Present

Cllr. Mattie Ryan, Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs. Ambrose S. Anglim, M; Bonfield, F; Bourke, J; Bourke. K; Browne, M; Bugler, P; Carey, C; Carroll, J; Darcy, G; Doran, D; Dunne, D; English, P; FitzGerald, MI; Fitzgerald, M; Goldsboro, I; Hanafin, S; Hannigan, J; Hogan, Hanna Hourigan, M; Kennedy, R; Leahy, D; Lonergan, M; Lowry, M; McGrath, H; McLoughlin, L; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E; Morris, S; Murphy, Marie; Murphy, MI; O’Meara, K; O’Meara, MI; Ryan, J; Ryan, S; Smith, M; Wood, T.

Also Present

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, M Shortt, K. Cashen, S. Carr, S. Keating, P. Slattery, Directors of Service, L. McCarthy, Head of Finance B. Beck, Senior Planner, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies

Cllr J. Crosse.

Vote of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was passed to Councillor J. Crosse on the death of his mother Eileen and a minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect.

Item 1.1

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 10th December 2018

Proposed by Cllr. M. FitzGerald seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved

“That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th December 2018 in the Civic Offices, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, as presented be adopted”.

Item 1.2

Minutes of Budget Meeting held on 23rd November 2018

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

“That the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 23rd November 2018 in the Civic Offices, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, as presented be adopted”.

Item 2.1

Conferences /Seminars /Training

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan seconded by Cllr. R. Kennedy 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


Item 3.1
Casual Vacancy Co-Option

It was proposed by Cllr. L. McLoughlin, seconded by Cllr. Michael Murphy and resolved.

“That pursuant to the provisions of Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Mark Fitzgerald be appointed to the Casual Vacancy which exists on Tipperary County Council”.

Members welcomed Mr. Fitzgerald and assured him of their full support. They welcomed his family to the meeting on this proud day. Members remembered the late Cllr J Fahey whose vacancy was being filled by Mr. Fitzgerald.

Mr Fitzgerald thanked his proposer and seconder. He thanked his colleagues in Fine Gael for their support and his family and remembered his late father on this special occasion. He joined in the vote of sympathy to Cllr J. Crosse on the death of his mother. He also remembered the late Cllr J. Fahey who he was proud to have known and respected.

It was a lifelong dream for him to become a politician, it was an honour to be elected to the membership of Tipperary County Council and especially for his election to coincide with the anniversary of the first sitting of Dáil Éireann.

Mr. Joe MacGrath welcomed Mr. Fitzgerald to Tipperary County Council and wished him every success in the role of elected representative. He assured him that he would be afforded every help and assistance in his new role. He welcomed his family to the meeting on this proud day for them.
Item 3.2
Section 183
Kickham Barracks, Clonmel

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Ambrose, seconded by Cllr. Marie Murphy and resolved.

“In accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal by way of Deed of Transfer of a site at Kickham Barracks, Clonmel measuring 4,610 sqm to the Office of Public Works for the consideration of €100 subject to the conditions as set out on attached schedule”.

This was to facilitate the development of a new Civic Garda Station.

Item 3.3
Section 183 Notice
Woodville, Ballymackey, Nenagh

Proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. M. O’Meara and resolved:

“In accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal by way of Deed of Conveyance of Woodville House and adjoining lands consisting of circa 7.33 ha within the townland of WOODVILLE, within the barony of ORMOND UPPER, in the county of TIPPERARY, contained in Folio(s) TY34947, in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 28th December 2018”.

This property is no longer required by the Council for the purposes of carrying out their powers and duties.

Item 3.4
Section 183
New Street, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary to Bernadette Mulvaney.

Proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne and resolved:

“in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal by way of lease of property, consisting of circa 0.0002 ha, within the townsland of TOWNSPARK, within the barony of IFFA AND OFFA EAST, in the county of TIPPERARY, contained in Folio(s) TY44267F, to Bernadette Mulvaney in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 7th January 2018”.

It was noted that this was a rectification of title.

Item 3.5
Section 183
New Street, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary to William & Mary Galvin.

Proposed by Cllr. K. Bourke seconded by Cllr. D. Dunne and resolved

“in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal by way of lease of property, consisting of circa 0.0002 ha, within the townsland of TOWNSPARK, within the barony of IFFA AND OFFA EAST, in the county of TIPPERARY, contained in Folio(s) TY44267F, to William and Mary Galvin in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 7th January 2019”.

It was noted that this was a rectification of title.

Item 3.6
Section 183

Proposed by Cllr. R. Kennedy seconded by Cllr. M. FitzGerald and resolved

“That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.008 hectares (0.0197 acres)
and 0.0683 hectares (0.1687 acres) at Gortmakellis, Cashel, Co Tipperary in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section as circulated on the 10th January 2019.”

The lands formed part of N8/M8 Cullahill to Cashel Road Scheme and were no longer required by the Council for the purposes of carrying out their powers and duties.

**Item 3.7**  
**Section 183**

Proposed by **Cllr. K. O’Meara** seconded by **Cllr. L. McLoughlin** and resolved

“That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.0218 hectares (0.0539 acres) at Cappoge, Mullinoly, Mullinahone, Co Tipperary in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section as circulated on the 10th January 2019.”

This property was no longer required by the Council for the purposes of carrying out their powers and duties.

**Item 3.8**  
**Ethics Framework Compliance**

Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator, referred to Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 (the 2001 Act) which set out the ethical framework for all those involved in the Local Government Service, both members and employees. The framework imposed a statutory duty on all in the service to maintain proper standards of integrity, conduct and concern for the public interest.

Members were informed that **Annual Declarations** under Section 171 of the 2001 Act, were required to be submitted to the Ethics Registrar in writing on or before the last day in February 2019 containing particulars of his or her declarable interests; and an undertaking to have regard to and be guided by the relevant Code of Conduct in the exercise of his or her functions.

Also in accordance with electoral legislation members were required to submit a **Donation Statement in respect of donations** received, the value of which exceeds €600.00. These statements were to be furnished to the Ethics Registrar not later than 31st January.

**Item 4.1**  
**Ratification of Rep to Tipperary LCDC**

Proposed by **Cllr. M. Hanna-Hourigan** seconded by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** and resolved

In accordance with Section 36 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 49A (1), Chapter 2 of Part 6 of the local Government Reform Act 2014 and Article 4 (1) of the Local Community Development Committee (Section 128e) Regulations 2014 and Statutory Instrument No. 314 of 2014 the Local Community Development Committee (Section 128e) (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations 2014 that –

Ms. Ita Horan replaced Ms. Rita Guinan as Tipperary County Council nominee to the Tipperary Local Community Development Committee (TLCDC).
**Item 5.1**

**Consideration of Management Report**

**Roads, Transportation, Health & Safety**

*Electric Vehicles* – On the recommendation of Mr. Matt Shortt, Director of Services, Roads and endorsed by the CPG, it was agreed to write to the Minister regarding the lack of infrastructure for electric vehicles, in particular charging points.

*Community CCTV* - It was noted that a meeting had taken place with the Chief Superintendent and expert advice was being sought seeking further clarity on data control issues.

*Slievenamon Road, Thurles (Phase 2)* – Liaison would take place with traders affected by the next phase of works on Slievenamon Road

*Thurles ByPass/Inner Relief Road* – these schemes would continue to be highlighted with the T.I.I. in an effort to progress their development.

*Thurles – Anner Hotel to Liberty Square Roadworks* - It was anticipated that these works would be incorporated into the Liberty Square Project with design taking place in 2019 and works in 2020.

*Turtalla Cross, Thurles* T.I.I reviewed and augmented signage in 2018, the junction will be reviewed again with the T.I.I. safety inspector.

*Templemore Roadworks* - the process for a Part 8 for traffic calming and footpath replacement would take place in 2019.

*Clonmel Pavement Improvement Scheme* – the Clonmel ByPass portion of this scheme would be tendered in early 2019 and the Moangarriff portion would require a Part 8 which would be advertised in 2019.

*N24 Carrick-n-Suir* – Railings and crossing points formed part of this scheme which would proceed to a Part 8 process in the next few weeks, subject to approval works contract to be tendered in 2019.

*Killaloe ByPass/ Shannon Bridge Crossing/ R494 Improvement Scheme* - Design was underway for this scheme. Clare County Council was the lead authority and the C.P.O. process had commenced.

*Road Signs* – it was agreed that the cleaning of roadsigns would form part of routine road maintenance.

*Ballyhurst Alignment* -approval had been received to purchase the lands required involving 12 landowners.

*Fr.Matthew Street, Tipperary* – Consultants are about to be appointed to do a detailed design and works would require a Part 8 process to be carried out.

*Tipperary Main Street* - Crosses Corner junction new lights are being monitored by the District Engineer.

*Air Quality Survey, Tipperary Town* – Efforts would be made to get funding in 2019 for a permanent monitoring station for Tipperary town.
Suir Blueway – additional funding had been received for enhancement works to the blueway and it was anticipated that the works would be completed mid 2019 with May, 2019 scheduled for an official opening.

Rampart Roads – It was agreed to write to the Department seeking funding for rampart roads in the peatlands in Tipperary.

Knockalton – the R498 works are being funded by Capital Funds as it was identified as a strategic project.

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Motion Ref. 1558 in conjunction with the Roads and Transportation Report.

**Item 8.1**

**Notice of Motion**

**N24 Limerick to Waterford**

Motion No. 8.1 (1558) was proposed by *Cllr. A. Moloney*

“*That the council renew their efforts to get the N24 back on the national agenda as a cost effective route from Limerick to Waterford.*

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

The response to the Notice of Motion was as follows:-

The upgrading of the Limerick to Waterford National Primary Route, N24, was one of twenty three National routes identified by Transport Infrastructure Ireland as priority projects. In order to progress the N24, this route had been divided into two sections, Waterford to Cahir and Cahir to Monard. The first stage involved the preparation of a Project Appraisal Plan for both sections. Both these Plans have now been completed and referred to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for consideration and we await the outcome of that consideration. In addition the executive of Tipperary County Council recently met with senior management of Transport Infrastructure Ireland, where the importance of upgrading the N24 was stressed.

Roads Capital Section would keep the Members updated on receipt of a response from TII to the Project Appraisal Plans.

Members expressed their frustration at the lack of progress in achieving this important infrastructure for Tipperary and adjoining counties. The upgrading of the N24 to motorway status was vital for the development of Tipperary and would alleviate traffic issues for the towns of Carrick-on-Suir and Tipperary.

Mr. Joe MacGrath stated that the inclusion of the N24 in the National Development Plan was positive and this was due to the support of the elected members. He was also disappointed at the pace of its progression. Meetings had been held and were ongoing with senior officials in the T.I.I. and the upgrading of the N24 would continue to be a priority on the agenda for this Council.

**Planning**

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item 5.4 in conjunction with the Planning Report.
The Report circulated to the Members outlined how the Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing Schemes in Rural Villages had been prepared by an integrated design team working in conjunction with Tipperary County Council.

Irish Towns and Rural Villages had for generations been at the heart of rural communities as places for people to live, to work and to come together as a community. However, for many years our villages had faced a decline in population and loss of services. Ensuring the future viability of our rural settlements is one of the most important challenges for national and local policy makers, stakeholders and communities.

Tipperary County Council in response to this challenge, and to deliver the National Planning Framework, commissioned these Guidelines to encourage, promote and facilitate residential development that meets the needs of rural communities by regenerating villages across the county.

The “Design and Best Practice Guidelines for Cluster Housing Schemes in Rural Villages” present design options for low density housing and serviced site schemes to facilitate those who wish to build and design their own homes in existing rural communities.

Tipperary County Council’s ambition is that the Guidelines would lead to the development of sustainable homes for those wishing to live in rural Tipperary and would strengthen our villages for generations to come.

Members welcomed the Guidelines which would be a positive assistance in regenerating villages. They queried the provision of lighting and footpaths. Mr. Brian Beck, Senior Planner, confirmed that the provision of lighting and footpaths was particular to each site and the planning department would work to resolve any issues with the applicant. The Guidelines would not impact on people who wished to live in rural areas, they were to assist people who could not find rural sites and encourage them to build and become part of a rural community/village.

Fire & Emergency Services

Congratulations were conveyed to Tipperary Fire and Rescue Service who won the Supreme Safety Award at the National Irish Safety Organisation (NISO) Awards.

Old Fire Station Thurles - Grant funding had been received to refurbish this disused Station for use by the Civil Defence.

Templemore Fire Station – A new contractor had been appointed and the expected completion date for works to Templemore Fire Station was July, 2019.

Borrisokane Fire Station – A site had been procured and Department approval was sought to appoint a design team.

Library & Cultural Services

Tipperary Town Library – In response to requests for extended opening hours in Tipperary Library, members were advised that negotiations were taking place with library staff regarding new library services and it was hoped to increase opening hours in the library service with agreement.

Clonmel Library – Funding approval had not been received to date for the
refurbishment and extension of Clonmel Library.

Civic Offices, Thurles – it was noted that the proceeds from the sale of the former Municipal District Office in Thurles would be used to fund the new Civic Offices.

**Item 5.2**

**National Roads Allocations 2019**

Notification of the 2019 National Roads Allocations had been received and circulated to the members for noting.

**Item 5.3**

**Draft Tipperary Civic Memorial Policy**

Tipperary County Council recognized that public commemoration plaques, memorials and monuments offered opportunities to honour, celebrate, or remember a person, group of persons or events of significance. The draft policy circulated to the members set out the process by which Tipperary County Council would consider the commemoration of events or individuals who have shaped the County, either by the naming of infrastructure or by the installation of monuments, memorials and plaques in the public domain.

It was proposed that applications to erect civic memorials would be made on an official form and would be initially assessed by the Council’s Cultural Team (comprising the Director of Cultural Services, County Librarian, Heritage Officer, Arts Officer and Museum Curator).

**Plaques:** The Cultural Team would consider the applications and would make a recommendation to the relevant Municipal District Council who would consider the applications and the report from the Cultural Team and then decide on the matter.

**Memorials/Statues etc.** The Cultural Team would consider the applications and would then make recommendations to the Council’s Corporate Policy Group (CPG) for consideration. The CPG would consider the applications and the report from the Cultural Team, and would then make its recommendations to the Council. The final decision on this would rest with the Council.

Members welcomed the Policy and agreed to proceed to public consultation. In response to concerns Members had regarding the length of time it would take to reach a decision on applications, it was noted that the Cultural Team would meet as and when required and delays in processing applications were not foreseen.

Methods of consultation by the Cultural Team with members would be considered.

**Item 6.1**

**Fix Date for Workshops**

Dates were agreed for workshops to be held in Thurles Civic Offices as follows:

- GDPR (General Date Protection Regulations) – Friday 25th January, 2019.
- Dail Constituency and Local Electoral Area Boundary Changes – Friday 25th January, 2019.
- Reval 2019 – Wednesday 27th February, 2019

Members spoke of the difficulties they were encountering in attending both external and internal meetings/workshops and it was agreed that this matter would be considered by the Privilege and Procedure Committee.
Item 7.1
Consideration of Orders for the period to the 31st December, 2018 were noted.

Item 9.7
Notice of Motion
Nurses and Midwives Strike Action
Motion No. 9.6 (1574) was proposed by Cllr. C. Carey
The motion was seconded by Cllr. M. Browne

“That this Council sends solidarity and support to our nurses and midwives who have balloted for strike action beginning January 30th to demand a safe, fully staffed, functioning health service, that values and pays them as essential skilled workers”.

It was agreed to forward the motion to the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation.

Items 9.1 – 9.6
Notices of Motions.
It was proposed by Cllr. M. FitzGerald, seconded by Cllr. R. Kennedy that Motions Ref; 1559, 1560, 1561, 1562, 1572, 1573 would be deferred to the February Meeting.
This was agreed.

Item 10.1
Correspondence
Correspondence as circulated was noted.

Items 11.1
Resolutions from other local authorities
Resolutions from other Local Authorities were noted:

Donegal County Council
That First Dáil Éireann assembly constituted and mandated by the electorate in the 1918 General Election. Mindful and supportive of national intentions to mark this historical occasion, that Donegal County Council now

1) Initiate and organise a comprehensive programme of celebration and commemoration of the First Dáil within the county in 2019.

2) Invite nearest next of kin of family member of the first TDs representing the Donegal Constituencies to an event in the Plenary Council Headquarters Lifford.

3) Promote and sponsor a first and second level historical schools project of the First Dáil within all schools in the County.

4) That the Minister for Education & Skills in light of the recent decision to revisit the proposal to make history an optional subject in the Junior Certificate, acts immediately to ensure that the subject is reinstated as a mandatory subject at the Junior Certificate level.
**Donegal County Council**

Molaim go dtugann Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall tacáiocht do no heilimh on phobal fá choinne Acht Gaeilge sna Sé Chontae agus, má eirionn lies an rún, go scaipfear an t-eolas sin ar no páirtíite poliathachta uilig sna Sé Chontae agus ar na Comhairlí Contae agus Cathrach uilig frid an tir.

I propose that Donegal County Council support the demands from the public for an Irish Language Act in the Six Counties and if the motion is carried, that this information is circulated to all the political parties in the Six Counties and to all the City and County Councils throughout the country.

**Kerry County Council**

That this Municipal District write to the Taoiseach and all Cathaoirliche/Mayors of every county in Ireland to try and put a serious unified effort to Donald Trump to help the undocumented in America becoming citizens. I think there has to be more of an effort made than has been done in recent years.

**Roscommon County Council**

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister of Health, Mr. Simon Harris to bring forward legislation in the Dáil, to make it a Statutory entitlement that persons who qualify for Home Help Hours and Home Care Packages must be immediately provided for by the Health Services Executive.

**Monaghan County Council**

That this Council asks the Minister for Health to request the Health Service Executive to include the Medical Report, required by a person over 70 applying for a driving licence for a car, to be included in the Medical Card services. Currently, if you’re under 70 the fee for a 10 year licence is €55. It is free for over 70’s, but a Medical Report is required. This can cost €40-€60 for a visit to your G.P. If the person over 70 has an illness that limits their licence to 1 year, that means a visit to the G.P. each year for 10 years, costing nearly 10 years, costing nearly 10 times the fee to an under 70’s person.

**Limerick City & County Council (Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District)**

That the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar and Micheál Martin, consider the position of Minister Shane Ross following his proposals to increase fines and penalty points for speeding and the non-carrying of a driver’s licence.

12.1

**Expression of Votes of Sympathy.**

- Councillor John Crosse on the death of his mother, Eileen.
- Paddy Darcy, Nenagh Municipal District on the death of his brother, Joseph.
- Hickey Family on the death of Michael (Mick) Hickey, former Rent Collector with Thurles Town Council.
- Brian Dunne and John Dunne on the death of their father, Tony Dunne.
- Peggy Costello on the death of her husband, Sean former Member of Thurles Town Council.
Good Wishes were extended to Tony Ryan for a speedy recovery following his recent accident.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed/_______________________________
Cathaoirleach.

Date:    _______________________________