ongoing issues for the Council including safety and health of staff, Councillors and members of the public interacting with the Council. The team would also address business continuity planning and risk assessment. In addition, the Council's Crisis Management Team which consists of the Senior Management Team and other senior staff would also meet regularly to ensure that all actions and recommendations of the Covid-19 Response Team are fully implemented.

At regional level, the Council would engage with the Regional Steering Groups, with the HSE and the Gardaí, both within the HSE South East and the HSE Mid-West Regions and the Council would continue to support the work of the HSE in their role as principal response agency. At national level, the Council would also support the work of the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM) and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA)

The Council would provide a calm and considered response to this evolving situation and would be informed by the advice of the Chief Medical Officer Dr. Tony Holohan. He highlighted the responsibility of each individual to practice personal protective measures.

Item 1.1
Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest

Noted, no matters were notified to the Meetings Administrator.

Item 2.1
Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 17th February 2020.

Proposed by **Cllr. J. Carroll**, seconded by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** and resolved "That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 17th February, 2020, in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Nenagh, County Tipperary, as presented be adopted".

Matters Arising

Provision of Bus Shelters

In response to a query by Cllr. Marie Murphy it was noted that an update on the provision of bus shelters would be provided as part of the Roads Report at the April Meeting.

Motion - Housing Strategy

Cllr N. Dennehy also informed the meeting that he was happy for the Housing Strategy motion as previously submitted by him to be dealt with as part of the County Development Plan process.

Item 3.1

It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** seconded by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** 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
SEAI Annual Public Sector Conference	6 th Feb 2020	The Helix DCU	Cllr. J. Carroll Cllr. A. Moloney
AILG – Annual Training Conference	4 th & 5 th March	Longford Arms Hotel & Spa	Michael Smith Kevin O'Meara Sean Ryan Michael Murphy Imelda Goldsboro Hughie McGrath Niall Dennehy Declan Burgess John Crosse Micheal Anglim Mairin McGrath Michael Fitzgerald Noel Coonan Marie Murphy Mary Hanna Hourigan Garret Ahearn Seamus Morris Mark Fitzgerald Rodger Kennedy Andy Moloney Michael O'Meara

			Jim Ryan Eddie Moran Kieran Bourke Richie Molloy Shane Lee Siobhan Ambrose
Employment Incentive & Supports SME's in Cross Border Region	4 th March	Fairways Hotel Dundalk	John Carroll
Dundalk Chamber Building the Cross Border Post Brexit	11 th March	Carrigdale Hotel Co. Louth	Michael Smith John Crosse John Carroll Mary Hanna Hourigan Garret Ahearn Declan Burgess
Invitation to attend 50 th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington.	11 th -16 th March 2020	Hamilton Hotel, Washington DC	Cllr. Michael Murphy

Item 3.2
Reports on
Conferences

Proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** and noted.

Item 4.1
Section 85
Agreement
Agreement
between
Kilkenny County
Council and
Tipperary County
Council N.24
Waterford to
Cahir Road

A report had been circulated to members advising that Kilkenny County Council had been appointed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) as the lead authority for the N24 Waterford to Cahir Road Scheme. It was therefore necessary for Tipperary County Council to enter into a Section 85 Agreement to allow Kilkenny County Council and their appointed Consultants and Contractors to carry out the planning, design, land purchase and construction works required to complete the Scheme.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** seconded by **Cllr. D. Dunne** and resolved:

“That Tipperary County Council enters into an Agreement under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 14 of the Roads Act, 1993 as amended to allow Kilkenny County Council and their appointed Consultants and Contractors to carry out the planning design, land purchase and construction work required to complete the N.24 Waterford to Cahir Road Scheme in the functional area of Tipperary County Council”.

Item 4.2
County Tipperary
Local Economic
and Community
Plan (LECP)

The draft 2020 Economic Action Plan, the Community Action Plan 2019 End of Year Review and the Draft Community Action Plan 2020 had been circulated to the members for consideration.

Ms. Margo Hayes made a presentation to members on the key achievements in both the Economic and Community Sector in 2019. She

2015-2020

also outlined the key aims of the 2020 Community Action Plan and the 2020 Economic Action Plan.

Members thanked Ms. Hayes for the informative summary of the plans as circulated to them.

In response to a specific query regarding Property Marking Machines, it was noted that there were two machines in the County at the moment, one in the Carrick-on-Suir District and one in the Nenagh District. These machines were available through community groups and expressions of interest could be made on the www.tipperarycoco.ie website.

In reply to a query concerning the booking of the Property Marking Machine, it was noted that it could be currently booked online via the Council's website but it was agreed to investigate further the possibility of booking same through the Council's Customer Service Desk.

The Local Economic and Community Annual Report 2019 as circulated was noted by the members.

It was proposed by **Cllr. J. Carroll** seconded by **Cllr. D. Dunne** and resolved:

"That the Draft County Tipperary Local Economic and Community Action for Plan 2020 as presented be and is hereby adopted by Tipperary County Council".

Item 4.3

Conferral of Civic Reception

Danny Carroll

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that he was proposing that a Civic Reception would be accorded to Mr. Danny Carroll, a native of Carrick-on-Suir and resident in Clonmel. Mr. Carroll had worked with numerous musical societies in County Tipperary. He had won the Association of Irish Musical Societies (AIMS) Best Musical Director Award on six occasions. He was a founder of Banna Chluain Meala and musical director of the Clonmel Concern Band.

This was proposed by **Cllr. K. Bourke**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Ambrose** and resolved

"That a Civic Reception be accorded to Danny Carroll in recognition of a lifelong contribution to music and musical drama in County Tipperary".

It was also agreed that the Civic Reception would take place on Friday 8th May, 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in Hotel Minella, Clonmel.

Item 4.4

Consideration of 3 Year Capital Programme 2020-2022

In accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act, 2001, members had been circulated with details of the proposed Capital Programme for the three years 2020 to 2022.

The adoption of the 3 year programme as circulated was proposed by **Cllr. J. Carroll**, seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and agreed by the Council.

Item 4.5

Consideration of Draft Corporate

The draft Corporate Plan had been circulated to the members. The plan had been drafted with the aid of an extensive and inclusive process of consultation with internal and external stakeholders which commenced in October, 2019. The strategic document presented the vision statement,

Plan 2020-2024

core values, strategic themes and objectives which would guide the Council over the term of the current Council 2020-2024. The Plan linked key elements such as policy, organisation, operational activity, governance and performance management and served as a roadmap for the next five years.

Following consideration of the Draft Plan it was proposed by **Cllr. J. Crosse**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Ryan** and resolved

“That the Draft Corporate Plan 2020-2024 as presented be and is hereby adopted by Tipperary County Council”.

Item 5.1

Consideration of Management Report

Community/Economic Development & Tourism

Promotion of Tipperary

It was agreed that a thank you letter would issue to Ms. Susan O’Shea, Journalist, Irish Examiner, for the recent “Weekend break in Tipperary” article in the Irish Examiner.

Tourist Office, Thurles

It was noted that a local Voluntary Group were seeking to establish a Tourist Office in Thurles and contact would be made with the group to advise on funding opportunities.

Phase 2 Questum

A meeting was scheduled with the I.D.A. to look at the development of their land and seek their input as part of the progression of the development of Phase 2 of the Questum Acceleration Centre, Clonmel.

Walking and Cycling Trails.

It was noted that there was not a corridor available to allow the linkage of the Blueway with the Waterford greenway. St Declan’s Way was a possibility for linkage with the Greenway and was being considered as part of the development of walking and cycling trails in the County.

CCTV Littleton

A reply was awaited from the Garda Commissioner and the Department regarding the operation of a CCTV system in Littleton.

Tourism Product Development Plan

This plan was at consultation stage and input had been sought from tourism providers and key stakeholders in towns. The Tipperary Town Task Force would have an input into the plan.

Suir Island House and Millrace, Clonmel

It was agreed to revert to Clonmel Borough District Members in relation to proposed works to Suir Island House and Millrace through outdoor recreation funding.

Just Transition Commission – Bord na Mona

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, confirmed that he was in contact with the Just Transition Commission to request that Tipperary County Council had an input into initiatives being pursued for the Tipperary area and members would be kept updated.

I.D.A. Sites Tipperary

Members were assured that there was ongoing liaison with the I.D.A. regarding the development of I.D.A. sites in the county.

Water Services

Water Connection Fees

It was agreed to write to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) to convey the members concerns regarding the cost of water connections.

Combined Drains

Members were advised that Irish Water had not changed their policy on the servicing of combined drains and the Council continued to engage with Irish Water on this issue.

Burncourt Treatment Plant

It was noted that the condition of the entrance road to the Burncourt Treatment Plant was in need of attention and this had been raised with Irish Water for their attention.

Clonmel Town RWSS

Members were advised that the proposed raw water abstraction being considered would be subject to the requirements of an Abstraction Licence and the proposed treatment plan would be designed for the particular raw water characteristics including sampling regimes and rigorous testing of the source and treated water.

Fethard Regional Water Supply Scheme

It was acknowledged that there had been interruptions to the Fethard Regional Water Supply and this Council was liaising with Irish Water on the issue.

Environment and Climate Action

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 8.1, Motion Ref. 1845, as part of the Management Report on Environment and Climate Action.

Item 8.1

Motion No. 8.1 (1845) was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose**

Notice of Motion

“That Tipperary County Council identifies strips of land parcels (waste grounds) within its ownership across each District that are not usable for the purposes of housing or roads but that would be ideal locations for tree planting”.

Locations within each Municipal District for Tree Planting.

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. Ml. Murphy**

The reply to the notice of motion as follows was noted:

Tipperary County Council had been proactive in supporting tree planting and had distributed over 3,000 trees to community groups over the last 4/5 years. The Council was participating in National Tree Week, 2020. The

development of a strategy to undertake and implement an active native Tree Planting strategy was an action in the Climate Adaptation Strategy, which was adopted by TCC in 2019.

The formulation of a tree planting strategy would be referred to the Environment and Climate Action SPC and brought before the Plenary Council at draft stage for further consideration.

Members welcomed the reply and stressed the need to ensure the planting of native trees.

Electric Car Batteries

It was confirmed that electric car batteries were recyclable but were a matter for car manufacturers.

Air Quality

It was agreed to include Thurles in the next Air Quality Survey.

Dog Waste Litter Bins

The Environment Section would liaise with Cllr. S. Lee regarding dog waste bins in Roscrea.

Spring Clean

The Environment Section would liaise with Cllr. M. McGrath regarding a specific query in relation to the Spring Clean Campaign.

Housing

Housing Grants

Ms. Sinead Carr, Director of Services, informed the members that a new grant application procedure was in place. The Housing SPC had been working on the request from members to examine options to address the growing backlog of P2 and P3 grant applications and had held four meetings to date since January on this topic. Following the work of the SPC and the SPC sub group, a workshop was held with members to explain the changes to the new application form and to also go through the options addressing members request to deal with P2 and P3 Applications.

Ms Carr outlined the key changes to the grant application forms as follows:-

- One single application for all 3 grant types (HOPs; MAGs and HGD) to be assessed on a standardised basis across all 31 counties
- No change to grant amount or income thresholds
- Grant payments will be based on standard costings for all approved works
- Grant payments under 2 of the 3 schemes (HGD and MAG) will not include for VAT in respect of works but VAT can be reclaimed by the applicant from revenue.

- Applications to be prioritised on medical grounds only where there is a backlog of applications
- No OT report required for minor works – Doctors cert would be sufficient. OT report only for extensions and stair-lifts
- Tight timelines for consideration, approval and draw down

In recent years it was only possible to deal with P1 applications which resulted in a backlog of P2 and P3 applications since 2017 amounting to €3.23 m.

Having regard to the above the SPC had examined two options -
Option 1- leave the scheme run as is all year around and provide a proportion of the funds to deal with P2 and P3

Option 2 - leave the scheme open for P1 applications and close it for P2 and P3 for the remainder of the year.

In considering both options, Option 1 was ruled out as it would take too long to address the current backlog; the backlog would continue to grow without any restraint and funding for priority 1 cases would be reduced
Option 2 was recommended by the SPC as the optimal solution which, whilst not covering all requirements, would meet a reasonable balance.

Ms. Carr outlined further details of Option 2 as follows:-

- Only accept P1 applications for the remainder of this year - No P2 or P3 applications would be accepted in 2020
- Use the saving made under the new scheme to deal with backlog of P2 and P3 applications
- Write to the Department for additional funds to clear the backlog of P2 and P 3 applications
- Review progress at the end of the year
- The amount of funds for P1 would not be reduced below the 3.58m expended last year on these applications

Cllr. Hanna Hourigan, Chairperson of the Housing SPC, advised the members that the options had been examined in detail by the SPC and it was their opinion that Option 2 was the best option as it would prevent the accumulation of a backlog of applicants.

It was proposed by Cllr. Hanna Hourigan and seconded by Cllr. K Bourke and agreed that Option 2 would be proceeded with as outlined by the Director of Services.

Item 8.3
Notice of Motion
Social Housing
Income
Thresholds for
County Tipperary

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 8.3, Motion Ref. 18, as part of the Management Report on Environment and Climate Action.

Motion No. 8.3 (1864) was proposed by **Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan**

That Tipperary County Council issues a letter to the Department of

Housing, Planning and Local Government seeking an increase to the Social Housing Income Thresholds for County Tipperary by the sum of €5,000.

This is in an attempt to bring Tipperary County Council in line with income thresholds set for neighbouring local authorities as per the table below and potentially allowing more social housing applicants apply and qualify for social.

Local Authority	Maximum Net Income
Kilkenny	€30,000
Limerick City & County	€30,000
Wexford	€30,000
Waterford City & County	€30,000
Tipperary County Council	€25,000

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. K. Bourke**.

It was agreed to forward this motion to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for consideration and response.

Strategic Housing Development (SHD)/Housing Density

Following queries raised by Cllr Dennehy regarding strategic housing densities and the impact on Clonmel and as this query was relative to the Planning Section, it was agreed that the relevant planning official would revert to Cllr Dennehy in relation to this matter.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, advised that there was a High Court Challenge on the constitutionality of the strategic housing development system and this was still before the Courts. Higher density requirement was an issue and there were concerns to the appropriateness of such developments in certain urban areas.

Choice Based Lettings

Concerns were raised about the level of refusal of local authority dwellings. Members were informed that a choice based lettings scheme was being formulated and would be considered by the Housing SPC.

Remedial Works Scheme Ballylynch, Carrick-on-Suir

This matter had previously been raised with the Department and whilst there was no direct funding for works of this nature, the scheme could be included for consideration under other funding sources.

Refurbishment works to dwellings at Marian Avenue, Carrick-on-Suir

Tender documents were currently being prepared for two dwellings in Marian Avenue with the intention of going to tender in 4-6 weeks.

10 dwellings at Abbey Street, Cahir

A contractor had been appointed and was expected on site within one month.

Voids

A review was taking place within the Housing Section regarding the procedures and processes in place for the refurbishment of vacant local authority houses and a report would be considered by the Housing SPC.

In relation to long term voids members were advised that these were being examined to determine the action to be taken.

Open areas, Housing Estates.

Concerns were raised about horses grazing on green areas in housing estates and it was advised that the responsibility was with the owners of the horses. The Council did remove horses in certain circumstances. However it was noted that national policy on this issue needed to be strengthened.

Corporate Services

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 8.3, Motion Ref. 1858, as part of the Management Report on Corporate Services.

Item 8.2

Motion No. 8.2 (1858) was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy**

Notice of Motion

The members of Tipperary County Council share the collective view that we have a responsibility to show leadership in efforts to improve the civility of public discourse on political matters.

**Social Media –
Voluntary Code
of Conduct.**

Accordingly Tipperary County Council agrees to introduce a voluntary code of conduct for councillors who operate social media accounts/pages/profiles. Signed declarations indicating agreement/non-agreement (or no social media presence controlled by the councillor) will be published and updated annually on the council website. If a councillor declines to sign up to the code this will be recorded on the council website.

Candidates at local elections will also be offered the opportunity to sign up to the code at the appropriate time.

While being mindful of the right to freedom of expression; the Social Media Code of Conduct will commit signatories to not engaging in personalized or abusive posts or comments about any named individual (or any individual who although unnamed would be readily identifiable to many people). Furthermore, each signatory commits to ensuring that any inappropriate comments left by members of the public on his/her social media account(s) are removed in a timely manner."

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. Ml. Murphy**

The reply to the motion as follows was noted.

At present, all Councillors, whether elected or co-opted, were obliged to have regard to and be guided by the Revised Code of Conduct for Councillors approved by the Minister during 2019 following a review of the previous Code conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 169 of the Local Government Act 2001, which included consultation with the Standards in Public Office Commission (SIPO).

The object of the revised Code of Conduct for Councillors was to:

- Set out principles and standards of conduct, respect, dignity, equality and integrity for Councillors in performing their functions and in their relationship with each other, Council employees and with the public.
- Inform the public of the conduct it was entitled to expect from its elected representatives.
- Uphold public confidence in local government.

Section 9 of the Code defined Social Media as any online forum, internal or external to the Council which was used to publish information that can be accessed by the public or organisations internal or external to the Council.

Social Media activity relates to the use of any Council equipment or personal devices, e.g. mobile phones, desktop computers, laptops or tablets, supplied to councillors or their own devices used for the purposes of communication to others including fellow councillors, employees or members of the public.

The following was a list of examples as specified in the code of unacceptable use/misuse -

- Profane or derogatory language or content;
- Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of gender, civil status, family status, sexual orientation, disability, age, race, religious belief or membership of the Traveller Community;
- Sexually explicit content or links to sexually explicit content;
- Illegal activity or encouragement of same;
- Information or content that may compromise the safety or security of the local authority, a local authority employee or another councillor;
- Content that violates a legal ownership interest of any other party;
- Information or comment on a matter that is currently before the courts;
- Inclusion of personal data as defined under the Data Protection Acts;
- Sensitive information provided to a councillor in their role as a director of a company or membership of a local authority audit committee or other information provided in confidence that if released into the public domain may prejudice the outcome of a statutory process.

Councillors were obliged to have regard to and be guided by the Code of Conduct in the exercise of their functions on the taking up of office and each year, before the end of February, they must also declare, when preparing their annual written declaration containing particulars of their "declarable interests" that they have read and understood its meaning, therefore it could be argued that as it stands, every Councillor was already agreeing to comply with a code of conduct and to observe courtesy and respect when using social media channels, messaging

applications and written communications.

Notwithstanding the above and the fact that a public register of declarable interests was currently maintained by this Council, it was recommended, subject to the approval of the Council, that the signed written annual declarations be published on the Council's website forthwith and it was also recommended that a Social Media Comment policy be drafted for consideration which would outline participation criteria for postings and published commentary on any of the Council's social media sites or by any Councillor, including but not limited to Facebook and Twitter. It was recommended that the draft policy be referred to the Council's Privilege and Procedure Committee for prior consideration and endorsement prior to submission to the Plenary Council for approval.

This was agreed by the Council.

Item 5.2
Tipperary County
Joint Policing
Committee
Report

The Draft Annual Report for the year 2019 in respect of the Tipperary Joint Policing Committee had been circulated to the members and was noted.

Item 6.1
Agree Date for
Councillor
Workshops

The following workshop dates were agreed:-

5G
27th March, 2020 at 2 p.m in Thurles Municipal District.

Tipperary County Development Plan
6th May, 2020 at 10 a.m. in Thurles Municipal District
14th May, 2020 at 2 p.m. in Thurles Municipal District.

Item 7.1
Consideration of
CE Orders for the
period to the 29th
February 2020

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to 29th February were noted.

Item 9.1
Notice of Motion
Stillbirth Register

Motion No. 9.1 (1859) was proposed by **Cllr. P. English**

"That Tipperary County Council requests that the Minister undertakes the following: That the stillbirth register and stillbirth registration be removed and be replaced with a birth and death certificate for babies who are stillborn, so that babies who are stillborn can be registered on the birth and death register and can receive the same state records of their existence as everyone else. Parents whose babies are currently listed on the stillbirth register should be given the opportunity to have their babies placed on the birth and death register and to receive a birth and death certificate for their babies"

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. R. Molloy**

It was agreed to forward the motion to the Department of Health and the Health Service Executive for consideration and response.

Item No. 9.2

Notice of Motion

Parental Alienation

Motion No. 9.2 (1862) was proposed by **Cllr. R. Molloy**

"That Tipperary County Council calls upon the Departments of Health, Justice and Equality, Children & Youth Affairs to recognise that Parental Alienation represents a serious threat to the families of Ireland and are compelled to enforce its protection as per the constitution of Ireland and the European Convention of Human Rights".

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

It was agreed to forward the motion to the Department of Health, Justice and Equality and Children and Youth Affairs for consideration and response.

Item 11.1 – 11.3

Resolutions from Other Local Authorities

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

Donegal County Council

That this Council write to the Irish Water Regulator requesting a review and reduction of costs involved for new water connections.

It was agreed to issue a letter of support to Donegal County Council.

Clare County Council

That Clare County Council work closely with like-minded local authorities to promote Shannon as an International Airport.

This motion was noted.

Clare County Council

That Clare County Council in conjunction with the Local Authorities in Limerick and Tipperary and all relevant Government Departments request a review of the NUTS 3 Geocode Standard with a view to having this Region renamed the Shannon Region. Given that we have Shannon International Airport, an abundance of Tourism Destinations and a first class Third Level Educational Sector, the rebranding to the Shannon Region would bring significant promotional benefits for the Airport, Tourism and Inward Investment.

This motion was noted.

Item 11.1
Votes of Sympathy

Votes of Sympathy were extended to the following:

- Camille Donovan, Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD on the death of her nephew, Eoin.

- Paul Murray, HR Section, Clonmel on the death of his mother, Kitty.
- John Paul Dudley, Fire Service on the death of his mother, Ann
- Cllr. Micheál Lowry on the death of his uncle, Ned
- Pauline Lowry, The Green, Holycross on the death of her husband, Ned
- Nancy Kennedy, Castlemeadows, Thurles on the death of her son, Declan

**Votes of
Congratulations.**

- Cashel Community School Camogie Team on winning All Ireland Senior C Colleges Championship.
- Colaiste Dun Iascaigh on winning the All Ireland Junior D Camogie Final.
- Loreto School on winning the Lidl Munster Ladies Football PPS Senior A Title (3 in a row)

**Any Other
Business**

Seanad Elections – Members were advised that the polling for the Seanad General Election 2020 would close at 11 a.m. on the 30th March, 2020.

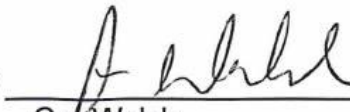
BE Sound Event – Cllr P. Ryan informed members of the BE Sound Event being held in Thurles on the 18th April, 2020.

Motor Tax Renewal – Members were advised on the need for persons renewing their motor tax online in Municipal District Offices to provide personal email addresses.

There being no further business, the meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: