



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019.**

**Present** Cllr's Mattie Ryan, Fiona Bonfield, Phyll Bugler, John Carroll, Gerard Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, Michael O' Meara and Séamus Morris.

**Also Present** Mr. Karl Cashen, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Peter Fee, A/Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Auvén Melia, Assistant Staff Officer.

**Environment:** Ms. Marion O' Neill, Senior Executive Officer and Mr. Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer.

**Apologies** Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services  
Cllr. M. Ryan welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He wished Mr. M. O' Connor a speedy recovery.

He proposed a minute's silence as a mark of respect to Mr. Brian Dunne on the death of his father, Tony, that took place earlier that morning. A vote of sympathy was proposed to Brian, John, Carol and Aimee and all the Dunne family. All present wished to be associated with this vote of sympathy.

**Item 1. Minutes of December Meeting** It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that the minutes of the December Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 be adopted.

**Item 2. Action Plan** The Action Plan from the December meeting was noted.

**Item 3. To receive briefing Environment** A progress report was circulated to Members. An update was given on the following:-

- Infrastructure & Maintenance
- Civic Amenity
- Community Services
- Control of Dogs
- Control of Horses
- Derelict Sites
- Litter Enforcement
- Public Awareness
- Waste Management
- Tidy Towns
- Environment Protection
- Climate & Energy
- Complaints



The following matters were discussed:

- Possibility of organising a training course for Burial Ground Committees to attend regarding carrying out of small heritage works.
- Neutering of dogs in conjunction with Tipperary Friends of Animals.
- Increase of fly-tipping after Christmas period.
- Limited parking at Cloughprior burial ground at funeral times.
- Volume of packaging associated with groceries.
- Request for "no dumping" sign at Moanfin.
- 'Pick your Parish' concept – for Tidy Towns clean-ups

Cllr. M. Ryan asked for an update on the position on culling of deer herds. It was agreed to correspond with the Department on this.

Cllr. S. Morris asked for report on the number of dogs picked up, re-homed, put down etc. Cllr. S. Morris referred to the Military Barracks and asked that the Council commence proceedings for the issuing of a dereliction notice on the site. He proposed that we correspond with the Department of Defence to ascertain what their proposals are to eliminate dereliction on this site. This was agreed by members.

**Item 4.  
To agree  
proposals in  
relation to  
allocation of  
GMA 2019**

Some members felt this area could be used to help with urban regeneration, additional parking for CBS and the possibility of housing. Some members were anxious that this property be restored and it could be seen as a focal point for Nenagh town. Proposals in relation to the General Municipal Allocation were circulated to Members. Ms. R. Joyce outlined the proposals for 2019. Members were concerned at the proposed reduction of €4,000 under D0905 – Christmas Lights/Festivities, they were disappointed with the proposed elimination of €20,000 under D0601 – Tidy Towns Initiative for High Performance Centres.

Members adjourned the meeting for 5 minutes to discuss the matter further. On reconvening it was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. M. O' Meara and agreed that budget under Contributions to Local Organisations (F0401) be reduced from €25,000 to €21, 000 and that this €4,000 be distributed to Christmas Lights/Festivities (D0905) for Borrisokane, Newport, Cloughjordan and Ballina.

**Item 5.  
To note  
Nenagh  
Traffic  
Management  
Plan**

The final report from consultants, Roadplan, will be brought before Members for noting at the February, 2019 meeting.



**Item 6.  
Update on  
Projects**

➤ **Newport Town Park**

Plans and particulars were on display until 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019. During this time 7 submissions were received by An Bord Pleanála. We now await their determination.

➤ **Gills Garden**

The contractors are now back on site and are on schedule. Furniture will be installed in the near future.

➤ **Nenagh Traffic Management Plan**

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Cllr. H. McGrath referred to two bus stops at Stereame and asked if a bus shelter could be provided at each location. Cllr's Morris and Darcy supported this. Mr. P. Fee advised that the Council will seek funding regarding same. Cllr. O' Meara asked that a bus shelter be considered for Borrisokane too which serves Nenagh and Limerick.

➤ **Nenagh Tourist Office**

A further meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> January with the Architects – Healy Partners to look at the project in the context of the Tourist Information Office, the works to Banba Square under the Town & Village Renewal Project and the works to the former Motor Tax Office. Pre-planning consultation will take place in February with a view to bringing Part 8 before the members in the first half of 2019.

➤ **Nenagh 800/Nenagh Castle**

The next meeting of Nenagh 800 Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February.

➤ **Ballina Jetty**

This is being progressed by Waterways Ireland. Design has been approved for supply and implementation by L & M Keating in conjunction with Inland and Coastal Marine Systems. It is anticipated that the works will be carried out in Q1, 2019.

➤ **Bord Gais Project**

Tipperary County Council will be meeting with Gas Networks Ireland/Ervia in the next fortnight with a view to closing out the project in the coming months.

Concerns were raised regarding the business sector on Dublin road and members hoped works would be completed as expediently as possible. Mr. P. Fee advised that works had to be phased out as there are four different schemes taking place, namely gas, sewerage, electricity to Arrabawn and drainage, he said that the current works should be completed in 6 weeks.



Works to footpaths will take place thereafter followed by extending drainage up to Rossa Place, this then will be followed by resurfacing the road.

Cllr. S. Morris wondered if contact has been made with the business section, Mr. P. Fee confirmed that there was.

➤ **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**

Work started on the scheme in November and is now in week 10 of a 52 week programme. The contractor is back to work after the Christmas break with planned main footpath and ducting works to progress towards the town centre in the coming month.

➤ **Knockalton**

The contractor is back to work after the Christmas break and site clearance works are ongoing. The scheme is scheduled to be completed by the first week in May.

➤ **Carrigahorrig**

No further update since last meeting. Cllr. M. O' Meara asked that Carrigahorrig traffic calming be discussed at forthcoming meeting with TII.

➤ **Sporting Awards Evening**

Proposed date for Sports Awards Evening is Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

➤ **SIRO**

SIRO will be commencing works within the next month in Nenagh. Initially works will commence in Tyone with the installing of fibre optic cables.

Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to a business in Ballyanny which is just 300 metres short from a broadband connection, he said it is a huge employer and action is immediately required. Cllr. G. Darcy supported Cllr. J. Hannigan adding that the business is hugely affected by lack of broadband.



**Item 7.  
Engineer's  
Checklist**

The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to the members.

Cllr. M. O' Meara said that the road going into Sharragh pig farm is in a terrible condition and asked that the Engineer meet with him and the farm manager.

Cllr. G. Darcy raised concern regarding the hump back bridge at Behamore, Cloughjordan on the border with Offaly, he asked that we work with Offaly in a view to getting works done. Referring to update on checklist – road between Ballythomas and Cloughprior, Cllr. Darcy said there are potholes on road. He referred to flooding taking place along by Ryan's, Morgan's and Spillane's on the edge of Ardcroney, he asked that Engineer meet at location to discuss options available.

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to road at Boston on the Birr side of Old Birr Road and said that this road is very dangerous with dykes on one side. He advised that there are outstanding issues that need to be addressed in Riverstown. He also referred to the importance of opening the inlets before heavy rainfall occurs.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to road closure at Shallee and asked for current update. Referring to the Silvermines village he asked that the council consider public lighting from the village out the Dolla road (R499) which is within the speed limit adding that there are no lights there at all. Mr. P. Fee advised that there is light traffic allowed on road at Shallee, he anticipates that it will be middle of July before the road is re-opened.

Cllr. G. Darcy said that the road surface is very poor on N52 from Ballinwear to the Ballalley and at the northern side of Ardcroney at Lisgoriff, he asked that this too be included for discussion at TII meeting. Cllr. J. Hannigan supported this. Mr. P. Fee advised that these issues have been raised with TII and said that road north of Ardcroney is in their 3 year plan and it is hoped to have works carried out in the current year.

Cllr. S. Morris asked if the Council can investigate why a light in Ballycommon was removed. Mr. P. Fee confirmed he would investigate this matter further. In addition to the above Cllr. S. Morris asked that a survey be carried out on public lighting in villages to see if there is lighting within the speed limits as per our own policy. Mr. P. Fee advised that there are a number of villages where public lighting is not out to speed limit, he said it is the Council's objective to focus on upgrading the current public lighting rather than installing additional lights.

Cllr. J. Hannigan welcomed works at Grange however he wondered if further works could take place to realign the road adding that land was purchased previously for this reason. He asked if "minor



road fund" could be reintroduced by the Department. Cllr. G. Darcy supported this. Mr. P. Fee confirmed the name of the scheme as Specific Grant Scheme for Regional Roads and he said that the Department is aware that many local authorities want this scheme reintroduced. He further advised that the Department would see works at Grange as two schemes rather than one.

Cllr. H. McGrath referred to the area at Teach an Léinn, Kenyon Street and said that this area needs to be enhanced and has huge potential. He asked that the Council works with the new owner of property on the corner.

**Item 8.  
Notices of  
Motion**

**Notice of Motion No. 1563 submitted by Cllr. Seamus Morris**  
"That the Nenagh Municipal Council ban the use of all plastic election posters for the May, 2019 Local and European Elections in the Nenagh/Borrisokane election area"

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

*'While it is appreciated that the context in which this motion is brought forward is the worldwide issues with plastics and the damage caused by them to the environment, neither Nenagh Municipal District nor Tipperary County Council has the authority to implement a ban on the use of election posters either in the Nenagh/Borrisokane election area or any other part of the county.*

*Legislation in relation to election posters was brought in to regulate the erection and removal of election signage so as to avoid same being considered as 'littering' during an election/referendum campaign. The legislation provides that posters may only be erected for a certain specified time period before an election. This time period is **either** (a) 30 days before the poll date or (b) from the date the polling order for an election has been made, whichever provides the shorter period of time. Posters must be removed within 7 days of polling day. These requirements for election posters are set out under Section 19 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and the Electoral (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2009.*

*It would require a change in legislation to ban election posters. Outside of that you are depending on the goodwill of each candidate – which would include candidates who are not sitting members. The only other control that can be implemented is the removal of posters that are a road traffic hazard.*

*If members are generally in support of the motion, it could be referred to the Plenary Council requesting that they write to the relevant Minister to seek a change in legislation providing for a ban on election posters'.*



A discussion took place on the worldwide effects of plastics and the damage caused by them to the Environment. Some members felt it was unfair to new candidates if this ban was imposed, others felt that a designated area for posters would be beneficial.

It was agreed by Members that the Council correspond with the Department to seek a change in legislation to provide for a ban on plastic election posters.

**Notice of Motion No. 1564 submitted by Cllr. Seamus Morris**  
"That Tipperary County Council puts a nameplate in place in Woodview Close"

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

*'The provision of a name plate at Woodview Close, Nenagh is in keeping with the Council policy to provide name signs or name plates at entrances to all Council estates in Nenagh. The Council has undertaken a survey of Council estates in the town and Woodview Close is the last remaining residential without a name plate/sign. The Council will provide a name plate for Woodview Close in 2019'.*

Cllr. M. O' Meara said the Council should have a policy in place to provide signs/name plates, Cllr. G. Darcy supported this. Ms. R. Joyce asked Members if there were any other council estates within Nenagh MD without a name plate to advise the Council. None

**Item 9.  
Delegated  
Employee  
Orders**

**Item 10.  
Correspondence**

Correspondence received from Colette Cowan, Group Chief Executive, University Hospital Limerick dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 was noted. Cllr. S. Morris again raised concern about the number of patients on trolleys in the Emergency Department and called on HSE Mid West Region to re-open Nenagh and Ennis Accident and Emergency Units, on a 24 hour basis, until such time that Limerick has a proper plan in place to deal with over-crowding. It was agreed that correspondence be sent again regarding these concerns.

Ms. R. Joyce advised Members that a series of consultative workshops on a feasibility study for Pilgrim Way along the Shannon Erne Waterway will take place in early February and that Members were invited to participate in these workshops. An email will be circulated with further details. Members welcomed this



new initiative.

**Item 11.  
Votes of  
Sympathy/  
Congratulatio  
ns**

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-

- Mr. Brian Dunne on the death of Mr. Tony Dunne, R.I.P.
- Mr. Dan Ryan on the death of Mrs. Breda Ryan, R.I.P.
- Mr. Noel O' Meara on the death of Mr. Denis O' Meara, R.I.P.
- Mr. Bobby Quigley on the death of Mrs. Una Quigley, R.I.P.

Votes of Congratulations –

None

**Item 12.  
AOB**

Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to public transport and asked for an audit to be carried out of taxis and hackneys, adding that there is a lack of transport at night time. He added that the new legislation on drink driving is having a major impact on rural areas. He asked that the whole situation be revisited.

Cllr. M. O' Meara supported this and said he is aware of many people working in the hostelry sector who are very concerned. Cllr. J. Carroll was of similar view adding that people bringing in these laws are city based and are destroying rural Ireland. He said that small local establishments are being affected. It was agreed that the matter would be referred to the Community & Economic Development Section for attention.

Mr. Peter Fee reminded members that the deadline for CIS and LIS applications is 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to the A.N.C. Scheme and advised that 79 townlands in the county of Tipperary are being excluded from the scheme for 2019. He advised that he has submitted a Notice of Motion to the plenary council meeting requesting the Local Authority to contact the Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to request that the townlands be reinstated to the scheme for 2019 and he asked for the members support. Cllr. M. O' Meara supported Cllr. J. Hannigan and said that this really affects the small landowners as there is a requirement to have 30 hectares to receive full grant.

Cllr. H. McGrath advised members that the St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2 p.m. in Nenagh, he said this will be the 10<sup>th</sup> parade in a row and would encourage groups and clubs to participate in this event.

Cllr. M. O' Meara asked that the council write to the Chief Superintendent and express their disappointment at the number of Gardaí deployed in the Roscrea and Borrisokane areas. This was supported by Cllr. H. McGrath adding that Toomevara should also be addressed.





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

Signed: *Mattie Ryan*  
Cllr. Mattie Ryan  
Cathaoirleach

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2019

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

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2019

