



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann  
Tipperary County Council

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD, NENAGH AT 10.00 AM ON 24TH MARCH 2016**

**Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Service, Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. P. Fee, A/ Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Clare Curley, Director of Services, Mr. Aidan Fennessey, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Michelle Maher, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Kathleen Prendergast, Economic Development Officer and Lorraine Treacy, Staff Officer.

Before the meeting commenced Cllr. G. Darcy congratulated those who were successful in the recent general election. He complimented those who stood and took part in the democratic process and in particular Seamus Morris, Joe Hannigan, Mattie McGrath, Seamus Healy, Jackie Cahill and Alan Kelly.

Cllr. Darcy advised the members that he recently represented the Nenagh Municipal District in accepting a presentation from Ormond Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann in recognition of the Council's contribution to Fleadh na Mumhan. He said the Committee were very thankful for the financial and administrative assistance it received from the Council as well as the effort that went into having the town of Nenagh look so well for the Fleadh. He said he was delighted to accept the presentation on behalf of the Council.

Cllr. Darcy then referred to the passing of the late Cllr. Willie Kennedy. Cllr. M. Ryan said that Cllr. Kennedy would be sadly missed by the community and his family. Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to Cllr. Kennedy as the "go to man". He said he had a wealth of knowledge and that Council business was his life and he had a great ability to bring young and old on board. He said that the Lowry Team were heartbroken. Cllr. J. Carroll said that Cllr. Kennedy epitomised all that was good and what you saw is what you got. He congratulated M. O' Connor and R. Joyce on the assistance they gave to the Fleadh Committee and concluded by wishing Labhrás Ó Murchú well as he was not standing again for the Seanad election. Cllr. S. Morris said that Cllr. Kennedy was a gentleman and will be sadly missed. Cllr. H. McGrath said he was a respectful decent man while Cllr. F. Bonfield said he always had a kind word to say and was a straight talker. Mr. M. O' Connor said that he would like to be associated with the comments in relation to Cllr. Kennedy. He said he was a gentleman, extremely knowledgeable and represented his constituents in a capable fashion.

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll the meeting was adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect to Cllr. Kennedy.

On resumption Cllr. M. Ryan complimented Cllr. H. McGrath on the success of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Nenagh. Cllr. S. Morris congratulated Cllr. H. McGrath in taking the decision a number of years ago when he was Mayor of Nenagh Town Council to hold the Parade in Nenagh rather than to go out of the country himself. He said the success of the Parade is growing year on year and applauded Cllr. McGrath for his efforts. Cllr. M. O' Meara also congratulated Cllr. McGrath and complimented the Council for giving funding to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committees in Borrisokane and Ballina. Cllr. J. Carroll congratulated Cllr. McGrath and the work of all the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committees saying they were "unsung heroes". Cllr. Bugler concurred with the previous speakers and referred to the success of the Ballina and Newport Parades. She suggested that the timing of the parades could be staggered next year

to allow people attend two on the same day. Cllr. F. Bonfield applauded Cllr. McGrath for his efforts and thanked Ms. R. Joyce for judging the parade in Newport. Cllr. J. Hannigan congratulated Cllr. McGrath and referred to the parades in Terryglass and Borrisokane. He complimented the direction of the Council in this area of funding. Cllr. G. Darcy complimented Cllr. H. McGrath and wished to be associated with the comments in relation to the parades in Newport, Terryglass, Ballina and Borrisokane.

Mr. M. O' Connor complimented all those who were involved in the parades saying that it was the voluntary effort that makes them such a success. He agreed that it would be nice to have the times of the parades staggered. Cllr. H. McGrath thanked everyone for their kind words which he was accepting on behalf of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. He said the re-establishment of the Parade would not have happened without the support of the members of Nenagh Town Council. He went on to say that parades don't happen without the committee and that he was a small part of a big team. He concluded by thanking the Council for its support.

#### **Item 1**

##### **Minutes of February Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan and resolved that the minutes of the February meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February be adopted.

#### **Item 2: Action Plan**

The Action plan from the February meeting was noted.

#### **Item 3.:Update from Housing Staff**

A report on housing statistics was circulated to the members. Ms. C. Curley outlined the contents of the report and assured the members that the Council was trying to maximise the housing output while the Social Housing Strategy was alive. She said that the housing section is proactive with RAS, HAP and long term leasing.

Referring to private grants Ms. Curley advised the members that the Council had recently received notification of its

allocation of €2.9m, which is an increase on last year. She said the applications are currently being assessed and the Council is awaiting its allocation for house adaptation grants. She also said that the Council has applied for an allocation for refurbishment of vacant stock.

With regard to energy efficiency works, Ms. Curley said that the Nenagh Municipal District has an excellent record in this area. She went on to refer to the 8 house purchases that were in progress and said there were 771 approved housing applicants in the Nenagh Municipal District.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the numbers on the housing list. He said the situation was the same as the lack of funding for roads. He referred to the 80,000 repossession cases that are before the courts and said that it was a crisis for families and housing authorities. He said that there was a need for a massive social housing build. He enquired about the up to date position with regard to the Tenant Purchase Scheme as he said there were a number of tenants who would like to buy out their house. He concluded by congratulating the staff of the housing section on ensuring that boarded up houses are being put back into use as quickly as possible. He said people must be mindful of the fact that not all boarded up houses are local authority houses.

Cllr. J. Carroll supported Cllr. Morris and said that there was a need to think of innovative ways to address the housing crisis. Referring to the housing adaptation grants, he said that the delay with visits from the Occupational Therapists was a big issue that needed to be addressed. He referred to the level of sub-standard private accommodation which is on the rise, with a lot of people sleeping in derelict houses which are not regulated.

Cllr. J. Hannigan expressed concern at the number of repossession cases before the courts. He referred to the number of mortgages being sold to venture capital funds whereby distressed properties are being purchased for knock down prices which he said was very unfair. He said the numbers on the housing list will continue to increase dramatically if this situation continues. He referred to the number of vacant properties in towns and villages and queried if it was possible to liaise with the owners of these properties.

Cllr. P. Bugler agreed with Cllr. Hannigan, saying that there were a lot of boarded up buildings. She said that landlords should be approached in order to bring people back into our towns and villages.

Cllr. S. Morris said that he wished to advise people involved in repossession cases to get advice and not to go to court unrepresented.

Cllr. J. Hannigan enquired if it was possible for the Council to request the Government to put a system in place to ensure that people are dealt with fairly when mortgages are being sold by financial institutions to venture capital funds. Cllr. M. O' Meara supported Cllr. Hannigan on this and suggested that a Notice of Motion be brought before the full Council meeting in this regard. All the members agreed to this.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to the RAS scheme. He said that it worked well in the beginning but that it was not a long term solution. He went on to say that he was in favour of more new builds but at the same time there was no point in building houses if there were empty properties in our towns and villages. He concluded by saying that he supported the comments in relation to the need to speed up the re-introduction of the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

In response to the issues raised by the members, Ms. C. Curley advised the members that although 76 landlords had left the RAS, there were still 950 landlords taking part in the scheme and to the credit of the staff in the housing section, a good relationship has been built up with the landlords. Referring to the HAP, she advised that 59 people had been transferred under the Scheme in the Nenagh Municipal District and a target of 14 people per week across the County has been set by the Housing Section. She added that it was part of Government Policy that Local Authorities utilise all aspects of social housing and assured the members that the Council will not sign up anybody to RAS or HAP unless properties are in a satisfactory standard.

Referring to the comments in relation to utilising derelict properties for housing, Ms. Curley explained to the members that the priority for the housing section was to purchase good quality houses that are on the market as this provides the quickest win. Mr. A. Fennessey added that there was a need for a national scheme to encourage landlords to renovate or

sell their properties and only then could the local authority become involved.

Mr. Fennessey went on to refer to the comments in relation to the Occupational Therapists. He said that the delays in visits from the Occupational Therapists was due to the lack in numbers but that it is intended to advertise for more OT's which should alleviate the problem. With regard to the Tenant Purchase Scheme, he said that correspondence will issue to tenants next month. He advised that there are 10 hectares of council land available in the Nenagh District suitable for the building of houses. Referring to the HAP scheme, he said that so far there have been 309 transfers, 59 of which were in the Nenagh Municipal District and went on to give details of the income limits in order to qualify under the scheme. To conclude, he advised the members that the sum of €415,759 has been allocated for housing maintenance in the Nenagh Municipal District in 2016 which is the same as 2015.

Cllr. S. Morris thanked Ms. Curley and Mr. Fennessey for their comprehensive report and said that in posing his questions he was not suggesting that the housing section was not doing its best. He said that there still remains an over reliance on private landlords and this has to be addressed. He referred to the houses in Nenagh leased by Tuath and noted that the contract between the Council and Tuath is up for renewal shortly. He said that there are a number of snags still outstanding and the tenants are unhappy with how they are being dealt with by Tuath.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the modular housing initiative and noted that there didn't seem to be much interest in it. Mr. A. Fennessey advised Cllr. Carroll that this initiative was in Dublin alone and was not rolled out countrywide.

Mr. Fennessey referred to the new Tenant Handbook which was circulated to the members. He said he was aware of the issues relating to the houses leased by Tuath in Nenagh and advised that the Council is in discussion with Tuath in relation to these issues and in relation to the possible sale of the houses to Tuath.

**Item 4: Update on  
Town Centre Initiative**

Ms. K. Prendergast referred to the Report on the Town Centre Initiative that was circulated to the members. She said the purpose of the Report was to see how best the Council could support the retail sector and help towns to sustain themselves. She said that Letterkenny was looked at as a good example of progress and said it was very important to have good structures in place with good governance and effective partnerships between the retailers, Chamber of Commerce, Local Authority etc. She went on to speak about the importance of marketing, saying that the expectation of the shopper has moved on in recent years with a lot of shopping being done on-line. She said the creation of an atmosphere was very important in order to draw people into the towns. She referred to the financial supports provided by the Council, in particular referring to the Painting Grant Scheme, Grants for Festivals & Events and Grants to Tidy Towns Committees. She said that funding has also been provided at a national level through REDZ funding and the Rural Development Programme .

Referring to the Town Centre Forum, she said it is envisaged that a plan will be put in place for each town so that the Council can support the Forum.

Cllr. G. Darcy enquired about the Commercial Incentive Scheme. Ms. Prendergast advised that under the scheme, grants were available to businesses but that it was not a rates rebate. Cllr. Darcy said that all the aspects referred to by Ms. Prendergast were welcome. He said it was important to capitalise on Nenagh Castle's inclusion in Ireland's Ancient East. He said that the enemy of the centre of town is the convenience stores and said that the mix of businesses in the Town Centre needed to be addressed.

Cllr. M. O' Meara welcomed the report. Referring to Borrisokane, he noted that only AIB banking was available in the Post Office and stressed the need to allow other financial institutions operate through the Post Office.

Cllr. H. McGrath, in referring to the Town Centre Forum, said that over the last number of years Nenagh Chamber of Commerce have been very positive and have worked with the Council's executive. He went on to say that there are a lot of positives in Nenagh and that the traders are fighting back. He said it was very important to present the town at its best. He

referred to the number of laneways in Nenagh and suggested that the Council increase the lighting in them and upgrade their surface.

Cllr. J. Hannigan congratulated those who put the report together and said it was important to make people aware of the report. He stressed the need to create a template for a Forum, as he said that there was good work being done in Borriskane but that the people were looking for help.

Cllr. J. Carroll welcomed the report and initiatives. He said dereliction is a big issue which needs to be tackled. He also said that approach roads into towns and the ambiance in a town are very important.

Cllr. S. Morris said it was apparent that a lot of work had gone into the report. He said it was all about people working together. He referred to a group of 100 Americans that are coming to Nenagh on Saturday to Nenagh AFC Brickfields. He said it was an example of a small initiative to bring business to the town of Nenagh. He also referred to the 800 year anniversary of Nenagh Castle and said it was a massive opportunity to promote the Castle and Nenagh.

Cllr. M. Ryan said that Nenagh has always been known as the friendliest town and said that this should be worked on. He referred to the fact that a lot of Post Offices are gone in villages and said this should not be allowed to happen in our towns.

Cllr. F. Bonfield complimented the Report and said it was very important to follow through on the Action Plan. She said it was very important to get the message out to the public.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to Wesport where they had succeeded in attracting people into the town. He said there were a number of facilities in the town which have succeeded in getting people into Nenagh, namely the Arts Centre, Scouts Hall and Heritage Centre. He referred to the AGM of Macra na Feirme which is due to take place in Nenagh this year which was a significant achievement.

Cllr. J. Carroll noted the abundance of rivers near our towns and said it was very important to make the most of them. He said riverside walks add a new dimension to a town.



Mr. M. O' Connor complimented Ms. K. Prendergast and Liam Fitzgerald on the report. He said that there had been strong engagement in Nenagh with four meetings held. He said that there has been very good engagement with the Chamber of Commerce and businesses over the last number of years which has led to a number of good festivals being held in the town. He said there had also been a good discussion in relating to pay parking and he hoped that the engagement would continue. He said that outside of Nenagh, engagement in other towns was also beginning to take place. Referring to Nenagh Castle's inclusion in Irelands Ancient East, he said that it now gave an opportunity to put pressure on for the development of Phase 2 of the Castle. With regard to Cllr. McGrath's comments in relation to laneways, Mr. O' Connor said that he agreed that they needed to be improved. He referred to the recent works completed in Glebe Lane and said that pedestrianisation of some laneways could be looked at on a trial basis. He concluded by saying that the Report on the submissions on the Traffic Management Plan was almost complete and would be presented to the members shortly.

**Item 5.**  
**Schedule of Municipal District**  
**Works 2016**

Mr. M. O' Connor referred to the Workshop that had been held with the members prior to the meeting to discuss the Schedule of Municipal Works for 2016. He said that a schedule of works to the value of over €8m was being proposed. He said it included funding for housing maintenance, amenity areas, burial ground maintenance and roads funding. The roads funding, he said included national primary and secondary road maintenance, restoration maintenance and road improvement strengthening. He said it was proposed to spend €2.2m on road improvement works but highlighted the fact that the Council could do with a lot more funding referring to the fact that the Council's allocation has been halved since 2008. He went on to say that the schedule of roads included was based on the members' representations on various roads, the road condition survey and ensuring that there was a reasonable geographical spread.

With regard to the storm damage funding, Mr. O' Connor said that the Council had applied for funding of €9.1m, €1m of which was disallowed as it was in respect of national roads and they had received an allocation of €5m. He said the allocation was strictly for storm damaged roads and was the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest allocation in the country. He went on to say that the money

was divided among the districts based on the length of roads in each and Nenagh has received the sum of €1.28m.

Mr. O' Connor went on to advise that the Schedule of Municipal District Works also included funding for Bridge rehabilitation works, tertiary roads allocations, Community Involvement Schemes and works to be carried out under Development Levies. These works included various projects that had been identified by the members. He explained that a sum of €400,000 had also been provided through development levies towards the carrying out of works at Knockalton and a further €400,000 would be provided next year.

Mr. O' Connor then referred to the details on the reinstatement works to be carried out by Bord Gais, which was circulated to the members. Mr. O' Connor explained that some streets were being fully reinstated with the half width of other streets being done. He also referred to the list of Storm Damage Roads which was submitted to the Department and which was circulated to the members. He concluded by saying that the Schedule of Municipal District Works had been adopted in 3 of the 5 Districts and was being presented to the members in Carrick-on-Suir today and therefore it was necessary to deal with the matter today.

Cllr. M. Ryan complimented the work that has been carried out on the R503 and thanked Cllr. Bonfield for securing funding for the works in Rearcross. He said that he was not happy with the 3 year roads programme as there were so many more roads in a poor condition and suggested that the Council revert to the Department of the Environment to seek more funding. He said he had sympathy with the officials who have to come up with a roads programme but said there was need for more flexibility.

Cllr. J. Carroll said that he welcomed all funding that comes from any sources but said that he was frustrated. He said the current compliment of outdoor staff is non-existent which has resulted in a total inability to tackle the roads. He expressed dissatisfaction over the fact that two patching units were currently idle when there was ideal weather to have repairs carried out. He went on to say that Councillors had interacted with the General Services Supervisors in relation to roads that needed to be included in the list of storm damaged roads and some of these roads have been excluded. He said it would appear that Councillors have no role in the process.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the large amount of work included in the Schedule of Municipal District Works and queried if the Council has the ability to carry out the works due to the lack of resources. He also requested that the Council write to the Department to ask that they suspend the requirement for the NCT given the condition of our roads.

Cllr. M. O' Meara concurred with the previous speakers. He referred to the residents in Rathcabbin and complimented them for highlighting the road conditions in their area. He said there was a need for major action as the funding does not go anywhere near what is needed. He referred to a suggestion he had raised previously to seek a state loan over a 30-40 year period and said this should be pursued. He said that the Government is insulting the people of rural Ireland and that the Oireachtas Members needed to listen to the people of rural Ireland.

Cllr. J. Hannigan said that people at the cold face are asking what is the Council going to do to address the problem with the roads. He said there has been a serious shortfall in funding over the last number of years which meant it was impossible for the Council to do its work.

Cllr. G. Darcy welcomed the roads funding and in particular the allocation for Knockalton but said that there was a need for more. He said that he supported his fellow Councillors in relation to their request for more money.

Mr. M. O' Connor said that he sensed the frustration of the members. He said that having spoken to Mr. P. Fee, he is aware of what works need to be done but the fact of the matter is that there is not enough money available. He said €600m was provided in 2008 and only €294m was provided last year. He said that he was disappointed to note that in recent discussions in relation to the formation of a government that no one appeared to be talking about roads because it doesn't seem to be an issue in Dublin. However, he said, it was a serious issue for rural areas.

Referring to staffing levels, Mr. O' Connor said that is a big issue at the moment coming from an era when there was an embargo in place. He said that there were forty recruitment processes taking place at present. Regarding the patching units, he said there were 16 units in the county. He said Mr.

Fee had a problem with one of the units and there was therefore a need to hire a patcher. He noted that patching is not ideal and not the long term solution. He added that the Council is in the process of buying new patching units. Referring to the list of storm damaged roads that was submitted to the Department of the Environment, he said that there was no attempt at secrecy but that the executive were conscious of the fact that list had no status until such time as a decision on the allocation of funding had been made by the Department.

Cllr. J. Carroll said that he could not put his name to the Schedule of Municipal Works. He said if a revised list with all the storm damaged roads were included on it and the Department refused, he would then be in a position to agree to the Schedule. Mr. O' Connor said he believed that it was a good submission. He said that representations had been received from all Councillors but that an honest engineering assessment has to be done. He said that it was a good result for Tipperary but we could have done with much more.

Cllr. M. Ryan queried what Councillors would say to people whose roads were not included on the 3 Year Roads Programme. He suggested that the Manager's Association meet with the new Minister to discuss the matter of inadequate funding for roads.

Cllr. J. Carroll questioned the role of the Councillor in the process of formulating the Schedule of Municipal District Works. He said that the Councillors wanted a reasonable and meaningful role and not just to be rubber stampers.

Cllr. P. Bugler referred to the R494 which was flooded in December and noted that it was not included on the list that was sent to the Department. She also referred to the Gortlassobrien Road, the Killary Road and the Grange Road and said it was disappointing that the Councillors did not have an input into the submission. She enquired if a second list could be submitted.

Mr. M. O' Connor advised the members that there may be a call for further funding but that it was likely to be a lot less.

Mr. P. Fee said that he was satisfied that the R494 was dealt with in the right way. He said the flooding there was as a

result of an Eircom duct and not related to storm damage. Cllr. P. Bugler said that she found that explanation unacceptable.

Cllr. S. Morris suggested that the Schedule of Municipal District Works be passed with the exception of the Storm Damage proposals and that the Council write to the Department to request more funding. Cllr. G. Darcy enquired if this approach would delay the roadworks programme.

Mr. M. O' Connor said that there was no suggestion that all the roads that required funding were included in the submission and he was not arguing with members in relation to the level of funding required. However he said that the Schedule of Municipal District Works includes other areas like housing, street cleaning etc. He said by adopting the Schedule, the members would not be diluting what they have said in relation to the lack of funding. He added that the Council can write to the Department in relation to the NCT and to request more funding but that it was imperative that the Schedule be adopted today otherwise it would have to go the full Council for adoption. Cllr. M. Ryan enquired if the Councillors do so will this mean that no more funding will be provided. Cllr. M. O' Meara suggested that if the Schedule of Municipal District Works was not passed then the Department might listen to what the members are saying. Cllr. J. Hannigan suggested that a revised list be submitted which would strengthen our hand. Mr. O' Connor said that such an approach would not strengthen our hand and said that every road on the Schedule needs to be done urgently.

Cllr. G. Darcy suggested that the meeting be adjourned to allow the members consult on the matter.

When the meeting resumed it was proposed by Cllr. J. Hannigan and seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan that the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2016 be adopted. A counter proposal not to adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. S. Morris.

Cllr. H. McGrath said he would support the adoption of the Schedule as he did not want to put the Council at the disadvantage of having works delayed. He noted that there is only a caretaker government in place and therefore there was no point in writing to the government as no response would issue. He said the situation was not ideal but that he didn't want any delays and suggested that the Schedule be adopted

and that the Council write to the Department to state that the Council was not happy with the amount of storm damage funding. Cllr. J. Hannigan agreed with Cllr. McGrath and said he was not happy with the amount of funding received but that he did not want to delay the road works programme. Cllr. P. Bugler reiterated that she was not happy with the list that went to the Department. Cllr. J. Carroll said that it was not his intention to hold up the process. As no agreement could be reached it was agreed that a vote on the adoption of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2016 should take place.

In favour: Cllr. F. Bonfield, Cllr. G. Darcy, Cllr. J. Hannigan, Cllr. H. McGrath, Cllr. M. O' Meara, Cllr. M. Ryan.

Against: Cllr. P. Bugler, Cllr. J. Carroll, Cllr. S. Morris

As the total members in favour of adopting the Schedule of Municipal District Works was 6 and those against 3, the motion to adopt the Schedule was carried.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that in accordance with Section 103 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014

- (a) The Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 as presented, without amendment be and is hereby adopted, and
- (b) Where relevant that any subsequent changes to the Schedule necessitated by either an inability to proceed with certain works or by emergency repairs elsewhere may be implemented subject to notification to the members as soon as may be and that the works so deferred may be considered for inclusion in the Schedule for the next financial year.

**Item 6.**  
**Part VIII Report on Gills Garden**

Mr. M. O' Connor referred to the Part VIII Report on Gills Garden that was circulated to the members. Mr. O' Connor recommended that the proposed development should proceed subject to the two conditions referred to in the Report. The members agreed to this.

**Item 7.****(a) Resignation of Cllr. P. Bugler  
From Board of Tipperary  
Transport Co-Ordination Unit**

The resignation of Cllr. P. Bugler from the Board of Tipperary Transport Co-Ordination Unit was noted.

**(b) Nomination of Replacement  
to Board of Tipperary Transport  
Co-Ordination Unit.**

Ms. R. Joyce advised the members that it was requested that one member from each District sit on the Board of Tipperary Co-Ordination Unit.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. M. O' Meara that Cllr. F. Bonfield be nominated to replace Cllr. P. Bugler on the Board of Tipperary Transport Co-Ordination Unit.

**Item 8.****Allocation of Funding**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, Seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that grants be paid to the following:

**(a) 1916 Commemoration  
Grant Scheme**

Birdhill Tidy Village Committee -	€1,500
Cloughjordan Tidy Towns Committee -	€ 500
MacDonagh Avenue Residents Association -	€ 650
North Tipperary Hospice Movement -	€1,000
Cultivate Living and Learning in Partnership with Cloughjordan Arts -	€1,500
Thomas MacDonagh Heritage Centre -	€2,800
Cloughjordan Circus Club -	€1,000
Ballinaclough Hall Committee -	€ 700

**(b) Residents Association**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, Seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that grants be paid to the following:

Ballycommon Village Residents Association -	€500
Brooklands Drive Residents Association -	€300
Brookville Green Residents Association -	€500
Carrig Rua Residents Association -	€500
Clonaslee Residents Committee -	€300
Clonbealy Residents Association -	€500
Cluain Caoin Residents Association -	€300
Cois Deirge Residents Committee -	€500
Cudville Green residents Association -	€300
Cullenagh Residents Association -	€500
Derg Manor Residents Association -	€400
Drom na Coille Residents Association -	€300
Drummin Village Residents Association -	€400

Finnoe Drive Residents Committee -	€500
Friars Close & Pairc na Cille Residents Association -	€500
Glencree Residents Association -	€300
Harbour View Committee -	€300
Kilnasalla Residents Association -	€300
Lakeside Villas Residents Association -	€300
Lough Derg Cottages Committee -	€300
MacDonagh Avenue Residents Committee -	€300
Millmount Residents Association -	€500
Monaree Residents Association -	€300
Ormond Keep Residents Association -	€300
Pallasderg Residents Committee -	€400
Sallygrove Residents Association -	€500
Silvermews Residents Association -	€200
Springfort Meadows Residents Association -	€300
Sustainable Projects Ireland Ltd -	€300
Yewston Residents Association -	€300

**(c) Clubs & Organisations**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that grants be paid to the following:

Ardcroney Community Hall -	€400
Ardcroney Football Club -	€300
Baile Uí Choimín CCÉ (Ballycommon) -	€400
Ballinahinch GAA Hurling Club -	€500
Borrisokane Athletic Club -	€300
Borrisokane Football Club -	€300
Borrisokane Town Park -	€500
CBS Band -	€300
Cloughjordan Area Text Alert -	€400
Cloughjordan Community Development Committee -	€300
Cloughjordan Community Games -	€300
Cloughjordan Football Club -	€400
Cloughjordan Junior Table Tennis Club -	€400
Company Club -	€300
Daughters of Charity - Ormond Resources -	€300
Irish Red Cross Nenagh Branch -	€400
Kildangan Juvenile GAA Club -	€300
Kilruane MacDonaghs Hurling Club -	€400
Knigh United -	€300
Lahorna Handball Club	€300
Lorrha & Dorrha Camogie Club	€400



Lorrha & Dorrha Historical Society -	€300
Lorrha & Dorrha Juvenile Club -	€300
Lough Derg Yacht Club -	€300
Nenagh & District Voluntary Branch -	€300
Irish Wheelchair Association -	€300
Nenagh Active Retirement Association -	€300
Nenagh Canoe Club -	€300
Nenagh Celtic Football Club -	€300
Nenagh Classic Car Club -	€300
Nenagh Community Allotments -	€300
Nenagh Community Games -	€300
Nenagh Community Rail Partnership -	€300
Nenagh Community Wellness Garden -	€300
Nenagh Defibrillator Group -	€300
Nenagh District Flower & Garden Club -	€300
Nenagh Eire Óg -	€300
Nenagh Eire Óg Camogie Club -	€300
Nenagh Ladies Basketball Club -	€300
Nenagh Mens Shed	€500
Nenagh Neptune Swim Club	€300
Nenagh Olympic Athletic Club	€300
Nenagh Ormond RFC Juvenile Section	€300
Nenagh Ormond Search Unit	€400
Nenagh Players	€300
Nenagh Scór Group	€300
Nenagh Scouts	€300
Nenagh Special Summer Camp	€300
Nenagh Womens Project Group	€300
New Institute Snooker Club	€300
Newport Community First Responder Group	€300
Newport Rugby Football Club	€300
North Tipp Macra na Feirme	€400
North Tipp Wheelers	€300
North Tipperary Dyslexia Support Group	€500
Organisation of National Ex Service Men/Women	€300
Portroe Community Hall	€300
Puckane Community Centre	€400
Rape Crisis Midwest	€300
Riding for the Disabled Nenagh Group	€400
Riverdale Pitch & Putt Club	€300
Society of St Vincent de Paul	€300
St Paul's Boxing Club	€300
Terryglass Angling & Conservation Club	€300
The Irish Pilgrimage Trust	€300
Tipperary C.O.P.D. Support (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)	€400

Tipperary County Cricket Club	€300
Tipperary Friends of Animals SPCA	€300

**(c) Special Grant Scheme**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that grants be paid to the following:

Ballycommon Sponsored Ride	€500
Friends of Dromineer Castle	€400
Gleeson Clan Gathering 2016	€500
In Tune for Life Orchestra	€400
Kildangan GAA Club	€400
Lorrha & Dorrha GAA Club	€500
Lough Derg Yacht Club	€500
Nenagh Classic Car Club	€400
Nenagh Ladies Basketball Club	€400
New Institute Snooker Club	€400
Newport Traditional Music Festival	€400
North Tipperary Macra na Feirme	€500

**Item 9.**

**Update on Projects**

**Nenagh Traffic Management Plan**

The report on the submissions received on the Nenagh Traffic Management Plan is being reviewed at present and will be presented to the members shortly.

**Newport Town Park**

Ms. R. Joyce advised the members that there was no further update on Newport Town Park.

**Windowbox Scheme Nenagh**

Ms. R. Joyce advised that 15 applications for 41 window boxes have been received to date.

**Borrisokane Painting Scheme**

Ms. R. Joyce advised the members that no applications have been received to date for Borrisokane Painting & Enhancement Scheme. She said that it would be appreciated if the members could do what they could to promote the scheme.

### **Cloughjordan – Commemoration of Thomas MacDonagh 2016**

Ms. R. Joyce referred to the programme of events that was circulated to the members and in particular mentioned that the launch of the Visit Nenagh Classic will take place in Cloughjordan on 6<sup>th</sup> April at 8 p.m. and she invited all to attend the event.

### **Borrisokane Street Renewal**

Mr. M. O' Connor advised the members that the design for Borrisokane Street Renewal is almost complete and it is intended to hold a meeting with the community group in Borrisokane on 7<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the proposals.

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to the fact that the NRA had not provided for funding for the project this year and requested that the Council write to the NRA to impress on them the need for funding this year. He said the people of Borrisokane have been very patient but they are now looking for a resolution. Cllr. J. Carroll supported Cllr. O' Meara on this. Cllr. J. Hannigan also supported Cllr. O' Meara, saying that it is one of the worst streets in the country and the NRA needed to be brought to task. Cllr. G. Darcy said there was a need to keep pressure on the NRA and it was very important to run the proposals by the people in Borrisokane.

Mr. M. O' Connor said that this project was badly needed in Borrisokane. He said that he had anticipated an allocation from the NRA but he was hoping that funding would be provided later in the year.

Mr. O' Connor advised the members that a further public consultation in relation to the proposed road works at Latteragh was proposed to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> April and he invited the members to attend from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

He went on to speak about the review of speed limits and requested the members' approval to hold a workshop to discuss the proposals. He said that a number of submissions have been received and a meeting with the Gardaí has been held. He said following the workshop he would be looking for the members' agreement to put the proposed review on public display. It was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield, seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and agreed that the workshop would take place on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 2 p.m.

**Bord Gais Project**

Details in relation to road reinstatement were circulated to the members at the outset of the meeting.

**Lough Derg Stimulus**

Mr. P. Fee referred to works in Tountinna which includes road and signage improvement. He also referred to works at the Millennium Cross where some difficulties have arisen. He said that he would keep the members up to date in relation to this.

He went on to advise the members that a meeting with Waterways Ireland is due to take place early next month in order to progress the Canoe Trail.

Cllr. S. Morris requested that, in light of the recent tragedy in Donegal, a safety audit be carried out on all the slipways in the District. He also referred to the reeds in Skehana & Luska and requested that the matter be taken up with Waterways Ireland. Cllr. G. Darcy supported Cllr. Morris. Cllr. J. Hannigan also referred to the tragedy in Donegal and an incident that had occurred in Kilgarvan in previous years and stressed the need to look at the safety of the quays.

Mr. P. Fee said that the five slipways in the District all predate Waterways Ireland, therefore the Council is by default responsible for them. He said that there is a special herbicide to remove algae and this will be sourced. With regard to the erection of barriers, he said that Risk Assessments are currently being carried out and these will also include amenity areas and access to watercourses.

**Item 10.**  
**Engineer's Checklist**

An update was given on various items on the Engineer's Checklist.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the road at Roolagh which is poorly lit and is very dark at night time.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to Cloughprior Burial Ground. He said that parking at funeral times is an issue and enquired if the green area could be used for parking. He also referred to speeding on the Templemore Road, Cloughjordan.

Cllr. H. McGrath enquired when the works at Knockalton

would be carried out. Mr. M. O' Connor said that it is intended that the works would commence this year and be completed next year.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the logging of calls on the CRM system and suggested that it was not working as he is not getting responses to issues raised. Mr. M. O' Connor said that the CRM ran into difficulty in the run up to the election. He said that Ms. R. Joyce monitors the list of outstanding cases on the CRM system and every effort is being made to address the backlog.

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to the L104518 at Modreeny and in particular to the junction at Joe Mounsey's. He enquired if the junction could be staggered. He also referred to the need for traffic calming at Lorrha GAA grounds and works required at Ballyartella Bridge and Claree Bridge.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to the flooding of Lahorna Bog. He said that it had flooded for the first time in 20 years and there was a need to identify the edge of the road at this location.

**Item 11.**  
**Notice of Motion**

**Notice of Motion No. 652 submitted by Cllr. H. McGrath**

I am calling on the Nenagh Municipal District to carry out work and upgrade footpaths in the town of Nenagh as they are in a state and people are falling on them.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath and seconded that Cllr. M. Ryan.

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

*"While it is acknowledged that there are substantial sections of footpath in Nenagh town in need of full restoration, the Council must also have regard to the significant impacts on the footpath network of ongoing work in the town such as the Gas to Nenagh project. The Council will continue to prioritise emergency repair works while leaving significant restoration works until after the completion of the combined Gas Networks Ireland/Irish Water Project."*

Cllr. H. McGrath said that he was satisfied with the response.

**Notice of Motion No. 653 submitted by Cllr. H. McGrath**

I am calling on the Nenagh Municipal District Council to replace the light at the junction of Summerhill and the Old Birr Road. This junction is very dark and could be a safety risk for people.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan.

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

*"The work involved here is more complex than a public light replacement in that the original light location is no longer suitable and an alternative light location needs to be identified together with a suitable electricity connection point. This process is underway and it is planned to have the new light in place before the end of April."*

Cllr. H. McGrath said that he was satisfied with the response.

**Notice of Motion No. 654 submitted by Cllr. H. McGrath.**

I am calling on Nenagh Municipal District to contact the NRA and Limerick County Council to raise our concern over the road condition and the possibility of aqua planing on the M7 Motorway between junction 27 Birdhill and Junction 28 Castleconnell. I am calling for a safety audit to be carried out on the road as people believe that the surface water is not getting off the carriageway quick enough.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan.

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

*"As the motion relates to a section of the national motorway network, the issue has been referred to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for consideration and response."*

Cllr. H. McGrath said that is when there is heavy rain, the water is slow to go off the road and drivers do not feel safe travelling on the road. In response, Mr. M. O' Connor said that there was an issue with drainage on a number of

motorways and a number of those have been addressed. He confirmed that the Council has asked TII to look at the area referred to by Cllr. McGrath to see if the camber of the road can be improved.

**Item 12.**  
**Delegated Employee**  
**Orders**

A list of Delegated Employee Orders from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 as circulated to the members was noted.

**Item 13.**  
**Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter from Carey Glass confirming that they use the M7 and N52 and therefore do not cause traffic problems in the centre of the town.</li> <li>2. Letter from OPW in relation to development of Phase 2 of Nenagh Castle.</li> </ol> |
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**Item 14.**  
**Votes of Congratulations/**  
**Sympathy**

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:

- Mr. William Fogarty, 33 Summerhill, Nenagh on the death of Josie Fogarty R.I.P.
- Martin Kelly Jnr., Belleen, Nenagh on the death of Martin Kelly R.I.P.
- The Glennon Family, Harty Place, Toomevara on the death of Phil Glennon R.I.P.
- The Bolger Family, Sarsfield St., Nenagh on the death of Maureen Bolger R.I.P.
- The Hackett Family, Upper Silver St., Nenagh on the death of Bridie Hackett R.I.P.
- The Grace Family, Middlewalk, Cloughjordan on the death of Billy Grace R.I.P.
- The Moran Family, Lisbunny Nenagh on the death of Michelle Moran R.I.P.
- The Meagher Family, Monsea House, Ballycommon on the death of Ann Meagher R.I.P.
- The Ryan Family, Hawthorns, Nenagh on the death of Susan Ryan R.I.P.
- Mrs. Marianne Slattery, Cloughleigh, Ballywilliam, Nenagh on the death of Pat Slattery R.I.P.
- Mrs. Betty Kennedy, Glastrigan, Borrisoleigh, on the death of Willie Kennedy R.I.P.

Votes of Congratulations were passed to the following:

- Mr. Ciarán Scully, Ballinacloough Road, Nenagh on Nenagh AFC Under 17 team reaching the FAI final.
- Mr. Jamie Donnelly, Ballylina, Borrisokane, on Borrisokane FC becoming Division 1 League Champions.


**Item 15.**

None.


**A.O.B**

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

Signed:   
Cllr. Ger Darcy  
Cathaoirleach

Date: 21/4/16.

Signed:   
Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
District Administrator

Date: 21/4/16.