

# South Tipperary County Council

## Minutes of South Tipperary County Council Meeting held in The Council Chamber, County Hall, Clonmel On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.

<b>In The Chair</b>	Cllr. Liam Ahearne
<b>Present</b>	Cllrs. T. Acheson, S. Ambrose, M. Anglim, J. Brennan, S. Cooney Sheehan, J. Crosse, J. Crowe, J. Donovan, P. English, J. Fahey, MI Fitzgerald, M. Hanna Hourigan, S. Healy, D. Landy, D. Leahy, S. Lonergan, S. McCarthy, C. McLoughlin, R. Molloy, M. Murphy, MI Murphy, J. O'Brien, E. O'Meara, D. Ryan, T. Wood.
<b>In Attendance</b>	E. O'Connor, B. McEvoy, E. Drennan, C. Curley, D. Holland, D. Walshe, H. Houlihan
<b>Meetings Administrator</b>	Mr. J O'Mahoney
<b>Minutes</b>	On the proposal of Cllr. Darren Ryan and seconded by Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald the minutes of Council Meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> May, 2009, were adopted.

### Matters Arising

#### Clonmel Town North & Environs Water Supply

Clonmel Area Members again expressed their dissatisfaction with the quality of the water supply in this area and the necessity to find an interim solution. Mr. D. Holland undertook to revert to the Department regarding fast-tracking funding for the long term solution which was the provision of a new water treatment plant and would further investigate possibilities of dealing with the current situation.

#### Health Services South Tipperary

It was proposed by Cllr Healy, seconded by Cllr English, that this council would request the Minister for Health to receive a deputation to discuss the status of hospital services in South Tipperary General Hospital, in Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel and also to discuss the terms of the legal agreement entered into 14 years ago in relation to hospital services in South Tipperary.

#### Pharmacy Services

Cllr Leahy referred to the current dispute in relation to the supply of medication under the medical card system and the threat of withdrawal of services by pharmacists from the 1<sup>st</sup>

August, 2009 and requested that details be sought of contingency plans in the event of such withdrawal of services taking place.

**Conferences/Seminars**

On the proposal of Cllr. M. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. J. O'Brien it was agreed that:-

Cllrs. Darren Ryan, Michael Anglim, Eddie O'Meara, Jack Crowe be nominated to attend conference entitled "From the Canvass to the Council Chamber" organised by Kadenza Consultancies to be held from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July, 09.

Cllr Siobhan Ambrose be nominated to attend conference entitled "Effective Local Government Policy Making" organised by Superior Training to be held from 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.

Cllrs. John Crosse, Liam Ahearn and Jimmy O'Brien be nominated to attend conference entitled "29<sup>th</sup> Annual MacGill Summer School to be held from 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.

Cllrs. Eddie O'Meara, Michael Fitzgerald and John Crosse be nominated to attend conference entitled "The John Hewitt International Summer School" to be held from 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2009.

Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose be nominated to attend conference entitled "Effective Communications" organised by Esperanza Enterprises to be held from 31<sup>st</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2009.

**Section 183 Notice –  
Disposal of land at  
Windmill, Cashel**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. McCarthy  
Seconded by Cllr. T. Wood  
And Resolved:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve of the disposal of 0.088 hectares (0.217 acres) at Windmill, Cashel, Co. Tipperary in accordance with the terms of the notice under the above section as circulated on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

**Section 183 Notice –  
Disposal of land at  
Hopkinsrea,  
Burncourt,  
Cahir**

It was proposed Cllr. S. McCarthy  
Seconded by Cllr. Tom Wood  
And Resolved:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we hereby approve of the disposal of dwelling house and curtilage, the total of which

amounts to 0.1036 hectares (0.256 acra) at Hopkinscrea, Burncourt, Cahir, Co. Tipperary in accordance with the terms of the notice under the above Section as circulated on the 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.

**Taking in charge,  
Goldenvale, Attykit,  
Cashel**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. McCarthy  
Seconded by Cllr. M. Anglim  
And Resolved:-

“That we the members of South Tipperary County Council being satisfied that the road at Golden Vale, Attykitt, Cashel as more particularly described in the schedule set out below is of general public utility and having considered the financial implications for the Council of the proposal declare the road to be a public road in accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 and that in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 the Council take in charge all open spaces, car parks, sewers, watermains and drains within the attendant grounds of the development”.

**Bye Laws  
Regulating Special  
Speed Limits**

A report had been circulated to the members detailing the consultation process that had taken place in order for South Tipperary County Council to adopt special speed limit bye-laws to give effect to the following changes in speed limits  
1. A reduction in the speed limit from 120km/h to 80km/h over sections of the M8 Motorway On/Off Ramps at the five Motorway Interchanges (i.e. Junction Numbers 7,8,9,10 and 11) within the functional area of South Tipperary.

1. A reduction in the speed limit from 100km/h to 80km/h over that section of the N24 at Cloghabreedy, Cahir linking the N24 to the M8 Motorway.
2. An increase in the speed limit from 80km/h to 100km/h over the sections of the R639 (formerly N8 National Primary) Road between Skeheenaranky and Cahirabbey Upper and between New Inn and Loughfeedora.

The consent of the National Roads Authority had been received to the changes and the Garda Siochana had supported the changes.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Fitzgerald  
Seconded by Cllr. S. McCarthy  
And Resolved:

“That the Bye-Laws Regulating Special Speed Limits in the County of South Tipperary, (1) 2009 be formally adopted, to come into operation on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2009”.

Following discussion on speed limits generally in the County it was agreed that a county wide review of speed limits would be commenced and the review would be brought to area meetings and then progressed from there.

Other issues were raised by members in relation to road maintenance and hedge cutting.

## **Finance**

### ***(a) Annual Financial Statement 2008***

The Annual Financial Statement was presented to the members. The total revenue expenditure for 2008 was €86,427,608 with the total revenue income for 2008 was €86,613,300 which meant there was an overall surplus for 2008 of €185,692.

### ***(b) Approval to over-expenditure Annual Financial Statement 2008***

It was proposed by Cllr Denis Landy  
Seconded by Cllr. John Crosse  
And Resolved:-

That in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001 excess expenditure in respect of the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 be and is hereby approved as follows:-

<b>Service</b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
A03	€7,500
A05	€1,000
A06	€225,000
A11	€105,000
B01	€120,000
B03	€385,000
B04	€420,000
B05	€20,000
B06	€10,000
B07	€220,000
C01	€340,000
C02	€550,000
C03	€5,000
D02	€65,000
D03	€560,000
D05	€20,000
D08	€1,000
D11	€450,000
E01	€185,000
E05	€65,000

E11	€40,000
F03	€15,000
G01	€1,000
H03	€2,000
H05	€65,000
H09	€8,000
H11	€130,000

(c) The County Manager reported to the meeting on the current and developing fiscal situation which was going to impact significantly on our adopted 2009 Budget. It was now necessary for the Council to re-examine and refocus the thrust of that budget, however it was not proposed to increase any of the charges that were levied in the 2009 Budget.

The 2009 Budget provided for expenditure of €90.371m and was prepared on the basis of costs needs and LGF notified at that time but since then there was major changes which impacted significantly on the adopted Budget culminating in recent further reductions in Roads Grants and LGF. On the income side the net reduction would be €4.372m. The major elements of this are Roads Grants, Local Government Fund, planning fees and refuse charges.

On the expenditure side there was increased expenditure of €570,000 made up of lump sum and gratuity payments together with loan payments for the Machinery yard. The reduction therefore that was required was €4.942m made up of income reduction of €4.372m and expenditure increase of €570,000. The proposals to achieve this were road expenditure reduction €3.896m, programme savings €361,000, further salary and expenses €360,000, water connections and loan charges €325,000.

These reductions will have an impact on staff and services. At present arising from the non-filling of vacancies because of resignations, retirements, contracts/temporary staff, career breaks etc there are a total of 63 posts not filled (this is made up of 15 outdoor and 48 indoor staff). In addition the summer student scheme was not implemented this year and this would have an equivalent of 6 full-time jobs. In view of further cuts required this Council will have further discussions with staff Unions and we look forward to working with them in a positive way.

As regards services these necessary adjustments will have an impact on the provision of services. These are already very evident in the Roads area and will continue in the coming months. He noted that the Area Committee have

discussed revised Area Work Programmes which are now necessary. Apart from these, direct employment implications for the County Council itself there will also be indirect employment implications as well in that the use of hired machinery etc, will be seriously curtailed. There will also be some reductions in the level of other services provided as well ranging from over the counter services to areas, turnaround times and financial support to community groups etc.

The County Manager stated that he was satisfied that, unless something major unforeseen happens or unless our grant allocations are further reduced the measures outlined will enable us to keep our finances in order.

The Manager also referred to a specific difficulty in relation to housing grants. Grants had been approved up to €2.2m by the Council but the allocation received from the Department, as recently notified, was €1.51m. To ensure that commitments were honoured it was proposed to pay the shortfall from the council finances over a period of months but it was to be noted that this money would have to be recouped from the 2010 allocation when received.

Members expressed their anger at the reduction in the budget for these vulnerable applicants and stressed the need for a special fund for emergency applicants. Ms. C. Curley, DOS, confirmed that this would be considered by the Strategic Policy Committee.

Members thanked the Manager for his honest assessment of the financial outlook for the Council.

Ms. Sonja Reidy referred to the report that had been circulated to the members on the District Service Centre Enhancement Schemes. The purpose of the schemes was to facilitate and guide co-ordinated improvements to the streetscapes of the village centres and to provide for the enhanced visual quality and amenity provision in the villages.

**District Service  
Centre Enhancement  
Schemes for  
Lisvarinane and  
Killenaule**

South Tipperary County Council appointed MosArt Ltd. to prepare District Service Centre Enhancement Schemes for 6 District Service Centres in 2008 (Ardfinnan, Ballyclerihan, Dundrum, Killenaule, Kilsheelan and Lisvarrinane). A further 7 schemes were being prepared in 2009 and have completed the public consultation phase. To date the schemes for Ardfinnan, Ballyclerihan and Kilsheelan have been endorsed by the Council. The final schemes for Killenaule and Lisvarrinane were now being presented to

the Members of South Tipperary County Council for endorsement.

The endorsement of the schemes was proposed by Cllr J. Crosse, seconded by Cllr J. Donovan.

Cllr Fahey expressed his reservations about landscaping in the main street and the need for extra public lighting, car parking, pedestrian crossing and a pathway to the graveyard. He was supported by Cllr J. O'Brien.

A report had been circulated to the members regarding a review of the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme which was a requirement following local elections. The proposed new structure for the period 2009-2014 was:-

**Review of the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme**

1. Physical and Economic Planning and Development  
Recommend membership 6 County Council, 4 Town Council and 5 outside nominees. Total 15. (as with current Economic Planning and Development).
2. Environment and Water Services  
(to include water supply and waste water treatment)  
Recommended Membership – 7 County Council, 1 Town Council and 4 outside nominees – Total 12 (as with current Physical Planning and Environment).
3. Roads, Transportation  
Recommended Membership – 7 County Council, 1 Town Council and 4 outside nominees – Total 12.  
(as with current Roads and Infrastructure).
4. Housing Policy and Social Development  
No change proposed to existing structure.
5. Corporate General and Cultural Development.  
No change proposed to existing structure.

If agreed, nominations would be sought from the various agencies and bodies with a view to having the new system operational in the Autumn.

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald  
Seconded by Cllr. Denis Landy  
And Resolved:

“That the draft SPC Scheme as circulated to the meeting of the County Council on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 be and is hereby adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section 48 of the

Local Government Act 2001”.

**Water Abstraction  
Orders – Fethard/  
Burncourt Regional  
Water Supply  
Scheme**

Mr. D. Walsh, S.E. Water Services, presented details in relation to the proposed abstractions of water from the Fethard and Burncourt Regional Water Supply Scheme. He detailed proposed locations and amounts to be abstracted.

In response to queries Mr. Walsh stated that the water abstraction points were chosen as the most suitable points in terms of impact on the flow of the river and proximity to the network. A site had not yet been chosen for the water treatment plant in the Cloran area.

County Managers Orders for the month of June were noted.

**County Managers  
Orders**

**Notice of Motion**

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamus Healy:-

**Footpath in  
Grange**

**“That South Tipperary County Council provides a footpath from the Church in Grange to Grange Primary School, in the interest of public safety”.**

The 2009 Clonmel Area Roadworks Programme had been agreed and there were no plans to provide a footpath from the Church in Grange to Grange Primary School.

The position would be reviewed and considered for inclusion as part of the 2010 Roadworks Programme.

Cllr. Healy requested that an interim proposal be examined.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamus Healy:-

**Traffic Calming  
Measures in Marlfield  
Village**

**“That South Tipperary County Council provides traffic calming measures in Marlfield Village, through the village and on the adjoining road at Mountain View and also that the road signage in both areas be upgraded”**

There were no plans in the 2009 Clonmel Area Roadworks Programme and no funds available to provide traffic calming measures or upgrade road signage in Marlfield Village and on the adjoining road at Mountain View.

The position could be reviewed in 2010 and consideration could be given to including this in the 2010 Roadworks Programme.

## Secondary and Country Lanes

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Jimmy O'Brien:-

**“Considering the poor state of our secondary and country lanes, it is time this Council took a new approach as to how we tackle the serious state of rural roads”**

The Non-National (i.e. Regional and County) Roads in South Tipperary were generally in a good condition given the resources made available. It was acknowledged that some secondary and tertiary road were in a relatively poor condition for various reasons such as drainage and ground conditions and have been impacted by increased traffic, especially heavy good vehicles, large agricultural machinery increased axle loadings and also changing environment conditions.

The Local Authority must comply with Engineering Standards set down by the Department of Transport. Works are inspected by the Department at random, and expenditure on road works is audited.

South Tipperary County Council continually reviews its own operations and uses best practice technologies and best available materials. Training is organised on a regular basis for all employees involved in the road programme, the most recent training course was held in Clonmel in April 2009.

It should also be noted that the roadworks operations are heavily regulated under Health and Safety legislation.

The Roadworks Programme as approved by the Department of Transport over the past five years was sufficient to complete approximately 100km of road improvement and 75km surface dressing per year i.e. approximately 6% of the total Non-National Road Network. It would be desirable to target completion of 8% to 10% of the road network each year. Over the past fifteen years, almost 80% of the tertiary roads have been strengthened and this is evident in South Tipperary. This work probably highlights the tertiary roads that have not been strengthened at this stage.

A case for increased funding for pavement strengthening and road maintenance can readily be made. However, in the present economic climate, especially in view of the most recent Government cut-backs in Grant Allocations, the focus will have to change and priority will have to be given to maintenance works over strengthening works.

Members spoke in support of the motion and made reference in particular to potholes. It was agreed that a policy would be formulated for dealing with pothole repair and this policy would be brought to members at area meetings and then to the Strategic Policy Committee for consideration.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Jimmy O'Brien:-

**Water problems at Jamestown, Gurteen, Clonagoose, Poulacapple and Ballydonnell**

**“Can I have the up to date positions with regards to the water problems at Jamestown, Gurteen, Clonagoose, Poulacapple and Ballydonnell from the Water Services Section”.**

There had been interruptions to the supplies in the above areas in the recent past. Water services personnel had tried to restore supply as quickly as possible on each occasion. The problems being experienced were due to the poor condition of the distribution network and the fact that the supply of water in the region is only just able to match the demand.

In an effort to improve the supply a trial borehole had been drilled in Drangan in week commencing the 29th June 2009. Unfortunately, this was unsatisfactory and has been abandoned. Further investigations would be undertaken to try to find a suitable borehole.

An application was made, last year, to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for funding for mains replacement in the Fethard Regional Scheme. In a recent letter the Department sought clarification and further information. A response is being prepared and will be submitted in the next fortnight.

Approval had been received from the DoEHLG to progress the new treatment plant and improvement works for the Fethard RWSS through to Tender stage. Work is proceeding on the application for a Water Abstraction Order, planning process and preparation of the Tender Documents.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in

the name of Cllr. Tom Wood:-

**Dump at  
Tullamain sandpit**

**"That the Manager explain the status of the dump at Tullamain sandpit. What if any investigations have taken place to identify the nature and extent of materials buried there and what measures will be taken to deal with concerns expressed about the situation over the past number of years".**

The "Tullamain sandpit" referred to in the notice of motion was a working quarry located at Tullamain, Fethard, which was operated, but not owned, by Tipperary Mini-Mix Limited. Following complaints received from public representatives and on foot of the Council's own concerns in relation to possible unauthorised waste activities within the quarry, an investigation by the Environment Section commenced in early 2009. Following investigations and site inspections, a discovery was made that there appeared to be household, industrial and commercial waste deposited throughout the site. A subsequent notice, pursuant to section 55 of the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended, dated 24 February 2009, was served on Mr. Michael O'Brien, Director & Secretary, Tipperary Mini-Mix Ltd., Coolmoynes, Fethard requiring him to:

" 1. Arrange for the excavation of trial-holes throughout the site at locations to be determined by and in the presence of an Authorised Officer on the date proposed by Mr. Michael O'Brien.

2. Once condition (1) is completed arrange for the removal of all possible waste discovered for proper disposal to an authorized waste permitted/facility by an Authorised Waste Collector for such waste.

3. Provide this Council with evidence of compliance of above condition (2) in the form of written proof such as receipts or invoices detailing the disposal of the waste and by whom."

The trial holes (5 in number) required have been excavated and have revealed a number of different types of waste material deposited on the site. Having examined same, the Council considers that further investigation is warranted to determine the nature and extent of the unauthorised waste disposal activity which has occurred at this location and to determine the nature of the environmental risk posed by the material. In this regard, the Environmental Protection Agency published, in 2007, a Code of Practice entitled "Environmental Risk Assessment for Unregulated Waste Disposal Sites" which sets out a framework to allow the intrinsic risk posed by the activity to the environment to be

assessed. It sets out a clear methodology to conduct the risk assessment and the remediation required.

Mr. Michael O'Brien has been requested to carry out this risk assessment as per the aforementioned Code of Practice before proceeding to compliance with item 2 of the section 55 notice.

Cllr. Wood referred to current dumping on this site and Mr. Holland undertook to investigate this.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Tom Wood:-

### **Traffic Situation in Rosegreen**

**“That in view of the scary traffic situation in Rosegreen, the continuous request to ensure the safety of adults and children alike, this Council would outline what immediate steps will be taken to resolve the worrying situation by the putting life and limb before money”**

A traffic calming scheme for Rosegreen was currently being designed by Road Design Section. This design would take into account previous representations made by Elected Members on behalf of the National School Board of Management. Further consultation with the school authorities will take place before the design is finalised.

It was hoped that work will commence in 2010, subject to approval at the Annual Area Roads Meeting in 2010 and subject to the availability of funding.

Roads Section would continue to liaise with an Garda Siochana in respect of the enforcement of the 50km/hr speed limit through the centre of the village.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Tom Wood:-

### **Traffic measures in Boherlahan and Ballinure**

**“That the Manager advise as to what additional traffic calming measures can be put in place before the new school year, in Boherlahan and Ballinure”**

The ESB would again be contacted to have the new pedestrian crossing in Boherlahan operational before the school re-opens in September. Provision of additional traffic calming measures if required will be considered as part of the 2010 Road Works Programme subject to the necessary finance being available.

The situation in Ballinure would be examined and any

signage or road markings required would be considered as part of the 2010 Road Works Programme.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Jimmy O'Brien:-

**Drangan Road,  
Mullinahone**

**“I call on South Tipperary County Council to give an immediate update as to when the Drangan Road into Mullinahone will be instated following the completion of the new housing estate”.**

The Drangan Road, Mullinahone was excavated by Contractors on behalf of the Housing Section, South Tipperary County Council to provide services including sewer connection for a new Housing Scheme on the Drangan Road, Mullinahone.

The Housing Section has been in contact with the Contractor regarding the above works. A meeting has been organised for Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July on site and the work is scheduled to commence for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

It is proposed to construct a new footpath and carry out trench reinstatement on this section of the road i.e. from the new housing estate to the existing footpath.

Cllr. Molloy requested that this motion be transferred to the September meeting.

**Fair Trade Coffee  
and Tea at Meetings  
in Offices and Canteens**

Cllr. Molloy requested that this motion be transferred to the September meeting.

**Shrubbery on the  
Clonmel inner relief  
road**

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seanie Lonergan:-

**Running of Council  
trucks on organic oil**

**“That this Council question the wisdom of running Council trucks on organic oil, which is way more expensive than diesel and the fact that the truck manufacturers will not stand over their guarantee when their engines have been altered”**

South Tipperary County Council operates 2 № trucks on pure plant oil. Both trucks were converted in 2007 under a Biofuels for Transport Project organised by the German-Irish Chamber of Commerce and the Department Transport. A total of 380 № vehicles were converted through the country with 75% of the conversion cost being funding by the project.

In the conversion process, the cooling system was modified to allow for the heating of plant oil and the truck engine is not modified. Both vehicles selected for conversion were out of manufacturer's warranty at the time of conversion.

At the time of conversion, plant oil was slightly cheaper than diesel. Since then, plant oil has become more expensive than diesel and is at present six cent per litre dearer than diesel.

The main advantage of using pure plant oil is that the vehicles are producing a lot less carbon and sulphur emissions than a vehicle running on diesel.

As the system used is a "two tank system" the trucks can be operated on diesel at any stage in the future, if required without any further modification.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamus Healy:-

**Footpath from the Marlfield junction on the Cahir Road**

**"That South Tipperary County Council provide a footpath from the Marlfield junction on the Cahir Road to the existing footpath further down the road in the interest of public safety"**

There are no plans in the 2009 Clonmel Area Roadworks Programme and no funds available to provide a footpath from the Marlfield junction on the Cahir Road to the existing footpath.

The position can be reviewed and considered for inclusion as part of the 2010 Roadworks Programme.

Cllr. Healy requested that as an interim measure the verges and ditch be trimmed.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamus Healy:-

**Hillview Estate, Clerihan**

**"That the dangerous bend at Hillview Estate, Clerihan, be removed and that the area be made safe"**

Funding was allocated in 2009 for realignment works at this location under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme. Revised proposals have been submitted for approval, as requested by the Regional Safety Engineer. The revised proposals include the widening of the road and provision of

a footpath at Hillview Estate, Ballyclerihan.

The Council is currently awaiting a response from the NRA in relation to the revised submission. However, it is expected that approval will be received shortly and works completed by September 2009.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Pat English:-

**Pedestrian crossing at the Fethard Road roundabout**

**“That South Tipperary County Council replace the unguarded pedestrian crossing at the Fethard Road roundabout with a guarded pedestrian crossing in the interest of public safety”**

There were no plans in the 2009 Clonmel Area Roadworks Programme and no funds available to replace the unguarded pedestrian crossing with a guarded pedestrian crossing at this location.

As this pedestrian crossing is located on the N24, the matter will be raised with the NRA Regional Safety Engineer in order that a future proposal may be considered should further funding become available.

Cllr. English requested that this matter be re-examined.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Pat English:-

**Flooding at Poulakerry, Kilsheelan**

**“That the area adjacent to No 1 and 2 Poulakerry, Kilsheelan, which is prone to flooding be upgraded with gullies and that the crossover on the new footpath, which is in a very unsafe condition be replaced”**

Works including the installation of a gully and repair of footpath at this location would be carried out within the next few weeks.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Pat English:-

**Pedestrian crossing at Lisronagh Village**

**“That the existing pedestrian crossing at Lisronagh Village is upgraded to insure that traffic going through the village is slowed down in the interest of public safety and also that South Tipperary County Council provide a school warden at all times”**

Realignment and replacement of the pedestrian crossing and replacement traffic calming signage would be carried out

following road resurfacing works at Lisronagh Village, which is included in the 2009 Clonmel Area Roadworks Programme. These works were planned to commence at the end of July/beginning of August.

Due to financial constraints, it was not possible to provide a full-time school warden at Lisronagh.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Pat English:-

**Overgrowth on the walkway on the bank of the River Suir**

**“That South Tipperary County Council cut back the overgrowth on the walkway along the bank of the River Suir from the Two Mile Bridge to Sir Thomas’s Bridge”**

South Tipperary County Council intends to commence the clearing of vegetation on the towpath within the next two weeks.

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sylvia Sheehan-Cooney:-

**Tickets for the Monthly Meeting of the Council**

**“That this Council would amend standing orders to allow Members of the Public to apply for tickets for the Monthly Meeting of the Council as soon as the agenda is made available to the Public”.**

This matter would be considered by the Standing Orders Committee.

**Correspondence**

- (a) Reply from Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform dated 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 regarding Fethard Garda Station”
- (b) Reply from Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney regarding the medical card income thresholds.
- (c) Reply from Minister for Housing and Local Services, Mr. Michael Finneran, T.D. in connection with the purchase of voluntary houses by tenants.
- (d) Reply from Minister for Communicaitons, Mr. Eamon Ryan, T.D. regarding provision of broadband for the Mullinahone and Ballingarry Areas.

**Galway County Council**

*At a recent meeting of Galway County Council the following resolution was passed “that Galway County Council rejects*

**Resolutions from other Local Authorities**

*the establishment of a second on-farm inspectorate, under the Nitrates Regulations and the Water Framework Directive as a wasteful and unacceptable burden on farmers and unnecessary costs that County Councils can ill-afford. This compliance and on-farm inspection work is already being carried out competently by a qualified Department of Agriculture Inspectorate”.*

**Limerick County Council**

*That, Limerick County Council call on the Minister in charge of Housing – (a) that legislation be changed so that all private landlords be made responsible for the tenants that they rent their premises to; (b) that all tenants be put under a similar scheme to Limerick County Council’s tenant policy so as to help curb the move of people, with anti-social behaviour tendencies, to all county towns and villages to carry on their activities; and (c) that this motion be sent to all City and County Councillors and Oireachtas Members throughout the country”.*

**Limerick County Council**

*That, the Department of An Taoiseach be requested, in the interest of value for money, to eliminate the employment of Consultants, abolish all Quangos and cut back on unnecessary regulatory requirements in relation to Health and Safety so that the monies saved could be used to supplement roads allocations, and that the motion be circulated to all local authorities for support”.*

**Macroom Town Council**

*Royalties should be reintroduced on oil and gas production in order to guarantee state revenue from the exploitation of our natural resources.*

**Votes of Sympathy**

- ❑ David Corbett on the death of his mother Kathleen
- ❑ Robbie Corbett on the death of his grandmother Kathleen
- ❑ Peggy Murphy on the death of her husband Jimmy
- ❑ Helen Rockett on the death of her mother Kathleen
- ❑ Denise Kearney on the death of her father Michael
- ❑ Seamus Cleary on the death of his brother Timothy

Best wishes were conveyed to Mr. Jimmy Harney for a speedy recovery.

**Best Wishes**

**Adjournment**

**Resumption**

Former members, Messrs T. Ambrose, M. Maguire, C. Kinahan, S. Nyhan, P Norris R. Kennedy, B Shoer and Ms. S. Meagher, were welcomed to the chamber.

**Presentation**

The Cathaoirleach and members paid tribute to the former members for their contribution to the development of South Tipperary and a presentation was made to each as a memento of their service. The County Manager also joined in paying tributes to all the former members.

The meeting then concluded.

**Signed/\_\_\_\_\_ Dated/\_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Cathaoirleach.**

**Signed/\_\_\_\_\_ Dated/\_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Meetings Administrator**