



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann  
Tipperary County Council

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD, NENAGH AT 10.00 AM ON 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

**Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Peter Fee, Executive Engineer; Mr. Michael Hayes, Senior Executive Engineer; Ms. Attracta Lyons, Administrative Officer, Ms. Lorraine Treacy, Staff Officer, Ms. Margaret Casey and Ms. Susan Lewis of Tipperary Rural Traveller Project

Cllr. Fiona Bonfield welcomed Margaret Casey and Susan Lewis from the Tipperary Rural Traveller Project.

**Item 1.**  
**Minutes of November Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that the minutes of the November Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 be adopted.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the letter that had issued recently to Shannon Development in connection with Lisbunny Industrial Estate. Cllr. Morris advised that there was now thirteen lights out of order and public safety was an issue. Cllr. Morris requested that the Council contact Shannon Development again regarding the issue. Ms. R. Joyce confirmed that she would follow up with Shannon Development.

**Item 2.**  
**To receive presentation from Tipperary Rural Travellers Project**

Margaret Casey gave a presentation on the work being carried out by the Tipperary Rural Travellers Project and circulated a copy of the Strategic Plan 2015-2020. Cllr. H. McGrath thanked Ms. Casey for her presentation and acknowledged that there is now less land available to

travellers for their horses and called on the local authority to address the issue. Ms. Casey stated that the Tipperary Rural Travellers Project are trying to negotiate with the Department of the Environment with regard to the availability of land and stated that they would also be delighted to liaise with the local authority regarding same.

Cllr. S. Morris complimented Ms. Casey on her presentation and on the work being carried out by the Traveller Project. Cllr. Morris stated that there are a number of traveller families who are tenants of the Council, most of which are perfect tenants. Cllr. Morris stated that more travellers should become involved in sports and suggested that the Traveller Project engage with the GAA and FAI. He also stated that while it is acknowledged that there is a tradition for travellers to travel during the summer, difficulties can arise when travellers park on the side of the road and trespass on people's land.

Ms. Casey stated that this is an issue that they themselves struggle with and suggested that transient sites are a solution to the problem along with building up a relationship with the owners of caravan parks.

Cllr. Morris concluded by saying that there is also an issue with the bathing of horses in Dromineer and there was a need to put in place specific areas for such activity.

Cllr. G. Darcy welcomed Ms. Casey and Ms. Lewis to the meeting and complimented Ms. Casey on her presentation. Cllr. Darcy stated that travellers should have a right to carry out their culture but that there must be give and take. He also agreed with Councillors McGrath and Morris re the provision of land to accommodate horses and the need for travellers to engage with sporting organisations.

Cllr. Darcy went on to say that there had been an issue last summer with illegal parking in Congar where a strip of land was used for parking of caravans. Cllr. Darcy expressed concern over the safety issues that arose because of the illegal parking, both for the public and for the travellers themselves. He appealed to Ms. Casey to use her influence to prevent this situation occurring again.

Ms. Casey stated that she could not justify the incident that had occurred and suggested that there was a need for a development worker to work with the local authority and

again stressed the need for transient sites.

Cllr. M. O' Meara welcomed Ms. Casey and Ms. Lewis and stated that there was a strong travelling community in the Borrisokane area which was integral to the local community. Cllr. O' Meara went on to say that in the main both the travelling and settled community live in harmony but sometimes some new travellers come into the area which upsets the situation. The meeting today with the Traveller Project, he said, should have a positive effect on relations between the travelling community and the local authority.

Cllr. P. Bugler queried where the Tipperary Rural Traveller Project was based. Ms. Casey advised that the Traveller Project is based in Rossmore Village and works with the travelling community in south Tipperary. Cllr. Bulger also queried if members of the travelling community could take up positions in the Tús programme. Ms. Casey advised that the Traveller Project work with South Tipperary Development Company in connection with the Tús programme. She added that there are a lot of men in the travelling community with low self esteem, who are dependent on social welfare and who don't want to be.

Cllr. J. Hannigan welcomed Ms. Casey and Ms. Lewis and complimented Ms. Casey on her presentation. Cllr. Hannigan stated that there was a need to respect the traveller culture and also encouraged members of the travelling community to join sporting organisations. Cllr. Hannigan also referred to the illegal parking that takes place during the summertime and suggested that money would be better spent on finding a permanent solution to the problem.

Cllr. M. Ryan also welcomed Ms. Casey and referred to the importance of education and sport.

Ms. Casey thanked the members for their kind comments and stated that she hoped the Council was successful in acquiring a development worker for North Tipperary and asked that contact details for the FAI and the GAA be sent on.

**Item 3.**  
**Receive response from**  
**Community & Economic**  
**Development Staff**

Ms. A. Lyons gave a presentation on the works and objectives of the Community & Economic Development Department, a copy of which was circulated to the members.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and asked about the timeframe.

Cllr. P. Bugler requested an update on the following: Dedicated Tourism Officer, Timeframe for the Lough Derg Marketing Strategy, Lough Derg signage and the amount of development levies available to the municipal district.

Cllr. M. O' Meara welcomed the presentation and stated that there were now huge advantages with the amalgamation in that there are finally county plans for Heritage, Tourism and the Arts. Cllr. O' Meara expressed concern over Borrisokane moving into the Offaly constituency, which will leave the town in no man's land. He went on to say that Borrisokane now has good infrastructure, schools, sports facilities and a Town Park but it needs employment opportunities and should be given preferential treatment in order to get investment into the area. He raised a query in relation to the Rapid areas and stated that he would like to see them extended.

Ms. Lyons advised that Rapid areas are areas of high deprivation and there were three such areas in south Tipperary. Ms. Lyons advised that the inclusion of further areas will be looked at as part of the Local Economic and Community Plan.

Cllr. G. Darcy complimented Ms. Lyons on her presentation and referred to Comhairle na nÓg being a fantastic organisation and complimented them on their work. He also raised the issue of the availability of Sports Capital Grants and while acknowledging that the pot had run dry, stressed that if the number of planning permission increase, the Council must consider re-introducing these grants. Cllr. Darcy agreed with Cllr. O' Meara in relation to Borrisokane and expressed concern over the statistics gathered recently through the Borrisokane Forum Study and LEADER. He stated that the Lower Ormond area did not benefit from the celtic tiger and was now even in a worse position and also requested that Borrisokane be given special attention.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the Sports Tourism Grants that were allocated by North Tipperary County Council and suggested that they be extended to the entire county going forward as the sports clubs act as ambassadors and bring huge numbers to the area. He also suggested that a grant scheme for protecting playing fields be put in place as a

number of clubs have difficulty with drainage and roadway access.

Cllr. J. Hannigan stated that the main enterprise in the district is Tourism and referred to the R493 and its importance in relation to its location on the tourist route and stated that it needs serious improvement. He also referred to the problems facing Borrisokane and stressed the need for a small industrial park in the town.

Cllr. P. Bugler referred to Lough Derg as a hidden treasure and stated that there was a need to make the lake more visible. Cllr. Bugler also referred to the Lough Derg Way and requested that more facilities be put in place in order to get more walking groups into the area. She also suggested that a garden route along Lough Derg would be a unique project.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the sense that the Lower Ormond area was being abandoned by various agencies. He referred to the closure of banks and also the closure of the Council Area Office. He called for the re-opening of the area office on a part-time basis.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to the centenary of the 1916 rising and stressed the importance of ensuring that Cloughjordan was central to the planned celebrations. He requested the matter be kept on the agenda in the run up to the event.

In response to the queries raised by the members, Ms. A. Lyons advised the members that it is intended to have the Local Economic and Development Plan in place by the end of 2015 and the municipal districts and the SPC will be consulted in respect of same. With regard to the Rural Development Programme, Ms. Lyons advised that the guidelines in respect of same have not issued yet. She went on to advise that the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme will be rolled out next year.

Ms. Lyons advised that both Tourism Officers were on leave at present, with one due back at the end of January 2015. She added that in the meantime any queries in relation to Lough Derg can be directed to Marie Collins.

With regard to the queries on development levies, Ms. Lyons advised that the current Community, Sports & Cultural Grant scheme is closed and a new scheme is being

developed.

Referring to the Lower Ormond Area, Ms. Lyons stated that it was very important that the people are encouraged to take part in the public consultation on the Local Economic and Community Plan, which will take place in January/February.

With regard to the Sports Tourism Grants, Ms. Lyons advised that this will be looked at as part of the Festival Events Plan which will be advertised in the new year and the members will be notified of same.

In response to Cllr. Darcy's comments on the 1916 anniversary celebrations, Ms. R. Joyce advised that she has been asked by the Chief Executive to work with the community in Cloughjordan and a steering group is being formed. A number of meetings have been held and proposals are being developed. Calls for funding from national level are awaited.

Cllr. J. Hannigan suggested that the 1916 anniversary celebrations be linked somehow with Sports Tourism and the GAA. Ms. R. Joyce advised that she would take Cllr. Hannigan's suggestion back to the Steering Group.

**Item 4.**  
**Draft Bye-Laws for**  
**Lisbunny Lawn Cemetery**

Ms. R. Joyce advised the members that the extension to Lisbunny Cemetery is now completed and is, as per the Draft Bye-Laws presented to the members, intended to be a lawn cemetery, with no kerbs. Ms. Joyce advised the members that there will be a limit on the height of headstones which will be erected on a beam back to back. She also advised that a meeting has been held with the Undertakers and Monumental Sculptors who operate in the existing Cemetery to make them aware of the contents of the Draft Bye-Laws and to advise them that they can make formal submissions in respect of same. Ms. Joyce added that it was also intended to make a specific provision in the bye-laws for the removal of any headstone erected that was not in compliance with the bye-laws.

Cllr. Morris requested that a provision be included to prevent commercial vehicles parking outside the Cemetery. Ms. Joyce advised Cllr. Morris that this could be considered when the bye-laws were brought back to the members for adoption.

Ms. Joyce requested the approval of the members to place the draft bye-laws on public display. This was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan and agreed.

**Item 5.**  
**Nomination of members**  
**to JPC**

Ms. R. Joyce advised the members that the proposal in relation to the membership of the JPC was to have 15 local authority members, 5 from each Municipal District and every effort should be made to achieve a gender balance. She also advised that it is proposed that, where the elected members from a Municipal District wish to establish a local Municipal Safety Committee that an internal structure can be established which will consist of the members of the Municipal District and the Superintendent and supported by the District Administrator.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan and resolved that Cllr. P. Bugler be appointed to the JPC.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that Cllr. H. McGrath be appointed to the JPC.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. M. O' Meara and resolved that Cllr. F. Bonfield be appointed to the JPC.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan and resolved that a local Municipal Safety Committee be established in respect of the Nenagh Municipal District.

**Item 6.**  
**Update on budgetary process**  
**for MD for 2015**

Details of the budgetary process for 2015 were circulated to the members. Ms. Joyce outlined the budget process to the members as follows:

- The Schedule of Municipal District Works covers work of maintenance and repair including road maintenance, housing maintenance, street cleaning, maintenance of amenities, drainage works and burial ground maintenance. Allocations for road maintenance will not be received until early in the New Year, therefore it is not proposed to prepare a Schedule of Municipal District works until the roads allocations are known.

- The Schedule of Municipal District works will be considered at the March meeting of the Municipal District.
- It is proposed to hold a workshop with members in advance of the January meeting of the Nenagh Municipal District Meeting to present and discuss the 2015 draft allocation of grants to community groups, etc. for members' agreement.
- Grants under the Arts Act, burial grounds and Tidy Towns Grants will be dealt with centrally based on calls for applications.
- Allocation of the GMA funds may also be considered by the members at the January workshop.

Ms. Joyce then asked for the members' agreement to hold a workshop before the January Municipal District Meeting. The members agreed to same.

**Item 7.**  
**To note Action Plan from**  
**November Meeting**

The Action Plan from the November meeting was noted.

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

Mr. M. O' Connor gave an update on projects as follows:

**Lisbunny Burial Ground**

Works completed and Draft Bye-Laws will now be put on public display.

**Gills Garden**

The Council is continuing to gather information requested by the Department of the Environment.

**CCTV**

Works to commence in January

**Nenagh Traffic Management Plan**

Arrangements to be made to put Traffic Management Plan on public display.

**Castlelough Playground**

Works are completed and the playground is now open to the public.



Newport Town Park

A public meeting was held in Newport where there was a good exchange of ideas. The timeline in delivering the project was one of the main concerns.

Lough Derg Stimulus Projects

Most of the works are completed. The installation of the swipe card system in Ballina will be progressed in the New Year.

Cllr. J. Carroll requested an update on the works at the Millennium Cross. Mr. M. Hayes advised that a revised estimate has been submitted and that at this stage it will be a 2015 project. He added that the drainage issues caused the delay.

Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to the lining of the carpark in Ballina and advised that road markings on the road coming down from the junction at N7 were not visible. Mr. M. Hayes advised that he would investigate the matter.

Cllr. H. McGrath referred to the road between McKeoghs Hardware, Ballina and the school and said that the footpaths were level with the road.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to the Lough Derg Way and suggested that it be looked at again as half of the signposts are missing. He added that it has huge potential and requested that it be kept on the agenda.

A number of suggestions were made by members in relation to projects that should be carried out in 2015.

Roadworks Programme

Mr. M. Hayes advised the members that the 2014 Road Works Programme was completed. He added that the emphasis last month was on the emergency works at Latteragh, works on Sarsfield Street, maintenance works and pot hole repair. He concluded by saying that the design of the Gaulross and Lehinch schemes is on-going.

Cllr. J. Carroll queried why the directional sign for Nenagh at Shallee Cross has been taken down. Cllr. M. Ryan requested that the Rearcross to Capparoo Road, the Chalkhill Road and the directional signs in Templeberry be looked at.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred the public lighting in Ardcroney Village and stated that the lights have been out of order for three months. He thanked Peter Fee for his role in the matter but suggested that a review of the policy needs to take place to ensure that works are carried out within a reasonable timeframe.

Cllr. M. O' Meara welcomed the proposed works at Lehinch and queried what traffic management would be in place while the works are being carried out.

Cllr. H. McGrath stated that works at Knockalton Hill must be given priority.

Cllr. J. Hannigan requested an update on the Borrisokane Surface Water Drainage Scheme and queried if there would be monies available from the NRA to remedy the situation after the works are completed.

Cllr. S. Morris expressed concern in relation to the use of brick on footpaths in Nenagh and advised that it had collapsed in a number of places.

In response to Cllr. Darcy comments in relation to the lights in Ardcroney, Mr. P. Fee advised that if the road opening licence procedure had been followed in this case the damage caused could have been minimised. He added that the normal response time by Airtricity to maintenance issues is ten days but this was a repair issue which has a three month response time.

In response to Cllr. O' Meara's query on Lehinch, Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the works will require a road closure and every effort will be made to minimise disruption. He added that the Council is in discussion with the NRA regarding getting work done to the bog section of the road. Cllr. J Hannigan queried the duration of the works. Mr. O' Connor replied that it would take one to two months.

With regard to Borrisokane Surface Water Drainage Scheme, Mr. O' Connor advised that Joe Kenny has been appointed as the Contractor. Mr. O' Connor advised the members that Seamus McGill has been appointed as the Resident Engineer for the scheme and introduced Mr. McGill to the members. He added that there was no specific funding in place for reinstatement works but that the Council will be meeting the NRA in the New Year and will

be pressing the matter with them. Cllr. M. O' Meara requested that a meeting with the residents and the businesses be set up early in the New Year.

Referring to Cllr. M. McGrath's comments on Knockalton, Mr. O' Connor advised that the valuer is still in negotiations with landowners and it is hoped to conclude agreements soon.

Cllr. F. Bonfield referred to previous requests for a survey of the footpaths in Newport and for a Pedestrian Crossing at the Boys National School.

Mr. M. Hayes advised that it is intended to carry out works on the Pedestrian Crossing next year subject to the members approval and that the footpaths in Newport will be kept under review.

**Item 9.**  
**Engineer's Checklist**

The members raised a number of issues in relation to specific roads which were responded to.

**Item 10.**  
**Notices of Motion**

**Notice of Motion No. 200 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler**

" I hereby request Tipperary County Council to erect more lights between the Mace Shop in Ballina and Ballina GAA hurling field as this area is very dark".

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:

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

Cllr. P. Bugler stated that the area between the Mace Shop and the GAA field is very dark and difficult for walkers.

She also stated that the trees are hiding the lights. Cllr. J. Carroll supported Cllr. P. Bugler, stating the area is very dark and the trees, which are owned by the Council have matured in recent years. Mr. M. Hayes agreed to trim back the trees.

**Notice of Motion No. 211 submitted by Cllr.'s G. Darcy, M. Ryan and M.O' Meara.**

“That this Municipal Council seek funding for the Nenagh Cloughjordan road at Bantiss so that a permanent solution can be found to the safety issues there.”

The motion was proposed by Cllr.G. Darcy and seconded by Cllr. M. O' Meara.

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

*€84,000 was spent on improvement work on the Bantiss section of the R491 Nenagh to Cloughjordan road in 2014. The work involved pavement restoration, road markings, verge filling and the installation of advance warning signage and the work was carried out under the Department of Transport's annual restoration grant allocation to regional roads. The Bantiss section of the R491 is particularly narrow and verge width is limited. Further improvement would necessitate road pavement and verge widening, however the cost of such works would be beyond the scope of the District's annual restoration grant allocation.*

*In the past significant improvement works on Regional roads often qualified for funding under the Department's Specific Grant Scheme. This scheme is no longer in operation but in the event of its reinstatement, an improvement scheme involving road widening works will be considered for Bantiss and other sections of the R491 where restricted widths apply. In the meantime the application of speed deterrent road markings such as 'transverse bars' can be considered, however these 'bar' markings can lead to significant tyre contact noise so such a measure would need to have the support of local residents.*

Cllr. G. Darcy stated that he appreciated the work that has been carried out on the road which has lead to a huge

improvement but added that the road is still extremely narrow and motorists have to keep too close to the edge. Cllr. Darcy suggested that further improvements to the road could be considered under a Safety Scheme. He concluded by stating that further on the road at Knockearl in Co. Offaly, the road was equally as dangerous and suggested that contact be made with Offaly County Council regarding the matter.

**Notice of Motion No. 212 submitted by Cllr. J. Hannigan.**

“That Nenagh Municipal District/Tipperary County Council undertake an audit of the R493 which is a part of the “Lough Derg Drive”, a main tourist route. To draft a schedule of works and make a submission to central Government for special funding for such works to be completed”.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Hannigan and seconded by Cllr. M. O’ Meara.

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

*The R493 is an important tourist route and is one of a number of ‘gateways’ to the Lough Derg Lakeland area. Its regional importance is acknowledged in the level of funding it receives through the Department of Transport annual restoration grant allocation to Regional roads.*

*In the past significant improvement works on Regional roads often qualified for funding under the Department’s Specific Grant Scheme. This scheme is no longer in operation but in the event of its reinstatement, improvement works on the R493 will be considered for prioritisation. In the meantime sections of the R493 south of Coolbawn will be considered for inclusion in the District’s 2015 Roadworks programme under the Department of Transport annual road restoration grant allocation.*

Cllr. J. Hannigan stated that there is a need to look at the state of the R493 and engage with local landowners. He acknowledged that there is limit on the availability of funding but stressed that a special case needs to be made for works to be done to this road in order to open up the tourist

potential.

**Notice of Motion No. 201 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler**

“I hereby request Tipperary County Council to solve flooding problems at Cragg, Birdhill near Longhouse Sports Field.”

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:

*It is proposed to lay a drainage pipe from the frontage of Mr. PJ Ryan's dwelling-house to the open drain running along the boundary of the Sports field which should alleviate the flooding in the area. Funding is not available for piping along the frontage of the dwelling-houses and onwards to an outfall.*

Cllr. P. Bugler stated that there is an on-going problem at this location with two houses in danger of flooding. While appreciative of the Council's proposal to remedy the matter she requested that funding be put in place to pipe along the frontage of the two dwelling houses.

**Notice of Motion No. 202 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler**

“I hereby request Tipperary County Council to tarmac part of the Boher Road from Speed Limit Sign on Boher Road down to Main Street, Ballina.”

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 Boher Road, Ballina within the speed limits is not part of the current multi-annual Roadworks programme. No funding is available to carry out the requested overlay works.*

Cllr. P. Bugler stated that this part of the road is an integral part of the town and the section that is in bad repair is only a half a kilometre long. Cllr. J. Carroll supported Cllr. Bugler

in this regard.

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

Ms. R. Joyce advised the members that notifications regarding the prize winners in the 2014 Tidy Schools Competition for the Nenagh Municipal District were received as follows:

- Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ballina Primary School & Silvermines National School
- Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Kilbarron National School & Killeen National School
- Best Overall School in North Tipperary – Gaelscoil Aonach Urmhuhan, Nenagh.

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

Votes of congratulations were passed to the following:

- Margaret O' Sullivan, Principal of Ballina N.S. on getting 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Tidy Towns School Competition.
- Michael Quinn, Hogans Pass, Nenagh on Kildangan GAA Club winning the North Tipperary Under 21 Hurling Championship.
- John O' Farrell, Borrisokane Athletics, Gaulross, Borrisokane on Siobhan O' Doherty winning a bronze medal in the European Cross Country Championship.
- Denis Lenihan, Puckane, Murroe, Co. Limerick on Newport Camogie Club winning the Minor B County Final.
- Gráinne Fogarty, Terryglass, Nenagh on Shannon Rovers Camogie Club winning the Minor C County Final.
- Matt Carr, Borrisokane Community College on Borrisokane Community College winning the Munster Camogie Championship.

**Item 13.**  
**A.O.B**

Mr. M. O' Connor advised the members that the High Court Hearing regarding the Shannon Crossing has taken place and the judgement was expected at the end of January.

Cllr. J. Carroll queried if the Council had written to the Department regarding the works at Latteragh. Mr. O' Connor advised that the Council is in ongoing discussions with the Department regarding the matter.

Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to inspections being carried out by the Department of Agriculture on farms and to the variance between the Farmers Charter as referred to by the Minister for Agriculture and to what is being requested by the inspectors on the ground. He requested that the Council investigate what is the standing of the Charter.

Cllr. Hannigan also referred to the position relating to debt in relation to infrastructure transferred to Irish Water and sought clarification as to whether there had been a change in terms of liability for same.

Cllr. J. Carroll requested information in relation to the design capacity of treatment plants in towns and villages and the current loading.

Cllr. P. Bugler asked what the implications were in terms of timeframes for taking in charge of estates of having to refer applications to Irish Water.

Ms. R. Joyce indicated that staff from Water Services would be in attendance at the January meeting of the Municipal District and that she would forward the queries to them for response.

The Cathaoirleach wished the members and staff a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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

Signed: Cllr. Fiona Bonfield Date: 15/1/15  
**Cllr. Fiona Bonfield**  
**Cathaoirleach**

Signed: Ms. Rosemary Joyce Date: 15/1/15  
**Ms. Rosemary Joyce**  
**District Administrator**