



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE APRIL MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**

<b>Present</b>	Cllr's Mattie Ryan, Phyll Bugler, Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Gerard Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, Michael O' Meara and Séamus Morris.
<b>Also Present</b>	<p>Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Liam Brett, Senior Engineer, Roads; Mr. Peter Fee, A/District Engineer; Donal Murphy, Staff Officer and Ms. Aven Melia, Assistant Staff Officer.</p> <p><b>Culture/Library Services/Fire &amp; Emergency Services:</b> K. Cashen, Director of Services, Melanie Scott, Arts Officer</p> <p><b>Community &amp; Economic Development:</b> Mr. Pat Slattery, Director of Services</p>
	<p>At the outset Cllr. F. Bonfield referred to recent approval received from An Bord Pleanála regarding Newport Town Park. She wished to thank the Executive for all their input. Cllr's Ryan and Carroll wished to be associated with same.</p> <p>Cllr. M. Ryan congratulated Aaron Delaney on his recent success in the World Championship in dancing. Cllr. J. Carroll also congratulated David Nealon on his success in the same competition and asked if the aforementioned could be considered for an award as part of the annual awards evening. Cllr. M. Ryan supported this.</p> <p>Cllr. F. Bonfield also congratulated Newport Novelty Act on winning the All Ireland Scór held in Castlebar recently.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Morris asked that Nenagh AFC be kept in mind as they celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.</p>
<b>Item 1. Minutes of March Meeting</b>	It was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that the minutes of the March Meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2019 be adopted.
<b>Item 2. Action Plan</b>	The Action Plan from the March meeting was noted.
<b>Item 3. To receive briefing from Culture/Library Services/Fire</b>	<p>A progress report was circulated to Members. An update was given on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Arts in Education Programme</li><li>➤ Tipperary Bealtaine Festival</li></ul>



<b>&amp; Emergency Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Historic Towns Initiative - €170,000 awarded to Nenagh to begin conservation works on the Gaol block and feeds into the overall plan for the potential development of a Gaol experience and enhancement of the Historic Quarter in Nenagh.</li><li>➤ Creative Ireland</li><li>➤ Museum – Clonmel Flights of Discovery: Phase 1 Museum Development</li><li>➤ Outreach workshops were held in Borrisokane Community College in April, with a further one to be held in Newport Collage in May.</li><li>➤ Library Service</li></ul> <p>Members welcomed the funding under the Historic Towns Initiative. Members also complimented Nora O’ Meara for the work done by her and Sceál Lorrha for their activities.</p>
<b>Item 4. To receive briefing from Community/ Economic Development</b>	<p>A progress report was circulated to Members. An update was given on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ LECP – Community</li><li>➤ Local Development Strategy-Leader</li><li>➤ SICAP</li><li>➤ LCDDC Team Led Funding Schemes</li><li>➤ Tipperary PPN</li><li>➤ Joint Policing Committee</li><li>➤ Age Friendly Tipperary</li><li>➤ Suicide Prevention</li><li>➤ Comhairle na nÓg</li><li>➤ Tipperary Sports Partnership</li><li>➤ Strategic Projects Unit EU part-funded Projects</li><li>➤ LECP – Economic</li><li>➤ Tourism</li><li>➤ Local Enterprise Office</li><li>➤ Economic &amp; Enterprise</li><li>➤ Digital Strategy, National Broadband Plan &amp; Commercial Investment</li><li>➤ Update on Hackney/Taxi</li></ul> <p>Mr. Pat Slattery advised members that Ms. Elaine Cullinane has replaced Ms. Attracta Lyons and she will be attending the District meetings going forward.</p> <p>A number of queries were raised by members in relation to smokey coal, FAI development officer, promotion of Ireland’s Hidden Heartland, broadband, rural transport, rail service and these were responded to by Mr. P. Slattery.</p> <p>Referring to housing at Stereame, Cllr. S. Morris called on Tipperary County Council to ask the government to provide the funding required to tender for this project to be built using the</p>



	<p>Vienna model of housing, which is being showcased by Dublin City Council.</p>
<p><b>Item 5. To consider applications under Community Involvement Scheme &amp; Local Improvement Scheme</b></p>	<p>List of CIS and LIS applicants was circulated to members. Mr. P. Fee advised that a response is awaited from applicants regarding the CIS scheme and advised members that applicants should respond as soon as is possible.</p> <p>In regard to LIS, Mr. P. Fee advised that the allocation is €134,993. The allocation is for road and bridge at Shallee, depending on cost of bridge the remaining balance will go towards the road.</p> <p>Mr. P. Fee's proposals regarding CIS &amp; LIS were agreed by members.</p>
<p><b>Item 6. To seek approval to put Amenity area Bye-Laws on public display</b></p>	<p>Ms. R. Joyce gave presentation on Amenity Area Bye-Laws which incorporated maps of each amenity area which these bye-laws will cover.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and agreed that Amenity Area Bye-Laws be put on public display.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce said she would encourage the public to get involved in this process, submissions/observations can be made in writing and that amendments can be made accordingly. She added that as part of the consultation, a copy of bye-laws and relevant map will be sent to each tidy towns groups pertaining to their own amenity area. It was noted that areas included are being maintained by council and not necessarily in the council ownership. Concern was raised regarding set down areas for camper vans/motorised vehicle, Ms. R. Joyce said that this matter is something that will need to be examined separately. Members thanked Ms. R. Joyce for all her work. Mr. M. O' Connor also thanked Ms. R. Joyce and Mr. J. O' Donoghue for their input. Referring to camper vans/motorised vehicles he said that the Lough Derg Strategy is identifying the need for motorised vehicle facilities. He also advised that no additional staff will be recruited for enforcement purposes and said that signage will be erected accordingly and these bye-laws will be self enforcing.</p>
<p><b>Item 7. Allocation of Funding 2019</b></p>	<p>(a) To approve grants to Clubs &amp; Organisations (b) To approve grants to Residents Associations (c) To approve grants to Burial Ground Committees (d) To approve grants to Tidy Towns Committees</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. S. Morris and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the above schemes the payment of grants be made to the following:-</p>



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<p><b>Item 8. To advise dates for official opening of:- Ballina Jetty The Castle Garden</b></p>	<p>Members were advised that the opening of Ballina Jetty will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 12 noon and the opening of the Castle Garden will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 11 a.m.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Morris wondered if Gill's Garden will be officially called The Castle Garden. He was advised that it will be known as The Castle Garden however an interpretative panel within the garden will make reference to Gill's Garden.</p>										
<p><b>Item 9. To agree date for Drainage Committee Meetings</b></p>	<p>Mr. P. Fee advised members that this matter will be dealt with after the local elections. Cllr. G. Darcy had concerns that given the amount of work to be done, the meeting will be held considerably late in the year. Mr. P. Fee advised that there are a number of matters to be addressed prior to having these meetings but they would be held as soon as possible.</p>										
<p><b>Item 10. Update on Projects</b></p>	<p>➤ <b><u>Newport Town Park</u></b> Permission was granted on 11<sup>th</sup> April by An Bord Pleanála with 3 conditions. We are now communicating with the consultant Nic de Jong with a view to progressing the next steps involving tendering for the construction stage.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>Nenagh Tourist Office</u></b> Requests for tenders for an architect-led design team will issue within the next week.</p>										



➤ **Nenagh 800/Nenagh Castle**

Meeting scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> April was postponed. Date for next meeting to be agreed.

Discussions are on-going with OPW and the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht in relation to the next phase of the Castle development.

➤ **Ball Alley Lane**

Property purchased in Ball Alley Lane, Nenagh will allow for the provision of 8 new car parking spaces. It will also provide better access that will ease accessibility to the area for emergency services.

➤ **Nenagh Digital Hub/Innovation Centre**

Members were advised that the Council is preparing an application for funding for a digital hub/innovation centre to be located close to the new First Data facility at Stereame. The Council has identified a particular demand for such a project in Nenagh and Stereame is an ideal site for it. This project will cost in the region of €2m to €4m and it is anticipated that funding may be drawn down from Enterprise Ireland. The council is currently putting together a brief on the project.

➤ **Bord Gais Project**

Works commenced on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Repair works are taking place to surfaces on Pearse Street and Kenyon Street for approx 2.5 weeks. These works will be followed by surfacing works on the Limerick Road and Yewston.

**Major Road Projects**

➤ **Borrisokane**

Work started on the scheme in November 2018. The Contractor has commenced works from the Nenagh side of scheme completing much of the drainage and all of the footpaths on the approach of the town from the Nenagh end as far as the Fire Station.

Cllr. M. O' Meara wondered if the road on the Nenagh side of Borrisokane could be moved two or three feet to the other side as this would facilitate better sightlines for 2/3 houses. He again asked that the Nenagh side along by graveyard be given priority as the surface is very poor.

Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to the Finnoe road junction and asked that something be done in terms of traffic management and wondered if traffic lights could be considered.



	<p>Cllr. G. Darcy supported both councillors' requests.</p> <p>Mr. M. O' Connor advised that Mr. J. Nolan had discussions with the contractor regarding base course macadam and advised he would follow up on same.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>Knockalton</u></b> Work started on the scheme in December 2018. The scheme is scheduled to be completed in Q2 2019.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>SIRO</u></b> Works are continuing in the town. Fibre optic cables to be installed following completion of the route proofing, anticipated to be Q3, 2019.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>Historic Towns Initiative</u></b> Further to receiving funding for the conservation works at Nenagh Gaol Complex, tenders were invited for project management of the works. Bluett and O' Donoghue Architects were awarded this contract and have been appointed.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>Town Revival Initiative</u></b> We are in discussions with Retail Excellence with a view of agreeing a date for a 'Town Hall' type meeting. It is hoped that it may be possible to have the Town Architect from Westport attend. A meeting was held with the Nenagh &amp; District Chamber of Commerce on 10<sup>th</sup> April at which proposals were discussed.</p> <p>We have received a request from Comhairle na nÓg for funding towards a project they are proposing to do entitled "Equality of Relationships" which is designed specifically for the Nenagh Municipal District. This project will look at relationships to combat Domestic Violence – focusing on teenagers understanding of responsible relationships. It is proposed to allocate €1000 from GMA.</p>
<p><b>Item 11. Engineer's Checklist</b></p>	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to the members.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler asked when will new speed limit signs be erected in estates. Mr. P. Fee advised that he has identified estates taken in charge since 2017 and is setting up a budget for same. This work will be incorporated into the maintenance programme. She asked that potholes on the Curraghviller road, Ballina be added to the checklist.</p> <p>Cllr. F. Bonfield asked for update on bridge at Pound Street, Newport and bridge at Shallee, Nenagh. She referred to footpaths in Yewston estate. She wondered if meeting can be arranged with landowners in respect of flooding at Templeberry.</p>



	<p>Cllr. G. Darcy asked that Eircom be contacted with a view to setting back telegraph poles in order to make them safe. Mr. P. Fee advised that if land owner alters boundary, it is usually a condition of planning to move pole. However he asked that a list of locations be made available to him and he will investigate same. Cllr. G. Darcy referred to faded signage in particular Iarnrod Eireann signs showing bridge height restrictions. He said that the paved area on the Ballinderry road as you leave Borrisokane town is dangerous and asked that this be looked at. He said that at the Dublin road corner, road markings do not show appropriate lane.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan agreed with Cllr. G. Darcy regarding Eircom poles and added that in Puckane there is a pole with no wires going to it and asked that this be looked at. He also referred to signage and said that there are briars around them and asked that these be cut back. Referring to poor condition of footpaths in estates taken in charge, he wondered can these be progressed. He also wished to refer to the R493 at Grange and wondered if there is any possibility of getting funding to straighten the road, Mr. P. Fee advised that such funding is not available for regional roads and that this is a national issue.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to an area at Ballyhasty, Cloughjordan where there is a cutting in road which needs tarmacadam.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Carroll referred to continuous flooding problem at Glencrue, Portroe and said that proposals are still awaited.</p>
<p><b>Item 12. Notices of Motion</b></p>	<p><b>Notice of Motion No. 1656 submitted by Cllr. Seamus Morris</b> "That Tipperary County Council puts in speed ramps on the R490 road into Cloughjordan"</p> <p>This motion was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. M. O' Meara. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-</p> <p><i>In recent years a number of traffic calming measures have been implemented on the R490 Moneygall road in the vicinity of Cloughjordan primary school and fire station. The Council will investigate speeds at the locations highlighted and determine whether or not further traffic calming measures are warranted however speed ramps are a last resort and would not be an appropriate traffic calming measure on this class of road.</i></p> <p>Cllr. S. Morris handed in a signed petition from residents and said that he too agrees that speed ramps would be a last resort. Cllr. M. O' Meara &amp; Cllr. G. Darcy supported Cllr. S. Morris' motion.</p>



<b>Item 13. Delegated Employee Orders</b>	Noted
<b>Item 14. Correspondence</b>	None
<b>Item 15. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations</b>	<p>Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Mattie &amp; Carmel Ryan on the death of Kathleen Ryan R.I.P.</li><li>➤ Joe O' Meara on the death of Marie O' Meara, R.I.P.</li><li>➤ Tom Kirwan on the death of Rita Kirwan, R.I.P.</li></ul> <p>Votes of Congratulations –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Hazel Cawley on been called up to the Irish U16 ladies soccer team against Belgium.</li><li>➤ Newport Novelty Act on being crowned All-Ireland winners in the Scór competition held in Castlebar recently.</li></ul>
<b>Item 16. AOB</b>	<p>Cllr. S. Morris wished to refer to an upcoming public meeting to discuss University Hospital Limerick which will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May in the town hall. He appealed to everyone to attend.</p> <p>Members were reminded that May meeting will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> May at 9 a.m.</p>

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

Signed:   
Cllr. Mattie Ryan  
Cathaoirleach

Date: 16/5/2019

Signed:   
Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
District Administrator

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