

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
NORTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD,
NENAGH ON MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 2P.M.**

Present

Cllr. Micheál Lowry, Mayor - Presided

Cllrs. Dr. Phyll Bugler; John Carroll; Jim Casey; Billy Clancy; Pauline Coonan; Ger Darcy; Seamus Hanafin; John Hogan; John Kennedy; Hughie McGrath; John 'Rocky' McGrath; Jonathan Meaney; Eddie Moran; Séamus Morris; Virginia O'Dowd; Michael O'Meara; Denis Ryan; Jim Ryan; Mattie Ryan; Michael Smith.

Also Present

Joe MacGrath, County Manager; Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance & Corporate Services; Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services; Matt Shortt, Director of Services; Karl Cashen, Director of Services; Rosemary Joyce, Meetings Administrator/Senior Executive Officer; Brian Beck, Senior Planner; Eamonn Brennan, Senior Executive Officer; Liam Bergin, Senior Executive Officer; Seamus Deely, Executive Engineer; Michèle Maher, Senior Staff Officer; Michael Woulfe, Senior Executive Engineer; Olive Dwan, Administrative Officer; Paula O' Dwyer, Environmental Scientist; Seamus O' Brien, Environmental Technician and Dan Downey, Staff Officer.

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-

- Liam McCarthy on the death of his mother, Eileen
- Linda McSherry on the death of her mother, Alice
- Mary Murphy on the death of her mother, Annie
- Jim Hogan on the death of his brother, Dan
- Jimmy Farrell on the death of his mother Mary
- Breda Carr, Ballycarn, Curreeny Kilcommon on the death of her father, Sean
- The Deere Family, Newtown on the death of Mary Ann Deere
- The Kenny Family on the death of Joe Kenny
- The O'Shea Family, Clonmore and Cllr. Jim O' Shea, Templemore on the death of Maurice O'Shea
- The Hogan Family, Knockane, Toomevara on the death of Mick Hogan.
- The Kenneally Family, Barnane, Templemore on the death of Thomas & Angela Kenneally
- The O'Meara Family, Woodlands, Toomevara on the death of Willie O'Meara

Votes of Congratulations

Votes of Congratulations were passed to the following:-

- Jackie Kelly on being awarded Young Person of the Year
- The Tipperary Minor Football Team on winning the All Ireland Final
- The organisers of the I3 Swim event
- Killadangan Hurling Team on winning All Ireland Sevens Competition
- The organisers of the Come Dine with Me fundraising for Milford Hospice
- Templemore Ladies Golf Team on winning the Irish Ladies Golfing Union All Ireland Final
- Garda Jimmy Bourke , Holycross on his recent retirement

It was proposed and agreed to hold a Civic Reception to mark the achievements of young Tipperary people.

Suspension of Standing Orders

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. J. Casey and agreed that Standing Orders would be suspended in order to discuss the impact of significant hospital bed closures in the Community Hospital of the Assumption in Thurles, the Dean Maxwell Home in Roscrea and St. Conlon's Community Nursing Unit in Nenagh.

Cllr. J. Kennedy stated that he is employed with the HSE but is also a public representative and represents the people of Thurles as Mayor of Thurles. He stated that the Community Hospital of the Assumption had lost 27 out of 75 beds. These beds provide respite care for people for two weeks while carers take a break. This hospital was a state of the art facility only newly rebuilt four and a half years ago. He was concerned that there would be more bed cuts if staff were not put back into the system. Cllr. Kennedy asked for all parties to come together to come up with a solution to this and proposed that the Council seek a deputation to meet on site with the Minister for Health and the Minister with responsibility for Older People so that they could see the problems on the ground.

Cllr. S. Hanafin stated that this is a first class facility with top class staff which was hugely important in the provision of respite care. There was huge anger in Thurles at the proposal. He stated that the proposal was unfair since the hospital was within budget. There are deep concerns as to the level of service that will be provided into the future in Thurles.

Cllr. J. Ryan agreed with previous speakers. He spoke of the anger and frustration felt by the people of Thurles and said these cutbacks affected the most vulnerable in the community. He complimented staff and management in the Hospital and seconded the proposal to seek a deputation to both Ministers.

Cllr. S. Morris stated that, in addition to cutbacks in Health Services in Nenagh, Roscrea and Thurles, there are also cutbacks in the Centre of Excellence in Limerick. He called on the Council to send a letter to the INMO supporting their decision on work stoppages to highlight the effects of the cutbacks and the conditions at the Regional Hospital in Limerick.

Other members spoke highlighting their concerns at the impact of the cutbacks in the Health Service in North Tipperary.

Cllr. J. Casey proposed a special meeting with the North Tipperary Dáil representatives on this issue. Cllr. M. Ryan seconded this proposal.

Following discussion it was agreed that the following actions be taken:

1. To seek a deputation to meet with the Minister for Health and the Minister with responsibility for Older People, the meeting to take place on site.
2. To send a letter of support to the INMO.
3. To request the Oireachtas Members to attend a special meeting to discuss this matter.

**Item 1.1
Minutes of
September 2011
Monthly Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. M. Smith and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the July 2011 Monthly Meeting held on 18th July 2011 be adopted.

**Item 1.2
Action Plan**

Members noted the Action Plan Progress Report, copy of which had been sent to them via e-mail.

Item 2.1
Nomination of
Candidate for
Presidential
Election

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. M. O'Meara and resolved that, pursuant to Section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993 North Tipperary County Council nominates Mary Davis to be a candidate at the Presidential Election on 27th October 2011.

Item 3.1
Disposal of land
at Parkmore,
Roscrea

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Smith, seconded by Cllr. J. Kennedy and resolved that pursuant to Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, the disposal of lands at Parkmore, Roscrea, to Carraigdubh Ltd. and Carraigdubh (Holdings) Ltd., be carried out in accordance with the terms of the Notice dated 9th August 2011, sent to each Member, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Item 4.1
Finance
Quarterly
Report

Members noted the Finance Quarterly Report, copy of which was circulated via email.

Cllr. B. Clancy raised a query regarding the cost of processing Higher Education Grants in North Tipperary. Mr. L. McCarthy replied to this query.

Item 5.1
Housing
Quarterly
Report

Members noted the Housing Quarterly Report, copy of which was circulated via email.

Mr. E. Brennan responded to queries from members in relation to Remedial Works in Clohessy Place, Ard Mhuire and Derrynaflan; work on two vacant houses at Main St., Ballina; anti-social behaviour at Halloween and responsibility for damage caused to Council houses by tenants.

Cllr. J. Ryan asked whether a programme can be put in place for installing radon gas alarms in Council houses. Mr. M. Shortt replied that there is no provision for this.

Cllr. J. Kennedy referred to problems experienced last year with stopcocks and water meters due to the severe weather conditions. This was supported by Cllr. M. O'Meara.

Mr. K. Cashen outlined details of vacant properties and targets for reducing existing vacancies to zero by year end.

Item 6.1
Proposed
Variation No. 1
to County
Development
Plan

Members considered the County Manager's Report on the submissions received in respect of the Proposed Variation (No. 1) of the North Tipperary County Council County Development Plan 2010-2016 as set out in document dated September 2011 and entitled "Manager's Report to Elected Members Under Section 13 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010. Proposed Variation Number 1 County Development Plan 2010-2016" and proposed modifications to the Proposed Variation arising from the Members' changes to the Manager's Report on the Proposed Modifications as set out in the report hereunder:

Proposed Modifications to the
Proposed Variation No.1 to the County Development Plan
2010-2016
under Section 13 of the Planning and
Development Acts 2000-2006
arising from the Members changes to the Manager's Report
on the Proposed Modifications

North Tipperary County Council

19th September 2011

Introduction

During the public consultation process on the proposed Variation No.1 to the County Development Plan a total of 60 submissions were received within the public consultation period. A Manager's Report was prepared under Section 13 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2010. Following a series of workshops between planning staff and the Elected Members of North Tipperary County Council, the following amendments were proposed.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Managers Report dated September 2011. Recommendations for proposed changes in this document will be added to the recommendations proposed in the Managers Report, to be placed on public display for four weeks.

Part I of this report sets out the submissions where the Members accepted the Manager's recommendation and indicates where further amendments were proposed following workshops with the Elected Members of North Tipperary County Council.

Part II of this report sets out the proposed amendments following workshops with the Elected Members in August and September 2011.

Changes to the Proposed variation No. 1 text on foot of the above submissions will be shown below as follows:

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Bold text text to be added to the plan

Part I

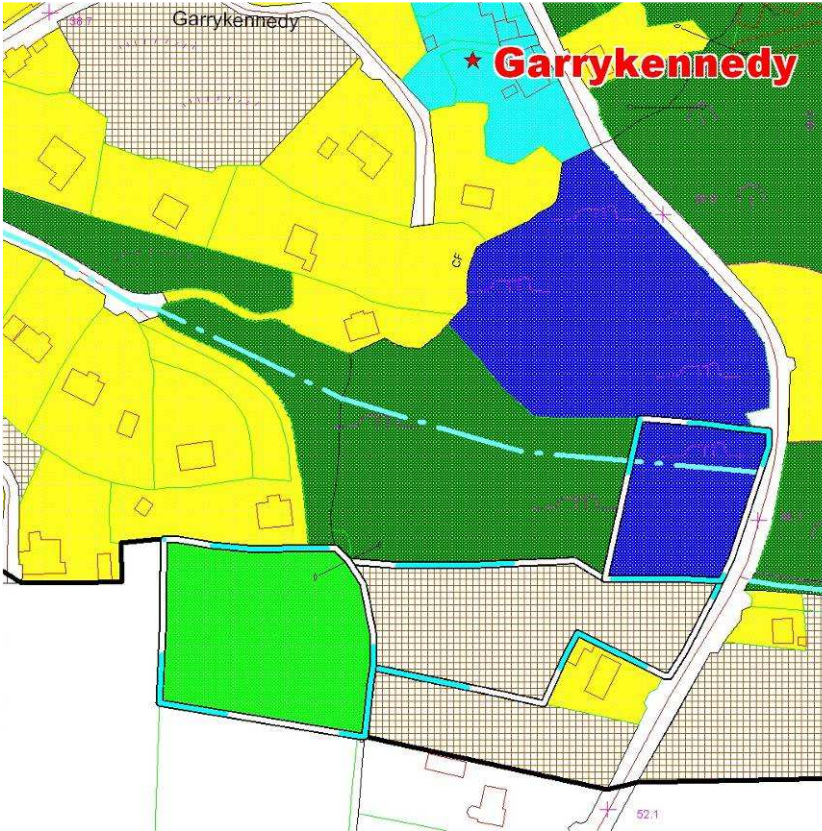
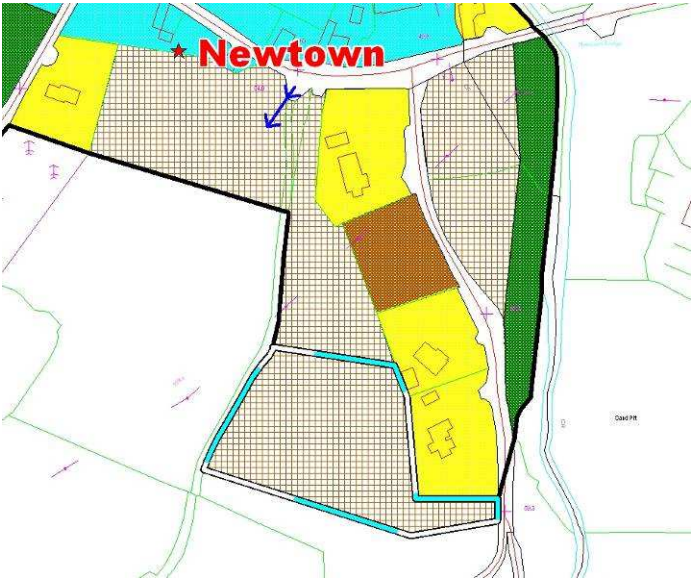
Table 1: Recommendation from North Tipperary County Council Elected Members on Manager's Report on Submissions received on Draft Plan.

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55	Agree to Manager's Report
56	Differ with Manager's Report as per attached
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B	Agree to Manager's Report
C	Agree to Manager's Report

Part II

Table 2: Amendments proposed by the North Tipperary County Council Elected Members following the Manager's Report on submissions on Proposed Variation No.1		
Sub Ref.	Received From	Proposed Amendments
07	Patrick McGrath	<p><u>Garrykennedy Settlement Plan</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. West side of Portroe Road, extend boundary and zone land Agriculture. 2. West side of Portroe Road, change proposed Amenity to Mixed Use at of site abutting road.

		 <p>Proposed by: Cllr. John Carroll</p> <p>Seconded by: Cllr. Jonathan Meaney</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Matthew & Maeve O'Brien</p>	<p><u>Newtown Settlement Plan</u> West side of Carrigatoher Road, change from Agriculture to Serviced Sites.</p>  <p>Proposed by: Cllr. Michael Smith</p> <p>Seconded by: Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath</p>

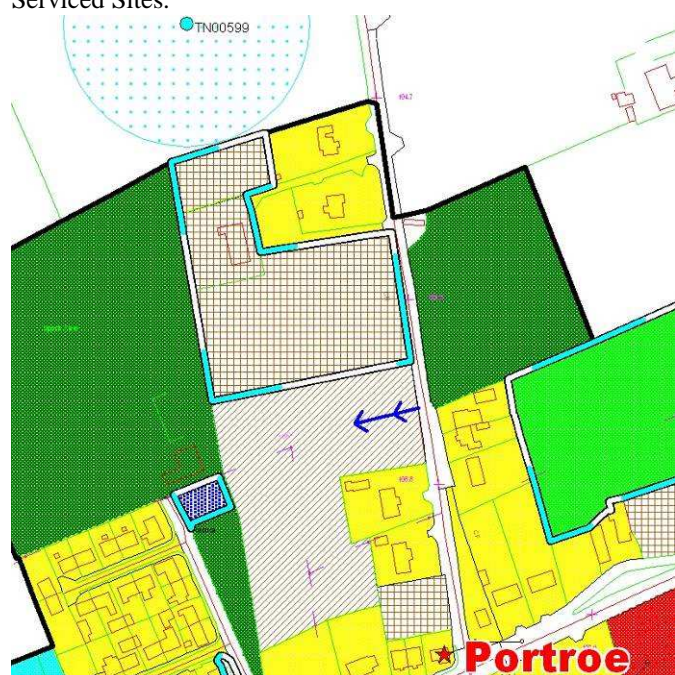
<p>34 38 43/56 48</p>	<p>Stephen & Anita Egan Brendan O'Connor Garrykenny Homes Partnership Lough Derg Portroe Developments Ltd.</p>	<p>Portroe Settlement Plan West side of Garrykenny Road, change from Agriculture Zoning to Serviced Sites.</p>  <p>Proposed by: Cllr. Jonathan Meaney Seconded by: Cllr. John Carroll</p>
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Table 3: Amendments proposed by the North Tipperary County Council Elected Members following the Manager's Report on submissions on Proposed Variation No. 1 – not related to submissions received.

Proposed Amendments

Matrix of Use Classes related to Use Zones

Change Caravan Park/Camping from 'x' Not Permitted to 'o' Open for Consideration, within the Matrix of Use Classes related to Use Zones in Amenity zoned land.
 Add Tourism Recreational Buildings and indicate as 'o' Open for Consideration in all Land Uses except as x' Not Permitted in Social and Public zoned land.
 Change Guesthouse/Hostel to Hostel in the Use Classes list and change Hostel from x' Not Permitted to 'o' Open for Consideration, within the Matrix of Use Classes related to Use Zones in Amenity zoned land.
 Change Bed and Breakfast from 'o' Open for Consideration to x' Not Permitted, within the Matrix of Use Classes related to Use Zones in Amenity zoned land.

Proposed by: Cllr. John Carroll
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Smith

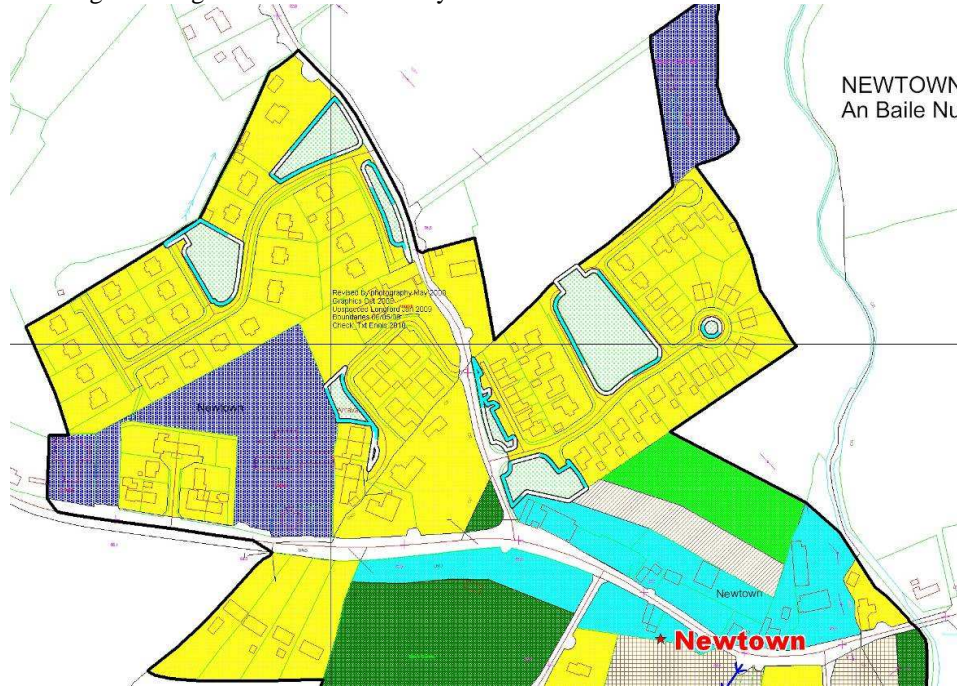
Objective for Tourism

It is an objective of the Council to develop a strategy for tourism development in the county and specifically Lough Derg and to seek to develop in consultation with other appropriate organisations a year round sustainable tourism product by ensuring linkages to other tourist products in the area.

Proposed by: Cllr. John Carroll
Seconded by: Cllr. Virginia O' Dowd

Newtown Settlement Plan

Zone significant green areas for Amenity.

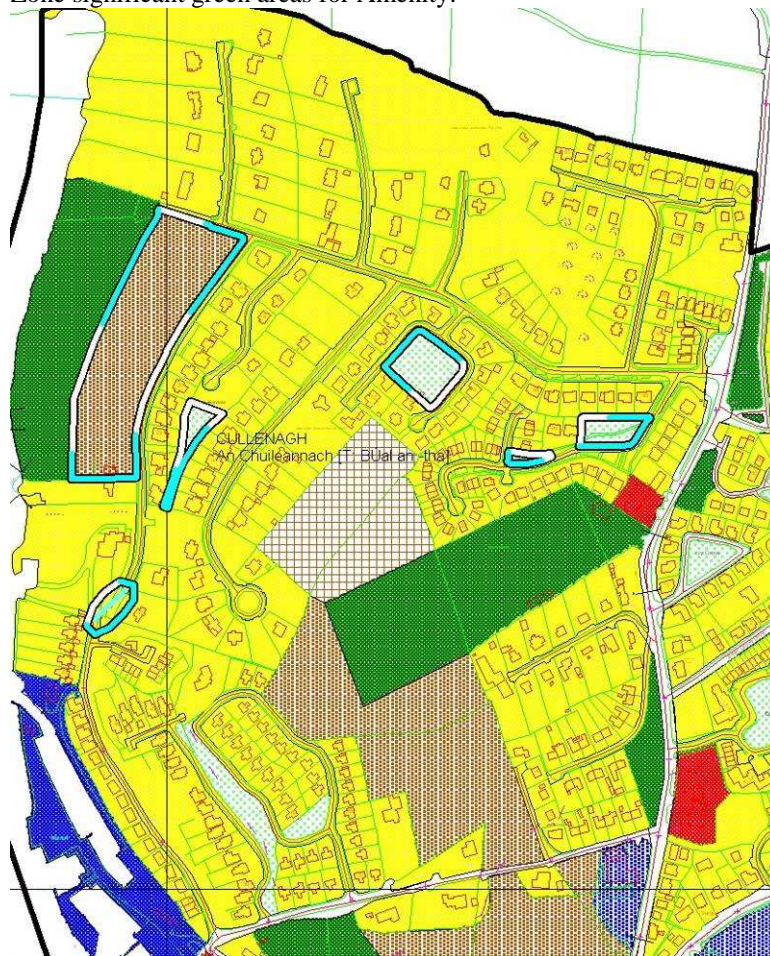


Proposed by: Cllr. John Carroll

Seconded by: Cllr. Jonathan Meaney

Ballina Settlement Plan

Zone significant green areas for Amenity.

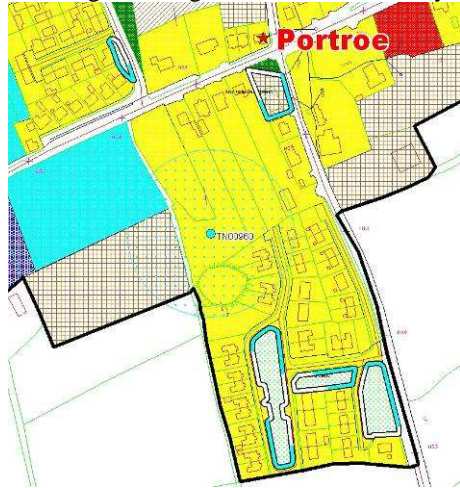


Proposed by: Cllr. Phyll Bugler

Seconded by: Cllr. John Carroll

Portroe Settlement Plan

Zone significant green areas for Amenity.



Proposed by: Cllr. Jonathan Meaney

Seconded by: Cllr. John Carroll

Portroe Settlement Plan

GAA car park, change to Social and Public Zoning.

Green area opposite community hall to be zoning Amenity.

Site of old school on back road to Garrykennedy, change from Existing Residential to Village Centre.

Existing private dwelling to rear of Garda Station, site to be changes from Social and Public zoning to Existing Residential.



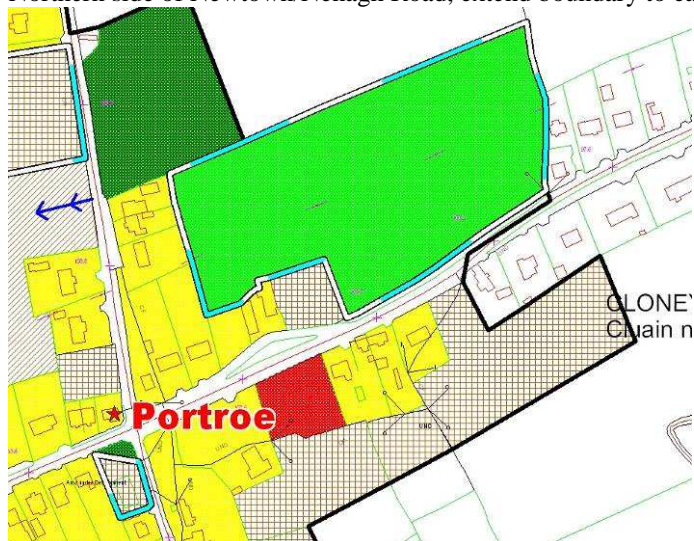
Proposed by: Cllr. Jonathan Meaney

Seconded by: Cllr. John Carroll

Portroe Settlement Plan

Northern side of Newtown/Nenagh Road change proposed Serviced Sites to Agriculture Zoning, retaining front site as Serviced Sites Zoning.

Northern side of Newtown/Nenagh Road, extend boundary to east and zone Agriculture.



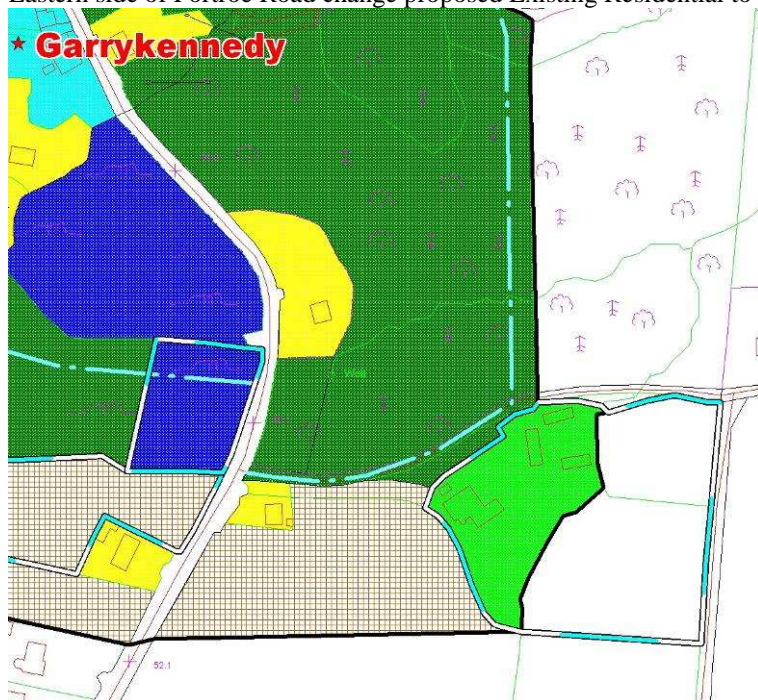
Proposed by: Cllr. Jonathan Meaney

Seconded by: Cllr. John Carroll

Garrykennedy Settlement Plan

Eastern side of Portroe Road omit proposed Mixed Use Zoning, reduce settlement boundary.

Eastern side of Portroe Road change proposed Existing Residential to Agriculture.



Proposed by: Cllr. John Carroll

Seconded by: Cllr. Jonathan Meaney

The County Manager's Report as amended by Members and other modifications proposed by Members as set out above were agreed, subject to the omission of the proposed Holycross Settlement Plan, on the proposal of Cllr. John Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Jonathan Meaney.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and agreed to place the amendments to the Proposed Variation (No. 1) as outlined above on public display.

Item 6.2
Planning &
Development
Quarterly
Report

Members noted the Planning & Development Quarterly Report, copy of which was circulated via email.

Cllr. M. O'Meara asked for an update on the position in relation to time extensions for planning applicants who were unable to start houses for economic reasons. Mr. M. Shortt replied that the County Council has prepared a position paper which would be circulated to members and would be discussed at area meetings. This set out the changes to Section 42 of the Planning and Development Acts. Cllr. O'Meara questioned the situation in relation to septic tanks. Mr. Shortt quoted Section 42 and referred to the fact that extensions could only be granted where Ministerial Guidelines had not been changed. In the case of septic tanks new EPA Guidelines dated 2009 had been introduced which had the effect of trial hole and percolation tests carried out under the EPA Guidelines dated 2000 no longer being compliant. Cllr. O'Meara asked whether an applicant could amend the original planning permission by way of an amending application to the original permission to install a septic tank which was in compliance with the 2009 Guidelines. Mr. Shortt indicated that it was legally possible to amend a 'parent permission' but indicated to Cllr. O'Meara that this may only be a solution in a small number of cases. Mr. Shortt went on to indicate that if the amending planning permission was granted they could then apply for an extension of time. It was recommended that any such applications be submitted as early as possible as further information may be required. Cllr. O'Meara welcomed the clarification received.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to proposals by the Department of Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht to designate Lough Derg as a Special Protection Area and stated that such a designation would have a major impact for the business, tourism and agri sectors. He stated that the closing date for submissions was 25th October 2011. Mr. M. Shortt advised that a draft position paper would be brought before the members at the October Council Meeting.

Members discussed recent announcements regarding introduction of a registration process for septic tanks and requested that further details be provided. Mr. J. MacGrath stated that new legislation is being drafted. At this point the Council was not in a position to answer questions on the implementation of the registration process. When drafted details would be brought to the Council through the Strategic Policy Committee in order to enable an informed debate to take place.

Item 6.3
Planning &
Development
Register

Members noted the Planning and Development Register for the month of July 2011, copy of which was circulated via email.

Item 6.4
National
Preliminary
Flood Risk
Assessment

Members noted report on the National Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment, copy of which was circulated via email.

Mr. M. Shortt advised that the making of a submission on this was a reserved function of the Council. Ms. Marie Ryan, Planning Section was co-ordinating collection of data. The members needed to consider if they wished to make a submission. He advised that documentation was on display in the planning section. Members should liaise with Ms. Marie Ryan in relation to their views. The matter would be brought back before members at the October Meeting of the Council.

A number of members indicated that the Council should make a submission and referred to problems arising from the abolition of the Joint Drainage Committees, the bureaucracy in relation to works across Joint River Basin Districts, flooding in particular areas, possible implications for planning and difficulties in dealing with fallen trees and debris in rivers.

Item 7.1
Environment
Quarterly
Report

Members noted the Environment Quarterly Report, copy of which was circulated via email.

A copy of a presentation given to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee on changes to North Tipperary County Council Farm Inspection & Enforcement Practice was circulated to members. Mr. M. Shortt referred to this handout and referred to the pressure emanating from the EU in relation to water quality. A common approach to inspections was being introduced for all local authorities.

He also referred Members to the report on the level of usage of the Civic Amenity Site in Ballaghveny Landfill. An average of nineteen people per day was using the facility. This did not compare favourably with the usage in Nenagh and Roscrea. Two staff members were engaged on a full-time basis. A presence was required at the facility in accordance with the terms of the licence. Currently the facility in Roscrea was being manned by litter wardens thus using up their time which could be deployed in tackling litter problems.

Cllr. J. Casey expressed disappointment regarding the level of usage of the Civic Amenity site at Ballaghveny. He suggested that an advertisement be put in the local papers to inform the public of the opening hours.

In response to a query from Cllr. J. Carroll on the Silvermines Rehabilitation Project Mr. K. Cashen confirmed that a letter had issued to the Department as requested by members and a response was awaited.

Item 7.2
Grant
Allocations –
Ballaghveny
Landfill

It was proposed by Cllr. J Carroll, seconded by Cllr. J. Meaney and resolved that the following grants be paid to the local groups in the Ballaghveny area as a contribution towards projects/works to be carried out which would be of benefit to the local community:-

Applicant	Description of works	Grant Recommended	Other sources of funding
Toomevara Camogie Club - Juvenile Club	Juvenile Development Fund	1,000	None
Toomevara Juvenile GAA Club	Summer Camps and Leagues	1,000	None
Ballymackey Old Burial Ground (Cairde)	Repair south wall of graveyard	1,000	None
Bishop Harty N.S	Science, Measuring and Special Needs equipment	2,500	None
Ballymackey Football Club	Install 3 phase electricity for lights on walkway/car park	12,500	None
Ballinree Church Restoration Committee	Restore existing floors and paint windows	10,000	None
Ballinree Church Altar Society	Purchase of Altar linen	1,000	None
Ballinree New BG Committee	Dip Gates and Clean Walls	1,000	None
	Total	30,000.00	

Mr. M. Shortt advised that these grants were paid out of 2010 income. As the landfill was now closed this would be the final year of these grants.

Item 8.1
Community &
Enterprise
Quarterly
Report

Members noted the Community & Enterprise Quarterly Report, copy of which was circulated via email.

Mr. L. Bergin circulated an information note on events being held in North Tipperary to mark Social Inclusion Week which runs from 16th to 23rd October 2011.

Cllr. J. Hogan called for details of funding under the Community, Sports and Cultural Grants Scheme to be made available. It was agreed to provide updates at Area Meetings.

Item 8.2
Grant
Allocations –
Tidy Town
Groups

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Meaney, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that the following grants be paid to the Tidy Towns Groups listed hereunder in accordance with the scheme as a contribution towards projects/works to be carried out to improve the appearance of their local area.

Tidy Towns Name	Schedule of Works	Amount to be awarded in 2011
Ballycahill Tidy Village	Planting of flowers & shrubs, garden seat, paint, lawnmower	€750
Ballina Tidy Towns	Painting and landscaping	€7,500
Ballingarry Tidy Towns	Plant trees, refuse removal	€2,000
Ballinahinch Tidy Towns	Weed control, hedge trimming, shrubs, floral boxes, painting, power hosing, clean up evening	€1,000
Birdhill Tidy Towns	Trees, shrubs, flowers and creation of Ogham graveyard	€2,500
Borrisoleigh Development Association	Picnic furniture	€1,275
Capparoo	Signage, upgrade bridge, phone box, fencing	€1,500
Castleiney Tidy Towns	Planting flowers, garden tools, painting and shrubs	€750
Carrigahorig Development Association	Build stone wall in village, fertilisers, plants, petrol etc.	€2,100
Clonmore Village Development Committee	Hanging baskets and brackets, flowers	€1,400
Cloughjordan Tidy Town Committee	Sandblasting of bridge, flower beds, tubs and paint	€2,000
Drombane Village Group	Erect boundary pier, new iron gate and remove waste from community hall	€1,350
Holycross Development Society	Increase biodiversity with planting of trees in wildlife habitat, power hose and paint derelict building and derelict building site to provide allotments, hanging baskets	€2,700
Inch, Ragg, Bouladuff Tidy Village	Grass cutting, hedge cutting, continuation of work on walker's footpath	€1,800
Killoscully Development Association	Flowers, payment to gardener for work carried out, hardware, skip for clean up, development plan	€2,200
Kilcommon Community Council	Village furniture, develop walk, hanging baskets and flower tubs, develop a community woodland	€1,800
Kilbarron Development Association	Painting, planting, signage and hedgecutting	€2,000
Littleton Tidy Towns	Flowers, paint, maintenance of wall and stone work, cleaning of graffiti and litter control	€525
Lorrha Dev. Association	Planting, lawn mower, repair entrances	€2,250
Loughmore Tidy Village	Lawn mower, hedge strimmer, flower pots, bedding plants and shrubs	€1,200
Milestone Development Association	Wildlife signs, shrubs, baskets, flowers, general maintenance, assistance to residents associations	€900
Moynes Village Committee	General maintenance and replace shrubs	€1,000

Newport Environmentally Friendly Group	Signage, flowers, planting, seating, hanging baskets, notice board, water carrier, painting, heritage sign, landscaping and flower beds in 4 estates	€3,500
Portroe Tidy Towns	Building of a bird feature and planting flowers	€2,000
Puckane Tidy Towns	Seating and new path at church boundary wall	€1,500
Rearcross Tidy Towns	Access ramp, stone work, refurbishment of timber railing and picnic tables, window boxes	€1,000
Roscrea Tidy Towns	Flowers, shrubs, compost, hanging baskets, paint, hardware, replacement lights	€7,500
Shevry Development Association	Nature area, pathway to river, hedge cutting, plants	€1,500
Silvermines Enhancement Group	Power washer hire, shrubs, flower tubs, paint, timber, sand, repair stone walls, flowers	€3,000
Terryglass Improvements Associations	Develop new village green, fencing and gate	€5,250
Templetuohy Tidy Village	Grass cutting, flowers, refuse collection, shrubs, garden tools	€1,000
Upperchurch Tidy Village	4 benches for the village, paint, flowers, bedding and bird boxes	€2,250
Garrykennedy Tidy Towns	Lawnmower, strimmer, planting mulch for flower beds	€1,000

Members paid tribute to the work done by the various Tidy Towns Committees throughout the County and congratulated them on the results achieved in this year's competition.

Item 8.3
Allocation of grants under the Community, Sports & Cultural Grants Scheme

It was proposed by Cllr. B. Clancy, seconded by Cllr. J. Hogan and resolved that the recommendation below for the Community, Sport and Cultural Grants Scheme is hereby approved.

Recommendation - Community, Sport & Cultural Grant Scheme 2011

THURLES ELECTORAL AREA

Group	Total Cost €	Technical Assistance Grant €
Littleton Community Resource Centre Project	€134,590.11	€134,590.11

Item 9.1
Unification of North & South Tipperary County Councils

Members noted correspondence regarding the Unification of North and South Tipperary County Councils.

Mr. J. MacGrath advised the Members that details of the Establishment and Terms of Reference of the Tipperary Reorganisation Implementation Group were issued that day. He outlined membership of the Group which he will chair. The Group has a general mandate to oversee planning, preparatory work and initial implementation of the reorganisation process.

Cllr. M. Lowry informed the meeting that he and the County Manager had met with the Minister on this issue. He has proposed that a sub committee made up of Members from North and South Tipperary County Council be formed after the formation of the Implementation Group.

Members generally welcomed the amalgamation. Concerns were also expressed in relation to the *Minutes of September 2011 Monthly Meeting*

geographical extent of the county and the distance from north to south of the county which is approximately 90 miles; the effects of the amalgamation on local representation and from where the savings would be achieved. Members stressed the need to ensure that the quality and level of service was protected during the process.

All members wished Mr. J. MacGrath well as Chairperson of the Implementation Group. Mr. MacGrath thanked the Members for their good wishes and for the honest and open debate. He stated that the successful amalgamation will require the co-operation of both Councils and that the Group will be guided by what is best for the County.

Item 10.1
Fraud &
Corruption
Prevention/
Contingency
Plan

Members noted the Fraud and Corruption Contingency Plan, copy of which was circulated via email.

Item 11.1
Changes in
Membership of
SPC's

Members ratified changes in membership of the Strategic Policy Committees in accordance with revised nominations received from North Tipperary Community & Voluntary Association as set out hereunder on the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. J. Meaney:

Planning & Development/Community & Enterprise SPC:- Mary Downes, Jim Hough, Sean McLoughlin, Todd McNamara, Nancy White

Environmental & Emergency Services SPC:- Matt Ryan

Transportation, Roads & Water Services SPC:- Mary Downes

Housing SPC:- Sean McLoughlin, Nancy White

Item 11.2
Reports on
Strategic Policy
Committee
Meetings

Summary of the following Strategic Policy Committee Meeting was noted: -

- Environment SPC held on 8th September 2011

Item 12.1
Report on
Meetings held by
Area
Committees

Summaries of the following Area Committee meetings were noted:

- Thurles held on 25th July 2011
- Templemore held on 31st July 2011
- Nenagh held on 2nd September 2011
- Newport held on 12th September 2011

Item 13.1
Attendance at
Conferences

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy 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 Conference/Seminar":

Seminar/Conference /Similar event	Dates	Venue	Nominees	Estimated Cost
MacGill Summer School	24 th – 29 th July	Glenties, Co. Donegal	Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler Cllr. Denis Ryan Cllr. Micheal Lowry Cllr. Pauline Coonan	€500

Merriman Summer School	17 th – 21 st August	Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare	Cllr. Michael Smith	€500
A Briefing for Local Authority Members on Current Issues in Education	25 th – 27 th July	The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City	Cllr. John Kennedy	€500
The Local Government Planning Service	12 th – 13 th August	West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen, Co. Cork	Cllr. Gerard Darcy Cllr. Virginia O'Dowd Cllr. Denis Ryan Cllr. Pauline Coonan	€500
Legislation on the reform of Local Government	12 th – 14 th August	Westport Plaza Hotel, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co. Mayo	Cllr. Seamus Morris Cllr. John Hogan	€500
Lammas Fair	28 th – 30 th August	Ballycastle, Co. Antrim	Cllr. Seamus Morris	€500
What is Spatial Planning	15 th September	Manor House Hotel, Killadeas, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh	Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler Cllr. Mattie Ryan (Coole) Cllr. Micheál Lowry	€500
European & National Commitments to reducing Poverty & Exclusion	9 th September	Northside Community Development Partnership, Forthill, Sligo Town	Cllr. John Carroll	€500
All-Island Conference on Energy Efficiency & Job Creation	1 st September	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth	Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Hughie McGrath	€500
Local Government promoting Renewable Energy – The Advantages of Solar Power	19 th – 21 st August	Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry	Cllr. Micheál Lowry	€500
National Jobs Conference 2011	26 th August	Dunhill Ecopark, Dunhill, Co. Waterford	Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler	€500
Frontiers in Poverty Research Summer School	26 th – 30 th September	Gearry Institute, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4	Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler	€500
AMAI 98 th Annual Conference	8 th – 10 th September	Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath	Cllr. Mattie Ryan (Coole) Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath Cllr. Hughie McGrath	€500
Enhancing Promotional Material & MS Office Troubleshooting	2 nd – 4 th September	Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork	Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler	€500
Effective Representation for your Constituents	23 rd – 25 th September	Manor West Hotel. Tralee, Co. Kerry	Cllr. Micheál Lowry	€500
European Waste Water Laws – Irish Governments decision to License Septic Tanks	30 th September – 2 nd October	Mill Park Hotel, The Mullins, Donegal Town	Cllr. Micheál Lowry	€500
Local Government – Health & Safety, Risk Assessment & Insurance	29 th – 31 st July	The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway	Cllr. John Hogan	€500

Item 13.2
Reports on
Conferences

Members noted the following Reports on Conferences attended:

Conference/Seminar Title	Date Of Conference	Reports Received from:
Time Management, Media & IT Skills	8 th – 10 th July 2011	Cllr. Séamus Morris Cllr. John Kennedy
Peace III Conference	24 th June 2011	Cllr. Eddie Moran Cllr. Denis Ryan Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Mattie Ryan (Coole)
The Challenges & Opportunities facing Local Government and the Irish People	17 th – 19 th June 2011	Cllr. Denis Ryan
Irish Language Course for Councillors	15 th – 17 th July 2011	Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler
MacGill Summer School	24 th – 29 th July 2011	Cllr. Denis Ryan Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler Cllr. Jim Ryan Cllr. Micheál Lowry
ACCC Annual Conference	24 th – 25 th March 2011	Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler
Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly Annual Conference	27 th May 2011	Cllr. John Carroll
All Island Maritime Leisure Tourism Conference	8 th – 9 th June 2011	Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Micheál Lowry
Legislation for the reform of Local Government	12 th – 14 th August 2011	Cllr. Séamus Morris
Parnell Summer School	14 th – 19 th August 2011	Cllr. Jim Ryan
Lammas Fair	28 th – 30 th August 2011	Cllr. Séamus Morris
The Local Government Planning Service	12 th – 13 th August 2011	Cllr. Denis Ryan
Local Government Promoting Renewable Energy – The Advantages of Solar Power	19 th – 21 st August 2011	Cllr. Micheál Lowry
Renewable Energy – Local Government can make a difference	3 rd – 5 th June 2011	Cllr. Micheál Lowry
Enhancing Promotional Material & MS Office Troubleshooting	2 nd – 4 th September 2011	Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler
National Jobs Conference 2011	26 th August 2011	Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler

Item 14.1
Mayor's
Business

None.

Item 15.1
County
Managers/
Directors of
Services/Heads
of Functions
Business

Mr. L. McCarthy informed Members that works will be starting next week on accommodating the Motor Tax office within Civic Offices. Negotiations are currently on-going in relation to the premises at Banba Square. Works are also starting at the front of the building on kerbing with a view to preventing illegal parking. Existing disability spaces will remain in place. All were requested to co-operate with the parking arrangements and to use the car park.

Members were advised that a presentation would be provided at the October Meeting by Dublin City Council in relation to the proposal to extract water from Lough Derg. Because of this it was necessary to defer the proposed presentation from Mr. Padraic White of the Louth Economic Forum. This would be re-scheduled to a later date.

Item 15.2
County
Manager's/
Directors Orders

Members noted the County Managers/Directors of Services/Heads of Functions Orders for months of July and August 2011.

Item 16.1
Tenders

Members noted the following Schedule of Tenders:-

Contract for	Successful Tenderer	Date Advertised	Method of Advertisement	No. of Tenders Received	No. of North Tipperary Contractors who Tendered	Amount of Tender (state if including or excluding VAT)
Drombane GWS Provision of Watermains (Phase 1)	Morrissey Pipelayers Ballingarry, Thurles.	28/4/11	E-tenders	12	4	€53,057 (excl. VAT)
Provision of Stormwater Sewer at Cluainn Muilleann Estate, Tyone, Nenagh	Tommy Mounsey Plant Hire, Upper Clashnevin, Nenagh.	27/7/11	3 prices sought (value under €50k)	2	2	€38,950 (excl. VAT)
Drombane GWS Provision of Watermains (Phase 2)	Seamus Fogarty Plant Hire, AGLISH, Roscrea	27/7/11	4 prices sought (value under €50k)	4	3	€45,160 (excl. VAT)
Regional Road Sign Posting Scheme Contract 5	Rennicks Manufacturing Ltd., Kilbride, Mulhuddurt, Dublin 15	15/08/11	E tenders	4	0	€119,210.01 Including VAT
Alterations to the front of the Civic Offices Building, Nenagh	Liam Maher, Plant & Civil Engineering, Thurlesbeg, Dublin Rd, Cashel, Co. Tipperary	10/6/11	3 quotations received	3	1	€21,010 excluding VAT
Retrofit of the Civic Offices Building to incorporate a new Motor Tax Department	John SISK and Sons Contractors, Wilton Works, Naas Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	13/7/11	e-Tenders, Guardian, Tipperary Star, Midland Tribune	3	0	€388,162.55 excluding VAT
Demolition of Old Bank of Ireland Premises, Borrisoleigh and Ancillary Works	M & S Construction Roscomroe	07/05/11	Local papers	4	2	€14,274 ex VAT
Extension to House at 30 Old Road, Silvermines, Nenagh.	John Ryan, Building Contractor, Ballyegan, Birr, Co. Offaly	28/05/2011	3 Local Papers/ E-Tenders Website	4	2	€23,500.00 excluding VAT

Extension to House at 56, Sheehane, Roscrea.	Slievenamon Homes (Killenaule) Ltd., Garrane Thurles.	23/04/2011	3 Local Papers/ e-Tenders Website	6	4	€46,797.51 excluding VAT.
1 No. 4 x 2 Tipper Truck	DAF	1 st April 2011	e-tenders	9 No.	None	€61,650 excl. vat
2 No. 6 x 4 Tipper Trucks	McCarthy Commercial s Ltd. (Volvo)	1 st April 2011	e-tenders	9 No.	None	€83,750 excl. vat per truck

Item 17.1
Notices of
Motion

None

Item 18.1
Correspondence

Members noted the following correspondence copy of which was circulated to them via email: -

1.	Letter from An Taoiseach thanking the Council for the Vote of Congratulations passed to him regarding the Queen Elizabeth and President Barack Obama visits.
2.	Letter from Cobh Town Council outlining motion adopted by them regarding incarceration of people as convicts during the Great Famine.
3.	Reply from Go Safe to Council's letter regarding safety cameras at Lisbunny Graveyard.
4.	Annual Report and Accounts 2010 of Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly.
5.	Reply from Office of the Minister for Education and Skills in reply to Council's letter regarding Student Grants.
6.	Acknowledgement from Office of Minister for Defence to Council's letter regarding Civil Defence Act/Civil Defence Board.
7.	Reply from Department of Defence regarding Council's letter regarding Civil Defence Act/Civil Defence Board.
8.	Acknowledgement from Office of Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources to Council's letter regarding Silvermines Rehabilitation Project.
9.	Reply from Michael Murray, CEO, North Tipperary Leader Partnership regarding Managers query re. funding of Thurles International 13's Festival.
10.	Letter from Kerry County Council requesting consideration of motion adopted by them regarding survivors of Magdalene Laundries.
11.	Letter from Limerick County Council outlining motion adopted by them regarding elderly people in nursing home care.
12.	Letter from Lord Mayor of Dublin regarding International Conference on Age Friendly Cities.
13.	Acknowledgement notes to votes of sympathy passed from the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family of the late Séamus Maxwell, Bearna Lodge, Oldtown, Templemore • Family of the late Matty Ryan • Family of the late Máire de Stafort

Cllr. M. Smith stated that he was not satisfied with the response received in relation to the Civil Defence Headquarters in Roscrea. He requested that a further letter be issued to Minister Shatter expressing the disappointment of members that Roscrea would now be a branch of the Department rather than the Headquarters of Civil Defence. He was supported by Cllr. E. Moran.

Item 19.1
Any Other
Business

None.

This concluded the business of the Meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify.

Signed: _____
Cllr. Micheál Lowry,
Mayor

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Ms. Rosemary Joyce,
Meetings Administrator

Date: _____