

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF NORTH
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, NORTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL ON 11TH
JULY 2011**

<u>Present</u>	Cllr. Micheál Lowry, Mayor – Presided Cllrs. Dr. Phyll Bugler; Jim Casey; John Carroll; Billy Clancy; Pauline Coonan; Seamus Hanafin; John Hogan; John Kennedy; Hughie McGrath; John ‘Rocky’ McGrath; Jonathan Meaney; Eddie Moran; Séamus Morris; Michael O’Meara; Denis Ryan; Mattie Ryan; Jim Ryan
<u>Apologies</u>	Cllrs. Ger Darcy; Virginia O’ Dowd; Michael Smith
<u>Also Present</u>	Joe MacGrath, County Manager; Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance & Corporate Services; Marcus O’Connor, Director of Services; Matt Shortt, Director of Services; Karl Cashen, Director of Services; Brian Beck, Senior Planner; Rosemary Joyce, Meetings Administrator/Senior Executive Officer; Ms Nuala O’Connell, Senior Executive Planner; Ms. Marie Ryan, Executive Planner and Dan Downey, Staff Officer.

Item 1.1
Presidential
Candidates

Cllr. M. Lowry welcomed Senator David Norris and Mary Davis, who are seeking nominations from Local Authorities to be allowed run for President of Ireland.

Senator David Norris addressed the members. Following this Members asked questions regarding a number of policies which were answered by Senator Norris. Cllr. M. Lowry thanked Senator Norris for attending and wished him well in the future. He asked that Senator Norris would take cognisance in the future of the various views expressed by members.

Mary Davis then addressed the Members. Again, members asked questions regarding a number of policies which were answered Mary Davis. Cllr. M. Lowry thanked Mary Davis for her presentation. He advised her that the Council would give careful consideration to what she had said and wished her all the best in the future.

Cllr. M. Lowry advised both aspiring Presidential Candidates that any nomination from the Local Authority would be carefully considered. Members would deliberate and let the Candidates know the outcome at a later date.

The meeting was then adjourned until 12.25 p.m.

On resumption Item 1.2 on the Agenda was considered.

Proposal to put on
Public Display
Proposals to
Revoke Local
Area Plans &
Proposals to Vary
the County
Development Plan

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Meaney to place on public display proposals to revoke the following Local Area Plans:

- (i) Holycross Local Area Plan 2006
- (ii) Western Area Local Area Plan 2006

and to place on public display Variation (No. 1) of the County Development Plan 2010-2016 to take account of amendments to:

Chapter 2 – Vision and Core Strategy

Chapter 3 – Population and Settlement – amend 3.5 Settlement Strategy

Chapter 6 – Economy – insert new objective into Section 6.5 Employment Strategy.

Volume 2 Settlement Plans for the Settlements of Borrisokane, Borrisoleigh, Cloughjordan, Littleton, Toomevara and Two-Mile-Borris.

And to insert into Volume 2, Settlement Plans for Holycross, Ballina, Ballinderry, Birdhill, Dromineer, Garrykennedy, Kilbarron, Newtown, Portroe, Puckane, Terryglass

in accordance with the Report entitled "North Tipperary County Development Plan 2010-2016 Proposed Variation Number 1" dated June 2011 which had been circulated to members subject to the amendment that Phase 2 lands in Ballina be removed.

Cllr. J. Casey sought assurance that the placing of these proposals on public display would not inhibit Members input into the process at a later stage. Mr. B. Beck replied that legislation on this issue changed with the introduction of the 2010 Act. The new procedure is that the proposal goes on public display, anyone may make submissions, the County Manager then reports on submissions to the Members, the Members can then propose amendments either based on the submissions received or other amendments they consider are warranted. The proposals go on public display again and the Manager then brings a further Report before the members. It is only at that stage that it is not possible to make further substantial changes.

Cllr. J. Carroll said he had major concerns with the proposals. He stated that Members have a duty to find a balance which is sustainable and he did not think the proposals will strike this balance. He considered a substantial reduction should be made in zoning in Ballina and he referred to the infrastructural issues including sewerage plants, schools and congestion. He outlined proposals in relation to Garrykennedy, Newtown and Portroe which he stated would allow a specified number of serviced sites rather than low density. This would allow people who wanted to come home to their local areas to build houses. Mr. B. Beck replied that in every area the County Council has identified land for serviced sites in support of the villages in North Tipperary and that is followed through in the proposed Variation. The core of this plan is to support communities. He advised that he had gone out to many of the villages during the lifetime of the last plan and had met with these communities and had also received correspondence from communities on this issue and had drafted the proposals in response to concerns expressed by these communities. Mr. Beck stated that putting these plans on public display is the start of the process. Members will have two further opportunities to be involved. This was an opportunity for communities to have their input and he called on the communities in these villages to do that. He encouraged the members to put the proposals out on public display and to hear what the communities wanted.

Cllr. J. Carroll re-iterated his opposition to the proposals.

Mr. J. MacGrath stated that there had been extensive engagement at area level and in the Council Chamber. He urged the members to put the proposals on public display and to engage in meaningful discussion having heard what the communities have to say. He re-iterated that he and his staff would fully engage with members after the public display period and would facilitate workshops as required.

Cllr. J. Carroll made a formal proposal based on the amendments which he had outlined. As the proposal was not seconded the original proposal from Cllr. P. Bugler, seconded by Cllr. J. Meaney was deemed to be carried.

Any Other Business Members noted apology from Sean Gallagher that he was unable to attend to address them on that day and his request to be allowed to address them at the next meeting on 18th July 2011. Cllr. P. Coonan indicated that she would not be available on that day. It was the view of some members that he had already been given an opportunity to address them however he had been unable to do so.

Following discussion it was proposed by Cllr. J. Casey, seconded by Cllr. S. Hanafin and agreed to allow Mr. S. Gallagher to address them at the meeting of 18th July 2011 and to commence the meeting at 12 noon.

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

Signed: _____

**Cllr. Micheál Lowry,
Mayor**

Date: _____

Signed: _____

**Ms. Rosemary Joyce,
Meetings Administrator**

Date: _____