



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 20TH DECEMBER 2018.

Present	Cllr's Mattie Ryan, Fiona Bonfield, Phyll Bugler, John Carroll, Gerard Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath 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 Ms. Auven Melia, Acting Staff Officer. Community & Economic Development:- Ms. Attracta Lyons, Economic Development Officer Culture & Library Services:- Mr. Jess Codd, County Librarian
Apologies	Cllr. Séamus Morris Mr. Karl Cashen, Director of Services and Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian.
Item 1. Minutes of November Meeting	It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that the minutes of the November Meeting held on 15 th November, 2018 be adopted.
Item 2. Action Plan	The Action Plan from the November meeting was noted.
Item 3. To receive briefing from Community/Economic Development	A progress report was circulated to Members. An update was given on the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ LECP – Community➤ Local Development Strategy/Leader➤ SICAP➤ LCDC Team Led Funding Schemes➤ Tipperary PPN➤ Comhairle na nÓg➤ Joint Policing Committee➤ Tipperary Sports Partnership➤ TSP Social Inclusion Programme➤ FAI➤ Strategic Projects Unit EU part-funded Projects➤ LECP – Economic➤ Economic Strategies & Projects➤ Tourism➤ Local Enterprise Office➤ Digital Strategy, National Broadband Plan & Commercial Investment



	<p>Members welcomed the various funding schemes. The following matters were raised: provision of CCTV, the need to widen SICAP to rural areas, provision of MUGA to Borrisokane, wi-fi in rural areas and mobile phone black spots, tourism, illegal hunting, men's sheds, accessibility in rural areas. Members welcomed QUEST Lough Derg which will take place in September, 2019.</p> <p>Members extended good wishes to Ms. Rita Guinan, Head of Enterprise with LEO in her new position with Enterprise Ireland's Exporter Development Division.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy referred to CCTV scheme introduced by Limerick County Council in a number of villages and wondered if Tipperary County Council could look at introducing something similar.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath asked that a letter be sent to Oireachtas members in relation to concerns regarding Garda levels within the county and the need to ensure that Tipperary gets its fair share of new appointments. This was supported by Cllr. M. Ryan.</p>
Item 4. To receive briefing from Culture/Library Services	<p>A progress report was circulated to Members. An update was given on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Library Service➤ Arts Service➤ Heritage Service➤ Museum Service <p>The position in relation to provision of a library in Newport was queried. A discussion took place on digital facilities in libraries.</p>
Item 5. To consider special contributions to Aglish Playground	<p>Ms. R. Joyce advised that it was proposed to give a special contribution of €2,000 towards Aglish Playground to assist the committee in carrying out significant works.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy and seconded by Cllr. M. O' Meara and resolved that a special contribution of €2,000 be made to Aglish Development Association in regard to Aglish Playground.</p> <p>A general discussion took place regarding ownership of playgrounds and the possibility of handing over playgrounds to the Council. Ms. R. Joyce advised members that there is a Playground Policy in place which has been approved by Members which needs to be adhered to.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce advised that a late application under the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme was received from Ballina Tidy Towns and it was proposed to</p>



	<p>allocate €3,000.00 to them.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme the payment of €3,000 be made to Ballina Tidy Towns.</p>
Item 6. To agree date for Sports Awards Evening 2019	<p>Ms. R. Joyce advised that at the CPG December meeting held on 10th December it was agreed to accord Sports Awards Evening as previously requested. It was agreed to hold evening on either the 12th or 13th February.</p>
Item 7. Update on Projects	<p>➤ <u>Newport Town Park</u> Plans are on display until 3rd January, 2019. Submissions and observations can be made to An Bord Pleanála within this timeframe.</p> <p>➤ <u>Gills Garden</u> Landscaping works are taking place. Contractors are Nordon Landscapes. Project is on target – planting will take place in the second week of January. This will be followed by installation of furniture and lights. Expected completion date is end of January.</p> <p>➤ <u>Nenagh Traffic Management Plan</u> We are awaiting the report from Roadplan and will bring same to the January, 2019 MD meeting. Meanwhile work is progressing on design re Emmet Place/Mitchel Street.</p> <p>➤ <u>Nenagh Tourist Office</u> A meeting was held on 6th December with the Architect and Design Consultant. A further meeting will be held in early January.</p> <p>➤ <u>Nenagh 800/Nenagh Castle</u> A meeting of Nenagh 800 Committee took place on Tuesday 20th November, 2018. Next meeting will be in January.</p> <p>➤ <u>Ballina Jetty</u> This is being progressed by Waterways Ireland.</p> <p>➤ <u>Nenagh Leisure Centre – White Flag</u> Nenagh Leisure Centre was presented with an Outstanding National Quality Standard Award from Ireland Active for 2019. The National Quality Standard (previously known as the White Flag Award) is a Leisure Centre and Hotel Leisure award encompassing Safety, Hygiene, Customer Engagement and Human Resources.</p> <p>All members wished to congratulate Tom Mackey and all the staff for their dedication and commitment. Mr. S. Forde and Ms. C. Taplin were present at meeting and thanked members for their comments.</p>



➤ **European Commission WiFi4EU Initiative**

The WiFi4EU initiative promotes free access to Wi-Fi connectivity for citizens in public spaces including parks, squares, public buildings, libraries, health centres and museums in municipalities throughout Europe. Tipperary County Council has secured four vouchers to the value of €15,000 each – these vouchers are to be used to install Wi-Fi equipment in public spaces within the municipality that are not already equipped with a free Wi-Fi hotspot. Match funding will be provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Application has been made to secure one of these vouchers for Nenagh.

➤ **Bord Gais Project**

The focus is now on the reinstatement programme following completion of works.

➤ **New Shannon Crossing at Ballina/Killaloe**

Planning procedures and the Oral Hearing have been completed. Design is underway and is expected to be completed in Q3 2019. Subject to availability of funding, it is anticipated that construction will commence in 2020, taking in the region of 3 years to complete.

➤ **Latteragh**

Part 8 procedures have been completed and design work is underway. The CPO will be advertised early in 2019 with an Oral Hearing to take place in Q3 of 2019.

➤ **Borrisokane**

McAvoy Contracts Limited have been awarded the works contract. Work started on the scheme in November and is now in week 5 of a 52 week programme. Some drainage and footpath works have been completed on the Nenagh approach to Borrisokane with main footpath works leading into the town centre commencing in early 2019.

➤ **Knockalton**

Glas Civil Engineering Limited have been awarded the works contract. Site clearance works have commenced and the scheme will take approximately 6 months to complete.

➤ **Carrigahorrig**

• **N65 Carrigahorrig to Balleiragh Bridge Strengthening**

This scheme involves raising of the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Design work is underway and is expected to be completed in 2019 with construction taking place in 2020.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>N65 Carrigahorrig Bends</u> <p>This scheme involves the improvement of approximately 0.6km of National Secondary Road in the townland of Garryclohy, Carrigahorrig. Design work is underway and is expected to be completed in 2019, with construction taking place in 2020.</p>
Item 8. Update on Roadwork's Programme	<p>A report on the Roadwork's Programme was circulated to members. Members complimented Engineers and outdoor staff on works carried out throughout the year.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath referred to new road at Tyone, from traffic lights to Knights Crescent and said that the footpath is same level as road and asked if this could be looked at.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to the Finnoe Road and wondered if a footpath could be provided. This was supported by Cllr's O' Meara and Darcy.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O' Meara wondered if the Council could provide help in terms of traffic management to help a landowner cut hedges along a busy road. This was supported by Cllr's Darcy, Hannigan and Carroll. Mr. P. Fee said that he would not be in a position to provide such support. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the Council does not have resources to provide traffic management. Mr. M. O' Meara said it's not every landowner who would look for this and said that in 15 years this is the first request from the landowner in question. It was agreed to discuss same with P. Fee.</p>
Item 9. Engineer's Checklist	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to the members.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O' Meara raised concern regarding poor road condition in Ballyoughter and Killeen housing estates.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy referred to update on checklist namely Step road, Cloughjordan to Shinrone - mature trees and said that these are on public area and are not landowner's responsibility. He referred to road at Beechwood from Hackstown Cross and said approximately half a mile of this road is in a shocking state and asked if everything could be done to remedy the situation. He asked that Ruan's road between Ballythomas Cross and Cloughprior be looked at. He said there is flooding at Church Lane, Ballingarry.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to busy junction at bottom of Borrisokane N52/N65 and wondered if anything could be done to improve this junction.</p> <p>Cllr. M. Ryan referred to speeding at Kilcommon cross, even though signs are in place, he wondered if portable speeding signs are an option at this</p>



	<p>location. Mr. P. Fee advised that he would check the speed reading taken when survey was carried out.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to Borrisokane and the possibility of acquiring space to provide a car park for the town which he feels is necessary. Cllr. M. O' Meara supported this and said that the town will lose parking spaces as a result of the works and said that it would help the businesses in the town, adding that there is 8000 traffic movements a day. Cllr. G. Darcy supported previous speakers. Mr. M. O' Connor said that he does not agree that there is a need for a car park in Borrisokane.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath asked that the council consider purchasing property on Sarsfield Street which is currently up for sale which he said could be opened up as an entrance to John's Lane Carpark and this in turn would alleviate traffic congestion at Andy's corner. This was supported by Cllr. P. Bugler. Cllr. McGrath also referred to a water issue at Knight's Crescent and cracks on road across the bog at Bantis.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler referred to the need for a pedestrian crossing at Main St., Ballina. She also enquired about the provision of signage at Finnoe Drive. She emphasised the need to minimise disruption in Ballina coming up to Christmas and to provide information to the business people.</p> <p>Cllr. F. Bonfield referred to problem with speeding at Glenree Estate.</p>
Item 10. Notices of Motion	None
Item 11. Delegated Employee Orders	Noted
Item 12. Correspondence	Correspondence received from Catherine M. Kehoe, Chief Superintendent dated 22 nd November, 2018 was noted.
Item 13. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	<p>Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sadie McGrath on the death of Mr. Pat McGrath, R.I.P.➤ Paddy Darcy on the death of Joe Darcy, R.I.P.➤ Michael Ryan on the death of John Ryan, R.I.P.➤ Donie Comerford on the death of Marie Egan, R.I.P.➤ Donal O' Dwyer on the death of Breda O' Dwyer, R.I.P.➤ Mrs. Peggy Hurley, Carrigatoher in her 102nd year, R.I.P.



	<p>Votes of Congratulations –</p> <p>➤ Newport Athletic Club to extend congratulations to Aimee Hayde on her success in the National Cross Country Championship.</p>
<p>Item 14. AOB</p>	<p>Cllr. H. McGrath wished to remind Members that a Tractor run takes place on Saturday 22nd December and urged everyone to support this event.</p> <p>Mr. P. Fee advised that in regard to the LIS scheme a further two applicants have been contacted.</p> <p>He further advised that an inspection of the L2160 at Shallee would be carried out this afternoon due to deteriorating condition of the bridge, he said following inspection it may lead to a road closure.</p> <p>Cllr. M. Ryan concluded meeting with an overview of 2018 and wished everyone a very Happy Christmas.</p>

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

Signed: Mattie Ryan
Cllr. Mattie Ryan
Cathaoirleach

Date: 17.1.2019

Signed: Rosemary Joyce
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 17.1.2019

