

South Tipperary County Council

Minutes of South Tipperary County Council Meeting held in The Council Chamber, County Hall, Clonmel On Monday 14th September, 2009.

In The Chair	Cllr. Liam Ahearne
Present	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, J. O'Brien, E. O'Meara, D. Ryan, T. Wood.
In Attendance	E. O'Connor, B. McEvoy, S. Keating, C. Curley, D. Walsh, G. Walsh, C. Lee, H. Houlihan.
Apologies	Cllr. MI. Murphy
Meetings Administrator	Mr. J O'Mahoney
Minutes	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. Pat English and seconded by Cllr. Joe Brennan the minutes of the AGM held on 19th June, 2009, were adopted.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. J. Brennan and seconded by Cllr. S. McCarthy the minutes of Council Meeting held on 6th July, 2009 were adopted.</p>

Matters Arising

Fethard RWSS

Cllr J. O'Brien referred to the interruption on the water supply for the Drangan/Mullinahone area and to the hardship caused to consumers which was not acceptable. He was supported by Fethard Area Members.

Mr. S. Keating, DOS, apologised to consumers who had no water supply. He outlined the problems with the infrastructure and the need for funding for a major programme in these areas. Interim solutions were being discussed with the Department.

Following discussion it was agreed that Fethard and Cahir Area Members would meet with the Oireachtas Members to consider options available to advance efforts to secure funding for mains replacement and the Burncourt and Fethard schemes.

Review of Speed Limits

In response to queries Mr. McEvoy confirmed that the review of speed limits had not yet commenced but was on the roads work programme and would be brought before each area meeting. The review of speed limits was a reserved function.

Health Services South Tipperary.

It was noted that no response had been received from the Minister for Health regarding the acceptance of a deputation and Cllr Healy requested that a further letter be sent to the Minister requesting her urgent attention to the request.

Conferences/Seminars

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

Cllr. Denis Leahy be nominated to attend conference organised by Ashford Building Services entitled "Planning and the European Law" at Days Hotel, Waterford on 4th – 6th September, 2009.

Cllrs. Jimmy O'Brien, Marie Murphy, Catherine McLoughlin, Tom Wood, Mary Hanna Hourigan be nominated to attend conference organised by Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland entitled "Social Programme and Accommodation List" at The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney on 10th – 12th September, 2009.

Cllr Joe Donovan be nominated to attend conference organised by Omagh District Council entitled "Benedict Kiely Literary Weekend" at the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh Town on 10th – 13th September, 2009.

Cllrs Marie Murphy and Mary Hanna Hourigan be nominated to attend conference organised by University College Cork entitled "Local Government Workshop" at O'Rahilly Building, Cork on 18th September, 2009.

Cllrs Michael Fitzgerald, Eddie O'Meara and Jimmy O'Brien be nominated to attend conference organised by Carlow Tourism entitled "7th National Tourism Conference – The Arts, Culture and Tourism" at The Talbot Hotel, Carlow on 24th – 26th September, 2009.

Cllrs. Jack Crowe, Michael Murphy, Sean McCarthy, Michael Anglim and Michael Fitzgerald be nominated to attend conference organised by TJK Conferences Ltd entitled Local Government Seminar at the Patrick Punch Hotel in Limerick on 25th – 26th September, 2009.

Cllr. Joe Donovan be nominated to attend conference organised by Irish Rural Link entitled “Strengthening Rural Business in Challenging Times” at Hotel Castlepollard, Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath on 29th September, 2009.

Raising of loan for the provision of housing by Cluid Housing Association at Rossmore Village

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald
Seconded by Cllr. Eddie O’Meara
And Resolved:-

“That in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001, we the members of the South Tipperary County Council hereby authorise the raising of a loan in the sum of €1,313,305 (or such greater sum as may be approved by the Minister of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government) for the provision of housing by Cluid Housing Association at Rossmore Village, Carrownreddy, Dundrum Road, Tipperary Town in accordance with the Minister’s approval of 17th July, 2009.

Raising of loan for supplementary works at the Recycling Centre & Transfer Station, Wallers-Lot, Cashel

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan
Seconded by Cllr. S. McCarthy
And Resolved:-

“That in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act 2001, we, the members of South Tipperary County Council, hereby approve of the raising of a loan in the sum of €750,000 (seven hundred and fifty thousand euro) to finance additional infrastructural works at the Recycling Centre and Waste Transfer Station at Waller’s-Lot, Cashel.

**Raising of loan to fund the non-domestic metering programme
€1,000,000**

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

“That in accordance with Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001, we the members of South Tipperary County Council hereby authorise the raising of a loan in the sum of €1,000,000 (one million euro) to finance the completion of the Council’s non-domestic metering programme”.

Adoption of Water Abstraction Orders

A report was circulated to the members outlining the proposals to abstract water from the Rivers Anner and Burncourt. The report outlined details of the source, the point of abstraction, the daily rate of abstraction and the minimum quantity of water flow past the proposed intake in summer months together with details of ancillary works.

Fethard Regional Water Supply Scheme

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Lonergan

Seconded by Cllr. M. Anglim

And Resolved:

“That pursuant to Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act 1942, and the Water Supplies (Application for Provisional Order) Regulations 2000, as amended by the Water Services Act 2007, that the supply be taken from the River Anner in the townland of Walshbog.

The County Council of the County of South Tipperary propose under the Water Supplies Act, 1942 as amended by the Water Services Act 2007 to take the supply of water as follows:

- (a) The source of water from which the supply of water is to be taken is the River Anner in the townland of Walshbog.
- (b) It is proposed to take part only of the water at such place.
- (c) The maximum rate at which water will be taken is 4,470 cubic metres in any one day period.
- (d) The estimated minimum quantity of water flowing past the proposed intake location in the summer during any continuous period not exceeding one day is 21,600 cubic metres per day. The minimum compensation flow downstream of the proposed abstraction will be 17,130 cubic metres per day.
- (e) The proposal involves the carrying out of ancillary operations as defined under section 1 of the Water Supplies Act of 1942 as follows:
 - An intake structure on the bank of the river channel at the abstraction point consisting of concrete walls with openings covered with screening equipment. Water will flow from the river through these screens into a covered chamber below ground level from where it will be pumped to the treatment plant.

There are no other ancillary operations proposed within the definition of Section 1 of the Water Supplies Act 1942 but the following work will also be constructed.

- Raw Water Pumping Station
- Water Treatment Works
- Site Roads and pipelines

Any person whose name appears in the Book of Reference or any person whose name does not appear in the said Book of Reference and who is aggrieved by the proposal may make an objection to the above proposal by giving to the Council a statement in writing of the objection and the grounds thereof on or before Friday, 30th October 2009.

If no objection is duly made to the above proposal, or if every such objection duly made to the above proposal is withdrawn, the said proposal shall be deemed to have been agreed to, and the Council will be empowered to take a supply of water in accordance with the above proposal.

If one or more objection or objections to a proposal has or have been duly made and not withdrawn, the Council will apply to An Bord Pleanala under the Water Supplies Act 1942, as amended by the Water Services Act 2007, and the Water Supplies (Application for Provisional Order) Regulations 2000, for a provisional order declaring that the proposal may come into force.

In the event of the Council being empowered to take a supply of water in accordance with the above proposal, compensation will be payable in respect of damage (if any), caused to any person by the taking of such supply of water in accordance with the proposal.

Burncourt Regional Water Supply Scheme

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Brennan

Seconded by Cllr. Eddie O'Meara

And Resolved:

“That pursuant to Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act 1942, and the Water Supplies (Application for Provisional Order) Regulations 2000, as amended by the Water Services Act 2007, that the supply be taken from the River Burncourt in the townland of Hopkinsrea, Co Tipperary, approximately 400m downstream of South Tipperary County Council's existing abstraction point from the Burncourt River.

The County Council of the County of South Tipperary propose under the Water Supplies Act, 1942 as amended by the Water Services Act 2007 to take the supply of water as follows:

- (f) The source of water from which the supply of water is to be taken is the River Burncourt in the townland of Hopkinsrea approximately 400m downstream of South Tipperary County Council's existing abstraction point.

- (g) It is proposed to take part only of the water at such place.
- (h) Currently South Tipperary County Council abstract 3,000 cubic metres per day from the existing abstraction point. It is proposed to relocate the existing abstraction point 400m downstream and reduce the maximum rate of abstraction. The maximum rate at which is it proposed to abstract water is 2,600 cubic metres in any one day period.
- (i) The estimated minimum quantity of water flowing past the proposed intake location in the summer during any continuous period not exceeding one day is 10,454 cubic metres per day. The minimum compensation flow downstream of the proposed abstraction will be 7,854 cubic metres per day.
- (j) The proposal involves the carrying out of ancillary operations as defined under section 1 of the Water Supplies Act of 1942 as follows:
- An intake structure located on the bank of the river channel at the abstraction point consisting of concrete walls with openings covered with screening equipment. Water will flow from the river through these screens into a covered chamber below ground level from where it will be pumped to the treatment plant.

There are no other ancillary operations proposed within the definition of Section 1 of the Water Supplies Act of 1942 but the following works will also be constructed:

- Raw Water Pumping Station
- Water Treatment Works
- Site Roads and pipelines.

Any person who is aggrieved by the proposal may make an objection to the above proposal by giving to the Council a statement in writing of the objection and the grounds thereof on or before Friday, 30th October 2009.

If no objection is duly made to the above proposal, or if every such objection duly made to the above proposal is withdrawn, the said proposal shall be deemed to have been agreed to, and the Council will be empowered to take a supply of water in accordance with the above proposal.

If one or more objection or objections to a proposal has or have been duly made and not withdrawn, the Council will apply to An Bord Pleanála under the Water Supplies Act 1942, as amended by the Water Services Act 2007, and the Water Supplies (Application for Provisional Order) Regulations 2000, for a provisional order declaring that the proposal may come into force.

In the event of the Council being empowered to take a supply of water in accordance with the above proposal, compensation will be payable in respect of damage (if any), caused to any person by the taking of such supply of water in accordance with the proposal.

It was agreed that Fethard and Cahir Area members would have site visits to view the proposals on location.

As Notice of Motion No. 37 referred to the Burncourt Water Supply scheme it was agreed to take the motion in the name of Cllr Marie Murphy with this item:-

“The fact that under the Water Services Investment Programme 2007-2009 the Burncourt Water Supply Scheme was allocated €6,407,000 and following the detection of e.coli contamination in the local water scheme at Skeheenarinky and the subsequent issuing of boil water notices to in excess of 30 households in the area, that the Manager advise as to what measures will be taken to resolve this very serious issue and also outline what steps will be taken to ensure that the upgrade of the Burncourt Water Supply Scheme is prioritised. I would also ask that this upgrade be fast-tracked through planning as it is a matter of ‘social importance.’”

Since mid August a number of samples taken by the Council, the Health Service Executive, and local residents have shown evidence of E.Coli in the water supplied from the Burncourt Scheme. The samples containing E.Coli were confined to an area in Skeheenarinky around the School Road and Black Road. On the advice of the HSE a notice advising consumers in this area to boil water before use was issued on 1st September. An extensive sampling programme has been initiated in the whole area of the Burncourt Scheme as well as an extensive pipeline scouring regime. Investigations into the cause of the E.Coli failures are ongoing. Works are being carried out at the plant to improve and regulate the chlorine dosing and provide an early warning system of plant failures. These works will be completed over the next few weeks and the Boil Notice will remain in force for this period at least. The HSE has not reported any illness in the area that may be contributed to by

the water supply.

The following is the position in relation to the Burncourt Water Supply Scheme for which funding has been allocated in the current Water Services Investment Programme:-

Approval has been received to proceed to contract stage for the Scheme as a combined Design Build Operate Project along with The Fethard Regional Water Supply Scheme . Prior Water Abstraction Orders are required for both Schemes and resolutions in relation to same were advised to members in July and are before the September Council Meeting. When the resolutions are passed, the Water Abstraction Proposals will be advertised and there will be a period of six weeks for submissions/ objections.

If no objections are received the Orders can be confirmed. However, in the event of objections being received, they will have to be referred to An Bord Pleanala for adjudication. When this process is completed successfully the Scheme can go to tender. The timescale for going to tender can vary between six months and two years, depending on whether or not there are objections to the Abstraction proposals.

In the meantime the Council will examine the Burncourt Scheme project in an effort to determine if any improvements can be prioritised as advance works which would help alleviate the issues with the water supply. This exercise will be carried out in conjunction with the WSIP Assessment of Needs Process which will be outlined at the September meeting. Any other works that will contribute to an improvement in the quality of the supply will also be considered. Any works identified can only be carried out subject to available funding.

The progression of the Fethard and Burncourt Schemes has been a priority of the Council for some time and every effort is being made to ensure that they are brought through the required procedures as quickly as possible.

**Water Services
Investment Programme
2010-2012 – Assessment
of Needs 2009**

Mr. Dan Walsh, S.E. Water Services, informed the members that work had been commenced by the Department on the development of the Water Services Investment Programme. The Council were currently preparing the draft Assessment of Needs and this would be presented to the October Meeting.

**District Service Centre
Village Enhancement
Schemes**

Ms. Clare Lee, Assistant Planner, referred to the maps that had been circulated to the members outlining proposals for village enhancement schemes for the villages of Dundrum, Bansha, Golden, Clogheen, Ballyporeen, Mullinahone, Ballingarry and Holycross.
Members welcomed the schemes as proposed.

**Arts Act 1973 –
Allocations 2009**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Ambrose
Seconded by Cllr. P. English
And Resolved:-

“That the report dated 12th August, 2009 circulated to the members regarding the distributions of grants under the Arts Act, 1973 be and is hereby approved”.

**Higher Education
Grant Scheme 2009**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Ambrose
Seconded by Cllr. J. Brennan
And Resolved:-

“That the 2009 Higher Education Grant Scheme be and is hereby adopted”.

**SPC Scheme 2009
and
Joint Policing
Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr M. Fitzgerald, seconded by Cllr S. McCarthy and agreed that the amendments to the SPC Scheme as proposed in the report to the meeting be adopted. It was further proposed by Cllr Fitzgerald and seconded by Cllr Mc Carthy that the filling of vacancies on the SPC’s and the Joint Policy Committee be deferred to the October Meeting.

**Goul River Drainage
Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Fahey
Seconded by Cllr. J. O’Brien
And Resolved:

“That Christopher Large is appointed as this Councils nominee to the Goul River Drainage Committee”.

**Local Traveller
Accommodation
Consultative
Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr. Darren Ryan
Seconded by Cllr. Sean McCarthy
And Resolved:

“That the following Traveller Representatives be appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee:-

Margaret Casey, Tipperary Rural Travellers
Margaret Hutchinson
Winnie Delaney
Marie Motherway, Traveller Development Project
Ellen O’Reilly

Notice of Motions

Fair Trade Coffee and Tea at Meetings

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Richie Molloy:-

“That South Tipperary County Council pass a resolution supporting Fair Trade coffee and tea at it’s meetings in its offices and canteens. This resolution will go a long way towards making Tipperary one of the first countries in Ireland to be a fair trade county as well as being known as the premier county”.

This was agreed.

Shrubbery on the Clonmel Inner Relief Road

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Richie Molloy:

“I call on South Tipperary County Council to cut back the shrubbery on the Clonmel Inner Relief Road especially opposite the Clonmel Town grounds as it is impossible for pedestrians to walk there at present”

Grass cutting and the cutting back of shrubbery on the Clonmel Inner Relief Road was recently completed.

Flooding problems at Ardfinnan

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Marie Murphy:

“Can I have an up-to-date with regard to the following: The Office of Public works have requested South Tipperary County Council to submit detailed proposals and costings for works to address the flooding problems at Ardfinnan – Have these detailed proposals and costings been submitted to the OPW? If so, has a decision in relation to the provision of funding by the OPW been received by South Tipperary County Council”

South Tipperary County Council had submitted detailed proposals and costs to the Office of Public Works (OPW) for works to address flooding problems in Ardfinnan. The proposals for Ardfinnan at an estimated cost of €180,000 was submitted on the prescribed form as requested by the OPW.

The Council was awaiting the OPW’s decision in relation to the application.

Rural Transport Scheme

The Council considered the following Notices of Motion in the name of Cllrs. Michael Fitzgerald and Cllr. Denis Leahy:-

“That this Council calls on the relevant authorities not to interfere in any way with the Rural Transport Scheme as it is so important to people especially in rural areas.”

“That this Council calls for the continuation of the Rural Transport System both now and into the future”

Members spoke in support of the motions. They stressed the importance of the service to rural communities particularly in the current climate and how vital it was to retain this service.

“Text Alert” – Disabled parking spaces

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

“That this Council adopt the Sligo County Council model, pertaining to the abuse of disabled parking spaces. This system has been highly successful in County Sligo. The system is known as “text alert”.

The system was piloted in Sligo in August 2008. South Tipperary County Council had contacted Sligo County Council in relation to the operational elements of the scheme and was awaiting further feedback on the experience gained to-date and recommendations for any changes to the system.

Family Resource Centre Programme

The Council considered the following Notices of Motion in the names of Cllr. Darren Ryan and Cllr. Pat English:-

"That this Council calls on the Government to support the Family Resource Centre Programme and, in particular, Family Resource Centres based in Tipperary."

“That South Tipperary Co. Council calls on the Government to support the Family Resource Centre Programme and in particular the Family Resource Centres based in Tipperary and the three campaign principles of the Family Resource Centre National Forum, which are:

- 1. The Family Resource Centre Programme delivers a value for money support for families across Ireland. At times of financial hardship, the services of Family Resource**

Centres will be needed more than ever. Rather than considering closing or reducing the FRC programme, it should be developed and expanded.

- 2. The Family Support Agency is the best vehicle to deliver the Family Resource Centre Programme and the Agency must be maintained.**

If any changes are to be made to the FRC Programme or Family Support Agency, the Family Resource Centre National Forum must be consulted on the way forward.

Members spoke in support of the motions and referred to the excellent work being carried out by these centres.

Votes of Congratulations

- Emly Tidy Towns Committee
- Tipperary Hurling Team
- Organisers of Heritage Week – L. McKenna, M. McMahon and R. O’Grady
- Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald – Elected Chairman of County and City Councils
- Cllr. Jimmy O’Brien – Elected to the executive committee of the ACCC

Votes of Sympathy

- Amy Ahearne on the death of her mother, Maureen
- Ken Conway on the death of his sister Maureen
- Rosarie Hickey on the death of her father Flann Hickey
- Angela Dillon White on the death of her father Percy Dillon
- Billy McEvoy on the death of his mother in law Sheila Coughlan

Adjournment

Resumption

Rapid Programme and Dormant Account Funding

The Council considered the following Notice of Motions in the name of Cllr. Darren Ryan and Cllr. Sylvia Sheehan-Cooney:-

"That this Council calls on Government to reject the proposals in the McCarthy Report to end the funding of the RAPID Programme and Dormant Account Funding."

“That the Manager write to the Minister for Finance outlining the importance of the Rapid area status of Clonmel, Tipperary and Carrick on Suir and ask not to

implement the proposals on Rapid contained within the McCarthy report. This is in recognition of Rapids significant impact on improving service delivery, support and resources for new and existing projects community initiatives and local infrastructures”.

Members spoke in support of the motions and referred to the outstanding contribution that the rapid programme had made to disadvantaged areas and to the funding made available from dormant accounts.

National Carers Strategy

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Richie Molloy:-

“That South Tipperary County Council calls on the Taoiseach and the Minister for Social and family affairs to publish the national carers strategy as committed to in the social partnership agreement towards 2016 and in the programme for government as a matter of principle”

Cllr. Healy proposed that the motion be amended to include and calls on the Government to continue to pay the half rate carers allowance”. This was agreed by Cllr. Molloy.

The motion was agreed.

Rails beside public roads where there is an open drain

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Joe Brennan:-

“That South Tipperary develop a policy of either fitting or placing rails beside public roads within 1.5 metres of an open drain in excess of 0.5 metres depth”.

Cllr. Brennan spoke of the need to fill drains alongside public roads and suggested that the SPC consider a policy on open drains as part of their work programme. Some members spoke in support of the motion. It was agreed that this would be further considered by the Roads SPC.

Proposed science and technology park development at Coolnamuck, Carrick on Suir

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Joe Brennan:-

“That South Tipperary County Council continues to support the proposed science and technology park development at Coolnamuck, Carrick on Suir”.

Members spoke in support of the motion and stressed how crucial this development was to Carrick-on-Suir.

Mental Health Policy

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

“That South Tipperary County Council calls on the Government to implement its Mental Health Policy, “A Vision for Change”.

This was agreed.

River Suir Tow Path

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

“That South Tipperary County Council provide an update on its negotiations with the owners of the section of the River Suir Tow Path, below Sir Thomas Bridge, which is closed off to public access”.

South Tipperary Roads Department were currently collating all historical and present day documentation available regarding the ownership of the land in preparation for seeking legal opinion as to the ownership of the land.

South Tipperary County Council’s Heritage Officer Ms. Labhaoise McKenna had also commissioned a report detailing the history of all aspects of the River Suir from Clonmel to Carrick on Suir including the Towpath. It was hoped that this study may uncover further documentation with regard to ownership.

It was proposed to seek legal opinion once this study has been finalised.

Centralisation of Medical Cards

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

“That South Tipperary County Council calls on Mary Harney T.D., Minister for Health and Prof. Brendan Drumm HSE, C.E.O. to scrap the proposed centralisation of Medical Card applications and retain and properly resource the locally based application system”.

Members spoke in support of the motion

Tipperary Institute

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

“That South Tipperary County Council calls on the government to reject the closure of Tipperary Institute, proposed by the An Bord Snip Nua Report:-

A number of members spoke in favour of the motion pointing out the unique contribution Tipperary Institute had made to the economic and social development of the County since its formation 10 years ago. They referred to the potential it created for industry particularly research and the opportunities it created for people in the county to avail of third level education. Members also spoke of the fact that the institute was offering a particular type of service with experience and substantial increase in numbers and they complimented Pdraig Culbert, Chief Executive for the manner in which the Institute had developed.

Christmas Bonus to Welfare Recipients

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

“That South Tipperary County Council calls on the government and Minister for Social and Family Affairs to reverse the decision not to pay the Christmas Bonus to Social Welfare recipients.”

The motion was seconded by Cllr P. English. Cllr S.McCarthy proposed an amendment to the motion “That the government would review in better times the double payment of Social Welfare Allowance at Christmas Time. This was seconded by Cllr R. Molloy.

A vote was taken on the amendment as follows:-

Comhairleoir	For	Against	Absent
1.Acheson Tom			✓
2.Ahearne Liam		✓	
3. Ambrose, Siobhan	✓		
4.Anglim, Michael	✓		
5.Brennan , Joe		✓	
6.CooneySheehan, Sylvia	✓		
7.Crosse, John		✓	
8.Crowe, Jack		✓	
9.Donovan, Joe	✓		
10.English, Pat		✓	
11.Fahey, John		✓	
12. Fitzgerald, Michael		✓	
13.Hanna Hourigan Mary		✓	
14.Healy, Seamus		✓	
16.Landy, Denis		✓	
17.Leahy, Denis			✓
18.Lonergan, Seanie		✓	
19.McCarthy, Sean	✓		
20.McLoughlin, Catherine		✓	

20. Molloy, Richie	✓		
21. Murphy, Marie		✓	
22. Murphy, Michael			✓
23. O'Brien, Jimmy		✓	
24. O'Meara, Eddie		✓	
25. Ryan, Darren		✓	
26. Wood, Tom			✓
Totals	6	16	4

The amendment to the motion was therefore defeated by 16 votes to 6 with 4 members absent at the time of voting.

A vote was then taken on the original motion as follows:-

Comhairleoir	For	Against	Absent
1. Acheson Tom			✓
2. Ahearne Liam	✓		
3. Ambrose, Siobhan		✓	
4. Anglim, Michael		✓	
5. Brennan, Joe	✓		
6. CooneySheehan, Sylvia		✓	
7. Crosse, John	✓		
8. Crowe, Jack	✓		
9. Donovan, Joe		✓	
10. English, Pat	✓		
11. Fahey, John	✓		
12. Fitzgerald, Michael	✓		
13. Hanna Hourigan Mary	✓		
14. Healy, Seamus	✓		
15. Landy, Denis	✓		
16. Leahy, Denis			✓
17. Lonergan, Seanie	✓		
18. McCarthy, Sean		✓	
19. McLoughlin, Catherine	✓		
20. Molloy, Richie		✓	
21. Murphy, Marie	✓		
22. Murphy, Michael			✓
23. O'Brien, Jimmy	✓		
24. O'Meara, Eddie	✓		
25. Ryan, Darren	✓		
26. Wood, Tom			✓
Totals	16	6	4

The original motion was therefore carried by 16 votes to 6 with 4 absent.

**Suspension of
Conference/Courses**

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

“That in view of the very serious financial position of the Council, as reported to the County Manager at the July meeting, the Council agrees to suspend all payment under the Conference/Courses heading, for the remainder of 2009”.

The Motion was seconded by Cllr. P. English.

Cllr. M. Fitzgerald proposed an amendment to the motion **“That this Council would implement fully the forthcoming guidelines being prepared by Minister John Gormley regarding the attendance of Councillors at Conferences for the purpose of training, informing and up skilling public representatives immediately on their announcement.”**

This was seconded by Cllr. S. McCarthy.

Comhairleoir	For	Against	Absent
1.Acheson Tom			✓
2.Ahearne Liam	✓		
3. Ambrose, Siobhan	✓		
4.Anglim, Michael	✓		
5.Brennan , Joe	✓		
6.CooneySheehan, Sylvia	✓		
7.Crosse, John	✓		
8.Crowe, Jack	✓		
9.Donovan, Joe	✓		
10.English, Pat		✓	
11.Fahey, John	✓		
12. Fitzgerald, Michael	✓		
13.Hanna Hourigan Mary		✓	
14.Healy, Seamus		✓	
16.Landy, Denis	✓		
17.Leahy, Denis			✓
18.Lonergan, Seanie	✓		
19.McCarthy, Sean	✓		
20.McLoughlin, Catherine	✓		
20. Molloy, Richie	✓		
21.Murphy, Marie	✓		
22.Murphy, Michael			✓
23.O’Brien, Jimmy	✓		
24.O’Meara, Eddie	✓		
25.Ryan, Darren	✓		
26.Wood, Tom			✓
Totals	19	3	4

The amendment was carried by 19 votes in favour to 3 against with 4 absent.

Provision of Motor Insurance through the Local Motor Tax Office

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

“That this Council consider a new proposal which could operate nationwide regarding the provision of motor insurance through the local Motor Tax Office as part of a new model which works well over seas”.

It was agreed that officials would discuss this proposal with Cllr. O'Brien in more detail and a report would be prepared and this could be further considered.

Road Repairs

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. M. Fitzgerald and Cllr. J. Crowe:-

“That in view of the serious state of repair on most of our country and rural roads that a plan of action be outlined in each electoral area to deal with this most urgent matter”.

As agreed at the July Monthly Meeting, this matter will be discussed at the Area Meetings scheduled during the month of September and will also be discussed by the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee prior to discussion at a further County Council meeting in the near future

Sewerage treatment work in Kilcash

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose:-

“That the Council be informed as to when the sewerage treatment work in Kilcash will be completed”.

The wastewater treatment plant had been completed and it was being used to treat the waste from the new houses which were constructed by the developer.

The County Council was in the process of taking the Plant in charge. Legal representatives for the Council and the developer were arranging this transfer and some items of work were being finalised also.

It was expected that the handover process will be completed by mid October.

Road Signage

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Siobhan Ambrose:-

“That South Tipperary County Council writes to the National Roads Authority requesting that Clonmel be

included on their road signage in the following locations:

- **On the new Cork bypass there is no sign for Clonmel until you are nearly in the town itself**
- **If you are travelling from Dublin via Cashel, there is no sign for Clonmel until you come into Cashel**
- **Or indeed if you are travelling from Dublin via Carlow/Kilkenny again there is no sign for Clonmel until you get to the last roundabout in Kilkenny**
- **Clonmel should also be inserted on the M50 sign with Kilkenny and Carlow**
- **In Carlow, Clonmel should be inserted on the sign with Waterford**
- **Finally, there is no sign for Clonmel at present when leaving Waterford”**

National Roads Authority (NRA) practice and policy for signage on Motorways and National Roads was broadly as follows: -

- Advance directional signage for the final destination (e.g. Cork or Dublin for M8).
- Advance directional signage for the next one or two major urban centres at upcoming exits or junctions.
- Directional signage at the interchanges for nearby towns.

It was unlikely that the above signage request would be viewed favourably. However, the request had been passed onto the NRA for a response which was awaited.

Third Level Tuition Fees

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan:-

“I call on this Council to write to the minister for education and science expressing opposition to the proposals relating to the re-introduction of third level tuition fees. I strongly urge that each and every member of South Tipperary County Council will fully support the Student Support Bill.”

Members supported the motion and it was agreed that this motion would be forwarded to other County Councils.

Correspondence

(a) Reply dated 27th July, 2009, from Office of the Minister for Health & Children regarding pharmacy services.

(b) Response from Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government regarding Clonmel Town North and Environs Hard Water Issue

**Resolutions from Other
Local Authorities**

Limerick County Council

“That, Limerick County Council calls on the Government to take the necessary steps to have the Christmas bonus reintroduced for people in receipt of Old Age Pensions.”

Clare County Council

“That this Council calls on the H.S.E.’s Medical Card Section to take into account the statutory pension levy deduction imposed on public sector workers when assessing medical card applications”. (I propose that if adopted this motion be forwarded to the Minister Brian Lenihan TD (Department of Finance), Minister Mary Harney TD (Department of Health and Children), Prof. Brendan Drumm (CEO of the Health Service Executive) and all County, City, Town and Borough Councils)

The meeting then concluded.

Signed/_____ Dated/_____.
Cathaoirleach.

Signed/_____ Dated/_____.
Meetings Administrator