

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD IN CLONMEL CIVIC OFFICE AND
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM
AT 10.00 AM
ON MONDAY 8th June 2026.**

Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Carroll, Cathaoirleach

In Person Cllrs. Acheson, T; Ambrose, S; Anglim, MI; Bonfield, F; Bourke, K; Brennan, MI; Browne, L; Bugler, P; Burgess, D; Cahill Skehan, K; Crosse, J; Dunne, D; English, P; FitzGerald, J; Fitzgerald, M; Hannigan, J; Hourigan, MH; Kennedy, R; Kennedy, Wm; Lee, S; Lowry, MI; McGrath, M; Moloney, A; Morna, E; Morgan Walsh, L; Morris, S; Murphy, M; O'Meara, JP; O'Meara, MI; Ryan, AM; Ryan, P; Ryan, S; Smith, MI;

Remote Cllrs. Dennehy, N; Goldsboro, A; O'Heney, J; Quirke O'Meara, P; Ryan, J;

Apologies Cllr. R. Molloy

Also Present Ms. Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive
Mr. Brian Beck, Damien Ginty, Eamon Lonergan,

Mr Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator

Item 1.1 The Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the June Meeting of the Council.

Welcome & Introduction/ Meetings Protocol He reminded members of the meeting protocol. He checked with each councillor attending remotely that they could see and hear clearly. He welcomed the media, the staff members and the members of the public who were in attendance.

The Cathaoirleach then called on the Meetings Administrator to take a roll call who confirmed a quorum was present and commenced the meeting with the opening prayer.

An Invitation to members to attend an Information Evening on Tipperary Racecourse on the 22nd of June at 5pm was noted.

Item 2.1
Disclosure/or
Conflicts of
Interest

Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 (the Act) sets out that a member must disclose any pecuniary or other beneficial interest which he or she or a "connected person" has in any matter which comes before a meeting and a relevant employee must do likewise in the case of any matter with which he or she is concerned in the course of work.

The following disclosures/conflicts of interest were advised to the Meetings Administrator in advance of the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 5.2 - Section 183 Notice - Disposal of lands at Suir Island, Clonmel to Clonmel Group Scouting Ireland by way of a 999 lease agreement

Cllr. Pat English declared his involvement with Scouts Ireland.

Agenda Item No. 5.4 Consideration of the proposed Clonmel BID (Business Improvement District Scheme)

Cllr Niall Dennehy declared that he has issued instruction to legal Counsel to examine seeking a judicial review of and or other legal options in this Clonmel BID proposal.

It was noted that where a member makes such disclosure he or she must withdraw fully from the meeting for so long as that matter is being discussed or considered and take no part in the discussion or consideration of the matter and shall refrain from voting in relation to it.

Item No. 3.1
Minutes of
Council Meeting
held on 11th May
2026

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 11th of May 2026 were proposed by **Cllr. Séán Ryan**, seconded by **Cllr. Tom Acheson** and approved.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item No. 3.2
Minutes of
Special Meeting
held on the 22nd
of May 2026

The Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 22nd of May 2026 were proposed by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. Declan Burgess** and approved.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item No. 4.1
Approval to
Attendance

It was proposed by **Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald** and seconded by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy** and resolved: -

"That pursuant to Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act 2001 and having regard to (i) the benefits likely to accrue, (ii) the general interest of this administrative area and of the local community (iii) the estimated cost of the proposed attendance and the provision made for such purposes in the

annual budget, hereby nominate those listed hereunder to attend the following Conferences/Seminars/Trainings: -

Seminars/ Conferences/ Similar Events	Dates	Venue	Nominees
AILG Module 4 "OPR-AILG Councillor Planning Training	8 th June	Tower Hotel, Waterford	Mary Hanna Hourigan Joe Hannigan Mark Fitzgerald
AILG Module 4 "OPR-AILG Councillor Planning Training	20 th June	Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone	Seamus Morris Sean Ryan Declan Burgess Mairin McGrath

Item 4.2

Reports on Conferences attended were noted.

Reports on Conferences

Item No. 5.1 Section 183 Notice - Disposal of the former Rialto Cinema at Banba Square, Nenagh to Rialto Regional Centre for Innovation & Enterprise CLG (RRCIE)

Mr. Brian Beck advised members that Condition No. 4 contained within the Section 183 proposal was to be removed, as its inclusion had occurred in error. He confirmed that the condition did not form part of the intended terms and conditions of the disposal and that the documentation would be amended accordingly.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Joe Hannigan**, seconded by **Cllr. J.P. 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 the former Rialto Cinema at Banba Square, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary to Rialto Regional Centre for Innovation & Enterprise CLG (RRCIE) in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 28th May 2026 and amended re removal of Condition No.4.

The disposal of property was required to facilitate objective 4C of the Nenagh & Environs Local Area Plan 2024-2030

Item No. 5.2
Section 183
Notice -
Disposal of
lands at Suir
Island, Clonmel
to Clonmel
Group Scouting
Ireland by way
of a 999-lease
agreement

Cllr. Pat English withdrew from the meeting prior to consideration of this item. It was proposed by **Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose**, seconded by **Cllr. Mairín McGrath** 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 lands at Suir Island, Clonmel to Clonmel Group Scouting Ireland by way of a 999-year lease agreement in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above section, as circulated on Thursday 28th May 2026

The disposal of property was required to facilitate community benefit, supporting youth development, recreation and the continued activation of the Suir Island area in line with the objectives of the Clonmel Town Centre First Plan and the wider Suir Island Masterplan.

Item No. 5.3
Variation No.1
to the Tipperary
County
Development
Plan 2022-2028

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Fergal O'Donnell, Senior Executive Planner, to brief the members.

Mr. O'Donnell delivered a presentation to Members on Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022–2028. The presentation outlined the work undertaken to date, the public consultation process, consideration of submissions received, and the statutory next steps in progressing the variation.

Members were advised that the variation process is being undertaken in two stages. Stage 1, running from March to June 2026, comprised publication of the Proposed Variation, a period of public consultation, preparation of the Chief Executive's Report, and consideration of the proposal by the elected members. Stage 2, scheduled from June to September 2026, will involve public consultation on the amendments, preparation of a further Chief Executive's Report and a final decision by Members on whether to make the variation.

The presentation highlighted the significant level of engagement undertaken during the preparation of the proposed variation. This included seven workshops with elected members, direct engagement with relevant State agencies and prescribed bodies, public information events in local libraries across each Municipal District, a dedicated webpage, engagement through the Public Participation Network, statutory notices and articles in the local press, and radio interviews. Members were informed that, given the evolving policy environment at national and regional level, further variations to the County Development Plan may be required during the lifetime of the Plan.

An overview of the consultation process was provided. A total of 114 submissions and observations were received during the public consultation period. The highest number of submissions was received in the Nenagh Municipal District area (55), followed by Tipperary-Cahir-Cashel Municipal District (27), Clonmel Municipal District (8), Thurles Municipal District (7) and Carrick-on-Suir Municipal District (2). The Chief Executive's Report considered all submissions received and made recommendations in respect of the issues raised.

Mr. O'Donnell outlined that Variation No. 1 was primarily a statutory exercise to align the Tipperary County Development Plan with the National Planning Framework housing growth requirements and Section 28 Guidelines. Members were advised that the proposed zoning changes were informed by detailed assessments of housing need, compact growth principles, infrastructure capacity, flood risk, environmental considerations and the availability of serviced land. It was explained that the process was evidence-led and that all submissions received during the public consultation period had been individually assessed, with recommendations made only where they were consistent with national planning policy and the objectives of the Development Plan.

Members were asked to consider the Draft Variation No. 1 as published on 20 March 2026, the Chief Executive's Report dated 15 May 2026, and the Additional Proposed Amendments submitted by Elected Members on 3 June 2026. Members were advised of the Chief Executive's recommendations and the rationale supporting the proposed changes to the draft variation. The meeting was advised of the indicative programme for completion of the variation process. Material Alterations arising from Members' decisions would be published on 19 June 2026, followed by a further public consultation period ending on 20 July 2026. A Chief Executive's Report on the Material Alterations would be prepared for Members by 28 August 2026. Final consideration of the Material Alterations and Chief Executive's Report is scheduled for the Council meeting of 14 September 2026, with Variation No. 1 proposed to take effect on that date, subject to completion of all statutory requirements.

Mr. O'Donnell stated he was seeking the members approval for the Council to process to amend the Draft Variation No. 1 in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Chief Executive's Report and the Additional Proposed Amendments proposed by Elected Members.

Discussion took place on Item 5.3, Proposed Variation No. 1 to the Tipperary County Development Plan 2022–2028, with several members raising concerns regarding the extent of the proposed zoning changes, the impact on individual settlements, and whether sufficient time had been available to fully consider the detailed documentation.

Members sought clarification on specific lands proposed for New Residential, Strategic Reserve, Amenity and Town Environs zoning and questioned the rationale for accepting certain landowner submissions while rejecting others. Concerns were also expressed regarding housing delivery, infrastructure capacity, flood risk, road safety, and the implications of the proposals for local communities and landowners.

In response, Ms. Anne Marie Devaney, Senior Planner, advised that the variation was a statutory exercise required to align the County Development Plan with the revised National Planning Framework housing growth requirements and associated Section 28 Guidelines. She explained that all submissions received during the public consultation period had been assessed against national planning policy, compact growth objectives, infrastructure capacity, environmental constraints and serviced land availability. She further clarified that the proposed amendments reflected a detailed assessment process and that Strategic Reserve lands were intended

to provide a future supply of housing land rather than being available for immediate development.

Mr. Fergal O'Donnell provided further clarification on individual zoning proposals and the reasoning behind the recommended material alterations. He outlined how the principles of compact growth, sequential development and the prioritisation of serviced lands had informed the recommendations. He also advised that observations from statutory bodies, including the Office of the Planning Regulator, the Office of Public Works and Transport Infrastructure Ireland, had resulted in several amendments to the proposed variation. Matters relating to site access, parking, detailed design and local road issues were noted as matters that would be assessed through the planning application process rather than through the zoning variation itself.

Brian Beck, Director of Services, reminded members of the statutory requirements governing the variation process and the importance of ensuring that any adopted variation would be legally robust and consistent with national and regional planning policy. He highlighted the procedural requirements associated with material alterations and the need for further public consultation should such alterations be agreed.

Chief Executive Sinéad Carr acknowledged members' concerns regarding the complexity and significance of the proposals and the limited opportunity available at the monthly meeting to examine them in detail. In response to requests from members, she indicated her willingness to arrange a dedicated workshop to allow councillors to consider the variation, the Chief Executive's Report and the proposed material alterations in greater depth. She also advised that a special meeting of the Council could be convened, separate from the monthly plenary meeting, to facilitate a full discussion of the variation before any final decisions were made. The Chief Executive emphasised that the objective of the process was to provide an appropriate planning framework to meet future housing needs while balancing environmental protection, infrastructure provision and sustainable development objectives. Any material alterations agreed by members would subsequently be subject to a further statutory public consultation process. She emphasised the importance of members attending the workshop.

Following consideration of the Chief Executive's Report and the additional amendments proposed by Members prior to the June Council Meeting, and the further suggested amendments discussed at the June meeting of the Council it was proposed by **Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald**, seconded by **Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler** and agreed to defer the decision on Item No. 5.3 to a Special Meeting of the Council. It was agreed to hold a further workshop in advance of the Special Meeting, details of which it was agreed would be circulated to members.

Item No. 5.4

Consideration of the proposed Clonmel BID (Business Improvement District Scheme)

In advance of the consideration of this item, Cllr. Niall Dennehy withdrew from the meeting. Mr. John Carroll, Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Mark Connolly Head of Finance to brief the members. In advance of his presentation to the members Mr. Connolly acknowledged the work of Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Director of Services and Mr. Ger Walsh S.E.O. Corporate Services in the Clonmel BID (Business Improvement District Scheme) process.

Mr. Connolly outlined that the Council were being asked to consider the Chief Executive's Report on the proposed establishment of a Business Improvement District (BID) for Clonmel under the provisions of Part 13A of the Local Government Act 2001. Members were advised that the proposal had been developed by a local business-led proponent group and that the statutory process, including public consultation and a ratepayer plebiscite, had been completed in accordance with legislative requirements. It was noted that the BID proposal sought to establish a five-year scheme, commencing in 2026 and operating until 2031, funded through a levy equivalent to 5% of the commercial rates payable by businesses within the designated BID area. The scheme proposed an annual budget of approximately €350,000 to fund projects and initiatives aimed at enhancing the commercial, economic and social vitality of Clonmel town centre.

Members were informed that the proposal had been placed on public display between 20 November and 22 December 2025 and that 235 submissions had been received during the consultation period, the overwhelming majority of which were supportive of the initiative. The Council was advised that the proponents subsequently requested progression to a ratepayer plebiscite, which was conducted in accordance with the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts Ratepayer Plebiscite) Regulations 2007. A total of 986 ballot papers were issued, with 567 valid votes returned. Of these, 482 voted in favour of the proposal and 85 voted against, representing strong support from the ratepayer base for the introduction of the BID scheme.

The proposed BID programme was outlined to members and included a range of initiatives structured around five strategic themes: safety on the streets; marketing and promotion; revitalisation and infrastructure improvements; business support and innovation; and tourism development and visitor experience. Planned actions included enhanced marketing campaigns, festivals and events, improvements to the public realm, support for the night-time economy, business training and development programmes, tourism promotion, wayfinding signage, footfall monitoring, and initiatives designed to improve the attractiveness and competitiveness of the town centre. Members were advised that the BID would supplement, and not replace, existing local authority services.

The Chief Executive confirmed that all statutory requirements had been met, that the proposal was consistent with the interests of the Clonmel business community and the wider local community, and recommended that the Council approve the implementation of the Clonmel BID Scheme.

Cllrs. Pat English, John Fitzgerald, Siobhán Ambrose and Tom Acheson spoke in support of the BIDs process noting it was a momentous day for the town, and they welcomed the members of the BIDs team to the chamber.

Following consideration of the report, the submissions received and the certified result of the ratepayer plebiscite, it was proposed by **Cllr. Pat English**, seconded by **Mr. John Fitzgerald**: -

"That Tipperary County Council, having considered the Chief Executive's report dated June 2026, the Clonmel BID Proponent's Proposal, the submissions received during the statutory consultation

process, and the certified result of the ratepayer plebiscite, and being satisfied that the requirements of section 129B(4) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, have been met, hereby resolves pursuant to section 129B(I) to specify the proposed Clonmel BID area as a Business Improvement District and to approve implementation of the Clonmel BID Scheme, to be financed in whole or in part by BID contribution levies, such scheme to take effect immediately and to operate until 31 March 2031."

In accordance with the relevant legislation, Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator, proceeded to conduct a roll call in relation to the Clonmel BID Proposal as follows: -

	COMHAIRLEOIR	For	Against	Absent	Abstain
1.	Acheson, Tom	✓			
2.	Ambrose, Siobhán	✓			
3.	Anglim, Micheál	✓			
4.	Bonfield, Fiona	✓			
5.	Bourke, Kieran	✓			
6.	Brennan, Michael	✓			
7.	Browne, Liam			✓	
8.	Bugler, Phyll	✓			
9.	Burgess, Declan	✓			
10.	Cahill Skehan, Kay	✓			
11.	Crosse, John			✓	
12.	Dennehy, Niall			✓	
13.	Dunne, David	✓			
14.	English, Pat	✓			
15.	FitzGerald, John	✓			
16.	Fitzgerald, Mark	✓			
17.	Goldsboro, Amy	✓			
18.	Hannigan, Joe	✓			
19.	Hourigan, Mary	✓			
20.	Kennedy, Roger	✓			
21.	Kennedy, William	✓			
22.	Lee, Shane			✓	
23.	Lowry, Michael			✓	
24.	McGrath, Máirín	✓			
25.	Molloy, Richie			✓	
26.	Moloney, Andy	✓			
27.	Moran, Eddie	✓			
28.	Morgan Walsh, L	✓			
29.	Morris, Seamus				✓
30.	Murphy, Marie	✓			
31.	O'Heney, John			✓	
32.	O'Meara, J.P.	✓			
33.	O'Meara, Michael	✓			
34.	Quirke O'Meara, P	✓			
35.	Ryan, Anne Marie	✓			
36.	Ryan, Jim	✓			
37.	Ryan, Peggy	✓			

38.	Ryan Séan	✓			
39.	Smith, Michael	✓			
40.	Carroll, John	✓			
	TOTALS	32	0	7	1

The Meetings Administrator noted the result of the vote at 32 for the resolution, none against, with 7 Councillor's deemed absent when the vote was called and one abstention. He deemed the resolution passed.

The Council also proceeded to nominate a representative to serve on the Clonmel BID Board in accordance with the legislative requirements governing the governance of the scheme.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Michael Smith**, seconded by **Cllr. Pat English** and agreed: -

"That Tipperary County Council further resolves to nominate the following person to the Clonmel BID Board: -

The Mayor of Clonmel for the term of the Council."

Item No. 5.5
Scheme of
Priority -
Affordable
Housing Scheme
Clonmel

Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Director of Services, presented the proposed Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements, which has been prepared in accordance with the Affordable Housing Act 2021 and associated regulations. He outlined that the scheme establishes the process by which Tipperary County Council will allocate affordable homes where demand exceeds supply. Eligible applicants will generally be first-time buyers, subject to certain statutory exceptions, and homes will be sold at below market value through the Affordable Purchase Scheme. Under the scheme, the Council will retain an equity share equivalent to the difference between the market value of the dwelling and the discounted purchase price paid by the purchaser. Purchasers will have the option to redeem the Council's equity share over time.

Mr. Cooney advised that each affordable housing development will be publicly advertised in advance of completion, setting out the dwelling types available, minimum purchase prices, applicable income limits, eligibility criteria and application procedures. Applications will be submitted through an online portal and assessed in line with statutory requirements. Where the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of homes available, dwellings will first be allocated based on household size and accommodation needs. Two-bedroom homes will generally be prioritised for households of at least one person, three-bedroom homes for households of at least two persons and four-bedroom homes for households of at least three persons.

He further outlined that where demand continues to exceed supply after household size criteria have been applied, priority will be determined by the date and time applications are received. In accordance with the regulations, the Council may also reserve up to 30% of available dwellings for eligible applicants who are living within the relevant Municipal District or Borough District, or within 10 kilometres of the affordable housing development. Applicants may be required to provide additional supporting documentation to verify both eligibility and priority status before an offer of an Affordable

Dwelling Purchase Arrangement is made. The scheme is intended to ensure a transparent, fair and objective process for the allocation of affordable homes across the county.

Cllr. Joe Hannigan noted that mortgage interest on a private dwelling is not tax deductible and expressed the view that this issue warranted further examination. He proposed that a motion on the matter be submitted for consideration at a future meeting.

In response to members' queries and comments, Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Director of Services, agreed to circulate the eligibility and application criteria relating to the Scheme of Priority under the Affordable Housing Scheme to all members. He acknowledged the length of time taken to reach this stage of the process and emphasised the importance of the Council demonstrating its ability to successfully deliver affordable housing.

He advised that the initial rollout of the scheme would commence in Clonmel, followed by Nenagh and Thurles, with the intention of subsequently extending the programme to towns across the county.

Mr. Cooney also highlighted the First Home Scheme as an additional support available to eligible first-time buyers seeking to purchase a home. Members were referred to the Management Report for further details on the scheme and its implementation.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan**, seconded by **Cllr. Pat English** and agreed: -

"That pursuant to Section 11 of the Affordable Housing Act of 2021 that this Council adopts the Scheme of Priority, subject to Approval by the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage. This Scheme will determine the order of priority to be accorded to eligible applicants where the demand exceeds the number of available dwellings".

Item No. 5.6

Tipperary County Council Burial Ground Bye-Laws 2022: Proposed Amendments No. 1 and No. 2

Mr. Denis Holland, Senior Engineer, briefed the members on the proposed revisions to the Burial Ground Bye-Laws, which are intended to update and strengthen the regulatory framework governing the management and operation of burial grounds throughout the county. He outlined that the amendments would provide greater clarity in relation to burial eligibility, grave ownership and the administration of burial grounds, while ensuring a consistent and transparent approach across all Council-operated cemeteries. Mr. Holland advised that the draft Bye-Laws had previously been considered and endorsed by the relevant Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) before being presented to the Council for consideration.

During the discussion, Councillor Liam Browne proposed an amendment to the wording of the eligibility criteria relating to family connections to an area, requesting that the phrase "the deceased had family ties" be amended to read "the deceased has family ties". Mr. Holland confirmed that the amendment could be incorporated into the draft document and the proposed change was agreed by the members.

Mr. Holland further advised that, subject to Council approval of the draft Bye-Laws, the next stage in the process would be the commencement of the statutory public consultation process. The proposed Bye-Laws would be published and made available for public inspection, with submissions and observations invited from members of the public and other interested parties. Any submissions received would be considered **by the Council** before the Bye-Laws are brought back for final consideration and formal adoption.

With the agreement of the members on the proposed amendments, it was agreed to commence the statutory public consultation process for the proposed Burial Ground Bye-Laws.

Mr. Holland acknowledged the concerns raised by members regarding oversized monuments and advised that the Council had sought to address this issue through the provisions contained within the draft Bye-Laws. He noted that there were areas where enforcement is challenging.

Item No. 5.7

Tipperary County Council Draft Annual Report 2025

The Meetings Administrator referred to the report as circulated and noted that a hard copy of the report would be provided to the members at the annual meeting. He advised that a draft report was circulated to the members at the April meeting and that the Council was obliged under Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001 to prepare and adopt an Annual Report for the period to the end of December 2025 before the end of June.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Declan Burgess**, seconded by **Cllr. Peggy Rayan** and resolved:

"That in accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, the Annual Report for year ended 31st December 2025 as presented be and is hereby adopted "

The Cathaoirleach acknowledged the staff involved in the compilation of the report.

Item 6.1

Consideration of Management Report as per Section 136 (2) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014

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 Director of Services.

- Economic, Community and Rural Development
- Environment & Climate Action
- Corporate Services
- Housing Services

Economic, Community and Rural Development

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item No. 9.1 Cllr. Liam NOM Ref. No. 3155 as part of the Management Report on Economic Community & Rural Development

Item No. 9.1

The Motion Reference No. 3155 was proposed by **Cllr. Liam Browne**.

Cllr. Liam Browne (NOM Ref. No. 3155)

"That Tipperary County Council identifies a funding source for the appointment of a dedicated, full-time and fully resourced Access and Inclusion Officer. This motion formally supports the Irish Wheelchair Association's Access It's No Joke Campaign, which highlights the critical need for a dedicated professional in every local authority to improve disability access to public services and amenities in our communities. This appointment is sought to ensure the Council fully meets its statutory obligations under Section 26 of the Disability Act 2005 and to align with the European Union (Accessibility of Websites and Mobile Applications of Public Sector Bodies) Regulations 2020.

This motion calls on Tipperary County Council to prepare a report on additional measures it has taken to enact the provisions of the Disability Act 2005, in the last 5 years, and this report to be shared with councillors and disability groups in the county.

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. Peggy Ryan.**

The response to the Motion was noted as follows: -

The National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030 commits under Action 12.1 to;

Ensuring that there is a dedicated full-time post for an Access and Inclusion Officer in each Local Authority, in line with obligations under the Disability Act 2005.

The Council wrote to the Department of Disability, Children and Equality following a similar

Notice of Motion passed by the Council seeking clarity in relation to the funding of this position. The Department has responded indicating that the relevant lead Department in relation to this matter is the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Council will now seek clarification from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the funding of this position.

*All initiatives, campaigns, measures and capital projects undertaken or supported by the Council in relation to Disability are published in the monthly Chief Executives report which is submitted to the Council. These reports are available on the Councils website at:
<https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/governance-and-administration/chief-executive-reports-publication/management-reports>*

Members spoke in support of the motion and highlighted that a number of local authorities have provided funding from their own resources to employ dedicated officers in similar roles.

It was agreed to seek clarification from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the funding arrangements for the position of Access and Inclusion Officer, including whether funding support may be available to local authorities for the establishment of such a role.

Mgmt. Report
contd.

Mr. Damien Ginty, Director of Services, summarised the key items contained in the Management Report. Mr. Ginty and Ms. Cora Morrissey, S.E.O., responded to general queries raised by members as follows:

Rates Abatement Scheme

It was noted that two schemes are currently in place to encourage the relocation of businesses. Members were advised that an SPC working group has been established to examine the matter further. The Early Repayment Scheme was also noted.

CLÁR Programme

The Council may submit applications on behalf of up to 14 groups under the programme. It was emphasised that the strongest possible applications should be advanced.

EU Presidency

Engagement has taken place with the Bulgarian Embassy in preparation for Bulgaria's forthcoming EU Presidency. Several events are planned for October.

Building and Land Activation Measure (BLAM)

Three applications, representing one project in each of three Municipal Districts, have been submitted to the Department for consideration.

Community Facility Audit

Members were advised that a significant volume of work has been completed to date. Audits have been completed in three Municipal Districts, with overall completion anticipated in early 2027.

Vacant Property Portal

It was noted that an update on the uptake of the Vacant Property Portal will be presented to the relevant SPC.

Camping and Caravan Feasibility Survey

Engagement will take place with the Municipal Districts as part of the survey process. The underuse of some rural car parks was also noted.

CLÁR Programme

Members were advised that 63 Expressions of Interest have been received and are currently awaiting validation. Every effort will be made to maximise the grant potential available to successful applicants.

Local Enhancement Programme

An update will be provided to members regarding the timeline for funding announcements under the Local Enhancement Programme 2026.

LEADER Programme

Members requested that they be notified when the Strand 3 call for applications under the LEADER Programme is announced.

Social Enterprises

It was noted that a Social Enterprise Subgroup has been established in conjunction with the local development companies. A survey is currently

being compiled, and members were advised that grant funding is available nationally to support social enterprises.

Tipperary Tourism Board

In response to concerns and disappointment expressed by members under the Management report regarding correspondence received from the Tipperary Tourism Board following a request for an elected member representative to sit on the Board, Ms. Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive, acknowledged members' interest in Board representation. She noted that the Chief Executive is a board member.

Item No. 10.5

Reply dated 2nd June from Tipperary Tourism CLG

She noted that prior to 2014 there were two separate tourism companies and that significant work had been undertaken to merge both organisations. She also acknowledged the important role played by the Board in raising the profile of Tipperary, in partnership with the local authorities.

While recognising the exceptional contribution of the Chair of Tipperary Tourism, Ms. Carr stated that members' concerns had been heard. She further noted that the role of elected members relates to governance and accountability. While bi-monthly reports are provided, she acknowledged that reporting at Municipal District level is currently insufficient.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Tipperary Tourism Board would be forwarded to Cllr. Peggy Ryan and that the concerns raised regarding the response to the request for an elected member representative on the Board would be referred to the Tipperary Tourism Board for consideration.

Environment & Climate Action

Mgmt. Report contd.

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item No. 9.2 Cllrs. Dr. Phyll Bugler, Fiona Bonfield, Louise Morgan Walsh, Michael O'Meara, JP O'Meara, Pamela Quirke O'Meara, Seamus Morris (NOM Ref. 3156) and Item No. 9.3 Item No. 9.3 Cllrs. Dr. Phyll Bugler, Fiona Bonfield, Louise Morgan Walsh, Michael O'Meara, JP O'Meara, Pamela Quirke O'Meara, Seamus Morris (NOM Ref. 3157) as part of the Management Report on Environment & Climate Action and following that to take Item No. 6.2 - Report from the Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Chairperson as part of the Management Report on Environment & Climate Action

Item No. 9.2

Cllrs. Dr. Phyll Bugler, Fiona Bonfield, Louise Morgan Walsh, Michael O'Meara, JP O'Meara, Pamela Quirke O'Meara, Seamus Morris (NOM Ref. 3156)

Motion Reference No. 3156 was proposed by **Cllr. Phyll Bugler.**

"That Tipperary County Council, subject to legal, contractual, and environmental safety considerations, temporarily suspend further works on the engineered weather cap on Phase 1 (Cells 1 and 2) of the Ballaghveny Landfill facility for a defined period, to commission an independent and comprehensive peer review of all remediation options and subject to EPA review".

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. Michael O'Meara.**

The response to the motion was noted as follows: -

Further to Notice of Motion 3156 and having regard to the regulatory, legal, and financial implications, the request to suspend remediation works on the Ballaghveny Landfill Phase 1 cap is not considered an acceptable option.

The current remediation strategy, involving the engineered capping of the landfill, represents the most appropriate, proportionate, and evidence-based solution.

Ballaghveny Landfill is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under Industrial Emissions Licence No. W0078-3. The EPA is the independent, statutory authority responsible for the regulation and oversight of landfill activities in Ireland.

In this context, the proposed remediation of Ballaghveny Landfill Phase 1 has been subject to a comprehensive and independent review by the EPA. The Agency has assessed all documentation submitted by Tipperary County Council and is satisfied that the proposed capping solution represents the most appropriate and effective remediation strategy.

It is also important to note that, had the EPA not been satisfied with the options presented to it by TCC, it is entirely within its remit to require alternative or additional remediation measures. The EPA has confirmed that the proposed capping methodology is the acceptable option and aligns with best practice for the management of such facilities.

In addition, the EPA licence for Ballaghveny Landfill does not permit the excavation of waste from Cells 1 and 2 of Phase 1, and therefore this is not a viable remediation option.

It is important to acknowledge that extensive engagement has taken place over a number of years between the Ballymackey Environment Group and staff of the Environment & Climate Action Section.

Tipperary County Council has been fully transparent in its assessment of the environmental risks associated with the landfill and has engaged suitably qualified professionals with the necessary specialist expertise to prepare technical reports submitted to the EPA. Furthermore, all documentation relating to Ballaghveny Landfill is publicly available online.

In relation to the request to suspend works on the Ballaghveny Landfill Phase 1 remediation capping project, any interruption to the approved remediation programme would likely result in enforcement action by the EPA, including the potential for prosecution of Tipperary County Council.

Furthermore, following a 2005 judgment of the European Court of Justice, remediation works at historic and closed landfill sites are supported through 100% grant funding provided by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment. This funding scheme is currently available to local authorities until 2030 and is competitively allocated on an annual basis.

Funding is presently in place to support Phase 1 works at Ballaghveny Landfill. Any delay in progressing the remediation works could jeopardise

this funding arrangement and may ultimately result in the works needing to be funded from the Council's own resources.

It should also be noted that a formal tender has been signed with a contractor to deliver the remediation works. Any suspension of the works would constitute a breach of contract, potentially exposing the Council to significant financial liabilities. This could include compensation claims by the contractor, protracted contractual disputes, and the risk of substantial damages being awarded.

Members spoke in support of the motion.

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services outlined the reasons for not being able to suspend works having regard to the EPA licence and contractual and legal obligations.

Following further discussion with Nenagh M.D. members he referenced the response provided to the motion. He said that the EPA sets the standard for the council. Extensive sampling has been carried out and there is no evidence of contamination. He said that leachate will be removed from the cells and the capping method prevents any weather affecting the cells

He said all required sampling and risk assessments are being carried out and the removal of landfill gases is also facilitated. He said that there is continuous monitoring of a similar standard to the other 22 land fill sites and capping represents the most appropriate and effective remediation measure.

Extensive boreholes will be installed to extract leachate. He reiterated that independent hydrologist reports provide no evidence of contamination on the site.

It was agreed that an up-to-date report would be made available to the members of Nenagh Municipal District. In addition, it was agreed that formal engagement would be initiated with the Environmental Protection Agency to establish whether any additional monitoring requirements are necessary in respect of the site.

Item No. 9.3

Cllrs. Dr. Phyll Bugler, Fiona Bonfield, Louise Morgan Walsh, Michael O'Meara, JP O'Meara, Pamela Quirke O'Meara, Seamus Morris (NOM Ref. 3157)

Motion Reference No. 3157 was proposed by **Cllr. Phyll Bugler.**

"That Tipperary County Council commission and undertake an expanded and independent programme of groundwater and domestic well monitoring in the vicinity of the Ballaghveny Landfill facility.

This programme shall:

- ***Include sampling and analysis of a minimum of 20 domestic wells, selected on a risk-based and hydrogeological basis, within the area potentially impacted by the landfill;***
- ***Extend groundwater monitoring beyond the Ballaghveny Stream to determine whether leachate is migrating past it;***

- ***Consider the GSI mapped bedrock fault running northeast to southwest beneath the site. The trench could act as a preferential pathway for contaminant migration beneath the site.***
- ***Be designed and overseen by suitably qualified independent hydrogeological experts;***
- ***Test for a comprehensive suite of contaminants associated with landfill leachate, including but not limited to ammonia, chlorides, benzene, PCE (tetrachloroethylene), TCE (trichloroethylene), heavy metals, and other relevant organic compounds;***
- ***Assess and report all results against current EPA groundwater and drinking water standards and guideline values, clearly identifying any exceedances;***
- ***Provide for confidential communication of individual results to householders, alongside clear public reporting of aggregated findings;***
- ***Include, where appropriate, repeat sampling over a defined period to identify any trends in groundwater quality;***
- ***Be completed within a defined timeframe, with results presented to the elected members, the EPA and the Ballymackey Environmental Group for consideration.***

She outlined the reasoning for Motion as follows: -

- Protection of Public Health: Domestic wells are a primary water source for many households in the vicinity. Comprehensive testing, benchmarked against EPA drinking water standards, is essential to ensure that water quality is safe and compliant.
- Nature of Potential Contaminants: Certain contaminants associated with the landfill leachate, including benzene and PCE (tetrachloroethylene), are recognised as carcinogenic substances, with potential long-term health implications even at low concentrations. This underlines the importance of thorough and precautionary monitoring.
- Verification of Containment Measures: While existing assessments suggest that the Ballaghveny Stream may act as a hydrological boundary, independent verification is required to confirm that leachate is not migrating beyond this point.
- Evidence-Based Decision Making: Expanding groundwater monitoring and domestic well sampling will provide a stronger and more transparent evidence base for current and future remediation decisions.
- Community Confidence and Transparency: A transparent and independently verified testing programme, with results clearly

referenced against EPA standards, will help address community concerns and build confidence in the council's approach.

- Alignment with Best Practice: A structured and appropriately scaled monitoring programme reflects best practice in environmental management of legacy landfill sites and regulatory compliance.

The motion was seconded by **Cllr. J.P. O'Meara**.

The response to the motion was noted as follows.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as an independent and competent regulatory authority, oversees and regulates all activities at Ballaghveny landfill under Licence No. W0078-3.

In relation to Notice of Motion 3157 and the request for an expanded and independent programme of groundwater and domestic well monitoring in the vicinity of the Ballaghveny Landfill, it should be noted that a comprehensive monitoring programme is already in place. This includes both groundwater and well monitoring, in accordance with the requirements of EPA Industrial Emissions Licence. It is therefore not considered necessary to expand the current groundwater or well monitoring programme

With regard to groundwater monitoring beyond the Ballaghveny Stream, testing extending to the Ollatrim River has been undertaken historically. This programme was subsequently discontinued following a determination by the EPA that there was no evidence of impact on water quality beyond the stream.

Notwithstanding this, Tipperary County Council continues to carry out annual biological monitoring of the Ollatrim River. Results to date indicate no evidence of any impact from the landfill on the water quality of either the Ollatrim River or on Ballaghveny Stream.

All monitoring data is submitted to the EPA in line with licence conditions and is publicly accessible via the LEAP online portal.

In respect of the request for testing of private wells, the EPA licence for Ballaghveny Landfill requires monitoring of selected downgradient private wells located within 500 metres of the facility. All private wells identified by the Ballymackey Environment Group are situated outside this 500-metre zone and beyond the Ballaghveny Stream.

An independent hydrogeologist has assessed these wells and determined that they are not at risk from the landfill. The findings of this independent report have been provided to both the Ballymackey Environment Group and the Nenagh Municipal District Elected Members.

Given that the EPA has determined that monitoring beyond the Ballaghveny Stream is not required, and that the identified domestic wells are not considered at risk due to their location and distance from the landfill, it is not considered necessary to expand the current groundwater or well monitoring programme.

However, in the interest of further demonstrating health and environmental compliance, Tipperary County Council is willing to formally engage with the EPA, who are independent of local authorities, to determine their opinion and recommended approach to independent sampling and testing of private wells.

It should also be noted that domestic wells are commonly at risk of contamination from a range of local factors, including proximity to septic tanks, agricultural activities, slurry spreading, fuel storage, farmyard management practices, inadequate well sealing, and surface water ingress. And it is recommended that private well owners undertake routine testing of their own wells. Where concerns arise, it remains the responsibility of individual well owners to arrange for appropriate testing.

Members spoke in support of the Motion.

In response to members queries and comments Mr. Lonergan outlined the testing that is currently being undertaken. He noted that Rathcabbin was an illegal waste site that it was brought into a managed site by the council.

It was agreed that an up-to-date report would be made available to the members of Nenagh Municipal District. In addition, it was agreed that formal engagement would be initiated with the Environmental Protection Agency to establish whether any additional monitoring requirements are necessary in respect of the site.

Cllr. Sean Ryan, Chair of the Environment & Climate Action SPC, outlined the background to revised motion wording.

Item No. 6.2

Report from the Environment & Climate Action Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Chairperson

Motion 3123 – Establishment of a Welfare Committee

The original motion sought the establishment of a welfare committee to address animal welfare concerns. During SPC consideration, members recognised that many animal welfare issues, including horse control, dog control, abandoned animals and enforcement matters, involve multiple agencies operating at national level. As responsibility for animal welfare is shared across several organisations, the SPC considered that a local committee would have limited effectiveness and that a coordinated national structure would be more appropriate. Consequently, the motion was revised to seek the establishment of a National Animal Welfare Working Group involving local authorities, An Garda Síochána, the Department of Agriculture, LCSPs and animal welfare organisations to improve coordination, policy development and oversight.

Motion 3124 – Regulation of Sulky Use and Strengthened Equine Control Bye-Laws

The motion arose from concerns regarding the management of horses, the use of sulkies and the adequacy of existing controls under the Council's current regulatory framework. Following discussion at the SPC, it was considered that any changes to regulation should be informed by a broader review of the existing Control of Horses Bye-Laws 2014. Rather than advancing specific amendments immediately, the SPC recommended that a formal review of the bye-laws be undertaken and incorporated into its work programme, allowing the issues raised in the motion to be examined comprehensively.

Motion 3126 – National Legislation on Horse-Drawn Sulkies

The motion was prompted by concerns relating to the use of horse-drawn sulkies on public roads, particularly regarding public safety, enforcement difficulties and animal welfare. During SPC discussions, it was acknowledged that these issues extend beyond the remit of local authorities and require national legislative action involving several Government Departments. As a result, the motion was revised to seek comprehensive national legislation governing horse-drawn vehicles on public roads, supported by a cross-departmental approach. The revised wording also identifies specific measures for consideration, including licensing, driver age restrictions, mandatory safety equipment, vehicle safety standards, passenger limits, enhanced enforcement powers and stronger animal welfare protections.

In reviewing all three motions, the SPC concluded that the issues raised could not be addressed solely through local measures. The revised wording reflects a preference for coordinated national policy, stronger regulatory frameworks, improved inter-agency cooperation and enhanced animal welfare, road safety and enforcement measures, while ensuring that any future actions are underpinned by appropriate legislation and governance structures.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Sean Ryan**, seconded by **Cllr. Michael Brennan** and agreed that the amended motions will be forwarded to the relevant Minister for consideration and response.

Rewording of Notice of Motion 3123

“At a recent meeting of Tipperary County Council, the Elected Members resolved that a formal request be submitted to you seeking the establishment of a National Animal Welfare Working Group, to include all appropriate stakeholders with the aim of enhancing coordination, policy development, and oversight in relation to animal welfare matters.

It is proposed that the Working Group would:

1. Provide a structured and coordinated forum for engagement between Local Authority sector, An Garda Síochána, the Department of Agriculture, Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) and relevant animal welfare bodies, including the ISPCA.
2. Review and make recommendations on animal welfare matters, including (but not limited to) horse control, dog control, abandoned or neglected animals, and supports for local animal welfare and rescue organisations in line with best practise.
3. Examine enforcement challenges and identify opportunities to strengthen multi-agency cooperation and operational effectiveness.
4. Advise on the allocation of animal welfare-related funding and support the development of local welfare initiatives in line with best practise.

5. Promote public awareness and education in respect of responsible animal ownership and appropriate welfare standards.

While Tipperary County Council does not have statutory responsibility for animal welfare, issues arising within the county often involve multiple agencies and require a coordinated and timely response. The Council is of the view that the development of a dedicated national approach would significantly enhance inter-agency communication, improve the effectiveness of enforcement, and strengthen support structures for local rescue organisations and animal welfare initiatives.”

Rewording of Notice of Motion 3126

“At a recent meeting of Tipperary County Council, the elected members resolved to issue correspondence seeking the introduction of comprehensive national legislation governing the use of horse-drawn vehicles on public roads.

On behalf of Tipperary County Council, I formally request that your department give due consideration to the development of such legislation. It is considered that this matter should

be examined in the context of forthcoming road safety initiatives, in conjunction with relevant animal welfare legislation.

The Council further emphasises the importance of cross-departmental engagement and the need for a coordinated national response to the regulation of horse-drawn vehicles on public roads. This issue spans several policy areas — including road safety, animal welfare and enforcement — and therefore requires a whole-of-government approach. In this regard, the Council would strongly welcome the establishment of a national interdepartmental working group to examine the matter in a comprehensive and coordinated manner.

Tipperary County Council supports the inclusion of the following measures in any proposed legislative framework:

- The introduction of a licensing system for all horse-drawn vehicles
- The prohibition of persons under 17 years of age from driving or controlling a horse-drawn vehicle on public roads
- The requirement for mandatory protective equipment for all drivers
- The establishment and enforcement of minimum safety standards for horse-drawn vehicles
- The introduction of limits on the number of passengers permitted at any one time
- The provision of enforcement powers for An Garda Síochána and authorised officers to inspect horse-drawn vehicles
- The strengthening of animal welfare protections associated with the use of horse-drawn vehicles

The Council is of the view that the introduction of a clear, robust and enforceable legislative framework in this area would significantly enhance public safety, support more effective and consistent enforcement and improve animal welfare outcomes.

Following general queries raised by members on the Management Report the following actions were noted: -

Household Inspections

A breakdown of household inspection figures by Municipal District will be prepared and circulated to Cllr. David Dunne.

Kilsheelan Landfill

An update on the matter will be provided to Cllr. Pat English.

Uisce Éireann Workshop

It was agreed to engage with Uisce Éireann to confirm proposed dates for the annual workshop in 2026 and to update Members accordingly.

**Suspension of
Standing Orders**

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 2pm.

**Resumption of
Standing Orders**

Meeting resumed at 2.40pm.

**Mgmt. Report
contd.**

Corporate Services

Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services and Mr. Ger Walsh S.E.O. responded to general queries raised by Members in relation to the Management Report as follows:

Register of Electors

It was agreed that a copy of the Register of Electors will be prepared and circulated to members in PDF format

CCTV Scheme for Littleton

A decision from the CCTV Oversight Committee is expected by June 2026, following its consideration of the matter.

Housing Services

Mr. Jonathan Cooney, Director of Services, summarised the key items contained in the Management Report.

In particular, he highlighted the change in the management of void dwellings, noting that void properties will no longer be required to be upgraded to a Building Energy Rating (BER) C1 standard prior to re-letting. Notwithstanding the fact that the turnaround time for voids will now be quicker, he noted the impact to the quality of stock available on Choice Based Letting because of the changes. The council will now manage the voids via the Planned Maintenance Programme and not via the Energy Retrofit Programme.

Mr. Cooney and Mr. Robert Johnston, S.E.E., responded to general queries raised by Members in relation to the Management Report as follows:

Homeless Services

Members noted fluctuations in the reported figures. It was acknowledged that both service provider activity and demand levels can vary over time, impacting the numbers reported at any given point. To provide a more accurate assessment of service performance, it was agreed that trends will be monitored over a longer period, taking account of the various fluctuating factors involved. It was noted that point-in-time figures do not provide a complete picture of how the service is operating.

Local Authority Home Loans

The Committee noted that eligibility for Local Authority Home Loans is dependent on the individual circumstances of each applicant. The impact of Credit Union loan approvals on application numbers and outcomes was also acknowledged.

Notices to Quit

Figures reported up to May were noted. It was observed that the number of households in receipt of HAP and RAS who had received Notices to Quit has reduced slightly.

Construction Programme

The Committee noted that four housing units have been delivered to date this year. Further completions are anticipated during the summer months, which are expected to improve overall delivery figures. It was noted that, historically, construction output increases during the second half of the year. Current projections indicate that Housing for All targets are expected to be exceeded.

Clúid Scheme, Glencarrick

The Committee noted that 15 units have been completed to date under the Clúid Scheme at Glencarrick. Further unit completions are anticipated during the latter part of the year.

Newport Scheme

It was noted that a design team has been appointed for the Newport Scheme. An initial meeting is scheduled to take place in the coming weeks, following which site investigations will commence. Members were advised that the lands are currently owned by the Housing Agency and, subject to the successful completion of the Part 8 process, ownership will transfer to the local authority.

Kilcooley Way

The Committee noted that the design team has been appointed for the Kilcooley Way development. Progress has been delayed due to site investigation requirements. It is anticipated that the Part 8 proposal will be brought forward for consideration before the end of the year.

Matthew Burke House

A design team has been appointed for the Matthew Burke House project. It is anticipated that the scheme will be advertised during Quarter 4 of 2026.

Buy and Renew Scheme

Members noted that a property has been purchased in Carrick-on-Suir under the Buy and Renew Scheme. Challenges in acquiring suitable properties were discussed, with competition from the private housing market and the impact

of the Vacant Property Grant identified as contributing factors. It was noted that viability must be established before purchases can proceed.

Clogheen

The Committee noted that the masterplan for a 19-unit development in Clogheen has been completed. It is anticipated that the Part 8 process will commence by Quarter 3 of 2026.

Dublin Road Scheme, Thurles

It was noted that tenders for the appointment of a design team are currently being evaluated. Due to site complexities, it is not anticipated that the Part 8 process will commence before early 2027.

Retrofit Programme

Members noted that contractors are currently on site with 56 houses as part of the retrofit programme. Additional tenders are awaiting evaluation and award. While the programme target for the year is 95 homes, the Council aims to complete works on 100 homes by year end.

Cúchulainn Road

The Committee noted that a design team will need to be appointed to progress the Cúchulainn Road project through to the Part 8 stage.

Rosefield, Tipperary Town

Members noted delays in the delivery of the Rosefield project, some of which were outside the contractor's control. It was acknowledged that significant focus has been given to the scheme over the past six months, and a completion date by the end of Quarter 4, 2026 is anticipated.

Templederry

The Committee noted that Council officials are due to meet with Uisce Éireann in the coming weeks regarding the Templederry project. A review of the DPI process will also be undertaken.

Private Dwelling Refurbishment Grants

The Committee noted that grant funding levels for 2026 have increased and that an increase in grant approvals has also been achieved. Members were encouraged to advise grant applicants that, where grant approval has been received, timely drawdown of funding is important. Delays in drawing down approved grants can impact the allocation and availability of funding within subsequent years' budgets. It was emphasised that approved applicants should progress their projects as promptly as possible to ensure efficient utilisation of available funding.

The Tipperary Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Annual Report 2025, as circulated, was noted by the members.

Item No. 6.3 **Tipperary LCDC** **Annual Report** **2025**

Mr. Damien Ginty, Director of Services noted that the preparation and submission of an annual report is a statutory requirement of the LCDC and provides an overview of the Committee's activities, achievements and programme implementation during the year.

Item No. 7.1 **Agree dates for**

The following workshops and meetings were noted and agreed by the members: -

**Councillor
Workshops /
Training**

Parking Harmonisation Workshop

16th of June at 10.00 AM - Nenagh Civic Offices & remotely via Zoom. It was agreed by the members to amend the agreed time to 2pm to facilitate some members who were unavailable in the morning.

Variation to the County Development Plan Workshop

11th of June – 2pm - Nenagh Civic Offices and remotely via Zoom

Special Meeting re the Variation to the County Development Plan

18th of June - 2pm – Nenagh Civic Offices and remotely via Zoom

Differential Rent Scheme 2026

1st of July - 10.30 AM - Clonmel Civic Offices & remotely via Zoom

**Item No. 8.1
Consideration of
Orders for the
period to the
31st of May 2026**

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 31st of May 2026 were noted.

**Item No's 10.1 –
10.4**

The following items of correspondence were noted.

- Reply dated 14th May 2026 from The Tánaiste and Minister for Finance, Mr Simon Harris TD re Cllr. Richie Molloy - NOM 3140 - Carers Allowance
- Reply dated 14th May 2026 from The Tánaiste and Minister for Finance, Mr Simon Harris TD re Cllr. Liam Browne - NOM Ref. No. 3141 - USC
- Reply dated 28th May from the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD re Cllr. Roger Kennedy - NOM Ref. No. 3139 - Cardiovascular Policy and Strategy
- Reply dated 29th May from the Minister of State for Road Transport, Sean Canney TD re Cllrs. Dr. Phyll Bugler, Mary Hanna Hourigan, Tom Acheson, Mark Fitzgerald, Marie Murphy NOM Ref. No. 3125 - Mandatory Use of Hi-Vis jackets/vests for Pedestrians and Cyclists

**Item No. 11.1
Motions from
other Councils**

The following Resolutions from other Local Authorities were considered and noted: -

Roscommon County Council

"To request the Minister for Housing and Local Government, to establish a Commission for the Validation of Planning Objections. This Commission should be Independent of the Department and chaired by a retired High Court Judge / Senior Counsel. This Commission would be responsible for the validation and scrutiny of objections to large scale projects at local and national level. The Commission would examine these objections thoroughly and would scrutinize the bona fides, location and relation to the objection and of the objectors. This would eliminate delays and would discourage vexatious and spurious objections by third parties with personal agendas. Significant fines should be implemented against objections deemed vexatious and spurious. It is requested that this motion is circulated to all other Local Authorities."

Clare County Council

"That Clare County Council notes the Government's announcement of its cost-of-living measures and expresses concern that the package unveiled does not meet the needs or wishes of the Irish people. This Council calls on the Government to bring forward a fair and comprehensive cost-of-living package that delivers meaningful relief for households, workers, farmers, and businesses. Please circulate this motion to the Taoiseach, Tánaiste, Minister for Finance, all Oireachtas members for Clare and Councils in the State."

Longford County Council

"We call on Longford County Council to write to the relevant Ministers, Fáilte Ireland, and the City and County Management Association to implement an extension scheme to retain the Just Transition Tourism Activators, who continue to support over 80 projects and their County Tourism Officers, for a further period of 3-5 years to ensure the sustainable development of tourism and the delivery of long-term economic benefits to transitioning communities.

We further call on Longford County Council to write to all local authorities within the Just Transition Territory, and nationally, to support this motion in recognition of the critical importance of continuity in delivering a successful Just Transition."

Cavan County Council

"At a recent meeting of Cavan County Council representatives of the North-East Sepsis Awareness group addressed the elected members on the importance of recognizing symptoms of sepsis. The representatives emphasised that sepsis does not discriminate and can affect anyone of any age. The elected members of Cavan County Council passed a resolution asking the I write to the Minister for Health asking that a public awareness campaign on sepsis be funded. The members also asked that I contact all local authorities asking them to write to the Minister for Health in support of funding a public awareness campaign."

Galway County Council

This Council agrees that the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) providing additional rights to multinational corporations to sue the state outside of ordinary legal systems we currently have will undermine EU social, health and environmental standards. This Council acknowledges that many of the trade elements are already in place and does not need the addition of corporations being able to sue the Irish government through the Investor Court System (ICS) when any new laws affect their profits. This council stands against the Investor Court System (ICS) and calls this constituency a CETA-Free Zone.

This Council resolves to write to the Minister for Trade, the Minister for local government and the Taoiseach to outline this position. It further resolves to publicise the council's concerns about CETA and to circulate this motion with other Councils as correspondence for consideration.

Item No. 12.1 **Expressions of** **Votes of**

Members passed a vote of sympathy to the following: -

**Sympathy /
Congratulation**

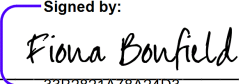
- Joe Bourke former Councillor and Paddy Bourke former staff member on the death of their brother Philly Bourke.
- Caroline Ryan, Roads Section and Colm Ryan, Nenagh MD on the death of their father Timmy Ryan.
- Donie Kennedy, Tipp-Cahir-Cashel MD on the death of his father-in-law Timmy Ryan.

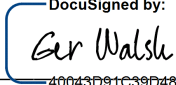
Members passed a vote of congratulations to the following: -

- Anne Williamson, Fionn MacCumhaill Players who won an award for the best first-time female director at the Indie X Film Fest for her drama Bridget.

There being no other business, the Meeting concluded at 3.30pm.

Item No. 13.1
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