

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF  
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD  
IN CIVIC OFFICES, NENAGH ON MONDAY  
AT 11 AM ON 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Present**

Cllr. Phyll Bugler, Cathaoirleach.

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

**Also Present**

J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, M. O'Connor, K. Cashen, S. Carr, C. Curley, S. Keating, P. Slattery, M. Shortt, Directors of Service, L. McCarthy, Head of Finance, J. Cooney, S.E., M.F. Hayes, S.E., J. Nolan, S.E. B. Beck, S.P., D. Carroll, C. F.O, G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

**Apologies**

Cllr. E. Moran

**Vote of  
Sympathy and  
Adjournment.**

As a mark of respect to the late Cllr E. O'Meara, a minutes silence was observed.

**Item 1.1**

Proposed by **Cllr. M. Browne** seconded by **Cllr. J. Bourke** and resolved

**Minutes of  
Council Meeting  
held on 9<sup>th</sup> April  
2018**

"That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in the Civic Offices, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, as presented be adopted".

**Item 1.2**

Proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** seconded by **Cllr. M. Browne** and resolved

**Minutes of  
Special Meeting  
held on 16<sup>th</sup> April  
2018**

"That the minutes of Special Meeting held in Community Centre, Mullinahone on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018, as presented be adopted"

**Item 2.1**

It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Ryan**, seconded by **Cllr. M. Smith** and resolved:-

**Conferences  
/Seminars  
/Training**

"That pursuant to Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act 2001 and having regard to (i) the benefits likely to accrue, (ii) the general interest of this administrative area and of the local community (iii) the estimated cost of the proposed attendance and the provision made for such purposes in the annual budget, hereby nominate those listed hereunder to attend the following Conferences/Seminars/Trainings:-

Seminar/ Conference/ Similar Event	Dates	Venue	Nominees
AILG "Councillors and Community Safety"	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Leixlip	Cllr. M. Ryan
AILG "Councillors and Community Safety"	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Westport	Cllr. M. Lonergan Cllr. Ml. Murphy Cllr. J. Crosse Cllr. S. Morris

			Cllr. M. FitzGerald Cllr. I. Goldsboro Cllr. S. Ryan Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. J. Carroll Cllr. A. Moloney Cllr. L. McLoughlin Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. M. Anglim Cllr. J. Fahey Cllr. M. O'Meara
AILG "Councillors and Community Safety"	Ennis	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Cllr. M. Smith

**Item 2.2**  
**Reports on**  
**Conferences**

Proposed by **Cllr. S. Ryan** seconded by **Cllr. M. Smith** and noted.

**Item 3.1**  
**Casual Vacancy**  
**Co-Option**

In accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, members were advised that the casual vacancy that arose in the membership of Tipperary County Council as a result of the passing of Cllr. Eddie O'Meara on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 was to be filled at the next meeting of the Council after the expiration of fourteen days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of fourteen days as circumstances permit. This in effect meant that the vacancy was due to be filled at the May Monthly Meeting

The provisions made in Section 19 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Standing Order No. 83 for the filling of a casual vacancy was as follows:-

"Each Member of the Council who was elected as a non-party candidate to the Council must, immediately after his/her election to the Council, submit to the Meetings Administrator, the name of his/her nominee to be co-opted as a replacement on the Council in the event of he/she being required to vacate his/her office, for any reason, during the lifetime of the Council. The Council shall co-opt any person thus nominated"

The replacement nominee as submitted to the Meetings Administrator by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014, was Mrs. Josephine O'Meara.

Due to the recent bereavement of her husband Mrs O'Meara had requested a deferral of the co-option and this was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** seconded by **Cllr. S. Ryan** and agreed.

**Item 3.2**

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

**Sec 183 Notice**  
**Disposal of land**  
**at Thurles**  
**Townparks(Ikerrin Road), Thurles**  
**to Liam**  
**Fitzgibbon**

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve of the disposal of land, comprising of 0.006 hectares under Folio TY15572F and 0.029 hectares under Folio TY12914F at Thurles Townparks (Ikerrin Road), Thurles, Co. Tipperary to Liam Fitzgibbon, Mitchel Street, Thurles and Patrick Fitzgibbon, Loughtagalla, Thurles in accordance with the terms of the notice under the above Section as circulated on the 4th. April, 2018".

The Section 183 Notice related to a rectification of title.

**Item 3.3**

Proposed by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** seconded **Cllr. S. Ryan** and resolved

**Sec 183 Notice**  
**Disposal by way**  
**of letting of**

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve of the disposal of the disposal by letting of office space in Thurles Civic Office Library Headquarters to the National Transport Authority for the consideration of

office space in  
Thurles Civic  
Office Library  
Headquarters

€5,400.00 to be reviewed yearly”.

The Section 183 Notice related to the letting of office space to be reviewed annually.

Item 3.4

Part 8 of  
Planning and  
Development  
Regulations 2001  
Shesheraghmore  
, Borrisokane

In accordance with Part 8, Article 81, of the above regulations, Tipperary County Council gave notice of its intention to carry out the construction of 16 no dwelling houses comprising 4 no single storey and 12 no two storey dwellings Type A – 2 bed – 4no ( single storey ) Type B - 2 bed - 4 no (2 storey)Type C – 3 bed – 5 no (2 storey) Type D – 2 bed – 2 no ( 2 storey)Type E- 4 bed – 1 no ( 2 storey).

The site is located West of the main street in Borrisokane, accessed via the adjacent Pairc an Chlocair estate. The site area is stated as 0.75ha and is generally flat. There is an existing access road through the site which provides access to a property on the main street.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection and purchase from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2018 to the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 at the Offices of Tipperary County Council. Submissions/observations were accepted up to 4:30pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 and one submission was received.

It was considered that the proposed development was in accordance with the policies and objectives of the North Tipperary County Development Plan 2010-2016 as varied and it was recommended that the proposed development should proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in the report.

Following consideration of the report as circulated the development was proposed by **Cllr S. Morris**, seconded by **Cllr G. Darcy** and agreed to proceed as proposed.

Item 3.5

Part 8 of  
Planning and  
Development  
Regulations 2001  
Mill Road,  
Thurles

In accordance with Part 8, Article 81, of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, Tipperary County Council gave notice of its intention to carry out the construction of 28 dwellings at Mill Road, Thurles, comprising 4 no. Single storey, Two bedroom houses, 13 no. Two storey, two bedroom houses, 10 no., three bedroom, two storey houses, and 1 no. Four bedroom, Two storey house.

It was proposed to access the site from the existing residential estate to the north – the Glebe. The development would then be accessed from the existing spur road to the south. The layout of the proposed 28 dwelling units is such that a green space is to be provided along the roadside boundary and to the rear of existing units 18 to 25, and connecting with the existing green space at The Glebe. The proposed development is to connect to the existing foul water sewer which runs through the site. Storm water from the site is to be attenuated on site. The proposed development is to be served by public water supply.

The site to which this Part 8 relates is located to the east of Thurles town centre on the Mill Road. The site is bounded to the north and west by existing residential developments. The site is 1.73ha in area and is currently a Greenfield site. It is zoned for ‘Mixed Use’ development – the zoning relates to additional lands to the south of the site. A post and rail fence forms the roadside boundary. The site is gently undulated with level difference of circa 1m.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were available for inspection and purchase from the 01/03/18 to the 06/04/18 at the Offices of Tipperary County Council.

Submissions/observations were accepted up to 4:30pm on the 20/04/18 and three submissions were made.

It was considered that the proposed development was in accordance with the policies and objectives of Thurles Town and Environs Development Plan 2009 (as varied) and it was recommended that the proposed development should proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in the report.

In response to representations made by members regarding concerns of residents of the adjoining estate regarding the shared entrance, it was agreed that a separate Part 8 would be progressed for the proposed new access to serve both the Glebe and the new housing development prior to any construction commencing on site.

Following consideration of the report as circulated the development was proposed by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** seconded by **Cllr D. Doran** and agreed to proceed as proposed.

**Item 3.6**

**Part 8 of Planning and Development Regulations 2001, Old Tar Depot, Abbey Street, Cahir, Co. Tipperary**

In accordance with Part 8, Article 81, of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, Tipperary County Council gave notice of its intention to carry out the construction 10no. houses on a site sized 0.29 ha at Abbey St, Cahir.

The proposal is for the development of 10no. houses on a site sized 0.29 ha at Abbey St, Cahir at Abbey St, Cahir together with public and private open space, a new entrance from Abbey Street, roadways, footpaths, car parking boundary treatment and landscaping. The development includes for demolition of existing sheds and structures on site.

The development is for a mix of single storey and 2 storey 2 bedroom houses with 8no. 2 storey houses and 2no. single storey houses. The development is designed to be age friendly. The site subject to this Part 8 application is located at Abbey Street, Cahir and was formerly occupied by the Council's tar depot. The site is adjoined to the north and south and opposite to the east by residential uses and is adjoined to its southwestern end by the railway line. The site is enclosed by existing boundary walls and contains a number of sheds, walls and other structures associated with the previous use of the site.

Tipperary County Council made available for inspection plans and particulars of the proposed development together with the project Appropriate Assessment Screening from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018. No. submissions were received during the public consultation period.

Following consideration of the report as circulated the development proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy**, seconded by **Cllr. J. Hogan** and noted.

**Item 3.7**

**Consideration of Draft Annual Financial Statement (AFS) 2017**

The Members considered the Draft Annual Financial Statement and Report for 2017 as circulated and noted same.

Mr. Liam McCarthy referred to Report circulated setting out the excess expenditure and advising that a Resolution of the Council was required in relation to same in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001. It was proposed by **Cllr. S. Hanafin**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Ryan** and noted

In response to a query about the surplus on the account, members were informed that the surplus was in place to deal with unforeseen losses in any year. This was considered prudent and planned financial management.

**Item 3.7**

**To Consider and approve Resolution authorising Excess Expenditure**

Proposed by **Cllr. J. Hogan**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** and resolved

“That in accordance with Section 104 of the Local government Act 201, excess expenditure in respect of the Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 for Tipperary County Council be and is hereby approved as follows”-

Service	Service Description	Amount €
A01	Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing Units	262,414
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	170,942
A06	Support to Housing Capital Programme	49,917
A07	RAS and Leasing Programme	558,591

A09	Housing Grants	704,940
A12	HAP Programme	126,205
B01	NP Road – Maintenance and Improvement	40,731
B02	NS Road – Maintenance and Improvement	40,451
B03	Regional Road – Maintenance and Improvement	234,397
B05	Public Lighting	576,723
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	113,810
B07	Road Safety Engineering Improvement	4,900
B10	Support to Roads Capital Program	30,890
B11	Agency & Recoupable Services	1,789,086
C02	Waste Water Treatment	146,325
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	16,592
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	108,432
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	1,050,532
D10	Property Management	48,337
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	21,279
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	130,157
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	66,098
E04	Provision of Waste to Collection Services	892
E06	Street Cleaning	115,259
E11	Operation of Fire Service	177,262
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	161,108
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	24,439
G01	Land Drainage Costs	18,474
G06	Agency & Recoupable Services	4,662
H03	Administration of Rates	993,513
H05	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	10,712

**Item 3.8**

**Arts Grants 2018**

Proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** and resolved

“That allocation of grants to the sum of €32,600 as per the attached schedule under the Arts Act 2003 be approved.

No.	Group	Description	Recommended Allocation 2018
1	Newport Musical Society	Musical Theatre	€600
2	Creative Minds Productions, Clonmel	Musical Theatre	€1,000
3	Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles	Multi-disciplinary Arts	€300
4	ClonTempo Choir, Clonmel	Music	€1,000
5	Thurles Musical Society	Musical Theatre	€1,500
6	Phoenix Productions	Musical Theatre	€1,500
7	Cloughjordan Circus Club	Circus	€2,000
8	Roscrea Musical Society	Music	€1,500
9	Cashel Day Care Centre for the Elderly	Music	€400
10	Conradh na Gaeilge, Aonach Urmhumann	Music	€500
11	Fethard Choral Society	Music	€250
12	Nenagh Players	Theatre	€500
13	Dreamtime Theatre, Annacarthy	Theatre	€500
14	Banba Theatre Company, Cloughjordan	Theatre	€500
15	Nenagh Arts Centre CLG	Multi-disciplinary Arts	€4,000
16	County Tipperary Ryan Youth Orchestra	Music	€700

17	Tipperary Musical Society	Musical Theatre	€1,500
18	Nenagh Community Training Centre	Visual Arts	€250
19	CDA Pantomine, Cahir	Theatre	€250
20	Agligh Old School/Drama	Theatre	€250
21	Belle Voci Choir, Clonmel	Music	€500
22	St. Cronan's Service, Nenagh	Visual Arts	€500
23	Damer House Gallery, Roscrea	Visual Arts	€750
24	Suircan Community Forum, Clonmel	Film	€500
25	Kilcash Comhaltas Group	Music	€500
26	St. Mary's Choral Society, Clonmel	Musical Theatre	€1,500
27	St. Cronan's Association, Roscrea	Visual Arts	€500
28	Nenagh Choral Society	Musical Theatre	€1,500
29	Tipperary Town Youth Project	Literature	€500
30	Youth Work Ireland Tipperary - Cashel Neighbourhood Youth Project	Multi-disciplinary Arts	€500
31	Rosie Greys Singing Group (Age Friendly Roscrea)	Music	€600
32	Irish Wheelchair Association, Nenagh, Thurles & Roscrea	Multi-disciplinary Arts	€500
33	South Tipperary Arts Centre, Clonmel	Multi-disciplinary Arts	€3,000
34	STAG, Clonmel - Junior Section	Visual Arts	€750
35	Cloughjordan Cineclub	Film	€1,000
36	Aras Mhuire Day Care Centre, Nenagh	Visual Arts	€500

### **Item 3.9**

#### **Conferral of Civic Reception**

The Meetings Administrator informed members that it was recommended by the CPG to accord a Civic Reception to Aidan O' Brien in recognition of his achievement during 2017 in setting the World Record for having trained 28 Group 1 Winners in a Calendar Year and Joseph O'Brien on being the youngest winning trainer in history to win the Melbourne Cup.

Proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. S. Ryan** and resolved

"That in accordance with Section 74 of the Local Government Act 2001, Tipperary County Council afford a Civic Reception to Aidan O'Brien and Joseph O'Brien, Coolmore Stud" in recognition of their significant achievements during 2017 namely:

- Aidan's achievement during 2017 in securing the World record for having trained 28 Group 1 winners in a calendar year.
- Joseph's achievement during 2017 in being the youngest trainer in history to win the Melbourne Cup.

### **Item 4.1**

#### **Consideration of Management Report**

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

#### **Roads and Transportation, Health and Safety**

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Motion Ref 1341, Item 7.1 and Motion Ref 1342, Item 7.2 with the Management Report on Roads and Transportation, Health and Safety.

**Item 7.1**

Motion No. 7.1(1341) was proposed by **Cllr. M. Anglim**

**Notice of Motion**

**"With the welcome return this year of the very important and much needed Local Improvement Scheme and with the very big interest from the public shown in the amount of applications received, the amount of money received into each municipal area is very welcome. But really it is only a start and we call on Tipperary County Council to write to the Minister requesting further funding for 2018 for this very worthwhile scheme".**

**Local Improvement Scheme – Further Funding for 2018**

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

The reply to the Motion was noted as follows:-

The executive agrees that the allocation of €625,538 for Tipperary County Council is welcome as is the re-introduction of the scheme.

Members supported the motion. They spoke of the benefits to localities of the scheme for the repair and improvement of roads in their area. They asked that the management of the scheme particularly in relation to time frames would be reviewed and it is agreed that this request would be conveyed to the relevant Minister when requesting further funding for 2018.

**Item 7.2**

Motion No. 7.2(1342) was proposed by **Cllr. MI. Murphy**

**Notice of Motion**

**"That the Council would provide an update and completion date for the Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Greenway".**

**Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Greenway**

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. P. English**

The reply to the Motion was noted as follows:-

The Capital Works contract had been completed and the contractor has moved off site. At present the cycle-path from Clonmel to Carrick on Suir was open for use. However, there were a number of approvals and assessments to be conducted before an official opening could take place.

The branding and signage of the water and land based routes needed to be approved by the DTTS. This would be a first in Ireland, so the Council was preparing a dual branding package at present and it would be presented to the DTTS officials in early May. A tender for the manufacture and installation of the signage would be carried out subject to obtaining approval by the DTTS.

The water and land based routes would need to be audited by the National Trails Office and the Emergency and Rescue Services. Any findings and specific requirements would then need to be addressed on site. This works had commenced already.

A Marketing Plan was also being prepared by the Councils Tourism Officer.

The recent weather and the flooding of the River Suir along the route have presented difficulties for the aforementioned audits and approvals to progress. The flooding and associated fluvial erosion has also created maintenance issues.

Members welcomed this fantastic asset and the significant progress that had been made in its construction in recent months. They made suggestions in relation to linkage with groups/agencies that may assist with activities and marketing i.e. Munster Vales, Canoeing Ireland, Sports Partnership etc. They stressed the importance of ongoing maintenance of this amenity.

### Road Network and Non-National Road Allocations

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, referred to the recent meeting with Oireachtas Members where members voiced their concerns about funding for the Non National Roads in Tipperary.

A number of actions were decided on as follows:-

A deputation request had been submitted to the Minister for Transport seeking a deputation and this had been acknowledged by his office. This would allow the members to brief the Minister on roads issues in the County.

A submission outlining the significant damage done as a result of severe weather conditions had been submitted to the Department seeking an additional roads allocations.

The Chief Executive stressed the importance of noting that the Council had always spent the full allocation received for the roads network and the continuation of the Councils allocation from their own funds. This would be an important factor in any forthcoming deputation/meeting with department officials and would strengthen the Councils position in seeking additional funding.

He suggested that an increase in the Councils own fund allocation would be a consideration for the 2019 Budget process.

### Liberty Square, Thurles

Work had commenced to clear sites to allow survey work to be undertaken. This would allow a final design to be completed.

Members suggestions regarding night work and school holidays would be taken into consideration.

### Link Road, Thurles.

Planning and design had been completed. Land ownership had to be completed. No funding was in place.

### Main Street and Fr. Matthew Street, Tipperary.

Pavement Improvements Schemes had been submitted to the T.I.I. for approval to appoint design consultants.

### Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir.

Design for this scheme were being carried out with works expected to commence in 2019.

### Seskin, Kilsheelan.

An assessment of this location was being carried out by the T.I.I. and intermediate actions had been agreed.

### Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)

It was confirmed that an allocation for this scheme had not yet been notified.

### Monitoring of Road Conditions

Periodic surveys were carried out on all regional roads and some local roads.

### Thurles Ring Road

This scheme would form part of the agenda for discussion with the Minister should he agree to meet a deputation from this Council.

### Lighting at Rahealty National School.

There was no discretionary funding for the provision of lighting at this location.

### Killinan Cross and Turtulla Cross, Thurles.

Improvements to both these junctions had been examined, however no funding was available



but works at these locations would be kept under review.

## **Planning**

### **Taking of Estates in Charge**

It was agreed to include a report on the Taking in Charge of Estates with the Planning Management Report.

### **Protected Structures**

The planning section had commenced the process of examining the listed buildings around the County and would revert in due course.

## **Emergency Services, Libraries and Culture**

### **Derelict Building Carrick-on-Suir**

Cllr Dunne queried the ownership of a derelict building in Carrick-on-Suir and it was agreed that the Director of Services for the Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District would liaise with him further on this issue.

### **Area Office, Roscrea**

Cllr Smith queried future plans for the former Area Office on Birr Road, Roscrea, and it was agreed to revert to him on this.

### **Bord na Mona lands at Littleton**

Following concerns raised by members in relation to the lifting of portion of the former rail track on Bord na Mona lands at Littleton, it was agreed to write to Bord na Mona. It was noted that a Liaison Group were to meet shortly in relation to the future of the Bord na Mona lands.

### **Fire Station, Cashel**

The tendering process for a design team has been completed and a recommendation to appoint is currently with the Department. It is expected that the design stage will commence in Q3 2018.

### **Fire Station, Borrisokane**

The purchase of a site adjacent to the existing fire station in Borrisokane was being completed. It was then intended to seek approval from the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management for the construction of a new fire station.

### **Templemore Fire Station**

Members were informed that the building works on Templemore Fire Station were approximately 35% complete at the time the building contractor entered liquidation in late February. The project had been re-tendered and it is hoped to complete the shortlisting of contractors and have final tenders documents submitted and assessed before the end of June, 2018.

### **Clonmel Library**

An application for the redevelopment of Clonmel Library had been submitted to the Department. It was noted that the Public Library Strategy 2018-2022 was to be launched shortly and this would include planned capital funded projects.

## **Finance and Information Technology**

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Motion Ref 1354, Item 7.3 with the Management Report Finance.

**Item 7.3**

Motion No. 7.3(1354) was proposed by **Cllr. J. Ryan**

**Notice of Motion**

**Commercial Rate  
Reduction for  
Businesses with  
Financial Loss  
due to  
roadworks**

**"As a result of the severe financial loss that businesses suffer due to the various ongoing roadworks programme within the major towns in the county, I am asking that Tipperary County Council would offer a Commercial Rates reduction in 2018 to those businesses that can prove a financial loss during these roadworks. I am also looking for assurances from this Council that in the future all adequate and proper advance notices and consultations will be given to both residents and business owners along routes that will have future substantial and disruptive roadworks carried out".**

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. D. Leahy**

The reply to the Motion was noted as follows:-

There was no legal mechanism to allow for a reduction or exemption in the amount of rates charged. The local authority was obliged to levy rates in accordance with the valuations recorded on the Valuation Listing on the date of striking the rate.

However, the Council was willing to facilitate payment over an agreed period to assist in any cash flow difficulties that may have arisen. Affected ratepayers should contact their Revenue Staff Officer to discuss same.

All major road improvement works contracts include clauses requiring the Contractor to establish and maintain liaison with the local businesses and residents. The purpose of the liaison is to understand the needs of the business and residents and to provide for their requirements in conjunction with the construction works, such as deliveries, car parking, 24 hour access, emergency ambulance access etc. The Contractor is required to appoint a Liaison Officer to carry out these duties.

It is the County Council Road Departments job to ensure that this is carried out correctly for the duration of the works. Given the complaints and difficulties that have arisen during recent works, Roads Supervisory staff will focus on improved communications for all upcoming works.

Members agreed that improved communication with both businesses and residents in areas affected by roadworks was required.

**Procurement**

In response to an enquiry by Cllr Doran regarding procurement, Mr. McCarthy confirmed that seminars had been organised by L.E.O. for SME's to provide information on the public procurement process.

**Item 4.2**

**To Note Report  
on Capital  
Programme  
2018-2020**

A report on the Capital Programme 2018-2020 was included as part of the Management Report and noted by the members.

**Item 4.3**

**Tipperary Roads  
Safety Strategy.**

In addition to their statutory obligations under roads and traffic legislation, local authorities have an important role to play in promoting road safety. Tipperary County Council, in conjunction with its partners, An Garda Síochána (AGS), Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), Road Safety Authority (RSA), Tipperary Fire and Rescue Services and Health Service Executive (HSE), through the National Ambulance Service, had devised a Road Safety Strategy to examine specific local issues relevant to Tipperary.

This, the first Road Safety Strategy for all of Tipperary, covers the period 2018-2020. It offers a strategic direction for road safety in Tipperary in terms of Education, Engineering, Enforcement and Evaluation and reflects the Government Road Safety Strategy 2013-2020.

It was designed to ensure a co-ordinated, collaborative and consistent approach to improving road safety for all road users in Tipperary. Its implementation would be dependent on the cooperation of the principal organisations charged with responsibility for road safety.

The adoption of the strategy was proposed by **Cllr. MI Murphy**, seconded by **Cllr. J. Crosse** and agreed

**Item 4.4**

**Tipperary Public Lighting Policy**

The Tipperary Public Lighting Policy had been circulated to the members. The Policy outlined the Council's policy in relation to the provision of public lighting which was to ensure a sustainable energy efficient public lighting network.

Tipperary County Council had a stock of approximately 16,000 street lights. Historically the maintenance and energy costs associated with street lighting were very expensive with maintenance costs in the period 2008 -2011 of €60 per light per annum. In the period 2012-2016 maintenance costs reduced to approximately €28 per light and in 2017 maintenance costs had reduced further due to the council moving to a price per item contract to circa €15 per light per annum. The introduction of LED lights in recent years had reduced the maintenance bill as LED's had to be maintained less frequently. Furthermore LED's were more energy efficient with up to 50 percent energy savings being made. By the end of Q1 2018, Tipperary County Council expected to have 1,600 or circa 10% of our lighting stock as LED lights.

It was the policy of Tipperary County Council to ensure the development of a sustainable energy efficient public lighting network. Public Lighting was a highly valued and visible asset with the potential to make a significant contribution to the wider community in terms of accessibility, road safety and the fostering of commercial activities. The stock of lighting would increase owing to the taking in charge of estates, construction of new housing schemes, new road schemes, urban renewal etc.

The adoption of the policy was proposed by **Cllr. MI Murphy**, seconded by **Cllr. J. Crosse** and agreed.

**Item 5.1**

**Agree Date and Venue for June Monthly Meeting**

Proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy**

"That the June Monthly Meeting of Tipperary County Council will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June in the Lakeside Hotel, Ballina/Killaloe".

**Item 5.2**

**Agree Date for Annual Meeting**

Proposed by **Cllr. S. Ambrose**, seconded by **Cllr. J. Hogan**

"That the Annual Meeting of Tipperary County Council will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 in the Civic Offices, Clonmel at 2 p.m."

**Item 6.1**

**Consideration of Orders for the Period to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

Chief Executive and Delegated Officers Order for the period to the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 were noted.

**Item 8.1**

**Notice of Motion Right to Housing for every citizen of the Irish State**

Motion No. 8.1(1307) was proposed by **Cllr. P. English**

**"That Tipperary County Council request the Irish Government to hold a referendum or introduce legislation within a set timeframe that affirms the right to housing for every citizen of the Irish State"**

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. S. Morris**

Following discussion it was agreed that the motion would be forwarded to the Minister for

Housing, Planning and Local Government , Eoghan Murphy TD for consideration and response.

**Item 8.2**

Motion No. 8.2(1340) was proposed by **Cllr. D. Doran**

**Notice of Motion**

**Bereavement Grant**

**"We are calling on Tipperary County Council to formally request that this Government restore the Bereavement Grant".**

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. M. Ryan**

Members supported the motion and it was agreed to forward the motion to Regina Doherty, Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection for consideration and response.

**Item 8.3**

Motion No. 8.3(1344) was proposed by **Cllr. S. Morris**

**Notice of Motion**

**Control of Economic Activity(Occupied Territories) Bill 2018**

**"Noting that "Vast amounts of land and property , especially agricultural land, have been seized from Palestinians and transferred to the exclusive use of Israeli settlements, having a devastating effect on Palestinians way of life .**

**Through their control of the West Banks water resources, Israeli settlers (of which there are approximately 600,000) use six times more water than Palestinians living in the West Bank (of which there are approximately 2.8 million) having a severe impact on the availability of water as a resource to Palestinian farmers.**

**Israels ongoing building of settlements in the Palestinian West Bank is a war crime under international law and makes the establishment of a viable Palestinian state impossible .**

**Goods and services currently produced in Israeli settlements , including agricultural produce grown and harvested on stolen Palestinian land are freely available in Ireland . The Seanad will shortly consider the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 introduced by Senator Frances Black which would prevent such goods and services being sold in Ireland.**

**Tipperary County Council urges Senators to support the control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories ) Bill 2018".**

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. P. English**

It was agreed to forward the motion to the Chair of the Seanad for circulation to each Senator for their consideration.

**Item 8.4**

Motion No. 8.4(1348) was proposed by **Cllr. P. English**

**Notice of Motion**

**Psychiatric Units to serve both North and South Tipperary**

**"That Tipperary County Council request the Minister of State at the Department of Health, Jim Daly to reinstate psychiatric units to serve both North and South Tipperary.**

**The decision to close St. Michaels Psychiatric Unit in Clonmel was a serious mistake and should be reversed as the existing service for psychiatric patients is not fit for purpose".**

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. MI Murphy**

Members supported the motion, it was agreed to change the wording of the motion to "St Michaels Acute Psychiatric Unit" and to forward the motion to the Minister of State at the Department of Health, Jim Daly TD for consideration and response.

**Item 8.5**

**Notice of Motion**

**Mental Health  
Facilities in  
County  
Tipperary**

Motion No. 8.4(1352) submitted by Cllrs R. Kennedy, S. Ambrose, I. Goldsboro, S. Hanafin, K. Bourke, M. Anglim, J. Carroll, S. Ryan, M. Smith, J. Hogan was proposed by **Cllr. R. Kennedy**

"That this Council request the HSE to re-open extra Mental Health facilities in County Tipperary".

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. I. Goldsboro**

Members supported the motion and it was agreed to forward the motion to the HSE for consideration and response. Cllr J. Ryan requested that extra addiction Counsellors be provided in Tipperary.

**Item 9.1 – 9.4**

**Correspondence**

Correspondence as circulated was noted

**Items 10.1 to  
10.5**

**Resolutions from  
other local  
authorities**

Resolutions from other Local Authorities were noted:

**Leitrim County Council**

That Leitrim County Council write to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to protest against the Department's dictatorial actions, per the National Parks and Wildlife Service and other agencies, in designating large areas of our county as SAC's, NHAs etc. The scientific basis for such designations has not been explained to the people of County Leitrim and neighbouring counties and such designations are proving to be detrimental and limiting for the incomes and the livelihoods of people in such areas. I request that this motion be forwarded to other Local Authorities seeking their support.

**Donegal County Council**

That this Council call on the Government to review the way Community Employment Schemes are being negatively affected by changes introduced over the last few years.

**Carlow County Council**

That we, the Members of Carlow County Council are asking the Minister for Agriculture to consider payment of €200/hd for suckler cows.

**Kerry County Council**

Kerry County Council calls on the Minister for Health, Deputy Simon Harris to request the HSe to review the decision to restrict the use of Versatis pain relief patches to patients in chronic pain outside those experiencing post herpatic neuralgia, and to revert to the Pre December status while this review is being undertaken.

**Item 11.1**

**Expression of  
Votes of  
Sympathy**

Votes of Sympathy were extended to the following:

- Josephine O'Meara on the death of her husband, Cllr. Eddie O'Meara
- Anthony Orme, Water Services, Clonmel on the death of his father in law, Michael Darcy.
- Marcella Raleigh, Nenagh MD on the death of her mother, Anna (Nance).
- Eoin Powell, Clonmel Borough District on the death of his mother, Esther.

**Votes of  
Congratulations**

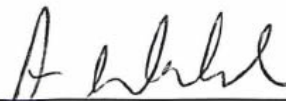
Votes of Congratulations were extended to the following:

- Sam Bennett on winning Stage 7 of the Giro d'Italia.
- Tipperary Ladies Football Team on winning the National League Division 2 Final.

The meeting then concluded.

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

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

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

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