



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 19th MARCH 2015

Present:

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

Also Present:

Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Peter Fee, Executive Engineer; Mr. David Fahy, Executive Engineer, Mr. Aidan Fennessy, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Michèle Maher, Senior Staff Officer, and Ms. Lorraine Treacy, Staff Officer.

Item 1.
Minutes of January Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan and resolved that the minutes of the February Meeting held on 19th February 2015 be adopted.

Cllr. P Bugler stated that she wished to raise a matter of great concern. She stated that she had made numerous representations in relation to a drainage issue and was flabbergasted to learn that an Oireachtas member from outside of the County, who had also submitted a representation, had received a response three weeks earlier than her. She went on to say that Councillors should have an equal right to get a reply and she was very unhappy about the situation, stating that it should never have happened.

Cllr. J. Carroll supported Cllr. Bugler, stating that he had a similar experience in the past which he was also unhappy with.

Cllr. Morris added that he had seen things like this happen in the past but referred to a meeting that was held in committee recently and expressed surprise that Cllr. Bugler had reported details of the meeting to the media.

Cllr. Bugler stated that she did not want to be in a "pecking order" and that she was entitled to get a reply at the same time as an Oireachtas member.

In reply, Ms. R. Joyce advised Cllr. Bugler that there was no such thing as a pecking order. She said that any correspondence that comes into the office is logged on CRM and referred to the Engineer or GSS. She added that, if an Oireachtas member received a reply before Cllr. Bugler did, this was inadvertent and that she would discuss the matter further with Cllr. Bugler outside of the meeting.

Mr. O' Connor added that emails being sent to multiple sources causes difficulty and reiterated that there was no such thing as a "pecking order" or any policy to reply to an Oireachtas member before a Councillor.

Cllr. J. Carroll requested a breakdown of the costs of works on the Dunalley Line and details of the down time of the patching units. Mr. O' Connor stated that the works on the Dunalley Line bridge are not yet completed but that when works are completed the figures will be made available. He also agreed to provide details in relation to the down time of the patching unit.

Cllr. Bugler requested that Water Services be contacted in relation to the condition of Main St., Ballina.

Cllr. Bugler referred to the Taking in Charge process and queried what services are taken in charge by the Council. Mr. O' Connor advised that while the taking in charge process is carried out under the Roads Act, it also provides for the taking in charge of water services, public lighting, open spaces etc., however there will not be a physical transfer of ownership. He also clarified that the Council will not take on grass cutting in these estates.

Cllr. Bugler also referred to a recent newspaper article in relation to the Special Resolution Fund for Cullenagh in which Cllr. Bonfield stated that Fernhill and Shoreside will also benefit from the Fund and requested clarification in relation to this. Cllr. F. Bonfield stated that the residents of Fernhill and Shoreside have to drive through Cullenagh to access their estates so they would therefore benefit from the works.

Cllr. H. McGrath asked that it be stated at the beginning of workshops that discussions were in committee and should be treated as confidential.

Item 2.
Update from Housing
Staff

Mr. Aidan Fennessy circulated a report on housing statistics for the Nenagh District. He advised that the Housing Section was working its way through vacant houses and is awaiting its allocation in relation to voids. He went on to say that the allocation of housing capital grants is awaited and it is anticipated that it will be similar to last year's allocation.

When the allocation is notified to the Council, he said, the Council will then be in a position to advertise for grants. He added that the Council will be advertising grants for emergency and priority one category only as there are 220 outstanding applications for priority two and three already.

Cllr. John Carroll enquired if there has been an increase in the number of approved housing applicants over the last three years. Mr. Fennessy replied that he did not have the exact figures to hand, but that he could confirm that there has been an increase in numbers over that past three years.

Cllr. S. Morris expressed concern at the fact that the Council had no housing allocation yet. He said that it was very difficult for the Housing Office to plan for the year ahead when they don't know the allocation. He added that less people are able to get a mortgage now and the housing lists are growing. He expressed concern that only people earning less than .30k can apply to be included on the housing list and said that there are people earning over .30k who are suffering. He also referred to the level of repossessions in County Tipperary. He concluded by saying that the limits need to be increased as the problem is leading to homelessness.

Cllr. Morris referred to the RAS Scheme and asked if the contract is between the tenant and the landlord and what the role of the Council is in particular if a landlord is not carrying out repairs.

Cllr. H. McGrath referred to the housing grants for priority 1,2 and 3 and wondered why the Department could not see the "win-win" in increasing funding for local authorities to wipe out the priority 1 and 2 applications. He added that this would also give works to local tradesmen.

Cllr. P. Bugler enquired about the completion date of a house in Ballina which is being repaired at present and also referred to the house next door. She also enquired as to who makes the decision on the priority of grants.

Cllr. G. Darcy supported Cllr. McGrath in relation to the priority 2 and 3 applications. He also referred to the RAS Scheme and said that it was fine for its time, when the country was full of empty houses.

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to the Shared Ownership Scheme. He said he understood that the government are reviewing the scheme but that there are 60-70 families in North Tipperary who can't get out of paying a huge mortgage. He also referred to one off housing in the country and asked that these are not forgotten as they are a great benefit to rural communities and help keep schools going.

Cllr. M. Ryan requested that the local authority and Department of the Environment provide housing for the elderly in villages. Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the homelessness issue which has increased over the last few months. He went on to compliment the housing staff on how they dealt with homeless people. He concluded by saying that there is a tiny minority of local authority tenants that damage houses and that are involved in anti-social behaviour. He said that a more aggressive approach was required to tackle these problems.

Replying to the members queries, Mr. A. Fennessy said that timing of the housing allocations was outside of the control of the Council. He said that it is expected that the budget will be known on 25th March.

With regard to the RAS Scheme, Mr. Fennessy stated that there are various types of contracts with landlords under the scheme. He said that the Council will always intervene when a dispute arises between a tenant and a landlord under the scheme. He went on to say that landlords selling houses has become a huge issue, with five such instances already this year. The Council is obliged to find alternative accommodation for these people, he said, which can be a very difficult task.

Referring to the Grant Schemes, Mr. Fennessy said that the aim would always be to target the allocation towards those most in need. He accepted the members' comments in relation to priority 2 applicants and said that a review took place last year to see if any could be upgraded to priority 1 and very few were upgraded. He said that there are guidelines in place regarding priority 1 and 2 and it is the Occupational Therapist or Medical Doctor who decides this and the Council must have regard to the recommendation of the professionals. He added that the priority 2 applicants should be prioritised rather than drawing in more applications otherwise there will be too much expectation created.

In response to Cllr. Bugler's query on the houses in Ballina, Mr. Fennessy advised that the house should be completed by the end of April. Ms. Maher advised that she would revert to Cllr. Bugler regarding the house next door.

With regard to one off rural houses, Mr. Fennessy said that he has no objection to the provision of houses in the country and the Council is looking at it where there is a need.

In response to Cllr Morris's comments on the homeless issue, Mr. Fennessy stated that homelessness is a big issue in particular because of the lack of emergency accommodation. He said that there are a significant number of chronic cases where supports are required and that it is not always about

the provision of a house.

Mr. Fennessy agreed with Cllr. Carroll's comments in relation to damage caused to Council houses. He said that when a house is vacated a list of repairs is compiled and divided into normal wear and tear and damage caused by the tenant and where possible the tenant is pursued for the cost of the damage. He also stated that anti-social behaviour is an issue with a minority of council tenants and new legislation on anti-social behaviour is expected later this year.

In response to Cllr. Ryan's comments on housing for the elderly, Mr. Fennessy said that it is an issue that is being looked at. He said that the Minister for the Environment has called for proposals from voluntary bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme.

Cllr. J. Hannigan commended the staff in the housing section who have to carry out an onerous task and asked that when the capital programme comes into being, that they engage with the Councillors. Cllr. Hannigan also referred to new housing building regulations, saying that they are adding to the cost of building a house and suggested that the government look at this issue.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the Martyr's Road Masterplan where there is a proposal to include housing for the elderly. He said that Sarsfield Street, where there are a number of vacant properties at present, is an ideal location for housing for the elderly. He called for the introduction of Urban Renewal Schemes to keep towns vibrant and encourage more people into towns.

Cllr. O' Meara referring to the Shared Ownership Scheme again, requested that the Council write to the Department to request them to review the scheme. Mr. Fennessy agreed to write to the Department on the issue.

Item 3.
Schedule of Municipal
District Works 2015

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the three year roads programme and noted that a road in his area was now proposed to be removed from the programme and that he was not agreeable to this. He added that he was prepared to discuss the matter if given a further week to do so. A number of members enquired if the matter could be postponed for a week. Ms. Joyce advised the members that the Schedule of Municipal District Works must be adopted by 31st March otherwise the decision would have to be made by the full Council.

Cllr. J. Hannigan suggested that in the event of more money becoming available that preference be given to the road that is proposed to be removed.

Cllr. G. Darcy stated that voting on a roads programme had

never taken place before and encouraged the members to avoid letting the decision go before the full Council. Cllr. Carroll said that this was a fundamental issue for him and he was not prepared to compromise.

Cllr. F. Bonfield that she was confident that more funding will become available so she was willing to have the Ballyhane Road omitted so that the Lackaroe Road referred to by Cllr. Carroll could be included in the current year.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. M. O' Meara and agreed to adjourn for five minutes to allow this to be discussed.

On resumption Mr. M. O' Connor stated that changes have to be made to the roads programme every year as priorities change because of the rate of deterioration. He said he saw no difficulty with Cllr. Bonfield's proposal.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. J. Hannigan 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 31st December 2015 as presented, with 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.”

Cllr. F. Bonfield welcomed the proposed pedestrian crossing and the allocation of .30,000 towards footpaths in Newport.

Item 4.
Draft Burial Ground Bye-Laws for Lisbunny Lawn Cemetery

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan and resolved:

“That Draft burial Ground Bye-Laws for Lisbunny Lawn Cemetery be adopted subject to the following amendments, and be brought into force on 1st April 2015.

- Bye-Law No. 10.9 to be amended to read as follows: “The Council reserves the right to remove any headstone or structure which does not comply with the Bye-Laws in operation. In such cases, the

Council may recover the cost of any such removal by a simple contract debt”

- Bye-Law No. 6.1 to be amended to read as follows: “Each niche in the Columbarium is sufficient for two standard receptacles. Ashes must be contained in standard receptacles as specified by the Council. Such receptacles must fit within the niche, the internal dimensions of which are 229mm by 300mm by 300mm.”
- Addition of Bye-Law No. 10.16 as follows: “Works in connection with the erection of headstones shall only be permitted from 9.00 a.m. to 16.30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and from 9.00 a.m. to 15.30 p.m. on Friday. No works will be permitted outside of these hours or on Bank Holidays”
- Addition of Bye-Law No. 16.1 as follows: “The parking of commercial vehicles outside the Burial Ground shall be prohibited””

Item 5.
Allocation of Funding
2015

(a)Grants to Residents
Associations

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved:

That payment of grants be made to the following:

- Drom na Coille Residents Association - .500
- Kilnasalla Residents Association - .90
- Dromin Road Residents Association - .500
- Springfort Meadows Residents Association - .500
- Knights Crescent Residents Association - .300
- Monaree Residents Association - .300
- Derg Manor Residents Association - .450
- Cois Deirge Residents Association - .500
- Lough Derg Cottages Residents Association - .500
- Lakeside Villas Residents Association - .500
- Harbour View Residents Association - .500
- Yewston Residents Association - .400
- Millmount Residents Association - .500
- Ormond Keep Residents Association - .450
- Cudville Green Residents Association - .400
- Ciamaltha Meadows Residents Association - .500
- Ballygraique Estate Residents Association - .370

- Radharc Darach Residents Association - .500
- Brooklands Drive Residents Association - .400
- Brookville Green Residents Association - .500
- Drummin Village Residents Association – .500
- Coille Bheithe Residents Association - .300
- Melrose Residents Association – .300
- Clonaslee Residents Association – .300
- Castle Oak Crescent Residents Association - .300
- Sallygrove Residents Association – 500
- Dromin Court Residents Association - .300
- Sustainable Projects Ireland Primary Activity - .500
- Ballycommon Village Residents - .500
- Silvermews Residents Association - .500

**(b) Grants to
Clubs/Organisations**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan and resolved

That payment of grants be made to the following:

- Nenagh Community Games - .300
- Borrisokane Town Park Ltd - .2,000
- Nenagh Classic Car Club - .300
- Nenagh Scouts - .500
- Kildangan Juvenile GAA - .400
- New Institute Snooker Club - .500
- Nenagh Community Rail Partnership - .300
- Nenagh Active Retirement - .300
- Organisation of Ex Servicemen/Women - .300
- Borrisokane Athletic Club - .500
- Borrisokane Football Club - .400
- St. Paul's Boxing Club - .500
- Nenagh Éire Óg GAA Club including juniors, seniors and camogie - .500
- Borrisokane Tennis Club - .400
- Nenagh Womens Project - .500
- Midlands Gymnastics - .500
- Nenagh Special Summer Camp - .500
- Nenagh Players - .300
- Borrisokane Boxing Club - .500
- North Tipperary Wheelers - .300

- Nenagh Community Allotments - .300
- Nenagh & District Voluntary Branch Irish Wheelchair Association - .500
- Order of Malta - .400
- Munster Blades Fencing - .500
- Cloughjordan Community Games - .400
- Portroe Hall - .400
- Lahorna Handball Club - .300
- Kilcommon FC - .400
- Nenagh Neptune Swimming Club - .300
- Riverdale Pitch & Putt Club - .300
- Knigh United FC - .300
- Lough Derg Yacht Club - .300
- Company Club North Tipperary - .300
- C.B.S. Concert Band - .300
- Nenagh Celtic Football Club - .300
- Nenagh District Flower & Garden Club - .400
- Nenagh Olympic Athletic Club - .300
- Nenagh Ormond RFC - .300
- Nenagh Community Wellness Garden - .300
- Nenagh Defibrillator Group - .300
- Tipperary Friends of Animals SPCA - .300
- Ormond Resources –Daughters of Charity - .300
- Ardcroney F.C. - .400
- Newport RFC - .400
- Foróige Nenagh Youth Development Project & Nenagh Youth Street League - .500
- Rape Crisis Midwest - .300
- Nenagh Scór - .300
- Tipperary County Cricket Club - .300
- Terryglass Angling & Conservation Club - .500
- Newport CFR Group - .500
- Newport Athletic Club - .400
- Nenagh Handball Club - .300
- Puckane Angling Club - .400
- Nenagh AFC - .300

(c) Special Grants to Clubs/Organisations

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan and resolved

That payment of grants be made to the following:

- Nenagh Ladies Basketball Club - .500
- New Institute Snooker Club - .750
- Kildangan GAA Club - .750
- Nenagh Classic Car Club - .750
- Tipperary Relay for Life - .750
- Lough Derg Yacht Club - .750
- Sustainable Projects Ireland Ecolearn Program Activity - .750
- Dergside Agricultural Show - .750

(d) Tidy Towns Grants

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved

That payment of grants be made to the following:

- Ardcroney Tidy Towns Committee - .1,000
- Ballina Tidy Towns Committee - .5,000
- Ballinahinch Tidy Towns Committee - .900
- Ballinderry Tidy Towns Committee - .1,000
- Ballingarry Tidy Towns Committee - .1,250
- Ballycommon Village Residents Association - .600
- Birdhill Tidy Towns Committee - .2,300
- Borrisokane Tidy Towns Committee - .3,000
- Capparoe Tidy Towns Committee - .1,500
- Carrig Tidy Towns Committee - .1,071
- Carrigahorig Development Association - .1,500
- Cloughjordan Tidy Towns Committee - .1,500
- Dromineer & District Development Association - .2,100
- Garrykennedy Tidy Towns Committee - .1,655
- Gurtagarry Tidy Towns Committee - .1,300
- Kilbarron Development Association - .1,500
- Kilcommon Tidy Towns Association - .1,400
- Killoscully Development Association - .1,800
- Lorrha Development Association - .2,250
- Nenagh Tidy Towns Committee - .10,000
- Newport Environmentally Friendly Group - .4,500
- Portroe Tidy Towns Committee - .1,300

- Puckane Tidy Towns Committee - .1,300
- Rearcross Tidy Towns Committee - .1,000
- Shallee Enhancement Group - .1,500
- Silvermines Enhancement Group - .2,250
- Terryglass Improvement Association - .3,000
- Toomevara Community Development Association - .1,000
- Toor Tidy Village - .1,000

**(e) Town & Village
Enhancement Scheme
Grants**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved

That payment of grants under the Enhancement of Villages and Towns be allocated to the following locations:

- Toomevara - .2,000
- Borrisokane - .4,000
- Capparoe - .2,000
- Newtown - .2,000
- Dromineer – .2,000
- Ardcroney - .2,000
- Rearcross & Newport - .4,000

**(f) Tidy Towns Initiative
Grants to top five high
performance centres**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved

That payment of grants be made to the following:

- Silvermines Enhancement Group - .4,000
- Terryglass Improvement Association - .4,000
- Birdhill Tidy Towns Committee - .4,000
- Ballina Tidy Towns Committee - .4,000
- Kilbarron Development Association - .4,000

**Item 6.
Dates for Drainage
District Meetings**

Ms. R. Joyce asked the members if they would like to hold the drainage meetings on the day of the April meeting or to set a separate date. She also advised the members that attendance at the drainage meetings counts towards their overall meeting attendance.

Cllr. G. Darcy said that the meetings don't take too long but that they are hugely important. Cllr. M. O' Meara agreed with Cllr. Darcy, stating that they are vital meetings with local people who have the knowledge on the ground. Cllr. O'Meara requested that the Council liaise with Offaly County Council re Parsonstown as the river nearly flowed on to the N52 on occasions. Ms. Joyce advised that Tipperary County Council would not be legally entitled to set up a formal committee but can liaise with Offaly County Council in relation to the matter.

The members agreed to hold the drainage meetings, with the exception of the Kilmastulla Drainage meetings, at 10.00 a.m. on 16th April. The meeting of the Kilmastulla Drainage Committee to take place in the afternoon of the 16th April.

Item 7.
Action Plan from
February Meeting

The Action Plan from the February meeting was noted.

Item 8.
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

Works will be carried out on the mast at the Garda Station next Monday. CU Security will start work on the erection of the cameras on Monday also. It is anticipated that all works be completed by 1st April.

Nenagh Traffic Management Plan

The Consultants have been requested to submit display boards for public inspection.

Newport Town Park

A meeting with the landowners will take place in the near future. A design Brief for the engagement of consultants is being finalised at present.

Provision of wheelchair accessible playground equipment

The procurement of a wheelchair accessible swing in Nenagh Town Park is underway at present. Preparatory grounds works are also being looked at.

Lough Derg Stimulus Fund Projects

Works to be carried out at the following locations: Ballina Lakeside Park, Castlelough, Dromineer, Millennium Cross, Tountinna, The Look Out, Lough Derg Signage Strategy and Lough Derg Canoe Trail.

Cllr. Morris referred to the Glór na Cásca Scheme in relation to a Garden of Remembrance for 1916 and suggested that the Castle Field would be a suitable location. Ms. Joyce stated that she was not aware of such a scheme and requested Cllr. Morris to submit further information to her.

Cllr. McGrath requested clarification in relation to the access to Gills Garden from Church View.

In response to Cllr. Morris proposal re 1916 celebrations, Cllr. G. Darcy advised the members that there is a 1916 commemoration committee in place in Cloughjordan, the birth place of Thomas MacDonagh. He said that while he would support any efforts in relation to the commemoration, he would not like it to take from the work being done in Cloughjordan.

In response to the members' queries, Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the main access to Gills garden will be from the Castle Field and possibly from the Church.

In relation to the 1916 commemoration, he said that the main focus should be in Cloughjordan and .10,000 had been allocated to this location. Ms. R. Joyce advised the members that a number of meetings have been held in Cloughjordan and proposals are being considered at present. She said that a library was provided in Cloughjordan in 1966 in memory of Thomas MacDonagh and the Thomas MacDonagh Heritage Centre was subsequently provided. This has been accepted onto a programme for museum status which is a major achievement. She added that one of the proposals that is being considered is a garden of remembrance.

Cllr. G. Darcy complimented the Committee in Cloughjordan on its hard work. He acknowledged the funding received from the Municipal District and thanked Ms. Joyce for her exceptional work. He stated that the proposals being developed included a permanent feature such as a garden which would be of practical use to children and the Committee would be looking for support from the members of the Council in seeking national funding for this.

Cllr. M. O'Meara also thanked Ms. Joyce and the Committee and said that it was an exciting time for Cloughjordan and North Tipperary. He suggested that the buildings in the town might need a facelift and there was a

need to liaise closely with the community. Cllr. Joe Hannigan supported the previous speakers and said that there was a great sense of history in Cloughjordan and the people there were very proud of Thomas MacDonagh. He suggested that the Council write to the County GAA Board and request that the 2016 County Senior Football final be held in Cloughjordan.

Cllr. M. Ryan supported Cllr. J. Hannigan and said he would love to see the county football final being held in Cloughjordan. He also complimented Cllr. Hannigan on his work for Tipperary football.

In relation to the Lough Derg Stimulus Fund, Cllr. Hannigan enquired if there were funds available for 2016. Mr. M. O' Connor said he would check this out.

Item 9.
Engineer's Checklist

Cllr. M. Ryan referred to the need for a sign for Curreeny Church at Cons Cross. He also said that the sign for Nenagh was missing at Templeberry.

Cllr. P. Bugler referred to flooding at Longhouse Field, speed limit signs in Ballina, condition of the road at Ballinahinch Lower and the road at the Glue Pot.

Cllr. J Hannigan requested an update in relation to the disabled parking bays and referred to the need for traffic calming in Puckane.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to drainage issues on the Boolaglass, Burgess Road and on the Inchadrinagh Road and enquired when the footpath repairs in Portroe would be carried out. He enquired if the Council had approached the NRA about road subsidence at the Glue Pot.

Cllr. H. McGrath requested an update in relation to the road at Latteragh and in particular in relation to road subsidence at this location. He also referred to nameplates taken down at Hamilton Drive and not replaced. He said there were a few estates in the town that did not have nameplates and he asked that a survey be carried out and that the names be put back up.

Cllr. Darcy enquired as to when the cycle signage would be re-erected. He also referred to the need to address the speeding issue in Cloughjordan and the road at Knockalton Hill. He requested that the matter relating to the toilets at Dromineer be kept on the checklist.

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to the old toilet block in Terryglass where the paving has fallen into disrepair. He acknowledged the great work that has been done at Lacka but said that there was still a flooding issue at Kings. He

requested that the road at Firmount at Denis Molloy's be put on the checklist. He also referred to big stones on the road at Crotta. Cllr. D. Darcy supported Cllr. O' Meara in relation to the paving area in Terryglass.

In response to the members, Mr. P. Fee stated that he had looked at the flooding issue at P J Ryan's field and there is a plan in place to do further works. In Killeen it is planned to have vehicle activated signs in the vicinity of the school at both sides. He said it is planned to tender for speed radar signs. He confirmed that the road at the Glue Pot had been raised at the meeting with NRA and there was a proposal in relation to traffic calming and the surface. He would check the current status of this. With regard to speeding in Puckane, Mr. Fee advised that speeds would be measured. He confirmed that road markings are being put in place today.

Cllr. Joe Hannigan asked if mobile traffic calming signs could be used. Mr. M. O' Connor said that while traffic calming schemes can generally be very effective, they are expensive and some locations more suited than others. He added that he would see no difficulty with trying out the mobile signs.

Mr. Fee stated that he would look into the report of road subsidence at Latteragh and advised that the design of the cycle signs is being finalised at present. He said that there is a plan in place to replace the paving at the toilet block in Terryglass. He went on to say that the road at Knockalton was being maintained and in response to the flooding issue at Kings, advised that the only funds that would be available for this work would be through a CARS scheme or from the members' tertiary roads allocation.

Cllr. J. Carroll enquired if there was any update in relation to the land acquisition for the proposed road works at Knockalton. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the Part 8 Process has commenced but that any proposed works are subject to land acquisition. It is expected that a report on the Part 8 will be presented to the members at the May meeting.

Cllr. M. Ryan referred to subsidence of the road at Rearcross.

Cllr. P. Bugler referred to safety barriers opposite Mollys in Ballina. Mr. Fee stated that he would investigate the matter.

Item 10.
Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion No. 281 submitted by Cllr. M. Ryan

That Tipperary County Council erect a public light outside the Forde Pub in Ballinaclough.

The Motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll.

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

“It is the policy of the Council not to provide public lighting except within 50kph speed controlled areas. It should also be noted that, at present, no additional public lighting is being provided even within 50kph areas due to lack of funding as in recent years the Council has taken numerous housing estates in charge and has thereby incurred the added expense of paying the running costs of the extra lighting columns.”

Cllr. M. Ryan stated that the pole was there already so it only required a new light. Cllr.’s J. Carroll and G. Darcy supported Cllr. Ryan

Notice of Motion No. 304 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler

I hereby request Tipperary County Council to install a wheelchair swing in the playground in Ballina Riverside Park.

The Motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll

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

“As members will be aware, the decision has recently been taken to install a wheelchair accessible swing in Nenagh Town Park. Arrangements are currently in hand in relation to procurement and installation.

In the course of the research undertaken as part of the decision making process in respect of Nenagh, a number of factors that we would have previously been unaware of came to light. These include security, safety requirements, provision of access, requirements in relation to safety straps, etc. The proximity of the Leisure Centre in Nenagh allows us to put in place arrangements which would not be possible at other locations.

It is considered to be premature to make any decision in relation to the provision of similar facilities at other locations. There is a significant cost involved in the provision of these facilities. When the swing has been installed and in operation in Nenagh we will review its success and any issues that arise and will then be better placed to consider its appropriateness for other locations or

alternatives that might be more suitable based on the specific location, space availability and supervision arrangements.”

Cllr. Bugler thanked Ms. Joyce for her comprehensive response and said she looked forward to seeing the one in Nenagh Town Park.

Notice of Notion No. 332 submitted by Cllr. S. Morris

That this municipal area examines the need for some traffic calming in Puckane.

This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Notice of Motion No. 305 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler

I hereby request Tipperary County Council to re-surface parts of Main Street, Ballina that have been destroyed due to burst water mains.

The Motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll.

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

“This matter has been referred to Irish Water who have the responsibility for the reinstatement of burst water main sites.”

Cllr. P. Bugler stated that this matter was going on too long and said that it was now a matter of great urgency.

Cllr. J. Carroll supported Cllr. Bugler and stated that there was a need to press Irish Water to reinstate roads.

Notice of Motion No. 306 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler.

I hereby request Tipperary County Council to repair the part of the wall at Ard Coillte estate that has been destroyed due to a fallen tree.

The Motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll

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

“This motion refers to an unstable wall which constitutes a dangerous structure under the Local Government Sanitary Services Act, 1964. A letter has been issued to the landowner instructing them to repair the wall.”

Cllr. Bugler enquired if there was a time limit on the developer to respond to the letter. Ms. Joyce confirmed that there was a time limit and if the developer did not respond within the specified timeframe the matter would have to be referred to the Environment Section who have responsibility for Dangerous Structures.

Item 11.
Correspondence

None.

Item 12.
Votes of
Sympathy/Congratulations

Votes of sympathy were passed to the following:

- Nuala Cleary, Kilruane, Nenagh on the death of William Cleary.
- Teresa Lindsay, 4 Summerhill, Nenagh on the death of George Lindsay
- Mary Tully, Birdhill, Nenagh on the death of David Tully
- Patricia O' Connell, Glenduff, Curreeny, Kilcommon on the death of Mary Catherine Ryan.
- Kathleen Clifford, Glenculloo, Killoscully on the death of Mary Catherine Ryan.
- Marcella Raleigh, Coorevan, Borrisokane on the death of Rodge Raleigh.

Votes of congratulations were passed to the following:

- Borrisokane under 12 girls soccer team c/o Denis Molloy, Firmount, Terryglass on winning the North Tipp League.
- Déaran O' Gorman, 105 Springfort Meadows, Nenagh on Nenagh AFC Youth's team qualifying for the Munster Youths Cup Final.
- Mr. Stephen Ryan, 71 Cormack Drive, Nenagh on Nenagh Celtic FC's performance in the FAI Junior Cup.
- The Sterling Family on Molly Sterling representing Ireland in the Eurovision Song Contest.
- Joyce Soden on the success of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Terryglass.
- Albert Purcell, Rathmartin, Nenagh on the success of the Ballycommon Sponsored Horse Ride in aid on Nenagh Special Summer Camp.
- Ms. Chrissie Lees, Newport on the success of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Newport.
- Mr. Hughie McGrath, Brooklands Drive, Nenagh on the success of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in

Nenagh.

- Mr. Paddy Collins, Cullenagh on the success of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ballina/Killaloe.

Item 13.

A.O. B

Cllr. M. O' Meara enquired if the Litter Warden had been appointed yet and requested that a report on Shannon Vermicomposting be available for the next meeting. Cllr. O' Meara was supported by a number of members in relation to this.

Ms. R. Joyce advised that the recruitment process was not completed yet but that it was expected that interviews would be taking place in the next two to three weeks.

Cllr. O' Meara stated that littering has become a big problem again and there was a need for a better policy to tackle the problem. Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to the An Taisce Spring Clean and the need to promote this initiative which, he said, was a great opportunity to clean up our communities.

Ms. Joyce agreed with the members in relation to their comments on indiscriminate dumping and said that she would pass on their comments to the Environment Section. She acknowledged the work being done by community groups and Tidy Towns Committees and assured them of the Council's full support.

Ms. Joyce went on to advise the members that the 2015 Sports Capital Programme is now open for applications. She also advised the members, that as part of the Town Centre Initiative, the Municipal District will be commencing a parking strategy for Nenagh.

Cllr. J. Carroll expressed disappointment at the reduction in funding for Leader projects which will lead to a reduction in staffing levels. Cllr. S. Morris supported Cllr. Carroll, stating that he was in awe of the works that Leader has done in the past.

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

Signed: Linn Fiona Bonfield

**Cllr. Fiona Bonfield
Cathaoirleach**

Date: 19/3/15

Signed: Rosemary Joyce

**Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator**

Date: 19/3/15

