MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD, NENAGH AT 2.00 PM ON 4TH APRIL 2017

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

Also Present: Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Ms. Sonja Reidy, Senior Executive Planner and Ms. Auven Melia, A/Assistant Staff Officer.

Item 1. To consider the Director’s Report in accordance with Section 34 (6) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended

Ms. S. Reidy gave an outline of Manager’s Report which included the Executive’s recommendation that the proposed development should be granted as a material contravention of the Nenagh Town & Environ’s Development Plan 2013.

It was moved by Cllr. M. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved “that in accordance with Section 34 (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, a Decision to Grant Retention Permission shall be made, subject to appropriate conditions, to Steeples (Books and More) Limited, c/o Rob Shanahan, Rob Shanahan Architects, 17 Clontarf Place, Limerick for;

- change of use (for sale of religious books and ancillary items as per Pl.Ref: 13520031) for part of the ground floor level to use as a coffee shop/cafe/bookshop (with exterior seated area to the rear) together with ancillary service areas;
- change of use of part of the first floor level (office use as per Pl.Ref: 13520031) to additional seating/meeting area/gallery/exhibition area with associated services;
- extensions to the rear of the ground floor of the premises and revised internal layout/amendments to previously granted permission (Pl.Ref: 13520031).

The application relates to development at No. 1 O’Kahilly Street, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

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Ref No. in Planning Register 16/60/1184"

Cllrs Morris, Hannigan, Darcy, Bonfield, Bugler expressed concern that the Council was rewarding someone for breaching the law, adding that they weren’t trying to stop this material contravention but considered that the applicant should speak to planners prior to next development. They wondered if a precedent was being set for other people to do something similar.

Cllr. P. Bugler asked if they have permission to sell liquor on the premises and asked what the opening hours are. She wondered if there is any room for expansion. She also enquired if permission had been granted for “Steeples” sign on the Dublin Road.

Ms. S. Reidy advised that the planning permission attaches to the premises rather than to the applicant. She said it the view of the executive was that it was adding to the vitality and the services of the town. She confirmed the operating hours are from 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. 7 days a week. In regard to liquor licence, previously a liquor licence was refused on the basis that the premises was non-compliant with planning. She confirmed the building is fully developed and has no room for expansion.

With regard to the sign she confirmed that discussions are on-going.

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

Signed: Cllr. P. Bugler  Date: 20-4-2017
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Signed: Ms. Rosemary Joyce  Date: 20-4-2017
District Administrator

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