

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,
NENAGH, AND Remotely Via Zoom
AT 11 AM on Monday 8th April, 2024.**

Present

Cllr. G. Darcy, Cathaoirleach.

Cllrs: Bonfield F; Carroll, J; Coonan, N; FitzGerald, MI; Hanafin, S; Kennedy, Hannigan, J; Kenndy, R; Lee, S; Lowry MI; McGrath, McGrath, JR; Moloney, A; Moran, E.; Morris, S; O'Meara, MI; Smith MI,

Remote

Anglim, MI; Black, T; Bourke, K; Burgess, D; Bugler, P; Crosse, J; Dennehy, Niall P; Dunne, D; English, P; Fitzgerald, J; Fitzgerald, Mark; Goldsboro, I; McGrath, M; Molloy, R; Murphy, Marie; Murphy, MI; Ryan, A.M.; Ryan, J; Ryan, P; Ryan, S.

Also Present

Mr. J. MacGrath, Chief Executive, Ms. S. Kennedy, Mr. L. Brett, Mr. B. Beck Director of Services, Mr. M. Connolly, Head of Finance, Ms. A.M. Devaney, S.E.P, M. M. Scott, Arts Officer, Mr. G. Walsh, Meetings Administrator.

Apologies

Cllr S. Ambrose, M. Hanna Hourigan, k. O'Meara

Item 1.1

The Cathaoirleach welcomed members to the April Meeting of Tipperary County Council.

Welcome & Introduction/Meetings Protocol

He advised members present in the Chamber that their microphone had to be turned on when they spoke and referred members attending remotely of the protocol for remote meetings circulated with the agenda and asked members to observe the rules contained therein with regard to remote meetings.

The Meetings Administrator took a roll call and commenced the meeting with the opening prayer.

Notice of Motion N24.

The Cathaoirleach advised members that Item 10.1 Notice of Motion Ref: 2794 was not submitted by him within the timeframe set in Standing Orders. This was due to a meeting held on the 3rd April, 2024 of the Tipperary, Kilkenny and Waterford Chief Executives and Cathaoirleach together with the Chairs of each District in which this section of the N.24 passes through, at which an emergency motion was drafted and required approval.

Members indicated their agreement to the motion being included for consideration at this meeting.

Item 2.1
Disclosure/or
Conflicts of
Interest

Noted, no matters were notified to the Meetings Administrator

Item 3.1
Minutes of
Council Meeting
held on 11th
March, 2024
Matters Arising

The Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting held on 11th March, 2024 were proposed by **Cllr. S. Hanafin**, seconded by **Cllr. J. McGrath** and adopted.

There were no matters arising.

Item 4.1
Approval to
Attendance

There were no requests to attend Conference or Training Events.

Item 4 .2
Reports on
Conferences

Proposed by **Cllr. S. Hanafin** seconded by **Cllr. S. Lee** and noted.

Item 5.1
Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Tyone, Nenagh
to the Health
Service
Executive

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Morris** seconded by **Cllr MI O Meara** and resolved: -

“That in accordance with the provision of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, Tipperary County Council hereby approves of the disposal of circa 0.45ha of land at Tyone, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary to the Health Service Executive in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 28th March, 2024.”

The disposal was required to facilitate a Deed of Rectification to regularise title to the property.

Item 5.2
Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
property at
Townfield,
Cloughjordan to
Cloughjordan
Community
Development
Association

It was proposed by **Cllr G. Darcy** seconded by **Cllr MI. O Meara** and resolved: -

“That 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 a 25-year lease agreement of circa 0.34ha at Townfield, Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary to Cloughjordan Community Development Association CLG for consideration of €100.00 in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 28th March, 2024.”

The disposal was required to facilitate a 25-year lease agreement to enable the drawdown of Capital Grants for the development of a playground.

Item 5.3

Strategic Infrastructure Application - Medite, Redmondstown, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

The Chief Executives Report had been circulated to the members on Strategic Infrastructure Application (ref ABP-319013-24) in accordance with Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Ms. A.M. Devaney, A/S.E.P., advised members that on the 25th of August 2022, An Bord Pleanála determined that a proposal by Medite Europe DAC for the replacement of existing biomass-fired boilers, biomass-fired thermal fluid heater and gas-fired thermal fluid heater at Medite's manufacturing plant in Redmondstown, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary would be strategic infrastructure within the meaning of Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

As provided for under Section 37E(4) of the 2000 Act, the Chief Executive was required to submit a report to An Bord Pleanála setting out the views of the Planning Authority on the effects of the proposed development on the environment and the proper and sustainable development of the area. The report was also required to address all the issues identified in the An Bord Pleanála "Guidelines for Planning Authorities" in respect of Strategic Infrastructure. Accordingly, all the relevant issues to the proposed development had been identified and were assessed in the report. Section 37E (4) of the 2000 Act required that this report should be submitted to An Bord Pleanála by 5.30 pm on the 18th of April 2024 and would be considered as part of their assessment. Section 37E (5) of the 2000 Act required that before the Chief Executives report was submitted to the Bord, the Chief Executive shall submit it to the elected members, in order to seek their views on the proposed development. The members may, by resolution, decide to attach recommendations to the report (Section 37E (6) of the 2000 Act refers). Section 37E (6) of the 2000 Act also provides that the views expressed by the members on the proposed development during the Council meeting, be attached to this report.

The report noted that the developer was seeking a 10-year timeline to the permission and the construction would be over three phases with a completion date of 2035. The works proposed would assist the facility in meeting its climate action obligations.

It was the considered view of Tipperary County Council, based on the information submitted and the detailed assessment provided above, that permission be granted for the subject development. The key issues which the Planning Authority deem relevant are listed below, which the Board may wish to investigate further.

Summary of the key issues and considered view which should be read in conjunction with Parts 5 and 6 of the report circulated to the members.

8.2 Principle of Development

- The proposed development is consistent with the current energy and planning legislation and policy, which seeks to realise cuts in greenhouse gas emissions and increase the share of electricity generation from renewable sources to address concerns with regards to climate change. Due to the scale of the proposal, the project is of strategic economic and

social importance to the Region and the State. The project will assist in meeting national renewable energy targets and will also result in significant reductions in carbon emissions from electricity generation and reduce the reliance on imported fossil fuels and will assist in the transition from the dependency on fossil fuels to energy generation from renewable sources.

- At a local level, the site is located within an area which is zoned for general industrial use in the Clonmel and Environs Local Area Plan 2024. As such, there is no land use objection to the proposal as it is consistent with the land use zoning objective for the site.

8.3 Visual Impact

- Notwithstanding the scale of the works proposed and the height of the structures proposed, Tipperary County Council is satisfied that the proposal will not give rise to significant impacts on the visual character of the receiving environment.

8.4 Traffic impacts

- Having reviewed the details submitted in the EIAR, Tipperary County Council notes that there are currently difficulties for vehicles exiting the L2506 onto the N24. The EIAR has not assessed the level of queueing at this junction.

The addition of two HGV vehicles will have some impact. This impact needs to be assessed.

- In addition, it is noted that the EIAR does not include a consideration of the proposed N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge pavement scheme, which includes a proposal to remove the left filter lane from the eastbound lane of the N24 approaching the L2506 junction.
- No consideration of workforce mobility management was provided in the EIAR. This should be included as a mitigation measure to address potential traffic impacts. The National Roads Design Office notes that there may be indirect impacts to the Medite plant in terms of access to the N24 should a revised junction arrangement between the N24 and the L2506 be required as part of the N24 Upgrade project.

8.5 Ecology/Biodiversity

- Tipperary County Council is not of the opinion that the proposed development will have a significant negative effect on the ecology of the area. However, prior to the commencement of development, a more comprehensive bat survey should be undertaken to ascertain the extent of bat activity in the woodland area to be removed in Development area 3.

8.6 Population and human health

- Tipperary County Council is satisfied that the works proposed will not give rise to adverse impacts on the residential amenity of nearby third-party properties.

8.7 Land, Soils & Geology

- Tipperary County Council is satisfied that subject to standard site mitigation measures, the Land, impacts on Soil and Geology at the site will be negligible

8.8 Water & Hydrology

- Tipperary County Council is satisfied that subject to identified mitigation measures proposed, the residual risk to the surface water and groundwater receptors is not significant.

8.9 Air and Climate

- Subject to appropriate monitoring, Tipperary County Council is satisfied that the risk to air and climate is not significant.

8.10 Cultural heritage

- Subject to appropriate mitigation including archaeological monitoring, Tipperary County Council is satisfied that the risk to Cultural heritage is not significant.

8.11 Noise

- Subject to appropriate mitigation and monitoring, Tipperary County Council is satisfied that the noise impacts associated with the proposal are not significant.

8.12 Natura Impact Statement

- Tipperary County Council is not of the opinion that the proposed development would have a significant negative effect on the ecology of the area and does not represent a significant threat to nearby designated sites

Cllr Pat English made the following comments in relation to the proposed development which were noted and would be referenced in report.

- Difficulties for traffic exiting from the L2506 to the N.24
Potential effects of the proposed development on the local population and human health during construction operations and decommissioning. Following further consideration, it was proposed by Cllr. Pat English, seconded by Cllr. Roger Kennedy and agreed to accept the report as recommended.

Item 5.4 **Arts Act Grants** **2024**

Ms. M. Scott, Arts Officer, advised members that the recommended total grant allocation under the Arts Act Grant Scheme 2024 was €57,900 to 36 groups and organisations across the county. Those groups who were not successful would continue to receive support and advice on opportunities available to them.

It was proposed by **Cllr S. Hanafin** seconded by **Cllr S. Ryan** and resolved: -

“That allocation of the grants to the sum of €57,900 as per schedule below under the Arts Act 2003 are approved: -

No.	Group	Recommended Allocation 2024
1.	Fionn MacCumhaill Players, Mullinahone	€500
2.	Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles	€500
3.	Tipperary Musical Society	€3,500
4.	Roscrea Musical Society	€3,500
5.	Cashel Day Care Centre for the Elderly	€300
6.	Cloughjordan Circus Club	€5,500
7.	Nenagh Players	€1,000
8.	Nenagh Choral Society	€3,500
9.	Irish Wheelchair Association, Roscrea	€600
10.	Cashel Choral & Dramatic Society	€500
11.	Uproar Rock Chorus, Clonmel	€1,000
12.	Voices of the Derg Choir, Ballina	€500
13.	Cahir Comhaltas	€2,000
14.	Homeland, Roscrea	€4,500
15.	Mountain Lodge Restoration Group, Burncourt	€1,000
16.	Thurles Community Panto Society	€1,500
17.	Nenagh Community Training Centre	€1,000
18.	Thurles Musical Society	€3,500
19.	St. Mary’s Choral Society, Clonmel	€3,500
20.	Belle Voici Choir, Clonmel	€1,000
21.	Cloughjordan Cine Club	€1,000
22.	CRK Active Retirement Club, Carrig	€300
23.	Live Art Ireland, Borrisokane	€2,500
24.	South Tipperary Art Group, Juniors, Clonmel	€800
25.	Newport Musical Society	€1,000
26.	Clontempo Choir, Clonmel	€1,200
27.	Carrick on Suir Musical Society	€3,500
28.	Avista/St. Anne’s Roscrea	€1,250
29.	Sheperdess Project, Thurles	€750
30.	Thomas McDonagh Museum, Cloughjordan	€1,300
31.	Ballymackey Women’s Shed	€800
32.	New Inn Voices	€500
33.	Lissenhall Community & Social Club	€1,000
34.	Age Friendly Roscrea	€1,300
35.	Suircan Environmental Ltd., Clonmel	€800
36.	St. Cronan’s Service, Roscrea	€1,000

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 Nenagh and any queries/clarifications would be dealt with by the relevant Director of Services.

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach that Items 6.2 and 10.1 would be taken with the Management Report on Roads, Transportation, Health and Safety.

Item 10.1

Notice of Motion Ref 2794 –N24 Waterford to Cahir Transport Corridor

Motion Ref. 2794 was proposed by **Cllr G. Darcy.**

“The Preferred Transport Solution (PTS) has recently been announced for the N24 Waterford to Cahir Transport Corridor but no funding has been provided to progress the scheme to Phase 3 – Design and Environmental Evaluation and Phase 4 – Statutory Processes. In view of Road Safety concerns for all using the N24, the economic benefit to the South East and the fact that the PTS alignment to national transport policy, this Council strongly requests the Minister for Transport, Mr. Eamon Ryan to provide sufficient funding in 2024 to progress this scheme and a commitment for continued support for this scheme to be progressed to completion of Stage 4”.

The motion was seconded by **Cllr J. Crosse.**

Members fully supported the motion and some members asked that a deputation would meet with the Minister for Transport in this regard.

In response to queries raised Mr. L. Brett, Director of Services, confirmed that approximately €2.5m was required to progress the scheme for 2024 with a total of €7.5m required to complete the full design and environmental evaluation phase. There was a funding allocation for 2024 for the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction project and the Council were engaging with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to ensure adequate funding was available.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, informed members that once it became apparent there was no funding allocation for 2024 for the N24 Waterford to Cahir Project, a letter had issued from the Chief Executives of Kilkenny County Council and Tipperary County Council to seek an allocation to allow this project to progress. A meeting had been convened of Waterford, Kilkenny and Tipperary Chief Executives, Cathaoirligh, Oireachtas Members and Cathaoirligh of the Municipal Districts in the corridor of this project. At this meeting there was unanimity across the 3 Counties of the importance of the project. The entire N.24 project was of major benefit for Tipperary, it connected a number of motorways, it was a significant development for Waterford and Limerick and there was a range of reasons why it was important in the national and regional context. It was of critical importance that this road corridor was progressed to address safety concerns and the Chief Executive outlined statistics in relation to the number of fatalities and

serious incidents that had occurred on this road corridor. The project was approximately half way through the planning process and it was imperative that this planning stage of the process was completed.

The Chief Executive confirmed that funding for the Cahir to Limerick Junction project would continue to be monitored and should adequate funding not be forthcoming following discussions with the TII, this project would be similarly pursued.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a joint letter from the Cathaoirigh of Tipperary, Kilkenny and Waterford County Councils would issue to the Minister and a letter would issue to the Minister from the members of Tipperary County Council containing the text of Notice of Motion Ref. 2794. The matter would also be brought to the attention of the Oireachtas Members.

Item 6.2

Grant Allocations for National Roads, Active Travel and Greenways

Members noted the grant allocations for National Roads, Active Travel and Greenways.

It was noted each Active Travel Scheme project required approval by the National Transport Authority and large-scale projects were the preferred options.

Greenway projects were being progressed and were at various stages of development.

In relation to the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme, further detail from the National Transport Authority was awaited.

Management Report continued.

Mr. Liam Brett, Director of Services and Mr. John Nolan, Senior Engineer, responded to queries raised as follows: -

Pedestrian Crossing Templemore

It was agreed to engage with TII regarding the relocation of a pedestrian crossing in Templemore town centre.

Rural Roads Maintenance

Following concerns raised by a number of members regarding the condition of rural roads due to the impact of heavy and persistent rainfall over the last number of months it was agreed to issue a letter to the Department seeking additional funding for the maintenance of rural roads.

Thurles By-Pass

The Council would continue to lobby for the inclusion of the Thurles By-Pass in the National Development Plan

Public Lighting

The Council would continue to engage with TII regarding the provision of route lighting on approach roads to Thurles.

District Issues

The District Engineer would liaise with Cllr Bugler regarding pothole maintenance in an estate taken in charge in Ballina and the provision of a bus shelter in Main Street, Ballina.

Road Reinstatement

Reference was made to the standard of road reinstatement being carried out by Uisce Eireann Contractors in Thurles and it was agreed to engage with Uisce Eireann on this.

N24 – Pill Road

It was agreed to examine a road opening by Uisce Eireann at a location on Pill Road, Carrick-on-Suir.

Dangerous Trees

Members were asked to raise concerns regarding dangerous trees with the District Engineer. It was noted that the responsibility was with the landowner to address dangerous trees on their property.

N.74 Fr. Matthew Street, Tipperary Town.

Works would commence on this project in Q2 2024. It was agreed to engage with the Contractor for this project regarding the carrying out of repairs to pedestrian crossing lights on the N.74 at the earliest opportunity.

N74 Golden/Kilfeacle

It was agreed to examine the need for the placement of timber bollards on a particular section of this road.

N62 Offaly Border to Roscrea (Loughnavatta)

A design scheme for this route was expected to progress in 2025.

CIS Schemes

The benefits of CIS Schemes to communities was noted and the amount of funding available limited the number of schemes that could be approved each year.

Road Safety Officer

It was confirmed that the Council had one part time Road Safety Officer. The Road Safety Authority engaged with schools in relation to road safety through a range of campaigns.

N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel

The carrying out of works at this location were scheduled to commence in Q3 2024 and it was not possible for the Contractor to deviate from this schedule.

N24 Moangarriff to Twomilebridge Pavement and Traffic Calming

The planning process for this scheme would commence following TII technical approvals.

Velocity Patching

It was noted that dry weather conditions were required for effective velocity patching.

Planning and Development

Ms Sharon Kennedy, Director of Services, and Ms. A. Devaney, S.E.P., responded to queries raised as follows: -

Development Contribution Waiver Scheme

Following a number of members expressing the benefit of the Development Contribution Scheme and their wish to see the scheme extended, it was agreed to correspond further with the Minister seeking a 12-month extension of the Scheme and to copy all local authorities on the correspondence.

Conservation Officer

It was confirmed that a Conservation Officer had been appointed. A presentation by the Conservation Officer to the members would be scheduled for a meeting of the newly elected Council.

Modular Homes

Applications for modular homes/log cabins/demountable dwellings would be assessed in accordance with planning legislation and the County Development Plan. It was noted that a workshop had been held with members in relation to this type of dwelling provision.

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)

Final RZLT Maps for 2023 were published on 1st December 2023. It was announced in Budget 2024 that the RZLT would be deferred by 1 year. The tax was due to take effect from 1 February 2024 and the first liability date would now be the 1st February 2025. A new public notice period for the 2024 RZLT was published on 1st February 2024 which had the effect that submissions on inclusion / exclusion and requests for zoning changes could again be made in the current public consultation. Anyone could make a submission either requesting a site to be included or requesting a site shown on the maps to be excluded, and also allowing landowners to request a zoning change to a site which was included on the RZLT maps. Submissions which related to inclusion / exclusion on the RZLT maps were to be made by 1st April 2024. Submissions that relate to requests for zoning changes were to be made by the 31st May 2024. Determinations would be issued to landowners with a right to appeal. Final maps would be published in December 2024.

Emergency Services & Emergency Planning

Civil Defence

Members congratulated members of Civil Defence who recently received Long Service Medals. It was also acknowledged the work carried out by the Civil Defence in the temporary housing of refugees in the Moycarkey-Borris Sports Centre,

Fire Service

The assistance of the fire service to the ambulance service was commended.

Library, Cultural Services & Biodiversity.

Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services, responded to queries raised as follows: -

Clonmel Library

It was noted that a meeting would take place with members of Clonmel Borough District on the 17th April, 2024, to update them on the refurbishment of Clonmel Library.

Cahir Library

Discussions were ongoing with the Department regarding funding for the refurbishment of Cahir Library.

Community Recognition Fund

Members were advised that a committee meeting with elected members would be held outlining the aims, objectives and application process for the Community Recognition Fund on Thursday 11th April, 2024 in advance of a public webinar on the 12th April, 2024.

Finance & Information Technology

Mr. Mark Connolly, Head of Finance responded to queries raised as follows: -

Business Grant

Members were asked to made eligible rate customers aware that registration for the ICOB grant was open. The grant was intended to aid businesses and was based on the value of the Commercial Rates Bill received by eligible businesses in 2023. Businesses with a 2023 Commercial Rates Bill greater than €30,000 were not eligible to receive the grant.

In response to a query raised regarding businesses that had their rates included in their rent, it was confirmed that the Department were considering this anomaly and a decision was awaited.

Item 6.3

Tipperary Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2023

The Annual Report 2023 for Tipperary Joint Policing Committee was noted.

Item 7.1

Consideration of Orders for the period to the 31st March, 2024

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 31st March, 2024 were noted.

Item 8.1
Conferral of
Civic Reception

Members were informed that it was proposed to accord a Civic Reception to Tipperary Hospice on Friday 24th May, 2024, at 7 p.m.in Bru Boru Heritage Centre, Cashel.

This was proposed by Cllr J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr MI. FitzGerald and agreed.

Item 8.2
May Monthly
Meeting

The Meetings Administrator, informed members that due to restricted space in the venue for the May Monthly Meeting they were advised to bring their ipads/laptops to the meeting to view any presentations that may be given. They were also informed that a group photograph would be taken after the meeting and to attend in Council attire.

Item 9.1
Notice of Motion
Ref 2779 – Uisce
Eireann.

Motion Ref: 2779 was proposed by **Cllr A. Moloney.**

“That this Council enter into talks with Uisce Eireann to take back control of local disruptions to services and in doing so have a better response to the public demands and a more efficient service”.

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

The reply to the motion was noted as follows: -

The transformation of Water Services to Uisce Éireann reached a significant milestone when the Effective Date came to pass on 20 September 2023, whereby Uisce Éireann assumed the direct management and control of Water Services in Tipperary County Council, including its staff.

As part of this transition process, Uisce Éireann held a workshop with Tipperary County Council Elected Members, at which the ongoing contact with public representatives was explained, including a dedicated priority channel for elected representatives—separate phone line and email (LRSD). Uisce Éireann suggested that this was the main channel for updates and incident support, but also committing to the use holding of an annual water services workshop with each council's Elected Members, to engaging regularly with AILG & LAMA, relaunching Councillor Clinics, providing regular Local Authority Area Specific Water Service Updates and continuing the use of the recently established a Local Authority Strategic Liaison Office.

It is suggested that any future talks with Uisce Eireann should initially be directed through the Local Authority Strategic Liaison Office which was established to focus on improving Elected Member Communication & Engagement. Following this, the Elected Members can request engagement through any of the aforementioned engagement mechanisms, with the arranging of an annual Workshop being an obvious requirement.

A number of members spoke in support of the motion.

Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chief Executive, advised members that Uisce Eireann assumed full responsibility for the delivery of all public water services in Tipperary from September 2023. He appreciated the level of frustration as outlined by members and this would be conveyed to Irish Water.

Items 11.1 to 11.3
Correspondence

Correspondence as circulated was noted as follows: -

- Reply dated 12th March, 2024 from Director of Forest Operations, Coillte re. Deer Management Strategy
- Email reply dated 22nd March, 2024 from Department of Rural and Community Development re. Clár Areas
- Email reply dated 2nd April, 2024 from Office of the Minister for Education re. Bus Shelters for School Transport

Item 12.1
Motions from other Councils

The following Notices of Motions from other Local Authorities were noted

Louth County Council

“Recognising the significance of the fact that the Joint Policing Committee represents one of the few useful reforms of Local Government in 2014 this Council opposes the proposed legislation to abolish the JPC’s and replace them with repackaged Local Community Safety Partnerships”.

Members fully supported the motion, expressing their opposition to the abolishment of Joint Policing Committees (JPC’s) and outlined the value of the members input into the JPC. It was agreed to issue a letter of support to Louth County Council and issue a letter to the Minister supporting the motion of Louth County Council.

Clare County Council

“I propose that Clare County Council requests Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys, to consider and implement a policy change that allows participants in Community Employment Schemes (CES), Rural Social Scheme (RAS) and Tus Programme to continue their valuable contributions until the age of 70. This extension would not only acknowledge the dedication and skills of these individuals but also contribute to the overall well-being of our community and enhance the sustainability of these programs. These programmes play a crucial role in fostering community development, providing essential services and supporting those who may face challenges in securing traditional employment. Currently participants in these valuable community-based employment programmes are required to retire at the age of 66 and considering the changing demographics and the desire of individuals to remain actively engaged in work programmes, I am asking you to make this important change to allow participants the opportunity to continue to contribute to their local communities.”

Item 13.1
Expressions of votes of sympathy

Members passed a vote of sympathy to the following: -

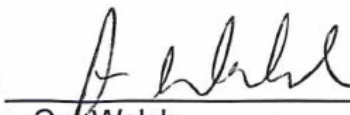
- Family of ex South Tipperary Councillor Michael Kennedy.
- Family of Eimear Hewitt, member of South Tipperary Arts Centre.
- Family of Pat (Paddy) Ryan, Emly, former G.O. Tipperary District.
- Former Councillor, Catherine Carey on the death of her mother Teresa
- Family of Nancy Murphy, member of Ormond Historical, Nenagh District Heritage and Tipperary North Family History Societies

Item 15.1
Any Other
Business

It was highlighted that the April Meeting was the last meeting in the Nenagh Council Chamber of five members, Cllrs G. Darcy, MI FitzGerald, S. Hanafin, H. McGrath and J. McGrath, who were not contesting the Local Elections and reference was made to the wealth of knowledge and wisdom that would be lost the Council on their departure. It was noted that a suitable occasion to pay tribute to the retiring members would be held in due course.

Signed/ _____
Cathaoirleach.

Date: _____

Signed/  _____
Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator.

Date: