# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT VIA TELECONFERENCE AT 10.00 AM ON 19TH MARCH 2020

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<td>Also Present</td>
<td>Mr. Marcus O’ Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Barry Murphy, District Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer.</td>
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## Item 1.
**To agree that standing orders be set aside to allow meeting be conducted by teleconference.**

It was proposed by Cllr. J Carroll and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and unanimously agreed that the meeting be conducted by teleconference in view of the unprecedented circumstances which currently apply.

Members agreed that discussion would rotate in alphabetical order.

## Item 2.
**To receive update on current position regarding Tipperary County Council and Coronavirus /Covid-19**

Mr. M. O’Connor gave the members an update on Tipperary County Council’s current position in relation to the Covid-19 crisis. He confirmed that there is a Response Team in place that consists of Karl Cashen, Director of Services; Dave Carroll, Chief Fire Officer; Ger Walsh, SEO, Corporate Services; Ger Lynch, SEO, IT; Paul Murray, A/SEO Human Resources and representatives from Roads and Water Services. The team is continuously monitoring the situation and advise on actions required. The Senior Management Team has also met several times.

To date the following actions have been implemented:

- Public facilities and amenities have been closed since the 13th March.
- Public offices continued to be open to the public until the 18th March but the protocol was to discourage the public from attending. They were advised to make contact by phone/email and if they had to attend the offices it was only to be in an emergency where an appointment would be made and social distancing would be practiced.
- All training/meetings/interviews have been cancelled.
- Festivals/Events have been cancelled.
- An information/guidance document for staff is being prepared.
- Water/waste water supply, Fire Service, road repairs, payments to suppliers and staff will continue
- Notices have been erected where necessary
- Enhanced cleaning regimes are in place.
Cllrs Bugler and Hannigan enquired about the possibility of LEO giving support to small business during this time. Ms. R. Joyce confirmed that Retail Excellence is giving information to businesses and that most guidance is being given on a National rather than a local level.

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<th>Item 3. To consider Part VIII for Nenagh Tourist Office and Banba Square Enhancement.</th>
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<td>The Chief Executive’s Report on the Part VIII had already been circulated to members. Mr. M. O’Connor gave a brief outline of the process. The plans and particulars of the project were on public display from 21st December 2019 to the 30th January 2020 and submissions could be made until the 13th February 2020. One submission was received from the Development Applications unit of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. The submission from the DoCHG stated a bat survey is to be completed and tree felling is to take place outside of bird nesting season if possible. It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. Rocky McGrath and resolved that, pursuant to the requirements of Article 81 of Part 8 of the Planning &amp; Development Regulations 2001 as amended, having considered the Chief Executive’s Report dated 5th March 2020 the Members of Nenagh Municipal District hereby decide to proceed with the development at Nenagh Tourist Office and the enhancement of Banba Square, Nenagh as outlined in Chief Executive’s Report.</td>
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<th>Item 4. To consider and agree the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2020</th>
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<td>The Schedule of Municipal District Works 2020 was already circulated to members Mr. B. Murphy stated that it was unfortunate that the Workshop could not go ahead. IPB funding on footpaths is to be used where the condition of the footpath is poor and there is a history of falls, it cannot be used on new footpaths. The funding for Restoration Maintenance has been increased by 28%. Restoration Improvement funding has received an increase of 14% which will fund 48 different projects including 6 from the 2021 programme. By the end of 2020 1/3 of the 2021 jobs will have been completed. There will also be funding available for storm damage works. Cllr. Bonfield enquired if the footpath work will be completed by contractors or TCC staff and about the landscaping work at Mulcair Manor. Mr. M. O’Connor stated that the work on Mulcair Manor will have to be discussed with Planning and Mr. B. Murphy confirmed that the work on footpaths will be a mixture of contractors and TCC staff. Cllr. P. Bugler welcomed the inclusion of the Roolagh to Boher</td>
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Road but queried if the Grange Rd would be included in the application for funding for storm damage.

Cllr. J. Carroll raised concerns about drainage work that should be done especially after the recent bad weather and asked about when temporary staff would be available. He also welcomed the funding under Outdoor Recreation Scheme for Garrykennedy. Mr. B. Murphy confirmed that 12 temporary staff were to start but this will change due to the current situation.

Cllr. G. Darcy welcomed the increase in funding but requested clarification on the Burntwood Road, Cloughjordan and the possibility of including Kyleshanaun and Killowney if additional funding became available.

Cllr. S. Morris asked about the ramps in Cloughjordan and the road in Rathnaleen.

Cllr. M. O’Meara welcomed the funding for the bridge in Lorrha but stated that Lis Lane is in very poor condition and that the verges along the R489 will require a lot of work.

Cllr. Hannigan queried what the options were for roads that were badly damaged during the bad weather if specific storm funding is not received. Mr. M. O’ Connor clarified that a submission has been made and that the North of the County suffered more than the South but that contact will be made with the Department.

Mr. B. Murphy confirmed that he will check the position on Burntwood.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield to agree the Schedule of Works 2020.

This concluded the business of the meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify:-

Signed: _________________________  Date: __________
Cllr. Joe Hannigan
Cathaoirleach

Signed: _________________________  Date: __________
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator