

## South Tipperary County Council

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

<b>In the Chair</b>	Cllr. Liam Ahearn										
<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>Meetings Administrator</b>	Mr. John O'Mahoney										
<b>Minutes</b>	On the proposal of Cllr. D. Leahy and seconded by Cllr. P. English the minutes of 2 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2009 were adopted.										
<b>Section 183 Notice – Gortnahoe Youth and Area Development Association Ltd</b>	<p>It was proposed by Councillor Denis Landy Seconded by Councillor John Fahey And resolved: -</p> <p>“that in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 South Tipperary County Council hereby approve of the grant of a short term lease in respect of land at Gortnahoe containing approx. 2 acres for a period of 4 years and 9 months to the Gortnahoe Youth and Area Development Association Ltd. in accordance with the terms of the Notice under the above Section, as circulated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009.</p>										
<b>Finance – Approval to over-expenditure 2009</b>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. S. McCarthy Seconded by Cllr. M. Fitzgerald And resolved that: -</p> <p>“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, 2009 be and is hereby approved as follows: -</p> <table><thead><tr><th><b>Programme</b></th><th><b>Amount</b></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration</td><td>€15,000</td></tr><tr><td>A07RAS Programme</td><td>€350,000</td></tr><tr><td>A11Agency &amp; Recoupable Services Housing</td><td>€110,000</td></tr><tr><td>C02WasteWater Treatment</td><td>€125,000</td></tr></tbody></table>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Amount</b>	A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	€15,000	A07RAS Programme	€350,000	A11Agency & Recoupable Services Housing	€110,000	C02WasteWater Treatment	€125,000
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C07 Agency & Recoupable Services Water Services	€70,000
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	€45,000
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	€50,000
E11 Operation of Fire Service	€180,000
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	€30,000
H04 Franchise Costs	€130,000
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	€60,000
H09 Local Representation & Civic Leadership	€220,000

### **Appointment of members to South Tipperary V.E.C.**

The meetings administrator advised the members that in accordance with the provisions of the VEC Act 2001 that 4 nominees were to be appointed, 2 male and 2 female from the 6 nominations.

It was proposed by Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald  
Seconded by Cllr. Tom Acheson

"That pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act the following are hereby appointed to the Vocational Education Committee

Brendan Griffin  
Josephine Chamney

It was proposed by Cllr. S. McCarthy  
Seconded by Cllr. S. Ambrose

Susan Meagher  
Kevin O'Reilly

Be appointed to the Vocational Education Committee

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Wood  
Seconded by Cllr. P. English

J. Chamney  
D. Williams

As there were five nominations for the 4 positions a vote was taken as follows:-

	<b>Comhairleoir</b>	<b>Chamney</b>	<b>Griffin</b>	<b>Meagher</b>	<b>O'Reilly</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Williams</b>
1	<b>Acheson, Tom</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
2	<b>Ambrose, Siobhan</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
3	<b>Anglim, Michael</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
4	<b>Brennan, Joe</b>	<b>Absent</b>				-	

5	<b>Cooney Sheehan Sylvia</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
6	<b>Crosse, Joe</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
7	<b>Crowe, Jack</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
8	<b>Donovan, Joe</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
9.	<b>English, Pat</b>	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓
10	<b>Fahey, John</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
11	<b>Fitzgerald Michael</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
12	<b>Healy Seamus</b>	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓
13	<b>Hanna Hourigan Mary</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
14	<b>Landy, Denis</b>	Abstain				-	
15	<b>Leahy, Denis</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
16	<b>Loneragan Seanie</b>	Abstain				-	
17	<b>McCarthy, Sean</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
18	<b>McLoughlin Catherine</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
19	<b>Molloy, Richie</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
20	<b>Murphy, Marie</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
21	<b>Murphy, Michael</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
22	<b>O'Brien, Jimmy</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
23	<b>O'Meara, Eddie</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
24	<b>Ryan, Darren</b>	Absent				-	
25	<b>Wood, Tom</b>	✓	-	-	-	-	✓
26	<b>Ahearn, Liam</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>

J. Chamney, B. Griffin, S. Meagher, K. O'Reilly were declared appointed as the nominees.

**Appointment of Borough Council, Town Council and external Representatives to Strategic Policy Committees**

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

"Pursuant to the provisions of Section 48 of the Local Government Act 2001 the following listed hereunder are hereby appointed to the following Strategic Policy Committees: -

***Physical, Economic Planning and Development***

Clonmel Borough Council	Cllr. Teresa Ryan
Carrick on Suir Town Council	Cllr. Kieran Bourke
Tipperary Town Council	Cllr. Anna Tuohy-Halligan
Cashel Town Council	Cllr. Eoghan Lawrence
Business and Commercial	John Shaughnessy, Clancy Construction, Drangan
South Tipperary Forum	Richard Long, Clogher, Clonoulty

	Donal O'Halloran, 38 Avondale Court Cahir
Environment Tipperary Institute	Richard Auler, Ballybrado, Cahir Moya Breen, Tipperary Institute, Thurles
Farming	(awaited)
Trade Union	(awaited)

***Environment and Water Services***

Clonmel Borough Council	Cllr. Joe Leahy
South Tipperary Forum	Alasdair McDonald, C/o Cloneen Post Office, Cloneen
Business/Commercial	Dr. Gervaise McAleavey, C.O M.S.D., Ballydine, Kilsheelan
Environment	Bernard Lennon, Old Laundry, Marlfield Village, Clonmel
Farming	(awaited)

***Roads and Transportation***

Cashel Town Council	Cllr. Eddie Bennett
Business and Commercial	Sean Murphy, Semiton, Dungarvan Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
Community Forum	Sean Murphy, Cashel, Co. Tipperary
Community Forum	Alasdair McDonald, C/O Cloneen Post Office, Cloneen
Environment	Mike Maunsell, Russellstown, Clonmel
Farming	(awaited)

***Housing Policy, Social Development***

Carrick on Suir Town Council	Cllr. Richie O'Neill
Community Forum	Fintan Morrissey, Kilburry, Cloneen
Community Forum	Carmel McKenna, 12 New Street, Carrick on Suir
Business and Commercial	Michael Campbell, Europlan, Ardgeeha Business Park, Cashel Road, Clonmel
Trade Union	(awaited)

***Corporate and General Affairs and Cultural Development***

Tipperary Town Council	Cllr. Denis Leahy
Business and Commercial	Kieran Quigley, Northview Training and Development, Northview Close, Clonmel
Community Forum	Anne Williamson, Cappa Na Grane, Mullinahone
Community Forum	Noel Fitzgerald, Cloneen, Clonmel

V.E.C.

Fionnula McGeever, C.E.O., South  
Tipperary V.E.C.

**Presentation on  
the South East  
River Basin  
District**

Mr. Sean Keating, DOS, introduced Ms. Ruth Hennessy, Executive Scientific Officer, who would make a presentation to the members on the River Basin Management Plan 2010-2015. This plan would be brought before the Strategic Policy Committee for consideration and to the full Council early in 2010.

Ms Hennessy informed the members that River Basin Management Plans were a requirement of the EU Water Framework Directive. The Plans set out how Ireland aims to protect and improve the quality of surface waters and groundwaters . The Plans take a catchment wide approach so that all activities likely to affect water quality are managed in an integrated manner.

The implementation of the Plans would lead to “good status” for all our waters. The Plans must be submitted to the EU by March 2010 and would remain in place until 2015. The data used to inform the Plans would be continually updated and reviewed during the implementation phase, thus ensuring proposed measures would achieve their objectives and provide value for money. A second series of Plans would be introduced from 2015 to 2021 and a third from 2021 to 2027.

Carlow County Council was lead authority for the South East Region and would co-ordinate the statutory authorities in the implementation of the Plan at district level through the River Basin District Advisory Council and various consultation forums. Each local authority would have two members nominated onto the Advisory Council, which would also contain representatives from various social pillars.

Members thanked Ms. Hennessy for her informative presentation.

**Presentation by  
Football  
Development  
Officer – David  
Lenane**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. David Lenane, FAI Development Officer who made a presentation to the members on projects undertaken in various areas. The various projects included: - Works in Rapid areas, Coach Education, Volunteer Education, Summer Camps, Promoting Football in Schools, Emerging Talent Programmes, Girls Football, Football for All, and Inter-Cultural Programme.

Members complimented Mr. Lenane on the success of the projects.

## **Teenspace Strategy**

The Cathaoirleach introduced Ms. Jenny Ryan, Co-ordinator South Tipperary Comhairle naNog.

Comhairle na nOg was a local youth council which was set up under the National Childrens Strategy and County Development Boards and gave children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies.

William Lonergan and Aoife Crotty, Members of Comhairle na Nog outlined the election process for members, the range of items discussed at their meetings and how they could input into issues of the Council. They had welcomed the opportunity to be involved in the development of playgrounds.

Members thanked them for their informative presentation.

## **Voluntary Overview**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms Amanda Quigley, Placement Officer with South Tipperary Volunteer Centre. Ms Quigley outlined the work of the Volunteer Centre. 227 Volunteers were registered with South Tipperary Volunteer Centre and 101 of these had been successfully placed with registered organisations within the community and voluntary sector.

Members thanked Ms. Quigley for her presentation.

## **County Museum Policies**

Ms. Marie McMahon, Museum Curator referred to the Museum Policies which had been circulated to the members. South Tipperary County Museum was currently participating in the 'The Heritage Councils Museum Standards Programme for Ireland' (M.S.P.I.). The museum was preparing to submit its interim accreditation to the Heritage Council in January 2010. It was vital to achieve these standards in order to be amongst the best in Irish museums and to be eligible for consideration for additional funding opportunities.

The main criteria for the standards programme was to develop a 5 yr Strategic Management Plan and to expand on our museum policies which would shape the day to day business of collecting artefacts, marketing within our local community and to set working standards which the museum team would strive to achieve.

These policies had been brought to the Museum's Advisory Committee and the Corporate and Cultural SPC in 2009. It was a requirement of the M.S.P.I. process that the policies were approved accordingly. It was also a requirement that the policies be brought for approval to the Council.

Members indicated their approval to the policies as circulated.

**Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the January Meeting would be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

**County Managers Orders**

County Managers Orders for the month of November were noted.

**Notice of Motions**

**Capita Symonds Access Report**

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Darren Ryan: -

**“That this Council be given an update as to what work has been carried out to date in accordance with the Capita Symonds Access Report, and what if any plans are in place to complete this report”.**

The Capita Symonds Access Audit which was completed in early 2009 identified access issues across a range of areas including Roads, Footpaths, Burial Grounds, Swimming Pools, Public Offices, Playgrounds, Amenity Spaces etc. It also set about prioritising works based on public usage and importance of service and set target dates for completion of works on a phase basis between 2009 and 2015.

Works completed to date under the plan under the 2008/2009 programme include:

- **Clonmel** Pavement/Tactile Paving improvement at several locations
- **Tipperary Area** Disabled Parking Bays Upgraded, Tactile paving at central crossing points in Tipperary Town and at St. Michael's Avenue  
Pavement Work at Emly
- **Carrick on Suir** Disabled parking bays provided  
Kerbs adjusted and location signage provided  
Tactile paving provided at Ballyrichard Road
- **Cashel** Footpath and parking facilities and signage upgraded at several locations around the town

Significant works were also carried out in Áras an Chontae, Cashel Civic Offices and Clonmel Borough Council.

In relation to the 2009/2010 programme, the following works have either been completed, are in progress or to be commenced in early 2010.

<b>Cashel</b>	Road Crossings, Dropped kerbs in Cashel Town
<b>Cashel Offices</b>	Disabled Toilets, Doors, Counters Induction loops
<b>Áras an Chontae</b>	Accessible toilets, Parking bays, Signage, Colour Coding, Handrails, Ramps and blister paving Induction loops, lift improvement
<b>Tipperary Town</b>	Road crossings at Rosanna Road, Link Road and Cashel Road Signage and access at St. Michael's cemetery
<b>Fethard</b>	Pedestrian Crossings, Ramps, landrails and parking
<b>Kilcash Cahir</b>	Road crossings, tactile paving and railings Dropped kerbs, blistered paving, landrail and parking
<b>Ardfinnan Co. Museum</b>	Footpaths and Roadcrossings Automatic doors Disabled Toilets Induction Loops

Significant works have also been completed at Sean Treacy Memorial Swimming Pool, Tipperary and at Killenaule and Mullinahone Burial Grounds.

**Information Technology** - Relaunched the main council websites using accessible templates.

Also included are features such as Browsealoud, a system to read the page contents to people with visual impairments. Functionality to increase text/font size, sitemap and skip navigation links.

*Website Audits* - We had two audits run on our websites. One on the old site and one after the relaunch of the new site. We have implemented a series of changes in layout and code to further improve accessibility on our new site.

*Accessible Documents* - We have commissioned The National Council for the Blind to train staff members on the use of accessible templates when generating documents internally such as Development Plans etc. The NCBI have also provided



us with a guideline to implement when procuring documents and reports from third party providers.

*Video Guides* - We were in the process of developing video guides for our services which will be available online.

These will assist all customers, but those with intellectual disabilities in particular to understand our procedures under a number of key services.

### **Community Development Work in Clonmel for 2010**

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Darren Ryan: -

**“That this Council writes to the Board of South Tipperary Development Company, requesting them to outline what level of Community Development work will be delivered into the town of Clonmel from January, 2010”.**

This was agreed.

### **Private Housing Estates in the Clonmel Electoral Area**

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Darren Ryan: -

**“That this Council be given an up-to-date report on the number of private housing estates currently taken in charge by this Council in the Clonmel Electoral Area.”**

A total of 3 private housing estates had been taken in charge in the Clonmel Electoral Area since 2007, as follows:

1. Cloughcarrigeen Housing Estate, Cloughcarrigeen, Kilsheelan
2. Ashcourt Housing Estate, Ballyclerihan
3. Ashlawn Housing Estate, Ballyclerihan

Applications had been received to have the following estates taken in charge by the Council:

1. The Paddock Housing Estate, Fethard Road, Clonmel
2. Garden Grove Housing Estate, Poulakerry, Kilsheelan
3. Oakpark Housing Estate, Ballyclerihan
4. Hillview Close Housing Estate, Ballyclerihan
5. Crann Ard Housing Estate, Ardgeehan Upper, Fethard Road, Clonmel
6. Bruach na HAblainn Housing Estate, Kilsheelan
7. Fernville & Fernville Court Housing Estates, Ballyclerihan
8. Gleann na Siuire Housing Estate, Ardfinnan.

It should be noted that the above estates were located in the Clonmel Electoral Area of the county and did not include estates within the Clonmel Borough boundary.

**Services at South Tipperary General Hospital**

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

**“That South Tipperary County Council support our Oireachtas colleagues in demanding that all services at South Tipperary General Hospital be maintained at their present levels and that no down grading of the hospital can be accepted by this Council who act on behalf of the citizens of Tipperary and that a letter be sent to Minister of Health to that effect.”**

This was agreed.

**Advertising – Cash for Gold Ads**

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

**“I call on South Tipperary County Council to write to RTE with regards to advertising in an appropriate and responsible manner for cash for gold ads.”**

Members spoke in support of the motion and asked that the motion be also forwarded to the Advertising Standards Authority of Ireland.

**Commercial Motor Tax Rate to Commercial Vehicles**

The Council considered the following Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald: -

**“That South Tipperary County Council would apply the commercial motor tax rate to commercial vehicles which also facilitate the carrying of passengers.”**

Motor tax rates were determined by the Minister of the Environment and applied on a national basis through the Finance Acts. Likewise the requirements for the “Commercial rate” otherwise known as “Goods rate” are set out by the Minister. South Tipperary County Council was not legally empowered to apply the Commercial rate of tax to Commercial vehicles having the capacity to carry passengers. To apply the Commercial rate thus would require an amendment to the Roads Act 1920 and the Finance (Excise Duties)(Vehicles) Act 1952 as inserted by Section 3 of the Motor Vehicles (Duties and Licences) Act 2004 by the Minister of the Environment.

**Road Signage and Markings in Killusty Village**

The following Notice of Motion was not moved in the absence of Cllr. Michael Murphy: -

**“That the Council provides road signage and markings in Killusty Village so as to warn and slow down motorists**

**approaching the centre of the village where the school is located and children are crossing.”**

**Walkway between Clerihan Village and the Community Field**

The following Notice of Motion was not moved in the absence of Cllr. Michael Murphy:-

**“That the Council undertakes to improve and repair the temporary walkway between Clerihan Village and the Community Field. Residents of Clerihan are unable to use this walkway following damage caused by heavy machinery while removing and relocating the cut stone and also by the recent heavy rainfall.”**

**Flood Alleviation Scheme for Clonmel**

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

**“That South Tipperary County Council insures that the remainder of the Flood Alleviation Scheme for Clonmel is fast tracked as a matter of urgency”.**

South Tipperary County Council in conjunction with Clonmel Borough Council had again contacted the O.P.W. in relation to Phase 2 of the Flood Relief Scheme. As the Members are aware the proposed Clonmel Flood Relief Scheme was initially to be a 3-Phase Project. Phase 1 was now substantially complete. A decision was taken by the O.P.W. to amalgamate Phases 2 and 3 into a single phase, thereby expediting the process of completing the scheme.

The tendering of the Final Phase was a two part process, namely

- 1) The prequalification of contractors to tender and
- 2) The submission of tenders for the actual contract

Part 1 had recently been completed by the O.P.W and documentation is now at a very advanced stage to proceed to Part 2. It was imperative with the new form of Public Works Contracts that all items of work were designed prior to tender.

It was anticipated that the works would be tendered very shortly with a view to having a contractor on site by spring 2010.

Officials were in regular contact with the O.P.W. and members would be updated as the scheme progresses.

## **Flooding in Marlfield Village**

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

**“That South Tipperary County Council investigates, as a matter of urgency, the recurring flooding of houses in Marlfield Village due to the water overtopping the dam on Marlfield lake; and that the council looks to improve the flood control measures for Marlfield Lake”.**

There is a dam at the southern end of Marlfield Lake, which retains water from the lake and overflows at times of heavy, continuous rainfall. Water then flows off in streams and joins the River Suir downstream of the village.

It was recommended that the question of flooding of properties in the vicinity of the lake, consequent on any perceived inadequacy in the effectiveness of the dam and/or the storage capacity of the lake, should be referred, in the first instance, to the Office of Public Works for consideration and examination in the context of the Flood Alleviation Scheme currently being undertaken in the Clonmel Area. A report from the OPW should be sought for further consideration.

## **Speed Limit in Clerihan**

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

**“That South Tipperary County Council’s road design section review the speed limit at the new community fields in Clerihan, in the interest of public safety”.**

The review of Speed Limit Bye-Laws would take place in 2010 in accordance with the timetable agreed by the Members of the Roads & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee at the meeting held in November 2009. Consultation forms a key part of the review process and the Elected Members will have an early input in April 2010. Following Public Consultation in July 2010, it was intended to bring the revised Bye-Laws to the Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee in September 2010 and the monthly meeting of the County Council in October 2010. As the making of these bye-laws was a reserved function, the bye-laws must be ratified by the Elected Members of the Council.

Representations with regard to the speed limit on the approach to Clerihan from the Clonmel had been noted and will be considered during the review process.

## **Water/Attenuation Drainage System in Grange Village**

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

**“That South Tipperary County Council installs a new surface water/attenuation drainage system in Grange Village. The village has experienced flooding during the recent heavy rainfall and on previous occasions”.**

There are currently no funds available in the 2009 Clonmel Area Area Roadworks Programme to install a new surface water drainage system in Grange village. However, the Council would open the drains and clean the shores and pipes in the village over the next number of weeks.

## **Correspondence**

- (a) Reply dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2009, from Michael Finneran, T.D., Minister for Housing and Local Services.
- (b) Reply dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2009, from Department of Social and Family Affairs regarding the National Carers Strategy.
- (c) Reply from Noel Dempsey, T.D., Minister for Transport, regarding transfer of road functions to the N.R.A.
- (d) Reply dated 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, from Batt O’Keeffe, T.D., Minister for Education and Science, regarding the reorganisation of the VEC Sector.
- (e) Reply dated 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, from Office of Minister for Health & Children regarding centralisation of medical card applications.
- (f) Reply dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2009 from HSE South regarding Notice of Motion November Meeting.

## **Resolutions from other Local Authorities**

### **Limerick County Council.**

“That, Limerick County Council calls on the Government to introduce legislation that Local Authorities, as the Statutory Housing Authority, be given full responsibility for all Social Housing provision and associated housing supports, including the administration of the Rent Supplement Scheme.”

### **Kerry County Council**

“That Kerry County Council calls for the holding of an enquiry into the appointment of rural representatives on An Bord Pleanala as those appointed to represent this category were previously Senior Planning Inspectors with the Board”.

### **Ballina Town Council**

"That rent supplement should not be paid to tenants of Landlords who are evading taxes by not paying the levy to the Local Authority on their non-residential homes or those who are not registered with the Private Residential Tenancies Board, as is a requirement under the Residential Tenancy Act 2004.

### **Any other Business**

#### **Civic Receptions**

In reply to a suggestion by Cllr J. Crowe, the Cathaoirleach advised the members that following consultation it had been agreed to accord a Civic Reception to M. J. Kinane, Jockey.

The Cathaoirleach further advised that it had also been agreed to accord a Civic Reception to Hugh O'Donnell, C.E.O., Kentz.

Cllr Ryan requested that we write to the Oireachtas Members seeking an update on various community issues which were of concern to the members.

This was agreed.