

**Amended minutes.**  
**Meeting of North Tipperary Local Broadband Group**  
**On 24th Jan 2005 at 2:00**  
**in North Tipperary County Council Civic Offices, Nenagh.**  
 Prepared by: G. Lynch, North Tipperary Co. Co.

**In Attendance**

Terry O Niadh, North Tipperary Co. Co.  
 Brian Keating, Shannon Development  
 Michael Cox, Tipperary Institute  
 Tom Barry, North Tipperary CEB,  
 Rita Guinan, North Tipperary CEB.  
 Fionnuala Devaney, North Tipperary CEB  
 Isabel Cambie, North Tipperary Leader Group,  
 Gerard Lynch, North Tipperary Co. Co.  
 Anthony O'Reilly, Broadband Coordinator

**Apologies**

Tomas O Domhnaill, Shannon Development, Donal Purcell, North Tipperary CEB  
 Luke Murtagh, North Tipperary VEC,

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action By</b>
<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	The minutes were agreed.	
<b>Matter Arising</b>	Terry O'Niadh recommended issuing a press release on the appointment of a broadband coordinator for North Tipperary.	A. O Reilly/All
<b>Broadband Resource Funding</b>	Funding was discussed. It was agreed that all expenses should be vouched for.	
<b>Recruitment</b>	G Lynch updated the meeting to say that four candidates had been interviewed and the interview board comprising R. Guinan, M.Cox and G. Lynch recommended to the Group the appointment of Anthony O'Reilly as Broadband Coordinator for North Tipperary. The group accepted the recommendation and Anthony was introduced to the Group members. The formal start date for Anthony's contract was noted as the 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb.	

	<p>M Cox circulated the Partnership Agreement and it was agreed that the members would review it with the objective of signing off at the next meeting. Promoting partnership with other groups should be included as an item in the Agreement.</p>	M. Cox/All
<p><b>Broadband Programme for the first month</b></p>	<p>The group discussed and agreed the action items (as submitted by Anthony) for the first month of his contract.</p> <p>It was agreed to use Tipperary.com as the central repository of information about broadband in North Tipperary.</p> <p>Anthony to be provided with the facility to update information on Tipperary.com and to be provided with an email address of Tipperary.com.</p> <p>Links will be placed on Tipperary.com pointing towards ShannonBroadband.com, Tipperary Institute and other relevant web sites.</p> <p>Members of the public to be told to register their request for broadband at ShannonBroadband.com.</p> <p>Similarly, all of the group members will place a broadband link on their web sites pointing towards Tipperary.com.</p>	<p>G. Lynch/A. O'Reilly</p> <p>A. O Reilly</p> <p>All</p>
<p><b>Recent developments on Broadband</b></p>	<p>G Lynch outlined that T. O'Niadh had received notification from the Dept of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources (DCMNR) to say that the Nenagh proposal was acceptable subject to technical and financial modifications. The DCMNR were in the process of selecting a Programme Manger to manage the national broadband rollout, and when these consultants were appointed, they will arrange to meet with North Tipp Co. Co and Shannon Broadband Ltd. (SBL).</p> <p>G Lynch outlined that the DCMNR had indicated that Roscrea and Templemore would be in the next round of calls for proposals. He also reported that SBL were actively trying to get Thurles and Ballina/Killaloe included on the list of towns for broadband rollout.</p> <p>A discussion followed on the Roscrea proposal which consists of a 9.6 km ring, a wireless mast and wireless backhaul. The wireless backhaul is via a mast on Ara Mountain which is located in North Tipperary. M. Cox queried if there were other alternatives for the backhaul.</p>	<p>G. Lynch</p>

	<p>It was agreed that the Roscrea proposal should be forwarded to Mike and any suggestions he had in this area would be welcomed, and that if needs be the proposal could be modified.</p> <p>Check if Birr are on the next round of calls for proposals.</p>	<p>M. Cox</p> <p>G. Lynch</p>
<b>AOB</b>	<p>It was agreed that Anthony would coordinate and facilitate future meeting of the group.</p>	A. O Reilly.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00 in Civic Offices, Nenagh.</p>	