

Amended Minutes
Meeting of North Tipperary Broadband Group
On 15th April 2005 at 2:00 PM
in North Tipperary County Council Civic Offices, Nenagh.
 Prepared by: A. O'Reilly, North Tipperary Broadband Coordinator

In Attendance

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

Apologies

Terry O Niadh, North Tipperary Co. Co.
 Rita Guinan, North Tipperary CEB.
 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.	
Recent broadband developments	<p>A. O'Reilly gave an update of broadband activities since the last meeting.</p> <p>A great deal of effort has gone into providing information to communities regarding the 2nd call for the County and Group Broadband Scheme.</p> <p>Four broadband service providers met North Tipperary community representatives in Nenagh on 14th April, 2005</p> <p>Community representatives are now in the process of selecting broadband service providers who, in turn must submit proposals to the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources before 28th April.</p> <p>G. Lynch asked whether the names of broadband service providers who apply for funding under the County and Group Broadband Scheme must appear on the Provisional List prepared by the Department. A. O'Reilly will seek</p>	A.O'Reilly.

	<p>clarification from the Department.</p> <p>G. Lynch asked whether it could be construed that the North Tipperary Broadband Group recommended either a particular broadband technology or service provider.</p> <p>A.O'Reilly stated that broadband information meetings were held throughout North Tipperary during March and April, 2005, the focus being to communicate information, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the benefits of broadband - useful applications of broadband - the different broadband technologies available - the operation of the County and Group Broadband Scheme <p>Communities were then in a position to evaluate and compare the proposals of service providers and met service providers in Nenagh on 14th April, 2005. A.O'Reilly also stated that it was made clear to communities that the decision about choice of service provider was to be made within the community in each case. The selected Broadband Service Provider will make an application to the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources.</p> <p>Mike Cox has produced a first draft of a broadband technical information document.</p> <p>There was some discussion about the possibility that Tipperary Institute could run a broadband seminar for North Tipperary sometime during the month of May. Although A.O'Reilly would speak at and be involved in organising the seminar, it is expected that a significant contribution would be made towards all aspects of the seminar by other Tipperary Institute staff.</p> <p>Brian Keating gave an update about the Newport eTown project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newport website is up and running - North Tipperary VEC and the Institute of Training and Development have provided Mentoring training. - The Newport community group sent a representative to the Broadband Service Providers meeting in Nenagh on 14th April. 	<p>M. Cox</p> <p>M.Cox A.O'Reilly</p>
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	<p>A.O'Reilly outlined details of his attendance with M.Cox at a meeting on 9th March, 2005 organized by the South East Regional Authority. A.O'Reilly and M.Cox sat with a team representing South Tipperary in order to evaluate broadband service providers who made presentations to the team. A broad discussion then took place between the teams representing all the counties of the SERA region, regarding the potential to develop a broadband backbone throughout the South East region, including South Tipperary. A.O'Reilly will discuss the matter further with South Tipperary and SERA with a view to exploring the potential for a similar development in North Tipperary.</p> <p>There was some discussion about the use of logos in publicity materials such as advertisements, stationery and the tipperary.com website. It was agreed that the use of logos should be considered in the context of ensuring that the message content is not obscured by the presence of numerous logos. The consensus was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shannon Broadband logo should be used on advertisements along with any other required references to NDP and ERDF funding associated with CGBS. - The Tipperary.com website can refer to all the logos. 	A. O'Reilly
Broadband Programme for the next month	The group discussed and agreed the action items submitted by A.O'Reilly for the next month.	
Next Meeting	Friday 27 th May at 2:30 PM in Civic Offices, Nenagh. Committee room 5.3 on Ground Floor.	