



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE APRIL MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD, NENAGH AT 10.00 AM ON 20TH 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; Peter Fee, A/Senior Executive Engineer and Aven Melia, A/Assistant Staff Officer.
Ms. Attracta Lyons, Economic Development Officer and Mr. Ruairí Ó Caisleáin, CYPSC Coordinator
- Apologies:** Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services
- Item 1.**
Minutes of March Meeting It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that the minutes of the March Meeting held on 16th March, 2017 be adopted.
- Item 2. Minutes of Special Meeting** It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 4th April, 2017 be adopted.
- Item 3. Action Plan** The Action plan from the March meeting was noted.
- Item 4. Briefing from Community & Economic Development** Ms. A. Lyons attended from Community & Economic Development Section and circulated a report to Members. She advised of the following:-
- Heritage Plan will be launched with Arts Plan in April.

- Creative Ireland Workshop will take place in Anner Hotel in Thurles on 25th April
- On 10th March, 2017 the Minister of State for Communities and the National Drugs Strategy, Catherine Byrne TD, announced a new Community Facilities Capital Grant Scheme for disadvantaged urban and rural areas. The scheme will run initially from July – December 2017. The Scheme will offer grants up to a maximum of €1000 per project. Closing date is Friday 30th June, 2017 at 5 p.m.
- Tipperary Age Friendly Strategy is currently being prepared. It is intended to commence a public consultation process in May. Dates will be advised when confirmed.
- Town & Village Renewal Scheme, 2017 with a budget of €20m has just being launched with applications to be submitted to DAHRRGA by 30th June.
- Open public consultation event on the proposed Green and Blue Infrastructure Masterplan roadmap for Tipperary Waterways will be held 3rd May, 2017 from 6 pm – 8 pm in the Civic Offices.
- The development of a 2017 scheme for the enhancement of the shops and business premises in towns will be offered to towns in April 2017. There are 10 tickets to be won to the Retail Retreat on Wednesday 10th May in Croke Park.
- The suite of marketing materials comprising of a County Brochure, Website, 5 Municipal District brochures and video to promote Tipperary as a location for inward investment will be launched on 26th April, 2017 in Kilshane House.
- A series of four Lough Derg Blueway Awareness Building Workshops are being held around Lough Derg from 24th April to 2nd May, 2017.
- County Agritech Strategy – work on the Regional Agritech Symposium (funded under the EI Competitive Funds) is underway and has been scheduled for end May/beginning June, date will be advised when confirmed.

Ms. A. Lyons referred to Coty's decision to shut down their plant in Nenagh and advised that it there is a protocol in place in such instances that an interagency group be set with representatives from IDA, LIT, LEO, NTLP, Tipperary County Council. The purpose of this is to link in with the company. A meeting took place with Minister

Mitchell O' Connor on 30th March, 2017 and a further meeting is due to take place next week. She advised that Mr. M. O' Connor, Director of Services is sitting on this group and would be able to keep Members up to date.

Cllr. S. Morris said he was not happy with an interagency group being set up and wants a response group to be set up for this site and only this site. He said this Council should have a lead role in this group and the first step should be to meet with the employees. He added that the site is viable and has employees who will have a lot of cash to spend locally and may have ideas to set up and create jobs. He said he had heard nothing back from the Council as to what was happening. He wanted a meeting called with the employees to find out what they want and what their fears are. He said the Council should not wait for the IDA to be dragged in.

Cllr. H. McGrath supported Cllr. S. Morris. He said that there are some fine experienced workers and agreed that a meeting needs to be arranged with employees. There is a building which will be empty next year. It was important that the views of the staff come back locally to the District.

All Councillors concurred with Cllr. S. Morris

Cllr. G. Darcy welcomed the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and the details regarding the Agritech event.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to a magazine produced regarding Tourism Promotion and said there was nothing on it for Tipperary. He added that we have a key asset with the lake however we are getting lost between Irelands Ancient East and the Wild Atlantic Way.

It was proposed that Minister for State for Tourism & Sport Patrick O' Donovan, be invited to meet with the Members of the Nenagh MD to discuss progressing the development of the Lakelands brand and to seek funding for same similar to what has been put in place for the Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland's Ancient East.

Ms. R. Joyce advised Members that the protocol provided that any requests to meet with Ministers be referred to the CPG. She advised she would correspond with Mr. Ger Walsh, Corporate Section.

Cllr. G. Darcy said that it would be appropriate to involve Members from adjoining Municipal Districts. Ms. R. Joyce advised that she had made contact with Killaloe Municipal District to seek a joint meeting however, while this had been agreed in principle, it was difficult to get a date. She said she would follow up on this.

Cllr. P. Bugler asked for further information on the Lough Derg Blueway Awareness Building Workshops. Ms. A. Lyons advised that this is part of the REDZ initiative and it is aimed at bringing businesses around the lake together. She advised that she would send details.

With regard to the Town & Village Renewal Scheme Ms. A. Lyons advised that the scheme was different from the previous year. There was a focus on economic development and it was not just infrastructure. The Department would make the decision. Up to twenty applications could be made. This would be promoted within the business communities however there was a tight timeframe. Cllr. P. Bugler wondered if the Chamber of Commerce have been consulted. Ms. A. Lyons advised that this scheme has only recently been announced and there would be consultation when more details were available.

Mr. Ruairí Ó Caisleáin, Co-ordinator of Tipperary Children & Young People's Service Committee (CYPSC) gave a presentation to the Members and circulated a handout. This is a county level committee that brings together the main statutory, community and voluntary providers of services to work together for better outcomes for children and young people, aged 0-24 years. It provides a forum for identification of key priority issues, joint strategic planning to address these, co-ordination of planned actions to ensure that the key needs of children, young people and their families in the areas of health, education & learning, employment, welfare & safety, and of inclusion in community and society are identified and are addressed through inter-agency work. The committee is comprised of representatives from Tipperary County Council, Túsla, HSE, Garda Síochana, T.E.T.B.,

Barnardos, County Childcare, Youth Services, Family Support Services, IPPN, NAPD, Community & Voluntary Sector, STDC and NTLP.

The following factors were highlighted by Members:-

- Safety and welfare of children at primary school level going hungry/not having enough food
- Teenagers having to be “conditioned” to fit into a certain groups and open to abuse if they don’t fit in
- The continuous use of phones – never leave their hand
- Not enough exercise in the Department of Education curriculum
- The need for alternative activities other than sport
- Promote groups such as Macra na Feirme, Fleadh na Mumhan etc
- Parents/Guardians need to be aware of the amount of alcohol consumed “pre-drinking” before going out
- Thriving drugs problem in our society, mental health issues as a result
- Family support deficit in the area
- Vulnerable teenagers
- Depression
- Gambling including on-line gambling
- Influence of social media
- Types of services available

The Members thanked Mr. R Ó. Caisleáin for his comprehensive presentation.

Item 5. Allocation of Funding 2017 It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that grants to be paid to the following:-

Tidy Towns Grants	
Ardcrone Community Development Committee	€1,000.00
Ballina Tidy Towns Committee	€4,000.00
Ballinahinch Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000.00
Ballinderry Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000.00
Ballycommon Village Residents Association	€1,000.00
Ballymackey/Ballinree Development Association	€1,000.00
Birdhill Tidy Towns Committee	€2,000.00
Borrisokane Tidy Towns Committee	€3,000.00
Capparoo Tidy Towns Committee	€1,300.00

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Carrig Tidy Towns	€1,500.00
Carrigahorrig Development Association	€1,300.00
Cloughjordan Tidy Towns Committee	€1,300.00
Dromineer & District Development Association	€2,500.00
Garrykennedy Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000.00
Kilbarron Development Association	€1,300.00
Kilcommon Tidy Towns Association	€1,000.00
Killoscully Development Association	€2,000.00
Lorrha Development Association	€2,000.00
Nenagh Tidy Towns	€10,000.00
Newport Tidy Towns	€4,500.00
Portroe Tidy Towns Committee	€1,500.00
Puckane Tidy Towns Committee	€1,500.00
Rearcross Tidy Towns Committee	€900.00
Riverstown Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
Shallee Enhancement Group	€1,300.00
Silvermines Enhancement Group	€2,000.00
Terryglass Improvement Association	€3,000.00
Toomevara Community Development Association	€1,000.00
Toor Tidy Village Association	€1,000.00

Burial Ground Grants	
Aglish Burial Ground	€707.79
Ardcroney New Cemetery Committee	€707.79
Ardcroney Old Graveyard	€707.79
Ballinaclough Graveyard Committee	€707.79
Ballinahinch New Graveyard	€707.79
Ballinahinch Old Graveyard	€707.79
Ballingarry Church of Ireland	€707.79
Ballinree Church Burial Ground	€707.79
Ballinree New Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Ballygibbon Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Ballymackeogh Graveyard	€707.79
Ballymackey Burial Ground	€707.79
Ballymackey Church of Ireland Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Birdhill Graveyard Committee	€707.79
Bonaham Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Borrisokane Old Church of Ireland	€707.79
Burgess Graveyard Committee	€707.79
Carrig Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Castletown Burial Ground Committee	€707.79

Cloughjordan Burial Ground	€707.79
Cloughprior Burial Ground	€707.79
Cluan Mhuire Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Congor Graveyard Committee	€707.79
Cragg Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Curreeny Burial Ground	€707.79
Dromineer Graveyard Committee	€707.79
Finoe Graveyard	€707.79
Garrykennedy Burial Ground	€707.79
Grawn Burial Ground	€707.79
Grennanstown Graveyard	€707.79
Kilbarron Church of Ireland Graveyard	€707.79
Kilbarron New Graveyard Committee	€707.79
Kilbarron Old Graveyard Committee	€707.79
Kilboy Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Kilcommon New Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Kilcommon Old Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Kilkeary Burial Ground	€707.79
Killenaive Graveyard Committee	€707.79
Killodiernan Church of Ireland Graveyard	€707.79
Killodiernan Graveyard Committee	€707.79
Killoscully Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Kilmastulla Graveyard Committee	€707.79
Kilmore Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Kilnarath Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Kilruane Burial Ground	€707.79
Knigh Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Latteragh Graveyard	€707.79
Lisboney Old Cemetery Committee	€707.79
Lockeen Burial Ground	€707.79
Lorrha St Ruadhan's New Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Lorrha St Ruadhan's Old Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Modreeny Burial Ground	€707.79
Monsea Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Old Workhouse Graveyard	€707.79
Pallas Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Pike Burial Ground (Ballingarry)	€707.79
Rockvale Cemetery Committee	€707.79
St John's Newport COI	€707.79
St. Peter & Paul's Graveyard	€707.79
St. Ruadhans Church of Ireland	€707.79
Templederry Church of Ireland Committee	€707.79

Templederry New Graveyard Committee	€707.79
Templekelly Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
The Old Abbey Graveyard Committee	€707.79
Toomevara Church of Ireland Committee	€707.79
Toomevara Old Graveyard Committee	€707.79
Tyone Burial Ground Committee	€707.79
Youghalarra Graveyard Committee	€707.79

Residents Associations	
Ballycommon Village Residents Association	€400.00
Ballygraique Estate Committee	€300.00
Brooklands Drive Residents Association	€300.00
Brookville Green Residents Association	€300.00
Bulfin Crescent Residents Association	€500.00
Ciamaltha Meadows Residents Association	€300.00
Clonaslee Residents Association	€400.00
Clonbealy Residents Association	€300.00
Cluain Caoin Residents Association	€300.00
Cnoc Ard Residents Association	€500.00
Coille Bheithe Residents Committee	€400.00
Cois Deirge Residents Association	€400.00
Cudville Green Residents Association	€300.00
Cullenagh Residents Committee	€500.00
Derg Manor Residents Association	€300.00
Droim na Coille Residents Association	€300.00
Fernhill Residents Association	€500.00
Friars Close & Pairc na Cille Residents Association	€500.00
Glenree Residents Association	€300.00
Glenwood Residents Association	€300.00
Harbour View Residents Committee	€300.00
Killnasalla Residents Association	€300.00
Lakeside Villas Residents Association	€300.00
Lough Derg Cottages Association	€300.00
McDonagh Avenue Residents Association	€300.00
McDonagh Court Residents Association	€400.00
Millmount Residents Association	€300.00
Monaree Residents Association	€300.00
Pallas Derg Residents Association	€300.00
Radharc Darach Residents Association	€160.00
Sallygrove Residents Association	€500.00
Silvermews Residents Association	€90.00

Springfort Meadows Residents Association	€300.00
Tullow Residents Association	€500.00
Yewston Residents Association	€300.00

Clubs/Organisations	
Ardcroney Community Hall	€300.00
Ardcroney Football Club	€300.00
Baile Uí Choimín CCÉ	€300.00
Ballinahinch GAA Club	€300.00
Borrisokane & District Vintage Club	€300.00
Borrisokane Athletic Club	€300.00
Borrisokane Community Resource Centre	€500.00
Borrisokane Football Club	€300.00
Borrisokane Mens Shed	€400.00
Borrisokane Tennis Club	€300.00
Burgess Social Club	€400.00
C.B.S. Band	€300.00
Cloughjordan Community Development Committee	€300.00
Cloughjordan Junior Table Tennis Club	€300.00
Company Club	€300.00
Kiladangan Juvenile GAA Club	€300.00
Kilruane MacDonaghs GAA Club	€300.00
Knigh United Football Club	€300.00
Lahorna Handball Club	€300.00
Lorrha Camogie Club	€300.00
Lorrha Community Responder Group	€400.00
Lorrha-Dorrha GAA Juvenile Club	€300.00
Lough Derg Sub Aqua Club	€300.00
Lough Derg Yacht Club	€300.00
MMA Nenagh Warriors	€400.00
Nenagh & District Flower & Garden Club	€300.00
Nenagh Active Retirement Association	€300.00
Nenagh AFC	€300.00
Nenagh Branch of Irish Red Cross	€300.00
Nenagh Canoe Club	€300.00
Nenagh Celtic Football Club	€300.00
Nenagh Classic Car Club	€300.00
Nenagh Community Allotments	€300.00
Nenagh Community Games	€300.00
Nenagh Community Wellness Garden	€300.00
Nenagh Defibrillator Group	€300.00

Nenagh District Voluntary Branch - Irish Wheelchair Association	€300.00
Nenagh Éire Óg	€300.00
Nenagh Eire Óg Camogie Club	€300.00
Nenagh Golf Club	€300.00
Nenagh Ladies Basketball Club	€300.00
Nenagh Masters Swimming Club	€400.00
Nenagh Mens Shed	€300.00
Nenagh Neptune Swimming Club	€300.00
Nenagh Olympic Athletic Club	€300.00
Nenagh Ormond RFC Juvenile Section	€300.00
Nenagh Ormond Search Unit	€300.00
Nenagh Players	€300.00
Nenagh Scouts	€300.00
Nenagh Special Summer Camp	€300.00
New Institute Snooker Club	€300.00
Newport Community First Responder Group	€300.00
Newport Musical Society	€400.00
Newport Soccer Club	€400.00
North Tipperary Dyslexia Group	€300.00
North Tipperary Republican Monuments Committee	€300.00
Organisation of National Ex Service Personnel Lower Ormonde Branch	€300.00
Ormond Resources Daughters of Charity	€300.00
Portroe Community Hall	€300.00
Rape Crisis Midwest	€300.00
Riding for Disabled Nenagh	€300.00
Riverdale Pitch & Putt	€300.00
S.C.E.A.L.	€400.00
Silvermines Historical Society	€300.00
Socialable Ladies, AGLISH/Borrisokane	€400.00
Terryglass Angling & Conservation Club	€300.00
The Committee of Curreeny Community Centre	€400.00
The Irish Pilgrimage Trust	€300.00
Tipperary C.O.P.D. Support	€300.00
Tipperary County Cricket Club	€300.00

Special Grants (Tourism) to clubs and Organisations	
Ballycommon Sponsored Ride	€500.00
Birr & District Motor Club	€500.00
Cloughjordan Heritage Group	€500.00
Killoscully Development Association	€500.00

Nenagh Badminton Club	€500.00
Nenagh Classic Car Club	€500.00
Nenagh Ormond RFC - Juvenile Section	€500.00
New Institute Snooker Club	€500.00
Portroe Gathering	€500.00

Cllr. S. Morris said it was great to continue this source of funding to groups. The Members complimented Ms. R. Joyce & Ms. A. Melia for their work on this.

Item 7. Update on Projects

Newport Town Park

Ms. R. Joyce advised that Consultants have completed procurement of consultants to carry out the Topographical Survey and have submitted a recommendation which has been accepted.

Gills Garden

Ms. R. Joyce advised that there is a slight delay in completing the tender documents for Gills Garden due to absence on leave of consultant who is involved with the walls. As the refurbishment of the walls and creation of the openings are important elements of the project and with cost implications, the final documentation cannot be completed until his return. They have otherwise almost completed the revised layout plans and other construction details/specification ready for tender purposes, which should now hopefully be around mid-May.

Community CCTV Scheme

Ms. R. Joyce said that meetings have been held with consultants following receipt of feedback and site meetings with groups. They are now preparing tender documents and it will be advertised on e-tenders last week April/first week May.

Nenagh Traffic Management Plan

Ms. R. Joyce advised that there is no update on this matter at the moment. Cllr. H. McGrath asked if negotiations were ongoing between Nenagh Co-Op and the Council regarding junction at Railway Bar. Ms. R. Joyce said she would discuss this with Mr. M. O' Connor on his return.

Borrisokane Street Renewal

Ms. R. Joyce advised that the PAARS report, which is the request for approval to move to the next stage is substantially complete and will be submitted to TII within next two weeks. When approval is received this will move on to Part 8.

Cllr. G. Darcy asked timeframes regarding this saying that the condition of the main street was never as bad as it is now. Cllr. J. Hannigan called for remedial works to be done on the street as an interim measure until such time as this project commences. Cllr. O' Meara supported previous comments and asked that a message be sent to the TII advising how critical this matter is and for them to progress this as soon as possible.

Bord Gais Project

Ms. R. Joyce advised that on Monday next 24th April works will commence on the R445 Dublin Road. A new foul sewer and gas main will be laid. Tipperary County Council has granted a road closure for this work in two sections.

Section 1 of the closure shall apply from Monday the 24th and initially the road shall be fully closed between The Abbey Court Hotel entrance and the CBS entrance. It is estimated that section 1 will take 6 weeks to complete.

Cars and light vehicles will be diverted via the Abbey Court Hotel site and the Lidl access road, in both directions. HGV's will be diverted on to the M7 Motorway to Exit 25, R498 Thurles road in both directions.

For M7 south bound traffic, a VMS located north of Junction 24 will advise motorists of the road closure and that all Nenagh bound HGV traffic should use Junction 25, R498 Thurles Road.

Water connections will continue for next 2 to 3 weeks on Summerhill/ Ormond Street.

Cllr. J. Carroll asked that disruption to traders be kept as minimal as possible.

Update on new Shannon Crossing at Ballina/Killaloe

Ms. R. Joyce advised that there is a meeting scheduled for the Steering Group in relation to this within the next few weeks.

R498 Latteragh

Ms. R. Joyce advised that there was a recent workshop held in relation to this – consultants met with interested local groups, Fisheries, ESB Fisheries, and local anglers. The meeting went very well and the Council is now getting ready to put out Part 8 and this will be brought back to Members in July.

Knockalton

Ms. R. Joyce advised that the consultant who is involved with Latteragh project is being asked to provide a price for the design of Knockalton.

Carrigahorrig

Ms. R. Joyce advised that consultants have been engaged to carry out required studies. There are now awaited. This project will have significant environmental impacts and will therefore require this to be addressed at the planning and design phase.

Nenagh Tourist Office

Ms. R. Joyce advised that Scroope Design has been engaged to prepare the design for Tourist Office. Expression of Interest was submitted to LEADER for funding by Nenagh Arts Centre who have now been invited to proceed to submit application.

Garden of Remembrance, Cloughjordan

Ms. R. Joyce advised that Nordon Landscapes have been appointed as contractors to carry out works on Garden of Remembrance. Work is anticipated to commence within the next two weeks and it is estimated as a five week project although some planting will not take place until year end.

Nenagh 800

Ms. R. Joyce advised that a group is currently being established to look at planning for Nenagh 800 – this is planned for 2020 and is an opportunity to celebrate 800 years of history in Nenagh with particular emphasis on Nenagh Castle. It is hoped to make this a year

of celebrations also to re-open discussions on further phases of the Castle project. A call will go out to the clubs and organisations to see how they can be involved. Representatives of Nenagh & District Chamber of Commerce, Nenagh Arts Centre, North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Centre and others have already committed to participation. She advised that Members are invited to nominate two members to participate on the group.

Cllr. S. Morris welcomed this. He asked that the "Treaty Lion" belonging to the people of Nenagh be returned. He said there was an agreement that it would be returned when the castle was renovated. He said he has letters confirming this course of action, adding that it would be more fitting than ever for it to be returned for this. He requested that procedures be put in place for this to happen. It was agreed that Cllr. Morris would give copies of said correspondence to Ms. R. Joyce.

With regard to the Window Box Scheme, Ms. R. Joyce advised that applications were sent to all applicants who participated in 2016 asking if they were willing to participate in the scheme again this year. 37 window boxes have been purchased to date.

Ms. R. Joyce advised Members that funding is available under Enhancement and Painting Scheme for this year. She asked Members if they have any ideas for any particular area where the impact would be visible to forward same.

Ms. R. Joyce reminded Members that a group from Basse-Goulaine will be arriving in Dublin on Tuesday evening and will spend four nights in the MD area.

Item 8. Update on Road Works Programme

A progress report on the 2017 roadworks programme was distributed along with schedule of proposed dates for work to commence in each GSS's area. Mr. P. Fee advised that tenders were sought in respect of works and 2 contractors are being appointed. The first of the works, wet mix overlays is due to commence on Monday (weather permitting) and this will be followed by bitumen macadam overlays. He advised that works will continue until early September.

Cllr. J. Carroll welcomed the approach taken by Mr. P. Fee on this matter. He asked that each GSS liaise with the local people regarding ongoing problem areas.

Cllr. G. Darcy enquired about CIS schemes. Mr. P. Fee advised that costings are being prepared at the moment. Cllr. M. Ryan said that applications should be included from previous CIS schemes as had applied previously. Cllr. J. Carroll concurred with this, however Mr. P. Fee advised that this is a Department scheme and the Council has no discretion regarding this scheme.

Cllr. M. O' Meara welcomed the programme. He asked Mr. P. Fee to liaise with landowner to acquire land between the Hilltop and Carrigahorrig village in order to provide a footpath.

Item 9.Engineer's Checklist

Cllr. J. Carroll asked that his request for a bus stop at Yellow Bridge be looked at favourably. He referred to the large volumes of traffic on the Thurles road from the rugby club towards Tyone and he asked if measures could be put in place to slow down traffic as there is a lot of residents along this stretch of road.

Cllr. M. Ryan asked the engineer to look at bridges on the Curreeney to Templeberry road and Curreeney to Kilcommon road. He asked that the road at Barnagore R497 be looked at.

Cllr. M. O' Meara requested that the wall at the Ferry Inn be investigated. He said it is a very old wall and it is in a deplorable condition. He wondered if we could write to Galway County Council with the view of putting together a joint application for works. In the meantime he requested that a report to be carried out. He also requested that flooding on R438 at N. O' Meara's be investigated. He said the fences between the houses in Pairc na Cille, Lorrha are in a poor condition.

Cllr. G. Darcy asked that the Council liaise with Offaly County Council regarding carrying out major works at Sweep Hill, between Cloughjordan and Moneygall. He asked the Engineer to look at bad bends on the road from Monsea towards Hogan's Pass to make it

safer. He is of the opinion that the Council would have the co-operation of landowners.

Cllr. F. Bonfield advised Mr. P. Fee that Newport has launched its text alert scheme and signs will need to be erected. In regard to Glencree, Newport she wondered how much remains under the bond.

Cllr. J. Hannigan advised that the chain link fence has been damaged at the Eminiska pump – the landowner is anxious that this be fixed by the Council as damage was done when delivering council material. He said the playground at Terryglass needs attention.

Cllr. P. Bugler referred to Ashgrove Meadows and asked that the Taking in Charge be progressed as expediently as possible. She asked for an update on Taking in Charge of Boru Court and Ard Abhainn, Ballina.

Item 10. To consider Notices of Motion

None

Item 11. Delegated Employee Orders

A list of Delegated Employee Orders from 10th March, 2017 to 13th April, 2017 as circulated to the members was noted.

Item 12. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Correspondence from Minister Marcella Corcoran T.D. dated 23rd March regarding Local Improvement Scheme |
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Item No: 13. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-

- Mr. Cyril Greally on the death of Kathleen Greally, R.I.P.
- Mrs. Margaret Herriott on death of George Herriott, R.I.P.

Votes of Congratulations were pass to the following:-

- Cllr. Joe Hannigan to extend congratulations to the Tipperary Football Team on being crowned Allianz Football League Division 3 Champions.

- René Van Dam to extend congratulations on the Visit Nenagh Cycle Classic event held on the weekend of 1st April, 2017.

Item 14.

A.O.B

Cllr. S. Morris said two search units in North Tipperary (Nenagh Ormond) are looking for property to house their boats and equipment. He called on some-one to allow them to occupy property in the Nenagh MD area. He said that sanitised land near the motorway or a lay-by would be suitable.

**Item 6. Representatives from IFA
ICMA & ICA (12.00)**

Cllr. P. Bugler welcomed the following from the IFA: Mr. T. Cullinan, Chairperson, Mr. W. Moloney and Mr. M. Mounsey; from ICMSA: Mr. Paul Smith and from ICA: Ms. A. Devitt, National PRO and President of the South Tipperary ICA and Ms. A. Clarke, President of the North Tipperary ICA. A short presentation was given by each representative on the organisation and their primary concerns. Reference was made to the level of employment, both directly and indirectly, from agriculture and the value to the economy arising from same.

The following matters were raised:-


- Hedge Cutting – Bill to enable cutting period to be extended at a minimum to include August
- Problem with lead in Silvermines
- Fly-tipping
- Condition of country roads
- Farm inspections and penalties – lack of consistency of approach
- Implications of Brexit
- Water quality – Nitrates Directive – campaign to retain derogation
- Rural Broadband
- Control of scrap metal
- Impact on rural viability – closure of post offices, crime in rural areas, GP cover, rural transport, closure of Garda Stations
- CCTV
- Progressing to dairy farms – however options are restricted if not interested in dairy
- Important to attract the next generation back to farming

- Need to look at alternatives – agri-tourism, alternative energy, artisan foods
- Lack of funding for rural development programme
- Country Markets to be promoted more
- River cleaning
- Biggest threat economically is the proposal to take water from the Shannon
- Opportunities from rural walking trails, cycleways, greenways – small hostels, cafes
- Importance of farm safety

Mr. P. Fee advised that if farmers are concerned regarding cutting hedges outside of the cutting season, they can contact the Local Authority and a letter can be issued confirming that hedges need to be cut for the safety of road users. He advised that larger machinery is causing havoc to inlets/road edges. He also said there were problems in some areas where water was coming out on the road. The Council was available to discuss such issues with a view to working out a solution. He stressed the importance of working together.

Members welcomed the opportunity to meet with the representatives of the three organisations and hoped that this would become an annual event.

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

Signed: 
Cllr. P. Bugler
Cathaoirleach

Date: 18.5.2017

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

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