



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 21st DECEMBER, 2017

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

Also Present: Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Peter Fee, A/Senior Executive Engineer and Aven Melia, A/Assistant Staff Officer.

Ms. S. Reidy, Senior Executive Planner, Ms. A. Lyons, Economic Development Officer, Mr. James Scott, FAI Development Officer

Apologies: Cllr. S. Morris

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 16th November 2017 be adopted.

Item 2. Action Plan

The Action plan from the November meeting was noted.

It was agreed to take Item No. 5 next as Ms. S. Reidy was present.

Item 5: To consider Chief Executive's Report Proposed Variation No. 2

Ms. S. Reidy referred to the Chief Executive's Report on the Proposed Variation No. 2 of the Nenagh Town & Environs Development Plan 2013 which was circulated to members.

She advised that 10 submissions/observations had been received by the Planning Authority during the public consultation period and this resulted in 4 minor amendments (text only) details of which were outlined in the Chief Executive's Report.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that pursuant to the provisions of Section 13 of the Planning

and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and having considered the Proposed Variation No. 2 of the Nenagh Town & Environs Development Plan 2013 – Stream Campus, the Chief Executive’s Report of the 17th November 2017 (and the associated recommended minor amendments), the Council hereby resolve to make the Variation without further modification. It is hereby noted that the making of Variation No. 2 – Stream Campus shall have effect from today.

Cllr. H. McGrath said he would like to see some of the site used for the development of social housing adding that houses cannot be built unless there are land banks which he said are limited enough around the town. He was supported by Cllr. M. O’ Meara who indicated that PPP arrangements should be considered. He said there was an upturn in interest in ghost estates and this was a positive sign.

Item 3. Briefing from Community & Economic Development

Ms. A. Lyons attended from Community & Economic Development Section and circulated a report to Members. She gave an update on the following:- Museum, Tipperary Sports Partnership, FAI, Arts, LECP Community, SICAP, LCDC Team led funding, Tipperary PPN, Age Friendly, EU part-funded projects, LECP Economic, Retail/Commercial Incentive Scheme, Tourism, Strategies and the Local Enterprise Office.

Cllr. G. Darcy welcomed the 3 projects under Town & Village Renewal Scheme. He said that the ‘Buy Local Campaign’ was working well and welcomed the Christmas Retail Support Programme. He wished to congratulate Mr. Bryan Davis on being selected as Best Overall Winner and Best Start-Up Business in the County IBYE competition regarding Solar Pump Solutions. Cllr’s O’ Meara & Hannigan also commended Mr. Davis.

Cllr. H. McGrath referred to online shopping and the effect it has on local shops. He wondered if a presentation could be done with secondary schools to show the importance of shopping local and to connect the product purchased locally with the individual. Cllr. J. Carroll supported this. He also suggested an initiative where each shopkeeper would get all their staff to step out onto the footpath so that the extent of local employment could be seen and a direct

connection made with the people employed. Cllr. J. Carroll suggested that this be raised with Comhairle na n-Óg.

Cllr. M. O' Meara asked for more information on the Commercial Incentive Scheme.

Cllr. J. Hannigan also welcomed the Town & Village Renewal Scheme. In regard to online shopping he said that retailers need to realise that they need on-line facilities. He too agreed with Cllr. H. McGrath regarding making a connection with a product and the individual. He also referred to the genealogical aspect of tourism and the opportunity from that.

Cllr. P. Bugler welcomed funding under the Christmas Retail Support Programme for Chapel Lane Community Group, Newport and also to Ballina Tidy Towns & Tourism towards the Christmas market which takes place on Saturday 23rd December. She asked for an update regarding the recent announcement of €30m for the Lakelands.

Cllr. G. Darcy wondered how we can pull the Beara Breifne Way and The Lakelands all together adding that we have a unique opportunity with the Tourist office opening in Nenagh too.

In response to Cllr. H. McGrath's suggestion regarding visiting schools, Ms. A. Lyons advised she would bring back Members comments and liaise with Comhairle na n-Óg. In regard to Lakelands, Ms. A. Lyons advised that they are developing the brand at the moment and a consultant has been appointed. Cllr. P. Bugler said that it is imperative to have "Shannon" as part of the title.

**Item 4. Presentation from FAI
Development Officer**

Cllr. J. Carroll welcomed Mr. James Scott, FAI Development Officer. A report was circulated to members. Mr. J. Scott gave an outline of progress to date including highlights and key activities in the Nenagh MD area during 2017.

All Members paid tribute to Mr. J. Scott for all his work adding that it is great to see so many children involved in this. They complimented the Emerging Talent Programme.

Cllr. H. McGrath on behalf of Nenagh Brickfields thanked Mr. J. Scott

for the tremendous work he does.

Mr. M. O' Connor also paid tribute to Mr. J. Scott adding that since the Council were approached to co-fund a Development Officer, the Council has never looked back.

**Item 6: Taking in Charge
Youghalara way, Newtown**

Mr. M. O' Connor referred to the Director of Services Report to Members that was circulated previously. He advised that no objections or representations were received. He said there are potential outstanding works in the amount of €7,315 made up of €6,430 inc VAT on Roads, €885 inc. VAT on Water Services (Irish Water).

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, and being satisfied that the roads of public utility, and having considered the financial implications for the local authority and any submissions made, it is hereby ordered that the Roads serving the Housing Estates know as Youghalarra Way, Newtown, Nenagh to be public and take in charge open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections with the development, as per the map which was on public display during the prescribed period and as outlined in the Director of Service Report to the Members for the December 2017 Nenagh Municipal District Members Meeting.

Cllr. J. Carroll wondered what the position is regarding the lights, Mr. M. O' Connor advised that everything will be done to have lights turned on as soon as possible.

Item 7. Update on Projects

Newport Town Park

A meeting has been held with the consultant to discuss the submissions received. Revised design is being prepared. Works are on-going on the Site Resolution Plan for Mulkear View and it is anticipated that these will be completed by 26th January.

Gills Garden

A preliminary site meeting has taken place with the contractor. Awaiting submission of contractor's work plan.

Community CCTV Scheme

Cooleen:-

- One camera pole and 1 micro pillar have been installed at the roundabout adjacent to the school and all necessary ducting from the pole to the Council Depot is in place.
- The CCTV recorder has also been installed.
- Next step is to install the cameras and an update as to when this is happening is awaited.

Birdhill:-

- The 2 camera poles and 2 micro pillars - village & Killaloe Roundabout - have been installed and all necessary ducting from the poles to the ESB mini pillars at both locations is in place.
- The ESB power supplies are in place at both locations also and 2 wiring certs are awaited from Stalwart's electrician to allow the ESB to connect the supply to each pole.
- The CCTV recorder has also been installed.
- Next step is to install the cameras and an update as to when this is happening is awaited.

Burgess:

- The 2 camera poles and 2 micro pillars 1 at each Roundabout - have been installed by TII and all necessary ducting from the poles to the TII power supplies at both locations are in place.
- Two wiring certs are awaited from Stalwart's electrician re the supply to each pole.
- Next step is to install the cameras as well as the recording equipment and an update as to when this is happening is awaited

Nenagh Traffic Management Plan

No change since previous report.

Bord Gais Project

Works are substantially complete, reinstatement works will commence on the Tyone and Dublin Road early in the New Year, weather permitting. Currently connection is being made to Lisboney. The Council were anxious to bring it to the industrial estate to make it more marketable. Cllr. G. Darcy advised that Ormond Street is also in poor condition.

Update on new Shannon Crossing at Ballina/Killaloe

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that works are ongoing to finalise the brief for consultants, this will then be sent to the Department for final approval. Cllr. P. Bugler asked Mr. M. O' Connor to outline what the next steps are. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that it is possible that the planned works would be done in two phases, one for the development of the bridge and the other for the upgrading of the R494 Ballina/Birdhill road and the development of Killaloe by-pass at the Clare side. Cllr. P. Bugler wondered when a decision will be made regarding this. Mr. M. O' Connor said that it is not possible to say when we will be advised of decision. He added that it is anticipated that this will go out to tender towards end of 2018 with a contractor on site in 2019. Cllr. P. Bugler thanked Mr. M. O' Connor for his work on this and asked that maintenance work be carried out in the meantime on the R494.

Latteragh

The next stage of the project is to proceed with C.P.O.

Borrisokane

Mr. O' Connor said that the Design Office is finalising the tender documents. Some slit trenching works were carried out the previous day and these were necessary as information had to be incorporated into the tender documentation.

Cllr. M. O' Meara said he was upset to see works taking place outside the Christmas Shop in Christmas week. He said the people wanted him to go and stop the works. He hoped this will be a lesson learned and said that these works were to be done six weeks ago.

Cllr. J. Hannigan supported Cllr. M. O' Meara and said that if people were more informed it would be beneficial. He also said that it should be a lesson learned adding that it is depressing for the town to have the street in its current condition and asked for timelines on this project.

Cllr. G. Darcy supported Cllr's O' Meara and Hannigan and asked that they be kept informed regarding works.

Mr. O' Connor advised that tender documents are being prepared and will be published on e-Tenders. He said he would expect it to go to tender in March, adding that there is a lot of work to get the tender documents complete. A contractor will then be selected and it will be April before a contractor is appointed. Following on from this a detailed programme of works will drawn up by the contractor.

Cllr's O' Meara, Hannigan and Darcy expressed their displeasure with the timelines quoted.

Cllr. M. O' Meara said it looks like it could be next autumn before works start. He called on the Executive to expedite this as much of possible. He wondered how it takes three or four months to get the green light on this project.

Cllr. J. Hannigan asked why it would take until March to get tender documents ready. He said he was led to believe that works would commence in Q1. He said that the people of Borrisokane can't take much more of this and said that the local Councillors are getting the brunt of it.

Cllr. G. Darcy supported Cllr. M. O' Meara and Cllr. J. Hannigan and said that the works that were due to commence early in the New Year are now gone back into the middle of the year. He too called on the Executive to try and expedite this.

Mr. M. O' Connor advised Members that this is a huge project and there is a lot of work involved in order to get tender documents completed. He said that it took a lot of time to get agreement.

Cllr. M. O' Meara said that it is very important that the contractor when appointed liaise with the public.

Knockalton

Consultants are currently involved with project at Latteragh and will then move on to Knockalton.

Carrigahorrig

No update since the November meeting

Nenagh Tourist Office

A meeting with consultant will take place in January.

Garden of Remembrance, Cloughjordan

No change since previous report. Cllr. G. Darcy wondered when this will be complete and have official opening. Ms. R. Joyce advised that most of the work is completed apart from some snags. She said that following on from some discussions with the local committee it is anticipated that the official opening would be the bank holiday weekend in May and this would also fit in with the Thomas MacDonagh weekend.

Nenagh 2020

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that he attended a meeting last week with Minister K. Moran, Minister of State at the OPW, Cllr. H. McGrath, Deputy Cahill, Deputy Kelly and other officials from the OPW. At the meeting they outlined to the Minister that we wished to proceed to Stage 2 of the Castle project. The Minister has committed to looking at the old feasibility study which included pedestrian access from Pearse Street. Mr. M. O' Connor added that the Department do not have huge capital, however he said it could fit in neatly with Fáilte Ireland to enhance a tourist product.

Cllr. H. McGrath added that it was hugely important to have Mr. M. O' Connor, Director of Services at this meeting and felt that the Minister and his officials were surprised at the amount of activity taking place at the castle grounds. He thanked Mr. O' Connor for his support. Members commended Mr. M. O' Connor and Cllr. H. McGrath. Mr. O' Connor said that it had been very helpful to be able to outline how supportive Nenagh Town Council and Nenagh Municipal District have been in relation to the Castle. Examples of this include the operation of the tour guides and the financing of same, the development of Gill's Garden and the maintenance of the grounds.

Nenagh Leisure Centre – White Flag Programme

Nenagh Leisure Centre has been awarded a Gold Medal in the White Flag Programme and a Silver Medal in relation to accessibility. These awards were made at a ceremony in Kilkenny on 17th November which was attended by the Cathaoirleach, Councillor John Carroll.

This is the second year of participation in this programme and the level of award has improved from Bronze Medal in 2016 to Gold in 2017.

Item 8. Update on Road Works Programme

Mr. P. Fee advised that the Road Works Programme is complete except for ongoing footpath restoration works.

Item 9. Engineer's Checklist

The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to the members.

Cllr. G. Darcy asked that the new footpath below Kilruane school be looked at with a view to putting some lighting/reflective material to the edge of footpath as it is difficult to judge footpath and road. He asked that the arrows at Ashley Park cross be re-instated. He said previously there were a series of right hand arrows indicating junction.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to farmers with livestock crossing regional roads and asked to seek national funding for farmers to construct an underpass, adding that the cost is enormous on an individual. He said this will be of benefit to both the farmer and road users.

Cllr. J. Carroll said he fully supported Cllr. G. Darcy adding that crossing livestock on a local road is a nightmare.

Cllr. M. O' Meara also supported Cllr. G. Darcy and wondered if it should be raised at the plenary meeting of Tipperary County Council. He commended works carried out recently at Fortmoy Cross and Walsh Park. He asked the Engineer to bear in mind for next year the road to Gurteen college and along by Jackson's Cross adding that it is in poor condition. He referred to sign at Ballycasey turning off the N65 for the R438 causing obstruction.

Cllr. P. Bugler thanked all involved with works at Quarry Lane. She added that there are potholes on Grange Road, there is flooding outside Goosers pub, Ballina and on the Legane road. She asked that the R494 be maintained from Birdhill roundabout to the first bridge. She asked that the Carpark, Ballina be kept on the checklist and try and move same forward. Cllr. P. Bugler called for more signage to be erected near the bridge on the R496. She asked that a clean-up be done in Ballina prior to the Christmas market on Saturday. She asked for an update on flooding at the Boher road.

Cllr. J. Hannigan complimented all involved regarding works at Fortmoy Cross and Walsh Park. He wondered if extra car parking spaces could be made available at the back of Puckane church. He referred to the R493 at Grange where land was acquired by the Council and said that the surface is worn away.

He asked if the Council could look for extra funding for minor roads adding that there are a lot of roads in poor condition and the Council continue to fill potholes however there is never any substantial works done.

Cllr. M. Ryan supported Cllr. J. Hannigan regarding extra funding he said that all minor roads should be brought up to a standard condition. He thanked all involved regarding the lights in Templederry.

Cllr. M. O' Meara supported Cllr. J. Hannigan and referred to his Notice of Motion regarding this matter lodged previously to the plenary meeting of the Council.

Cllr. H. McGrath supported previous speakers and feels that a motion should come from the Municipal District meeting and then proceed accordingly. It was agreed to leave this matter until the 2018 allocation was received. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that it is unlikely the Department will allow borrowing for maintenance works.

Cllr. G. Darcy asked that the following roads be looked at: Killowney, Ballylusky, Knockrue Hill, Cloughjordan, Loughane, Cloughjordan and Munlusk, Aglish. He noted the item for speed indicator on Step Road, Cloughjordan is removed from checklist.

Members agreed that a notice of motion should be submitted to the plenary Council seeking grant funding in relation to underpasses.

Item 10. To consider Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion No. 1249 submitted by Cllr. Mattie Ryan

“That Nenagh Municipal District erect signs on the forestry roads to warn motorists of deer’s crossing especially on the R497”

The motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. P. Bugler. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-

The Council is aware of an increasing number of complaints from road users in relation to the risk posed by deer crossing public roads. This is an issue which transcends District and County boundaries. The Council has erected signage in some locations but it is of the opinion that these have very little effect in practice.

A general discussions took place on this matter and it was agreed that that a letter be sent to the Road Safety Authority and National Parks and Wildlife Service querying the position in relation to culling of deer herds together with considering a national approach on alleviating the risks concerned.

Notice of Motion No. 1250 submitted by Cllr. Mattie Ryan

“That Nenagh Municipal District cut overhanging trees on regional roads”

The motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-

Under the 1993 Roads Act, landowners are responsible for trees and hedges on the boundary with the public road. The Council encourages landowners to cut hedges, trees and overhanging branches on all roads by placing adverts in the local media during hedge cutting season. The Council cannot relieve landowners of their responsibilities under the Roads Act. The issue has been referred to the Roads SPC for further consideration.

Cllr. H. McGrath asked that action be taken with those who receive a Notice but do not carry out any works. He said a lot of damage is done to lorries as a result of overgrown trees/branches, adding that anything under 12 foot should be cut back. This was supported by Cllr’s Carroll and Bugler.

Ms. R. Joyce advised Members that following on from Notice of Motion No. 1191 submitted at the October Meeting by Cllr. M. Meara regarding traffic calming schemes, the Council recently surveyed the speeds through the village of Riverstown. Unfortunately the survey data was compromised due to the traffic calming impacts of emergency utility works in the village while the speed survey was underway. The Council proposes to resurvey speeds through

Riverstown in early January 2018 to obtain a reliable set of results on which to base its full and final response to this motion.

Item 11.

**Delegated
Employee Orders**

A list of Delegated Employee Orders up to 18th December, 2017 as circulated to the members was noted.

Item 12.

Correspondence

Correspondence from Ms. Máire Daly dated 23rd November was noted.

Item No: 13.

**Votes of Sympathy/
Congratulations**

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-

- Mrs. Bernie Grace on the death of Mr. Tom Grace, R.I.P.
- Mr. Ger Darcy on the death of Mrs. Una Darcy, R.I.P.
- Mrs. Nóra Swan on the death of Mr. Pat Swan, R.I.P.

Votes of Congratulations were passed to the following:-

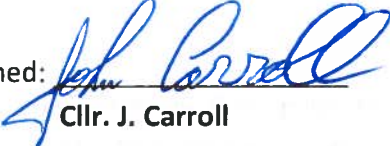
- Mr. Bryan Davis on being selected as Best Overall Winner and Best Start-Up Business in the County IBYE competition regarding Solar Pump Solutions.

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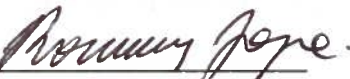
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Cllr. J. Carroll thanked everyone for their co-operation throughout the year and extended best wishes for Christmas and New Year.

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

Signed: 
Cllr. J. Carroll
Cathaoirleach

Date: 18.1.2018

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 18.1.2018