

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
Remotely Via Zoom
AT 10.00 AM ON Friday 16th July, 2021**

Present

Cllr. Marie Murphy, Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs: Ambrose, S. Anglim, M; Bonfield, F; Bourke K; Bugler, P; Burgess, D; Carroll, J; Coonan, N.J; Crosse, J; Darcy, G; Dennehy, N.; Dunne, D; English, P; Fitzgerald, J; FitzGerald; M; 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; Murphy, Marie; O'Meara, K; O'Meara, Ml; Ryan, A; Ryan, J; Ryan, P; Ryan, S; Smith; Ml,

Also Present

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, M. O'Connor, S. Carr, K. Cashen, C. Curley, P. Slattery, Director of Services, E. Lonergan, B. Beck A/Director of Services, J. Cooney S.E., D. Holland, S.E., N. O'Connell, S.P., M. O'Neill, S.E.O. P. Brennan, Financial Management Accountant, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Vote of Sympathy

The Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy and a minute's silence as a mark of respect on the recent passing of former Councillor Dr. Sean McCarthy noting that Dr. McCarthy was elected to Cashel Urban Council and South Tipperary County Council in 1979. He served as Cathaoirleach of South Tipperary County Council on 2 occasions, in 2003 and 2010 and served as Mayor of Cashel Town Council on a number of occasions. He was a TD for Tipperary South from 1981 to 1989 and served as a Junior Minister for Science and Technology from 1987 to 1989. He was elected as Senator in 1989 until 1992. Dr. McCarthy cared for the people in his community as a medical practitioner and represented the people of Cashel and South Tipperary as a public representative. Sympathies were expressed to his family.

Proposed Adjournment

The Cathaoirleach sought the approval of the Council to adjourn the meeting at 11am to facilitate any member that wished to attend or link in to the funeral service for the late Dr Sean McCarthy.

This adjournment was proposed by **Cllr R. Kennedy** and seconded by **Cllr D. Burgess** and agreed.

**Item No. 1.1
Welcome and
Introduction/Meeting Protocol**

Cllr. Marie Murphy welcomed members to her first Meeting as Cathaoirleach and looked forward to working with the members over the coming 12 months. She referred 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
Annual meeting
held on 25th
June, 2020

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 25th June, 2021 at Borrisoleigh GAA Sports Complex, Bishop Quinlan Park, Borrisoleigh, Co. Tipperary were proposed by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. John Carroll** and adopted.

Item 3.2
Minutes of
Council Meeting
held on 14th
June, 2021

The Minutes of the June Meeting held on 14th June, 2021 remotely via Zoom were proposed by **Cllr. Sean Ryan**, seconded by **Cllr. Pat English** and adopted.

Item 4.1
Approval to
Attendance

It was proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** seconded by **Cllr. John "Rocky" McGrath** 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 – County Development Plan Policy: Housing, Part 4: Delivery of high quality housing appropriate to its setting.	23 rd July, 2021	Webinar	Michael Murphy Hughie McGrath John Rocky McGrath Marie Murphy Ann Marie Ryan Shiner

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. R. Kennedy** and seconded by **Cllr. G. Darcy** and noted.

Item 5.1
Draft
Development
Plan 2022-2027

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, A/DOS, Planning outlined a brief overview of the process to date noting that Proposed Amendments to the Draft Plan in accordance with Section 11(5)(c) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) had been circulated to the members with the Agenda for consideration.

He noted in particular that the preparation of the Tipperary County Development Plan (2022-2028) formally commenced in September 2021. The Plan was a two-year process, involving 3 stages of public consultation and was to be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

In accordance with S11(5)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the Draft Tipperary County Development Plan (2022 – 2028), including Environmental Assessments was circulated to the Elected Members of Tipperary County Council on the 3rd June 2021. In accordance with Section 11(5)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) the Elected Members were asked to consider the Draft County Development Plan.

The Draft Plan was considered by the Elected Members at 13 separate events including Workshops in June and July 2021.

In accordance with the Section 12(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Draft Plan was to be placed on public display for a minimum period of 10 weeks. It was scheduled to place the Draft Plan on public display from Friday, 30th July to Friday 15th October, 2021.

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, A/Director of Services, acknowledged the extensive consideration given to the Draft Development Plan by members which had resulted in a number of amendments being made to the draft. The members were now being asked to approve these amendments and allow the plan to proceed to public consultation.

Proposed Amendments

No	Location	Amendment Description	Reason	Page
1.	Volume 1 Chapter 1, Section 1.2.1	The County is one of the most central and accessible counties in Ireland, with excellent <u>existing and planned strategic</u> transport links to Limerick, Waterford, Cork and Dublin, and to international airports and major ports.	In the interest of clarity	8
2.	Volume 1 Chapter 2, Section 2.3. Building Blocks for the Future	A central location in the Southern Region, with excellent <u>strategic</u> Road and Rail linkages to and from the cities of Waterford, Limerick, Cork and Dublin. <u>The enhancement of Road and Rail connectivity to each of our national and regional cities will be a priority over the Plan period.</u>	In the interest of clarity	19

3.	Volume 1 Chapter 4, Section 4.3 Key Towns	With excellent environmental and infrastructural capacity, Clonmel has regional level strengths <u>is a self-sustaining regional economic driver and a key location for investment and choice and</u> will support the overall development of the Southern Region.	In the interest of clarity and to reflect the RSES.	48
4.	Volume 1, Chapter 4, Section 4.3.3 Thurles	As a Key Town <u>Thurles is a strategically located urban centre of significant influence in a sub-regional context</u> with excellent transport <u>road and rail</u> linkages with Limerick, Dublin and Cork, and located close to Lisheen, <u>Having consideration to nearby Lisheen designation as a National Bio Economy Campus, Thurles will be a driver of the bio economy, including bio-energy and bio-technology. Thurles is a centre of international and national standard sporting facilities</u> a has a strong sporting tradition, modern sporting facilities and is the founding location of the GAA. The Council and its stakeholders are actively working to achieve the Strategic Regeneration vision of the 'Thurles Market Quarter' and 'Thurles Town Centre Renewal Strategy 2021' with funding received under the URDF for the enhancement of Liberty Square. Thurles has a reputation as a centre of learning, is a regional educational hub with a number of existing <u>primary, secondary and third level</u> educational institutes. The new TUS, incorporates the former LIT campus in Thurles,	In the interest of clarity and to reflect the role of Thurles, including its educational status, as set out in the RSES	49

		<p>giving it a new status as part of a technological university. Thurles will be the focus of associated residential growth and growth in its service and enterprise base</p> <p>Thurles Strategy for Growth Thurles is identified as a ‘Key Town’ with the potential to benefit from Tipperary’s proposed role as an emerging centre for the bio-economy, having consideration to its diverse and rich agricultural hinterland and location close to the harnessing the employment and economic potential of the Lisheen, Thurles National Bio Economy Campus National Bioeconomy Campus, Lisheen. In line with the Thurles Town Centre Renewal Strategy 2021, the town will develop as an attractive place to those who wish to live in a rural and affordable town, and yet be well connected to Dublin and Cork via the road and rail networks. This connectivity will also support the role of the town as a regional centre of education and learning and as centre for national standard sporting facilities. Thurles will complement the development of Clonmel in the south of the county, and will itself grow by 30%. The Core Strategy has outlined a population and housing projection and a maximum residential land zoning allocation. A detailed assessment and review of land</p>		
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		zoning will be carried out in line with the NPF 'Methodology for a Tiered Approach to Land-zoning' to inform the preparation of a new Thurles LAP.		
5.	Volume 1 Chapter 5 Section 5.5.2 Rural Housing Policy	<p>The Council has provided a definition of 'Economic' and 'Social' need in the context of rural housing policy, as set out below;</p> <p>Economic</p> <p>A person who is full-time actively engaged in farming/agricultural activity on the landholding on which the house is to be built, meeting either of the following:</p> <p>(a) A farmer of the land – defined as a landowner with a holding of >20ha. or (b) An owner and operator of a farming/horticultural/f orestry/bloodstock activity on an area less than 20ha, who is engaged in farming activity on a daily basis, where it is demonstrated that the farming/agricultural activity forms a significant part of their livelihood. to be of a viable commercial scale</p> <p>Social (a) A person who has resided within 5km of the site where they intend to build, for a substantial period of their lives (15 10 years), or (b) A person with a demonstratable housing need on the basis of exceptional medical circumstances. Any planning application</p>	In the interest of clarity, and to support local rural housing for those who have a demonstratable economic and social need (including those who are actively involved in farming, are local to an area and those with a medical need) for a dwelling.	67

		<p>must be supported by documentation from a registered medical practitioner and disability organisation, proving that a person requires to live in a particular environment, and in a dwelling designed and built purposely to suit their medical needs.</p>		
6.	<p>Volume 1 Chapter 5 Section 5.6 Policy objectives for Housing 5 - 11</p>	<p>Facilitate proposals for dwellings in the countryside outside of settlements in accordance with NPF Policy NPO 19 for new Housing in the Open Countryside, and the Designations illustrated in Section 5.4, and Table 5.2: Rural Housing Technical Principles for Applicants.</p> <p>In 'Areas Under Urban Influence' and 'Primary Amenity Areas', the Council will consider single houses for persons where the criteria set out in Category 1A or B, or Category 2 hereunder are met:</p> <p>Category 1: 'Economic Need' A: The applicant must demonstrate an economic need to reside in the area through full time active employment in farming/agricultural activity (farming, horticulture, forestry, bloodstock). The farm must exceed 20ha in total.</p> <p>And all the Criteria below is met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The applicant must be actively engaged in full-time farming, (ii) The applicant must demonstrate that they have 	<p>To clarify the meaning of 'economic need' associated with active and meaningful farming of the land.</p>	69

		<p>been engaged in farming at that location for a continuous period of over 5 years prior to making the application,</p> <p>(iii) The applicant does not, or has never owned a house in the open countryside.</p> <p>B: The applicant must demonstrate an economic need to reside in the area through full time active engagement in the running of a farming/horticultural/forestry/bloodstock activity on an area less than 20ha, where it is demonstrated to <u>form a significant part of the livelihood of the applicant who is engaged in farming activity on a daily basis, and/or where the farming/agricultural activity provides local employment.</u></p> <p>And all the Criteria below is met:</p> <p>(i) The applicant <u>is trained in good farming practice (or qualifies for an exemption from training), owns or occupies, works and maintains land for the purposes of achieving outputs, and</u> must demonstrate that they have been engaged in farming/<u>agricultural activity</u> at that location for a continuous</p>		
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		<p>period of over 5 years prior to making the application, OR that the proposed activity would result in full-time employment,</p> <p>(ii) The applicant does not, or has never owned a house in the open countryside,</p> <p>(iii) A detailed 5-year business plan will be required to demonstrate 'viable commercial scale'.</p> <p><u>compliance with Section (i).</u></p> <p>Category 2: 'Social Need' The applicant must demonstrate a social need to reside in the local rural area for social purposes <u>in line with Table 5.3.</u></p> <p>And all the criteria set out below is met:</p> <p>(i) applicant must have resided within 5km of the site where they intend to build, for a substantial period of their lives (15 years),</p> <p>(ii) <u>Within a Primary Amenity Area, the applicant must have resided within 5km of the site where they intend to build for a substantial period of their lives (10 Years)</u></p> <p>(iii) <u>Within an Area of Urban Influence, the applicant must have resided</u></p>		
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		<p><u>within 10km of the site where they intend to build for a substantial period of their lives (10 Years).</u></p> <p><u>And</u></p> <p>(iv) The applicant does not, or has never owned a house in the open countryside.</p> <p>In 'Open Countryside' areas, the Council will consider single houses for persons where the development meets other relevant policies set out in the Plan, and where the proposed development is in accordance with all the criteria set out hereunder.</p> <p>(i) The proposed development must meet the normal planning and environmental criteria and development management standards,</p> <p>(ii) The applicant does not, or has never owned a house in the open countryside,</p> <p>(iii) To prohibit speculative development in these areas, any application for a single permanent dwelling must be made in the name of the person for whom it is intended. An occupancy condition will be attached to any</p>		
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		grant of permission, An alternative site is not available within a settlement within 5km of the proposed site.		
7.	Volume 1 Chapter 5 Section 5.6 Policy objectives for Housing 5 - 12	<p>Resist further development where 5 houses in total exist, or are permitted, within any continuous 250 metre section of roadway, and will only facilitate additional individual dwellings in such cases where the development can be considered as a 'gap site'. In exceptional cases, an additional dwelling may be considered where the development meets a genuine economic need to reside in the area, through full time engagement in farming/agricultural activity, and there is no availability of alternative sites to the applicant away from ribbon development.</p> <p><u>Where 5 houses in total exist or are permitted, within any continuous 250 metre section of roadway thereby constituting 'ribbon development' the Council will seek to resist further development in the interest of road traffic safety, visual amenity and groundwater quality. An additional individual dwelling, either within, or extending the existing ribbon pattern, will be facilitated in the following circumstances:</u></p> <p><u>(a) The applicant can demonstrate an Economic or a Social</u></p>	To facilitate rural housing for those who have a demonstratable economic and social need.	70

		<p><u>Need (as outlined in Table 5.3), existing or shared accesses are used where practicable, and it is demonstrated that no alternative exists outside of Ribbon Development.</u></p> <p><u>Where the site is a 'Gap Site', defined as a site located within a line of existing and permitted dwellings, one dwelling site only will be accommodated, and other than agricultural access to lands to the rear (if required), the site should fully occupy the gap between existing and permitted dwellings.</u></p>		
8.	Volume 1 Chapter 5 Section 5.6 Policy objectives for Housing	<p>Insert new Policy Objective:</p> <p><u>5 – 16 Support and encourage the appropriate refurbishment, conversion and adaptation of existing rural building stock, such as vernacular school houses, coach houses, farm building, where feasible, as a sustainable alternative to new build</u></p>	To facilitate and encourage the refurbishment of existing rural building stock	
9.	Volume 1 Chapter 5 Section 5.6 Policy objectives for Housing	<p>Insert new Policy Objective:</p> <p><u>5-17 Up-date and review the Rural House Design Guidelines to specifically address best practice on siting of housing</u></p>	In the interest of clarity	

		<u>within land landholding and different types of construction and design</u>		
10	Volume 1 Chapter 8 Enterprise and Rural Development, Section 8.4.3 Forestry	<p>Forestry plantations can provide synergies such as recreational opportunities including walking, biking and equine trails; they may support biodiversity and have a role in carbon storage. However, these effects are influenced by forest management practices and a collaborative approach to forestry, with stakeholders in the areas of tourism and climate action is supported. Forestry also has a key role in water quality <u>and water retention</u>, as recognised in the River Basin Management Plan 2018 - 2021, (and any review thereof) and the Environmental Regulations for Forestation (DAFM, 2016) will apply to all new afforestation proposals. Water quality <u>and flood risk management</u> is further addressed in Chapter 11 Environment and Natural Assets.</p> <p>The Climate Action Plan (DCCAE, 2019) deals with the role of forestry in climate action with a key aim to support new plantations, and sustainable forest management of existing forests. Support measures include the promotion of agroforestry and 'neighbourwoods' and the Teagasc 'Native Woodland Scheme'. The Council, where appropriate, will seek to actively encourage and</p>		

		facilitate the sustainable and integrated development of the forestry sector in Tipperary having consideration to the role of forestry in terms of the economy, water quality, <u>flood risk management,</u> biodiversity, carbon storage, tourism and recreation.		
11	Volume 1 Chapter 8 Enterprise and Rural Development, Section 8.6 Policy Objectives for Enterprise and Rural Development	8.6 Support new forestry plantation and works related to forestry <u>including works relating to tree-felling,</u> subject to the protection of visually sensitive areas, ecology (both terrestrial and aquatic), water resources and abstractions and compliance with national regulations with respect to protection of the environment.	In the interest of clarity	104
12	Volume 1 Chapter 8 Enterprise and Rural Development, Section 8.6 Policy Objectives for Enterprise and Rural Development	Insert new Objective 8 - K: <u>Work with economic partners in the Mid-West in the development of the 'Green Digital Basin' to support job creation in digital technology associated with the renewable energy sector. The Green Digital Basin will support the development of data centres and the Council will seek to identify two suitable sites for this purpose as part of this project and in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development.</u>	To support economic opportunity in Tipperary associated with the development of the 'Green Digital Basin'	106
13	Volume 1, Chapter 9 Tourism, Section 9.4.1 Supporting	The Council will facilitate opportunities for harnessing the potential	In the interest of clarity	112

	Tourism product development, Paragraph 4.	of scenic areas, trails, uplands, lakes and waterways in a manner that is compatible with the natural heritage and environment of the area. Development proposals outside of settlement centres, including those associated with agri-tourism and eco-tourism, <u>wellness facilities,</u> adventure sports, outdoor recreational installations and water-based tourism activities, (including water side interpretive/ activity centres and jetties), will be required to demonstrate a clear need to locate in the area, and to ensure that the development is compatible with the protection of the environment, including lakeshore and riparian habitats.		
14	Volume 3 Appendix 1 County Housing Strategy, Section 3.7 Housing Affordability	Insert new section 3.7.7 <u>3.7.7. Housing Affordability Supplementary Analysis</u> <u>Housing affordably in the population is an important aspect of housing delivery and influences demand for social housing support. Having consideration to the variables set out above, it is likely that the number of Tipperary households that will not be able to afford to purchase their own home, will increase over the lifetime of the Plan. In order to further understand, examine and project housing affordability, and in particular, the number of county households who may not be able to afford their own homes over the</u>	In the interest of clarity and to further support and inform housing policy with respect to housing affordability.	24

		<p><u>lifetime of the Plan, the Council has commissioned (June 2021) KPMG Future Analytics to carry out a supplementary analysis on housing affordability to support this County Housing Strategy.</u> <u>The key outputs of the analysis will be:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Examine and categorise households across the county on the basis of household income (by decile).</u> ● <u>Consider how likely changes in income and house prices could impact on affordability over the lifetime of the Plan.</u> ● <u>Assess the cohort of the housing market in Tipperary that would be eligible, or ineligible for a mortgage, as per the Central Bank Rules.</u> ● <u>Determine what a sustainable mortgage amount would be for households across the income spectrum, over the average mortgage period.</u> ● <u>Estimate the volume and</u> 		
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		<p><u>price band distribution of houses, and what a given household could therefore sustainably afford to repay a mortgage on.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Assess affordability in the private rental sector for households that would not be eligible for a mortgage under the Central Bank Rules.</u> ● <u>Compare the identified sustainable mortgage amount to prices and volume, or in rental, compare sustainable rent to market rates by type.</u> ● <u>Assess how many households, of both tenure types, that would likely face affordability challenges, and potentially require social housing supports.</u> ● <u>Estimate how many 'affordable' units would likely be required as part of overall housing delivery, should these assumptions</u> 		
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		<u>hold without intervention.</u>		
		<u>The Housing Affordability Supplementary Analysis will be attached as Appendix 5.</u>		

Members indicated their agreement to the plan being put out on public display and would welcome the input of the public. Some members referred to concerns they had about certain aspects of the plan which included issues in relation to Rural Housing Policies and in particular housing development on regional roads, ribbon development and the 20-hectare rule. Concerns were also raised about Primary Amenity Areas.

Mr. Lonergan noted the members concerns. He confirmed that the public consultation process would be advertised and publicized and a consultation portal would be opened. He also confirmed that members would be updated in relation to the Extension of the Development Plan Review Process.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. Phyll Bugler** and resolved: -

“That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 (5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having considered the Draft Tipperary County Development Plan circulated to the members on 3rd June 2021 and the amendments made by the members, the Council hereby resolve to amend the Draft Tipperary County with the inclusion of the amendments as agreed at the Plenary Meeting of Tipperary County Council on 16th July, 2021.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, referred to the exercise of the democratic mandate of the elected members and the importance of the County Development Plan in the future shaping and economic development of the County. He said that it was important that the plan would be put on display to hear the public as any plan draws its strengths from the support it has from its communities. The members had been extremely active in the formulation of the draft plan and there had been huge input and interaction which had enabled the plan get to its current stage. He was aware there were issues of concern to the members and it was important to hear from the public in relation to those issues. He asked the members to be conscious of the other issues contained in the plan that were fundamental to the development of the County, the growth of our towns and the preservation of rural areas. He emphasized that it was a draft plan and encouraged all communities to avail of the opportunity to have their say and input. Their submissions would be considered in detail. He thanked the members for the extraordinary length of time they had given to this stage of the process and to the planning staff whose level of commitment to the process was admirable.

Item 5.2

The Chief Executive’s Report had been circulated to the members in relation to a development at a halting site at Parkmore, Roscrea.

**Part 8 –
Parkmore,
Roscrea**

Planning permission was sought for the demolition of existing outbuildings, the conversion and extension of the existing Caretakers Office into a new 2-Bedroom, single storey, housing unit, the construction of a new single storey, 2-Bedroom extension to Unit 2 and the construction of new single storey 3-Bedroom extensions to Units 3, 4, & 5

The caretakers' office was to be renovated and extended in the first building in a line of existing units in the Parkmore Halting Site. The proposed extension, which measured approximately 7m x 5.53m, with a floor area of approximately 19.5sqm comprises a new kitchen/dining room extension. Housing Unit no. 2 would be extended by the addition of a new two-bedroom extension, measuring 4.8m x 7.3m while Units 3, 4 and 5 would be subject to 3-bedroom extensions measuring 10m x 4.8m.

The proposed extensions were lean-to design, with the ridge height exceeding the existing dwellings on site. The proposed extensions were to be constructed to a height of 5.834m, exceeding the existing roof heights (4.523) by approximately 1.31m.

The proposed extensions beyond the caretaker's office had been designed in keeping with the new residential unit to give a cohesive new look to the entire site on arrival. The site to which this Part 8 related was located in Parkmore, Roscrea, approximately 3km south-east of Roscrea Town Centre. The site, which measured 0.11ha, was level with the public road and adjacent lands and was surrounded by a 2m high boundary wall. The site accommodated the existing halting site including internal roadway, 8 no. houses and caretakers office. The existing site was serviced with connections to both the public water mains and the public sewer and was zoned for 'Existing Residential' use.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection and purchase from 22.04.2021 to 21.05.2021. No submissions were received

The Planning Authority was satisfied that the proposal, subject to considerations being implemented, was in accordance with the Roscrea Local Area Plan, 2012 (as varied) and the North Tipperary County Development Plan, 2010 (as varied) and would not impact on the visual amenity of this area, was acceptable in terms of access, was acceptable in terms of drainage, presented no significant impacts on the conservation objectives of the Natura 2000 site within 15km of the site 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 following recommended requirements and conditions.

It was proposed by **Cllr. M. Smith**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Lee** 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

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), provided that Elected Members of a local authority would pass a formal resolution to vary

Local Property Tax

the basic rate of the Local Property Tax (LPT) for their administrative area by a percentage known as the local adjustment factor.

Notice of the Public Consultation Period on Consideration of setting a local adjustment factor for Local Property Tax for 2021 was published in local media on the 16th June 2021. Notice was also published on the Council's website www.tipperarycoco.ie. No submissions were received.

The Chief Executive's report had been circulated to the members and the matter had been the subject of a workshop on Tuesday 13th July, 2021. It was recommended that the local adjustment factor for Tipperary be increased by 10% for 2022, the implementation of which would yield an estimated amount of €1,207,360 in the 2022 Annual Budget (based on information provided by the Department at this time), all of which would be invested in communities and the provision of ring-fenced Covid supports to Arts Centres and Leisure/Swimming Pools across the county as follows:

50% estimated at €603,680 would be allocated to the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) to be allocated to local services and local communities by Councillors at district level.

The remaining 50% to be allocated as Covid support funding as follows:

- €266,130 would be allocated to Tipperary County Council operated swimming pools/leisure centres in Tipperary town, Clonmel and Nenagh to support challenges presented by additional costs presented by the Covid-19 public health pandemic and assure that these facilities could continue to operate next year.
- €337,530 would be allocated to Leisure and Arts Centres that currently benefit from Council support and would ensure that next year, each of these facilities would receive a top-up of 50% on their 2020 allocation to address challenges presented by the Covid-19 public health pandemic. The facilities included Thurles Leisure Centre, Sean Kelly Sports Centre, Roscrea Leisure Centre, Nenagh Arts Centre, South Tipperary Arts Centre and The Excel Centre in Tipperary town. An allocation would also be made to the Canon Hayes Centre in Tipperary town.

The Cathaoirleach informed members that Mr. Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance, had conveyed his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting and Cllr Murphy invited Mr. Paddy Brennan, Finance, to make a presentation to the Members.

In relation to the LPT Mr. Brennan informed members that there would be no impact on the County Council baseline funding 2022 as per notification. The 20 current bands upper and lower thresholds would be expanded for 2022 with no change to the charge on the first 11 bands in 2022. Based on Revenue Data for 2021, 93.6% of properties in Tipperary fell within the first three bands and 99% within first 5 bands. Therefore, for the vast majority of properties the charge for 2022 would remain at 2021 levels with likely

reductions for some properties within bands 2 and 3 due to an increase in thresholds.

It was pointed out that Budget 2022 would be the most challenging budget due to the impacts and uncertainties of Covid 19, the on-going impacts on almost all income streams and additional Covid 19 related expenditure. The maintaining of current service levels into next year would be challenging and additional sectoral supports would be needed. The key issues and constraints of Budget 2022 were outlined. The objective for the 2022 Budget would be to maintain all existing services at current levels and enhance services, where possible particularly at local level. This included not only the services directly provided by Tipperary County Council but also the organisations which were dependent on financial support from the Council particularly in the Leisure and Arts sector. In addition, Tipperary County Council had a very active capital programme under the Ireland 2040 initiatives and other programmes. Progressing these projects would require match funding which would be included in the statutory budget in November 2021.

The additional LPT to the GMA of each District was outlined together with the basis for this allocation and the proposed works this would fund.

Following consideration of the presentation, Cllr. Phyll Bugler proposed.

“that pursuant to the provisions of Part 4 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended) and the recommendation of the Chief Executive, Mr. Joe MacGrath dated 13th July 2021, that Tipperary County Council increase the LPT adjustor for 2022 only by 10%”.

This was seconded by Cllr. Roger Kennedy.

Cllr P. English voiced his opposition to the imposition of a property tax on households and proposed that there would be no increase on the baseline property tax figure. This was seconded by Cllr A. Ryan.

Cllr T. Black also indicated that he was also against any increase to the baseline property tax figure.

Members expressed varying views on the proposal to retain the property tax at the same level as 2021.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, clarified that the recommendation contained in his report would give rise to €1.2m funding for 2022, with 50% being allocated as a Covid support measure for Leisure Centres and Arts Centres throughout the County. He stressed to the members that if the recommendation was not accepted, he could not guarantee to the Council that those centres, who were going through a difficult time and who needed support, would be able to remain open in 2022. The other 50% would go into the GMA and would be allocated by members at District level and it was the members who would decide which projects those funds would be allocated to. Members had seen in 2021 the huge number of projects that had benefited from this funding and the co-funding put in place for projects for the future. Every euro went back into the community. The Chief

Executive outlined that the impact on households was that a substantial amount of households would see no increase, while some would see a reduction in their local property tax. He asked for the members support for the proposal before them which was for a 10% increase on the base rate. He noted that the proposal by Cllr. English was a direct negative of this proposal and it was therefore necessary to call for a vote on the proposal of Cllr. Phyll Bugler.

Cllr Dennehy sought clarity on the motion proposed by Cllr P English as to whether it was against an increase on the baseline figure or opposed to the charging of a property tax. Cllr English clarified that he was opposed to the imposition of a property tax.

The Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a roll call and vote on the motion proposed by Cllr P. Bugler, seconded by Cllr R. Kennedy recommending that the Local Property Tax would be retained at the same level as 2021, i.e. 10% increase on the baseline rate.

It was noted that Cllrs S. Ambrose and R. Kennedy were not present for the vote as they had to leave the meeting to attend the funeral of former Cllr S. McCarthy. Cllr T. Black was not present for the vote as he had to leave the meeting but had indicated previously his opposition to the imposition of a property tax.

A vote was taken as follows: -

	COMHAIRLEOIR	FOR	AGAINST	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
1	Ambrose, Siobhán			√	
2	Anglim, Micheál	√			
3	Black, Tony			√	
4	Bonfield, Fiona	√			
5	Bourke, Kieran	√			
6	Burgess, Declan	√			
7	Bugler, Phyll	√			
8	Carroll, John	√			
9	Coonan, Noel J.	√			
10	Crosse, John	√			
11	Darcy, Ger	√			
12	Dennehy, Niall J.		√		
13	Dunne, David		√		
14	English, Pat		√		
15	Fitzgerald, John	√			
16	Fitzgerald, Mark	√			
17	Fitzgerald, Michael	√			
18	Goldsboro, Imelda		√		
19	Hanafin, Seamus	√			
20	Hannigan, Joe	√			
21	Hourigan, Mary	√			
22	Kennedy, Roger			√	
23	Lee, Shane		√		
24	Lowry, Michael		√		
25	McGrath, Hughie	√			

26	McGrath, John	√			
27	McGrath, Máirín	√			
28	Molloy, Richie	√			
29	Moloney, Andy		√		
30	Moran, Eddie	√			
31	Morris, Seamus	√			
32	Murphy, Michael	√			
33	O'Meara, Kevin	√			
34	O'Meara, Michael	√			
35	Ryan (Shiner)		√		
36	Ryan, Jim	√			
37	Ryan, Peter	√			
38	Ryan, Sean		√		
39	Smith, Michael	√			
40	Marie Murphy	√			
	TOTALS	28	9	3	0

The Meetings Administrator noted that there were 28 votes in favour of the proposal, 9 votes against, with 3 absentees.

The proposal to increase the local adjustment factor by 10% for 2022 was therefore approved.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to facilitate members attending the funeral of the late Sean McCarthy.

Resumption

The meeting resumed at 2.30pm.

Item 6.1

Consideration of Management Report

The Cathaoirleach advised members that the Management Report as circulated focused on the Clonmel based Directorates and she proposed to take any motions relative to that Directorate with the report.

Community/Economic Development & Tourism

Mr. Pat Slattery, Director of Services, responded to the following queries: -

Jigsaw Mental Health Project

It was noted that Jigsaw would commence taking referrals by phone and video link from the 26th July with face to face referrals expected to commence end of August at their centre in Thurles. There was a commitment to the establishment of satellite centres in both Nenagh and Clonmel.

Ballingarrane

IDA and Tipperary County Council were working together to develop an advance technology building of 100,000 sq. feet. The Memo of Understanding (MOU) had included for seeking full planning permission for the building.

Phase 2 Questum

A feasibility report was being prepared with significant interest from life sciences and food science sectors. There was also the need for own door units and step up facilities from Phase 1. Once the demand was established, a design would be prepared and funding sought.

Lough Derg Tourism

It was confirmed that the Lough Derg Adventure challenge would go live on the 2nd August, 2021 with a marketing plan underway in July.

Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Grant.

Grants had been approved for Clonmel Abbey Car Park, Mitchell Street and East Lane and Thurles Baker Street linking Friar Street and Parnell Street.

Just Transition Fund Working Group

A working group which would include all counties involved in the Just Transition with the Department meets bi-monthly. An update on funding and projects under the Just Transition Fund would be provided to members following the September meeting of the Working Group.

Broadband Connection Points

Members were informed that a further ten Broadband Connection Points had been approved for County Tipperary in addition to the current 10 points.

Hidden Heartlands

While Fáilte Ireland does not support upgrade of roads infrastructure, it was agreed that the Council would engage with the Hidden Heartlands team and revert to Cllr Hannigan regarding funding for tourism infrastructure under Irelands Hidden Heartlands.

Water Services

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 9.1 Notice of Motion Ref. 2157 as part of the Management Report on Water Services.

Item 9.1

Notice of Motion

Irish Water

Motion 9.1 (Ref. 2157) submitted by **Cllr. D. Dunne** who indicated that he wished to defer the motion to the September Meeting to allow the CEO of Irish Water an opportunity to respond to a request to meet with the Council.

“That the Councillors of Tipperary County Council have no confidence in Irish Water to provide a proper water infrastructure for our County”.

Mr. E. Lonergan, A/Director of Services and Mr. D. Holland, Senior Engineer responded to queries raised on Water Services as follows: -

Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme

A design team had been appointed by Irish Water for the upgrading and expansion of Monroe Wellfields. Regular liaison with Irish Water on the matter was ongoing.

Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant

It was estimated that construction would commence in Q3 of 2022. At the request of Cllr Bugler it was agreed that a further letter would issue to Minister O'Brien regarding the urgent need for this Treatment Plant.

Fethard Wasterwater Treatment Plant Scheme

In relation to Coalbrook, it was noted that a new well had been sunk at this location and the Council was engaging with Irish Water regarding further works.

Cahir Wastewater Treatment Plant

Design was ongoing with an estimated construction start date of late 2022.

Whitepark, Roscrea

It was agreed to liaise with Irish Water regarding a flooding issue at Whitepark, Roscrea.

Killusty Village Wastewater Treatment Scheme

It was noted that the provision of wastewater treatment facilities for Killusty had been referred to Irish Water for consideration.

Transformation of the Water Sector to Irish Water

Engagement was taking place, facilitated by the WRC, between the management of the local authorities, Irish Water and the Unions.

Environment & Climate Action

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 9.3 Notice of Motion Ref. 2208 as part of the Management Report on Environment & Climate Action.

Item 9.3

Notice of Motion

Burial Fee Waiver

Motion 9.3 (Ref No. 2208) was proposed by **Cllr P English,**

"That Tipperary County Council introduce the same policy as Kildare County Council who recently introduced to waiver the burial fee for a single burial plot where a baby under the age of 18 months old is to be buried. If the parents choose to purchase a family plot for their baby the plot fee will be equally reduced. Alternatively, if parents choose to bury their baby in an "Angels" plot that this Council will waiver the fee also".

This motion was seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy**

The reply to the motion was noted as follows: -

This matter is being examined by Tipperary County Council and we will revert to the Elected Members at an early date.

It was agreed to liaise with Cllr English and Cllr Murphy in this regard.

Ms. C. Curley, Director of Services and Ms. M. O'Neill, S.E.O. responded to the following queries on Environment and Climate Action as follows: -

Big Weigh In Clean-Up Campaign

It was agreed to liaise with Cllr P Bugler regarding this campaign and Ballina's interest in being involved.

Burial Ground Boher, Ballina

It was agreed to provide Cllr P. Bugler with timelines for construction of the burial ground at Boher, Ballina.

St Patricks Cemetery, Clonmel.

Clonmel Area members welcomed funding for works to the main entrance and public car park at St. Patricks Cemetery, Clonmel.

Mattress Amnesty

Members welcomed the mattress amnesty under the Anti-Dumping Initiative and requested that they would be provided with details of the Scheme once finalised.

Anti-Dumping Initiative

It was noted that 12 applications had been submitted to the Department with 9 receiving approval. Keep Tipperary Tidy bags had been commissioned and would be distributed to the various Tidy Towns Committees.

Household Waste Inspections

Desk top inspections were being carried out while Covid 19 restrictions were in place.

Item 9.2
Notice of Motion
National
Housing Crisis

Housing

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 9.2 Notice of Motion Ref. 2184 as part of the Management Report on Housing.

Motion Ref No. 2184 was proposed by **Cllr. P. English**

"That Tipperary County Council recognising the scale of the National Housing Crisis re-affirms its commitment to work with Government and all relevant agencies towards delivering new housing units and in particular ensuring that sufficient social and affordable housing is built for those in need of housing in the shortest time frame possible given the lack of house building over the last number of years.

This motion was seconded by Cllr A.M. Ryan

The response was noted as follows: -

TCC has been and will continue to be fully committed to working with all stakeholders to deliver housing options to address the accommodation needs of all its citizens and will continue to maximise all channels of delivery which are available to it to meet this objective.

In the context of social housing delivery, Tipperary had a set target of delivering 625 units of accommodation between 2018-2021. This target was exceeded with a year remaining, having delivered 657 units by the end of

2020 notwithstanding the restrictions imposed by Covid last year. It is anticipated (notwithstanding the additional 4 months lock down at the beginning of this year) that just under 200 additional units will be delivered as social housing units by year end (between 127-134 build units) and between 250-280 units are expected to be delivered in 2022. There is also a very strong anticipated pipeline for 2023. At the moment, there are approximately 58 individual projects worth approx. 200 million at various stages in the delivery channel which will address the social housing need in the county.

The above statistics demonstrate that there has been a very strong record of house building delivery in the county in the social housing space since the local authority was enabled to carry out this function. With the proposed initiatives under the current Affordable Housing Bill, TCC would expect to be in a similar position to maximise delivery under this particular category on the basis that the necessary resources accompany same.

Ms. S. Carr, Director of Services and Mr. J. Cooney, S.E. responded to queries on Housing as follows: -

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)

It was clarified that HAP residents were not excluded from the Housing List and a significant portion of the housing list comprised HAP applicants.

The position for a HAP Place Finder for the north of the County had been advertised

Painting of Houses in Main Street Ballina

It was noted that the Municipal District would explore other options towards the painting of particular houses in Ballina given that a resident's group was not in place in the housing scheme. It was noted that once a Tenant Liaison Officer was appointed in this area they would work with residents in this area.

Affordable Housing

The Affordable Housing Act 2021 had recently been enacted and details were awaited.

Home Loan Applications

The reasons for invalid loans were varied and included insufficient information being provided with the application. Housing staff liaised with applicants to ensure complete applications were submitted.

Construction Programme

- Cluid Housing Association Glenconnor (9 units) – Expected completion date of Q2 2022.
- Mill Road, Thurles (28 units) - Expected completion date was for the delivery of 14 units at end of Q4 2021 and a further 14 units in Q1 2022

- Donohill (8 units) - Letter of acceptance had been issued to the Contractors and it was anticipated that a contractor would be on site in the coming weeks

Housing Grants

Members were informed that over 580 grants had been processed which included Housing Adaptation Grants, Housing Aid for Older Persons and Mobility Grants. 76 DPG Grants currently on hand. 100% of the allocation had been committed of which over 50% had been drawn down. Currently working on P2 applications for 2019 and each of these applicants had been written to. It was expected to revert to the Housing SPC in October with proposals the P1, P2 and P3's applications for 2022.

Offers of Tenancy Clonmel Area

It was noted that while there were 16 casual vacancies in Clonmel, there were a number of housing schemes being progressed in the Clonmel Area.

Covid Isolation Units

Isolation Units were now fully occupied by tenants.

Resettlement Programme

The resettlement of tenants would be completed in Clonmel before the end of July.

Non-Geographic Numbers (NGN's) Consolidation

Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator informed members of a forthcoming change to the Council's telephone numbers, noting that telephone numbers were managed by ComReg with the core objective of promoting and protecting the interests of Irish consumers. In December 2018, following extensive research and two public consultations, ComReg published its final Response to Consultation and Decision D15/18 in relation to five classes of Non-Geographic Numbers (1800, 1850, 1890, 0818 and 076). ComReg introduced two measures to address the cost of using such numbers and to tackle confusion among consumers about the differences between numbers and their reluctance to call these numbers. From 1st December 2019, a call to an 1850,1890,0818 or 076 NGN cost no more than calling a landline number. From 1st January 2022, the five NGN ranges will be reduced to two. The 1850, 1890, and 076 ranges would be withdrawn and the 1800 (Freephone) and 0818 range would remain. The decision by ComReg to retire the 0761 number would have implications for the Council in terms of cost and customer relations.

The solution proposed was to provide an 0818 number for our customer facing services and Customer Service Desk and to provide a range of numbers on the 052 geographic range to facilitate matching up our existing last four digits on the 0761 06 5xxx and 6xxx range. Calls to 0818 were included in customers call bundles that included calls to landlines. Out of bundle, these calls were charged a "standard rate". To facilitate the implementation of this new numbering system with effect from 1st January 2022, this Council would be carrying out an awareness campaign in Q3 & Q4 via its local and social media channels.

Item No. 7.1

**Agree date for
Councillor
Workshop**

The Meetings Administrator advised members that it would be necessary to schedule a number of workshops in September to deal with the following: -

- Transformation of Water Services/Regional Water Resource Plan/National Broadband Ireland – Date to be agreed in September with a suggested date in week beginning 20th September.
- Members Training and Guidance and Dignity at Work – training to be organised after September Meeting.

**Item No. 8.1
Consideration of
Orders for the
period to the
30th June, 2021**

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 30th June, 2021 were noted.

**Item 9.4
Notice of Motion
Palestine Flag**

The Cathaoirleach informed the members that **Cllr T. Black** and **Cllr D. Dunne** had deferred Motion 9.4 (Ref No. 2217)

“Noting the recent universally supported motion in Dail Eireann which has seen Ireland become the first EU Nation to recognise Israels ongoing occupation and settlement of designated/zoned Palestinian land as de facto annexation, which amounts to illegality under international law, this Council being aware that 2014 was a year that witnessed both Houses of the Oireachtas pass motions in support for Palestinian statehood, this Council will fly the flag of Palestine at County Hall from the 18th of July until the 31st of July, 2021 in support of the above motions and as a gesture of our support and solidarity with the people of Palestine living under illegal occupation in East Jerusalem, The West Bank and who live under siege in the Gaza Strip, Seasaimid le muintir na Palestíne”.

**Item 10.1
Notice of Motion
New Garda
Station in
Kickham
Barracks,
Clonmel**

Motion 10.1 (Ref No. 2221) was proposed by **Cllr. S Ambrose**

“That Tipperary County Council write to the Minister for Justice requesting a commencement date for the construction of the new Garda Station in Kickham Barracks, Clonmel. Part 9 Planning approval was granted for this new Garda Station back in March”.

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

The reply to the motion was noted as follows: -

Subject to Council approval the motion will be forwarded to the Minister for Justice for comment/response.

Cllr Ambrose outlined to members that the new Garda Station in Clonmel was part of a Smart Public Private Partnership (PPP) bundle including a new Garda Station in Macroom and a new Children’s Court in Dublin. Cllr. Ambrose stated that the current Garda Station was not fit for purpose and the construction of a new building should commence as soon as possible in view of the Part 9 planning approval being granted.

Cllr English speaking in support of the motion, stated it was essential that this development would commence as it was a key part of the redevelopment of the Kickham Barracks site.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, informed members that the Council continued to liaise with the OPW in relation to the provision of a new Garda Station in Clonmel, which it was understood was part of a PPP bundle. However, the difficulty with a bundle was that it only progressed as quickly as the slowest moving part of the bundle. It was important that Clonmel Garda Station would progress as soon as possible, particularly as work had already started on the new Plaza at Kickham Barracks. The Notice of Motion was therefore timely and would be sent to the Minister.

Item 10.2

Notice of Motion

Board of Tipperary Tourism

Motion 10.2 (Ref No. 2223) was proposed by **Cllr. P. Bugler**

“We hereby request Tipperary County Council to appoint a Councillor from each District to the Board of Tipperary Tourism”.

This motion was seconded by **Cllr. A Moloney**

The reply to the motion was noted as follows: -

The purpose of the Tipperary Tourism Company CLG was established to promote, market and develop Tipperary as Ireland’s premier inland visitor destination in both the domestic and overseas markets on behalf of the people of Tipperary and not for the profit or benefit of any member of the company. The company was formed in 2014 and replaced the former South and North Tipperary Tourism Companies.

The Company was established to avail of expertise and experience in the tourism sector, with a strong emphasis on building up a robust tourism network. The Company is made up of directors from the executive of multiple agencies including Tipperary County Council, two Development Companies, Tourism Trade (such as Vintner’s, hotels, B&Bs and Equine) and statutory bodies such as Failte Ireland. The Company is therefore dominated by members from the tourism sector, and only two of the Directors of the company are from Tipperary County Council.

The directors selected are required to represent their sectoral area right across the county, and there is a strong emphasis on building up a robust network behind each of the sectoral representatives. The current Chair of the Company is Elizabeth Nallen Bowen and Sara Bourke the Company Secretary.

The company is largely a coordinating body, has a small income of €21,000 in 2020 which largely goes on marketing costs and for administration purposes. In 2021, the company had a membership of over 100 tourism businesses operating across Co. Tipperary.

As the Company is a separate company to Tipperary County Council, it is not possible for councillors to direct the Company to appoint councillors to the Board. However, it is possible for the councillors to feed into the strategy and policy of the Company through the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee. Any Councillor who is a tourism

provider may also seek nomination through their requisite supporting agency.

Cllr. Bugler expressed her disappointment with the response. It was her belief that Councillors were the voice of the people and they were being excluded from giving their points of view to the Tourism Board. Councillors had experience and knowledge in this area that would be an asset to Tipperary Tourism.

Cllr. Moloney agreed with the sentiments expressed by Cllr Bugler and referred to the lack of tourist offices and the need for local committees/people to have a linkage with the Tourism Board and an input into tourism in their area.

Mr. Pat Slattery, Director of Services, informed members that Tipperary Tourism was similar to other Executive Boards, which are established to co-ordinate services, and where nominees on the Board are largely from the executive of the various organisations. Tipperary Tourism is an independent Company, separate from the council and was not a policy Board, and its main function was to ensure co-ordination of services.

Mr. Slattery pointed out that regular updates were provided to the council as part of the tourism report in the Management Report, and officials from Community/Economic Development & Tourism attend the Municipal District Meetings. More detailed updates could be provided through the Tourism Section if required by any member.

Correspondence as circulated was noted as follows: -

Item 11.1- 11.9

Correspondence

- Reply dated 10th June, 2021 from Minister Damien English, Dept. of Enterprise, Trade and Employment re. Duffy Cahill Report (Ref No. NOM 2022).
- Reply dated 14th June, 2021 from Office of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform re. N24 Waterford to Limerick Corridor Road Project within the review of the National Development Plan (NOM 2148)
- Reply dated 17th June, 2021 from Office of Minister Eamon Ryan, TD., Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications re. National Task Force to deal with littering, illegal dumping and dog fouling (NOM 2110)
- Reply dated 25th June, 2021 from Mr. Peter Walsh, C.E., Transport Infrastructure Ireland re. N24 Strategic Route Corridor
- Reply dated 6th July, 2021 from Mr. Mark Byrne, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) re. N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction Scheme (NOM 2100)
- Reply dated 12th July, 2021 from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Rural Water Unit re. Revised Grant Scheme to support improvement works for a private water supply.
- Reply dated 13th July, 2021 from Niall Gleeson, Managing Director, Irish Water re. Regional Water Resources Plan Briefing with Irish Water (NOM 2178).
- Correspondence dated 13th July, 2021 from Mr. Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage re. Planning &

Development (Amendment) (No. 3) Act 2021 – Extension of Development Plan Review Process.

- Reply dated 12th July, 2021 from Department of Social Protection re. Community Employment (NOM 2187).
- Reply dated 14th July from Minister for Transport re. Limerick Junction to Waterford and Limerick to Ballybrophy Rail Lines in the context of the Proposed Strategic Rail Review (NOM 2108).

Item 12.1 – 12.14

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

Resolutions from other Local Authorities

Carrickmacross-Castleblaney Municipal District

This Municipal District calls on the Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD, the Minister of State at Dept. of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and youth, Anne Rabbitte TD, and the HSE to put in place measures to support those who are cared for in their homes, on a full-time basis, whose carer may be incapacitated due to ill-health or emergency; we ask that an emergency response unit be made available (care team/carers) that could be called in to support patients in these circumstances.

Donegal County Council

I propose that Donegal County Council write to the Minister of Health, Stephen Donnelly, Chief Clinical Officer, Colm Henry and HSE Director General Paul Reid, calling on them, as a matter of urgency, to make Patisiran available to everyone in the 26 Counties who require this life-changing drug.

Donegal County Council

To n-iarrfaidh Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ar Rialtas Bhaile Átha Cliath ambasadóir agus foireann Iosrael in Ambasáid Iosrael a dhíbirt d'fhonn náire mhuintir na hÉireann a léiriú maidir le marú sibhialtaigh agus leanaí neamhchiontach I nGaza agus sa Bhruach Thiar atá faoi fhorghabháil.

Go dtacaímid mar Chomhairle go hiomlán le feachtas idirnáisiúnta BDS (Baghcatáil, Dífheistiú agus Smachtbhannaí).

Tugann an Comhairle seo cuireadh d'Ambasadóir na Palaistíne go hÉirinn, an Dr Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid ionnas gur féidir leis cur síos cruinn a dhéanamh dúinn mar bhaill tofa an rialtais áitiúil i gContae Dhún na nGall ar chúrsaí I nGaza agus sna críocha gaffa.

That Donegal County Council calls upon the Dublin Government to expel the Israeli Ambassador and staff in the Israeli Embassy in order to demonstrate the Irish people's disgust at the slaughter of innocent civilians and children in Gaza and the occupied West Bank and that we as a Council: -

Fully support the international campaign of BDS (Boycott, Divertment and Sanctions).

And that this Council invites the Palestinian Ambassador to Ireland, Dr. Jilian Wahba Abdalmajid, to address this chamber so that we, the elected local government representatives in County Donegal may learn at first hand of the situation in Gaza and the occupied territories.

Donegal County Council

That this Council makes serious representation to An Taoiseach and the Department of Foreign Affairs as regards the treatment of the families and friends of the Ballymurphy 10, who were shot dead by the parachute regiment. After 50 years waiting for justice, let the British Government treat these people with humanity and dignity and apologise to the family and friends of the innocent lives that they took.

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

To ask the Council to suspend standing orders to consider the following motion:

It is the policy of this Council not to purchase goods or services, produced or provided, in whole or in part (as practicable), from illegally occupied territories by illegal settlers and that any such contracts should cease as soon as allowed.

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council

The Israeli Human Rights Organisation, B'T selem, and the UN Human Rights Watch have both recently reported that Israel is guilty of crimes of apartheid and persecution and the 'Ministry for Public Security' was strongly criticised for their treatment of Palestinians in the HRW as a Council who has adopted and is supportive of the Palestinian call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council hereby call on the Chief Constable of the PSNI and the Garda Commissioner, as well as the Department of Justice & Policing Board in the North and the Minister for Justice & Policing Authority in the South, to immediately withdraw their respective forces from any and all partnerships with the Israeli ministry responsible for police and prisons (Ministry of Public Security) and from companies which are involved in surveillance in illegal Israeli settlements report.

Patrick Corrigan from Amnesty International noted that "as a matter of urgency, the PSNI should suspend all programmes with the Israeli police and security services where there's a clear risk of involvement in human rights violations...(the) police service must ensure it is not implicated in Israel's human rights violations. The distressing scenes from East Jerusalem and Gaza should now be a wake-up call.

As such, and mindful of our BDS commitments, we call on the PSNI Chief Constable and Garda Commissioner to immediately cease all partnership and involvement with the security forces of apartheid Israeli. In support of this we call on all Councils on this island to back this motion and lend their voices in support of the Palestinian call for international solidarity and BDS action.

Furthermore, this Council calls on An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, to expel the Israeli Ambassador to Ireland due to the ongoing de facto annexation of Palestine and further requests that Minister for Foreign Affairs, Simon Coveney TD, use his position as representative for Ireland on the UN Security Council to seek full enforcement of the UN resolutions on Occupied Palestine and East Jerusalem and that the Dublin government also calls on the EU to place sanctions on Israel. We also call on the Dublin Ambassador to Ireland, Dr.Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid, to meet with the Council so that we convey our solidarity and support, through her, to the Palestinian people.

Mayo County Council

That this Council calls on the Minister for Social Protection and the Government to carry out a review of the Carers Allowance Scheme and the Carer's Benefit Scheme. In the case of the Carer's Benefit Scheme that the cap of 2 years duration should be removed. In the case of the Carer's Allowance Scheme that the assessment of the Carer and their spouse/partner/co-habitant should be based on net income and not gross income as is currently the situation. Furthermore, that all carers who are over the income threshold should at least receive a minimum payment.

Meath County Council

That Meath County Council call on the Government to explore the German Sparkasse Community Banking model, to provide balance for the Irish Banking system and to avoid potential banking monopolies which could damage availability at reasonable cost, to necessary finance for our citizens.

Meath County Council

To call on the Department of Health to prioritise the establishment of the Transport Support Scheme, which will replace the Motorised Transport Grant, and to ensure that access to this grant is widened to include eligibility for parents/guardians of children who need specially adapted vehicles.

Sligo County Council

To call for funding to be made available for the provision of small wastewater treatment systems in local villages throughout the country.

Sligo County Council

For this Council to write to the Minister for Finance Paschal following his recent remarks stating that taxes will rise after Covid and ask him not to increase taxes but instead borrow money to stimulate the economy over the next decade.

History shows that we cannot tax our way out of recession. The ECB are prepared to lend billions to allow the country to get back on track. An infrastructure plan including a massive house building programme should be included. In a decade, taxes will increase incrementally due to job creation therefore strengthening the economy and increasing our ability to repay the ECB.

Sligo County Council

I propose that Sligo County Council write to An Tánaiste and ask him to intervene on the crisis facing our community sector in relation to insurance.

The community sector is facing so many challenges in re-opening vital programmes and services, and may not be in a position to recover from the impact of Covid-19 unless the cost of insurance is sorted. A review of the Judicial Guidelines has taken place recently. These guidelines control the amount of damages awarded for personal injury claims and hence the cost of insurance. These guidelines only brought damages for minor, fully-recovered injuries down by 52% in Ireland which means that we are still an outlier in Europe. An 80% reduction is required to bring us in line with England and Wales and get insurance costs down to affordable levels, especially for the community sector.

Waterford City & County Council

Adult literacy limitations can prevent people from taking a full and active part in our economy so it is vitally important that all possible supports are provided to deal with the issue. The Labour Court has made a recommendation in relation to a claim brought by SIPTU and TUI in respect of regularising the terms and conditions of Adult Education Tutors employed by Education and Training Boards. This recommendation has been under consideration by officials from the Department of Education; and the Department of Public Expenditure. It is now over 5 months since the Minister of State at the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (Niall Collins TD) in reply to a parliamentary question in early December 2020 said that the Labour Court recommendation was still under consideration by officials, and he did not advise when this would be completed. We propose that Waterford City and County Council write to Minister Simon Harris, and cc Ministers Michael McGrath and Norma Foley, and Minister of State Niall Collins, to call for the implementation of the Labour Court recommendation to be treated with the importance and urgency that it deserves.

Wicklow County Council

That this Council writes to the Minister responsible for local government and planning with the following proposal;
That as part of the conditions for planning applications for new housing estates, developers must install Automated External Defibrillators (AED's). We are also calling on the minister to instigate a review in order to install AED's in all existing residential developments across Ireland. 70% of cardiac arrests happen at home, every minute that there is a delay in acting reduces the person's chance of survival by 10%. Having the AED close at hand provides a vital link in the chain of survival and offers the person, adult, baby, or child the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.

Members passed a Vote of Sympathy to the following:

- Family of Dr. Sean McCarthy, Former TD., Minister of State, Senator, Cathaoirleach of South Tipperary county Council, Chairman of Cashel Town Council, Chairman of South Eastern Health Board and current Chairman of Tipperary Comhairle Dáil Ceantair.
- Bridget Hayes, Community and Economic Development Section on the death of her brother Seamus Ryan, Cummer, Milestone, Thurles
- Marie Looby, Finance/Revenue Section, Clonmel on the death of her father Paddy Croke, Fethard
- Former Director of Services Tom Barry on the death of his father Paddy Barry, Castlepark, Thurles.
- Orla Daly, Motor Tax, on the death of her mother Phyll.
- Eddie Ryan, Fire Office, on the death of his mother Mary.

Members passed a Vote of Congratulations to the following: -

- Paul Morris, South Tipperary Coroner on his retirement.
- Joseph P. Kelly on his appointment as Coroner for Tipperary.
- Walsh & Walsh, Architects, Cahir on winning the National Design Competition for the best energy efficient renovation.

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Votes of Congratulations

- Fergal O'Donoghue, Cashel on gaining an U20 International Rugby Cap
- Liam Ryan on his inspirational article in the Nationalist and the innovative design of Glenconnor Housing Scheme.
- Staff, Corporate Services on the organisation of the recent Civic Reception for Rachael Blackmore.

Good Wishes

Good wishes were passed to Finn McGeever, Ballina, competing in the 4x200m Freestyle Relay at the Tokyo Olympics.

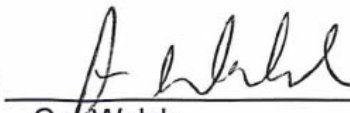
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The meeting then concluded.

Any Other Business

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: 16th July, 2021