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Shannon Connect  
&  
North Tipperary Broadband Group

Helping Communities get Broadband



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# Shannon Broadband Ltd.

- ❖ “Shannon Broadband” consortium formed to take a lead on the issue and ensure regional coordination.
- ❖ This consortium is comprised of :-



**Limerick County Council**



**Shannon Development**



**Limerick City Council**



**Clare County Council**



**North Tipperary County Council**



**Offaly County Council**



**Mid-West Regional Authority**

# Metropolitan Area Networks

- ❖ **First MAN in Limerick. Funding being sought for a total for 14 MANs across the region.**
- ❖ **We have submitted a full proposal and received outline approval from the Department for a Nenagh MAN**
- ❖ **Proposals also being submitted currently for Roscrea and Templemore. We have requested the Department also fund a MAN in Thurles and Ballina/Killaloe**
- ❖ **This will connect up with Limerick and hence help with the overall broadband problem and let new service providers connect back into national networks**
- ❖ **This is “backbone” infrastructure like having a motorway across the region.**
- ❖ **But there is also a need for Group Broadband Schemes to provide local access**



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## Project Aim

“Affordable, pervasive broadband access for the Shannon Region”



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- ❖ Unlike other regions and because of Shannon Broadband we have a full regional steering group in place to help communities access the GBS scheme.
- ❖ Includes a
  - ◆ Broadband Officer for each county (Anthony O'Reilly, North Tipperary Broadband Coordinator, with support from Ger Lynch North Tipp Co Co),
  - ◆ A project manager for the region, (Ken Stockil, Shannon Development)
  - ◆ A contact person to liaise with the Department (Tom Kirby, MWRA)
- ❖ There to provide any help we can

- ❖ Interested in hearing from both interested communities, collections of communities and interested service providers
- ❖ For interested communities to speed up the process
  - If you could draft a List of People who would be interested in the service it will help
- ❖ For interested service providers
  - Please ensure you can show Technical & Commercial sustainability
  - We have already a number of Individual and regionwide projects we can match you up with

# North Tipperary Broadband Group

- ◆ “....working in partnership with Shannon Broadband, has as its objective, the progression of initiatives to encourage the provision and usage of broadband throughout North Tipperary.”

## ❖ Members

- ◆ Tipperary North County Enterprise Board
- ◆ North Tipperary County Council
- ◆ Tipperary Institute
- ◆ North Tipperary VEC
- ◆ Shannon Development
- ◆ North Tipperary County Development Board
- ◆ Tipperary Leader Group

Appointed Anthony O'Reilly,

North Tipperary Broadband Coordinator

### ❖ Role includes

- ◆ raising awareness of broadband and its benefits
- ◆ stimulating demand for broadband
- ◆ working with community groups to determine how broadband could be provided in their area
- ◆ assisting communities in setting up and applying for group broadband scheme funding
- ◆ liaising with broadband service providers to encourage provision of affordable, pervasive broadband access throughout the county
- ◆ Cooperate with regional broadband initiatives

# Features of broadband

- ◆ Always on
- ◆ Fast internet access
- ◆ You can still use your telephone while online
- ◆ Faster email and internet access
- ◆ Flat monthly charge

# Benefits of Broadband

## ❖ Home

- Access to community information
- Access to public services online  
e.g. Motor tax online
- Online banking and shopping
- Video conferencing to friends & relatives
- Internet telephony - using broadband to make telephone calls
- Potential to work from home

## ❖ Educational

- Research and learning
- Access to distance learning courses
  - Online
  - Video conferenced

## ❖ Business

- Greater capacity and speed
- Productivity gains
- Cost savings
- Opportunities for eCommerce
- Internet telephony
- Web presence

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