

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
Remotely Via Zoom
AT 10.00 AM ON Monday 13th September, 2021**

Present

Cllr. Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs: 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.; English, P; Fitzgerald, J; FitzGerald, Ml; Goldsboro, I; Hanafin, S; Hannigan, J; Hanna-Hourigan, M; Kennedy, R; Lee, S; Lowry, Ml; S; McGrath, H; McGrath, M; McGrath (Rocky), J; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Morris, S; Murphy, Ml; O'Meara, K; O'Meara, Ml; Ryan, J; Ryan, S; Smith; Ml.

Also Present

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, S. Carr, K. Cashen, P. Slattery, Director of Services, E. Lonergan, B. Beck A/Director of Services, L. McCarthy, Head of Finance, J. Cooney S.E., D. Holland, S.E., L. Brett, S.E., J. Nolan, S.E., D. Carroll, C.F.O., D. Dullaghan, County Librarian, D. Fahey, Civic Defence Officer, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies

Cllrs D. Dunne, Mark Fitzgerald, A. Ryan, P. Ryan

Vote of Sympathy and Adjournment

The Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy and a five-minute adjournment as a mark of respect on the recent passing of former Councillor Martin Lonergan, which was especially sad due to his passing at such a young age. Martin had been elected to the Council in 2014 and had served a term as Mayor of Clonmel Borough District and was a committed public representative for the communities he represented. A special meeting had been held by Clonmel Borough District at which tributes were paid to him and a Guard of Honour had been provided at his funeral. Sympathies were extended to his family.

Resumption

Meeting Protocol

The Cathaoirleach Cllr. Marie Murphy referred members to the meetings protocol circulated with the agenda and asked members to observe the rules contained therein with regard to remote meetings.

Item No. 2.1 Disclosures/or Conflicts of Interest

Noted, no matters were notified to the Meetings Administrator

Item 3.1 Minutes of Council Meeting held on 14th June, 2021

The Minutes of the July Meeting held on 16th July, 2021 remotely via Zoom were proposed by **Cllr. J. Carroll**, seconded by **Cllr. Pat English** and adopted.

Matters Arising

Jigsaw Mental Health Services Tipperary.

In response to a query by Cllr P. English, Mr. P. Slattery, Director of Services, updated members on Jigsaw Mental Health Services in Tipperary. The Jigsaw premises in Thurles was fully staffed and were taking G.P, Parental and Self referrals. It was noted that self-referrals required parental support. Details of the service would be circulated to members.

Mr. Slattery had engaged with Jigsaw regarding the provision of satellite centres in Nenagh and Clonmel and he would seek an update on this aspect of their service.

Item 4.1 **Approval to** **Attendance**

It was proposed by **Cllr. MI. FitzGerald** seconded by **Cllr. E. Moran** and resolved: -

"That pursuant to Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act 2001 and having regard to (i) the benefits likely to accrue, (ii) the general interest of this administrative area and of the local community (iii) the estimated cost of the proposed attendance and the provision made for such purposes in the annual budget, hereby nominate those listed hereunder to attend the following Conferences/Seminars/Trainings: -

Seminar/Conference/ Similar Event	Dates	Venue	Nominees
AILG Training – Government Decision on the Reform on Remuneration and Allowances Payable to Local Authority Elected Members/Update on Planning and Development Bill 2021 and other Planning Related Matters	18 th September, 2021	Tower Hotel, Waterford	Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. S. Morris
Celtic Conferences – Health & Safety in the Workplace	24 th – 26 th September, 2021	O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	Cllr. I. Goldsboro Cllr. S. Ryan Cllr. A. Moloney Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. N. Dennehy Cllr. R. Molloy

Owing to Covid-19 restrictions, no physical conferences, seminars or training took place since the last meeting of the Council.

Item 4.1 **Reports on** **Conferences**

Proposed by **Cllr. MI FitzGerald** and seconded by **Cllr. E. Moran** and noted.

Item 5.1

Part 8 – Junction of Boherclough Street and Deerpark Road, Cashel.

The Chief Executive's Report had been circulated to the members in relation to a development at the Junction of Boherclough Street and Deerpark Road, Cashel.

The development consists of the construction of social housing development of 9 no. dwelling units on the site of an existing disused supermarket and adjoining derelict house at the junction of Boherclough Street and Deerpark Road, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

The works consists of the demolition of an existing disused supermarket building and adjoining derelict dwelling, construction of 9 no. housing units comprising 3 no. 2 bedroom (4 person), two storey houses, 4 no. 1 bedroom (2 person) apartments and 2 no. 2 bedroom (4 person) apartments, provision of new roundabout, road re-alignment, Internal site access road, footpaths, underground services, drainage systems, car parking spaces, boundary treatment, landscaping, open spaces and connection to existing sewers and watermains and all associated site works.

The site subject to this Part 8 comprises 0.37 ha and is located to the north of the junction of the Cahir Road with the Deerpark Road, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection from 1st July 2021 to 30th July 2021 at various locations. Two submissions were received during the public consultation period.

The Planning Authority was satisfied that the proposal, subject to considerations being implemented, was in accordance with the Cashel and Environs Development Plan 2009, as varied, would not impact on the visual amenity of the area, was acceptable in terms of access, was acceptable in terms of drainage, presented no significant impacts on the conservation objectives of the Lower River Suir SAC and presented no flood risk issues. The development as set out on the plans and particulars was considered acceptable and was consistent with the principle of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Therefore, it was recommended that the proposed development should proceed subject to the recommended requirements and conditions.

It was proposed by **Cllr. MI FitzGerald**, seconded by **Cllr. M. Hanna Hourigan** and resolved: -

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

Item 5.2

Part 8 – 3 Ballybeg, Littleton, Thurles.

The Chief Executive's Report had been circulated to the members in relation to a development at 3 Ballybeg, Littleton, Thurles.

Planning permission was sought to construct a single storey extension (68sq.m) to the rear (south) side of an existing single storey dwelling at 3 Ballybeg, Littleton, Thurles, Co. Tipperary E41 EBH1. The extension would facilitate an additional 3 no. bedrooms, wet room and kitchen. An existing bedroom is to be converted to dining room, resulting in a 5-bedroom dwelling on the site. The proposed development also includes landscaping and boundary treatments, including the construction of a 1.2m high block

wall to replace the in-situ post and wire fence along the western site boundary from the roadside to the existing 2m high wall to the side and rear of the dwelling, new kerbing and footpaths and new asphalt driveway and ramped access. The proposed development also includes the erection of a small steel framed shed to the rear of the dwelling. The site is located in Ballybeg, Littleton, approximately 2km southeast of the village. Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available to inspect and purchase from the 29th April 2021 to 28th May 2021. No submissions were received.

The Planning Authority is satisfied that the proposal, subject to the following considerations being implemented, is in accordance with the North Tipperary County Development Plan, 2010 (as varied) and will not impact on the visual amenity of this area, is acceptable in terms of access, is acceptable in terms of drainage, presents no significant impacts on the conservation objectives of the Lower River Suir SAC and the River Barrow and River Nore SAC and presents no flood risk issues. The development as set out on the plans and particulars is considered acceptable and is consistent with the principle of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Therefore, it is recommended that the proposed development should proceed subject to the recommended requirements and conditions.

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ryan**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** and resolved: -

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

Item 5.3

Part 8

Woodview Close, Nenagh

The Chief Executive's Report had been circulated to the members in relation to a development at Woodview Close, Nenagh.

The proposal comprises the development of 10 no. social houses on a site sized 0.25 hectares at Woodview Close, Nenagh, Co Tipperary. The development includes for 4 No. Two-Bedroom, single storey houses & 4 No. One-Bedroom units contained in 2 No. two-storey units a courtyard terrace and 2 No. Two-Bedroom semi-detached bungalows. The proposed development will connect to the public mains and public sewer. The lands on which the development is proposed are situated at Woodview Close, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary on lands between Castle Crescent and Cormack Drive housing developments. The site is accessed via existing roadways and it is proposed to install new footpaths to serve the development.

In accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, Tipperary County Council made available for inspection plans and particulars of the proposed development together with the project Appropriate Site Notice and Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment Screening submissions were received. The Planning Authority is satisfied that the proposal is in line with the policies and objectives of the Nenagh Town and Environs Development Plan 2013, as varied will not impact on the visual amenity or character of this area, will not impact on the

existing residential amenity of this area, is acceptable in terms of access, is acceptable in terms of drainage and presents no flood risks.

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

It was proposed by **Cllr. G. Darcy**, seconded by **Cllr. MI O'Meara** and resolved: -

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

Item 6.1
Ratification of
PPN Nominees
to LCDC

The Meetings Administrator advised members that the 3-year term of some of the PPN members on the LCDC had expired and the nominated new members required ratification by the Council prior to becoming members of the LCDC.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Imelda Goldsboro**, seconded by **Cllr. Declan Burgess** and resolved: -

"In accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 49 A (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 Instrument No. 314 of 2014 the Local Community Development Committee (Section 128e) (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations 2014 that: -

The following nominations of the Tipperary Public Participant Network to Tipperary Local Community Development Committee are ratified by Tipperary County Council

- Derry O'Donnell – Environment Pillar – Zero Waste Cashel
- Tom Cullen – Social Inclusion Pillar – Thurles Men's Shed
- Julie O'Halloran – Social Inclusion Pillar (alternate) – Millennium Family
- Andrea Ni Mhaoldomhnaigh – Community and Voluntary Pillar – Cahir Tidy Towns

As endorsed by the Council's CPG and recommended by the Chief Executive.

Item 7.1
Consideration of
Management
Report

The Cathaoirleach advised members that the Management Report as circulated focused on the Nenagh based Directorates.

Roads, Transportation, Health & Safety

Mr. Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services, had conveyed his apologies and Mr. John Nolan, S.E. and Mr. Liam Brett, S.E. responded to queries raised.

Access roads M8

It was noted that the LIS Scheme was the only funding available for access roads/lanes from the M8 in need of maintenance, which were not public roads.

Traffic Congestion Thurles

The issue of traffic congestion due to the installation of traffic lights at Slievenamon Road, Thurles, was raised. Members were informed that the flow of traffic through these lights was being assessed and improvements would continue to be carried out to improve efficiency.

Thurles By-Pass and Thurles Inner Relief Road

While the Thurles By-Pass was not included in the National Development Plan, the Inner Relief Road scheme was progressing to the next stage of securing funding and finalising land acquisitions.

N24 Moangarriff to Two-Mile-Bridge Pavement and Traffic Calming

It was agreed that an outline of the scheme would be forwarded to Clonmel Area Councillors.

N24 Phase 2

The Route option selection for the Waterford to Cahir Phase and Cahir to Limerick Junction phase had commenced and it was not known at this stage the number of options that would be presented for each phase.

Knockagh Roundabout

It was agreed to notify the TII of continuing concern to vehicle safety at Knockagh Roundabout.

Pedestrian Crossing, Town Hall, Templemore

The District Engineer would examine the need for an upgrade of the pedestrian crossing and signage at this location.

Ballina/Killaloe By Pass Shannon Bridge Crossing and R494 Improvement Scheme

It was anticipated that the main contract for this scheme would be awarded in Q4 2021 subject to Department of Transport approval.

R498 Road Realignment at Latteragh Bends

Department approval to appoint Design Consultants was awaited.

Hedgecutting

Members spoke of the lack of awareness by the public that the responsibility for hedge cutting on public roads was landowners and not the County Council. It was noted that a public awareness campaign would commence and District Offices would carry out local inspections and issue notices as necessary to the relevant land owners. The hedge cutting season was set nationally. Members were urged to contact their respective District Engineers regarding trees/hedges of concern in their areas.

Pull-in bays on local, secondary and county Roads

It was agreed to refer consideration of the development of a policy on pull in bays on certain roads in the county to the SPC.

N24 Carrick-on-Suir Pavement Strengthening

It was anticipated that a contractor would be appointed in Q4 2021 with works commencing in Q1 2022. It was agreed to update Carrick-on-Suir members on the programme of works once agreed.

N 62 Loughnavatta

In response to concerns regarding recent accidents at this location it was agreed ask the District Engineer to review the location and ask the TII to carry out a review accident profile.

Tullaskeagh

Works at this location were at design stage.

Road Safety Campaign

Consideration would be given to highlighting the danger of mobile phone usage as part of local Road Safety Awareness Campaigns.

Kilcommon

The condition of signs in this area would be examined by the District Engineer.

Item 10.2 **Notice of Motion** **Surgery in** **Templemore.**

The Cathaoirleach proposed to take Item 10.2 Motion (Ref No. 2241) as the Cllr M. Smith had to leave the meeting due to another commitment.

Motion (Ref No. 2241) was proposed by **Cllr M. Smith**

"I am calling on the HSE to suspend this proposal for a period of 6 months in relation to transferring patients from a local surgery in Templemore. This will allow for meaningful engagement with the local community and interested General Practitioners to take over this existing practice.

The decision taken recently is causing huge concern and stress particularly the elderly and vulnerable patients. It is now a Health & Safety concern".

This motion was seconded by **Cllr. E. Moran**

Cllr Smith spoke of the urgent need to suspend proposals to transfer patients from a local surgery in Templemore. It was his belief that adequate time had not been given to advertise for a replacement service. The previous GP had retired and had provided an outstanding service to the people of Roscrea and Templemore. The decision taken recently by the HSE was causing huge concern and stress in the community.

Thurles District members spoke in support of the motion and urged Oireachtas Members to make representations to the Minister for Health on the matter.

It was agreed to forward the motion to the HSE and Minister for Health for urgent consideration.

Consideration of Management Report – continued.

Planning

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, A/Director of Services, responded to queries raised.

Good Wishes

Members congratulated Ms. Nuala O’Connell, Planning Section on her new appointment with Limerick City and County Council.

Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Project

It was agreed to revert to Clonmel Area Members with timelines for this project once available.

Kickham Barracks Regeneration

The commencement of works on Phase 1 was welcomed and it was hoped funding for phase 2 would be forthcoming.

E-Planning

The rollout of the pilot e-planning for Tipperary was expected to take place in October.

Preplanning Meetings

Reference was made to the waiting times for preplanning meetings particularly in the Cahir/Cashel/Tipperary Municipal District and it was agreed that waiting times would be examined.

Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) Pilot Programme

Members were informed that the Review Report for Tipperary County Council was to be published in September and this report would be circulated to the members.

Fire & Emergency Services.

Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Service, Mr. Dave Carroll, Chief Fire Officer and Ms Dolores Fahey, Civil Defence Officer responded to queries raised.

HYDRA Suite, Clonmel Training & Development Centre

Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Services, informed members of the recent announcement that the HYRDA Suite in Clonmel Fire Training & Development Centre had been designated as the first “Centre for National Training” in the Irish Fire Service and he congratulated the Chief Fire Officer and staff on achieving such a designation.

Civil Defence Presentation

Mr. Beck invited Ms. Dolores Fahey, Civil Defence Officer, to make a presentation to the members on the role of the Civil Defence.

The presentation informed members that the Civil Defence was a volunteer based second line emergency service that provided backup to the Primary Response agencies i.e. Garda, H.S.E and Local Authority. Where possible support and assistance was given to the community with the provision of first aid cover, safety cover and transport. Nationally there were over 3,500 volunteers. The Role of Civil Defence included Medical Response, Search & Rescue, Emergency Response, Radiation Monitoring, Community Assistance and Communications.

Tipperary Civil Defence currently had 97 Active members and 18 Volunteer Instructors with Training centres in Nenagh, Thurles, Clonmel & Ballingarry and Rented premises in Carrick on Suir, Ballyporeen and Kilcash for regular training sessions.

During the Covid pandemic Tipperary Civil Defence responded consistently since March 2020 with over 655 individual responses to the COVID Pandemic involving volunteers from all ends of our County with each response on average 5 hrs giving in excess of 3,275 hours service to the community. Assistance was provided to the HSE by ambulance & bus transport of both COVID & Non COVID patients, transportation of staff to Nursing homes, Backup & assistance to the test centre Munroe Clonmel, assistance to HSE at pop up test centres, meet and greet at Blood Donation Clinics in support of I.B.T.S. Community Work was also carried out by the delivery of essential medications and personal care items, assistance to Cuan Saor Clonmel, assistance to Homeless services section of the Council, support to Knockanrawley family support centre Tipperary Town with delivery of childcare support pack, collection for the food cloud initiative, responding to calls from the Council community help desk and to take part on the Community Forum committee.

In conclusion Ms. Fahey thanked the members for the opportunity to outline the services of the Civil Defence. Members thanked the staff and volunteers of the Civil Defence Service. They congratulated them on receiving NSAI certification in 2020.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive thanked Ms. Fahey for her presentation which had given members an understanding of the broad range of services provided by the Civil Defence. He joined the members in thanking the Civil Defence members for their extraordinary commitment during the Covid 19 pandemic.

Mr. MacGrath also acknowledged and thanked the front-line workers of the Council in various sections including outdoor staff for their work throughout the pandemic.

New Appliances

Approval had been received for the provision of two new Class B Fire Appliances. The expected delivery of these appliances would be approximately 9/12 months from the placement of the order and the location of the appliances would be decided nearer the delivery date, noting in particular that the appliances would not be going to Clonmel having regard to the current condition of the fleet there at the moment.

Library and Cultural Services

Mr. Brian Beck, A/Director of Services and Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian responded to queries raised.

Clonmel Library

The members were updated on the current status of the refurbishment of Clonmel Library. Tender documents were prepared and it was anticipated that a design team would be in place by the end of the year with a Part 8 being initiated in 2022.

Library Study Facilities

Government guidelines were awaited to determine when study facilities would be available in Libraries.

Borrisokane Library

In response to queries raised regarding the creation of an outside space at Borrisokane Library so that small outdoor events and activities could take place, it was confirmed that proposals for such a space were being looked at but that any such works would be dependent on budget. It was noted that the outside Borrisokane Library had been painted in recent weeks.

Unesco World Heritage Status – Rock of Cashel.

A decision on the application of the Rock of Cashel to be placed on the tentative list for a joint bid to have ancient royal sites of Ireland recognized as World Heritage Sites was anticipated to be announced in October. The Steering Group and Working Group would continue to meet in advance of the announcement.

Finance

Mr. Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance, updated members on the following: -

Rates Waiver

The Covid 19 Commercial Rates Waiver Scheme had been implemented for Q1, Q2 & Q3 of 2021 and waivers had been applied to the amount of €6.7m.

Small Business Assistance Scheme for Covid (SBASC)

Applications received under the Scheme had been finalised.

Budget 2021

Mr. McCarthy advised members that Budget 2021 would be compiled on the premise of support from Central Government. An application to the Department had been made for the first two quarters of 2021 to the value of €9m and an outcome was awaited.

Budget Meeting

Members were informed that notification had been received of prescribed dates for the holding of the Budget Meeting as follows: -

Statutory Budget Meeting – 1st November to 30th November

District Meetings – 14th October to 15th November.

The setting of dates for a budget workshop and the budget meeting would be listed for consideration at the October Monthly Meeting.

In compiling the budget, Mr. McCarthy alerted members that income sources were under pressure and had not yet returned to pre Covid levels.

Commercial Rates – Vacant properties

In response to an enquiry, members were informed that in 2020 €88,000 approx. was collected with €11,700 to date in the current year. The budget for 2020 was €110,000 and not meeting this target would be in some part due to the pandemic. The Finance Section would continue to pursue vacant properties and issue levies where appropriate. The monies raised were being put towards the Roads Budget.

Procurement Framework Agreement for Consultants.
It was clarified that one framework would be established

SLA with Irish Water

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, confirmed that this was a matter before the WRC for national negotiation. There was an internal committee in the Council to ensure that up to date information was being conveyed at local level.

7.2 Housing Allocations Scheme

Ms. S. Carr, Director of Services, referred to the approval of the Draft Allocation Scheme by members on the 8th February, 2021. Following submission of the approved scheme to the Minister for his consideration & approval, it was indicated that clarification was required on a small number of areas but particularly in relation to 5.3 (homeless section). This feedback was brought to Members attention at the meeting on the 14th June, 2021. Clarification was provided to the Ministers office to their satisfaction and the Department have no further issues with the Scheme. A formal ratification of the final scheme was now required and the Scheme would then come into force from the 14th September 2021.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. Michael FitzGerald** and resolved: -

“that pursuant to Section 22 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 as amended and subject to the approval of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, that this Council resolves to adopt the Tipperary County Council Housing Allocation Scheme.”

Note; this supersedes the resolution adopted at the June 2021 meeting, required as a result of the amendments made to the scheme resulting from the observations received from the Minister in relation to section 5.3 Determination of Appropriate Housing Support for clients presenting as homeless – the Section was amended to clarify the options available to the individual having presented as homeless.

Item 8.1 Agree date for Councillor Workshops

On the proposal of Cllr MI. FitzGerald, seconded by Cllr R. Kennedy the following dates for members workshops were agreed: -

Irish Water Biannual Workshop – 6th October, 2021: -

- Carrick-on-Suir MD – 9am to 10am
- Clonmel Borough District – 10.15am to 11.30am
- Thurles MD – 11.45am to 1pm
- Nenagh MD – 2pm to 3.15pm
- Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel MD – 3.30pm to 5pm

Social Media Guidance Workshop – 4th October, 2021, at 10 a.m.

National Broadband Ireland Presentation – 1st November 2021

IW Workshop re Regional Water Resource Plan – Mid November (provisionally)

Item 8.2 Agree venue for October Monthly Meeting

Mr. K. Cashen, Director of Services and Chair of the Council's Covid 19 Response Team informed members that key dates for the reopening plan for Ireland were the 20th September, 2021 and the 22nd October, 2021. As the October meeting would be held before guidance would issue for the easing of restrictions on the 22nd October, it was recommended that the October Monthly Meeting would be held remotely. It was hoped that the Budget Meeting would be held in person.

The Cathaoirleach supported the recommendation of Mr. Cashen. It was expected that Municipal District Meetings could commence meeting in person due to the numbers and chambers involved but subject to compliance with Covid-19 public health measures.

In response to a query by Cllr A Moloney regarding the introduction of a hybrid model of meetings going forward whereby in person and virtual attendance could be facilitated, Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator, advised members that this model had been discussed by the Privilege and Procedure Committee and the suitability of both Council Chambers was being explored.

Item 9.1 Consideration of Orders for the period to the 31st August, 2021

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 31st August, 2021 were noted.

Item 10.1 Notice of Motion Group Water Schemes.

Motion Ref No. 2238 in the names of Cllrs. Ger Darcy, John Carroll, Michael FitzGerald, Máirín McGrath and John (Rocky) McGrath was proposed by **Cllr G. Darcy.**

"The Council notes that the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is proposing that Tipperary County Council procure consulting Engineering Services to assist in the process of amalgamation and rationalisation of Group Water Schemes in County Tipperary. We, the Chairman and Elected Members of the Council's Rural Water Monitoring Committee, are requesting that the Rural Water Unit of the Department engage proactively with the Rural Water Team of the Council's Water Services Section in preparing and finalising the contents of the Brief for the procurement of these services in a mutually satisfactory and complementary manner.

We are also requesting that, where a Group Scheme wishes to remain independent and not to be Taken in Charge by Irish Water, it will be so facilitated.

We are asking the Council to support this Notice of Motion so that it can be forwarded to the Rural Water Unit of the Department for attention.

This motion was seconded by **Cllr. MI. FitzGerald.**

Members spoke of the excellent service that Rural Water Monitoring Committees in Tipperary provided to Communities and how efficiently they

operated. These committees were an example of how a Committee should operate and how effective they can be.

It was agreed to forward the motion to the Rural Water Unit of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for comment/response. It was also agreed that the motion be circulated to other Local Authorities for support.

Item 11.1- 11.4
Correspondence

Correspondence as circulated was noted as follows: -

- Reply dated 14th July, 2021 from Minister for Transport re. Limerick Junction to Waterford and Limerick to Ballybrophy Rail Lines (NOM 2108).
- Letter dated 26th July, 2021 from Kilkenny County Council re. N24 Waterford to Cahir Project
- Reply dated 4th August from T.I.I. re. N24 Waterford to Limerick Corridor (Ref No. 2148).
- Reply dated 5th August, 2021 from Irish Water re. Ballina Waste Water Treatment Plant (Ref. No. 2150).

Item 12.1 –
Resolutions
from other Local
Authorities

The following resolutions from other Local Authorities were noted by the members: -

Cork County Council

“That Cork County Council calls on the ETB to consider expanding range of educational courses available at Mannix College, Charleville. Given the emphasis by government now on apprenticeships Mannix College is ideally placed to deliver courses for local requirements such as Engineering, Health Care, and Culinary and Hospitality skills”.

Clare County Council

“Due to recent events, that the Department of Health provide funding to all communities throughout County Clare for defibrillators and training. There needs to be more than one covering each area”.

Clare County Council

“Now that we have an efficient and effective Covid Vaccination Programme, Clare County Council appeals to Minister for Health Mr. Stephen Donnelly to seriously consider using our vaccination centres along with our vaccinators and pharmacists to administer the HPV vaccine.

We appeal to the Minister to use the centres as part of a “catch-up” programme as the HPV Vaccination Programme was not completed in some counties. We are requesting the Minister to offer the HPV Vaccine free of charge to ALL secondary school students”.

Limerick City & County Council

“That, Limerick City and County Council support the campaign of Epilepsy Ireland to address longstanding issues that continue to impact on people with epilepsy and their families in Limerick today, namely: (1) Access to Free Travel; and (2) Provision of Reasonable Accommodations for State Examinations for students with epilepsy.

The motion, if agreed to be then sent to the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD, Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphries TD, Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD, Michael Moynihan TD (Chair, Oireachtas

Committee on Disability Matters) and to other Local Authorities for correspondence purposes”.

Wicklow County Council

“Wicklow County Council acknowledges the need for a new national maternity hospital (NMH) to provide healthcare in the Greater Dublin Area, including County Wicklow.

Wicklow County Council notes the lack of legal clarity regarding ownership and management of the hospital and also acknowledges the concerns regarding the employment rights for those who will work in the hospital, many of whom live in Wicklow.

Wicklow County Council calls for the proposed new publicly funded NMH to be constructed on land owned and governed by the state”.

Item 13.1

Votes of Sympathy

Members passed a Vote of Sympathy to the following: -

- The family of Mr. Martin Lonergan, Goatenbridge, ex member of Tipperary County Council and former Mayor of Clonmel Borough District. Mr. Lonergan served as Mayor of Clonmel Borough District in 2014/2015.
- Liz Newport, Corporate Services on the death of her father Tony Newport
- The family of Paddy Kennedy former Clonmel Area General Services Supervisor
- Noel Searson, Environmental Enforcement Officer on the death of his mother Nora Searson
- Family of Joe Mitchell, former Caretaker at the Civic Offices, Nenagh
- Denis Kearney Clonmel Borough District/Directors Assistant on the death of her mother Josephine (Fena) Molloy
- Joe McNamara, Local Authority Waters Programme on the death of his father John McNamara Sheila Gleeson, Archerstown, Thurles on the death of her husband Pat (brother in law of Timmy Quirke GSS, Thurles LEA and Uncle of Deirdre O’Shea, Thurles MD)
- Family of Ger O’Meara, Ardcroney.

Votes of Congratulations

Members passed a Vote of Congratulations to the following: -

- Kevin Shortall, Ballinamona, Littleton on winning the All-Ireland over 40s High Jump
- Danny Meaney, Derrynaflan Road, Littleton on winning All-Ireland over 40s, long jump
- Moycarkey Borris Under 16 Camogie Team on winning the Under 16A County Final
- Brian Ivers, Mace Shop, Turtulla, Thurles and the Irish Team on coming third in the British Isles, Tug of War
- Jim Ryan, Engineer, Thurles MD and the Irish Team on coming third in the British Isles, Tug of War
- Shane Kenny, 4 Kilcooleyway, Gortnahoe, on winning the inaugural Beara Peninsula Triathlon in County Cork.

- Colm Bonnar on his appointment as Manager to the Tipperary Senior Hurling Team.
- Brendan Cummins on his appointment as Manager to the Tipperary U20 Hurling Team

Good Wishes

A vote of good wishes was passed to Mr. Liam Sheedy following his stepping down as Tipperary Senior Hurling Manager

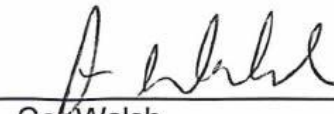
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The meeting then concluded.

Any Other Business

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

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Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: _____