



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD, NENAGH AT 11.00 PM ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2015

Present:

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

Also Present:

Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Michael Hayes, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. Karl Cashen, Director of Services; Mr. Brian Beck, Senior Planner; Ms. Sonja Reidy, Senior Executive Planner; Ms. A. Daly Staff Officer and Lorraine Treacy, Staff Officer.

At the outset Cllr. G. Darcy proposed a vote of sympathy to Cllr. F. Bonfield on the death of her uncle Sean Bonfield. All present wished to be associated with the vote of sympathy. Cllr. Darcy proposed that a minutes silence be held and that the meeting be adjourned for 5 minutes as a mark of respect and also to the victims of the Paris tragedy. This was seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and agreed.

Item 1:

Minutes of October Meeting

Cllr. P. Bugler requested that the minutes of the October meeting be amended as follows:

"Cllr. P. Bugler stated that there was a lot of housing difficulties in the Ballina area with a lot of one or two buildings not up to standard."

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that the amended minutes of the October meeting held on 23rd October be adopted.

Item 2.:

Update from Planning Staff

Planning statistics from 1st June 2014 to 31st October 2015 were circulated to the members. An increase in the number

of planning applications from the agricultural and commercial sectors was noted.

Cllr. P. Bugler queried if there was provision in the new Development Plan for upsizing or downsizing. Mr. K. Cashen advised Cllr. Bugler that he would check this and revert to her.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the 244 applications received. He queried how many applications were withdrawn and of the 198 decisions granted, how many were for extensions and minor works. Mr. K. Cashen said that he would revert to Cllr. J. Carroll in relation to his queries.

Cllr. G. Darcy welcomed the increase in the number of decisions granted and said he looked forward to further improvement in the economy.

Cllr. J. Carroll stated that there has often been criticism in relation to the level of refusals but that he was happy to see that the level of engagement with the public and Councillors has improved and he extended compliments to the planning staff in this regard.

Cllr. M. O' Meara requested that the Council correspond with the Department of Agriculture in relation to the TAMS 2 Scheme with regard to the delay in dealing with grants for entrances to dairy farms. He said that farmers are concerned about the delays. Cllr. G. Darcy supported Cllr. O' Meara on this.

Item 3:
Action Plan

The Action Plan from the October meeting was noted.

Item 4.
Update on Projects

Nenagh Municipal District Awards Evening

Ms. R. Joyce advised the members that the Municipal District Awards Evening is due to take place on 26th November. She advised that recipients will receive a framed certificate and a monetary award.

Gills Garden

Ms. R. Joyce advised that the final layout drawings are expected this week which will then be forwarded to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government.

Nenagh Traffic Management Plan

Ms. R. Joyce advised that it is hoped to present the Consultant's Report on the Submissions received to the members early in the New Year. She referred to the recent visit to Westport to view the one-way system in place there. She also commented on the presentation given by Simon Wall, where it was evident that there was huge benefit in community groups working together.

Newport Town Park

Ms. R. Joyce advised that efforts to progress negotiations on land acquisition are continuing.

Town Centre Initiative & Town Centre Forum

Ms. R. Joyce advised that the payment of grants is being processed at present.

Referring to the Town Centre Forum, Ms. Joyce advised a further meeting of the Town Centre Forum had taken place with another meeting due to take place next week. Arising out of these meetings there will be a six year Strategic Plan and a three year Action Plan.

Cllr. J. Carroll stated that he was very impressed with the visit to Westport. He noted that co-ordination was a big issue and noted the colour schemes and built heritage in the town. He encouraged everyone to engage and work together. He said it was very important to have total inclusivity.

Cllr. P. Bugler said that the visit to Westport was an eye opener. She spoke highly of Architect Simon Wall who gave a 2 hour presentation and a 3 hour walk around the town. She commented on the well presented buildings and called for the need for colour schemes for the towns in the District. She also referred to the signage in the town that was co-ordinated and clean. She concluded by saying the Greenway was fabulous and stressed the need for a cycle way in the tourist areas around Lough Derg.

Cllr. M. O' Meara also spoke of the visit to Westport, saying that it was an exceptional experience. He commended Simon Wall, who he said was a leader in his field and who played an important role in promoting Tourism & Heritage. He said that the potential that was evident in Westport is also available in Nenagh, Borrisokane, the Lower Ormond

Area and Lough Derg.

Cllr. J. Hannigan said that the visit to Westport was a great idea and complimented staff for organising it. He added that buy in from the bottom is what is needed. He said that the District has serious amenities that we are not tapping into.

Cllr. M. Ryan also complimented staff for organising the Westport visit. He commented on the colour scheme in the town and the number of shops with residential flats overhead the premises.

Cllr. G. Darcy thanked staff for organising the visit and requested that a letter of thanks be issued to Simon Wall. He said that he got a great sense of co-ordination between the local authority, businesses and the Tidy Towns Committee which resulted in the town looking so well. He commended the great community spirit which brought people together in an urban environment for the benefit of the local economy. He added that the one-way traffic system seemed to work well.

Mr. M. O' Connor thanked the members, the press, the Tidy Towns Committee and the Chamber of Commerce for their attendance in Westport. He said that he was pleased to see the great level of engagement in relation to the Traffic Management Plan. He said it was obvious from the number of submissions that people had read the plan and he hoped that the good level of engagement would continue. Referring to the Painting Scheme, he said, that while it was a success there is probably a need for more vibrant colours. With regard to the Greenway in Westport, he said that it was amazing what had been done with cycling in the area. He added that there was a need to look at bicycles for hire in the district.

Ms. R. Joyce referred to a Windox Box Scheme that is operated in Westport and said that the Council would be considering operating a similar scheme next year.

1916 Commemoration in Cloughjordan

Ms. R. Joyce advised that an active committee is in place in Cloughjordan which holds regular meetings. She advised that there are both Capital Projects and Events planned for next year. The Capital Projects will consist of (a) the

provision of a bronze statue of Thomas MacDonagh in the Main Street which is being made by Mark Rode, a well known sculptor and (b) a Garden of Remembrance. The events planned for next year include the unveiling of the statue, a plaque, a procession to where MacDonagh's parents are buried and on the Bank Holiday Monday there will be a parade at which it is hoped that GAA clubs will participate and wear their club colours. The Army band and other bands have been invited to be present on the day. Other potential events include a National Scouts event, the hosting of the Tipperary County Fleadh, the North Tipperary Hurling Final and a County Council meeting in Cloughjordan.

Cllr. G. Darcy thanked Ms. Joyce for the amount of work she had done in relation to the Commemoration. All the members wished to be associated with these remarks.

Arts Social Inclusion Project

Ms. R. Joyce referred to the Mural on Pound Road, Nenagh which was funded in part from the General Municipal Allocation. She advised that the project was carried out in conjunction with Draw-Out Limerick and the Nenagh Community Training Centre and the Artist Dermot McConaghy. Assistance was also provided by Nora Butler and E. O' Brien. She said that the Mural had received a huge amount of positive coverage on Facebook. She added that the Mural was unique in Nenagh and said that that it was money well spent.

Cllr. J. Carroll complimented all those involved in the project. Cllr. G. Darcy also complimented all involved and in particular Nenagh Community Training Centre. He added that he would like to extend best wishes to Peadar Walsh who retired recently from the Training Centre.

Roadworks Programme 2015 & CIS Schemes

Mr. M. Hayes advised that the main Roadworks Programme has been concluded with the overlay works at Rearcross and the works at the Gluepot. He added that all works under the CIS Scheme were complete as were the drainage works at the Longhouse.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the recent dumping of material in Millersbrook by Irish Water. He said this was the second

time that the residents of Millersbrook had to suffer because of dumping in their estate. Cllr. M. O' Meara supported Cllr. Morris and said the main objection was to the condition of the road in the estate arising from the transportation of the material. Cllr. J. Carroll added that waste material had been dumped by Irish Water in a number of locations in Nenagh and Birdhill and questioned as to how they could be exempt from regulations.

Cllr. M. Ryan enquired if there were any developments in relation to a new 3 year Roads Programme. He also referred to a previous Notice of Motion tabled by him in relation to a request for an extra public light at Templeberry National School. He said that the management of the School were very annoyed with the response.

Referring to the dumping of material by Irish Water, Mr. M. O' Connor advised the members that Irish Water are not exempt from the regulations in relation to waste disposal and said that he would refer the matter to the Environment Section for investigation.

Cllr. J. Carroll complimented local authority staff and the emergency services for their efforts during the recent stormy weather. He said there was also a need for landowners to open gullies in order to alleviate flooding.

In response to Cllr. M. Ryan's query on the 3 year Roads Programme, Mr. M. O' Connor advised that Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government have requested the submission of a new 3 year Programme by the 26th February. Mr. O' Connor went on to say that Mr. M. Hayes will consult with the members and revert to them in due course with proposals before submission to the Department. He pointed out that the results of the pavement conditioning surveys will have to be taken into consideration. Cllr. J. Carroll said that it was important that roads that have deteriorated are included in year one.

In response to Cllr. M. Ryan's comments in relation to the extra light at Templeberry National School, Mr. Hayes advised that it was the Council's policy not to provide extra lights until the liability from the Taking in Charge process is known. Cllr. Ryan enquired if there were any exceptions to this policy. Mr. M. O' Connor replied that there were no

exceptions.

Cllr. J. Carroll sought an update in relation to Knockalton Hill and Latteragh. Cllr. G. Darcy sought an update in relation to the road to Redwood National School.

With regard to Knockalton, Mr. M. O' Connor advised the members that the Council is still in discussions with landowners. Regarding Latteragh, he advised that Tobin Consulting Engineers had been appointed and good engagement had taken place through the public consultation process. He added that the Consultants are considering the submissions made and will then look at the options in more detail.

Item 5.
Engineer's Checklist

Cllr. M. Ryan referred to the GAA field at Kilcommon Cross and suggested that a sign be erected to warn motorists about children crossing.

Cllr. S. Morris suggested that the Council get someone from the Wheelchair Association to advise them on the location of the disabled car parking spaces.

Cllr. G. Darcy enquired if the Council could write to the NRA again about the road at Grange.

Cllr. P. Bugler sought an update on the undergrounding of the ESB cables in Ballina and the broken bollards. Mr. M. Hayes advised that he was liaising with the ESB and that some unforeseen issues had come to light. He advised that Mr. P. Fee was carrying out a survey on the bollards.

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to the road at Ballyea, Rathcabbin, the road at Farmleigh, Riverstown, flooding of the Little Brosna and the need for dog fouling signs in Borrisokane Graveyard. Cllr. G. Darcy supported Cllr. O' Meara in relation to these issues.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to a wall in Rockford which was in danger of falling onto the road. Cllr. F. Bonfield referred to a dangerous wall in Newtown.

The members raised a number of other issues in relation to the Checklist which were responded to.

Item 6.
Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion No. 562 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler

I hereby request Tipperary County Council to replace the timber on the Washerwoman's Bridge with a non slip surface.

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

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

"The Council will determine the cost of the timber replacement work before making any further commitment"

Cllr. P. Bugler said that the bridge was very important and used extensively and was sometimes slippery in places.

Notice of Motion No. 563 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler

I hereby request Tipperary County Council to repair all signs for MUGA equipment in Riverside Park, Ballina. Please advise when this work will be carried out.

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

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

"MUGA equipment signs will be replaced before Friday 11 December 2015"

Cllr. P. Bugler said that it was important that the signs be washed and kept neat. She also said that the MUGA equipment needs to be cleaned.

Notice of Motion No. 564 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler

I hereby request Tipperary County Council to provide a car park in Ballina. We have had several discussions over the last 8 months and now it is imperative that a plan for a car park be produced as soon as possible.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded

by Cllr. J. Carroll.

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

"The Council agrees that there is a need for a public car park in Ballina and has examined several potential sites and in addition there have been discussions with some landowners in the area. The Council intends to progress this matter early in the New Year and will be approaching further landowners with definite proposals.

The provision of the car park is obviously dependent on obtaining the necessary lands at a reasonable cost."

Cllr. P. Bugler said that the people of Ballina cannot wait too long for a car park. She said it was also necessary for Tourists.

Cllr. F. Bonfield enquired if there was any update in relation to the bridge in Ballina. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the decision from the courts is still awaited.

A list of Delegated Employees Orders from 1st October 2015 to 31st October 2015 as circulated to the members was noted.

Item 7.
Delegated Employee Orders

Item 8.
Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

1.	Letter from the HSE in relation to parking charges for HSE employees.
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Item 9.
Votes of
Sympathy/Congratulations

Votes of sympathy were passed to the following:

- Mr. Seamus Coffey, Shower Cross, Newport on the death of Stephen Coffey.
- Mr. Tom Riggs Miller, Castlough on the death of Nancy Riggs Miller.
- Mr. Patrick Shoer, Sallygrove, Nenagh on the death of Geraldine Shoer.
- Ms. Mary Bonfield, Gortlandroe, Nenagh on the death of Sean Bonfield.
- Ms. Bernie McCulloch, Ballinahinch, Newport on the death of Margaret Healy.
- Mr. Patrick Collisson, Cushemona, Dromineer on the death of Theresa Collisson.

- Fr. Des Hillery, Diocesan Administrator, Parochial House, Nenagh on the death of Archdeacon John Hogan.
- Mr. David Fahy on the death of Mary Fahy.
- Ms. Mary Crowe, Garryglass, Templeberry, Nenagh on the death of Julia Tierney.

Votes of congratulations were passed to the following:


- Mr. Jim Gallagher, Ballina Tidy Towns Committee, Main St., Ballina on Ballina Tidy Towns Committee success on the Tidy Towns Competition.
- Ms. Denise Morris, Rathnaleen, Nenagh on Nenagh Éire Óg Camogie Junior A team becoming the County Champions and League winners.
- Mr. Thomas Hickey, Silvermines on the success of Silvermines Tidy Towns Committee in the Tidy Towns Competition.
- Ms. Elaine Carey, Newport on the success of Newport Tidy Towns Committee in the Tidy Towns Committee

Item 10.
A.O. B

Ms. R. Joyce advised the members that the turning on of the Christmas Lights in Nenagh will take place on 4th December at 5.30 p.m.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the number of repossession cases before Nenagh Court this week and expressed concern over the number of people who attend court with no legal representation. He commended MABS for the assistance that they give to people. He referred to a document entitled "Guide to Repossession Proceedings in the District Court" and said that it was a very good guidance document and urged people to get proper legal advice.

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

Signed: 
Cllr. Ger Darcy
Cathaoirleach

Date: 17/12/15

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 17/12/15