

**Minutes of South Tipperary County Development Board Meeting held in
Hotel Minella, Clonmel on 2nd July, 2007.**

Present:

Members:-

Local Government

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

**Local Development
Sector**

Ms. Phil Shanahan
Mr. John Devane
Mr. Patrick A. Murphy
Mr. Tommy Cooke
Ms. Kathleen Prendergast

State Agency Sector

Ms. Mary O'Halloran(for
Mr. Joe Palmer)
Mr. Ciaran Lynch
Ms. Julia Tarrant
Supt. Tom Duggan
Mr. Jarlath Fallon
Mr. Michael Dee
Ms. Celine McHugh

Social Partners

Sr. Patricia Wall
Mr. Joe Brennan

Apologies Received

Ms. Maureen McNamara
Mr. Seamus Moore
Ms. Margaret Lovatt
Mr. Patrick Mc Cormack
Ms. Fionuala Mc Geever
Mr. Pat Neill
Cllr. Tom Wood
Mr. Toss Hayes
Mr. Donal Mullane

In Attendance

Ms. Sinéad Carr
Mr. Pat Holland
Ms. Eileen Horgan
Ms. Breda O'Connor
Ms. Ann Ryan

1. Nomination of Chair

S. Carr, Director of Services informed the meeting that in accordance with Section 129 of the Local Government Act 2001, the members of the South Tipperary County Council Corporate Policy Group had agreed to nominate Cllr. John Fahey as the new Chair of South Tipperary County Development Board.

Members of the County Development Board congratulated Cllr. John Fahey on his appointment as Chair of the County Development Board. Cllr. John Fahey on accepting the Chair thanked members and stated that he is looking forward to working with all the various agencies and groups on the Board.

Cllr. John Fahey also thanked the outgoing Chair Cllr. Joe Donovan and the former Chairs of Strategic Policy Committees for their participation and contributions to the County Development Board process. Cllr. Fahey welcomed the new Chairs of Strategic Policy Committees.

2. **Approval of Draft Agenda**

The draft agenda was proposed by Michael Dee and seconded by Tommy Cooke.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of County Development Board meeting held on 16th April, 2007 were adopted on the proposal of Joe Brennan, seconded by Cllr. Mary Swords.

4. **Report of the Director of Services**

Sinéad Carr, Director of Services briefly outlined the issues addressed in the Director's Report, which had been, circulated prior to the meeting.

S. Carr informed the meeting that the presentation on the Proposed Joint Policing Boards will take place at the September meeting.

5. **Review the outcomes of Workshop Actions**

S. Carr, Director of Services referred to the workshop held in March, 2007 and to the report prepared by Sean O'Riordain. S. Carr, highlighted some of the main issues raised in this report and to the challenges and difficulties facing the Board.

It was agreed that each member would submit their views and comments raised at this meeting on the future operations of Board in order that Director of Services would compile their views and prepare a report on the workshop findings.

It was agreed that this report would be circulated at the September meeting. It was also agreed to change the time of the meetings to the mornings.

Cllr. J. Fahey thanked the members for their inputs and comments on this item.

6. **Update on Cohesion Process**

Eileen Horgan, informed the members that Minister Ó'Cuív has announced that there will be one new unitary structure for South Tipperary. The three cohesion groups, BNS, Clonmel Community Partnership and Tipperary LEADER are now working to progress the move from the existing system to the one unitary structure, which will be county based.

Funding of 96k has been awarded from the Department for first two phases - Organisational Change Programme and Diligence Phase. Currently negotiating with the Department for (Phase 3) resources that will enable the group to support the introduction of the new structure and to assist in drawing up the new rural development and social inclusion programmes. E. Horgan informed the members that she will keep them updated on this process. Cllr. John Fahey thanked E. Horgan for her update.

7. Update on Proposed Tourism Structure for South Tipperary

E. Horgan informed the members that an interim tourism group consisting of County Development Members, LEADER and Tourism Trade Providers are involved in the preparation of a county tourism plan and a tourism structure. There will be a consultation process and the structure and strategy will consider both marketing element and the development element of tourism for the county. E. Horgan informed the members that she will keep the updated on this tourism proposal.

8. Presentation on Spirit Enterprise Regional Audit – Ml Dee, Enterprise Ireland

Michael Dee, Enterprise Ireland made a presentation on Spirit Enterprise Regional Audit. This Forum promotes entrepreneurship and enterprise at Regional level. M. Dee informed the members that from 7th to 11th October a programme of events to promote and showcase entrepreneurship in the region. This event will be organized through South East Regional Authority. Further details of this event will be circulated. M. Dee responded to points raised from members. Cllr. J. Fahey thanked M. Dee for his informative presentation.

Cllr. John Fahey thanked the members for their contributions and declared the meeting closed.

Signed: _____

Date: _____