

**Minutes of South Tipperary County Development Board Meeting held in
Clonmel Park Hotel, Clonmel
on 2nd December, 2008.**

Present:

Members:-

Local Government

Cllr. Jimmy O'Brien
Cllr. John Crosse
Cllr. Mary Swords
Cllr. Patsy Murphy
Cllr. Michael Maguire
Cllr. Joe Donovan

**Local Development
Sector**

Mr. Toss Hayes
Mr. John Devane
Ms. Kathleen Prendergast
Ms. Maureen McNamara
Mr. Patrick A. Murphy

State Agency Sector

Mr. Donal Mullane
Mr. Seamus Moore
Ms. Julia Tarrant
Ms. Mary McEvoy
Mr. Ciaran Lynch
Ms. Fionuala McGeever

Social Partners

Mr. Joe Brennan
Mr. Dan Fox
Sr. Patricia Wall

Apologies Received

Mr. Michael Dee
Mr. Pat Neill
Mr. Jarlath Fallon
Mr. Patrick Mc Cormack
Mr. Tommy Cooke
Ms. Phil Shanahan
Supt. Tom Duggan
Ms. Mary O'Halloran
Ms. Margaret Lovatt
Mr. Edmond O'Connor
Cllr. Tom Wood

In Attendance

Ms. Sinéad Carr
Mr. Pat Holland
Ms. Eileen Horgan
Ms. Breda O'Connor
Ms. Clare Curley
Ms. Sonja Reidy

Cllr. Michael Maguire in the absence of Cllr. Tom Ambrose, Chaired the meeting.

1. Approval of Draft Agenda

The draft agenda was agreed and the Minutes of County Development Board meeting held on 10th June, 2008 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Patsy Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Joe Donovan.

2. Strategic Rail Initiative Update

S. Carr, informed the members, further to the Strategic Rail Initiative workshop held in June 2008 and as agreed by the Board a working document was prepared outlining a key number of actions required to implement this initiative. The initial step forward in this process was to contact the Regional Authorities. S. Carr advised the members that she met with Tom Byrne, Director, SERA and Liam Conneally, Director, Mid-West Regional Authority and they both agreed to lead up the process and put the relevant structures in

place (steering, working groups,) and to consult with all of the interested stakeholder on progressing the concept of a strategic rail project between Waterford and Limerick. S. Carr advised the members that she will keep them updated.

3. Report of the Director of Services

Sinéad Carr, Director of Services briefly outlined the issues addressed in the Director's Report.

4. Interagency Traveller Plan

Clare Curley, Director of Services, South Tipperary County Council informed the members that the Interagency Traveller Plan (2007-2009) has been adopted. The implementation of these 49 actions are lead and progressed through Interagency Traveller Committee and the Social Inclusion Measures Group.

The Chair thanked Clare Curley for her update.

5. Cohesion Update

S. Carr informed the members that the new South Tipperary Development Company has been established and John Devane has been appointed CEO. The Transfer of Undertakings has commenced involving the 3 companies (BNS, TLG and CCP) this process is due to be completed early 2009. The Rural Development Plan was successful in obtaining over 11.1 million euros in funds. S. Carr paid particular thanks to Ciaran Lynch from Tipperary Institute for his input into this document. Cllr. M. Maguire on behalf of the board congratulated John Devane on his appointment and wished him and the new Company every success for the future.

6. K. Prendergast made a presentation and summarized the main points from the Indecon Report relevant to County Development Boards. There was discussion on the recommendations, the establishment of an external committee was raised and it was agreed that this matter would be looked at again following the County Development Board review. The Chair thanked K. Prendergast for her update and recommendation on this matter.

7. Work Programme Updates

Dan Fox, Chair of Social Inclusion Measures Group outlined in his report the progress achieved by SIM Group and its sub-groups and members in 2008 –

- ❑ Facilitated Teenspace/Youth Provision workshop in South Tipperary
- ❑ Launched Lone Parent Report
- ❑ Maintained a watching brief on RAPID and including of endorsement of plans as required
- ❑ Facilitated workshop on social inclusion in South Tipperary post Cohesion

- ❑ Reviewed reports on Elderly, Early School Leavers, Traveller Inter-agency Plan and Disability Plan
- ❑ Volunteering Officer
- ❑ Drugs Task Force

D. Fox outlined the 2009 SIM Prioritizes:-

- ❑ Youth Provision/Services in South Tipperary
- ❑ Maintain watching brief on RAPID Programme
- ❑ Review Elderly Issues
- ❑ Participate in social inclusion review and cohesion process in South Tipperary

The members agreed and noted the 2009 actions outlined by Dan Fox.

Cllr. J. O'Brien outlined to the members that the diverse areas of culture was once again brought together under the Cultural Programme Management Group in 2008 and it proved to be a very interesting and successful year in relation to each of the sectors involved. Cllr. J. O'Brien circulated a progress report on the areas identified under Cultural Programme Group and details were noted.

Key areas developed by Cultural Programme Management Group and its sub-groups include

Arts

- Development, consultation and publishing of an Arts Strategy 2009 – 2012
- Development of a Public Art Review and Policy as part of Arts Strategy 2009/12
- Arts Centre in Clonmel Further Developing the Arts Information and Advisory Service of South Tipperary.

Heritage Services

- Development, consultation and publishing of a Heritage Plan 2009-2012
- Ecological and Industrial Heritage Survey of the River Suir
- Identifying all existing sources of biological datasets for the county.
- Commence the River Suir Tow Path project in conjunction with C and E and the Roads Section.

Sports Partnership.

- Promote Active Living through delivery of the following programmes:
- Promote and assist Sports Development through
- Managing and Promoting the Partnership

South Tipperary County Museum

- Development, consultation and publishing of South Tipperary County Museum Strategic Management Plan for the period 2009 – 2014.
- Commence the second phase of the Permanent Gallery's redevelopment in early 2009.
- Submit an Interim Standards application to the Heritage Council
- Continue to participate in 'The Heritage in Schools' with the selected theme - Famine
- Participate in the 'Seen & Not Heard' exhibition produced by the Local Authority Museum Networks Group.

The members agreed and noted the 2009 actions outlined by Cllr. Jimmy O'Brien in his report.

The Chair thanked both Dan Fox and Cllr. Jimmy O'Brien for their updates.

8. Tipperary Information Services

Antje Hogan outlined the role of the Tipperary Information Services. A. Hogan made a presentation to the Members on a proposal for an inter-agency approach for the collection and maintenance of data. Following discussion it was agreed that S. Carr, Director would liaise with S. Moore, H.S.E and C. Lynch, Tipperary Institute who expressed an interest in developing this proposal further. S. Carr agreed with the members that TIS mode is unique and was delighted with response by members would revert back to the Members on the progressing this initiative.

The Chair thanked Antje Hogan for the update.

9. Draft Development Contribution Scheme

S. Reidy advised the members that the Draft Development Contribution Scheme for the period 1st March, 2009 to 28th February 2015 had been prepared. S. Reidy advised the members that this scheme will be of importance to the economic development of the County and the provision of community and social inclusion facilities and she recommended that each agency around the table would include submissions/observations to this draft scheme. The draft scheme would be available for inspection. Following public consultation a Manager's Report would be prepared and submitted to the Council Members for consideration. S. Carr agreed to circulate copy of draft development contribution scheme for their consideration.

The Chair thanked Sonja Reidy for her update on the Draft Development Contribution Scheme.

10. Dates for 2009 Meetings

The following dates were agreed for:-

3rd March, 2009; 2nd June, 2009; 1st December, 2009

11. AOB -

A number of Councillors expressed their concerns on not being able to access information and clarification from HSE on various issues. S. Carr and S. Moore, H.S.E. agreed to meet on how to put structures in place for councillors so that they can access information from the HSE. An update on this matter will be given at the March, 2009 meeting.

S. Carr informed the members that a copy of Circular Letter LG 16/08 from the Department of Environment dated 28th November on "*Guidelines for the Operation of County/City Development Board*" was circulated. It was noted that South Tipperary CDB already has an Economic Programme Management Group established in this regard.

Cllr. Michael Maguire thanked the members for their contributions and declared the meeting closed.

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