

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF  
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD  
Remotely Via Zoom  
AT 10.00 AM ON 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

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

**Also Present**

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, M. O'Connor, S. Carr, P. Slattery, C. Curley, K. Cashen, Director of Services, E. Lonergan, A/Director of Services, D. Holland, Snr. Engineer, Water Services, N. O'Connell, Senior Planner, J. Cooney, Senior Engineer, Housing, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

**Apologies**

None

**1.1 Welcome and Introduction**

Cathaoirleach Cllr M. Smith welcomed members and members of the public to the March Meeting. As March 8<sup>th</sup> was International Women's Day, he wished all women Happy Women's Day.

Cllr Smith referred to the meetings protocol circulated with the agenda and asked members to observe the rules contained therein.

**Item 1.2  
Disclosures/Conflicts of Interest**

Noted, no matters were notified to the Meetings Administrator

**Item 2.1  
Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

Proposed by **Cllr. J. Carroll**, seconded by **Cllr. P. English** and resolved "That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, remotely Via Zoom, as presented be adopted".

**Item 2.2  
Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

Proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Ryan** and resolved "That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, remotely Via Zoom, as presented be adopted".

**Matters Arising**

Working Group Meeting with Survivors Sean Ross Abbey

In response to a query by Cllr P English, it was noted that a date was being agreed between all parties for the holding of the first meeting of this group and a report would be given to members following this

meeting. The County Archivist would be in attendance at this meeting and would liaise with the survivors regarding the access to the Council's archives.

**Item 3.1**  
**Approval to**  
**Attendance at**  
**Conferences/Seminars/Training/**  
**Further**  
**Education**

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

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

**Item 3.2**  
**Reports on**  
**Conferences**

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

**Item 4.1**  
**Section 183**  
**Notice – Disposal**  
**of Old**  
**Courthouse, Bank**  
**Place**  
**Templemore to**  
**Tipperary**  
**Regional Youth**  
**Services**

It was proposed by **Cllr. N. Coonan** seconded by **Cllr. D. Burgess** and resolved: -

**“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the Section 183 Notice for approval to extend the existing Lease agreement to Tipperary Regional Youth Services for a Further 10 years at the Old Courthouse, Bank Street, Templemore, Tipperary”.**

This Notice was required to facilitate the extension of the existing Lease Agreement for a further 10 years.

Cllr Coonan acknowledged the great work being carried out by the Regional Youth Service with the co-operation of the people of Templemore.

**Item 4.2**  
**Consideration of**  
**Audit Committee**  
**Reports in**  
**accordance with**  
**Local**  
**Government Act,**  
**2001**

Prof. Denis Harrington, Chair of the Audit Committee for 2020, confirmed that the Audit Committee had approved the Annual Report of the Audit Committee for 2020. Five meetings had been convened in 2020 and action items had been set and agreed and key outcomes had been recorded in the report.

The Audit Committee Annual Report, 2020, Self Evaluation Report 2020 and Committee Charter had been circulated to the members for noting.

The Report of the Audit Committee in relation to the 2019 Audited Financial Statements and the Statutory Audit Report for 2019 was presented to the members for adoption together with the Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2021.

The current Chair of the Audit Committee was Mr Oliver Killeen and Councillors Roger Kennedy and Marie Murphy were members of the committee who were thanked for their input to the Committee.

It was proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and resolved: -

**“That in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 9 of the**

**Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014, Tipperary County Council adopt the Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2021, the 2019 Audited Financial Statements and the Statutory Audit Report.”**

**Item 4.3**  
**Remote Meetings**  
**Protocols**

A draft Virtual Meeting Etiquette and Protocol for members of the public attending remote meetings had been circulated to the members for consideration.

The protocols had been considered by the Privilege and Procedure Committee and endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group. Once adopted the etiquette and protocol would be included as appendices to the Council's Standing Orders;

It was proposed by **Cllr. J. Carroll** seconded by **Cllr. D. Dunne** and resolved: -

**“That the Virtual Meeting etiquette and protocol for members of the Public & media attending remote meetings be adopted and included as appendices to the Council’s Standing Orders”.**

**Item 5.1**  
**Nomination of**  
**replacement**  
**nominee to**  
**Housing**  
**Strategic Policy**  
**Committee**

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose** seconded by **Cllr. R. Kennedy** and resolved: -

**“That Paul Berrigan from the Business/Community Sector is hereby appointed as a member of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee”.**

**Item 6.1**  
**Consideration of**  
**Management**  
**Report**

The Cathaoirleach referred to the Management Report as circulated with the Agenda noting that the reports related to the Directorates based in Clonmel and any queries/clarifications would be dealt with by the relevant Directors.

The following queries were raised by the members in relation to the report: -

**Community/Economic Development & Tourism**

Proposed Greenway Thurles to Clonmel.

Cllr J. Ryan highlighted the tourism potential of the development of the Thurles to Clonmel Railway Line as a Greenway and it was agreed that officials would liaise with the local Committee following the outcome of a feasibility study on the project.

Suir Blueway Tipperary

The possibility of a feasibility study to link the Suir Blueway with the Waterford Greenway was noted and enhancement funding for Cahir Suir Blueway was also welcomed.

Casual Trading Suir Blueway

It was noted that Casual Trading Byelaws were being reviewed and would be considered by each Municipal District and casual trading on the route of the Blueway would be subject to these Byelaws once approved.

### Shannon Tourism Master Plan

Cllr S. Morris welcomed the Shannon Tourism Master Plan but expressed his concerns regarding the effect that the proposal to pipe water from the River Shannon to Dublin contained in the Eastern and Midlands Regional Water Supply Project would have on Lough Derg and in turn on the Shannon Tourism Plan.

Cllr Morris read the following extract from the Shannon Tourism Plan to highlight the effect the pipeline would have on Lough Derg

*"During a drought the flow into Lough Derg is 18m<sup>3</sup> per sec, the outflow taking evaporation/transpiration is 10 m<sup>3</sup>/sec. So, the compensation flow to the old course of the Shannon equals the amount of water available. This was known when the Shannon Scheme was drawn up as having the compensation flow equal the low drought flow would have been the rule of thumb. Consequently, to provide for the amount of water to serve Limerick from the headrace and the flow to the pipeline to Dublin, the way this can be provided by drawdown of the Lake.*

*The lake is 110 sq km. To provide for a 90-day drought (the same as is provided for in Poulaphuca) the drawdown of Lough Derg would be approx. .3m-.4m in depth. This would increase as local demand increases or Dublin's needs increase over time. The lake already varies in height during current drought periods so this .3m to .4m would be in addition to this.*

*The consequences of this would be like a tide going out as the sides of the lake are not vertical but taper out towards the edge. The environmental and use for tourism consequence would be severe. The lake becomes simply a Dublin Reservoir."*

Cllr Morris spoke of the effect that the abstraction of water from Lough Derg would have, he said this would destroy the lake and its tourism potential. It was his opinion that the Scheme was unnecessary.

Mr. Pat Slattery, D.O.S while noting the concerns of Cllr Morris stated that his directorate would work with Failte Ireland, Hidden Heartlands and Waterways Ireland to support Shannon Waterways in the rollout of the aims of the Shannon Tourism Master Plan.

### CCTV Littleton

In response to queries raised by Cllr S. Ryan in relation to issues associated with the operation of community CCTV in Littleton, it was agreed that an update would be sought from Chief Superintendent Derek Smart on the current status of the pilot CCTV Scheme in Fethard.

### GAA Museum, Thurles

Cllr S. Ryan asked that consideration would be given to the establishment of a Museum dedicated to GAA memorabilia, preferably located in Thurles due to its historical significance with the G.A.A. It was agreed that contact would be made with the Tipperary County Board to explore this suggestion further.

### Broadband

Work was ongoing to provide highspeed broadband to communities throughout Tipperary. Consumer queries regarding broadband should be addressed to the broadband providers.

Reference was made by Cllr S. Ryan to specific broadband issues in rural areas outside Thurles and it was agreed that Mr. S. Howe, Broadband Officer would contact Cllr Ryan in this regard.

### Enterprise Centres/Digital Hubs/Shared Workspaces Clonmel

It was noted that work was ongoing with the IDA in relation to the provision of facilities on their site in Ballingarrane Estate, Clonmel. Consultants were to be procured to prepare a feasibility report and planning stage for phase 2 of Questum, Ballingarrane, Clonmel and consideration would be given to whether a digital hub would be part of this development.

In relation to remote working throughout the County, a survey was being carried out with a view to improving infrastructure and providing a wide range of measures to assist remote working.

### Benamore Business Park

In response to an enquiry by Cllr Lee in relation to the development of the Benamore Business Park, members were informed that sites were currently being marketed for Foreign Direct Investment but a review of this marketing strategy would be carried out if deemed necessary in late 2021.

### LCDC

Staff of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) were complimented on the deliverance of projects across the County in a variety of sectors.

## **Water Services**

### **Update on Management Report**

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Acting Director of Services, updated members on items contained in the Management Report

Irish Water National Water Resources Plan Mr. Lonergan referred to the submission made by Tipperary County Council on the National Water Resources Plan which had been emailed to members and confirmed that the deadline for submissions had been extended until 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. It was noted that this was the first phase of two consultation processes on the National Framework Plan.

Regional Water Resources Plans The Regional Water Resources Plans which would be published towards the end of the year would include specifics of schemes. Public consultation would take place on these plans. Mr. Lonergan confirmed that a lot of background work was ongoing and Irish Water would give elected members a briefing in Q3 of 2021. A workshop would be held with members before a submission by Tipperary County Council on the plan was made. The Plan was very important to the future development of infrastructure in the County.

Water Sector Transformation Policy Paper. Members were advised that the purpose of the Policy Paper was to clarify the Government's expectations for the delivery and development of water and wastewater services which involved the delivery of water services through one single publicly owned national water services authority. It was the next phase of the transformation of Irish Water and the water services sector. This Policy Paper would have an impact on all local authorities. This Paper involved the replacement of the Service Level Agreement in place between Irish Water and Local Authorities since 2013, by a different operation model where Irish Water would have control and responsibility of the assets and employees of Water Services. A stakeholder engagement process had commenced, an internal working group had been established and regional group meetings were taking place to ascertain the impact on local authorities. The impact would be significant and the policy paper acknowledged this. The Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) would be involved due to staff implications and the engagement process was required to be completed by July 2021 with the transformation completed by the end of 2022. There were concerns regarding the impact and effect on resources and Mr. Lonergan said it was the largest change to local authorities in many years.

The following queries were raised by the members in relation to the Water Services Management Report: -

#### Water Sector Transformation Policy Paper

Some members expressed their opposition to the ending of the Service Level Agreement and their dissatisfaction with the service being provided by Irish Water. Members expressed their hope that the needs of water services staff would be an important part of the engagement process.

#### Irish Water National Water Resources Plan

Cllr S. Morris voiced his concerns regarding the plan. In his opinion the plan showed serious flaws in the ability of Irish Water to manage a sustainable water supply for the country. In the submission of Tipperary County Council reference was made to concerns regarding the security of the supply to the County, to the age and condition of the water infrastructure and the County being unable to progress growth potential as an attractive place to live and work in the absence of a safe and secure supply of drinking water. He said that in his opinion the plan had been written to provide a water supply to Dublin. The plan showed that Irish Water were not capable of maintaining the water supply, they could not guarantee a sustainable water supply for this county or any other county. The prime example of this was that for next 5-year period Irish Water would spend €40m a year in replacing water pipes across the country which he said was totally unambitious.

#### Virtual Councillor Workshop with Irish Water

It was noted that the format for workshops between Irish Water and members was being finalised and members would be advised in due course.

#### Clonmore, Roscrea

Cllr E. Moran referred to road reinstatement issues in Clonmore following works by Irish Water and it was agreed to have these works inspected.

### Clonmel Town and Rural Water Supply Scheme

Cllr English referred to regular outages to the water supply to Clonmel which was devastating for shop owners and businesses. The capital plan to extract water from River Suir which was subject to an Abstraction Licence had no time scale for delivery of the scheme. Alternative short terms supply proposals for the Monroe Wellfield did not have a start time frame. Cllr English urged that the supply at Poulavanogue be re-examined.

### Irish Water – Local Representative Support Desk

Members expressed their disappointment at the refusal by Irish Water to extend their support desk opening hours to weekend opening. They outlined the difficulties they encountered at weekends when there were water outages in their areas and their efforts to make representations on behalf of consumers. Members requested that they would be allowed to make representations on behalf of their constituents through the public helpline at times when the Local Representative Support Desk was closed.

## **Environment & Climate Action**

### U.N. Ecosystem Restoration Sites Competition

Cllr M. O’Meara referred to the intention of Cloughjordan Community Development Committee to submit an application for Schohaboy Bog to the UN Ecosystem Restoration Sites Competition and asked that members would give this proposal their support. Works had been carried out to the bog with the aid of the Just Transition Fund and Cllr O’Meara asked that the Committee would be contacted by Tipperary County Council with the view to providing support to their application in some capacity. It was agreed to consider the proposal further.

### Litter

Members condemned the indiscriminate dumping taking place throughout the County, some of this occurring in scenic locations and walking routes. Suggestions were made in relation to various clean up initiatives in addition to the National Spring Clean Campaign. Community Clean Ups were taking place in some areas in the County and support for these was encouraged. The need for improved legislation for littering was highlighted. Particular reference was made to the use of CCTV footage as a deterrent and for prosecution purposes and it was noted that communication had been made with the Office of the Data Commissioner in relation to issues raised in respect of its usage. The introduction of “Big Belly Smart Bins” in Cahir and Carrick-on-Suir was welcomed.

Members also condemned a recent case of the dumping of dead animals and it was noted that the Department of Agriculture and Garda Síochána were investigating this.

Ms. C Curley, Director of Services, stated that the Council had zero tolerance of littering and despite the Covid Level 5 restrictions, Environmental Officers continued to carry out their duties. A number of anti-littering initiatives had been undertaken and enforcement action had been taken in a number of cases. The National Spring Clean Campaign had been deferred by An Taisce due to Covid 19 but community clean ups

were being assisted through Tidy Towns Committees.

#### Dog Fouling

The introduction of a pilot dog fouling initiative in Tipperary Town was welcomed. Members said that dog fouling was a major issue throughout the County and the behaviour of dog owners required change.

#### Household Waste Inspections

It was noted that Door to Door Household Waste Inspections were deferred until the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions.

### **Housing**

#### Housing Grants

In response to queries raised on Priority 2 (P2) and Priority 3 (P3) Housing Grant applications, members were advised that an allocation of €3.27m had been received for grants, excluding Disabled Persons Grants (DPG's). P 2 and P 3 applications for 2017 and part of 2018 were addressed and staff were currently working on the remainder of grant applications for 2018 and 2019. It was hoped to have these P2 and P3's resolved at the end of 2021 as a result of the recent allocation. It was proposed to revert to the Strategic Policy Committee mid year with an update and examine the reopening of P2 and P3's for 2021. Commitments from 2020 had been moved to 2021, there had been €2.2m committed out of the €3.27m allocation to these and applicants had been advised of their grant approvals. It was intended to prioritise commitments of the €3.27m by Q3 of 2021 in order to be in a position to drawdown any additional funding available.

#### Dogs barking in Housing Estates

Cllr J. Ryan queried the procedure for reporting noise complaints caused by excessive dog barking in estates and it was clarified that dogs barking in local authority dwellings should be reported to the Community Liaison Officer in the Housing Section for investigation. Dogs barking in a privately-owned dwelling should be reported to the Environment Section.

#### Halting Sites, Cashel Area

Cllr MI FitzGerald referred to caretaking and maintenance issues on sites at Wallers Lot and Knock St. Lour, Cashel. It was noted that the appointment of a caretaker to these sites would take place shortly. This would allow the Council more proactive management of sites. The sites that would be covered by the caretaking service were Brook Crescent, Railway Cottages and Heywood Road, Clonmel, Lake Road Tipperary Town, Wallers Lot and Ballyknock, Cashel.

Upgrading works were scheduled for the site at Wallers Lot and support services were working with families who had particular challenges. The issue of illegal dumping was being examined with the Environment Section and bin services to the sites was also being examined. Overcrowding issues on sites was also being examined.

The provision of traveller accommodation was a challenge and the housing section had reported to each Municipal District on the challenges in each District. There was €1.9m of development currently identified for

traveller accommodation.

#### Unfinished Estate Gortnahoe

In response to concerns raised by Cllr J. Ryan in relation to an unfinished estate at Gortnahoe, Thurles, the site resolution plan for this unfinished estate would be discussed with the Planning Department.

#### Choice Based Lettings

It was anticipated that the Choice Based Letting system would be in operation by Q4 of 2021.

#### Occupational Therapist Calls

In response to an enquiry by Cllr E. Moran, it was noted that O.T. Calls were being carried out by telephone due to current Level 5 restrictions.

#### Offers of Tenancy

Cllr P English queried the reasons for zero offers of tenancy in Clonmel to date in 2021 and it was agreed to revert to Cllr. English on this matter.

#### 4 Bed and 1 Bed Dwellings

Cllr S. Ryan referred to the 4-bed deficit in local authority dwellings. It was agreed that the provision of 4 bed and 1 bed dwellings was a challenge, these house types were being incorporated into the design of local authority new schemes, turnkey developments and approved housing bodies schemes.

#### Housing First

Members were advised that 12 units under the Housing Programme were to be provided in Tipperary. To date 11 units were occupied by Housing First applicants and were supported by wraparound services. The final unit would be provided shortly and a submission was with the Department to extend the service to the north of the county and extend the programme in the south of the county by an additional 6 units.

### **Corporate Services**

#### Schedule of Property Transactions

It was agreed to revert to Cllr A. Ryan with further detail on property transactions at 2 Redmond Square, Tipperary Town and Tipperary Hill, Murgasty, Tipperary.

### **Item 6.2**

### **County Development Plan 2022 - 2028**

It was noted that the process of preparing a new County Development Plan had commenced on the 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. Public Consultation had taken place from the 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 to the 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2021. 190 submissions had been received addressing a broad range of topics. The Chief Executive's report on the submissions made had been circulated to the members on the 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2021. Detailed discussion on the Chief Executives Report had taken place at a workshop held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February. Further workshops would be held with members as the process continued.

Members had been circulated with the Chief Executives Report on the

submissions received during pre-draft consultation for the preparation of the County Development Plan 2022-2028, Appendices to the report and proposed Strategic Directions for the Draft Plan.

Members noted the contents of the reports circulated.

**Item 6.3**  
**Performance**  
**Indicators Report**  
**2019**

The Performance Indicator Report 2019 was the 6th Performance Indicator Report by NOAC measuring the performance of Local Authorities against 39 indicators across 11 areas of the Council.

Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator informed members that the data was historic and already known to the Council and its various departments as it was monitoring performance on an ongoing basis in order to react and improve services. The report was also evidence of the vast range of activities the council was engaged in. The report identified where the Council was excelling and provided a basis for collaboration and sharing of good practice with other local authorities. There were a number of areas that the Council required improvement based on the previous years performance and certain measures had been activated in this regard. Each Directorate was continually reviewing the trend analysis and also comparing against other similar sized authorities with a view to applying best practice from those authorities achieving the best results.

It was noted that Tipperary ranked slightly better than mid table when its performance was analysed across the full range of indicators: -

- 10 indicators were ranked in the top 5 over 4 areas;
- 19 indicators were ranked between 5th and 10th;
- 27 indicators were ranked between 11th and 20th place;
- 10 indicators were ranked between 21st and 31st position.

Indicators were an important resource for management, elected members and the citizen to review aspects of LA activity in the interests of accountability and transparency.

The members welcomed the comprehensive report analysing the 2019 Performance Indicators.

**Item 7.1**  
**Consideration of**  
**C.E. Orders for**  
**the period to 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**February, 2021**

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to 28<sup>th</sup> February were noted.

**Item 8.1**  
**Notice of Motion**  
**"Connecting for**  
**life programme**  
**2015-2020"**

Motion 8.1 (Ref. 2075) was proposed by **Cllr. R. Molloy**

**"That Tipperary County Council make a formal submission to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage outlining our complete opposition to the provisions of the Land Development Agency Bill 2021.**

**The proposed removal of the Section 183 reserved function of**

**Elected Members in relation to the disposal of local authority held land to the LDA as provided for in Part 7 Section 56 of the bill is unacceptable and an affront to Local Democracy”.**

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

The Motion was adopted unanimously and it was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage for consideration and response.

## **Item 8.2**

### **Notice of Motion**

#### **Litter Pollution Act, 1997.**

Motion 8.2 (Ref. 2076) was proposed by **Cllr. D. Burgess**

**“I am requesting that Tipperary County Council writes to Minister for the Environment Eamon Ryan TD calling on him to change the law and amend the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and the Waste Management Act 1996 to provide a clear and consistent statutory framework to allow Local Authorities to use CCTV to deter illegal dumping.”**

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

The motion was adopted unanimously and it was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister for the Environment, Mr. Eamon Ryan for consideration and response.

## **Item 8.3 & 8.5**

### **Notice of Motion**

#### **CETA**

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach it was agreed to take Motion (Ref. 2077) proposed by **Cllr. D. Dunne** with the agreement and in the absence of Cllr T. Black.

**“That Tipperary County Council opposes the anti democratic Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). The CETA deal and its investor state dispute court seeks to undermine democracy and limit the Irish governments ability to act in the public interest.”**

and Motion (Ref. 2079) proposed by **Cllr P. English**

**“Tipperary County Council request the Government to allow a full and open debate, including prelegislative scrutiny, by a Joint Oireachtas Committee ahead of a Dail Vote on the ratification of C.E.T.A (the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada).”**

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

Following discussion on the content of both motions, it was agreed to defer Motion 2077, with the consent of the proposer Cllr D. Dunne, to allow consideration of this Trade Agreement to continue by the Oireachtas Joint Committee.

It was further agreed to forward Motion Ref. 2079 to Minister Leo Varadkar, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment for comment/response and to include the Attorney General in the motion as follows:-

**“Tipperary County Council request the Government and Attorney General to allow a full and open debate, including prelegislative scrutiny, by a Joint Oireachtas Committee ahead of a Dail Vote on the ratification of C.E.T.A (the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada).”**

#### **Item 8.4**

##### **Notice of Motion** **On Course and** **track** **Bookmarkers**

Motion 8.4 (Ref. 2078) was proposed by **Cllr. J. Crosse**

**“I am calling on the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Public Expenditure to provide supports for on-course and track bookmakers as they have been the forgotten group with no supports due to the fact that they have not a rateable premises.”**

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. John FitzGerald**

The Motion was adopted unanimously and it was agreed to forward the motion to the Minister for Finance Mr. Paschal Donoghue and the Minister for Public Expenditure Mr. Michael McGrath for consideration and response.

#### **Item 8.6**

##### **Notice of Motion** **Jigsaw Mental** **Health** **Programme**

Motion 8.6 (Ref. 2080) was proposed by **Cllr P. English.**

**“That Tipperary County Council look for clarification from Minister Mary Butler, T.D., Minister of State for Mental Health, on the continued delays and obstacles to the roll out of the Jigsaw Mental Health Programme for Tipperary. Also, will she confirm why there are delays with the new services based out of Thurles and in particular to the uncertainty about the provision of staffed Outreach Jigsaw Hubs in both Clonmel and Nenagh.”**

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

During discussion on the motion, it was noted that Jigsaw had recently signed a lease for a new premises in the Thurles Technology Park and a tendering process was underway for works required to fit out the premises as a youth mental health service. Recruitment was almost complete.

In light of these new developments of this Cllr English agreed to defer the motion until the April meeting when the motion would be reviewed. Subject to progress on the roll out of the Jigsaw Mental Health Programme in Tipperary.

#### **Item 8.7**

##### **Notice of Motion** **Independent** **Meat Regulator**

Motion 8.7 (Ref 2081) was proposed by **Cllr J. Hannigan**

**“That Tipperary County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to appoint an Independent Meat Regulator as required under E.U. directive for unfair trading practices. This Regulator to have the powers and duties to ensure transparency within the beef sector food chain with a view to eliminate price volatility and ensure equitable pricing for the primary producer.”**

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

The Motion was adopted and it was agreed to forward the motion to the the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for consideration and response.

## **Item 9.1 - 9.12**

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence circulated was noted: -

- Reply from Department of Social Protection dated 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 regarding Extension of participation time for current Tús Workers (NOM Ref. 2035).
- Email reply from Irish Water dated 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 regarding Local Representative Support Desk.
- Reply from Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs dated 29<sup>th</sup> January regarding the Good Friday Agreement (NOM Ref. 2011).
- Email reply from Office of Minister Ryan dated 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 regarding the Post Office Network (NOM Ref. 2020).
- Email reply from Department of Justice dated 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 regarding Amalgamation of the Coronial Districts (NOM Ref. 1925).
- Reply from TII dated 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 regarding Deputation to Minister for Transport regarding Cahir to Limerick Junction and N24 Cahir to Waterford Schemes.
- Submission dated 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 to Department of the Taoiseach regarding National Recovery and Resilience Plan – Submission by Tipperary County Council.
- Reply to Parliamentary Question by Deputy Lowry, dated 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 regarding Deputation to Minister for Transport regarding N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction and N24 Cahir to Waterford Schemes.
- Reply from Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021 regarding support for Local Newspapers.
- Email from Deputy M. McGrath, T.D., dated 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 regarding deputation to Minister Ryan
- Acknowledgement from Office of the Minister for Health dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 regarding St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir
- Email from Senator Garret Ahearn dated 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 regarding Deputation to Tánaiste Leo Varadkar regarding N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction and N24 Cahir to Waterford Scheme.

### **Item 9.6, 9.8, 9.10 Deputation to Minister for Transport.**

Members welcomed the efforts made by the Oireachtas Members to arrange a meeting with Minister Ryan regarding N.24 Cahir to Limerick Junction and N.24 Cahir to Waterford Schemes. The Cathaoirleach advised members that the Corporate Policy Group had considered the persons who would form the deputation and it had been agreed that it would comprise

- The Cathaoirleach Cllr Michael Smith,
- Chief Executive Mr. Joe MacGrath,
- Director of Services Mr. M. O'Connor,
- Senior Engineer, Mr. John Nolan,
- Meetings Administrator Mr. Ger Walsh
- Mayor/Cathaoirleach of Clonmel Borough District, Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose
- Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District. Cllr. Kevin O'Meara
- Tipperary/Cahir/Cashel Municipal District, Cllr. John Crosse

It was agreed to write to Minister Ryan to finalise arrangements for the deputation.

#### Item 9.12 Deputation to Tanaiste Leo Varadkar.

Members welcomed the correspondence from Senator G. Ahearn regarding a suggested deputation with Tanaiste Leo Varadkar that would allow an opportunity to raise key issues in County Tipperary. The Cathaoirleach advised members that the Corporate Policy Group had considered the correspondence and it had been agreed that the deputation would consist of: -

- The Cathaoirleach, Chief Executive Mr. Joe MacGrath,
- Relevant Director of Services,
- Meetings Administrator Mr. G. Walsh and
- The Mayor/Cathaoirleach of the five Municipal Districts.

Members were asked to discuss the main items in their District, relative to the Tánaiste's portfolio, with their relevant Cathaoirleach in order that an agenda could be drafted.

It was agreed to write to the Tánaiste seeking the receipt of a deputation from Tipperary County Council.

#### **Item 10.1** **Resolutions from** **other Local** **Authorities**

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

##### **Clare County Council**

"Given the impacts of Covid 19 has had nationally on work and living patterns and the opportunities this creates to "proactively address issues of town/village decline" and to promote "compact growth" in those settlements, we would ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage that he undertake a review to the current National Planning Framework and prior to the outcome, he remove reference to and requirement for local authorities to adhere to, the two tiered approach to land zoning in the delivery of the next County Development Plan due to its negative impact on the 'facilitation of the building of homes within the existing footprint of rural settlements' and the ability to deliver on our own rural development goals."

##### **Clare County Council**

"In light of the incredible service and commitment given to the country by our frontline staff, healthcare workers, carers and lifesavers over the period of the Covid 19 Global Pandemic. I call on the government to explore any and every manner to tangibly recognise this extraordinary above and beyond service.

I propose this recognition should be in the form of direct tax-free bonus payment similar to the €500 once off payment scheme introduced in Scotland, a tax credit, additional paid leave, or other appropriate clear and tangible reward to mark this commitment.

To do this I call on the Department of Health to lead a cross department group with the achievement of above as its one objective".

### **Clare County Council**

"I am calling on Minister Darragh O'Brien and Minister of State Peter Burke to urgently review planning policy in relation to the Development of Residential Property.

- What I am looking for is more clarity and transparency in relation to developers applying for private residential development and disposal of the total development when completed for social housing
- Developers are required to deliver on Part V of their obligations in the delivery of a portion of the development for Social and Affordable Housing and this has to be agreed with the planners with input from Senior Officers within the housing section
- Planning and Housing have a duty to deliver balanced tenure and sustainable communities where a mix of housing would be available for both private and social needs
- The development of large-scale social housing requires considerable assistance and support at local level and in some instances local services are not sufficient to provide school placements and other essential supports for some vulnerable families and this has to be a consideration for planners
- Currently members of the public wishing to purchase their own property are finding it very difficult to find private property for sale as the policy in planning is mostly focused on the delivery of social housing and in turn this policy puts more pressure on local authorities waiting lists and for the lower to middle income bracket they cannot get on the list due to income threshold.

Public confidence needs to be strengthened in the whole planning process and I am hopeful the Ministers will find the balance required in the development of vibrant communities".

### **Clare County Council**

"That Clare County Council call on the Minister for Transport, Climate, Environment and Communication to provide specific funding to all local authorities in order to create a role for an active and sustainable travel officer so that alternatives to the dependency on cars can be worked on. The role would also include modal shift, behavioural change and designing for the active mobility of people of all ages and abilities who have a right of access to our public streets".

### **Clare County Council**

"We are calling on the Government to enforce the laws of the land that exist in relation to tackling the unauthorised occupation of public lands all over Ireland.

Level 5 Covid restrictions have been in place for some time and are likely to continue in to the future. Local Authorities are precluded from taking action at this time and in the interest of Public Health & Environmental considerations we are calling on the Government to engage a task force and design a mechanism or policy to protect all citizens in Ireland from the unauthorised occupation of Public Lands. We would also request the circulation of this motion to the other 30 Local Authorities, the Oireachtas Members, LAMA & the AILG".

### **Kerry County Council**

"That this Council calls on the Government to utilise its seat on the United Nations Security Council to deliver Statehood to the Palestinian people".

### **Kerry County Council**

"That we write to the appropriate Minister regarding people objecting to planning who are not from the area. They should be 10km from the proposed development".

### **Limerick City and County Council**

"That, Limerick City and County Council acknowledge the oversight role played by Councils in mother and baby homes, and call on all Councils to write to the Government to establish a national day of recognition for the women and their children impacted; and that the Council write to the Minister for Children asking that the survivors be given access to a written copy of the Final Report of the Commission of investigation into Mother and Baby Homes".

### **Item 11.1**

#### **Votes of Sympathy**

Members passed a Vote of Sympathy to the following: -

- Flan Real, Executive Chemist, Water Services (Laboratory) on the death of his father Sean Real
- Ann Grace, IT Section on the death of her brother Noel Cleary
- Ger Sherlock, Caretaker, Civic Offices, Nenagh on the death of his brother Christy Sherlock
- Martina Ryan, The Water Forum, Civic Offices, Nenagh on the death of her sister Marian Foley (nee McCarthy)
- The Lowry Family on the death of Tom Lowry, Drombane (Cousin of Michael Lowry TD)
- Annette Hickey, Human Resources, on the death of her mother Nancy Walsh.
- Mary McLoughney, Community & Economic Development on the death of her father Thomas (Tom) McLoughney.

#### **Votes of Congratulations**

Members passed a vote of Congratulations to the following: -

- Aisling Moloney on making the National Ladies Gaelic Football Team of the Year
- Conor Sweeney, Ballyporeen Football Club and Captain of the Tipperary Football Team for winning a GAA All Star Award for 2020.
- Cahir Social & Historical Society and the Daughters of Dún Iascaigh Group for their innovative commemoration of International Women's Day.
- Sam Bennett on winning the first stage of the Paris-Nice cycling race and third Irishman to wear yellow jersey in this race.
- Sean Tobin on reaching the 3,000 metres final at the European Indoor Athletics Championships.
- Aine Slattery, Mary Ryan and Karen Kennedy on 2020 Camogie All

Star Awards.

- James, Tom, Ruth and Tacey Allen on reaching the final of Ireland's Fittest Family

**Item 12.1**

**Any Other Business**

Workshop 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

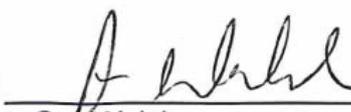
Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator referred to the Workshop scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> March to facilitate a presentation by the EPA on 5G. He advised that the Corporate Policy Group had agreed to accept a presentation by the U.L. Hospital Group to provide members with an update on Covid 19 and service provision and that this presentation would be taken with the EPA presentation.

LAMA Executive Meeting

Cllr M. Anglim, advised members that as Chairman of L.A.M.A. he wished to bring to their attention that at a recent meeting of the Executive, it was highlighted that Dublin South County Council had co-opted 27 members since June 2019. This was a cause of concern and he wished to draw the members attention to this noting the increasing demands and responsibilities with being a Councillor in today's ever-changing environment.

Signed/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathaoirleach.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed/  \_\_\_\_\_  
Ger Walsh,  
Meetings Administrator.

Date: