

Amended Minutes
Meeting of North Tipperary Broadband Group
30th September, 2005
Civic Offices, North Tipperary County Council, Nenagh.
 Prepared by: A. O'Reilly, North Tipperary Broadband Coordinator

In Attendance

Tom Barry, North Tipperary County Development Board.
 Gerard Lynch, North Tipperary County Council.
 Michael Cox, Tipperary Institute.
 Rita Guinan, Tipperary North County Enterprise Board.
 Brian Keating, Shannon Development.
 Anthony O'Reilly, North Tipperary Broadband Coordinator.

Apologies

David Leahy, North Tipperary VEC.
 Terry O'Niadh, North Tipperary County Council.
 Isabel Cambie, Tipperary Leader Group.
 Donal Purcell, Tipperary North County Development Board.
 Tomas O'Domhnaill, Shannon Development.
 James Greenslade, Tipperary Institute

Item	Description	Action By
Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the last meeting on 26 th August were agreed.	
6-month action plan	A.O'Reilly gave an update of broadband activities since the last meeting. The draft proposed action plan for the 6-month period August, 2005 to January, 2006 was accepted and will be circulated to North Tipperary Broadband Group members by A.O'Reilly	A.O'Reilly
Focus of work	There was some discussion about the focus of the Coordinator's work during the coming months. It was agreed that work be focused in the geographical areas (a) for which Group Broadband Schemes (GBS) have recently been approved. (b) where broadband services are already available. Such a focus will include supporting the successful implementation of GBS and will help to ensure the best possible take-up of broadband in those areas.	A.O'Reilly

<p>Broadband awareness</p>	<p>It was agreed that additional broadband information seminars should be arranged as a means of informing the business community about broadband. A.O'Reilly suggested that such seminars would offer an opportunity to include demonstrations of broadband applications including fast internet access and Internet telephony. R.Guinan suggested a time of 6:30 PM for such events to take place. A.O'Reilly will liaise with TNCEB with regard to organizing seminars.</p>	<p>A.O'Reilly</p>
<p>Community websites</p>	<p>R.Guinan suggested using Tipp FM as an additional means of promoting broadband awareness. A.O'Reilly will contact Tipp FM with a view to proposing a regular broadband awareness slot.</p> <p>A.O'Reilly outlined that he had contacted some community representatives with a view to encouraging the use of community websites as a means of creating subsequent demand for broadband. The initial response from the community representatives contacted was enthusiastic. A.O'Reilly has also scheduled a meeting with Tipperary Institute and Muintir Na Tíre to discuss the potential for those organizations to cooperate with the NTBG in promoting such use of community websites.</p> <p>G.Lynch indicated that North Tipperary County Council could offer interested communities some assistance with website setup.</p> <p>R.Guinan suggested that A.O'Reilly could enquire whether Tipperary LEADER Group offers training support for website content management. R.Guinan indicated that Tipperary North County Enterprise Board may be able to offer support for training users in website content management if such support is not already available from Tipperary LEADER. In this regard, A.O'Reilly may then put forward a list of potential requirements to the TNCEB.</p>	<p>A.O'Reilly</p> <p>A.O'Reilly</p> <p>A.O'Reilly</p> <p>A.O'Reilly</p>

