

	<p>contact the service providers again about this issue.</p> <p>T. Barry will contact his counterpart in South Tipperary County Council to enquire about the proposal to develop a broadband backbone for the South East Region with.</p> <p>A.O'Reilly outlined plans to make presentations about broadband to Roscrea and Thurles Chambers of Commerce on 4th and 5th July respectively. The issue of how best to promote broadband use by SMEs will be discussed further with the Chambers of Commerce. One idea under discussion would involve holding a number of lunch-time 'broadband briefings' for SMEs in cooperation with the County Enterprise Board, Tipperary Institute and some broadband service providers.</p> <p>A.O'Reilly suggested it would be possible to use business directories such as KOMPASS to acquire lists of SMEs to contact about broadband.</p> <p>T.Barry suggested that it may be worth targeting some vertical market groups such as solicitors or accountants.</p> <p>M.Cox suggested that hotels should be informed of the opportunity to provide wi-fi 'hotspot' access points in their establishments.</p> <p>T.Barry suggested it is necessary that future meetings of this group should further discuss the issue of how best to promote broadband use in the SME sector.</p> <p>There was some discussion about the broadband seminar that took place in Tipperary Institute on 23rd June. M.Cox indicated that there had been good feedback from many of the attendees and that their comments would be made available in electronic form. A.O'Reilly outlined that there had been a number of interesting presentations about broadband use by community groups. T.Barry suggested it may be useful to research providing support for the use of broadband by active special-interest community groups such as sporting, music or drama groups.</p>	<p>T.Barry</p> <p>A.O'Reilly</p> <p>A.O'Reilly</p> <p>All</p> <p>M.Cox</p> <p>A.O'Reilly</p>
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<p>Financial report for the period February-July, 2005</p>	<p>G.Lynch presented details about funding the broadband awareness programme. A.O'Reilly presented a detailed financial report for the period. It was agreed that an electronic copy of the report will be forwarded to the group.</p> <p>It was agreed that when potential refunds are received from the Mid West Regional Authority, that consideration will be given to compensating Tipperary Institute for some expenses incurred.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Broadband Programme for the next 2 months</p>	<p>The group discussed and agreed that the action plan submitted by A.O'Reilly be pursued during the next 2 months.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Friday 26th August at 2:30 PM, Civic Offices, Nenagh.</p>	