

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, NENAGH  
AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM  
AT 10.00 AM  
ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.**

**Present**

Cllr. D. Burgess, Cathaoirleach

Cllrs: Acheson, T; Bonfield, F; Brennan, Ml; Bugler, Phyll; Cahill-Skehan, K; Carroll, J; Crosse, J; Dennehy, N; FitzGerald, J; Hannigan, J; Hourigan, MH; Kennedy, R; Kennedy, Wm; Lee, S; Lowry, Ml; Morgan-Walsh, L; Morris, S; Murphy, Marie; O'Meara, J.P.; O'Meara, Ml; Quirke-O'Meara, P; Smith, Ml.

**Remote**

Cllrs: Ambrose, S; Anglim, Ml; Bourke, K; Browne, L; Dunne, D; English, P; Fitzgerald, M; Goldsboro, A; McGrath, M; Molloy, R; Moloney, A; Moran, E; O'Heney, J; Ryan Shiner, AM; Ryan, J; Ryan, P, Ryan S.

**Apologies**

N/A

**Also Present**

Ms. Sinéad Carr Chief Executive (remote)

Mr. Brian Beck, Mr. Liam Brett, Mr. Mark Connolly, Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services, Mr. Dave Carroll A/Director of Services.

Mr. Paddy Crowley, S.E., Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Ms. Sarah O'Callaghan, Financial Management Accountant, Mr. Fergal O'Donnell, Senior Executive Planner, Mr. Shane Grogan A/SEO

**Item No. 1.1**  
**Welcome &**  
**Introduction/**  
**Meetings**  
**Protocol**

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Declan Burgess welcomed members to the May meeting of Tipperary County Council. He advised members present in the Chamber of General Housekeeping rules and that their microphones had to be turned on when they spoke and referred to members attending remotely of the protocol for remote meetings circulated with the Agenda.

The Meetings Administrator took a roll call noting that a quorum was present and commenced the meeting with the opening prayer.

On the proposal of **The Cathaoirleach**, it was agreed to stand adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect to the late Michael O'Brien, former Mayor of Clonmel who passed away on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025 and as a mark of respect to the late Pope Francis who passed away on April 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2025.

All councillors were associated with the votes of sympathies.

**Item 2.1**  
**Disclosure/or**  
**Conflicts of**  
**Interest**

There were no disclosures or conflicts of interest advised to the Meetings Administrator in advance of the meeting.

**Item 3.1****Minutes of  
Council Meeting  
held on 14<sup>th</sup>  
April 2025**

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025, were proposed by **Cllr. John Carroll**, and seconded by **Cllr. William Kennedy** and approved.

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**Item 4.1  
Approval to  
Attendance**

It was proposed by **Cllr. William Kennedy** and seconded by **Cllr. Phyll Bugler** 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: -

<b>Seminars/ Conferences/ Similar Events</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Nominees</b>
Alone – Transforming care for older people	13 <sup>th</sup> May, 2025	Chartered Accountants House, Dublin	Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan Cllr. Phyll Bugler Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Liam Browne Cllr. John Heney
AILG – Emergency Response Weather Crises	22 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2025	Radisson Blu, Sligo	Cllr. Seamie Morris
AILG – Emergency Response Weather Crises	24 <sup>th</sup> May, 2025	Rose Hotel, Tralee	Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan Cllr. Eddie Moran Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Sean Ryan Cllr. Phyll Bugler Cllr. Mairin McGrath Cllr. John FitzGerald Cllr. Marie Murphy Cllr. Andy Moloney
AILG – Elected Members Induction Training Day	29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2025	Elected Members Induction Training Day	Cllr. Kay Cahill Skehan

**Item No. 4.2**  
**Reports on**  
**Conferences**

Reports on Conferences attended were noted.

**Item No. 5.1**  
**Carrick-on-Suir**  
**Local Area Plan**  
**2025-2031**

The Chief Executives Report and appendices had been circulated to the members in relation to proposed material alterations to the Carrick on Suir Local Area Plan 2025-2031 on submissions and alterations received.

Mr. Fergal O'Donnell, Planner outlined to the members the progress to date including an overview of the various engagements that were had during each stage of the process. He stated that the plan would be effective from the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025. He noted that the decision can be made at Plenary or District level but consultation takes place at district level.

It was proposed by **Cllr. Marie Murphy**, seconded by **Cllr. Michael Smith** and resolved: -

**"That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having considered the following:**

- **The Draft Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan (LAP) 2024-2030.**
- **The Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2024-2030.**
- **The Chief Executive's reports prepared pursuant to Section 20(3)(c) & Section 20(3)(k) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.**
- **The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Environmental Report for the Draft LAP.**
- **The Screening for SEA Report for the Proposed Material Alterations.**
- **The Appropriate Assessment (AA) Natura Impact Report for the Draft LAP.**
- **The Screening for AA Report for the Proposed Material Alterations.**
- **The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for the Draft LAP & and Proposed Material Alterations to date.**
- **Screening for SEA and AA determinations in respect of the Draft LAP and Proposed Material Alterations to date.**
- **Written submissions relating to SEA, AA and SFRA made during the Plan preparation process.**
- **Ongoing advice on SEA, AA and SFRA from the Council's agents.**
- **The final, consolidated Natura Impact Report**
- **The final AA Determination.**

**We the members of Tipperary County Council hereby agree to make the Plan in accordance with the recommendations and modifications set out in the Chief Executives Report on the Proposed Material Alterations circulated on 23rd April 2025 and to proceed in accordance with Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to publish notice of the**

**making of the Plan, subject to the following final four (4) minor modifications”.**

**Amendment 1**

Amend the wording of Amendment No.4 of the Chief Executives Report on the Proposed Material Alterations circulated on 23rd April 2025, to remove the words “wherever possible” and insert the words “and proportionate” as follows:

*There is a significant landbank in this location zoned for ‘Employment’ use, and it is considered appropriate to zone land in this location for this purpose to preserve the strategic nature of the land and ensure other inappropriate and piecemeal development in this location does not hamper the future employment use of the lands. To ensure these lands are developed in a phased, cohesive and sequential manner, the following principles will apply to the development of these lands:*

- *Lands must be developed in a sequential manner, and leapfrogging will not be permitted;*
- *New development proposals will be required to examine the existing landscape and character context, and demonstrate how new development proposals will be consistent with this context in terms of use, scale, mass, architecture and landscaping;*

*New development proposals should provide suitable and proportionate active travel infrastructure and link into existing active travel routes.*

**Reason**

To ensure that the provision and delivery of active travel infrastructure associated with new development is proportionate to the scale of the development, in accordance with the proper and sustainable development of the town.

**Amendment 2**

Amend the wording of Amendment No.5 of the Chief Executives Report on the Proposed Material Alterations circulated on 23rd April 2025, to remove the word “shall” and insert the word “may” as follows:

*Work with project partners, including the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage, Fáilte Ireland and the OPW to develop the Ormond Castle Quarter, cultural activities and events to support the tourism industry in the town. Any works in proximity to Ormond Castle **may** be subject to Ministerial Consent under Section 14 of the National Monuments Act 1930 (and Amendments).*

**Reason**

To reflect the fact consent may be required, in accordance with the proper and sustainable development of the town.

**Amendment 3**

Amend the wording of Amendment No.6 of the Chief Executives Report on the Proposed Material Alterations circulated on 23rd April 2025, to remove

the words “must set out” and insert the words “should incorporate” as follows:

*The lands at Coolnamuck Road represent a significant landbank within Carrickbeg for new residential development. The lands are well-located, in close proximity to the town centre. However, given the constraints associated with the medieval layout of Carrickbeg, the development and delivery of the entire landholding is likely to require additional transport-related infrastructure. The redevelopment of these lands must be supported by a comprehensive masterplan for the lands, identifying a sustainable approach to the phasing and infrastructure delivery requirements for the lands. The proposed Masterplan for the site **should incorporate:***

- *The provision of an active travel route onto Rack Hill towards Carrickbeg;*
- *The provision of public amenity and recreation space and a playground on southern banks of the River Suir, as well as water-based and water compatible community recreation infrastructure, subject to feasibility.*

#### Reason

To ensure that there is an adequate flexibility in the development of this site to accommodate site-specific circumstances which will be identified through the development of the masterplan for the site, in accordance with the proper and sustainable development of the town.

#### **Amendment 4**

Amend the wording the of ‘Key Criteria’ for the development of the Goldcrop Site, referenced to Appendix 3 of the Draft Carrick-on-Suir Local Area Plan 2025-2031, published on 25th October 2024, to include the following bullet point:

- **The Masterplan for the lands, should identify the most appropriate access arrangements in the redevelopment of the lands (for construction, operational and delivery access), having regard to the scale, layout and uses for the site.**

#### Reason

To ensure that there is an adequate provision for the servicing of this key site within the town centre, during the construction and operational phases of development, in accordance with the proper and sustainable development of the town.

Cllr. S. Morris stated that population trends are out of sync with the County Development Plan and the government was requiring that more lands be rezoned in a housing crisis. He was of the opinion that the National development Plan should be scrapped and the process recommended. Cllr. John Crosses referenced LAP’s and the Tipperary Town plan.

#### **Item No. 5.2** **Naming of** **Infrastructure –**

A report on the proposed naming of the new Ballina-Killaloe Bridge together with the Civic Memorial Policy had been circulated to the

**New Ballina-Killaloe Bridge**

members. Item No. 7 of the policy referred to the naming of Infrastructures as follows:

Infrastructure includes buildings, bridges, roundabouts and other structures.

- *Consideration will only be given to the naming of major infrastructures such as roundabouts, buildings (non-residential), facilities and bridges.*
- *Generally, an individual can only be commemorated with one piece of infrastructure.*

Mr. Kieran Malone S.E. outlined to the members the background to the naming proposal process of the new Ballina/Killaloe Bridge. He said that following discussions between both Local Authorities and local historic groups, it was considered that 'Brian Boru Bridge' / 'Droichead Bhrian Bóramha' was the most appropriate name for the new bridge, given his strong association with the locality of Killaloe and Ballina.

It was noted that the report has been recommended by the Cultural Steering Committee, endorsed by the CPG and was now recommended for approval to the Plenary Council.

Following consideration, It was proposed by **Cllr. Phyll Bugler**, seconded by **Cllr. Fiona Bonfield** and resolved: -

**"That the new road bridge crossing the River Shannon would be named the 'Brian Bóru Bridge' / 'Droichead Bhrian Bóramha'".**

Cllr. Phyll Bugler stated she was delighted with the new bridge. She referred to the lengthy process which had been undertaken to get the bridge crossing completed. She noted the tremendous benefit the structure would be to the Ballina/Killaloe area. She said that the name was a fitting one given the links between Brian Ború and the area. She acknowledged the work of those involved.

Mr. Liam Brett Director of Services said the official opening would be a momentous day and would celebrate years of working coming to fruition.

**Item No. 6.1**  
**Draft Annual**  
**Financial**  
**Statement (AFS)**  
**2024**

The Members considered the Draft Annual Financial Statement and Report for 2024 as circulated and noted same.

Mr. Mark Connolly referred to Report circulated setting out the excess expenditure and advising that a Resolution of the Council was required in relation to same in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Following consideration, it was proposed by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. Marie Murphy** and resolved: -

**"That in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, excess expenditure in respect of the Financial Year ended 31st December 2024 for Tipperary County Council be and is hereby approved as follows"**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Amount €</b>
A01	Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing Units	955,669
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	1042
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	61,155
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	422,810
A06	Support to Housing Capital Programme	107,108
A07	RAS and Leasing Programme	3,485,747
A09	Housing Grants	5,552,777
B02	NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	390,589
B04	Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	2,623,005
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	188,291
B07	Road Safety Engineering Improvement	277,017
B08	Road Safety Promotion & Education	5,358
B09	Car Parking	295,922
B10	Support to Roads Capital Programme	11,179
C02	Waste Water Treatment	29,997
C08	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	526,012
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	20,698
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	15,290,179
D10	Property Management	312,185
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	639,000
D12	Agency & Recoupable Services	742
E01	Landfill Operation & Aftercare	171,262
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	140,214
E06	Street Cleaning	56,703
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	127,750
E11	Operation of Fire Service	764,040
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	261,872
E15	Climate Change & Flooding	427,412
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	922,008
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	114,705
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	196,447
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	140,556
G01	Land Drainage Costs	24,084
G04	Veterinary Service	80,769
G05	Educational Support Services	1,932
H01	Profit/Loss Machinery Account	18,924
H02	Profit/Loss Stores Account	646
H04	Franchise Costs	128,322
H05	Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	37,047

H08	Malicious Damage	62,199
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services	3,290,260

Following queries from Cllr. Dennehy, it was agreed to revert with a breakdown of Fixed Assets/Reserves to be provided by Municipal District and circulated to members. It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Dennehy with clarification on the Mayoral Allowance for Clonmel Borough District.

It was agreed on the request of Cllr. Seamus Morris, supported by the members, that a letter would be drafted for issue to Central Government to seek additional funding for municipal districts. Councillors referred in particular to a need for additional funding for grass cutting works and pothole works.

Mr. Connolly stated that the Final Annual Financial Statement would be published to the council website.

**Item No. 7.1**  
**Ratification of**  
**Members to**  
**Strategic Policy**  
**Committees**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan**, seconded by **Cllr. Phyll Bugler** and resolved that the following persons be ratified to the various SPC's as follows: -

- (1) **"That Julie O'Halloran be and is hereby appointed as PPN Representative on the Social Inclusion, Rural & Community Development SPC."**
- (2) **"That Thomas Ryan be and is hereby appointed as PPN, Social Inclusion Representative on the Social Inclusion on Housing SPC."**

**Item No. 7.2**  
**Ratification of**  
**Members to**  
**Corporate Policy**

It was proposed by Cllr. Marie Murphy, seconded by Cllr. David Dune and resolved tht the following Councillor be ratified as a member of the Corporate Policy Group:-

**"That Cllr. Mark FitzGerald be and is hereby appointed to the Corporate Policy Group to represent Carrick on Suir Municipal District".**

**Item No. 8.1**  
**Council**  
**Deputation**  
**Request**

Mr. Ger Walsh, Meetings Administrator informed the members that all councillors had received an email from Cara Darmody, a 14-year-old Disability Rights Campaigner, had requested permission to speak to the elected members at a monthly council meeting. She wished to inform them more about the HSE waiting lists crisis in Ireland and was calling on the members to advocate to TDs and Senators.

Mr. Walsh outlined to the members the procedure for deputations as set out under standing orders and stated that it is a matter for the Council to decide by resolution if they wish to receive the deputation. It was noted that the matter had been endorsed by the CPG at its April meeting and it was agreed to list for consideration at the May monthly meeting of the Council recommending acceptance of the deputation at the June Meeting. He noted that the request had not been submitted within the 9 clear days' timeframe required by the Standing Orders for consideration at the April meeting.



It was proposed by **Cllr. Pat English**, seconded by **Cllr. Michael Brennan** and agreed to receive Ms. Cara Darmody as a deputation at the June Meeting of the Council.

**Item No. 9.1**

**Consideration of the 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.

- Roads, Transportation, Health and Safety
- Planning and Development (including Town Centre First and Just Transition)
- Emergency Services & Emergency Planning
- Library, Cultural Services & Biodiversity.
- Finance & Information Technology

**Item No. 13.1**  
**Response to Letter dated 18th February 2025, to Minister for Transport**

**Roads, Transportation, Health & Safety**

It was agreed on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Correspondence Item 13.1 as part of the Management Report, Roads, Transportation, Health and Safety.

The correspondence was outlined as a response to a letter dated 18th February 2025, sent to the Minister for Transport, Mr. Darragh O'Brien signed by the Cathaoirligh and Chief Executives of Kilkenny & Tipperary County Council and Waterford City & County Council and concerned the N24 Waterford To Cahir Preferred Transport Solution

The correspondence while disappointing was noted.

**Item No. 9.1**

**Consideration of the Management Report contd.**

Mr. Liam Brett, Director of Services referenced positive work ongoing around the county. He noted two items of concern, funding for the N24 Waterford to Cahir project to permit progress in 2025 and that Road Allocations were broadly static with inflation reducing the ability to overlay roads and carry out infrastructure works across the county.

Mr. Brett and Mr. John Nolan S.E. responded to members queries as follows:

**Roads Funding**

A Councillor workshop will be arranged for members. The agenda will include the N24 Cahir to Waterford project, date and time to be agreed.

**N24 Waterford to Cahir**

The importance of supporting this element of the scheme were noted.

**Velocity Patching Unit**

It was noted that funding was ringfenced for use of the velocity patcher. It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Carroll on specific queries raised.

**Greenway Funding – Lough Derg**

A study is to be carried out and will explore the feasibility of the project. It was agreed that the Feasibility Study report will be released to Cllr. Bugler.

It was noted that grass cutting maintenance is the responsibility of the council.

Templemore/Roscrea Road

Investment need was acknowledged.

Severe Weather Funding Response

It was noted that no additional funding will be made available by central Government for severe weather events early in the year. This item will be included on the Roads Funding Workshop Agenda.

Speed Limit Review

Phase 1 has been completed. When a timeframe for Phase 2 is available it will be communicated to the members.

Thurles By Pass

Noted that this is a priority item and will be flagged to the Department when the National Development Plan is being reviewed.

Blueway Toilet Facilities

Communication will be made with Districts and distance signage will be explored.

CIS/LIS

Breakdown of applications by district to include number of applications, criteria used for accessing and decision outcome to be provided to Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan and circulated to all members in advance of Roads Funding Workshop.

It was agreed to revert to Cllr. M. Anglim and all Cahir elected members concerning use of velocity patching unit in areas where applications have been unsuccessful.

N24 Knockagh Pavement Improvement Scheme

Complexity of the overlay scheme was noted. Crossfall issue is contributing to the number of accidents. The project is significant with a €2m spend. Traffic management issues to be examined.

N62

Significant route with a number of issues. The level of investment required was noted notwithstanding the schemes completed to date. The Turtulla and Roscrea By-Pass safety schemes are in the pipeline with a further two pavement schemes in Loughnavatta (phase 1 and phase 2). The safety schemes will receive priority. Emergency funding has been sought for Ballybrista.

N75 Liberty Square to Anner Hotel

No funding allocation from TII. Correspondence has issued to TII on the project.

Slievenamon Road

The project is at design stage. Surface water is a separate issue.

#### Moangarriff Road Roundabout

Safety issues have been addressed. Priority of works at Derrygrath and Kilsheelan were noted. Emergency funding has been requested.

#### Carrick on Suir Water Mains Works on N24

It was agreed to follow up with Uisce Eireann re Road Reinstatement works.

#### Active Travel

Noted that this matter would be dealt with by Planning.

### **Planning and Development (including Town Centre First and Just Transition)**

Mr. Dave Carroll A/Director of Services, Mr. Shane Grogan A/SEO, Mr. Paddy Crowley S.E. and Mr. Fergal O'Donnell, Senior Executive Planner responded to members queries as follows:

#### Over the Shop Living

A presentation will be arranged with elected members as part of Councillor Workshop on Roads Funding.

Feedback was provided via the CCMA to the Department including councillor concerns re multiple developments.

#### Staffing

Planning staff vacancies remains a challenge. Pathways to filling vacancies were noted.

#### Drones

It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Peggy Ryan re number and use of drones across the council.

#### Town Team Ballina

Process commenced and initiated with Municipal District Administration. It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Phyll Bugler with details of Town Centre First Team Meeting.

#### Thrive Strand II

Update from the Southern Regional Assembly is anticipated towards middle/end of June.

#### Grants Hotel Feasibility Study

Initial draft has been received and a copy of the final report will be made available to elected members.

#### TEA Bus Enhancement Programme

Clonmel is at advanced stage and proposed enhancement of ten stops in town is welcome.

#### Active Travel Funding

Funding need for smaller towns has been highlighted on the Programme for Government. Projects in Emly and The Ragg are underway with further projects in Castlemeadows expected to commence this year.

Significant funding is required to deliver these projects. €4m per annum is allocated with twenty-one million spent to date on Active Travel Projects.

#### Quarry Lane

Noted that this project was included in the works programme but resources are prioritised on other projects at present. It is a key linkage and will be delivered post 2026. It was noted that Birdhill is a planned project for 2026. A number of designs are currently being explored.

#### Uisce Eireann

It was agreed to follow up with Uisce Eireann regarding date of Annual meeting with Tipperary County Council. An update on DPI's to be requested from Uisce Eireann

It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Andy Moloney on a specific pre-connection enquiry.

It was recommended that developers engage with UE at the pre-application stage.

#### Enforcement

The caseload of 800 live cases was reduced to circa 350 cases outstanding. It was agreed to revert to Cllr. Bugler re concern on two specific cases.

#### NDP Review

Report on the NDP provided to members in the Management Report. Further correspondence is expected from the minister regarding the Core Strategy Review. There is a significant body of work around land use zonings. A public consultation process will be undertaken in May and a draft submission prepared. Engagement to take place with elected members before final submission is made. Deficiencies in Uisce Eireann will be identified as part of the review.

#### Cashel Local Area Plan

Noted that this was the next LAP to be developed but under new legislation will be referred as 'Urban Area Plans'. The risks associated with developing a plan given the proposed changes were noted.

#### Protected Structures

The need for careful planning was noted. The Councils conservation Officer and the Planning Section are available to assist applicants if required. Grant funding is available for protected structures.

#### Log Cabins

An update from the Department on planning exemptions is awaited.

#### RZLT

Zoning will be dependent on the direction that will be issued by the Minister on the Core Strategy and land use zoning. It was agreed to liaise with Cllr. Bugler on specific query raised re zoning maps

#### Cluster Housing

Figures will be circulated to elected members

Appointment of Taking in Charge Officer  
Position is being progressed.

Following on from members responses, Ms. Sinéad Carr, Chief Executive stated the important role of Oireachtas members. The critical challenge at present is the delivery of housing and there is an opportunity, as part of the National Development Plan review, to holding meetings with the Oireachtas members and highlight to them the issues affecting the county.

She stated that the County Development Plan Review is not an open-door review. It involves making services and land available for housing developments. She said one off housing will not address the housing issues and there was a need to properly resource our towns and village in terms of infrastructure to deal with the issues.

**Emergency Services & Emergency Planning**

There were no matters arising

**Library, Cultural Services & Biodiversity**

**Item No. 12.2**  
**Cllr. Richie**  
**Molloy & Roger**  
**Kennedy (NOM**  
**Ref: 2975)**

It was agreed, on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item No. 12.2 NOM Ref. 2975 in relation to Lyme Disease signage as part of the Management Report on Library, Cultural Services & Biodiversity.

The Motion Reference No. 2975 was proposed by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy.**

**"That Tipperary County Council erect suitable signage at public walkways/amenities warning the public of Lyme Disease and creating awareness of this terrible disease. Signs are available from "The Lyme Resource Centre".**

The Motion was seconded by **Cllr. John Carroll.**

The reply to the Motion was noted as follows:

*"Tipperary County Council's Outdoor Recreation Strategy (approved by plenary council at the April 2025 meeting) includes actions under behavioural messaging. Tipperary County Council in line with other Local Authorities and agencies will promote best practice through its social media platforms. The Lyme Disease message will be highlighted in this manner.*

Concerning the erection of signage, it is recommended that the Council seek further advice from its insurer, IPB, concerning the legal liability risk of the Council erecting such signage. Subject to liability not being an issue, the Council agrees to liaise with the Lyme Resource Centre concerning designated locations where signage should be erected at Council-managed public parks/amenities. The matter will then require to be considered as part of the Budget process, having regard to funding and resource implications".

In moving the motion Cllr. Kennedy stated that awareness is critical. Other members spoke in support of the motion. Cllr. Moloney stated the seriousness of the situation and referred to a previous motion listed on the matter in 2009.

It was agreed that a letter would issue to Irish Public Bodies regarding the risk liability of the council in erecting signs on Council lands. Subject to response received, a follow up would be made with the Lyme Resource Centre regarding signage erection

**Item No. 12.3**  
**Cllrs. Pamela**  
**Quirke O'Meara,**  
**Micheál Lowry,**  
**Michael**  
**O'Meara, Shane**  
**Lee, Eddie**  
**Moran (NOM**  
**Ref: 2969)**

It was agreed, on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item No. 12.3 NOM Ref 2969 in relation to Irish Sign Language signage as part of the Management Report on Library, Cultural Services & Biodiversity.

The Motion Reference No. 2969 was proposed by **Cllr. Pamela Quirke O'Meara.**

**"We are calling on Tipperary County Council to erect Irish Sign Language (ISL) ABC signage in Tipperary County Council playgrounds across the county and that Tipperary County Council recognise International Week of Deaf People (IWDP) which is a worldwide event led by the World Federation of the Deaf, taking place this year during the last week of September – from Monday, 22nd September to Sunday, 28th September 2025. The International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) is celebrated on Tuesday, 23rd September 2025. We are proposing that Tipperary County Council turn blue on the Tuesday 23rd of September by lighting up Nenagh Castle and the Rock of Cashel".**

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

The reply to the Motion was noted as follow:

"In 2024 Tipperary County Council erected communication boards in each of the playgrounds across the county to support children and young adults with speech & language communication needs. (Charlie's Voice communication boards). We will commit to launching the "Sign of the Times" Irish Sign Language (ISL) training tool developed in partnership with HSE Gold Star and promote this initiative during the promotional week from Monday, 22nd September to Sunday, 28th September 2025. The erection of signage will require further consideration as part of the Budgetary process in terms of the costs associated with the supply and erection of this signage at all council-managed Playgrounds.

With regards to the lighting up Nenagh Castle and the Rock of Cashel, it should be noted that both sites are under the jurisdiction of the OPW and permission will be required to do this. Regrettably the Council does not have the facility for the proper lighting up of Nenagh Castle in the manner that is available at some other locations. This is a national monument and the agreement with the OPW is that the Castle would be lit up annually for St. Patrick's Day; however, that it would not be lit up on other occasions. The MD did have discussions on the inclusion of the installation of a lighting system as part of an RRDF funding application and it was agreed that this would be further considered if an application is being submitted. In the meantime, it has not been possible to facilitate

other requests received. With regards to the Rock of Cashel, the OPW has agreed to requests to light up the Castle in the past and again, agreement with the OPW would be needed in order to light up the Castle in blue for International Day of Sign Languages.

The Council has a protocol in place concerning the lighting up of Council Buildings which applies to the Council offices located at Clonmel, Nenagh, Thurles, Tipperary and Carrick on Suir and other public realm features of Tipperary County Council. Requests for building light up may be made only by a registered charity, a public sector or a community, or other non-profit making organisation. Subject to the approval of the Council, the lighting up of relevant Council-owned buildings in Blue can be facilitated on Tuesday 23rd September, 2025".

In moving the motion Cllr. Quirke O'Meara stated that ISL is recognised as an official language. She said the awareness of the language needs to be improved and the erection of signs in council playgrounds would assist that. She acknowledged the response given regarding the lighting up of council buildings.

Other members spoke in support of the motion. It was agreed that the Motion to be forwarded to Brian Beck, Director of Services and to Mr. Mark Connolly, Head of Finance for consideration as part of Budget 2026 and the application for lighting up council buildings would be sent to Cllr. Pamela Quirke O'Meara

#### **Item No. 9.1**

#### **Consideration of the Management Report contd.**

Ms. Brian Beck, Director of Services responded to members queries as follows:

#### **Irish Sign Language**

The Library Service hold weekly ISL courses. Expanding this with library services can be explored.

#### **Clonmel Library Project Update**

A Workshop with Clonmel members is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>

#### **Biodiversity Officer**

The officer works across all sections and is available to talk to elected members on an individual basis.

#### **Item No. 12.1**

**Cllrs. M. O'Meara, Bonfield, Bugler, Carroll, Hannigan, Morgan Walsh, Morris, J. P. O'Meara, Quirke O'Meara. (NOM Ref: 2968 and 2974)**

#### **Finance & Information Technology**

It was agreed, on the proposal of the Cathaoirleach to take Item No. 12.1 NOM Ref 2974 in relation Graveyard Grants as part of the Management Report on Finance & Information Technology.

The Motion Reference No. 2974 was proposed **by Cllr. Michael O'Meara.**

**"That Tipperary County Council increase the allocation to each Graveyard committee to €1,000 in the Annual Budget 2026 returns".**

In light of the tremendous work carried out by the Graveyard committees around county Tipperary we are requesting that the Annual revenue

budget increase the allocated amount to €1,000 per committee. The graveyard grounds have in the most part seen a significant improvement with a lot of voluntary work being done by local volunteers. Graveyards by their nature are areas where people can remember their loved ones in a serene and dignified manner and it is important that the grounds are preserved to a good standard. Also, graveyards are tourist and historical reference centres which attract a lot of visitors into our county”.

The reply to the Motion was noted as follows:

“The subject matter of the Notice of Motion has been noted and will be considered as part of the Budget 2026 process”.

In moving the motion Cllr. M. O’Meara acknowledged the tremendous team work being done by volunteers in this area. He said the proposed increase would be a start and would demonstrate respect for those volunteering. Other member spoke in support of the motion and acknowledged the personal cost to those on the various committees around the county. It was suggested that the district could look at the size and activity of each graveyard in working out the allocations.

Mr. Mark Connolly, Head of Finance acknowledged the work being done at community level and stated he was happy to consider the Motion as part of Budget 2026, noting that an estimate of €110,000 would be required across the county.

There were no further matters arising on the part of the Management Report on Finance & Information Technology.

**Item No. 10.1**  
**Conferral of**  
**Civic Reception**  
**– Daire Lynch**

It was proposed by **Cllr. Roger Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr. Shane Lee** and resolved: -

**“That we the members of Tipperary County Council accord a Civic Reception to Daire Lynch, Irish Rower in recognition of winning a bronze medal in the Men’s Double Sculls (M2x) at the 2024 Paris Olympics.”**

**Item No. 10.2**  
**Date for Annual**  
**Meeting**

On the proposal of **Cllr Roger Kennedy**, seconded by **Cllr MI. Lowry** it was agreed that the Annual Meeting would be held in Halla na Féile, Cashel at 11 a.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.

The Cathaoirleach stated that he would be delighted to welcome his fellow members to Cashel.

**Item No. 11.1**  
**Consideration of**  
**Orders for the**  
**period to the**  
**30<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

Chief Executive Orders and Delegated Officers Orders for the period to the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 were noted.



**Item No. 14.1**  
**Motions from**  
**Other Councils**

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

**Donegal County Council**

"I am asking this Council to take a stand on road safety in relation to the non-wearing of high vis vests, arm bands etc. or indeed proper lighting on bicycles given that these are causing issues for road users, late night walkers, cyclists etc. Furthermore, electric scooters have become a major problem for motorists. Given the number of motorists and pedestrians having accidents and the increasing number of fatalities we need to work with An Garda Siochána, the Minister for Transport, Schools, Youth Clubs etc. to highlight these issues".

**Sligo County Council**

"Noting that a home is a moral human right, this local authority calls on the Government to start the process to have the right to housing enshrined in the constitution".

**Item No. 15.1**  
**Expressions of**  
**votes of**  
**Sympathy/Cong**  
**ratulations**

Votes of sympathy were passed for the following: -

- Mary Ryan, Local Enterprise Office and Siobhan Ryan, Planning on the death of their mother Kathleen Ryan
- Cllr. Phyll Bugler on the death of her brother Tommy Ryan
- The Family of Sean Carey, Retired SEE, South Tipperary County Council
- The family of Mr. Michael O'Brien, Oliver Plunkett Terrace, Clonmel, ex Member of Clonmel Corporation who also served as Mayor of Clonmel in 1993.
- The family of Garda Kevin Flatley
- The family of Pope Francis

Votes of Congratulations were passed for the following: -

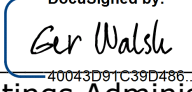
- Pope Leo XIV on his election as the 267<sup>th</sup> Pontiff
- Cashel King Cormac's U15 team on winning the County Hurling Feile Na Gael
- Boherlahan Dualla's Camogie Team on winning the Hurling Feile A County Final

**Item No. 16.1**  
**A.O.B.**

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 1.10pm

Signed/    
 Cathaoirleach.

Date/ 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

Signed/    
 Meetings Administrator

Date/ 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

