

**Amended Minutes**  
**Meeting of North Tipperary Broadband Group**  
**16<sup>th</sup> December, 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.  
 Brian Keating, Shannon Development.  
 Gerard Lynch, North Tipperary County Council.  
 Michael Cox, Tipperary Institute.  
 Anthony O'Reilly, North Tipperary Broadband Coordinator.

**Apologies**

David Leahy, North Tipperary VEC  
 Terry O'Niadh, North Tipperary County Council.  
 Rita Guinan, Tipperary North County Enterprise Board.  
 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
<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	The minutes of the last meeting on 11 <sup>th</sup> November were agreed.	
<b>Update</b>	<p>A.O'Reilly gave an update of broadband activities since the last meeting.</p> <p>The status of each of the North Tipperary Group Broadband Schemes was discussed. The Dromineer and Ballina schemes were launched on 19<sup>th</sup> October and 23<sup>rd</sup> November respectively. A.O'Reilly indicated that the Broadband Service Providers for the Newport/Birdhill, Lower Ormond and North/South Tipperary schemes are in the process of arranging backhaul and negotiating the use of locations as Network Access Points, after which they can start connecting subscribers to the service.</p>	

<p><b>Funding of broadband awareness programme</b></p>	<p>The projected funding contributions from member organisations for 2006 were discussed. It was noted that the total of contributions has the potential to fund the position of North Tipperary Broadband Coordinator full-time for 6 months or part-time for 1 year.</p> <p>The possibility of extending the initiative part-time to South Tipperary was discussed. A.O'Reilly outlined that there could be many shared benefits to a county-wide approach. He indicated that he had discussed such a possibility with South Tipperary County Council and Tipperary South Riding County Enterprise Board. T.Barry suggested that such a development may be a logical progression for the initiative. It was agreed that A.O'Reilly should continue discussions with the relevant South Tipperary agencies with a view to developing a county-wide brief for a "Tipperary Broadband Coordinator."</p>	<p>A.O'Reilly</p>
<p><b>Other business</b></p>	<p>G.Lynch requested that the following be prepared before the next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A full year financial report for the initiative.</li> <li>- An outline of the achievements of the initiative.</li> <li>- A proposed programme for 2006.</li> </ul>	<p>A.O'Reilly</p>
<p><b>Broadband Programme for the next month</b></p>	<p>The group agreed that the action plan submitted by A.O'Reilly be pursued during the next month.</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Friday January 27th, 2006 at 2:30 PM, Civic Offices, Nenagh.</p>	