

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF
NORTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD,
NENAGH ON MONDAY, 20th JULY, 2009 at 2.30 PM**

Present

Cllr. Denis Ryan, Mayor - Presided

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

Apologies

Cllr. Jim Ryan

Also Present

Terry Ó Niadh, County Manager; Paddy Heffernan, Director of Services; Karl Cashen, Director of Services; Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services; Brian Beck, Acting Director of Services; Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance; Rosemary Joyce, Meetings Administrator/Senior Executive Officer, Gerry Robinson, Senior Executive Engineer and Mary Quigley, Acting Senior Staff Officer

Votes of Sympathy

Votes of sympathy were passed to the following: -

- Eimear McCoy on the death of her father Harry
- John Ryan on the death of his son, Damian.
- Seamus Bourke & Family, Silvermines, on the death of his wife Joan.
- O'Flaherty Family, Youghalarra on the death of Margaret (Peg)

D'aontaigh an Bainisteoir leis na vótaí ar a shon féin agus ar son na foirne.

**Votes of
Congratulations**

Votes of congratulations were passed to the following:

- Tipperary Senior Hurling Team on winning Munster Final
- Roscrea Comhaltas Organisation on hosting Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan 2009
- Roscrea Credit Union, main sponsor of Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan 2009
- Peter Fee, Area Engineer and the outdoor staff in the Roscrea area on work carried out during Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan 2009
- Denise Shouldice, Portroe, on her selection for Rose of Tralee Festival.
- Upperchurch/Drombane GAA on reaching the Mid Tipperary Final

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- Item 1.1**
Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting
- It was proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin, seconded by Cllr. M. Smith and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Annual Meeting be adopted.
- Item 1.2**
Adoption of Minutes of June Monthly Meeting
- It was proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin, seconded by Cllr. M. Smith and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the June 2009 Monthly Meeting be adopted.
- Item 1.3**
Adoption of Minutes of Special Meeting
- It was proposed by Cllr. S. Hanafin, seconded by Cllr. M. Smith and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Special Meeting of 29th June be adopted.
- Item 1.4**
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**
Disposal of Land at Aglish Roscrea
- It was proposed by Cllr. J. Casey, seconded by Cllr. S. Morris and resolved that pursuant to Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000, the disposal of 0.137 Hectares at Aglish, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary to Aglish Residents Development Committee be carried out in accordance with the terms of the Notice dated 1st July, 2009 sent to each Member, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.
- Item 3.1**
Water Services Quarterly Report
- Members noted the Water Services Quarterly Report, copy of which had been circulated to them via e-mail.
- Mr. M. O'Connor replied to queries raised. The Members were informed that loan approval had been received for €1.4m for contribution towards Templemore Sewerage Scheme. He also advised members that the results from the STEDS scheme were not as good as they would have liked and that they were not in a position to recommend full scale use of this system but more detailed tests were being carried out.
- Item 4.1**
Planning & Development Register
- Members noted the Planning & Development Register for the month of June 2009.
- Item 4.2**
Proposed Variation (No. 5) to County Development Plan 2004 – 2010 and Draft Housing Strategy
- Members considered the Proposed Variation (No. 5) of the North Tipperary County Council County Development Plan 2004-2010 and the Draft Housing Strategy as reviewed, both of which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Mr. B. Beck advised that they were dealing with two separate documents. The Housing Strategy 2000 had been reviewed taking into account changed economic circumstances, changes in house prices, interest rates and the economic profile of the county. The results of this review would feed into the County Development Plan through the proposed Variation. Both documents would be put on public display and the County Manager's report on submissions would be brought back to the Council. He responded to queries from members and Mr. P. Heffernan outlined the options which apply in relation to Part V.
- On the proposal of Cllr. J. Casey, seconded by G. Darcy it was agreed to put both the Proposed Variation (No. 5) and the Draft Housing Strategy on public display.
- Item 5.1**
Environment Quarterly Report
- Members noted the Environment Quarterly Report, copy of which had been circulated to them via e-mail.
- Members welcomed the decision of the Supreme Court in relation to Shannon Vermicomposting. Members raised concerns relating to various issues including recycling centre in Thurles, works to alleviate flooding on the river Suir, WEEE collections, derelict sites, abandoned cars, disposal of

rubbish from boats in Ballina, illegal parking by travellers in a number of areas, chemical spill in Templemore, and dogs and horses in housing estates. Mr. K. Cashen responded to environmental queries. It was agreed that a meeting should be held on site in Carrig, Riverstown to look at the road, in view of on-going problems with number of accidents and that an N.R.A. Safety Inspector would be asked to attend.

Item 6.1
Draft SPC Scheme

Ms. R. Joyce advised that a revised SPC Scheme had been drafted taking into account the changes in relation to the nomination process in respect of the Environmental Sector. On the proposal of Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll it was agreed to put the Draft Scheme on public display and to invite nominations from the relevant sectors as laid out in the Draft Scheme. Members would be invited to submit their preferences for membership. Details would be brought back to members at the September meeting.

Ms. R. Joyce informed the meeting that, following consideration by the members of the Corporate Policy Group the following were details of the Chairs of the respective Strategic Policy Committees:

- Housing - Cllr. M. Smith.
- Planning & Community / Enterprise - Cllr. P. Coonan.
- Roads & Water Services - Cllr. J. Meaney.
- Environment & Emergency Services - Cllr. E. Moran.

Item 7.1
Proposed
amendments to
Standing Orders.

Ms. R. Joyce outlined details of review of Standing Orders and proposed changes to same.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy it was agreed to adopt the changes as outlined in the report circulated to members via e-mail.

Item 8.1
Reports on Area
Committee Meetings

Summaries of the following meetings were noted: -

- Nenagh Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 13th July 2009
- Newport Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 15th July 2009

Item 9.1
Conferences

It was proposed by Cllr. V. O'Dowd, seconded by Cllr. M. Lowry 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
Planning Law and Practice	3 – 5 th July	Mannin Bay Hotel, Ballyconneelly	Cllr. Mattie Ryan Cllr. Eddie Moran Cllr. Pauline Coonan Cllr. John Hogan	€500
MacGill Summer School	19 th – 24 th July	Glenties, Co. Donegal	Cllr. Michael Smith Cllr. Jim Ryan Cllr. Michael O'Meara	€500
Effective Policy Making in the Recession	10 – 12 th July	West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen, Co. Cork	Cllr. Mattie Ryan Cllr. Ger Darcy Cllr. John Hogan	€500
Douglas Hyde Summer School	4 – 11 th July	Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon	Cllr. Jim Ryan Cllr. Phyll Bugler	€500

Item 10.1
Reports on
Conferences

Members noted the following Reports on Conferences: -

Conference/Seminar Title	Date Of Conference	Reports Received from:
Planters in the Valley	22 – 23 rd May	Cllr. Sean Creamer
Planning Law and Practice	3 – 5 th July	Cllr. Eddie Moran
Douglas Hyde Summer School	4 – 11 th July	Cllr. Jim Ryan

Item 11.1
Mavors Business

None

Item 12.1
County
Managers/Directors/
Heads of Functions
Business

Ms. R. Joyce informed the Members that the external members of the Audit Committee had agreed to continue to serve on the Committee. These were Ms. Marion Hayes, Mr. Eamonn O'Toole and Mr. Liam Irvine.

Ms. R. Joyce informed the Members the 2009/2010 HEG Scheme had not yet been received from the Department of Education & Science. Members agreed on the proposal of Cllr. V. O'Dowd, seconded by Cllr. M. Lowry, that implementation of the Scheme should commence on receipt of same in order to avoid delays in processing grant applications and noted that the Scheme would be brought before them for formal approval at the September meeting.

Ms. R. Joyce reminded Members of the need to submit statement of expenditure and political donations before 3rd September 2009.

Mr. B. Beck advised that they were in the process of reviewing the Newport Local Area Plan and circulated an Issues Paper for the Newport Local Area Plan 2010-2016. He advised Members that it would be put on public display and the period for receiving initial submission runs from 27th July, 2009 to 24th August, 2009. A Manager's Report on these would be brought before the members and it was hoped to have a Draft Local Area Plan later this year.

Mr. K. Cashen gave an update on the next phase of the Gortmore Rehabilitation Project.

Mr. L. McCarthy outlined a change of opening hours at Motor Tax Office for the month of August in order to deal with a backlog of driving licence applications. He also highlighted the facilities available to the public to renew Motor Tax on-line.

Item 13.1
County
Managers/Directors/
Heads of Functions
Orders

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

Item 12.1
Tenders

Members noted the Schedule of Tenders accepted as follows: -

<i>Scheme</i>	<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Contract Sum Excluding VAT</i>
Construction of 1 No. House at Templedowney,	O'Cathain Developments Ltd., Coolelare, Kilrush	59,110.00

Item 14.1
Notices of Motion

None

Item 15.1
Correspondence

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

1.	Acknowledgement Card from the family of the late Ann Hassett.
2.	Letter from Macroom Town Council outlining motion adopted by them regarding natural resources.

Item 15.1
Any Other Business

Concerns were raised by Members regarding house at Inchadrinagh, Newport. purchased by Limerick City Council and leased to Novas.

Cllr. M. Ryan raised the issue and expressed surprise that the Councils did not liaise with each other. He queried what the position was and asked about the planning requirements involved if there was an extension or a change of use. Other members spoke in support and expressed concern about the use to which the house would be put and the degree of supervision that would be provided. They considered that the proposal was shifting problems from Limerick City into a rural area. The lack of a full-time Garda presence in Newport was raised. Concerns were also raised about the track record of Novas. Members also referred to a meeting with representatives of Novas and information that was provided at that meeting.

Mr. P. Heffernan and Mr. T. Ó Niadh replied to issues raised by Members. Members were informed that North Tipperary County Council was not involved in the purchase of the property. It was intended as a Respite Centre for families for short term use. The proposal followed a recommendation from the Regional Drugs Taskforce, who identified a lack of support services for families of those involved in drug use, anti social behaviour etc. It was funded by the Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs. As the Taskforce could not purchase the property, the purchase was facilitated by Limerick City Council, and the property is for regional use. Novas won the bid to manage the facility and there will be a Service Level Agreement or Long Lease with Novas which is being prepared by Solicitors at present. This will be renewed annually which gives control of what happens in the property. 1 or 2 staff members will be present in the house at all times. As a Respite Centre, there will be education, stress relief, counselling provided and the house is unlikely to be occupied on a full time basis. Mr. Heffernan advised that a Steering Committee is in place and a representative from North Tipperary can be appointed to this Committee. Planning staff had visited the site in relation to planning issues.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____

**Cllr. D. Ryan,
Mayor**

Signed: _____

Date: _____

**Ms. Rosemary Joyce,
Meetings Administrator/Senior Executive Officer**