Present  
Cllr. Phyll Bugler, Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs. Ambrose, S; Anglim, M; Bonfield, F; Bourke, J; Bourke, K; Browne, M; Carroll, J; Crosse, J; Darcy, G; Doran, D; Dunne, D; English, P; Fahey, J; Goldsboro, I; Hanafin, S; Hannigan, J; Hogan, J; Kennedy, R; Leahy, D; Lowry, M; McGrath, H; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Murphy, Marie; Murphy Ml; O'Meara, E; O'Meara, Ml; Ryan, J; Ryan, M; Ryan, S; Wood, T.

Also Present  

Apologies  

Item 1.1  
Minutes of Council Meeting held on 9th October 2017

Proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin seconded by Cllr. R. Kennedy and resolved

“That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th October 2017 in the Civic Offices, Nenagh Co. Tipperary, as presented be adopted”.

Minutes of Budget Meeting held on 17th November 2017

Proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin seconded by Cllr. R. Kennedy and resolved

“That the minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting held on 17th November 2017 in the Civic Offices, Nenagh, as presented be adopted”.

In reply to a query by Cllr R. Kennedy, it was clarified that notification of the Roads Grant Allocation for 2018 had not yet been received but officials were optimistic that there would be no reduction to the grant.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 30th June 2017

Proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin seconded by Cllr. R. Kennedy and resolved

“That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 30th June 2017 in Civic Offices, Nenagh as presented be adopted”.

Item 2.1  
Conferences/Seminars/Training

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. S. Hanafin 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:-

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Item 2.2
Reports on
Conferences

Proposed by **Cllr. J. Carroll** seconded by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** and reports noted.

Item 3.1
Section 183
Notice
Disposal of
property at
Barronstown,
Limerick
Junction to Peter
Hughes

Proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy**, seconded **Cllr. J. Crosse** and resolved

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approve of the disposal of property, consisting of 0.04216 hectares contained in Folio No. TY28149F situate on the Townland of Barronstown in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on 10th November 2017”.

The Section 183 was required for a rectification of title.

Item 3.2
Section 183
Notice
Disposal of
property at
Upper Green
Street, Fethard
to Michael
Kenny

Proposed by **Cllr. J. Fahey**, seconded **Cllr. E. O’Meara** and resolved

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approve of the disposal of property, consisting of 0.1760 hectares contained in Folio No. 40119 situate on the West side of Upper Green Street in the town of Fethard being part of the Townland of Fethard and Barony of Middlethird in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated 13th November 2017”.

The Section 183 was required for a rectification of title.

Item 3.3
Section 183
Notice
Disposal of
property at 10 St.
Joseph’s
Terrace, Elm
Park, Clonmel to
Martina Dwyer

Proposed by **Cllr. P. English**, seconded **Cllr. S. Ambrose** and resolved

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approve of the disposal of property, located at No. 10 St. Joseph’s Terrace, Elm Park, Clonmel, County Tipperary which is contained within the boundaries of Folio TY16966, in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on 18th November, 2017”.

The Section 183 was required for redemption of Shared Ownership Loan.

Item 3.4
Section 183
Notice
Disposal of
property at
Garnaville
Yewston,
Nenagh
Estate of Patricia
Richardson

Proposed by **Cllr. Ml. O’Meara**, seconded **Cllr. G. Darcy** and resolved

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approve of the disposal of property, consisting of 0.16 hectares contained in the Folio TY663F – Plan No. 731 property known as Garnaville, Yewston – No. 3 Yewston Estate, Nenagh North Townland, in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section 183, as circulated on 22nd November, 2017”.

The Section 183 was required for a rectification of title.

Item 3.5
Section 183
Notice
Disposal of
property at
Slievenamon

Proposed by **Cllr. D. Doran**, seconded **Cllr. S. Hanafin** and resolved

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and that pursuant to the powers contained in Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal by way of 10 year lease, of property known as Old Thurles Civic Offices, consisting of circa 0.3849ha, situated at
Road, Thurles to Rehab Group

Slievenamon Road, Thurles, Co. Tipperary in the townland of STRADAVOHER, to Rehab Group for consideration of €25,000 in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 24th November 2017.

The Section 183 was required for a 10 Year Lease of Old Thurles Civic Offices.

Item 3.6

Section 183 Notice
Lease of property at Burgagery Lands East to Clonmel Business Development Park CLG.

Proposed by Cllr. P. English, seconded Cllr. S. Ambrose and resolved

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and that pursuant to the powers contained in Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal by way of extension of Head Lease of property consisting of 5,843.27 Sq. Metres in Folio 22420 and situated in the townland of Burgagery Lands East in the Barony of Iffa and Offa”.

The Section 183 was required for an extension of existing Lease.

Item 3.7

Settlement Plan of the North Tipperary County Development Plan 2010

The Chief Executives Report on the Settlement Plans to the North Tipperary County Development Plan 2010 (as varied) had been circulated to the members in accordance with statutory procedures. Four submissions had been received and the Chief Executive’s response to each was contained in the report.

Proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin, seconded Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved

“That pursuant to the provisions of Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having considered the proposed Variation – Settlement Plans of the North Tipperary County Development Plan 2010 (as varied), the Chief Executive Report of the 18th September 2017 (with the associated proposed material amendments and the Chief Executive Report circulated on the 4th December 2017) and the associated minor amendments, the Council hereby resolve to make the Variation without further modification.

It is hereby noted that the making of Variation – Settlement Plans shall have immediate effect from date of meeting i.e. 11th December 2017.

Item 3.8

Settlement Plan of the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009

The Chief Executives Report on the Settlement Plans to the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009 (as varied) had been circulated to the members in accordance with statutory procedures. Five submissions had been received and the Chief Executive’s response to each was contained in the report.

Proposed by Cllr. E. O’Meara, seconded Cllr. R. Kennedy and resolved

“That pursuant to the provisions of Section 13 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having considered the proposed Variation – Settlement Plans of the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2009 (as varied), the Chief Executive Report of the 18th September 2017 (with the associated proposed material amendments and the Chief Executive Report circulated on the 4th December 2017) and the associated minor amendments, the Council hereby resolve to make the Variation without further modification.

It is hereby noted that the making of Variation – Settlement Plans shall have immediate effect from date of meeting i.e. 11th December 2017.

Item 3.9

Consider the Chief

The Chief Executives Report in relation to the revoking of the Newport Local Area Plan 2010 had been circulated to the members in accordance with statutory procedures. Two submissions had been received and the Chief Executive’s response to each was contained in
Executive’s Report on proposals to revoke the Newport Local Area Plan 2010

Proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved

“That pursuant to the provisions of Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having considered the proposal to Revoke the Newport Local Area Plan 2010, the Chief Executive Report of the 4th December 2017, the Council hereby resolve to Revoke the Newport Local Area Plan 2010”.

Item 3.10
Consider the Chief Executive’s Report on proposals to revoke the Marlfield Local Area Plan 2009

The Chief Executives Report in relation to the revoking of the Marlfield Local Area Plan 2010 had been circulated to the members in accordance with statutory procedures. Eight submissions had been received and the Chief Executive’s response to each was contained in the report.

Proposed by Cllr. P. English, seconded by Cllr. J. Fahey and resolved

“That pursuant to the provisions of Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having considered the proposal to Revoke the Marlfield Local Area Plan 2013, the Chief Executive Report of the 4th December 2017, the Council hereby resolve to Revoke the Marlfield Local Area Plan 2013”.

In reply to a query from Cllr. Pat English, it was noted that the submissions submitted would be taken into consideration in the proper planning and development of Marlfield but the issues raised in a number of the submissions are not a matter for the proposal to revoke the Local Area Plan.

Item 4.1
Consideration of Management Report

The Management Report with a focus on directorates based in Clonmel as circulated with the Agenda was noted and considered by the Council.

Community and Economic Development

Lisheen Mines

The Chief Executive informed members that Minister Humphries had that morning, announced a major investment for the former Lisheen Mining Site. The funding allocation will allow further feasibility work to be carried out in relation to the development of a state-of-the-art National Bioeconomy Innovation & Piloting Facility encompassing flexible, modular, pilot-scale multi-purpose chemical & biological infrastructure with an expected fund of approximately €4m.

Members welcomed the announcement which would be a major boost to the local area and region. They congratulated the former owners of the Mine, Vedanta Resources, for the successful methods used in the closure of the mine and their treatment of employees and also acknowledged the work of the Chief Executive, Sinead Carr, Director of Services and Anthony Fitzgerald, Business Executive Officer.

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 7.4 Motion No. 1206 submitted by Cllr D. Dunne as part of the Management Report on Community and Economic Development.

Item 7.4
Notice of Motion

LEADER Funding

Motion No. 7.4 (Ref 1206) was proposed by Cllr. D. Dunne

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Community and Rural Development to take immediate action to reduce the delays in accessing LEADER funding for community groups; to make a commitment that no LEADER programme funding will be diverted to other projects and to make a commitment that the funding for LEADER will be restored as soon as possible”.
The motion was seconded by **Cllr. M. Browne**
The reply to the Notice of Motion was noted as follows:-

A number of changes were introduced nationally to the delivery of LEADER under the current Rural Development Programme. It was acknowledged at a LEADER Forum held in May 2017, which was hosted by the Department for Community and Rural Development and attended by Chairs and Chief Officers of Local Action Groups/LCDCs and CEOs of Implementing Partners, that some of these changes impacted negatively on the delivery of the programme. As a result the Department agreed to implement 31 Actions - proposed and agreed by those in attendance at this LEADER Forum - to make the programme more accessible to all involved. Most of these actions have now been implemented and are impacting/impact positively on programme delivery from late 2017 onwards.

In County Tipperary a LEADER budget of €7.5m approximately has been assigned to Tipperary LCDC for LEADER projects up to 2020 inclusive. Implementing Partners(IPs), North Tipperary LEADER Partnership and South Tipperary Development Co. opened the programme for receipt of Expressions of Interest under Rolling Calls in October 2016. By end of 2017 it is projected that 32 applications seeking grant-aid of €900,000 approximately will have been received by IPs under Rolling Calls.

In addition, IPs advertised for the receipt of Expressions of Interest for Targeted Calls in January 2017 in line with 50% requirement of annual budget allocation to Targeted Calls. By end of 2017 it is projected that 52 applications seeking grant-aid of €1,153,183 will have been received by IPs. Total grant-aid sought under both calls is projected at €2,053,832 by year end. This is in line with activity nationally where the bulk of project evaluations and approvals are taking place in the second part of 2017 owing to programme requirements. This should not be the case from 2018 onwards owing to introduction of the aforementioned Actions Points which should address delays encountered to date with the programme.

Cllr. Dunne spoke of delays experienced by applicants and felt the process was onerous. In reply, Ms. S. Carr, D.O.S., was confident that the changes outlined above would improve the process for 2018. She stressed that it was important to get the message out that the LEADER companies were open for business.

**Community CCTV**
Members referred to issues regarding the monitoring of CCTV Cameras in public places and it was clarified that the monitoring of CCTV and ongoing maintenance costs were the responsibility of the lead agency/group that sought the installation. It was noted that present legislation did not allow for the Gardai to monitor CCTV footage installed by other agencies, that this would be the preferred choice and it was agreed that this Council would write to the Department of Justice to seek an amendment to the Garda Siochana CCTV Order 2006 to include An Garda Siochana as data controllers for CCTV systems installed in public areas.

**Greenway Thurles to Clonmel**
Cllr J. Ryan reiterated a previous request that the potential of a greenway from Thurles to Clonmel utilising a disused railway line would be re-examined. It was noted that the majority of the lands along this line were in private ownership but he asked that every option be examined because of the economic and social benefits should a development would bring to the area.

In response Ms. S. Carr, D.O.S., stated that the development of greenways carried financial implications for Districts regarding ongoing maintenance. When assessing locations, maximum impact and ease of development were important factors. Funds were available to groups for this type of project to carry out feasibility studies and she referred in particular to
the Tipperary Greenway Group and suggested that they might engage with Bórd na Mona in relation to the development of part of route through their lands and that the Council would be happy to support and work with the group in this regard.

**Water and Environment**

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 7.1 Motion No. 1204, submitted by Cllr Marie Murphy, Item 7.2 Motion No 1205 submitted by Group and item 7.3 Motion 1203 submitted by group as part of the Management Report on Water and Environment

**Item 7.1**

**Notice of Motion**

**Illegal Dumping Costs**

Motion No. 7.1 (Ref 1204) was proposed by Cllr. M. Murphy

"That the Tipperary County Council reviews the details of the volume and costs of disposing of illegal dumping during the last 3 years. This review should be the basis to consider how resources and approaches can be a cost effective way to detecting and preventing illegal dumping."

The motion was seconded by Cllr. M. Browne

The reply to the Notice of Motion was noted as follows:

The Council spends a relatively small proportion of its waste management budget on actual clearing and disposal of illegally dumped material. The majority is spent on tackling the issues around illegal dumping, through awareness-raising, prevention, investigation and enforcement.

Specific figures on volumes and costs of clearing illegal dump sites are not easy to compile as much small-scale dumping is cleared by staff in the five municipal districts and not always separately recorded. The larger instances of illegal dumping are normally referred to the Enforcement Officers in the Environment Section and a sum of approximately €170,000 has been expended on the collection and disposal of around 650 tonnes of such material from public spaces over the last three years. An additional €40,000 in Department grants was spent on clearing illegal dumping in specific blackspots in 2017. Illegal dumping on private land is cleared by the landowners involved, often at the instigation of the Enforcement Officers.

The greater proportion of waste management funds (approx. €875,000) is spent on public awareness, support to tidy town committees, investigation and enforcement. In addition, more than €900,000 is spent on the operation of bring banks and recycling facilities, which provide legitimate outlets for the disposal and recycling of waste material.

The vast majority (90%) of Environment Section funds dedicated to waste management is therefore expended on prevention measures, which is by far the preferred method of dealing with the scourge of illegal dumping.

A new tool to help prevent illegal dumping will be brought forward in 2018 in the form of the Waste Presentation Bye Laws; these will give further powers to our Waste Enforcement Officers to monitor how household waste is disposed of and should reduce illegal dumping from this source.

In reply to a proposal to make industrial skips available to communities as a cost effective measure to counter instances of illegal dumping, it was noted that it would be impossible to control the disposal of waste if industrial bins were made freely available.

It was also noted that it was illegal to give waste to a person not authorised to collect waste. Reference was also made to out of hours enforcement measures which included CCTV cameras being utilised in isolated locations and the EPA App – “See It, Say It” – that allowed
members of the public to take a photograph of illegal dumping and to submit to Local Authorities for further investigation.

**Item 7.2**

**Notice of Motion**

**Waste Collection**

Motion No. 7.2 (Ref 1205) submitted by Cllrs G. Darcy, M. Ryan, J. Carroll, F. Bonfield, P. Bugler, M. O’Meara, S. Morris, H. McGrath, J. Hannigan was proposed by **Cllr. G. Darcy**

“We call on the Minister for Environment to amend the legislation with regard to collection of waste so as to allow small operators to provide a service to those who live in remote areas, areas where large vehicles cannot access or where householders have very limited amounts of waste and lack storage space for bins. Such small operators should be permitted to meet requirements in relation to pay by weight, by weighing their loads at the point of disposal. This would facilitate householders, allow the small operators to continue in business and also reduce the likelihood of illegal dumping of waste”.

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. M. O’Meara**

The reply to the Notice of Motion was noted as follows:-

The National Policy on household waste collection is to encourage waste prevention and recycling. (SI No 24 of 2016). The current collection permit regulations require authorised household waste collectors to weigh the waste collected and to charge by weight or by volume, prohibiting a flat fee charge.

The granting of a waste collection permit to a Household Waste Collector is conditional on the waste collection vehicle having a weighing mechanism fitted.

Prior to the introduction of current legislation (SI No 24 of 2016), there was extensive engagement with the household waste collectors on the new regulations proposed, which has resulted in householders decreasing the volume of waste going to their residual waste bin and an increase in recycling.

It was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment for consideration and also circulated to other Local Authorities for support.

**Item 7.3**

**Notice of Motion**

**Derelict Sites and Dangerous Structures**

Motion No. 7.3 (Ref 1203) submitted by Cllrs M. Ryan, J. Carroll, F. Bonfield, P. Bugler, M. O’Meara, S. Morris, H. McGrath, J. Hannigan, G. Darcy was proposed by **Cllr. M. Ryan**

“We call on the Council to work proactively with the Department to strengthen the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1964 as the current Acts are deficient and not fit for purpose in satisfactorily addressing the many derelict sites and dangerous structures across the county”.

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. D. Dunne**

The reply to the Notice of Motion was noted as follows:-

The legislation governing derelict sites and dangerous structures gives certain powers to local authorities and the process works very well in many situations.

That said, the reasons why buildings in particular become derelict or dangerous are very often associated with problems of clear ownership or personal financial challenges. The very existence of such problems can make it difficult to implement the legislation, which in essence requires the owner of the property to carry out works to either render it non-derelict or non-dangerous. Where the works are not carried out, the legislation allows the local authority to do
so and to recover the costs as a simple contract debt.

However, where ownership is unclear or the owner does not have sufficient financial resources to carry out the required works, the local authority can be left carrying the costs. In such cases, scarce council resources can be spent on private property and are very often not in practice recoupable by the council.

To avoid this scenario, derelict sites are placed on a register and a levy is applied each year to incentivise the owner to make the site non-derelict. In the meantime, the dereliction continues. On a dangerous structure, the minimum works are often carried out to remove the immediate danger; this often results in the site then becoming derelict, with all of the consequences already mentioned.

In any event, the council's approach to dealing with derelict and dangerous sites is to work with the owners as far as possible and to use the enforcement route as a final option. Given the issues mentioned above, the process can be quite time consuming, during which time the site remains derelict or dangerous. If enforcement is eventually required, the total time from dereliction arising until final resolution is even longer.

The above challenges are not confined to Tipperary, but apply across the country.

Members spoke of the need to strengthen the power of inspection and the need to overcome ownership issues.

It was agreed to refer the motion to the Department with a recommendation that a review be carried out across all local authorities with a view to amending the legislation to ensure improved operation and enforcement.

**Access Road to Treatment Plant at Littleton**

Further to an enquiry by Cllr S. Ryan, it was noted that a meeting between Irish Water and residents on this access road was being arranged.

**Clonmel Town and Rural W.S.S. (North Clonmel)**

It was noted that the CPO scheme had been confirmed by An Bord Pleanala and the next stage was tender design.

**Clonmel Town and Rural W.S.S.**

It was noted that technical reports and impact studies were being carried out together with ongoing discussions with landowners.

**Housing**

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 7.5 Motion No. 1231 submitted by Cllr P. English as part of the Management Report on Housing.

Item 7.5 Notice of Motion

"That Tipperary County Council request the government to declare a national emergency for housing, as there is a record number of 120,000 households on social housing waiting lists nationwide"
The motion was seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne

The reply to the Notice of Motion was noted as follows:-

"Rebuilding Ireland", which is the National Strategic Housing Plan, is an action-driven plan with 5 pillars which aim to: address the needs of homeless people and families in emergency accommodation; accelerate the provision of social housing; deliver more housing; utilise vacant homes and improve the rental sector. Tipperary County Council is utilising each strand of “Rebuilding Ireland”, in order to address the housing needs of families and individuals in County Tipperary.

Members spoke of the housing crisis in Tipperary and the need for action. They also referred to the need to review income limits for housing applicants. Ms. C. Curley, D.O.S. outlined the progress that had been made in Tipperary through all elements of the social housing strategy and in particular, the various tenures of housing being utilised by the Council to meet housing demand. She referred to the report circulated with Management Report listing the various projects being progressed under the Housing Construction element. In relation to housing applicants, income limits were determined by the Department and the Council had to comply with the income limits set nationally through regulations.

At the request of the members it was agreed to refer the motion to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government for his consideration and reply.

Item 4.2

Tipperary Energy Agency Presentation

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Stephen Harte from Tipperary Energy Agency to make a presentation to the members on the Tipperary Health Homes Scheme.

Mr. S. Harte, Project Manager stated that the 2018 Tipperary Healthy Homes scheme was aimed at Tipperary homeowners in pre 2006 built homes. The aim of the scheme was to move the homeowners away from fossil fuel heating systems and replace with a heat pump, along with other measures that would raise the Building Energy Rating to a near A3. This would provide the homeowner with a warmer, healthier home; lowering running costs, energy consumption and benefiting health. The retrofit was of significant value, estimated €52,000 per home and was 95% funded from the state. It would transform the home for the homeowner and was likely have a positive impact on the health of the occupants. The scheme was run by Tipperary Energy Agency and was funded by Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, Electric Ireland and co funded by the Horizon 2020 programme. The qualifying factors for the scheme were

- A Tipperary Owner Occupier
- To live in a cavity wall or solid mass concrete constructed home
- The home was constructed before 2006
- Applicants in receipt of one of the following supplements, Fuel Allowance as part of the National Fuel Scheme, Jobseekers Allowance for more than the past 6 months and have children under 7 years of age, Family Income Supplement, One Parent Family Payment.

Members welcomed the scheme. They expressed regret that funding was limited to under 40 homes for 2018. They thanked Mr. Harte for his informative presentation.

Item 5.1

Consideration of Orders to the end of period 30th November, 2017

Chief Executive and Delegated Officers Order for the period to the 30th November, 2017 were noted.
It was agreed that the January Meeting would be held on the 8th January, 2017.

Correspondence as circulated was noted.

The work of the Chief Executive and Planning Officials for their assistance on the submission for The National Planning Framework was acknowledged.

Resolutions from other Local Authorities were noted:

**Ballina Municipal District**

That Mayo County Council (Ballina Municipal District) calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Department of Agriculture to take immediate action to deal with the problems caused by the spread of ragwort and to implement the existing laws to deal with the problem and call on the Minister to put in place an incentive scheme to encourage farmers and other landowners to take action to deal with this very serious problem. Ballina Municipal District further calls on Mayo County Council who are in serious breach of the Noxious Weeds Act to take action to contain and prevent the spread of ragwort and other noxious weeds. The Council also calls on the minister to update the Noxious Weeds Act 1936 to make it relevant in the present time. That this motion is circulated to all local authorities for their support and also to the IFA and Irish Creamery milk Association.

**Clare County Council**

That Clare County Council call on the Minister for Social Protection to reverse the unfair and discriminatory policy of penalising home makers that took some time out to care for their family prior to 1994 and to address the Austerity measure that penalised approximately 35,000 people, mainly women, that was brought in by the Government on 6th April 2012 concerning Contributory Pension Entitlements and if the motion is agreed that the request be sent to the Minister and also circulated to all other Councils.

**Clare County Council**

In the backdrop of our national housing emergency and the stresses experienced by so many at risk of homelessness due to mortgage distress, that Clare County Council call on An Taoiseach to support enactment by the Oireachtas of the National Housing Co-Op Bill 2017 to provide for the establishment of an Industrial & Provident Society to be called the National Housing Co-operative Society with the mandate and powers to acquire, manage, rent or sell distressed mortgages so that the occupants of houses can move from the status of distressed mortgagor by means of “rent and mortgage” AND that this Clare County Council Motion once passed, be copied to all other local authorities encouraging their adoption of similar such motion.

**Dublin City Council**

Dublin City Council noted the contents of the letter dated 17th October 2017 conveying the terms of the following motion adopted by Tipperary County Council at its October meeting. “I am calling on the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to reintroduce the urban Road Minor Improvement Grant as the loss of same has caused significant deterioration to the urban roads in towns in the County of Tipperary”.

**Kilkenny County Council**

That Kilkenny County Council writes to the Minister of Health, Simon Harris, the Minister of
Education, Richard Bruton and the Minister for children & Youth Affairs, Katherine Zappone to put into consideration collectively a compulsory training program of occupational first aid training for all teachers and SHAs that are physically capable to provide CPR, in both primary and secondary schools throughout Ireland. In consideration with recent statistics – 15 people a day die from sudden death syndrome and 125 people die a year from choking. We believe that this responsibility lies with all 3 Ministers as in education, Health and putting children first.

**Leitrim County Council**

That Leitrim County Council write to the Minister for Justice, Frances Fitzgerald asking that her Department review the criteria for Community Based CCTV System Installation in towns and that she and her Department agree to increase the grant level from 40% to 75% and raise the ceiling to €75,000. The ceiling is currently €40,000. This change would increase the uptake, which is the aim of the Scheme.

**Limerick City & County Council**

That, the Government put in place one Agency with full responsibility for the maintenance/repair/upkeep of all our rivers and streams.

**Sligo County Council**

That Sligo County Council write to the minister for Health, Simon Harris, T.D. seeking extra funding for the Alzheimer Society of Ireland in future health budgets, and that this proposal be circulated to all Local Authorities in Ireland.

**Carlow County Council**

That Carlow County Council calls on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to produce adequate information to ensure ease of access and understanding of complex requirements for persons with disabilities, who are required to comply with European and National certification and guidelines, particularly in the agricultural sector. The Minister is called upon to address and if need arise, legislate for the ongoing issues involving persons with disabilities in the interest of equality and paying particular attention to literacy issues among farmers, to also, put in place services and facilities in recognition of the many farmers and members of rural Ireland who have difficulty getting the appropriate certification to carry out day to day agricultural activity, in particular, this Council asks the Minister to consider the case concerning Edward “Ned” Deering who recently went before the European Parliaments committee of petitions where the case remains open. Finally, this Council calls on the Minister to recognise that the role of “access officers” within the department are not fit for purpose.

Members supported these motions.

**Item 10.1**

**Expression of Votes of Sympathy**

Votes of Sympathy were extended to the following:

- Fiona Ryan-Davern, Motor Tax, Clonmel on the death of her father-in-law, Matthew(Matty) Davern.
- Irene Cunningham, Fire Office on the death of her sister, Ann Marie O’Connell.
- Alice Holmes, Cashel-Tipperary MD on the death of her mother-in-law, Anne Holmes.
- Sharon Leenane, Housing Section, on the death of her mother, Margaret Mulcahy.
- Mairead Moloney, Cashel-Tipperary MD, on the death of her sister, Mary (Molly) Shanahan-Fenton.
- Colette Moloney, Environment on the death of her mother, Margaret (Madge) Moloney and Joe Burke, Water Services on the death of his mother-in-law.
- Pat Power, Retired County Veterinary Officer on the death of his mother, Alice.
• Eddie Meegan, IT, Clonmel on the death of his father, James (Jim) Megan.
• Helena Egan, Finance and Anne Egan, Motor Tax on the death of father, Mick Egan (Former employee of South Tipperary County Council).
• Philip Teefey on the death of his father Joseph Teefey, former employee North Tipperary County Council.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed/_______________________________
Cathaoirleach.

Date: ________________________________

Signed/_______________________________
Gef Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Date: ________________________________