



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

<b>Present</b>	Cllr's Mattie Ryan, Fiona Bonfield, Phyll Bugler, John Carroll, Gerard Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, Michael O' Meara and Séamus Morris.
<b>Also Present</b>	Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Peter Fee, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Donal Murphy, Staff Officer and Ms. Auvén Melia, Assistant Staff Officer.  <b>Planning:</b> Mr. Brian Beck, Senior Planner <b>Water Services:</b> Mr. Gerry Robinson, Senior Executive Engineer
<b>Item 1. Minutes of January Meeting</b>	It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that the minutes of the January Meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019 be adopted.
<b>Item 2. Action Plan</b>	The Action Plan from the January meeting was noted.
<b>Item 3. To receive briefing from Planning Section</b>	<p>A progress report was circulated to Members. An update was given on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Southern Regional and Spatial Economic Strategy</li><li>➤ Design and Best Practice for Cluster Housing Schemes in Rural Villages</li><li>➤ National Planning Framework – Regeneration and Development Funds</li><li>➤ Conservation Grant Schemes</li><li>➤ Taking in Charge</li><li>➤ Number of Planning Applications received</li><li>➤ Enforcement Proceedings</li></ul> <p>Members acknowledged the work Mr. B. Beck continues to do in regard to the RSES and National Planning Framework.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Morris advised that he spoke to an official in the Department of Defence regarding the Military Barracks and was advised that there is no funding to carry out survey. He urged the Executive to consult with the Department of Defence and help find funding to carry out survey.</p> <p>Mr. M. O' Connor advised that no expressions of interest were received regarding Stereame. Developers indicated that it was not economically viable to build houses there in the short to medium term. Discussions are taking place and, if it is likely that</p>



	<p>there will be a better response, there will be a further call for expressions of interest.</p> <p>Mr. B. Beck advised that M. Ryan has taken over as Planner for Nenagh MD as a result of R. O' Donnell departing Tipperary County Council.</p> <p>Members welcomed the low level of refusals.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath referred to the historical quarter of Nenagh and the discussions on the next phase of the Castle development. He also referred to the Gaol Complex which he stated was a valuable asset. He was aware that applications had been made for funding for conservation works. He indicated that he had met Minister Sean Canney and had invited him to come to Nenagh. He also referred to the importance of Shannon Airport and proper investment in same and also Foynes Port.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan expressed disappointment that the application for funding under the URDF for Nenagh had not been successful and emphasized the need to push for the next one.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy indicated that the conservation grant funding was insufficient to meet the needs that exist.</p>
<b>Item 4. To receive briefing from Water Services Section</b>	<p>A progress report was circulated to Members. An update was given on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Irish Water Infrastructure Projects</li><li>➤ Networks Portfolio Delivery</li><li>➤ Irish Water Capital Delivery Programme</li><li>➤ Rural Water Programme</li></ul> <p>Queries were raised by members in relation to North West Regional Water Supply, date for workshop, policy regarding pumping station and policy in relation to charges where a leak has occurred. These were responded to by Mr. G. Robinson who indicated that the Irish Water matters could be raised at the next workshop.</p>
<b>Item 5. Approve funding under Festival &amp; Events Grant Scheme</b>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Festival &amp; Events Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:-</p>



<b>Municipal</b>		
<b>Name of Festival/Event</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Approved</b>
Feile Brian Boru	Tourism	€3,000
Spleodar Halloween Arts Festival	Arts	€10,000
Dromineer Literary Festival	Arts	€5,000
Cloughjordan Honours Thomas MacDonagh	Heritage	€3,000
Irish Youth Circus Gathering	Arts	€3,000
Fleadh Cheoil Co. Thiobraid Arann	Arts	€5,000
St Patricks Day Parade - Nenagh	Community	€10,000
Nenagh Castlefest	Community	€12,000
Terryglass Midsummer Festival	Arts/Tourism	€2,000
The Taste of Nenagh	Tourism	€7,000
Cloughjordan Community Amphitheatre Summer Season 2019	Community	€3,000
<b>Community</b>		
<b>Name of Festival/Event</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Approved</b>
Killoscully Development Association	Community	€500
Ballina/Killaloe St Patrick's Day Parade	Community	€1,000
Kincora Trad Fest	Arts	€1,500
Feile an Aonaigh & Feile & Leachtanna	Com/Arts/Heritage	€500
Birdhill Community Weekend	Community	€500
Newport Traditional Music Festival	Community	€800
Kilbarron/Terryglass Enterprise Group	Community	€800
Ballinderry BEO Festival	Community	€500
Cloughjordan 2019 National Biodiversity	Heritage	€700
Lough Derg Horse & Pony Racing Festival	Comm/Sports/Tourism	€1,800
Newport St Patrick's Day Parade	Community	€2,000
Heritage & Culture Weekend	Heritage	€700
Great National Abbey Court Nenagh Snooker Open	Sports	€800
<b>Item 6. Declaration of Road to be Public – Stereame, Limerick Road, Nenagh</b>	It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved "that pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, this Municipal District hereby agrees to declare the Road serving the area known as Stereame, Limerick Road, Nenagh from its junction with R445 roundabout at Stereame to be public, as per the map which was on public display during the prescribed period and as outlined in the Director of Services Report to the Members dated 18 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019".	



<b>Item 7. To note Nenagh Traffic Management Plan</b>	It was agreed to hold workshop at 9 a.m. prior to the March meeting of Nenagh Municipal District. Pending this, the item on the Nenagh Traffic Management Plan was deferred.
<b>Item 8. Update on Projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b><u>Newport Town Park</u></b> Awaiting determination by An Bord Pleanála – according to their website decision is due by 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.</li><li>➤ <b><u>Gills Garden</u></b> Works are substantially complete. Furniture and plants have been delivered on site. Works scheduled for completion by end of February.</li><li>➤ <b><u>Nenagh Traffic Management Plan</u></b> Previously discussed.</li><li>➤ <b><u>Nenagh Tourist Office</u></b> Works is in progress in relation to securing the design for tourist office/former motor tax office and Banba Square.</li><li>➤ <b><u>Nenagh 800/Nenagh Castle</u></b> Meeting of Nenagh 800 Committee took place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Next meeting scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.</li><li>➤ <b><u>Ballina Jetty</u></b> Work on jetty is completed. Arrangements to be put in place in relation to usage.</li><li>➤ <b><u>Bord Gais Project</u></b> Works are due to commence on 11<sup>th</sup> March on outstanding macadam reinstatements on Limerick Road, Yewston and Stafford Street. Remaining repair works will follow thereafter. Cllr. S. Morris advised that holes are appearing on Summerhill and also junction at Stafford Street/Kenyon Street.</li><li>➤ <b><u>New Shannon Crossing at Ballina/Killaloe</u></b> No further update since last meeting.</li><li>➤ <b><u>Latteragh</u></b> 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.</li><li>➤ <b><u>Borrisokane</u></b> Work started on the scheme in November, 2018 and is now in week 14 of a 52 week programme. The Contractor started on the Nenagh side of the town and is progressing towards the town centre.</li></ul>



	<p>Cllr. M. O' Meara asked that section of road by the Terrace along by graveyard be tarred as early as possible, he also asked that the flowerpot at Fairgreen be removed.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy raised concern at traffic management along by the school.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan asked that the Birr Road N52 in to the bridge be prioritised.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>Knockalton</u></b> Work started on the scheme in December, 2018. The scheme is scheduled to be completed in May, 2019.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>Carrigahorrig</u></b> Design work is underway and is expected to be completed in 2019, with construction taking place in 2020. Cllr. M. O' Meara asked that the Council consult with the TII regarding this project and asked that this be expedited as soon as possible.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>SIRO</u></b> Works on proofing the routes commenced 3 weeks ago in the Tyone area. This work will continue throughout the town in the coming months. Fibre optic cables to be installed following completion of the route proofing.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>N52 Riverstown</u></b> This scheme involves the rehabilitation of approximately 2.1km of pavement in the village, footpath replacement and drainage works and the provision of traffic lights and a footway on the bridge across the Litter Brosna River. 1.6 km of the scheme is in Tipperary, while the remaining 0.5km is in Offaly. Offaly County Council is the lead authority and a Section 85 Agreement is in place between the two local authorities. Construction commenced in Q4 2018 and is now completed.</p> <p>Members complimented all involved on this project.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to the need for a playground in Cloughjordan and this was supported by Cllr. G. Darcy. Ms. R. Joyce advised that state funding was allocated to the Cloughjordan No. 1 N.S. for a community playground. She advised that she would check progress.</p>
<p><b>Item 9. Engineer's Checklist</b></p>	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to the members.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy queried the position in relation to the annual meeting with TII and asked that traffic calming in Ballingarry</p>



	<p>village be discussed at this meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. F. Bonfield asked for update on bridge at Pound Road, Newport.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Morris referred to speeding at Tyone and said that residents are finding it difficult to get out their own driveways. He also said that there are potholes outside Arrabawn Co-Op in Tyone. He asked that the road surface on William Street be looked at. Following on from taking Harbour View and Derg Manor, Dromineer in charge he wondered when the required works will be carried out. Referring to flooding on the road leading into Kilruane graveyard, he advised that additional works are required to alleviate the problem. Referring to Kenyon Street Graveyard he asked that the council take on maintaining this graveyard. He thanked the current caretaker for all his work.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Carroll said there are two pinch points coming from the Clare side leading into Quarry Lane and asked if something could be done.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy referred to works carried out recently on Gourdeen Bridge, Cloughjordan road and said he is concerned at the height of the walls, adding that they are very low and asked that they be looked at. He referred to flooding at Abbey Retail, Martyrs Road and asked that this be looked at also. Road from Newtown to Kyleashinnaun, Cloughjordan by the county bounds needs attention he said, adding that more than patching is required. He requested an additional street light at Ballysteena, Modreeny.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath raised concern at current situation on Dublin road when dropping off children for school and wondered if a pedestrian crossing could be provided between school entrance and swimming pool.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O' Meara asked that signage at Firpark Cross on N52 to Aghlish be improved. He raised concern at the condition in Ballyoughter and Killeen housing estates and wondered when works would be carried out.</p>
<p><b>Item 10.</b> <b>Notices of Motion</b></p>	<p><b>Notice of Motion No. 1584 submitted by Cllr. Fiona Bonfield</b> "Following on from numerous representations and from a health and safety point of view I am calling for Tipperary County Council to install a pedestrian footpath from Lacken Park to the soccer pitch at Derryleigh, Newport"</p> <p>This motion was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-</p>



	<p><i>The Soccer Pitch at Derryleigh is located in the 80kph zone approximately 470m from the end of the existing footpath at Cork Road Newport and approximately 850m outside the existing 50kph zone for Newport. The existing roadside boundaries are such that there is little scope for the widening required to facilitate the construction of a footpath without significant land purchase and service diversion. A footpath link to the soccer pitch would involve a direct construction cost of €103,000 in addition to the cost of land acquisition and the diversion of approximately 300m of eircom overhead line. It would also increase demand for public lighting along this section of rural road. Current Council policy is to concentrate its footpath network renewal and improvement resources on the existing network within the 50kph zones of our towns and villages. Footpath extensions such as that called for in this motion cannot be considered under current Council policy.</i></p> <p><b>Notice of Motion No. 1590 submitted by Cllr. Phyll Bugler</b> "Request Tipperary County Council to clean all signs erected by Tipperary County Council and Fáilte Ireland in the Newport Electoral Area especially signs on approach roads into Ballina, Newport, Portroe, Newtown, Silvermines, Birdhill, Rearcross etc. The signs are extremely unsightly and need to be cleaned in the interest of safety and tourism"</p> <p>This motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-</p> <p><i>A sign cleaning programme is currently underway. A high priority has been given to the cleaning of road safety related signage and signage on the approaches to our towns and villages.</i></p> <p><b>Notice of Motion No. 1605 submitted by Cllr. Michael O' Meara</b> "I request the TII to extend the Borrisokane N52 redevelopment scheme out to the speed limits on the Nenagh side of the town and encompass the Bushypark area. This would slow down traffic, and make it safer for the public accessing the nursing home and filling station in this area".</p> <p>This motion was proposed by Cllr. M. O' Meara and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy.</p> <p>Mr. O' Connor advised that if there is funding available when this project is nearing completion that maybe this can be considered.</p>
<b>Item 11. Delegated Employee Orders</b>	Noted



<b>Item 12. Correspondence</b>	<p>The following correspondence was noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Department of Housing, Planning &amp; Local Government dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019 regarding election posters.</li><li>➤ An Garda Síochana dated 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 regarding Borrisokane Garda Station.</li><li>➤ Office of the Chief Executive Officer, UL Hospital Group dated 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 regarding University Hospital Limerick.</li><li>➤ Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht dated 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 regarding control of wild deer.</li></ul>
<b>Item 13. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations</b>	<p>Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Josephine Tierney on the death of Mr. John Tierney, R.I.P.</li></ul> <p>Votes of Congratulations -</p> <p>None</p>
<b>Item 14. AOB</b>	<p>The following dates were agreed for upcoming meetings:-</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> March 2.30 p.m. – Workshop on Roadworks Programme</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 a.m. – Community Safety Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Drainage Committee Meetings to follow after the April meeting.</p> <p>Members extended good wishes to Paul Keane, Executive Engineer on his departure from Tipperary County Council.</p> <p>Mr. P. Fee advised that 17 applications have been received in respect of CIS and 14 in respect of the LIS scheme.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O’ Meara referred to the €1200 maximum contribution under LIS Scheme and wondered if this applies to the CIS also? Mr. P. Fee advised that he would revert to him on this.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Carroll queried the position in relation to Environmental Awareness Officer adding that it has been vacant for some time.</p>

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

Signed:   
**Cllr. Mattie Ryan**  
**Cathaoirleach**

Date: 21.3.19

Signed:   
**Ms. Rosemary Joyce**  
**District Administrator**

Date: 21.3.19