

## South Tipperary County Council

### Minutes of South Tipperary County Council Meeting held in The Council Chamber, County Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2011

<b>In the Chair</b>	Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald
<b>Present</b>	Cllrs. T. Acheson, L. Ahearn, S. Ambrose, M. Anglim, J. Brennan, S. Cooney, Sheehan, J. Crosse, J. Crowe, J. Donovan, P. English, J. Fahey, B. Fitzgerald, M. Hanna Hourigan, D. Leahy, S. Lonergan, S. McCarthy, L. McLoughlin, R. Molloy, M. Murphy, Ml Murphy, J. O'Brien, E. O'Meara, D. Ryan, B. Shoer, T. Wood.
<b>In attendance</b>	B. McEvoy, P. Slattery, S. Carr, C. Conway, J. Flood, C. Lee
<b>Meetings Administrator</b>	Mr. John O'Mahoney
<b>Minutes</b>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. Louise McLoughlin and seconded by Cllr. Denis Leahy the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 were adopted.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr. Pat English and seconded by Cllr. Darren Ryan the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 were adopted.</p>
<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>	
<b>Tipperary Courthouse</b>	In reply to an enquiry by Cllr. D. Leahy, Ms. Clare Curley confirmed that necessary repair works to the Courthouse would commence in the New Year.
<b>Caiseal na Rí Estate, Golden Road, Cashel</b>	In reply to an enquiry by Cllr. Tom Wood, Ms. S. Carr confirmed that enforcement action was being taken by the Planning and Environment Sections and members would be kept informed of developments.

## **Conferences**

On the proposal of Cllr. Joe Brennan and seconded by Cllr. Jimmy O'Brien it was agreed that: -

Cllr. Jack Crowe attend conference organised by Esperanza Enterprises entitled "Public Sector Expenditure, Where is Ireland spending above the odds?" to be held at The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City

Cllrs. Denis Leahy, Eddie O'Meara, Michael Fitzgerald, Michael Anglim, Louise McLoughlin, Joe Donovan & Sean McCarthy be nominated to attend conference organised by Ashford Building Services entitled "Proposed Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy" to be held at Carlton Hotel Tralee, Tralee, Co. Kerry on 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2011

Cllrs. Michael Fitzgerald, Eddie O'Meara and Denis Leahy be nominated to attend conference organised by Esperanza Enterprises entitled "Local Government (Charges) Act 2009" to be held at The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway City on 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.

## **Review of the Tipperary Town & Environs Development Plan**

Ms. Caroline Conway, Executive Planner informed the members that Tipperary Town Council and South Tipperary County Council had commenced the review of the Tipperary Towns & Environs Development Plan 2007 & the preparation of a new Development Plan. The Statutory Plan preparation process would run over a two year period. A Strategic Environmental Assessment & Appropriate Assessment Screening had been carried out and it was determined that an Environmental Report was required to be undertaken.

The elected members were advised that following the pre-draft period a Draft Plan would be presented to the elected

members for approval in February 2012 before a draft plan was placed on public display in May 2012.

**Proposal to  
Declare Public  
roads at Lisava  
court, Cahir,  
The Paddocks,  
Clonmel and  
Rathrow  
Terrace,  
Killenaule,  
Co.Tipperary**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. O'Brien  
Seconded by Cllr. M. Murphy  
And Resolved: -

“That we the Members of South Tipperary County Council being satisfied that the roads at Lisava Court, Cahir, The Paddocks, Clonmel and Rathrow Terrace, Killenaule, Co. Tipperary 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 roads to be a pub roads 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 developments”.

**Schedule**

Location of Road	Length of Road to be taken over (m)	Terminal Point of Road
Lisava Court Housing Estate, Mitchelstown Road, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	80m	Co-ordinates E 203815 N 124654
The Paddocks, Housing Estate, Fethard Road, Clonmel	338m	Co-ordinates E 220635 N 124297

Rathrow Terrace Housing Estate, Killenaule, Co. Tipperary	59m	Co- ordinates E 222852 N 146414
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## **Kickham Barracks**

A letter received from the Principal Officer, Property Management Branch, Department of Defence, in relation to the future use of the Kickham Barracks Property, had been circulated to the members. The County Manager outlined the three proposals contained in the letter which were: -

- That South Tipperary County Council would consider acquiring the site
- That a meeting would be held between STCC and officials from the Department of Defence to explore the future of the site
- That planning issues pertaining to the site would be considered

Members expressed that view that entering into discussions on the disposal of the site was premature at this stage and referred to the lack of information and documents made available to them outlining the reasons for the proposed closure. It was proposed by Cllr. R. Molloy and seconded by Cllr. D. Ryan and agreed that we would again write to the Minister for Justice Equality and Defence seeking a response to our previous correspondence and a copy of the feasibility study in relation to Kickham Barracks which had been prepared prior to the decision to close the facility. The County Manager advised the members that he intended to engage with the Department in response to the correspondence received and that he would also arrange for a letter to be issued to the Minister for Justice seeking a

response to our previous correspondence as a result of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.

### **Economic Update**

Ms. Sinead Carr gave the members an overview of economic development in South Tipperary for 2011. The areas that were outlined were: -

- Tourism support and enablement service
- Business support unit
- Economic programme management group of CDB and subgroups
- Active support for town councils
- Strategic Corporate Development

Ms. Carr stressed that the role of the Council was not as job creators but as enablers, supporters and facilitators, to provide linkages and exploit opportunities. The Council worked closely with other agencies and business groupings and would continue to liaise and build productive relationships.

Members thanked Ms. Carr and her staff for the work that had been achieved across a broad range of services. They found the presentation informative and suggested that it should be done on a regular basis. Ms. Carr responded to queries regarding the L.I.T. campus, development of tourism and the problems facing small businesses. Suggestions were made regarding business links with Newfoundland, the development of a DVD on tourism in South Tipperary and the promotion of West Tipperary. It was also agreed that Failte Ireland South East would be invited to a meeting of the Council.

### **Conservation Works on Town Walls**

Mr. Jonathan Flood and Ms. Clare Lee gave the members a presentation on works undertaken on the Clonmel and Cashel Town Walls. Funding had been

sought and received from the Heritage council through membership of the Irish Walled Town Network with 10% match funding being provided by the Borough and Town Council. Works carried out comprised mainly of conservation based repairs and areas in urgent need of repair.

Members welcomed the works that had been carried out on the walls to date.

#### **Meeting Dates**

It was agreed that the January Meeting would be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 and that a joint meeting with North Tipperary would be held at 1pm to agree a UCC nominee.

#### **County Managers Orders for November**

County Managers Orders for the month of December were noted.

#### **Notice of Motion**

#### **Faugheen Parish Church**

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

**“That this Council would purchase an adjacent site which is up for sale, to Faugheen Parish Church Cemetery to prolong the life of the existing cemetery as the present one is running out of space”.**

Faugheen Parish Church Cemetery is not owned by the County Council. Instead it is under the auspices of the Parish Priest in Carrick on Suir, Fr. Edmond Cullinan. Consequently, it is a matter for Fr. Cullinan and the parish to resolve.

Cllr. Cooney Sheehan stated that this was an opportune time to consider extending the cemetery as the adjacent site was for sale. It was noted that the Pastoral

Committee in Faugheen were considering options in relation to the cemetery.

**Traffic calming in Faugheen Village**

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

**“That the Council would place Traffic calming measures on the approach roads to the two Council Estates in Faugheen Village, Sliabhnamban View and Newtown View, in the interest of safety of the children in the estate”.**

The Council intend to carry out a survey to monitor traffic and speeds at Faugheen Village. Any proposals arising from the survey can be considered at the Annual Area Roads Meeting in March 2012, subject to resources.

**Derelict Building in Faugheen Village**

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

**“That this Council would request the owner of a Derelict Building in Faugheen Village, opposite the Council’s Estate, Newton Manor, to be made secured and cleaned up”.**

This site has been inspected and the registered owner identified. It is proposed to serve a notice, under the Derelict Sites Act on the owner of the property within the coming days.

**Public Lighting at Cappawhite Village**

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

**“In the interest of Health & Safety that this Council would consider upgrading the public lighting at Cappawhite Village”.**

At present, there are 35 no. public lights

in Cappawhite Village which are currently in working order. Quotations have been sought from Airtricity for the upgrading of the public lighting at this location and will be considered when received, subject to available resources.

**Signage for  
South Tipperary  
General  
Hospital**

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

**“That signage be erected in Clonmel for South Tipperary General Hospital”.**

Roads Section would facilitate the erection of a number of signs for South Tipperary General Hospital at agreed locations on the approach roads to Clonmel on the N24 within the Clonmel Engineering Area, should a request be submitted by the Health Services Executive to erect signage and that the poles and signs would be supplied by them. Following the recent signage upgrade on the N24, any signage erected on the N24 will require prior approval by the NRA.

Erection of signage within Town boundary is a matter for Clonmel Borough Council.

**Our Lady’s  
Hospital, Cashel**

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Sean McCarthy: -

**“That this Council condemns the recent decisions to further downgrade the services at Our Lady’s Hospital, Cashel and requests the H.S.E. and the Minister for Health to rescind these decisions immediately”.**

Cllr. McCarthy referred to the intention of the HSE to downgrade the Warfarin Clinic in Cashel Hospital and he outlined the importance of the service and the problems this would cause to people in the locality. Members supported that

motion and expressed their opposition to any downgrading of services in Cashel and South Tipperary General Hospital. It was agreed to write to the Minister for Health and the H.S.E.

### **Correspondence**

- (a) Reply dated 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 from Health Service Executive regarding St. Patrick's Hospital, Cashel
- (b) Reply dated 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 from Mr. Phil Hogan, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government regarding the operation of Local Authorities
- (c) Reply dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2011 from Mr. Aidan Murray, Commissioner of Valuation regarding Rateable Valuations.

### **Resolutions for Other Local Authorities**

#### **Monaghan Town Council**

"That in view of the failure of the Keane Report to adequately address the difficulties being experienced by distressed mortgage holders in a reasonable timeframe, that Monaghan County Council calls on the Government and the Minister for Finance to examine other solutions that would have a more immediate impact in helping resolve these distressed mortgage holders difficulties and furthermore to examine the solutions put forward by the New Beginnings Group".

#### **Donegal County Council**

"In acknowledging the increasing difficulties being faced by many people in this County that Donegal County Council discuss the serious reduction in services and benefits for people with disabilities, And calls on the Government to immediately address the situation in Budget 2012".

**Votes of  
Congratulations**

- Roberta O'Brien on winning the Cork Woman of the Year Award
- Mai Browne on winning the Carer of the Year Award at the Irish Heart Foundation Stroke Awards

**Votes of  
Sympathy**

- Pakie Morrissey on the death of his son Brendan
- Mattie McGrath on the death of his sister in law Nuala
- Enda Kenny on the death of his mother Eithne
- Mary Keating on the death of her husband Tom

The meeting then concluded.

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

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Meetings Administrator.