

Amended Minutes
Meeting of North Tipperary Local Broadband Group
On 7th March 2005 at 2:00
in North Tipperary County Council Civic Offices, Nenagh.
 Prepared by: A. O'Reilly, North Tipperary Broadband Coordinator

In Attendance

Terry O Niadh, North Tipperary Co. Co.
 Brian Keating, Shannon Development.
 Michael Cox, Tipperary Institute.
 Tom Barry, North Tipperary CDB.
 Rita Guinan, North Tipperary CEB.
 Luke Murtagh, North Tipperary VEC.
 Gerard Lynch, North Tipperary Co. Co.
 Anthony O'Reilly, Broadband Coordinator

Apologies

Tomas O'Domhnaill, Shannon Development.
 Donal Purcell, Tipperary North CDB.
 Fionnuala Devaney, Tipperary North CEB
 Isabel Cambie, Tipperary Leader Group.

Item	Description	Action By
Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.	
Matters Arising	<p>An update of broadband activities since the last meeting was given by Anthony O'Reilly (AOR)</p> <p>There was some discussion of locations to run broadband information meetings. AOR proposed to arrange meetings first in locations where he had established contacts with interested parties. Those locations included: Borrisokane, Holycross, Two-Mile-Borris</p> <p>As a means of making contacts with communities to inform them about broadband developments, AOR requested access to a database of representatives of community groups throughout North Tipperary. T. Barry agreed that AOR would be given the relevant access and should contact Sissil Hovden of North Tipperary County Council.</p> <p>It would also be useful to provide AOR with a list of North Tipperary councillors.</p>	<p>AOR</p> <p>T. Barry AOR</p> <p>T. Barry</p>

	<p>Newport has been designated as an eTown in North Tipperary. AOR has been unable to contact EsatBT to enquire about broadband provision for Newport. Brian Keating agreed to provide AOR with relevant contacts associated with the project.</p> <p>AOR offered to make a presentation about broadband developments to the staff of the member organisations of this group. Luke Murtagh suggested that such a presentation could be made to the VEC on 29th April, 2005</p> <p>Luke Murtagh suggested there was a need for a technical paper about broadband issues which could be used to inform the decision-making of this group.</p>	<p>B.Keating AOR</p> <p>L.Murtagh AOR</p> <p>M.Cox</p>
Measuring the success of the Broadband Coordinator	<p>The issue of broadband usage/availability benchmarks for North Tipperary was discussed briefly. The fact that there are no existing Group Broadband Schemes in existence in North Tipperary provides one benchmark. AOR has also requested a usage benchmark from Eircom and will request a benchmark from Chorus.</p>	<p>AOR</p>
Broadband Resource Funding	<p>Ger Lynch will issue invoices for the second tranche of broadband resource funding by the end of June, 2005.</p>	<p>G. Lynch</p>
Recent developments on Broadband	<p>G. Lynch and T. O’Niadh outlined details of the approved Nenagh Metropolitan Area Network proposal from the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources (DCMNR).</p> <p>The South East Regional Authority has arranged a meeting on 9th March which will offer broadband service providers the opportunity to make presentations to representatives of the relevant county councils. AOR and M.Cox have been invited to attend the meeting along with representatives of South Tipperary County Council.</p>	<p>M.Cox AOR</p>

Broadband Programme for the next month	The group discussed and agreed the action items submitted by AOR for the next month of his contract.	
Next Meeting	Friday 15 th April at 2 PM in Civic Offices, Nenagh.	