

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF JULY MONTHLY MEETING
OF NORTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD,
NENAGH ON MONDAY 18TH JULY 2011.**

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; Karl Cashen, Director of Services; Brian Beck, A/Director of Services; Rosemary Joyce, Meetings Administrator/Senior Executive Officer; Nuala O'Connell, Senior Executive Planner; Michael F. Hayes, Senior Engineer; Jim McGuire, Senior Engineer and Dan Downey, Staff Officer.

Mr. Donal McCarthy, Internal Auditor, who had recently joined the staff of the Council, was introduced to members.

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-

- Matt O'Leary on the death of his brother Martin
- The Slevin Family on the death of Gerry Slevin
- The Browne Family on the death of Cllr. Michael Browne.
- The Kelly family on the death of Brendan Kelly
- The Hennessy Family on the death of Paddy Carroll
- The Harding Family on the death of Dorothy Harding
- The Kennedy Family on the death of Michael Kennedy
- Michael O' Kennedy on the death of his son-in-law, John Cronin

Votes of Congratulations

Votes of Congratulations/Best Wishes were passed to the following: -

- Sheila Gregan, Newtown, on winning a silver medal for the 3km women's walk event at the 18th World Transplant Games in Sweden
- Orla Hogan on her participation in the World Transplant Games
- U-16 Camogie Team on winning the Munster title
- Tipperary Senior Hurling Team on winning the Munster Final
- Sarsfields GAA club on hosting the International Hurling Festival
- Tipperary Minor Football Team on winning the Munster Final

Members referred to refusal of grant funding for the International Hurling Festival on the basis that this was a sporting event. The grant funding had been approved by NTLF and had been supported by the Council. It was considered that this event was a means of driving tourism in the Thurles Area and that the decision to refuse should be overturned. Mr. J. MacGrath undertook to follow up on the matter.

Item 1.1
Presidential
Candidate

Cllr. M. Lowry informed members that due to a meeting in Kerry County Council, Mr. Sean Gallagher would be late for the meeting and would not be in a position to attend until after 1.15 p.m.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Casey, seconded by Cllr. J. Hogan and agreed that Mr. Gallagher be allowed address the County Council at an appropriate stage during the monthly meeting.

Following Item 5.1, Cllr. M. Lowry welcomed Mr. Sean Gallagher who is seeking nominations from Local Authorities to be allowed run for President of Ireland.

Mr. Sean Gallagher addressed the members. Following this members asked questions regarding a number of matters which were answered by Mr. Gallagher. Cllr. M. Lowry thanked Mr. Gallagher for attending. He advised Mr. Gallagher that the Council would give careful consideration to what he had said and wished him all the best in the future. Members would deliberate on all three presentations and would let the prospective candidates know the outcome.

The meeting was then adjourned for ten minutes.

On resumption Item 1.2 on the Agenda was considered.

Item 1.2
Nomination of
Presidential
Candidate

Ms. R. Joyce informed the Members that requests had been received from two other potential candidates, Mr. David Mulqueen and Mr. Richard McSweeney to address the Members. Correspondence was also received in support of Senator David Norris.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. M. O'Meara and agreed that North Tipperary County Council would indicate their intention to support the nomination of Ms. Mary Davis as a candidate in the Presidential Election.

Members noted that they had received three excellent presentations and it was agreed to reserve the right to re-examine the matter when the nomination process was being considered if, in their opinion at that time, another candidate was more in need of support to allow their name appear on the ballot paper.

Item 2.1
Minutes of June
Monthly Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin, seconded by Cllr. J. Kennedy and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the June 2011 Monthly Meeting held on 20th June 2011 be adopted.

Item 2.2
Minutes of
Annual Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin, seconded by Cllr. J. Meaney and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 27th June 2011 be adopted.

Item 2.3
Minutes of
Special Meeting
held on 27th June
2011

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Casey, seconded by Cllr. J. Kennedy and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 27th June 2011 be adopted.

Item 2.4
Minutes of Special
Meeting held on
11th July 2011

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. J. 'Rocky' McGrath and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 11th July 2011 be adopted.

Item 2.5
Action Plan

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

Item 3.1
Disposal of Land
at Parkmore,
Roscrea

Members were advised that this item was being deferred due to an error in the notice issued.

Item 4.1
Loan Advance
Scheme for
promotion of
interests of local
community

Mr. L. McCarthy informed members that the Scheme had been drafted in consultation with NTLP arising from the Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. D. Ryan. He outlined details of the Scheme to members. McCarthy stated that the onus is on the community groups to exhaust all other areas of funding and that the County Council will be the lender of last resort.

Members welcomed the Scheme however concerns were expressed regarding the Personal Guarantees required from members of the Community Group that is applying for funding. Mr. L. McCarthy clarified that this measure would only be used where Community Groups gave an instruction to NTLP to pay the tranche of the grant required to repay the advance and interest into a bank account other than that designated by the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. P. Coonan and agreed that the Loan Advance Scheme for Promotion of Interests of Local Community be adopted.

Item 5.1
Higher
Education Grant
Scheme

Members discussed the Student Support Scheme 2011/2012 as notified by the Department of Education and Skills.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Hogan and seconded by Cllr. J. Meaney that the Council write to the Minister for Education and Skills to reconsider the qualifying distance for the non-adjacent rate which is being increased from 24km to 45km for all students for the 2011/12 academic year. Members were extremely concerned that this change could mean students may not be able to afford to go to College. Members were also concerned that the assessment of new grants is being centralised and there will be no further input locally. The particular impact on counties such as North Tipperary in view of the number of students attending Colleges in Limerick and LIT –Tipperary was highlighted. It was considered unfair that the system had been changed for students who had already commenced courses and that these students should be allowed to continue based on the criterion applied for their original assessment. The importance of facilitating students to avail of further education opportunities particularly in times of recession was stressed. Members called for the decision in relation to the non-adjacent rate to be reversed.

Ms. R. Joyce advised members that there was a need to have the Scheme in place in order to allow processing of grants to commence. The members concerns would be relayed to the Department. There were a number of students who were not affected by the non-adjacent rate because of their addresses or the College which they were attending.

Cllr. J. Casey asked that the decision be deferred until a response was received from the Minister. He was concerned that if the Scheme was adopted it would weaken the case for reversal of the changes. Mr. J. MacGrath told members that he appreciated their concerns and was conscious of the unique position of students in North Tipperary being in close proximity to colleges in Tipperary and Limerick. These concerns could be put to the Minister.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Coonan, seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan that this Council adopt the Higher Education Grants Scheme 2011/2012 as notified to the Council by the Department of Education and Skills on the 29th June, 2011.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin, seconded by Cllr. M. Smith and agreed to adjourn the meeting for lunch and to resume discussion on this item in the afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1.15p.m for lunch.

The meeting resumed at 2.00 p.m.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Casey and seconded by Cllr. M. Smith that this Council defer making a decision to adopt the Scheme for a further two weeks until the Council had written to the Minister and the Local Dáil Representatives expressing members' concerns and that a further meeting be held on 5th August to make a decision at that time.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. J. Kennedy and agreed to adjourn the meeting to allow further consideration of the matter.

On resumption Cllr. P. Coonan indicated that her proposal to adopt the Scheme stood as she considered that Cllr. Casey's proposal would not result in any significant change. Cllr. D. Ryan seconded Cllr. Coonan's proposal stating that postponement of the decision would only result in confusion for students applying for grants.

Cllr. J. Casey indicated that his proposal as seconded by Cllr. M. Smith to defer making a decision until 5th August and to contact the Minister and the Oireachtas members also stood.

It was agreed to vote on these proposals.

In favour of deferring a decision of the Student Support Scheme for a further two weeks: Cllrs. J. Carroll, J. Casey, B. Clancy, S. Hanafin, J. Hogan, H. McGrath, S. Morris, J. Ryan, M. Ryan, M. Smith (10).

Against deferring decision of the Student Support Scheme for a further two weeks: Cllrs. P. Bugler, P. Coonan, G. Darcy, J. Kennedy, M. Lowry, J. 'Rocky' McGrath, J. Meaney, E. Moran, V. O'Dowd, M. O'Meara, D. Ryan (11).

A vote was then taken on the adoption of the Student Support Scheme 2011/2012.

In favour of adopting the Student Support Scheme 2011/2012 as notified to the Council by the Department of Education and Skills on the 29th June, 2011: Cllrs. P. Bugler, P. Coonan, G. Darcy, J. Kennedy, M. Lowry, J. 'Rocky' McGrath, J. Meaney, E. Moran, V. O'Dowd, M. O'Meara, D. Ryan (11).

Against adopting the Student Support Scheme 2011/2012 as notified to the Council by the Department of Education and Skills on the 29th June, 2011: Cllrs. J. Carroll, J. Casey, B. Clancy, S. Hanafin, J. Hogan, H. McGrath, S. Morris, J. Ryan, M. Ryan, M. Smith (10).

Mr. J. MacGrath thanked the Members for making the decision and indicated that a letter would issue to the Minister expressing the members' concerns and requesting that he meet a deputation from the Council. It was further agreed to send a copy of the correspondence to the Oireachtas members in North Tipperary.

Item 6.1
Roads Quarterly
Report

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

In response to queries from a number of members Mr. Michael F. Hayes advised that the selection of the route for the Thurles Bypass was outside the control of the Council. It was a matter for the Regional Design Office and the N.R.A. A peer review had been carried out which had identified a few issues. It would take a number of weeks to resolve these and it was hoped to have a report to present at the September meeting of the Council.

Cllr. J. Meaney welcomed the announcement of funding for the cycle route from Nenagh to Limerick and complimented Limerick County Council for their contribution to the joint application to the Department. He also welcomed proposals for a regional salt barn and a salt barn for North Tipperary to be provided at Carrigatoher.

Mr. Michael F. Hayes responded to matters raised by members including matters relating to hedgecutting, bridge repairs, road signage, road re-alignment at Congar, the R503, noxious weeds and public lighting.

Cllr. H. McGrath welcomed road works outside the offices on the Limerick Road and asked would they be continued to Springfort Cross. He also asked that the Council look at providing a footpath around the N52 Nenagh Bypass.

Members referred to issues relating to illegal parking and, in particular, an issue at Church Road, Borrisokane. It was noted that it had been agreed at a meeting of the Joint Policing Committee to nominate one person to liaise with Gardaí on such matters.

Cllr. John Carroll requested that the Department be contacted with a view to putting work on the Regional Road at Latteragh back on the agenda in view of the danger arising when the adjoining river is in flood.

Mr. M. O' Connor advised Cllr. J. Casey that there was a contractual dispute relating to amenities in Terryglass and this had not yet been resolved. The Council was not in a position to take the lighting in charge. Mr. J. MacGrath advised that progress was being made in this matter.

Cllr. J. Kennedy referred to discussions he had with the Co. Manager in relation to the provision of signage in towns. He requested that a list of requirements for each town and village be drawn up so that a proposal could be made to the Minister for funding.

Item 7.1
Water Services
Quarterly
Report

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

Cllr. P. Coonan asked that those involved in the proposal to take water from Lough Derg would give an update to members and management. Cllr. M. Lowry advised that it had been agreed at the Corporate Policy Group meeting to forward a copy of the presentation given by consultants to the Environment & Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee to members and to request that a further presentation be given.

Mr. J. McGuire responded to queries from members.

Mr. J. MacGrath informed members that the Government had indicated that it is proposed to establish a national water utility company and this was a commitment in the EU/IMF Programme. They have appointed Price Waterhouse Cooper as consultants to advise on the level of responsibility that the utility company should have. He stressed the importance of ensuring that local authorities are not left in a difficult financial situation and the need to ensure that all matters are addressed in relation to capital provision, ongoing maintenance and operation.

Item 8.1
Planning &
Development
Register

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

Item 8.2
Issues Paper on
Roscrea Local
Area Plan 2012 –
2018

Members considered the Issues Paper on Roscrea Local Area Plan 2012 – 2018 and on the proposal of Cllr. J. Hogan, seconded by Cllr. M. Smith, it was agreed to put it on public display.

Item 8.3
Nenagh Town &
Environs
Development
Plan 2013 – 2019

Following consideration of the Manager's Report on the submissions received on the Issues Paper on the Nenagh Town & Environs Development Plan 2013-2019 it was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan and agreed to direct the Manager to prepare the Draft Development Plan.

Item 8.4
Draft County
Retail Strategy

Members considered the Manager's Report on the submissions received on the Draft County Retail Strategy and the recommendations made by the Planning & Development/Community & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee.

Members discussed out of town developments and the impact on town centres. Cllr. S. Hanafin stressed the need to protect town centres and strongly supported the rigorous application of the sequential test to all retail proposals other than those intended to serve a local population.

Cllr. J. Ryan stated that this was a very important document for the retail industry. On the one hand there was a need to protect town centres. On the other hand there were existing and new businesses which would prefer to develop on the edges of towns from the point of view of having space to expand and the provision of car parking. Such developments provided employment and extra revenue. It was important that these would also be listened to.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the resilient spirit of family businesses in town centres.

Mr. B. Beck stated the Retail Strategy at local level had to comply with the Retail Planning Guidelines 2005 and the Regional Planning Guidelines. If there was no Retail Strategy in place the Council would still have to comply with the requirement to protect the Town Centre. Applicants seeking to develop retail proposals in locations other than the Town Centre would have to demonstrate firstly that the proposed development would not adversely affect the Town Centre and secondly that they had examined all available sites in a sequential manner in terms of availability, suitability and viability. Applications for retail development in Town Centres could also be refused if they were not appropriate to the Town Centre. He referred to the vibrancy of the towns in North Tipperary and said that there was an 89% occupancy rate of premises in Nenagh.

Cllr. J. Hogan was concerned that the Retail Strategy might be too restrictive in terms of development on the edge of towns. He referred to the wording on page 33 to the effect that there should be no new permissions granted for additional out of centre retailing, including the extension of any existing store or retail park, and the broadening of the range of goods sold to encompass any categories other than bulky goods and proposed that this wording be removed. Mr. B. Beck stated that it was not appropriate to take one section of the Strategy in isolation and that the following section provided that *"notwithstanding the general lack of retail need identified up to 2016 and beyond, the proposed Retail Strategy does not seek to prohibit new development. Instead the Retail Strategy seeks to match the scale and function of retail development with the scale and function of the centre, combined with a restriction on new development in out of centre locations."*

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Coonan, seconded by Cllr. V. O'Dowd and resolved that being satisfied that the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2010 and all Regulations thereunder have been complied with in relation to the Draft County Retail Strategy 2011 and having regard to the provisions of the Retail Planning Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2005 and the Mid West Regional Planning Guidelines 2010, we the Council of North Tipperary having considered the Manager's Report on the submissions received on the Draft County Retail Strategy 2011 hereby make the County Retail Strategy 2011 as amended in accordance with the proposals of the Planning & Development/Community & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee as follows:

Recommendations of the Planning & Development/Community & Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee in relation to the Manager's Report on the Draft County Retail Strategy 2011.

Meetings were held on the 13th July 2011.

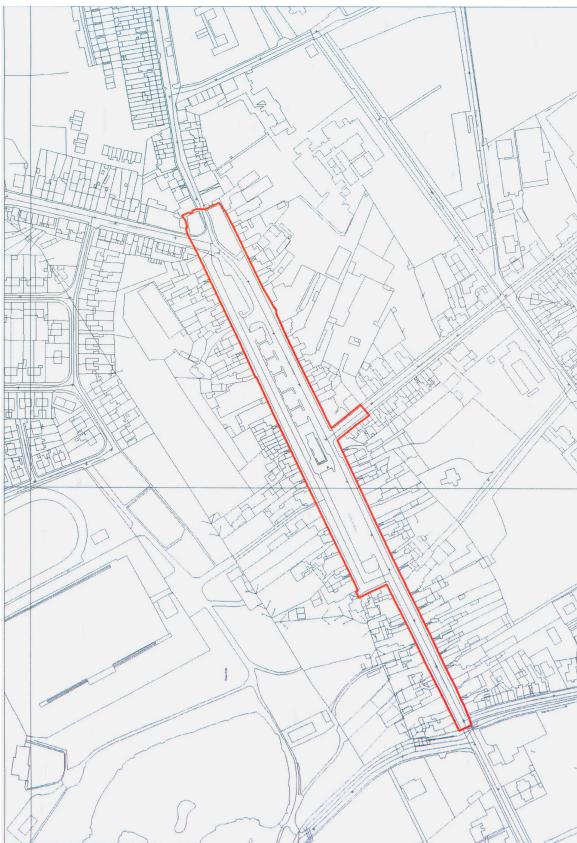
Chairperson - Cllr. Pauline Coonan

Submission No.	Recommendation
1	Agree to Manager's Report <i>Minutes of July 2011 Monthly Meeting</i>

- 2 Agree to Manager's Report
- 3 Agree to Manager's Report
- 4 **Amend Manager's Report as per attached**
- 5 Agree to Manager's Report
- 6 Agree to Manager's Report

Part II

Table 2: Amendments proposed by the Planning and Community and Enterprise SPC following the Manager's Report on submissions on Draft Retail Strategy		
Sub Ref.	Received From	Proposed Amendments
4	Thurles Chamber of Commerce	Amend Section 5.3.3 below picture on P. 39 bullet point 2 to read Encourage the provision (where not already provided) of good quality convenience outlets capable of supporting a main food shopping trip in or on the edge of the town centre adjacent to the Core Retail Area.
	Other recommendations from SPC	Amend Table 3.1 to include reference to Costcutters in Templemore and Borrisoleigh as retail outlets.
		Amend Figure 3.3 to amend the Prime Retail Area to include an area on Bank Street down as far as the Mart site (see attached Map)



It was proposed by Cllr. J. Kennedy and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting continue past 5.30p.m.

Item 8.5
Draft
Templemore &
Environs
Development
Plan 2012 – 2018

Members considered the Draft Templemore & Environs Development Plan 2012-2018. Cllr. P. Coonan spoke of the huge potential of Templemore and made particular reference to the Garda Training Centre and to educational facilities. She called for members of the public to read the plan and to make submissions in the interest of the future development of the Town.

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. J. Hogan, seconded by Cllr. M. Smith and agreed to put the Draft Templemore & Environs Development Plan 2012-2018 with the amendments agreed by Templemore Town Council as set out hereunder on public display.

Amendments to Draft Templemore and Environs Development Plan as adopted by the member of Templemore Town Council on the 14th July, 2011

1. Amend Policy TC6 ‘Takeaway Outlets’ to omit the word ‘control’ and replace with word ‘consider’.

Policy TC6: Takeaway Outlets

It is the policy of the Council to ~~control~~ **consider** the provision of takeaway outlets in the town centre. In assessing applications for takeaway outlets, the Council will consider the impact on local amenity, litter generation and noise disturbance. The Council will also seek to ensure that signage does not detract from the streetscape and that opening hours of such premises are appropriately controlled.

Reason: To positively facilitate the provision of new commercial development and to encourage the re-development of existing premises to enhance the vibrancy and viability of the town centre.

2. Amend the zoning objective of land for to the rear of St. Sheelan’s College from agricultural to social and public use (Map Attached).

Reason: It is considered that land should be identified to facilitate the future expansion of St. Sheelan’s College to ensure its long term viability.

3. Amend the zoning objective of lands adjacent the Railway Station to Phase 2 Residential (Map Attached)

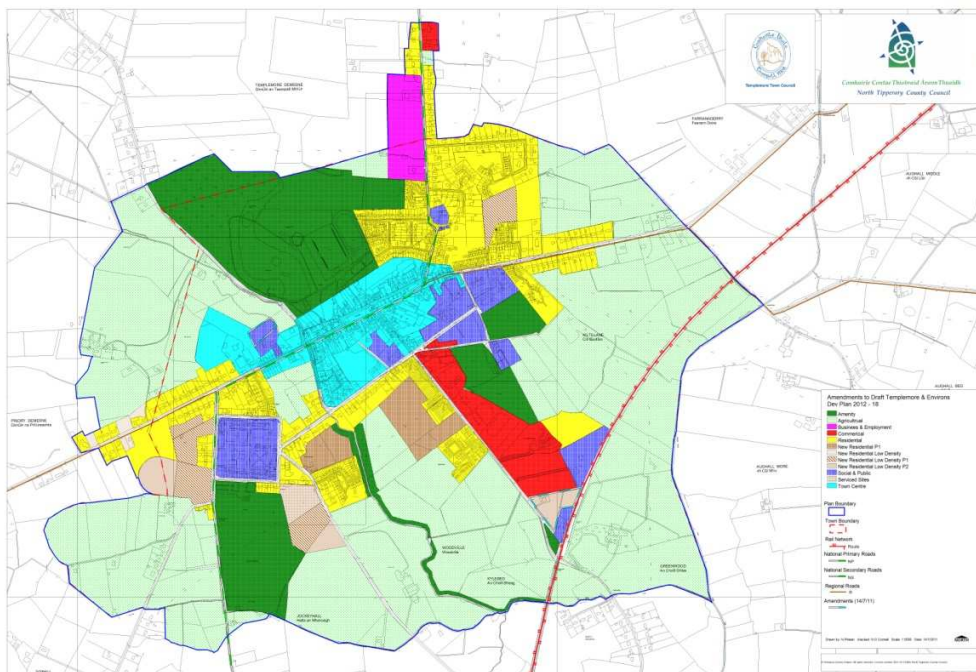
Reason: The lands are located close to the Railway Station and can be serviced by existing water and waste water infrastructure. It is considered that the lands are suitable for residential development and should be identified for this use.

4. Amend Objective WS10 ‘Flood Relief Measures’ to facilitate the re-examination the zoning objectives when the OPW Flood Relief Works are carried out.

Objective WS10: Flood Relief Measures

It is an objective of the Council to co-operate with the OPW and seek the implementation of the flood relief measures which will serve to protect the town from potential flood events. **On implementation of the scheme, it is the Council’s intention to re-examine the zoning objectives of the plan and in particular lands which will be afforded flood protection close to the town centre.**

Reason: To allow for the future assessment of lands when flood protection measures have been put in place.



Item 8.6
Presentation on
M-WASP

Members noted the presentation on the Mid-West Area Strategic Plan (M-WASP) which had been circulated to them. Mr. B. Beck advised that the document would go on public display and would then come back to the Regional Authority. He confirmed that submissions could be made by members to the Regional Authority.

Item 9.1
Appointment of
Member to
North Tipperary
Vocational
Education
Committee

Members paid tribute to Cllr. J. Casey who resigned from the North Tipperary Vocational Education Committee. Members noted his 25 years experience and wished to thank him for his contribution.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll that Cllr. J. Casey be re-appointed to the North Tipperary Vocational Education Committee.

Cllr. J. Casey thanked Members for their kind remarks. He said he was on the Committee for 25 years and was Chairperson for 18 years. He was fortunate to have been involved at a time of great development. He referred to the reasons for his resignation and said he considered he had no option but to resign. While he appreciated the proposal to again nominate him he was not prepared to go back on the Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Casey, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and agreed that Cllr. H. McGrath be appointed as a member of the North Tipperary Vocational Education Committee. Cllr. H. McGrath indicated his willingness to accept the nomination and said it was a great honour to be proposed by Cllr. J. Casey to the position.

Cllr. M. Lowry said that at V.E.C. level everyone had already complimented Cllr. Casey on his contribution. His resignation was a sad loss for the V.E.C. He regretted that Cllr. Casey was not prepared to return but he respected his decision and welcomed Cllr. H. McGrath to the Committee.

Item 10.1
Annual Business
Plan 2011

Members noted the Annual Business Plan 2011, copy of which was circulated via email.

Item 11.1
Reports on
Strategic Policy
Committee
Meetings

Summaries of the following Strategic Policy Committee Meetings were noted: -

- Transportation, Roads & Water Services held on 5th July 2011
- Planning & Development held on 15th July 2011

Item 12.1
Report on
Meetings held by
Area
Committees

Summaries of the following Area Committee meetings were noted:

- Nenagh held on 4th July 2011
- Newport held on 4th July 2011

Cllr. M. O'Meara raised an issue in relation to dangerous buildings in the control of the Council. He proposed that an inventory of such buildings be prepared by the Council.

Cllr. J. Carroll stated that the members of the Newport Area had been briefed on the current position regarding the Silvermines Rehabilitation Project. Mr. K. Cashen outlined to members the current position. Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll and agreed that a letter issue to the Minister requesting (1) that the Council be allowed proceed with the application to the EPA for a licence for Garryard; (2) that the state take ownership of the site; (3) that regular monitoring be carried out; (4) that approval be given to commence phase 2 of the project.

Cllr. M. Smith raised the issue of the proposal of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence to repeal the Civil Defence Act 2002 and to abolish the Civil Defence Board. He expressed concern at the possible implications for Roscrea and for employment in the area and for the future of Civil Defence. He paid tribute to the work done by Civil Defence volunteers. It was agreed to write to the Minister expressing the Council's concern at these proposals.

Item 13.1
Attendance at
Conferences

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath 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
The Challenges & Opportunities facing Local Government, Irish Business and the Irish People	17 th – 19 th June	Carlton Hotel Tralee, Dan Spring Road, Tralee, Co. Kerry	Cllr. Denis Ryan Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath	€500
Peace III Conference – Building Bridges	24 th June	City Hotel, Derry	Cllr. Hughie McGrath Cllr. John Carroll	€500
Time Management, Media & IT Skills Conference	8 th – 10 th July	Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, West Cork	Cllr. Seamus Morris Cllr. John Kennedy	€500
Irish Language Course for Councillors	15 th – 17 th July	Seaview Hotel, Gweedore, Co. Donegal	Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler	€500

Item 13.2
Reports on
Conferences

Members noted the following Reports on Conferences attended:

Conference/Seminar Title	Date Of Conference	Reports Received from:
BMW Regional Assembly Annual Conference	6 th May 2011	Cllr. John Carroll
Lessons from the Crisis – Taxes & Saving in a Changing World	9 th May 2011	Cllr. John Carroll
Catch the Wave – Getting on board with Social Entrepreneurship	17 th May 2011	Cllr. John Carroll
Institute for British & Irish Studies Annual Conference – North-South & Cross Border Relations	26 th May 2011	Cllr. John Carroll
Reviving Rural Rail	17 th – 19 th June 2011	Cllr. Jim Casey
Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly Annual Conference	27 th May 2011	Cllr. Mattie Ryan (Coole)
Peace III Conference	24 th June 2011	Cllr. Hughie McGrath
The Challenges & Opportunities facing Local Government, Irish Business & the Irish People	17 th – 19 th June 2011	Cllr. John ‘Rocky’ McGrath
Renewable Energy – Local Government can make a difference	3 rd – 5 th June 2011	Cllr. John ‘Rocky’ McGrath
Elected Member’s Responsibilities – Indemnity from Liability of Decisions of the Body Corporate	10 th – 12 th June 2011	Cllr. John ‘Rocky’ McGrath

Item 14.1
Mayor’s
Business

None.

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

Mr. J. MacGrath circulated a report on Employment Initiatives and Work Experience Opportunities which outlined initiatives that North Tipperary Local Authorities are currently involved in, aimed at providing employment and training opportunities to the unemployed, students, graduates and people with special needs.

Mr. L. McCarthy stated that work is about to commence on the roundabout outside the Civic Offices in order to prevent parking there. He asked for co-operation in ensuring that the Car Park is used by all those visiting the Civic Offices.

Ms. R. Joyce stated that Mr. P. White who spoke recently at the Louth Economic Forum proposes to speak to Members at the October meeting.

Item 15.2
County
Manager’s/
Directors Orders

Members noted the County Managers/Directors of Services/Heads of Functions Orders for month of June 2011.

Item 16.1
Tenders

Members noted the following Schedule of Tenders:-

John Ryan, Building Contractor, Ballyegan, Birr in the sum of €45,500 for extension to house at 57 Sheehane, Roscrea.
Archway Products Ltd., Jamestown, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim in the sum of €218,691.77 inclusive of VAT for the purchase of 1no. Roadmaster Velocity Patcher.

It was agreed at the request of members to provide in future tender reports the same level of detail as contained in the report circulated by Mr. L. McCarthy.

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 Dublin City Council outlining motion adopted by them regarding hunger strike 1981
2.	Letter from Dublin City Council outlining motion adopted by them regarding survivors of the Magdalene Laundries.
3.	Letter from ASH Ireland regarding proposed smoking ban in playgrounds.
4.	Letter from Office of the President of Ireland thanking Council for kind words of appreciation regarding the recent visits to Ireland by her majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 and President Barack Obama.
5.	Letter from Clare County Council outlining motion adopted by them regarding illegal dumping.
6.	Letter from CEO's office in HSE Acknowledging Councils Letter regarding A & E Services at limerick Regional Hospital.
7.	Letter from Donegal County Council outlining motion adopted by them regarding protection of Right of Ways.

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: _____