

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
NORTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD,
NENAGH ON MONDAY, 18TH MAY, 2009 AT 2 P.M.**

Present

Cllr. Joe Hennessy, Mayor - Presided

Cllrs: Tom Berkery; Dr. Phyll Bugler; Jim Casey; John Carroll; Pauline Coonan; Sean Creamer; Ger Darcy; Seamus Hanafin; John Egan; 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; Paddy Heffernan, Director of Services; Matt Shortt, Director of Services; Karl Cashen, Director of Services; Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services; Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance; Ger Lynch, Head of IS; Sharon Kennedy, Senior Executive Officer; Eamonn Brennan, Senior Executive Officer; Michèle Maher, Senior Staff Officer, Brian Beck, Senior Planner and Mary Quigley, Acting Senior Staff Officer.

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were passed to the following: -

- The Hassett Family, Gawn, Toomevara on the death of Flan Hassett.
- Pauline Coonan on the death of her uncle.
- The family of the late Paddy O'Brien, Racecourse Road, Thurles.
- The family of the late Kitty Moore, Kilclooney, Moyne.
- The family of the late Rodger Ryan, Knockahunna, Toomevara.
- The family of the late James Quigley, Knockinglass, Lisgarode, Nenagh.
- The family of the late Philip Cottrell, Cluain Muilleán, Tyone, Nenagh.

D'aontaigh an Bainisteoir leis na vótaí.

Local Elections

Cllr. J. Hennessy thanked the Manager, Staff and Council Members for the respect and courtesy shown to him as Mayor of the Council for the past year. He also thanked his Vice-Chairman Cllr. T. Harrington for his support. He outlined various achievements undertaken by the Council. In conclusion he wished all Councillors the best of luck in the forthcoming elections.

All Members complimented the Mayor on the manner he conducted his business and paid tribute to the Manager, Management Team and Staff for their co-operation and assistance at all times to them.

Mr. T. Ó Niadh congratulated the outgoing Mayor on the performance of his duties. He complimented the outgoing Council Members and wished those seeking re-election the best of luck. He wished Cllrs. J. Egan and S. Creamer a long and happy life. Mr. Ó Niadh concluded by urging everyone to come out and vote.

Item 1.1
Adoption of Minutes
of March Monthly
Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Berkery, seconded by Cllr. J. Hogan and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the April 2009 Monthly Meeting be adopted.

Item 1.2
Action Plan
Progress Report

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

Item 2.1
Finance Quarterly
Report

Members noted the Finance Quarterly Report, copy of which had been circulated to them via e-mail.

Item 3.1
Housing Quarterly
Report

Members noted the Housing Quarterly Report, copy of which had been circulated to them via e-mail.

Mr. P. Heffernan replied to queries raised by Members.

Item 4.1
Revised Roadworks
Programme

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Hogan seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and agreed to approve the revised Roadworks Programme for 2009.

Mr. M. O'Connor replied to issues raised.

Item 4.2
Proposed Traffic
Calming Scheme

Members noted report on the proposed Traffic Calming Scheme at Templemore Road, Roscrea.

Item 4.3
Taking in Charge of
Estates / Declaration
of Roads to be
Public Roads.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Berkery, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and agreed that pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, the roads within the following estates be declared to be Public Roads:

1. Hillside, Roscrea
2. Riveroaks, Riverstown
3. Doddy's Estate, Carrig Road, Roscrea.

Item 5.1
Planning &
Development
Quarterly Report

Members noted the Planning & Development Quarterly Report, copy of which had been circulated to them via e-mail.

Item 5.2
Planning &
Development
Register

Members noted the Planning & Development Register for the month of April 2009.

Item 5.3
Manager's Report
on Proposed
Amendment to the
Thurles & Environs
Draft Development
Plan 2009-2015

On the proposal of Cllr. S. Hanafin, seconded by Cllr. W. Kennedy it was resolved "That, being satisfied that the requirements of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and all relevant Regulations thereunder have been complied with in relation to the Thurles Environs Area within the County Area of the Draft Thurles and Environs Development Plan 2009 – 2015 and having considered the submissions made in respect of the said proposed Draft and the report of the Manager thereon and the proposed variation to the Draft Thurles and Environs Development Plan 2009 – 2015 and the Report of the Manager thereon, we the Council of North Tipperary hereby make the Thurles and Environs Development Plan 2009 – 2015 as amended as applicable to the County Area of North Tipperary."

Item 6.1
Community &
Enterprise
Quarterly Report

Members noted the Community & Enterprise Quarterly Report copy of which had been sent to them via e-mail.

Item 7.1
Date of Annual Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Meeting will take place on 19th June 2009 at 11am in The Council Chamber, Civic Offices Nenagh. The June Monthly Meeting of the Council would also take place at 2.00 pm at the same location.

Item 8.1
Reports on Strategic Policy Committee Meetings

None

Item 9.1
Reports on Area Committee Meetings

Summary of the following meeting was noted: -

- Nenagh Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 11th May 2009.

Item 10.1
Conferences

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Berkery, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll 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”

Date of Conference	Hosted by:	Conference Title:	Conference Venue:	Conf fee:
17 th – 18 th April	Performance Enhancement	How to Run a Winning Campaign	City North Hotel, Dublin	€210
17 th – 19 th April	George Cunningham	Roscrea Spring Conference	Mount St Joseph Cistercian Abbey, Roscrea	€60
19 th April	Reddy Communications Ltd	Get Elected – You and the Media	Hudson Bay Hotel, Athlone	€250
22 nd – 23 rd April	Irish Rural Dwellers Association	4 th IRDA Planning Conference	Brehon Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry	€270
24 th April	Cultivate Living and Learning Centre	Rethinking the City Conference 09	Cultivate Centre	€100
27 th April	Cultivate – Living and Learning Centre	Rethinking the Country Conference	Tipperary Institute, Thurles	FREE
25 th - 26 th April	Cruachan Aí Heritage Centre	Cruachan School 2009 – Celebrating Medieval Ireland in Tullsk	Cruachan Aí Heritage Centre, Tullsk, Co. Roscommon	€140
30 th April – 2 nd May	Third Sector Forum	Ireland, At the Crossroads	Kingsley Hotel, Victoria Cross, Cork City	€225
1 st – 3 rd May	Mitchelstown Literary Society	Trevor/Bowen Summer School 2009	Paki Fitz’s Conference Centre, Lower Cork St, Mitchelstown	€15 Individual Events €60 Weekend Ticket
7 th May	Respond	Is Combatting Poverty a Dead Agenda?	Osprey Hotel & Spa, Devoy Quarter, Naas, Co. Kildare	TBA
7 th – 8 th May	Sherkin Island Marine Station	25 th Annual Environmental Conference	Carrigaline Court Hotel, Carrigaline, Co. Cork	TBA

22 nd – 23 rd May	Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council	Planters in the Valley Conference	The Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown	€25
10 th – 11 th June	Energy Ireland	Energy Ireland Conference 2009	Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin	€1202.85
20 th – 25 th July	International Family Day Care Organisation	Celebrating Quality Family Childcare Conference	University College Cork	TBA
13 th – 17 th September	An Taisce	Heritage of the World: Conservation in a Changing Climate	Dublin Castle	€350

Item 10.2
Reports on
Conferences

Members noted the following Reports on Conferences: -

Conference/Seminar Title	Date Of Conference	Reports Received from:
ACCC	2-3 rd April	Cllr. Tom Harrington Cllr. Mattie Ryan
How to run a winning Campaign	17 th April	Cllr. Mattie Ryan
BMW – Spatial Strategy	2 nd April	Cllr. Tom Harrington
Environmental Management, The Challenges	4 – 5 th April	Cllr. Jim Ryan
Irish Rural Dwellers Association Planning Conference	23 – 25 th April	Cllr. John Kennedy
Ireland at a crossroads, Economy, Europe and Emigrants, the response of Local Government	30 th April – 2 nd May	Cllr. John Kennedy
Freedom of Information Seminar	20 – 21 st February	Cllr. Willie Kennedy
Merriman Winter School	6 – 8 th February	Cllr. Willie Kennedy
Trevor Bowen Summer School	1 – 3 rd May	Cllr. Sean Creamer
25 th Annual Environment Conference	6 – 8 th May	Cllr. Sean Creamer
Ireland's Water – What is the real cost?	19 th – 20 th February	Cllr. Pauline Coonan

Item 11.1
Mayors Business

None.

Item 12.1
County
Managers/Directors/
Heads of Functions
Business

Mr. M. Shortt informed the Meeting of changes in staffing in the Planning Section from mid-July in relation to Area Planners and Planning Enforcement.

Members noted decrease of interest rate for variable rate housing loans from 2.50% to 2.25%, not including Mortgage Protection Insurance of 0.5615%, with effect from 1st June 2009, as per circular HFA 214.

Item 12.2
County
Managers/Directors/
Heads of Functions
Orders

Members noted the County Managers/Directors Orders for the month of April, 2009.

Item 13.1
Tenders

Members noted the Schedule of tenders accepted as follows:

<i>Scheme</i>	<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Contract Sum Including VAT</i>
Supply of Mobile Voice and Data Services and Products	Vodafone Ireland	
Purchase of 3 mobile Warning Trailer Units and associated specialist signage for motorway use.	Synoptix Traffic Solutions, Block D, Unit 10 M4 Interchange Park, Celbridge, Co. Kildare	€57,409

Item 14.1
Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion submitted for the meeting.

Item 15.1
Correspondence

Members noted the following correspondence, copy of which was sent to them via e-mail:

1.	Letter of reply from Office of Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government to our letter regarding enactment of legislation of waste disposal.
2.	Thank You letter from John Devane to our letter commending him on his work with Tipperary Leader Company.
3.	Letter from Carlow County Council outlining motion adopted by them calling on the government to remove statutory audit requirements on small companies.
4.	Reply letter for Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to our letter re funding for Coroners' Service.
5.	Letter from Monaghan Town Council outlining motion adopted by them on notification of NCT.
6.	Letter from Killarney Town Council outlining motion adopted by them calling on the government to have a national carers' day.
7.	E-mail from Galway County Council outlining motion adopted by them regarding turf cutting for domestic use.
8.	E-mail from Galway City Council outlining motion adopted by them regarding rented properties.
9.	E-mail from Kerry County Council outlining motion adopted by them regarding centralization of HSE schemes.
10.	E-mail from Kerry County Council outlining motion adopted by them regarding the community childcare sector.
11.	Acknowledgement from HSE to our letter regarding centralization of Medical Cards.
12.	Acknowledgement from the Department of Health & Children to our letter regarding centralization of Medical Cards.
13.	Reply from the Department of Health & Children to our letter regarding centralization of Medical Cards.

14.	Acknowledgement card from the family of the late Patrick Hill, Ardcroney.
15.	Reply from An Garda Síochána to our letter regarding closure of rural Garda Stations.
16.	Acknowledgement from Office of the Minister for Environment, Heritage & Local Government to our letter regarding extension of timeframe for planning permissions.
17.	Acknowledgement from office of Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to our letter regarding Traveller Accommodation Programme.
18.	Letter from Office of Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government to our letter regarding the duration of planning permission.

Item 16.1
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. Sharon Kennedy
Acting Meetings Administrator**

Date: _____