



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann  
Tipperary County Council

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD, NENAGH AT 11.00 AM ON 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2015**

**Present:**

Cllrs. Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Ger Darcy, Séamus Morris, Michael O' Meara, Mattie Ryan, Phyll Bugler, Joe Hannigan and Hughie McGrath.

**Also Present:**

Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Michael Hayes, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Peter Fee, Executive Engineer, Mr. Brian Beck, Senior Planner, Mr. Gerry Robinson A/Senior Engineer and Ms. Lorraine Treacy, Staff Officer.

**Item 1.**  
**Minutes of April Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that the minutes of the April meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April be adopted.

Cllr. M. O' Meara thanked Council staff and the Mayor for organising the Civic Welcome for Cllr. Wayne Sanford in Lorrha. He said that it was a moving occasion for the family members of Martin O' Meara and the people in the area appreciated the efforts that went into organising the event. He went on to say that it was an excellent PR exercise and well worthwhile. A number of members supported Cllr. O' Meara and complimented all those involved in the event.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the cleaning of rivers by the OPW and noted that the schedule has been cut back in recent times. He said that there are a number of farm holdings in difficulty because of rivers. He suggested that the Council write to the OPW to request their presence at a meeting to discuss the matter.

**Item 2.**  
**Update from Water**  
**Services & Environment**  
**staff**

Cllr. H. McGrath referred to foul smells on Kenyon St., Abbey Street and Friar Street, saying that the smell was particularly bad the previous Friday and Saturday. He said that the business people feel that they are not getting enough information on the timeframe for the proposed works which were announced by the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government last year. He requested that the business people be given proper information through the Chamber of Commerce and asked that Mr. Gerry Robinson make initial contact with the Chamber of Commerce as soon as possible. Cllr. McGrath also requested an update in relation to Ballycommon Treatment Plant.

Cllr. S. Morris agreed with Cllr. McGrath, saying that it is very hard for people to do business with the smell. He noted that it was not a simple job to remedy but said that the business people need an answer.

Cllr. Morris raised the issue of letters from Irish Water to householders in relation to the fixing of leaks. He said that as far as he was aware people had been told initially that the first repair would be free but now people are being told otherwise and he requested clarification on this.

Cllr. P. Bugler enquired as to the status of the repair to the watermain on Main Street, Ballina and requested an update in relation to the recruitment of a new Litter Warden.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the surface of the carpark in Garrykennedy Graveyard. He noted that the roads section do not have a budget to carry out any works and enquired if the Environment Section could provide funding to address the issue.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to boundary wall in Kilkeary Burial Ground which has fallen into disrepair. He stressed the need to maintain the wall as if it is not attended to it will result in livestock being able to access the graveyard. Cllr. M. Ryan supported Cllr. Darcy on this request. Cllr. S. Morris also referred to Tyone Graveyard where there were stones falling off the wall. He also mentioned illegal dumping which is taking place on the Dark Road.

In reply to the queries on the smells in the town, Mr. G. Robinson advised that Irish Water have appointed Consultants, who are actively looking at the sewers on Kenyon Street. He added that a CCTV survey has been carried out and site investigation works are to be carried out within the next month. A final design will then be prepared and the works will be completed as part of the Bord Gais works. He went on to say that once the final design is complete, Irish Water will then be in a better position to advise what works will be done and people will be advised of same.

Cllr. McGrath requested that the Water Services Section write to the Chamber of Commerce and give them an opportunity to have a meeting. Mr. G. Robinson agreed to liaise with the Chamber when they had definite details.

Regarding Ballycommon Treatment plant, Mr. G. Robinson advised the members that deposit monies have been paid and the contracts are with the Solicitors for signing by the other party. Cllr. S. Morris said he appreciated that the Council had taken the matter as far as they could but that it was vital that it be brought to a conclusion.

In response to Cllr. Bugler's query on the watermain on Main Street, Ballina, Mr. Robinson advised that the Council will liaise with Irish Water regarding the matter.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to long standing sewerage issues in housing estates in Nenagh and in particular in St. Josephs Park. He said the Council used to unblock the problems previously and queried whose was responsible now. Mr. G. Robinson advised that problems in the common back yard are the responsibility of the householders.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to recurring problems with the pumps for the communal sewerage system in Ardcroney Village which is under the control of the Council. He requested that this be looked at.

Mr. Brian Beck advised that there are over 160 Burial Grounds in the Country and the Council has a set maintenance budget for these burial grounds. He added that every effort is made to try and prioritise the works that are required to be carried out. He went on to say that

he would liaise with the Engineers with regard to the issues raised by the members in relation to specific burial grounds.

In response to Cllr. Bugler's query on the Litter Warden, Mr. Beck advised that two Environmental Enforcement Officers have been recruited. One has taken up duty and the second one will do so shortly and they will have a much broader remit than a Litter Warden.

Cllr. J. Carroll enquired if there was any intention to use CCTV cameras in relation to litter. Mr. Beck advised that CCTV cameras are in use daily. Mr. Beck added that it is only a small number of people who litter regularly and large numbers are using recycling centres.

**Item 3.**

**Allocation of funding**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that grants be paid to the following:

**(a) To approve payment of grants**

- Lorrha & Dorrha Historical Society - €500
- Kilbarron Old Cemetery Committee - €740.47
- St. Peter & Paul's Graveyard Committee - €740.47
- Cluain Caoin Residents Association - €300

Ms. Joyce advised that the grant schemes were now closed.

**Item 4.**

**Agree date for Annual Meeting**

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00 a.m.

**Item 5.**

**Action Plan from April meeting**

The Action Plan from the April meeting was noted.

**Item 6.**

**Update on Projects**

Ms. R. Joyce gave an update on projects as follows:

**Gills Garden**

The Council is still awaiting Ministerial Consent from the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht before works can be progressed.

**CCTV**

The system is operational and an official launch will take place in the near future.

Cllr. S. Morris enquired if the system can be used in relation to dog fouling. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that there are strict protocols in place with regard to its usage. Footage can only be downloaded from the system if it is required as part of a criminal prosecution.

A number of members welcomed the introduction of the CCTV in the town and suggested that it be extended to other towns and villages. Ms. R. Joyce advised that any extension of the CCTV scheme must be done through discussions with the Gardaí. It was agreed that the matter would be put on the agenda for the next consultation meeting with the Gardaí.

Cllr. H. McGrath enquired if a camera could be erected in the Castle Field and on Friar Street. Ms. Joyce advised that the system is capable of taking additional cameras however it will be up to the Gardaí to identify additional locations if they are deemed necessary. Mr. O' Connor advised that there are CCTV cameras in the Castle Field which are operated by the OPW.

**Nenagh Traffic Management Plan**

Ms. Joyce referred to the public consultation meeting that was held recently with an attendance of over 50 people. She went on to say that the closing date for receipt of submissions is the 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Cllr. H. McGrath said that he was delighted to see huge numbers attending the meeting and said that there was a need for discussions on a one-to-one basis with some business people and asked that the Council facilitate this. Ms. R. Joyce said that such meetings could be arranged if necessary.

Cllr. J. Carroll also referred to the excellent attendance at the meeting and said that the vitality of the business sector was very important. Cllr. S. Morris enquired as who makes

the final decision in relation to the proposed plan.

Cllr. G. Darcy said that there was a need to be in touch with the people on the ground. Cllr. M. Ryan said that it was important to get the plan right.

Mr. M. O' Connor stated that he was delighted that the attendance at the meeting was good. He said that the newly reformed Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in getting the numbers to attend. He added that a new traffic system is something that all people have an opinion on and said that if people require a meeting they should make contact with the Council. He went on to say that this Traffic Management Plan is an exciting development for the town and that it has a long way to go. He said it won't be done overnight and it will involve a long engagement process. He said that once the submissions are received they will be referred to the Consultant and be responded to. He concluded by saying that the Traffic Management Plan is not a statutory plan therefore the decision in relation to it is an executive one. The executive will report back to the members after the submissions are received and a further public meeting will be held if necessary.

#### **Newport Town Park**

Negotiations on land acquisition are ongoing.

#### **Provision of wheelchair accessible playground equipment**

Wheelchair accessible swing will be operational in the next couple of weeks.

Cllr. S. Morris complimented the parents on fighting for the installation of the swing and also referred to the need to have the riverside fenced off. Cllr. J. Carroll supported Cllr. Morris. Mr. M. O' Connor noted the comments in relation to the fencing of the river but stated that he did not agree with same. He referred to other rivers with steeper falls that are not fenced off.

Cllr. M. O' Meara enquired about the possibility of a MUGA for Borrisokane. Mr. O' Connor advised that under the terms of the scheme for MUGAs the land had to be in the ownership of the local authority. He said that if a suitable area in local authority ownership could be identified he would be very supportive of a MUGA for Borrisokane.

**Town Centre Initiative – Nenagh Town Centre Enhancement & Painting Scheme 2015**

Ms. R. Joyce referred to the introduction of the Nenagh Town Centre Enhancement & Painting Scheme for the Nenagh Primary Retail Area. She advised that grant funding of 50% of the cost of the works to a maximum of €500 was available. The closing date for receipt of applications is 19<sup>th</sup> June, with works to be completed by the 16<sup>th</sup> October and receipts submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> October. Ms. Joyce added that with the Munster Fleadh being held in Nenagh this year it is a great opportunity to rejuvenate premises and have Nenagh looking at its best.

Cllr. H. McGrath welcomed the scheme and enquired if there was adequate funding available if the scheme is well subscribed. Ms. Joyce advised that there is a limit on every budget and this scheme is part of the Town Centre Initiative. She added that monies will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis and every effort will be made to accommodate applicants.

Cllr. J. Hannigan complimented the initiative saying that it will give a great boost to the town. He enquired if such a scheme could be considered in 2016 for other towns and villages in the district. Cllr.'s M. O' Meara and G. Darcy supported Cllr. Hannigan on this. Ms. Joyce said that the members will have the discretion to consider such a proposal through the GMA for 2016.

**Roadworks Programme 2015 & CIS Schemes**

Mr. M. Hayes advised the members that the 2015 Roadworks Programme had commenced today. In relation to the CIS Scheme, Mr. Hayes advised that 16 no. applications have been received which are being assessed at present.

Cllr. G. Darcy enquired how many of the applications can be included for this year. Mr. M. Hayes advised that there is a limited budget of €80,000 and an estimate of the costs of the works will be sent out to applicants as soon as possible.

Cllr. M. Ryan welcomed the start of the Roadworks Programme. He requested a Stop sign for where the L6072

and L6075 interconnect.

Cllr. J. Carroll requested that the road at Boolaglass and a section of road at Clareen be addressed.

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to the CIS, saying that if all the roads included in the applications can't be done the applicants will be very disappointed. He said the situation regarding the condition of the roads is at a crisis point and suggested that the Council try and raise a state loan. He said that this would be better than continually patching the roads. All the members supported Cllr. O' Meara's proposal.

Mr. O' Connor agreed that the condition of the roads is a big issue particularly now with the abolition of milk quotas and the resulting requirement for the upsizing of milk tankers. He said nationally this should result in more revenue from taxes. He said there is a need for a case to be made to Government that these extra funds should be directed to funding road improvements. He added that he will be meeting with the Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government on the 10<sup>th</sup> June and he will make this case to him.

He concluded by saying that a loan cannot be raised at Municipal District level but rather a Notice of Motion can be placed at the County Council meeting and there would also be a requirement for department and government approval.

**Item 7.**  
**Engineer's Checklist**

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to speeding in Cloughjordan at MacDonagh Park, the cross at Grange and the road at the Glue Pot, Ballingarry.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to works at Glebe Lane, MacDonagh Street and Knockanpierce and footpath at Ballycraggan. He said he was given assurances last year that works would be done in these locations. Cllr. Morris also referred to speeding in Ballycommon.

Cllr. J. Hanningan raised the issue of the road at the Glue Pot, disabled parking in Nenagh, and the Luska Road.

Cllr. M. Ryan welcomed the signs for Gortagarry Church



and also referred to the need for speeding signs in Cloughjordan.

Cllr. P. Bugler referred to the swipe cards for Ballina, the speed limit sign at Willowcliff, signs knocked down on the Dunalley Line and the need for funding for the Boher Road and Englishtown road.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to speeding at McCormacks Pub on the Athlone/Borrisokane road, poor sightlines at Loughaun, Cloughjordan and the road at Tyone between the Railway Bridge and the hospital.

Mr. M. Hayes advised the members that there was no further update in relation to the Glue Pot and the Council was liaising with the NRA regarding same.

Regarding Grange, Mr. Hayes advised that a meeting was held with the NRA engineer and he is awaiting their proposals.

Mr. Hayes advised that the Swipe Card System in Ballina has been installed and will be operational shortly.

**Item 8.**  
**Notice of Motion**

**Notice of Motion No. 390 submitted by Cllr. M. Ryan**

I am requesting Tipperary County Council to erect a public light at Templeberry School.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. J. Hannigan.

Ms. R. Joyce read out a response to the Notice of Motion as follows:

*“The Council is currently conducting a review of public lighting in residential housing estates across the County. This review may highlight significant disparities and deficiencies in the provision of lighting in these estates and may constitute a significant cost liability for the Council. The enhancement or extension of existing lighting schemes will not be considered pending the outcome of this county-*

*wide review.”*

The response to the Notice of Motion was noted by Cllr. M. Ryan.

The following correspondence was noted:

**Item 9. Correspondence**

1.	Letter from the Department of Health re the new Emergency Department at the University Hospital Limerick.
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Cllr. S. Morris stated that he was not happy with the reply. He said that one of the most dangerous working procedures i.e. trolleys on corridors remains in University Hospital Limerick. He requested that the Council write to the HSE Mid West and ask if they had complied with the HIQA report.

Cllr. J. Hannigan enquired if a letter had been sent to the Department of Agriculture in relation to a request for a meeting. He said that there is no Farmer’s Charter in place at the moment and that there is confusion in the farming community. Ms. Joyce advised that a letter did issue to the Department of Agriculture and she would follow up with them regarding same.

**Item 10.**

**Votes of  
Sympathy/Congratulations**

Votes of sympathy were passed to the following:

- John Collins, Puckane, Nenagh on the death of Jimmy Collins R.I.P.

Votes of congratulations were passed to the following:

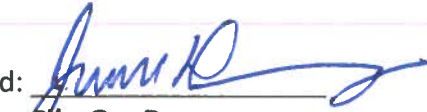
- Anthony Floyd, Birdhill, Nenagh on Newport Instrumental Group winning the All Ireland Scór competition.
- Catriona Morris, Yewston, Nenagh on Nenagh Éire Óg Camogie Club winning the Junior A League.

**Item 11.**

**A.O. B**

None.

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

Signed:   
Clr. Ger Darcy  
Cathaoirleach

Date: 18/6/15

Signed:   
Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
District Administrator

Date: 18/6/15

