



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann  
Tipperary County Council

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD, NENAGH AT 10.30 AM ON 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015**

**Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Michael Hayes, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Peter Fee, Executive Engineer, Ms. Claire Curley, Director of Services, Ms. Michèle Maher, Senior Staff Officer, Ms. Attracta Lyons, Administrative Officer, Ms. Róisín O' Grady, Heritage Officer and Ms. Lorraine Treacy, Staff Officer.

**Apologies:**

Cllr. M. O' Meara

Before the meeting commenced Cllr. Ger Darcy wished to mention the launch of Fleadh na Mumhan which took place in the Abbey Court Hotel on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. He said that huge crowds attended the launch and that it was a lovely occasion. In particular he referred to the acknowledgement that was given on the night to the Nenagh Municipal District for the assistance given to the Fleadh Committee and the work carried out to have the town looking so well. Cllr. Darcy thanked Marcus O' Connor, Rosemary Joyce, the outdoor staff of the Council and the Tidy Towns Committee for their efforts.

Cllr. Darcy also referred to the Relay for Life which is due to take place in Toomevara on 15<sup>th</sup> August. He said the event was a fantastic way of raising money for the Irish Cancer Society. He said that a team from the Council is taking part

in the event and asked the members to support it.

Cllr. M. Ryan said that it was great to hear that the Council was being acknowledged for the good work that had been done. Cllr. H. McGrath complimented the Fleadh Committee, the Tidy Towns Committee, Council staff and the people of Nenagh. He said that the Fleadh was going to be a big event and advised that the Committee needed more stewards and appealed to people to help out. Cllr. McGrath also asked the public to support the People's Picnic which is due to take place on 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Cllr. J. Carroll wished the Fleadh Committee every success and encouraged people to volunteer to help out. He also acknowledged the work done by Council staff and the Tidy Towns Committee.

Cllr. S. Morris also complimented the Fleadh Committee and thanked the business people of Nenagh who have responded to the occasion with the presentation of their premises. He referred to the bar extension that was granted and to the Drinking Bye-Laws that were introduced by Nenagh Town Council. He requested clarification as to whether the bar extension was revoked because of the bye-laws.

Cllr. Morris said he would like to take the opportunity to mention the FAI AGM which is being hosted in Tipperary next year.

Cllr. J. Hannigan complimented all concerned with the Fleadh. He referred to the enhancement of premises in the town and said it was putting Nenagh up there as a venue for big occasions.

Cllr. F. Bonfield complimented the Fleadh Committee and in particular Ms. Barbara Farrell. She said it was clear that community spirit was still alive.

Mr. M. O' Connor said that the Fleadh Committee was an excellent committee to work with. He said that a lot of work was put into trying to get the town looking well for the Fleadh by both the Council and the Tidy Towns Committee. He also mentioned the success of the Enhancement and Painting Scheme this year and paid

tribute to individual shop owners who put in a tremendous effort.

In response to Cllr. Morris's query on the bar extension, Mr. O' Connor advised that a bar extension until 2 a.m. will be in place. He went on to say that the Control of Consumption of Intoxicating Substances Bye-Laws, which were introduced by Nenagh Town Council, do not allow for drinking on the streets.

**Item 1.**  
**Minutes of Annual Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June be adopted.

**Item 2.**  
**Minutes of June Meeting**

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

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

Ms. Clare Curley circulated a Housing Report to the members which gave an update on capital projects, fabric upgrade works, vacant houses, number of approved housing applicants and housing grants.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to damage that was being done to Council houses and the money that then has to be spent by the Council in carrying out repairs. He said the vast majority of tenants look after their houses but there is a small minority who damage their houses and there appears to be no penalty for doing so. He went on to say that there are some local authority estates in excellent condition but if one or two houses are allowed go into disrepair it can detract from the estate. He queried if the Council could intervene in these cases and suggest to the tenants that the houses be painted. He also requested an update on the total number of homeless persons in the County and the total number of housing applicants in the County.

Cllr. P. Bugler thanked all the housing staff for their assistance and requested an update on the house on Main Street, Ballina. She suggested that Pdraig Ryan, Social Worker liaise with tenants of RAS and leased houses to see

if they would be interested in forming residents committees and get involved in tidy towns committees.

Cllr. S. Morris stated that there is a serious housing problem. He added that we are now dealing with a limited supply of housing and families that are in desperate situations. He acknowledged that there is a lot of activity in the Rental Accommodation Scheme but expressed concern that only three new houses were being built in the Nenagh Municipal District. Cllr. Morris requested an update on the introduction of a new Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Referring to the Housing Grant Schemes, he said that there was a lot of good work being done with the grants and appealed to applicants to ensure that all the paperwork is submitted with the application to avoid any unnecessary delays.

Cllr. H. McGrath noted that the general presentation of roads and footpaths in older estates is a problem. He also questioned the viability of building one bedroom apartments and suggested there was more flexibility with two bedroom apartments.

Cllr. G. Darcy noted that the availability of houses under the Rental Accommodation Scheme is becoming scarce and questioned the possibility of the Council purchasing private houses that require some repair works. He also enquired about the availability of land in villages in the district.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to a Notice of Motion from another local authority that was presented before the members of the last County Council Meeting. The motion proposed that 30% of council houses should be provided in rural area. Cllr. Morris queried if this was something that this council should consider.

Cllr. F. Bonfield complimented the housing staff on the good work that they are doing. She went on to say that she welcomed the Housing Strategy recently announced by Minister Alan Kelly which will provide 832 houses in Tipperary and will lead to over 40% reduction in the housing waiting list.

Cllr. J. Hannigan enquired if they could do anything as

councillors to encourage communities to make land available and to set up housing associations.

With regard to damage caused to Council houses, Ms. Curley stated that if tenants leave a house damaged they will not be re-housed in a Council house in the future. All damage caused is assessed and tenants are pursued for payment.

Regarding houses that are gone into disrepair, Ms. Curley said that if members wish to advise of any particular cases, she will arrange for the Tenant Liaison Officers to intervene and suggested that these tenants could avail of the Self Help Scheme.

Ms. Curley advised that she would talk to Padraig Ryan in relation to liaison with tenants of RAS and leased houses with regard to setting up residents associations. She advised that the Council was notified by the Department that the Tenant Purchase Scheme was due to be finalised by Q2 of 2015, the introduction of Regulations is awaited. She added that explanatory leaflets will be circulated to members and eligible tenants will be notified when the scheme is available.

Cllr. J. Hannigan requested information in relation to the Self Help Scheme. Ms. M. Maher advised that that a 50% grant was available for certain works up to a maximum of €1,270. She said that she would make the information and application form available to Cllr. Hannigan.

In reply to Cllr. McGrath comments on one bedroom apartments, Ms. Curley said that the tendency is not to build one bedroom apartments, notwithstanding that, the Council don't want to lose an opportunity if one were to become available.

With regard to buying private houses that need some repairs, Ms. Curley said that the Council generally buy houses that don't need significant capital works. Regarding land availability, she advised that the Council currently has land in Puckane, Borrisokane, Portroe and Cloughjordan.

Referring to the Notice of Motion regarding building 30% of houses in rural areas, Ms. Curley said that she would have

reservations about the application of such a proposal to this County as it would be too restrictive.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to tenants in houses operated by Túath in Nenagh. He said that tenants are being advised that they should contact the Council regarding outstanding repairs. Cllr Morris requested clarification on the matter. He also referred to house repossessions and appealed to people who are facing repossession proceedings to ensure that they have legal representation. He appealed to Judges not to deal with repossession cases unless people have legal representation.

In response to Cllr. Hannigan's query on setting up a voluntary housing association in a community, Ms. M. Maher advised that such a group should make contact with the Irish Council for Social Housing. She added that they would need to get charitable status, acquire land and apply for funding.

Ms. Curley advised that she would revert to Cllr. Morris re his queries on the repairs in the houses operated by Túath. She concluded by saying that she would revert to the members with the statistics requested.

**Item 4.**

**To receive update from  
Community & Economic  
Development staff**

Ms. A. Lyons circulated and outlined the contents of a report from the Community & Economic Development Department. The report provided up to date information in relation to the Local Economic & Community Plan, Economic Development & Enterprise Support, Community Development & Social Inclusion, Strategic Projects Unit, Arts, Tipperary County Museum, Heritage, Sports and Childcare.

Cllr. S. Morris enquired if the PPN is being funded for the work that it has to do. He said that there was confusion as to whether Tipperary lies within Ireland's Ancient East or the Wild Atlantic Way and requested clarification in relation to same.

Cllr. Bugler referred to the new signage to Lough Derg Lakelands. She said that while it was nice, it lacked a visual content and in her opinion it lacked the attractiveness of those previously erected by Shannon Development. She

went on to say that the signs erected away from the junctions are covered with foliage. She said that she had heard that the Tourist Office in Killaloe/Ballina may be closing next year and requested an update in relation to this. She also commended the Taste of Lough Derg initiative.

Cllr. H. McGrath enquired if there was support available if a business wishes to expand. He referred to the fact that greenways were becoming very popular and suggested that disused railways in Birdhill/Ballina and Silvermines would be ideal locations for such projects.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the current Leader process, which he said was unsatisfactory. He said that it has led to increased fragmentation. He added that it has become very centralised instead of being a bottom up approach and is killing off the enthusiasm of community groups.

Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to the Enterprise Centre in Roscrea. He said that the old church in Borrisokane would be an ideal location for such a centre and it would provide the economic development that was required for the area.

Cllr. G. Darcy supported Cllr. Hannigan in relation to the old church in Borrisokane. He also supported Cllr. McGrath in relation to the disused railways.

Referring to the Spatial Strategy, he said that it was very important that there was engagement with the relevant authorities to ensure that Tipperary fared well in the successor to the current Spatial Strategy.

In response to the queries raised, Ms. Lyons advised that the PPN has funding for a worker and the operation of the programme. She advised that Fáilte Ireland has a marketing strategy to develop propositions such as the Wild Atlantic Way. To balance this in the east and south of the country, Ireland's Ancient East was introduced and will be marketed in the overseas markets. There was also an initiative called the Munster Vales which promotes the outdoor recreation product. She said that Tipperary is linked to all three areas.

Cllr. P. Bugler requested an update on the lakelands strategy. Ms. R. Joyce advised the members that Ms. Marie

Phelan and Ms. Aine McCarthy will be attending the September meeting and they can be requested to give an update at that meeting.

With regard to the Lough Derg Lakelands Signage, Ms. Lyons advised that the next phase of this scheme will be discovery points around the lake which will have visuals and she will request the Tourism Officer to update the members on this. She said she was not aware of any announcements in relation to the Tourist Office in Killaloe/Ballina but that she would check it out and revert to the members. She noted the comments in relation to Leader and advised that every effort is being made to move the process along and bring people together.

Referring to economic development, she said that the Local Enterprise Office, which is now part of the Council, is a first stop shop and advised any business that wishes to expand to make initial contact with LEO who will provide the necessary advice and assistance.

Cllr. P. Bugler requested an update on the Canoe Trail and the Ring of Lough Derg. Ms. Lyons said that she would request Aine McCarthy to revert to Cllr. Bugler with an update on these matters.

Cllr. J. Hannigan stated that agriculture is one of the main industries in the area and enquired as to how it can be ensured that small farms are kept viable. Ms. Lyons advised that agriculture is considered as part of the Local Economic & Community Plan.

Ms. Róisín O' Grady advised that the members that the Council is working with Fáilte Ireland and Waterways Ireland in developing a Lakelands interactive App. The idea is that the interactive App will bring families into the area who will then stay. Ms. O' Grady referred to a list of Heritage Grants that were awarded recently. Cllr. Bugler enquired if notices of the availability of the grants were given to community groups. Ms. O' Grady advised that the grants were advertised in all local newspapers.

Cllr. J. Carroll acknowledged the work that is being done to bring fish stocks up which is resulting in increased number of visitors to the area. He also referred to the attraction of



the white tailed eagle.

**Item 5.**  
**Part 8 for proposed R498**  
**road widening at**  
**Knockalton**

Mr. O' Connor referred to the Chief Executive's report on the Part 8 for the proposed R498 road widening at Knockalton which was circulated to the members. He advised that two submissions were received and that the proposed development is in accordance with the policies and objectives of the North Tipperary Development Plan. He went on to say that the proposed development will facilitate significant improvements to the R498 Nenagh to Thurles Regional Road.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and resolved that the development proceed.

Cllr. H. McGrath said that this was a hugely important development and thanked the executive and engineers for bringing the process this far. Mr. O' Connor said that the Council was still in negotiations with landowners re land acquisition and he was hopeful that negotiations would be concluded shortly.

**Item 6.**  
**Payment of Grant to**  
**Ballinahinch Graveyard**  
**Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that a payment of grant in the sum of €740.47 be made to Ballinahinch Graveyard Committee.

The Action Plan from the June meeting was noted.

**Item 7.**  
**Action Plan**

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

**Item 8.**  
**Update on Projects**

**Gills Garden**

Vegetation on the walls has been treated and is due to be removed under archaeological supervision in early/mid August.

**Nenagh Traffic Management Plan**

57 submissions have been received to date. The submissions are now being collated before they are forwarded to the Consultant for review.

**Newport Town Park**

Negotiations on land acquisition are ongoing.

**Town Centre Initiative**

35 applications have been received from within the Primary Retail Area. 12 applications have been received from outside the Primary Retail Area and funding is being provided to these also. Ms. Joyce acknowledged that a lot of the works have been completed and paid credit to those who availed of the grant.

**Nenagh Municipal District Awards Evening**

Ms. Joyce requested the members approval to host an awards evening to acknowledge the work being done by community groups in the Nenagh Municipal District. This proposal was agreed. She suggested that the members may wish to set up a steering committee to agree on the categories to be considered. It was agreed that Cllr.'s S. Morris, P. Bugler and G. Darcy would sit on the Steering Committee.

**CCTV – Nenagh Town**

Signage to be erected on the approach roads in the coming weeks. Official launch to be arranged in September.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to a previous visit by Superintendent Robert Noonan at a meeting of the Nenagh Municipal District and suggested that another such meeting be held. Ms. Joyce advised that the Superintendent had agreed to form a Committee in order to continue the co-operation between the Council and the Gardaí and that she would follow up with the Superintendent regarding same.

**Roadworks Programme 2015 & CIS Schemes**

Mr. M. Hayes advised that works on nineteen of the twenty-two local roads in the roadworks programme have been completed and that works on regional roads will commence in a week or so. With regard to surface dressing, Mr. Hayes advised that three quarters of the local roads are done and work commenced on regional roads yesterday.

Referring to the Community Involvement Scheme, Mr.

Hayes advised that the applicants have been written to and the Council is awaiting replies. The members welcomed all the work that has been completed to date.

Cllr. P. Bugler requested an update on the Glue Pot.

Cllr. M. Ryan queried when the next three year roadworks programme would commence. Mr. M. Hayes advised that the Council is currently in the 2012-2016 programme. He said good progress was being made on this programme and he expects that there will be a call later this year from the NRA for the Council to prepare a new programme.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the R498 at Latteragh and requested that the Council write to the Minister to get his commitment to having the required works carried out. Cllr. H. McGrath supported Cllr. Carroll. While he acknowledged the works done by the Council in relation to the cutting of the trees and hedgerows in the area, he said that the project needs to be moved on.

In response to Cllr. Bugler's query on the Glue Pot, Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the NRA have requested further site investigation works be carried out. He added that the Council has received verbal indication that that funding will be provided this year. With regard to works at Latteragh, Mr. O' Connor advised that funding for the engagement of Consultants has been approved by the Department.

Cllr. S. Morris requested that a pothole on Kenyon Street outside Dowlings be attended to.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the frequency of cleaning rivers by the OPW and enquired if a letter was issued to the OPW requesting that a representative attend a meeting of the Nenagh Municipal District. Ms. R. Joyce advised that the Council had written to the OPW. In response they advised that they due to a lack of resources they would not be in a position to attend a meeting. However if members wished to give a list of the rivers they would arrange for someone to look at them on the ground. Cllr. J. Carroll said that he was unhappy with the response.

Cllr. G. Darcy noted that responsibility for the Brosna River still lies with local authorities and said the next problem is

to find funding. Mr. O' Connor said that, having reviewed the maps, it would appear that 80% of the river is in Offaly with the remaining 20% being in Tipperary. He said there is a need to discuss the necessary works and co-funding with Offaly County Council.

Cllr. P. Bugler raised matters relating to drainage at Willowcliffe, MUGA equipment that is in need of repair, the wall at the riverside park and a sign for the public toilet at the Washerwoman's public house.

Cllr. M. Ryan referred to the road across from the Burial ground in Templeberry.

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

**Item 9. Engineer's Checklist**

**Notice of Motion No. 441 submitted by Cllr. S. Morris**

**Item 10.**  
**Notice of Motion**

I am asking Tipperary County Council to include taking the grass in charge of all estates that Tipperary County Council have taken in charge. I have been contacted by residents of many estates including Drom na Coille, Cluain Muilleann and Coille Bheithe to take the grass cutting into the charge of Tipperary County Council as residents have seen a dramatic drop in residents paying management fees since the Local Property Tax came into existence. The residents rightly argue that they have had many extra taxes imposed on them in the last number of years and feel that the proposition of the Local Property Tax was for local services and they feel that like other estates that have been taken in charge who have their grass cut by the Council that they should not be disenfranchised by not having the grass cut as part of their council services. I would ask for your support for this motion and to forward it to the full Council.

The Motion was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath.

Ms. R. Joyce provided Cllr. Morris with a response to the Notice of Motion as follows:

*"Tipperary County Council has in place a Taking in Charge*

*policy across the Council which provides as follows:*

*The maintenance services that will be provided by the authority following the completion of the taking in charge process include the following:-*

- *Maintenance of all roads and footpaths, including unallocated street car parking;*
- *Maintenance of water mains and drainage services;*
- *Repair and reinstatement of roads, footpaths and landscaped areas resulting from repair and/or maintenance of underground services (water mains and drainage services) carried out by the authority;*
- *Road sweeping and cleaning services of the principal public routes within the residential development;*
- *Upkeep and maintenance of all public lighting installations including non standard light fittings;*
- *Maintenance of public open spaces (that is, spaces to which the general public have access), not including grass cutting or maintenance of grass verges, incidental ornamental/landscaped areas, shrubberies or playgrounds, unless such playgrounds are required, as a facility which will be available to the general public, by the planning authority by way of planning condition.*
- *Upkeep and maintenance of all surfaces, fixed elements and rigid play equipment in play lots and playgrounds in cases where the playground or play lot was required by condition of a planning permission.*

*The policy therefore explicitly excludes grass cutting.*

*In the Nenagh Municipal District there are approximately 70 housing estates which are either Council housing estates or estates which have been taken in charge. The cost of cutting the grass in these estates would be in excess of €70,000. Nenagh Municipal District does not have a budget to meet expenditure of this nature nor is it considered appropriate to do so. On a county wide basis there are approximately 200 privately built estates taken in charge which would give rise to a cost in the region of €200,000. This liability would be increased over time as additional estates are taken in charge and it should also be*

*remembered that each additional estate taken in charge will result in increased other costs such as public lighting, etc.*

*The allocation of funding to grass cutting in privately built estates would be to the detriment of other budgets – already the budgetary allocation for amenity areas is under considerable pressure. Discretionary funding is extremely limited – the allocation of grants to Tidy Towns groups, clubs and organisations has enabled excellent work to be carried out throughout the towns and villages in the District. The importance of tertiary road allocations is highlighted again and again with constant calls for additional funds and concerns that the budget available limits the amount which can be done in any one year. These are the type of budgets which would be affected by any decision to add to the number of estates where grass cutting is carried out.*

*Given the type of work that is being done with the budgets available, the question needs to be considered as to whether the allocation of funding to grass cutting in privately built estates is the best use of funds and gives the best value for money. Grants to residents' associations have enabled such associations to carry out enhancement works within their estates. This work also benefits from a Tidy Towns perspective. The cost to the individual household for grass cutting is relatively small. While it is recognised that the collection of management fees is proving difficult in some areas, it should also be pointed out that there are many households who are paying their fees to the management companies/residents associations for the provision of such services.*

*In conclusion, therefore, it is the policy of the Council not to undertake this work and there is no budgetary provision to do so."*

Cllr. S. Morris said that people were of the impression that the Household Charge and the Property Tax was for local services and said that the Council was going to have to

start cutting the grass in estates that were taken in charge. Cllr. H. McGrath supported Cllr. Morris and said that people can't afford to pay management fees. He suggested that a costing of the additional areas be calculated.

Cllr. S. Morris suggested the Council come up with a scheme to assist residents and that the matter be further considered.

Mr. O' Connor acknowledged that people are hard pressed to pay their bills but pointed out that while even though the Local Property tax was introduced the Council's Budget for local services was not increased.

**Notice of Motion No. 462 submitted by Cllr. S. Morris**

That this Municipal Area seeks the funding to immediately fence off the Nenagh River from the Nenagh Town Park on health and safety grounds.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath.

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

*"Consultants ABK Architects and Stephen Diamond & Associates, Landscape Architects were appointed to design the Town Park on the site adjacent to the Nenagh River. As part of the design process an assessment was made of the suitability of the site and the health and safety requirements. Both firms are competent consultants with a proven track record in the design and delivery of projects of this nature. ABK Architects were appointed as Project Supervisors Design Process in accordance with Health & Safety legislation and as such had the responsibility for ensuring that the Project is designed and constructed in accordance with best practice in terms of health and safety.*

*Prior to completion of construction and having reviewed the layout of the Town Park the decision was taken, following consultation between the design team and the Council, to*

*extend the fencing in certain areas e.g. at the bridge, at the viewing area at the bottom of the park, from the end of the ramp to the benches near the entrance where the slope is steep. This reduced significantly the risks from proximity to the river in these areas. The riverside planting in the less steep areas, which has now developed from its initial planting, will further develop to maturity thus further providing a buffer between the park and the river.*

*Nenagh Town Park was developed as a riverside park and that is part of its attraction. It is common practice not to fence off facilities of this nature and this can be seen in many other riverside or waterfront amenities and facilities such as Dromineer, Castlelough, Garrykennedy, Terryglass, Templemore Town Park, Denis Burke Park Clonmel, the riverside walk on the banks of the Nenagh river and so on. It is accepted that it is not possible to eliminate all risk and there is a responsibility on those who bring young children to areas such as this to provide adequate supervision. Visits to the Town Park have shown that young children normally congregate in the kiddies' playground or around the zip wire and slide, rather than in the vicinity of the river."*

Cllr. S. Morris stated that Nenagh Town Park is a playground for kids and expressed concern over the fact the river was not fenced off from the Park. Cllr. J. Hannigan supported Cllr. Morris saying that he too was concerned about the fast flowing river beside the Park. He said he saw no reason why a fence could not be erected. Cllr. M. Ryan suggested that if a fence cannot be erected that consideration be given to planting a whitethorn hedge.

Mr. O' Connor said that he noted the members' comments but said the Nenagh River was small in comparison to other rivers like the River Suir. He said that Nenagh Town Park is a Riverside Park and that the playground area is fenced off. He said that he would not like to erect a fence that would detract from the park. He went on to say that ABK Architects were appointed as Project Supervisor for the Design Process and as such were the competent people to



assess health and safety issues. Mr. O' Connor said that he would request the Consultants to review the matter and would revert to the members in due course

The following correspondence was noted:

**Item 11.**  
**Correspondence**

1.	Letter from Bernard Gloster, Chief Officer, HSE Mid West Community Healthcare advising that correspondence querying compliance with a HIQA report was being redirected to Colette Cowan, Chief Executive Officer, University of Limerick Hospital Groups for her attention.
2.	Letter from Colette Cowan, Office of the Chief Executive Officer, University of Limerick Hospital Groups to advise that queries in relation to compliance with HIQA Reports should be dealt with through the Regional Health Form which takes place in Galway on a quarterly basis

Votes of sympathy were passed to the following:

**Item 12.**  
**Votes of**  
**Sympathy/Congratulations**

- Colm Grace, Ballygibbon, Nenagh on the death of his father Michael Grace R.I.P.
- Michael Deegan, St. John's Place, Nenagh on the death of his wife Peg Deegan R.I.P
- Shay O' Dwyer, Gurrane, Templederry on the death of his grandmother Annie Haugh R.I.P.
- Michael O' Dwyer, Gurrane, Templederry on the death of his grandmother Annie Haugh R.I.P
- Darren Scully, 14 Melrose, Nenagh on the death of his grandmother Kathleen Doherty R.I.P

Votes of congratulations were passed to the following:

- Ms. Barbara Farrell, Secretary Fleadh na Mumhan, 23 Slí Cuileann, Ballina/Killaloe on the Fleadh na Mumhan Committee hosting the Munster Fleadh in Nenagh.
- Ms. Sharlene Mandsley, Cill Padraig, Newport on qualifying to represent Ireland at the European Junior Athletics Championship

- Mr. Noel Coffey, Rathnaleen Nenagh on Barry Coffey being called up to the Irish U-15 soccer team.


None.

**Item 13.**

**A.O. B**

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

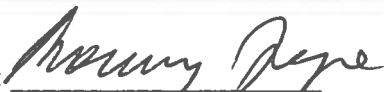
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Clr. Ger Darcy  
Cathaoirleach

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
District Administrator

Date: 17/9/15