

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF  
NORTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD,  
NENAGH ON MONDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2008 AT 2.00 P.M.**

**Present****Cllr. Joe Hennessy, Mayor - Presided**

Cllrs: Tom Berkery; Dr. Phyll Bugler; Jim Casey; John Carroll; Pauline Coonan; Sean Creamer; Ger Darcy; John Egan; Seamus Hanafin; Tom Harrington; John Hogan; John Kennedy; Willie Kennedy; Micheál Lowry; Michael O'Meara; John Sheehy; Denis Ryan; Jim Ryan; Mattie Ryan; Michael Smith;

**Also Present**

Terry Ó Niadh, County Manager; Karl Cashen, Director of Services; Matt Shortt, Director of Services; Paddy Heffernan, Director of Services; Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services; Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance; Gerard Lynch, Head of IS; Rosemary Joyce, Senior Executive Officer; Sharon Kennedy, Senior Executive Officer; Eamonn Brennan, Senior Executive Officer, Michael Hayes, Senior Executive Engineer, Michèle Maher, Senior Staff Officer, Brian Beck, Senior Planner, Nuala O'Connell, Senior Executive Planner, Brian Clancy, Administrative Officer, Annette Daly, Staff Officer, Claire O'Sullivan Acting Assistant Staff Officer and Mary Quigley, Acting Senior Staff Officer.

**Suspension of  
Standing Orders**

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Hanafin, seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to defer the commencement of the Meeting until 2.20 p.m.

At the commencement of the meeting it was proposed by Cllr. J. Sheehy, seconded by Cllr. P. Bugler and agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow a discussion on matters relating to a house at Ballina.

Cllr. J. Sheehy said that he was disappointed with the lack of dialogue with the residents of Cullenagh and Councillors prior to the purchase of this house. He stated that actions taken had divided the Community in which he lived. He raised a number of questions in relation to the decision to purchase the house and suggested that no action would be taken by Management or residents for a number of weeks so that a third party could be appointed to initiate dialogue to see if a solution could be found. He concluded by confirming that Council Members did not know about the decision until Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Other members spoke in support of Cllr. Sheehy and re-iterated the need for dialogue. Members also asked if other services would be diminished arising from the allocation of money to purchase the house. Members recognised that the purchase of and allocation of houses was an executive function of the Co. Manager.

In reply, Mr. T. O’Niadh thanked the members for the debate. He advised that it would be inappropriate to discuss the housing needs of any individual family at a Council meeting or in any public arena. He clarified the role of Elected Members and the role of County Manager in relation to the housing function generally. He advised that North Tipperary County Council, as a Housing Authority, has a statutory responsibility to provide accommodation for those in need of housing. The decisions relating to the choice of appropriate accommodations are executive functions performed by the Co. Manager. The determination of housing needs, the prioritisation of families on the assessment list, the selection of housing solutions and all technical aspects of house inspections are a function of the executive and the elected members do not have a role in these functions. The cost of purchasing or constructing houses is financed from the Council’s housing allocation, which is provided by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The identification and selection of houses is done without any reference to the elected members of the Council. The members were advised of the purchase on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2008. He further requested members of the public and the media to ensure that information is not circulated, which is based on rumour, speculation or generalisations. In response to specific questions from Cllr. Sheehy he confirmed that the purchase of the house was complete, the tenant had been appointed and that no services would be diminished as a result of the purchase of the house. He advised that no dialogue could be entered into in relation to the purchase of the house or the allocation of the tenancy. When the tenant takes up the tenancy, post-tenancy dialogue concerning settlement and integration of the family into the community could be entered into with the agreement of the tenant. He concluded by saying he was not dismissive of Councillors but he had to have regard to the rights of tenants and the confidentiality of individual cases.

Cllr. J. Hennessy proposed and Cllr. S. Hanafin seconded that management should meet with a deputation from the residents before anything else happened. Mr. T. Ó Niadh stated that consideration would be given to this proposal, discussions would take place with the tenant and that the executive would come back to the members at area level.

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**Votes of Sympathy**

Votes of sympathy were passed to the following:

- Matt Hassett on the death of his wife Ann
- Brian Beck on the death of his mother Joyce
- Francis O’Meara, Roscrea on the death of his brother Pat
- The Bourke Family Carrick on Suir on the death of Cllr. Denis Bourke
- Donal Minehan on the death of his wife, Maura
- Cllr. Ger Darcy on the death of his uncle Denis.
- Maher Family, Thurles on the death of Margaret Mary Maher.
- Fogarty Family, Templemore on the death of Michael Fogarty.

D’aontaigh an Bainisteoir le gach cuid de na vótaí ar son an foireann.

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**Vote of Congratulations**

A vote of congratulations was passed to the following: -

- Birdhill Tidy Villages Committee on winning the National Tidy Villages Award for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time
  - Terryglass Improvement Association on winning a bronze medal in the National Tidy Towns Awards
  - Silvermines Enhancement Group on winning a landscaping award for their Nature Trail in the National Tidy Towns Awards.
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- Killoscully Development Association on winning an endeavour award for greatest improvement in North Tipperary in the National Tidy Towns Awards.
- Kilbarron Development Association on winning a regional award for best new entrant in the National Tidy Towns Awards.
- Moore's Pub, Doon on winning best shopfront award in the Mid West Region.
- Thurles U.11 Hurling Team on winning the National Community Games.
- Thurles Special Olympic Team who competed in Special Olympics in Beijing.
- Martha O'Brien & Mary Quinn, Junior Pitch & Putt.
- Upperchurch Drombane, Minor Hurling Club on winning the County Final.
- Ann Keegan on her recent marriage to Thomas Ralph
- Aoife Kelly on winning the Rose of Tralee

D'aontaigh an Bainisteoir le gach cuid de na vótaí go léir.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Creamer, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and agreed that a Civic Reception should be held to mark the achievement of Aoife Kelly in winning the Rose of Tralee title.

**Item 1.1**  
**Adoption of**  
**Minutes of**  
**Previous Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. P. Coonan and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the July 2008 Monthly Meeting be adopted.

**Item 1.2**  
**Adoption of**  
**Minutes of Special**  
**Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**July 2008**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. J. Casey and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 be adopted.

**Item 1.3**  
**Action Plan**  
**Progress Report**

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

**Item 2.1**  
**Finance Quarterly**  
**Report**

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

**Item 2.2**  
**Raising of Loan –**  
**Thurles Regional**  
**Water Scheme**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin, seconded by Cllr. P. Coonan and resolved that pursuant to the Local Government Act 2001 and subject to the sanction of the Minister of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, this Council consider and approve the raising of a loan of seven million and nine hundred thousand euros (€7,900,000) for the purpose of meeting the local contribution on the Thurles Regional Water Scheme.

**Item 2.3**  
**Raising of Loan –**  
**Newport Regional**  
**Water Scheme**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. T. Berkery and resolved that pursuant to the Local Government Act 2001 and subject to the sanction of the Minister of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, this Council consider and approve the raising of a loan of one million, six hundred and fifty thousand euros (€1,650,000) for the purpose of meeting the local contribution on the Newport Regional Water Scheme.

- Item 2.4**  
**Raising of Loan –**  
**Templemore**  
**Sewerage**  
**Treatment Plant**  
**Upgrade**
- It was proposed by Cllr. J. Hogan, seconded by Cllr. P. Coonan and resolved that pursuant to the Local Government Act 2001 and subject to the sanction of the Minister of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, this Council consider and approve the raising of a loan of one million and four hundred and twenty thousand euros (€1,420,000) for the purpose of meeting the local contribution on the Templemore Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade scheme.
- Item 2.5**  
**Raising of Loan –**  
**Capital Loan &**  
**Subsidy**  
**Voluntary**  
**Housing Scheme**  
**at Stereame**
- It was proposed by Cllr. J. Sheehy, seconded by Cllr. S. Creamer and resolved that pursuant to Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 and subject to the sanction of the Minister of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, North Tipperary Co Co approves the raising of a 30 year loan with the Housing Finance Agency (HFA) in the sum of €7,082,608, (seven million, eighty two thousand, six hundred and eight euros) for the purpose of a Capital loan and subsidy voluntary housing scheme for 35 units at Stereame, Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary to be undertaken by the Sue Ryder Foundation (Ireland) Ltd.
- Item 2.6**  
**Increase in**  
**Interest Rates**
- Members noted increase in interest rates for Fixed Rate and Variable Rate Housing Loans from 1st September 2008 as per HFA Circulars 206 & 207.
- Item 3.1**  
**Disposal of Shared**  
**Ownership**  
**Property**
- It was proposed by Cllr. P. Coonan, seconded by Cllr. J. Hogan and resolved that pursuant to Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, the disposal of land at 2 Moyne Village, Thurles, to Seamus Doyle & Martina Moriarty be carried out in accordance with the terms of the Notice dated 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 sent to each Member, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- Item 3.2**  
**Disposal of Shared**  
**Ownership**  
**Property**
- It was proposed by Cllr. P. Coonan seconded by Cllr. J. Hogan and resolved that pursuant to Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, the disposal of land at Glentara Roscrea, to Nicola Mitchell be carried out in accordance with the terms of the Notice dated 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 sent to each Member, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- Item 3.3**  
**Disposal of Shared**  
**Ownership**  
**Property**
- It was proposed by Cllr. P. Coonan seconded by Cllr. J. Hogan and resolved that pursuant to Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, the disposal of land at 7 O’Rahilly Street, Nenagh to Elizabeth Griffin be carried out in accordance with the terms of the Notice dated 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 sent to each Member, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- Item 3.4**  
**Disposal of Shared**  
**Ownership**  
**Property**
- It was proposed by Cllr. P. Coonan, seconded by Cllr. J. Hogan and resolved that pursuant to Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, the disposal of land at Townsfield, Templemore Road, Cloughjordan, Roscrea to Noreen Hogan be carried out in accordance with the terms of the Notice dated 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 sent to each Member, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- Item 4.1**  
**Housing**  
**Quarterly Report**
- Members noted the contents of the Housing Quarterly Report, copy of which was circulated via email. Various queries were raised by members and were responded to by staff present. In response to questions raised by Cllr. J. Ryan in relation to the provision of homeless unit at Mitchell St., Thurles Mr. P. Heffernan confirmed that Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992 had been complied with by resolution adopted by the Council at meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> July, 1995. He further advised that, as the property was in the ownership of Arlington Novas Ireland Ltd., the appointment of a contractor was a matter for that body.

**Item 5.1**  
**Periodic Speed**  
**Limits**

Members considered schedule of Periodic Speed Limits for 2008 and on the proposal of Cllr. S. Hanafin, seconded by Cllr. J. Casey, it was agreed to adopt same.

**Item 5.2**  
**N 62 Thurles**  
**Bypass Constraint**  
**Study**

Members noted the N62 Thurles Bypass Constraint Study, copy of which was circulated on CD at the meeting.

**Item 6.1**  
**Planning &**  
**Development**  
**Quarterly Report**

Members noted the contents of the Planning & Development Quarterly Report, copy of which was circulated via email. Mr. Brian Beck replied to queries raised by the Members.

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Hanafin, seconded by Cllr. J. Ryan it was agreed that the Draft Rural Design Guide for Individual Houses in the Countryside be put on public display.

**Item 6.2**  
**Planning &**  
**Development**  
**Registers**

Members noted the Planning & Development Registers for the months of July and August 2008.

**Item 6.3**  
**Draft**  
**Development**  
**Contribution**  
**Scheme**

Members considered the Draft Development Contribution Scheme. Mr. T. Ó Niadh advised that a proposal had been put to the Strategic Policy Committee for a 10% increase in all charges overall but that the water and wastewater charges only would be increased to reflect the totality of the receipt. He advised that it would still be possible to change the proposal if necessary following public consultation. He outlined the implications in terms of funding of proposed schemes including Thurles Regional Water Supply Scheme and Newport Regional Water Supply Scheme if the charges were not increased. He advised members that planning permissions could only be allowed where there was infrastructure capacity and that a number of villages have reached capacity or are border line compliant. Unless financing is in place current schemes cannot be constructed. He advised that current development contributions were somewhere in the middle in terms of contributions being levied by local authorities nationally. North Tipperary is in the lower quartile in terms of commercial rates and valuations. There is a significant infrastructural deficit in North Tipperary and Members needed to be aware of the consequences of their decisions in terms of ability to progress schemes.

Members raised concerns in relation to increasing charges in the current economic climate, which they considered would be prohibitive in promoting development. While developments such as the swimming pools and the Thurles Regional Arts Centre showed the benefits of the scheme it was more difficult to see the benefits of the Scheme in relation to Roads and Water Services. The major issue was the local contribution required in respect of Water Schemes. It was not acceptable that local authorities such as North Tipperary had to meet 30% of the costs of schemes given the low rates base and the lack of new industries coming into the County. Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin, seconded by Cllr. M. Lowry and unanimously agreed to place the existing Development Contribution Scheme on public display.

**Item 7.1**  
**Environmental**  
**Quarterly Report**

Members noted the contents of the Environment Quarterly Report, copy of which was circulated via email. Mr. K. Cashen responded to queries from members in relation to recycling centres in Thurles and Roscrea, derelict sites, the Gortmore Tailings Facility and litter. He advised members that a pilot programme had been launched which allows a community to adopt a bring bank and take responsibility for its upkeep.

**Item 7.2**  
**Annual Burial**  
**Ground**  
**Maintenance**  
**Grants**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Hogan, seconded by Cllr. S. Hanafin and agreed to approve payment of the Annual Maintenance Burial Ground Grants of €600 to Burial Ground Committees included in a list as set out hereunder:

<u>1</u>	Ardcrone (old)
<u>2</u>	Ardcrone (new)
<u>3</u>	Ballinree (Church)
<u>4</u>	Ballinree (New)
<u>5</u>	Ballingarry (C of I)
<u>6</u>	Ballygibbon
<u>7</u>	Ballymackey (Church of Ire.)
<u>8</u>	Ballymackey (Old)
<u>9</u>	Bonaham Rathcabbin
<u>10</u>	Borrisokane (Old Church Yard)
<u>11</u>	Carrig Birr
<u>12</u>	Cloughjordan (Public)
<u>13</u>	Cloughjordan (Church)
<u>14</u>	Cloughprior
<u>15</u>	Dromineer
<u>16</u>	Grawn
<u>17</u>	Kilbarron Old Cemetary
<u>18</u>	Kilbarron New Cemetary
<u>19</u>	Kilbarron C of I
<u>20</u>	Kilruane
<u>21</u>	Knigh
<u>22</u>	Lorrha
<u>23</u>	Monsea
<u>24</u>	Modreeny
<u>25</u>	Pallas (Dorrha)
<u>26</u>	Pike
<u>27</u>	St. Ruadhans (C of I)
<u>28</u>	Toomevara (Church of Ire.)
<u>29</u>	Toomevara (Old Abbey )
<u>30</u>	Annameadle
<u>31</u>	Ballinaclough
<u>32</u>	Ballinahinch
<u>33</u>	Birdhill
<u>34</u>	Burgess
<u>35</u>	Castletown
<u>36</u>	Cragg
<u>37</u>	Kilboy
<u>38</u>	Killinaive
<u>39</u>	Killoscully
<u>40</u>	Kilmastulla
<u>41</u>	Kilmore
<u>42</u>	Kilnarath
<u>43</u>	Lisboney Old
<u>44</u>	Rockvale
<u>45</u>	Silvermines (Cuan Mhuire)
<u>46</u>	St. Johns Church of Ire.
<u>47</u>	Templederry (New)
<u>48</u>	Youghalarra
<u>49</u>	Barnane
<u>50</u>	Corbally (C of I)

<u>51</u>	Dungar
<u>52</u>	Drom
<u>53</u>	St. Burchins
<u>54</u>	St.Cronans
<u>55</u>	Rockforest Friends Burial Ground (Quaker)
<u>56</u>	Glenkeen
<u>57</u>	Inch (Old)
<u>58</u>	Kilavinogue
<u>59</u>	Killea (St. James)
<u>60</u>	Moyne (Old)
<u>61</u>	Moyne (St.Marys)
<u>62</u>	Templeree
<u>63</u>	Templetuohy
<u>64</u>	Ballycahill
<u>65</u>	Ballymoreen
<u>66</u>	Borrisoleigh (St. Bridgets)
<u>67</u>	Cooleeney
<u>68</u>	Curreeny
<u>69</u>	Galboola
<u>70</u>	Holycross Old Graveyard
<u>71</u>	Kilcommon (Old burial ground)
<u>72</u>	Kilcommon (New burial ground)
<u>73</u>	Kyleanna
<u>74</u>	Littleton
<u>75</u>	St. Michaels
<u>76</u>	Moycarkey-St.Marys (C of I)
<u>77</u>	Moycarkey (new No.1)
<u>78</u>	Moycarkey (new No.2)
<u>79</u>	Rahealty
<u>80</u>	Templeshyan
<u>81</u>	Two-mile -Borris
<u>82</u>	Upper Church (new)
<u>83</u>	Upperchurch (old)
<u>84</u>	Killinan Burial Ground

**Item 7.3****Annual Tidy  
Towns Grants**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Hogan, seconded by Cllr. S. Hanafin and agreed by the Members to approve payment of the Annual Tidy Town Grants to qualified Committees included the list hereunder:

<b>Name of Group</b>	<b>Project Details</b>	<b>Grant Recommended (75%) €</b>	<b>Receipts Required 100%</b>
Ballina Tidy Towns	Painting, Landscaping, signage, shrubs, trees & plants, vehicle expenses (petrol),	6500	8666
Ballinahinch Dev Assoc	Pruning, weeding & maintenance of shrubbery in village, painting & litter control	1125	1500
Ballinacorney Tidy Towns	Signage for amenity area, strimmers, bedding plants, purchase & plant trees	2200	2933
Ballycahill Tidy Village	Replace white chain around green area, plant new trees in grotto, place shrubs, tubs & flowers around village	600	800
Borrisoleigh Community Dev. Association	Implementation of Planting Plan throughout the village.	2250	3000

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Borrisokane Tidy Towns	Spraying and re-seeding, plant flowers and shrubs	2000	2666
Birdhill Tidy Village	Park development with pond, pergola, hedgerow, herb garden, wildflower area & flowers	2500	3333
Carrig Tidy towns	Preparing footpath from north side of the village & raising some of the green areas which are under road level since new road surface laid	1125	1500
Carrigahorig Dev Association	Painting of footbridge, planting of flowers, shrubbery, tubs & signage	1500	2000
Castleiney Tidy Village Committee	Planting of shrubs, flowers, cutting grass, cleaning and painting of signs, cleaning and tidying approach roads, cleaning area by hall	1100	1466
Clonmore Village Development Association	Plant a hedge, erect a fence to prevent cars parking on green, plant new flowerbeds & shrubs, renew overgrown flower beds	1500	2000
Cloughjordan Tidy Towns Group	Purchase steel flower beds, planting, painting, cleaning	2500	3333
Drombane Village Group	Purchase tram ground cover sheeting, shrubs and trees. Carry out landscaping	900	1200
Garrykennedy Development Association	Repairs to bridges in forest, purchase of hedge trimmer, replace broken benches, feed for ducks	2000	2666
Holycross Development Association	Updating and maintenance of picnic areas, litter picks, planting shrubs and flower beds, tubs and hanging baskets, cleaning of road signs	1000	1333
Inch Tidy Village	Provision of a pathway for safety purposes for walkers and wheelchair use from cross of the Ragg to Inch House gate and extending to village shop. Landscaping, hedge cutting, litter control, tree planting	2780	3706
Kilbarron Development Association	Provision of additional flowers & shrubs, create a flower bank, repaint signage, provision of seating, repairs to kerbing, replace old pump	2000	2666
Kilcommon Community Council	Dev. River island as picnic area, extend wood fencing, planting, build rockery, painting, erection of bird boxes, dev amenity walk	2500	3333
Killoscully Development Association	Erection of display board to provide visual image of fauna and habitat in and around village, general maintenance, care and planting.	1200	1600
Littleton Tidy Towns	Purchase Flowers, pots, beds, hanging baskets, paint, hedge cutter.	1500	2000
Lorrha Development Association	Planting of rose bushes, painting of petrol pumps, provision of extra flower tubs, provision of limestone slab at entrance to Friar's Close.	2000	2666
Loughmore Tidy Village	Develop wildlife area, paint signs, walls & gate, purchase and plant new shrubs	1240	1653
Milestone Development Association	Clean up river, paint fences, purchase summer bedding plants	1100	1466

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Moyne Tidy Village Committee	Plant trees & shrubs and whitethorn hedge in village	980	1306
Newport Environmentally Friendly Group	Develop steps to river bank, Purchase street name plaques, Landscaping of river bank	3550	4733
Portroe Tidy Towns	Purchase water tank for trailer to water plants and flowers, purchase new barrels to place throughout village	2400	3200
Puckane Tidy Towns	Remove rubble from Knigh Cross, replace soil, plant whitethorn hedge along fence, clean up lay-by and put kerbing around monument, erect signage with info on monument and castle	2350	3133
Rearcross Community Council	Place window boxes, hanging baskets, border plants, flower beds in community areas, plant trees in village green area.	1000	1333
Roscrea Tidy Towns	Purchase flowers, planting shrubs etc, power washing, refilling & replanting, purchase paints, brushes, sprays etc, Graffiti Removal	7000	9333
Shevry Development Association	Purchase of litter pickers, sprayers, flowers, trees. Grass cutting, erect limestone plaque.	1400	1866
Silvermines Enhancement Group	Purchase flower tubs, gravel for footpaths, painting of post and rails, grass seed for natural trail area, hanging baskets etc	3000	4000
Templetuohy Rural Development Association	Keep village litter free, keep green areas cut & tidy, plant shrubs and flowers where necessary	1000	1333
Terryglass Improvements Association	Repair stone wall opposite Paddy's Bar, install and make new window at gable end of hall, purchase new seats for village, flowers etc	3000	4000
Two-Mile-Borris Community Development Group	Purchase plants & underlay for beds, purchase paving bricks and hanging baskets, purchase of seat for area at GAA monument	1300	1733
Upperchurch Tidy Towns	Provision of 3 litter bins, landscaping and planting, provision of bird boxes.	1700	2266

**Item 8.1**  
**Community & Enterprise Quarterly Report**

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

**Item 9.1**  
**Draft Polling Scheme**

Members considered the Draft Polling Scheme and the report on same, copy of which had been circulated via mail. On the proposal of Cllr S. Hanafin, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy, it was resolved that, in accordance with the Electoral Acts 1992-2007 and the Electoral (Polling Schemes) Regulations 2005, this Council adopts the proposed Draft Polling Scheme with amendments as outlined in Report of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008 circulated to members via email.

**Item 10.1**  
**Strategic Policy Committees**

Summary of the following Strategic Policy Committee meetings were noted:

- Joint Planning & Development/Community & Enterprise and County Council Workshop

**Item 11.1**  
**Area Committees**

Summaries of the following Area Committee Meetings were noted:

- Thurles Electoral Area
- Templemore Electoral Area
- Borrisokane Electoral Area

Concerns were raised in relation to a number of roads-related issues including the Esker Line and the bridge at Ballyheen. These were responded to by Mr. M. O' Connor.

**Item 12.1**  
**Conferences**

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. M. Smith 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 estimates, hereby nominate those listed hereunder to attend the following Conference/Seminar"

Seminar/Conference /Similar event	Dates	Venue	Nominees	Estimated Cost
The Feasta Seminar Series – Gkobar Governance for Climate Change	24 <sup>th</sup> July	Irish Architectural Archive, 45 Merrion Square, Dublin 2	Cllr. Willie Kennedy	€500
Councillors Training Seminar – The Role of Local Government in Sport	30 <sup>th</sup> July – 1 <sup>st</sup> August	The Connemara Gateway Hotel, Oughterard, Co. Galway	Cllr. John Sheehy	€500
Parnell Summer School	10 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Avondale House, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow	Cllr. Michael Smith	€500
Cumann Merriman	17 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Ennis, Co. Clare	Cllr. John Kennedy Cllr. Willie Kennedy Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler	€500
The Humbert Summer School	12 <sup>st</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Ballina, Co. Mayo	Cllr. Michael O'Meara	€500
Third Sector Forum – Local Authority Financing	17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Killarney Plaza Hotel, Kenmare Place, Co. Kerry	Cllr. Michael Smith	€500
Councillors Training Seminar – Irish Language Course	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Inis Mor, Aran Islands, Co. Galway	Cllr. Pauline Coonan Cllr. John Hogan Cllr. Gerard Darcy	€500
Water Services National Training Group – 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference	11 <sup>th</sup> September	White's Hotel, Wexford	Cllr. Mattie Ryan Cllr. John Sheehy Cllr. Tom Harrington	€500
CitizenFirst International Conference	25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> September	The Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare	Cllr. Mattie Ryan	€500
7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Water Services Conference	18 <sup>th</sup> September	McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris, Co. Mayo	Cllr. Mattie Ryan Cllr. John Sheehy Cllr. Tom Harrington Cllr. Willie Kennedy	€500
Internation Diversity Conference – The Talent Spectrum	11 <sup>th</sup> September	Clontarf Castle, Dublin	Cllr. Willie Kennedy Cllr. John Hogan	€500
Lammas Fair	25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Ballycastle	Cllr. John Carroll Cllr. Tom Berkery	€500

**Item 12.2**  
**Reports on**  
**Conferences**

Members noted the following Reports on Conferences: -

<b>Conference/Seminar Title</b>	<b>Date Of Conference</b>	<b>Reports Received from:</b>
Synge Summer School	29 <sup>th</sup> June – 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	Cllr. Jim Ryan
Douglas Hyde Summer School	5 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	Cllr. Jim Ryan
MacGill Summer School	12 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	Cllr. Jim Ryan Cllr. Tom Harrington Cllr. Michael O'Meara Cllr. Denis Ryan Cllr. Dr. Phyll Bugler Cllr. Willie Kennedy Cllr. Michael Smith
Councillors Training Seminar – Alternative Enterprise	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	Cllr. Pauline Coonan
Byrne/Perry Summer School	27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2008	Cllr. Pauline Coonan Cllr. Denis Ryan
Community Transport in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	Cllr. Pauline Coonan Cllr. Michael O'Meara
The Role of Local Government in Community & Rural Development	8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	Cllr. Michael O'Meara
The Role of Local Government in Sport	30 <sup>th</sup> July – 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2008	Cllr. John Sheehy
Green Energy Conference	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	Cllr. Jim Casey
Integrated Area Planning – A Collaborative Approach	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	Cllr. Jim Casey
Merriman Summer School	17 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2008	Cllr. Willie Kennedy
The Feasta Seminar	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	Cllr. Willie Kennedy
Humbert Summer School	21 <sup>st</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2008	Cllr. Michael O'Meara
National Hub Town Conference	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2008	Cllr. Michael O'Meara

**Item 13.1**  
**Mayors Business**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Hogan, seconded by Cllr. T. Berkery it was agreed that Mr. John Treacy of the Irish Sports Council should make a presentation to members at the October Council Meeting at 2 p.m.

**Item 14.1**  
**County**  
**Managers/Directors/**  
**Heads of Functions**  
**Business**

In response to queries from members Mr. G. Lynch gave an update in relation to Broadband. He referred to a booklet on Shannon Broadband which had been circulated to members at the meeting.

**Item 14.2**  
**County**  
**Managers/Directors**  
**Orders**

The members noted the County Managers/Directors Orders for the months of July and August 2008.

**Item 15.1**  
**Tenders**

Members noted the Schedule of Tenders accepted which had been circulated via e-mail. Details of tenders accepted are as follows:

<b><i>Scheme</i></b>	<b><i>Contractor</i></b>	<b><i>Contract Sum Including VAT</i></b>
Purchase of 16 periodic speed limit signs ( Solar Powered)	Rennicks Ltd., Kilbride, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	€47,935.36
Flow, Load and Rainfall Assessment Survey	Capital Water Systems Ltd., Unit 9 Block A, Centrepoint Business Park, Oak Road, Dublin 12	€36,515.38
Installation of Communal Effluent Treatment System at Aglish	Donal Treacy, Cloughjordan Park, Cloughjordan	€73,239.45

Installation of Communal Effluent Treatment System at Ardcroney	Donal Treacy, Cloughjordan Park, Cloughjordan	€60,411.12
Repairs to Gatehouse, Former County Gaol, O'Rahilly St., Nenagh	Interclean Ltd., 129 Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3	€4,445.00

**Item 16.1**  
**Notices of**  
**Motion**

**The following Notice of Motion No. 13,005 was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. J. Hogan:**

“That North Tipperary County Council provides a full listing of the following information for the July Council Meeting: -

The Design Population for all Waste Water Treatment Systems as constructed, and the current loading for each Waste Water Treatment Plant, for all towns and villages within the current Nenagh Newport Electoral Area”.

**The following reply was read out: -**

*Attached find table setting out factual information on design capacity and current loadings for each Waste Water Treatment Plant within the current Nenagh Newport Electoral Area.*

SCHEME	DESIGN CAPACITY PE	CURRENT LOADING PE	PERFORMANCE	ASSET CONDITION
<b>Nenagh STP (2 plants)</b>	18000	12782	100% COMPLIANT	GOOD
<b>Newport STP</b>	1720	1816 estimated	100% COMPLIANT	GOOD
<b>Ballina STP</b>	4000	3431	100% COMPLIANT	GOOD
<b>Rearcross STP</b>	150	205	100% COMPLIANT	POOR
<b>Puckaun STP</b>	450	261 estimated	100% COMPLIANT	GOOD
<b>Dromineer STP</b>	350	417	100% COMPLIANT	GOOD
<b>Portroe STP</b>	375	392 estimated	100% COMPLIANT	POOR
<b>Newtown STP</b>	333	300 estimated	100% COMPLIANT	GOOD
<b>Silvermines STP</b>	250	388	75% COMPLIANT	POOR

**NOTES:**

- 1. Newport requires further surveys to confirm estimates. Plant fully compliant.**
- 2. Puckane current loading does not include for proposed County Council Housing.**

Cllr. Carroll stated that he had put down this Notice of Motion because he had requested this information over twelve months ago and had not received it. He referred to the number of plants which appeared to be overloaded and with recent grants of planning permission this was a cause of concern. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the information should not be misinterpreted. The PE design does not mean the plant is non-compliant. This is a complex issue and a number of other factors would have to be taken into consideration including house occupancy. The information should not be used as a simplistic interpretation of compliance.

**The following Notice of Motion No. 13,006 was proposed Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. W. Kennedy:**

“Taking account of recent planning decisions by the North Tipperary County Council, I am now asking North Tipperary County Council to ensure co-ordination in advance of a formal decision between Planning, Roads and Sanitary Departments with regards to residential / commercial developments within our small / medium sized villages”.

**The following reply was read out: -**

*North Tipperary County Council in determining planning applications recognises the importance of co-ordination between the planning section and other sections within the local authority. In order to achieve a co-ordinated approach the Planning Authority ensures that all planning applications for residential and commercial developments are referred to the Roads and Sanitary Departments for comment and discussions on applications between the area planners and engineers are standard practice.*

*Prior to the submission of planning applications the Planning Authority also facilitates pre-planning consultation and meetings where appropriate are attended by engineers from other sections. The applicant is also advised at this stage of the main planning constraints, particularly if infrastructural deficiencies require comprehensive proposals to ensure a positive outcome.*

*North Tipperary County Council considers that there is a collective responsibility on applicants, agents and local authority officials to ensure all issues where possible are resolved during the course of the decision making process.*

**Item 20.1**  
**Correspondence**

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

1	Letter from An Garda Síochána inviting submissions for their Policing Plan 2009
2.	Letter from Killarney Town Council outlining motion adopted by them as follows: -
3.	Acknowledgement from Office of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government to our letter regarding turf cutting.
4.	Letter from Leitrim County Council outlining letter sent by them to the Minister for Social & Family Affairs regarding the Money Advice & Budgeting Service.

5.	Letter from Leitrim County Council outlining motion adopted by them regarding the use of Fair Trade Products in Council Office Canteens.
6.	Letter from Kildare County Council outlining motion adopted by them regarding accidents directly related to road conditions.
7.	Letter from Fermoy Town Council outlining motion which was adopted by them calling on the Government to allow all individuals who pay rates/service charges to Local Authorities the right to vote in local elections.
8.	Acknowledgement from Office of the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government to our letter regarding submission re Green Paper on Local Government Reform.
9.	Acknowledgement card from the family of the late Thérèse Tynan to our vote of sympathy.
10.	Acknowledgement card from the family of the late Augusta Shouldice to our vote of sympathy.
11.	Letter from Donegal County Council outlining motion regarding traffic islands passed by them.
12.	Letter from Social Welfare Services Office in reply to our letter supporting motion calling for increase in fuel allowance.

**Item 21.1**  
**Any Other**  
**Business**

None.

This Concluded the Business of the Meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cllr. J. Hennessy  
 Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
 Senior Executive Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_