

Amended Minutes
Meeting of North Tipperary Broadband Group
11th November, 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.
 David Leahy, North Tipperary VEC
 Gerard Lynch, North Tipperary County Council.
 Anthony O'Reilly, North Tipperary Broadband Coordinator.

Apologies

Terry O'Niadh, North Tipperary County Council.
 Brian Keating, Shannon Development.
 Rita Guinan, Tipperary North County Enterprise Board.
 Michael Cox, Tipperary Institute.
 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	<p>The minutes of the last meeting on 30th September were agreed. Some points were clarified as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Isabel Cambie confirmed that Tipperary LEADER do not fund training for content management of community websites. Her understanding is that such training courses are run by Tipperary North County Enterprise Board. 	
Update	<p>A.O'Reilly gave an update of broadband activities since the last meeting.</p> <p>The issue of determining the most appropriate content of follow-up broadband awareness seminars was discussed. A.O'Reilly indicated that a questionnaire was sent to members of the Tipperary Directory for this purpose and that only 5 responses were received, all of them positive. A.O'Reilly emphasised the importance of identifying appropriate broadband applications in order to encourage broadband take-up and usage. G.Lynch discussed the potential of an application called 'Google Earth' to view geographical data online. A.O'Reilly highlighted the</p>	

	<p>benefits of using an internet telephony service available on broadband connections. Those present agreed it would be worthwhile running seminars for certain vertical market groups such as accountants or solicitors.</p> <p>A.O'Reilly outlined the details of an update report on the implementation of North Tipperary Group Broadband Schemes which was submitted to Tom Kirby, Mid West Regional Authority on 10th November. The report is to be forwarded to the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources. A copy of the update will be sent to the NTBG members.</p> <p>Publication of additional broadband information articles was discussed. An article was published on 1st October in Tipperary Star outlining details of the approved Group Broadband Schemes in North Tipperary. NTBG members are welcome to contribute additional relevant broadband articles.</p> <p>A.O'Reilly indicated that a claim has been submitted to Tom Kirby, Mid West Regional Authority in respect of expenses associated with promotion of the North Tipperary Broadband Group Broadband Schemes.</p> <p>A.O'Reilly indicated that he had recently contacted Tipp FM to discuss the potential for a regular broadband information 'slot' on the station. Additional contacts by other members of the NTBG may be helpful in this regard. G.Lynch suggested that Mid West Radio could also be contacted about the topic.</p> <p>A.O'Reilly outlined details of meetings held with Ciaran Lynch, Tipperary Institute and Rosaleen Drew, Muintir Na Tíre with a view to encouraging the adoption and use of broadband in rural communities. Further discussions are planned with potential partners. It is hoped that sources of funding can be identified for a pilot programme.</p>	<p>A.O'Reilly</p> <p>A.O'Reilly</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>A.O'Reilly</p> <p>A.O'Reilly</p>
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Broadband Programme for the next month	The group discussed and agreed that the action plan submitted by A.O'Reilly be pursued during the next month.	
Next Meeting	Friday 16 th December at 2:30 PM, Civic Offices, Nenagh.	