

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
IN THE DOME, SEMPLE STADIUM, THURLES, CO TIPPERARY
AT 11.00 AM ON 13th July, 2020**

Present

Cllr. Michael Smith, 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; M; FitzGerald, MI; Goldsboro, I; Hanafin, S; Hannigan, J; Hanna-Hourigan, M; Kennedy, R; Lee, S; Lowry, McGrath, M; MI, McGrath (Rocky), J; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Morris, S; Murphy, MI. Murphy, Marie; O'Meara, K; O'Meara, MI; Ryan (Shiner), A; Ryan, J; Ryan, P; Ryan, S;

Also Present

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

Apologies

Cllrs, Dunne, D; McGrath, H.

General

The Meetings Administrator prior to reciting the opening prayer referred to a number of key points that members should have regard to while attending the meeting: -

- Duration of meeting to be kept to the shortest possible time
- General Health & Safety Information re. fire exits, toilets, mobile phones.
- Covid-19 related matters re. hand sanitising, physical distancing of 2 meters within the venue and the non shaking of hands.

**Item 1.1
Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest**

Noted, no matters were notified to the Meetings Administrator.

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

Proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Ryan** and resolved "That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 8th June, 2020, in the Dome, Semple Stadium, Thurles, as presented be adopted".

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

Proposed by **Cllr. MI. FitzGerald**, seconded by **Cllr. MI. Lowry** and resolved

"That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 26th June, 2020, in the Dome, Semple Stadium, Thurles, as presented be adopted".

Item 3.1
Conferences
/Seminars
/Training

It was proposed by **Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr. Ger Darcy** 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 – Moorhead Report Briefing	25 th July, 2020	Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford	Cllr. A. Moloney Cllr. M. McGrath Cllr. H. McGrath
AILG Training – Moorhead Report Briefing	30 th July, 2020	Carrickdale Hotel & Spa, Dundalk, Co. Louth	Cllr. I. Goldsboro Cllr. S. Ryan
AILG Training – Moorhead Report Briefing	6 th August, 2020	Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	Cllr. R. Kennedy
AILG Training – Moorhead Report Briefing	8 th August, 2020	Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo	Cllr. Ml. Murphy Cllr. M. Murphy Cllr. M. FitzGerald Cllr. J. FitzGerald
AILG Training – Moorhead Report Briefing	13 th August, 2020	Rochestown Hotel, Cork	Cllr. M. Hanna Hourigan Cllr. S. Morris Cllr. M. Anglim Cllr. S. Ambrose

Item 3.2
Reports on
Conferences

Owing to Covid-19 pandemic, it was noted that there were no reports for consideration as no conferences/seminars took place in previous month.

Item 4.1
Co-option to fill
vacancy in
membership of
Tipperary County
Council

A report had been circulated to the members stating that John Fitzgerald had been nominated by the Fine Gael Party to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Garret Ahearne to the Seanad. It was recommended that in accordance with Standing Order No. 83

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

“That pursuant to the provisions of Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, John Fitzgerald be appointed to the Casual

Vacancy which exists on Tipperary County Council”.

In proposing the motion, Cllr Marie Murphy referred to the long association the Fitzgerald family had with local government and to the proud and historic day this was for them. A welcome was extended to the family of the newly elected Cllr Fitzgerald who were present. Reference was made to Cllr Fitzgerald’s involvement in business and local community and his understanding of the role of the elected representative.

Cllr MI Murphy welcomed Cllr Fitzgerald and looked forward to working with him at both County and District level. He highlighted the unique and special situation with two brothers now serving on Tipperary County Council at the same time.

Cllr John Fitzgerald thanked his proposer and seconder and acknowledged especially the Fine Gael members in the local branches of Clonmel District for their nomination. It was a personal honour for him to be co-opted, to serve the community and work for the betterment of Clonmel and the County. He acknowledged the work of Senator Garret Ahearne in the role before him and wished him well in his new position. He referred to his interest in Clonmel politics over many years and mentioned many local politicians from various parties who had worked so hard for the communities they represented. He remembered his father who had been a member of Tipperary South Riding County Council, thanked his family for their support and in particular his brother Michael who had such a vast knowledge and experience of local government. He looked forward to working with all members across all parties. It was an honour to be joining the membership of Clonmel Borough Council and he referenced the many projects that were in development in the town, which was very positive.

Members congratulated Cllr Fitzgerald and welcomed him to the membership of Tipperary County Council.

Cllr Michael Fitzgerald, brother of John, spoke of the proud day it was for his family, particularly his mother Jane who had supported the family in numerous elections.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff congratulated Cllr Fitzgerald on his co-option and assured him of their full support.

Item 4.2

Section 183

Notice – Disposal of property at Castlejohn, Grangemockler, Co. Tipperary

It was proposed by **Cllr. MI. Murphy** seconded by **Cllr. K. O’Meara** and resolved:

“That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of land at Castlejohn, Grangemockler, Co. Tipperary to John & Cora Freaney, Castlejohn, Grangemockler, Co. Tipperary.”

This property was not required by the Council for social housing purposes.

Item 4.3

Section 183
Notice – Disposal
of lands and
conversion of
title of leasehold
of lands at
Burgagery Lands
West, Clonmel

It was proposed by Cllr. **N. Dennehy** seconded by Cllr. **Máirín McGrath** and resolved:

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the title conversion of Leasehold, i.e. TY1889L and disposal of 0.088ha at Melview, Burgagery Lands West, Clonmel to Sonas Asset Holdings Ltd”

This disposal was required to regularise boundaries and to facilitate the conversion of title to freehold.

Item 4.4

Section 183
Notice – Disposal
by lease
agreement of
land at Tipperary
Hill, Musgasty,
Tipperary Town

It was proposed by Cllr. **Ann Marie Ryan Shiner** seconded by Cllr. **Roger Kennedy**

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of lease agreement of circa 3.1034HA at Tipperary Hill, Murgasty, Tipperary Town to the Trustees of Tipperary Town Pitch and Putt Club”.

These lands were no longer required by the Council for the purposes of carrying out their powers and duties.

Item 4.5

Section 183
Notice – Disposal
of property to
rear of 2
Redmond Square,
Tipperary Town
to Timothy
Sweeney

It was proposed by Cllr. **Michael FitzGerald** seconded by Cllr. **Tony Black**

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary county Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 0.0217ha to the rear of No. 2 Redmond Square, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary to Timothy Sweeney.”

This disposal was required to facilitate the rectification of title.

Item 4.6

Draft Annual
Financial
Statement (AFS)
2019.

The members considered and noted the Draft Annual Financial Statement and report thereon as circulated.

To consider and approve expenditure in excess of the amount adopted in the Budget for 2019

It was proposed by Cllr. **Roger Kennedy** and seconded by Cllr. **Noel Coonan**

“That in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, excess expenditure in respect of the Financial Year ended 31st December, 2019 for Tipperary County Council be and is hereby approved as follows:-

Service	Service Description	Amount €
A01	Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing Units	669.986
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	270,177

A07	RAS and Leasing Programme	3,781,331
A09	Housing Grants	1,679,902
A12	HAP Programme	158,021
B01	NP Road Maintenance and Improvement	62,242
B03	Regional Road Maintenance & Improvement	145,213
B04	Local Road Maintenance and Improvement	940,149
B07	Road Safety Engineering Improvement	296,836
B09	Car Parking	315,962
B11	Agency & Recoupable Services	380,748
C01	Water Supply	199,076
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	34,674
D06	Community & Enterprise Function	924,054
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	765,665
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	6,601
D12	Agency & Recoupable Services	292
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	378,472
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	126,892
E04	Provision of Waste to Collection Services	2,579
E06	Street Cleaning	63,760
E08	Waste Management Planning	82,783
E11	Operation of Fire Service	712,112
E14	Agency & Recoupable Services	554,887
E15	Climate Change and Flooding	19,911
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	364,373
F03	Outdoor Leisure Area Operations	32,492
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	100,467
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	49,503
G01	Land Drainage Costs	16,529
G06	Agency & Recoupable Services	375,349
H03	Administration of Rates	1,009,677
H05	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	7,215
H07	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	326
H09	Local Representation & Civic Leadership	43,989
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services	280,65

Item 4.7

Loan Facility Vacant Housing Stock

A report as circulated was noted by the members highlighting the financial requirements in relation to Vacant Housing Stock.

It was noted that Budget allocations for work on both long term and ordinary voids was almost fully committed for the current year 2020, with 92 units in various stages of completion. Currently there were 19 Long Term Voids and 51 ordinary voids where funding was not in place. In addition it was expected that another 44 units would be returned during the course of the remainder of 2020 which would require significant works before being reallocated.

As a once off measure to address the backlog and to bring the housing stock to a level for allocations, it was proposed to raise a loan for €4,166,000 to complete these works. The loan would be repaid over four years from increased rental income from new housing stock, totalling over 600 units being delivered from the housing capital programme to 2024 in

the amount of €3.2m. In addition there would be increased rental income through to 2024 from the voids brought back into use in 2020 in the amount of €1.08m. This additional income would be specifically allocated for the purpose of the repayment of the loan. It was noted that the matter had been considered by the Council's CPG Committee and endorsed for approval.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan** and seconded by **Cllr. Kieran Bourke**

“That pursuant to the Local Government Act 2001 (Section 106) and subject to the sanction of the Minister of Housing, Planning and Local Government, this Council approves the raising of loans not exceeding the total sum of €4,166,000 (four million & one hundred and sixty six thousand Euro) from the housing Finance Agency (HFA) for the purpose of upgrading vacant housing stock”.

Members spoke in support of the raising of a loan and on the merits of both motions. Ms. S. Carr, Director of Services, referred to concerns raised by members at the February Plenary Meeting regarding the number of vacant local authority dwellings in the County and the commitment made to examine the void process. This was carried out in conjunction with the Strategic Policy Committee. At present each Municipal District had an annual allocation for voids and when this allocation was spent, no further works could be carried out until the following year. By seeking a loan to deal with long term and ordinary voids it would enable the dwellings to be bundled together across the Municipal Districts in one tender process and therefore be more cost effective and expeditious.

Mr. Joe MacGrath referred to the significant number of void properties in Tipperary and the ability of the Council to repay a loan due to the income from new housing stock. Should the loan be successful it was anticipated that the Council would be in a position to commence works in the Autumn following the tender process.

Item 8.3
Notice Of Motion
Voids in
Tipperary

It was agreed, on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Items 8.1 and 8.3 Notice of Motions in relation to voids in Tipperary, following Item 4.7 as both items referred to Housing Voids.

Motion 8.3 (1903) was submitted by Cllrs. Kieran Bourke, MI Smith and Roger Kennedy and was proposed by **Cllr R. Kennedy**

“That this Council make an application to Dept of Housing for special funding to bring voids costing over €30,000 each to state suitable for letting as we have a large number of these in County Tipperary”.

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

The reply to the motion as follows was noted: -

Tipperary County Council made a detailed submission to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in 2019 seeking additional funding in respect of long term voids. There had been no formal decision on this application to date.

A significant review had been carried out on the processes and procedures involved with returning voids to occupancy in 2020 as a result of a motion earlier in the year and a report has been provided in the July Management Report under Housing for the member's attention.

There was also a formal proposal for the members in respect of the outstanding voids and the members support to move this matter forward was being sought. In the interim the Housing Section would seek to optimise all funding sources available from the Department.

Members discussed the merits of this motion in view of the resolution that had been passed for the raising of a loan and it was agreed to forward the motion to the Department and have both the loan request and special funding request considered.

Item 8.1

Notice of Motion

Housing Allocation

Motion 8.1 (1874) was proposed by **Cllr. Andy Moloney**

“Due to the current pandemic across the world and the economic uncertainty facing us as a nation I call on this Council to ask the Minister to relax the conditions on home improvements to allow the local authority to issue houses in our stock to tenants who are willing to paint and decorate themselves. Houses are costing too much as the spec is too high to allow allocation. These houses can get the makeover at a later date”.

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

The reply to the motion as follows was noted: -

A significant review had been carried out on the processes and procedures involved with returning voids to occupancy in 2020 as a result of a motion earlier in the year and a report had been provided in the July Management Report under Housing for the member's attention.

There was also a formal proposal for the members in respect of the outstanding voids and the Housing Executive was asking for the members support to move this matter forward.

Tipperary County Council was typically returning voids to a Building Energy Rating of C which was a reasonable approach where it was economically viable to do so. This was in the interests of sustainability and also assists with energy costs for the prospective tenants. The other works when deemed necessary include plumbing, electrical, kitchen upgrades and general repairs with repainting on completion. The Council achieved value for money through competitive tendering on void turnaround partially on the basis of vacant units where it was possible to have multiple trades working around each other. This was not feasible or practical where there was resident's in-situ and access could be an issue. Significant difficulties arose in recent years with the energy upgrades where contractors had to make multiple visits in some instances to get access to properties. There was also the additional issues of Health and Safety. The Housing Section was satisfied, subject to the approval of the funding proposal and the review of processes and systems, that the voids issue would be resolved with the elimination of the historical backlog.

Following discussion it was agreed to refer the motion to the Housing SPC for further consideration.

Item 5.1

Consideration of Management Report

Item 8.2

Notice of Motion

Community Policing Units

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 8.2, Motion Ref. 1897, as part of the Management Report on Community/Economic Development & Tourism.

Motion 8.2 (1897) was proposed by **Cllr. Andy Moloney**

“Due to the success of the Community Policing Units set up during the Covid Crisis, I would ask that the JPC and the Chief Superintendent would consider their term with a view to making community policing a permanent force in Tipperary. While it doesn't replace the rural garda stations it is reassuring to see mobile units on rural roads again”.

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

It was agreed that the motion be referred to the Chairman of the Tipperary JPC for consideration and response.

Community/Economic Development & Tourism

Online Vouchers and Business Continuity Vouchers

In response to an enquiry by Cllr Bugler it was noted that additional funding would be available for both online vouchers and business continuity vouchers.

Community Swimming Pools and Leisure Centres.

Members referred to the re-opening of community type public swimming pools and leisure centres, specifically the Thurles and Roscrea Leisure Centres, currently operated by independent limited companies and the financial implications arising from same.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive confirmed that the Council did make a contribution to these centres and would meet their commitment for 2020. However the Council was not in a position to provide further financial assistance.

Following discussion it was agreed to write to the Taoiseach and the Minister for Finance requesting that consideration would be given to providing a stimulus package to these type of facilities.

Bord na Mona

In response to a query by Cllr S. Ryan, members were informed that the planning and tourism sections, in partnership with Bord Na Mona, had prepared a project bid for the lands at Littleton and this would be submitted under the “Just Transition Fund”

CCTV

In response to a request by Cllr S. Ryan it was noted that this Council had communicated with the Minister and the Chief Superintendent earlier in the year regarding Data Controller legislation for Community CCTV and in particular to resolve the issues outstanding in Littleton and other schemes such as Birdhill, Colleens Burgess and Fethard. It was agreed to follow up with the Minister and Chief Superintendent again.

Leader Programme

It was agreed to seek clarification regarding the extension of the current funding programme.

Blue Lagoon

Cllr MI Fitzgerald raised concerns regarding a disused quarry in the Golden Area which was being used for swimming/bathing and the dangers associated with same. He requested that signage be erected at this location warning people of the dangers. It was noted that this quarry was private property and it was agreed that the matter would be referred to the Municipal District for consideration and follow up.

Consideration of Management Report – continued.

Water Services

Ballina Waste Water Treatment Plant

At the request of Cllr P. Bugler it was agreed to seek an update from Irish Water on works at Ballina WWTP.

Carrick-on-Suir Water Outage

Cllr K. Bourke referred to a recent water outage issue in Carrick-on-Suir caused by Contractors carrying out works to the watermain network in the town on behalf of Irish Water. It was agreed to raise this issue with Irish Water and revert to Cllr Bourke.

Taking in Charge of Housing Estates

Cllr J. Hannigan made reference to the present position on the taking in charge of housing estates and the need for more detailed engagement by Irish Water with particular reference to the taking in charge of water services infrastructure. It was agreed to seek an update from Irish Water.

Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme

It was agreed to seek an update on the Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme in response to a request by Cllr P. English.

Irish Water Workshops

Members were advised clarity was being sought from Irish Water regarding future workshops with members and representatives from Irish Water.

Housing

Social Housing Lisava Cahir

Cahir Area members would be briefed at their MD Monthly Meeting on planning and building control issues associated with the development of housing units in Lisava, Cahir.

Choice Based Lettings

Cllr A. Ryan referred to the high number of refusals of social housing and the merits of introducing a Choice Based Letting Scheme. It was noted that a draft Choice Based Letting Scheme was being drafted and would be brought before the Housing SPC for consideration and approval.

Tenant Purchase Scheme

Cllr P. English referred to the exclusion of certain categories of tenants from purchasing their dwellings under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. While it was noted that the criteria for this scheme was defined nationally, it was agreed the Housing SPC would review the scheme.

Due to time constraints on HSE representatives it was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 13.1, a briefing by the HSE Mid West.

13.1 **Briefing by HSE** **Mid West on re-** **introduction of** **services**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the following representatives from HSE Mid West to brief the Council.

- Colette Cowan, CEO – Acute Hospital Services;
- Maria Bridgeman, Chief Officer for HSE Community Services – Elderly/Primary Care/Mental Health Disability.
- Dr. Mai Mannix, Director of Public Health – Covid-19 update.

He also welcomed the following as observers to the meeting: -

Elaine Connolly, Communications Director, UL Hospitals Group;

Noreen Spillane, Chief Operations Officer, UL Hospitals Group,

Prof Brian Lenehan, Chief Clinical Director, UL Hospitals Group,

Mike Aherne, Communications Manager, HSE Midwest Community Healthcare.

Hospital Services.

Ms. C. Cowan, C.E.O., outlined the impact Covid-19 had on the UL Hospitals Group. New ways of working had to be established in line with National Guidance. Plans were now in place for the resumption of services that would ensure safe care and a safe environment for staff to work in.

Particular reference was made to Nenagh Hospital and services that were available and were in planning. Capital Developments across the UL Hospital Group were outlined. The challenges facing hospital services were highlighted and these included Patient Safety, Staff fatigue/stress/exhaustion, resources to manage service changes, winter 2020/2021 and a new government and new decisions.

Community Healthcare

Ms. Maria Bridgeman, Chief Officer, informed members that a Covid Response Support Team had been established for the Mid West Community which comprised staff from the HSE and Local Authority and provided advice, communication, guidance, IPC, Training, PPE, and staff accommodation. Support was available 7 days a week. Community testing had commenced in March 2020 and testing centres had been established in various locations. Isolation facilities had been provided from mid March to early June and additional bed capacity had been provided. PPE had been sourced and distributed to various facilities including nursing homes, Community Hubs/Centres and Home Care Service Users. A contact tracing hub was established for Healthcare Workers and psychosocial support mechanisms were put in place. Challenges in continuing community healthcare were the number of staff on duty, readiness for a Covid 19 surge, the restarting of services, the maintaining of Covid 19 Services and business continuity in a Covid context.

Covid-19 Update

The response structure to the Covid 19 Pandemic was outlined by Dr. Mannix, Director of Public Health. The National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE) was providing direction and expert advice across the health service on the national response to Covid 19. Knowledge about the disease, its symptoms and transmission was evolving. Testing and contact tracing was being carried out and a Covid Tracker App had been launched to assist in finding close contacts. Members were shown a profile of confirmed Covid-19 cases in the Mid-West together with a summary of the characteristic of confirmed Covid-19 cases notified in the Mid West Region. With society opening up the possible increase in cases was a cause of concern. Winter months would be a challenge with the likelihood of further surges. It was vital that people would continue to observe the basic principles which were to stay at home if sick, washing of hands, cough etiquette, physical distance, limit movements and wear face coverings in places where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Members thanked the HSE Mid West representatives for their informative presentations and also for the weekly updates that they were receiving during the pandemic. Members raised the following issues/queries and it was agreed that these would be forwarded to the HSE for consideration and reply to the members.

- The need for a similar Brief by HSE South East to the Council members.
- The consideration of a single harmonised approach by HSE Mid West and HSE South East

- A date for the re-opening of St. Mary's Health Centre, Thurles
- A date for the recommencement of ShannonDoc
- The long waiting lists for speech therapy and orthodontic treatment
- Plans to reinstate home help hours.
- The extension of opening hours of the minor injuries unit, Limerick
- Future plans for applicants for Medical staff recruitment drive
- Transport issues being encountered by Carers getting people to routine medical appointments
- Positive Covid 19 cases – reason for difference between North and South
- Plans for the development of Dean Maxwell Community Nursing Home, Roscrea
- Reopening date for Cre House Health Centre, Roscrea
- Reopening date for Regional Emergency Dept
- Plans to increase the number of test centres in Tipperary
- Mental Health – need to balance efficiency with effectiveness in relation to client appointments
- Travel from other countries
- Plans to deal with Elective Surgeries backlog

Item 6.1

Agree Meeting Dates

It was agreed that the Budget Workshop would be held on 4th September at 10am in The Dome, Semple Stadium, Thurles.

It was agreed that the September Monthly Meeting would be held on Monday 14th September at 10am in the Dome, Semple Stadium, Thurles.

Item 7.1

Consideration of C.E. Orders for the period to 30th June, 2020

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to 30th June, 2020 were noted.

Item 9.1

Notice of Motion

Acute Psychiatric Beds

Motion 9.1 (1900) was proposed by **Cllr. Pat English** and seconded by **Tony Black**

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Health to re-open Acute Psychiatric Beds in the recently upgraded and refurbished St. Michael's Unit, South Tipperary General Hospital".

It was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Minister for Health.

Item No. 9.2

Notice of Motion

Excavation works at Kilmainham Jail

Motion No. 9.2 (1902) was proposed by **Cllr. T. Black** and seconded by **Cllr. Pat English**

"Tipperary County Council calls on the Office of Public Works to carry out the necessary excavation works to recover the remains of Joe Brady, Daniel Curley, Michael Fagan, Thomas Caffrey and Tim Kelly, in what is commonly known as the Invincibles Yard at Kilmainham jail. The bodies of these five members of the Irish National Invincibles lie beneath the paving slabs of the yard where they were executed in 1883 for their part in the Phoenix Park assassinations. The families of the five men are represented

by the National Graves Association and wish of the families is for their relatives to be exhumed from Kilmainham Jail and reinterred in consecrated ground at Glasnevin Cemetery".

Following discussion of the motion, Cllr MI Fitzgerald sought further information on the content of the motion and it was agreed to defer the motion to allow Cllr Black the opportunity to provide additional detail to the members.

Item 10.1

Resolutions from Other Local Authorities

The following Resolutions from other Local Authorities were noted.

Westmeath County Council

That Westmeath County Council in recognising the stress, uncertainty and worry of the Leaving Certificate Class of 2020 discuss possible options of assisting these students pursue their chosen career this autumn, where some may want to attend Third Level Education and others follow the apprenticeship of their choice.

The proposal of "First Choice for All" should be accommodated as much as possible.

Kerry County Council

To ask Kerry County Council to write on behalf of the members of the Department of An Taoiseach and the Department of Tourism asking that the VAT rate on the tourism industry be reduced to 0% to try and alleviate the pressure on related businesses and attempt to avoid the complete decimation of this sector. This is not a decision for the next Government. It is a decision that needs to be made now.

Carlow County Council

This Council condemns the action of the PSNI in disrupting the Black Lives Matter (BLM) protest in Guildhall Square in Derry on June 6th by issuing fines and threatening court action against organisers and participants. This contrasted with the inaction of the PSNI in face of large gatherings on beaches and in major retail outlets over prior weeks.

The organisers of the protest, the North West Migrants' Forum, enforced strict rules to maintain social distancing. Very clear social distancing marks were drawn on the ground, in the same way many stores manage crowds queuing.

Council notes that Amnesty International and the Northern Committee on the Administration of Justice have expressed concern about the way application of the regulations arising from the Covid-19 pandemic were altered on the evening prior to the Black Lives Matter protest, clearly suggesting that the point of the changes was to facilitate the PSNI in taking action against protestors.

Council backs the call for a full review of how policing was conducted at the BLM events. Council supports the demand for a public apology to the BAME (Black Asian and Minority Ethnic) Community. Council calls for the withdrawal of all fines and threats of court action against BLM protesters.

Item 11.1

Votes of Sympathy

- Michael Mulcaire, Thurles Municipal District, on the death of his mother Maureen
- Sheila Ryan, Water Services, on the death of her father Paddy
- Katia Hunter, Water Services, on the death of her father Ognemir

Sapundjiev.

- Gary Murray on the death of his wife Cllr. Margaret Murray
- Cliona Maher, Junction Festival Clonmel on the success of this year's Junction Festival
- Paul Kenny, CEO, Tipperary Energy Agency on his appointment as advisor to Minister Eamon Ryan at the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment
- Fr. Martin Hayes on his appointment as Catholic Bishop of Kilmore

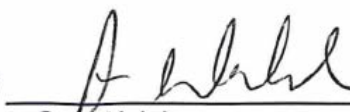
**Votes of
Congratulations**

**Any Other
Business**

There being no further business, the meeting then concluded.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: