



**Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann**  
Tipperary County Council

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD, NENAGH AT 10.00 AM ON 21ST JULY 2016**

**Present:**

Cllrs. Fiona Bonfield, Ger Darcy, Mattie Ryan, Phyll Bugler, Seamus Morris, Joe Hannigan, John Carroll and Hughie McGrath.

**Also Present:**

Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Service; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. P. Fee, A/ Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Aidan Fennessey, Senior Executive Officer; Ms. Michèle Maher, Senior Staff Officer; Ms. Attracta Lyons, Economic Development Officer; Ms. Eleanor Forrest, Local Enterprise Office and Lorraine Treacy, Staff Officer.

**Apologies:**

Cllr. M. O' Meara

It was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath, seconded by Cllr. S. Morris and resolved that the meeting be adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect to former Town Councillor Jimmy Moran.

Cllr. H. McGrath said that Jimmy Moran was very proud to have been the last sitting Mayor of Nenagh Town Council and it was fitting that the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect to him.

Cllr. S. Morris said that Jimmy Moran was a hard worker and was very proud to be a Councillor. He said that he will be a great loss to all and in particular to his family.

Cllr. J. Carroll said Jimmy Moran was a dedicated public representative and a proud Nenagh man. He said he was a straight talker, honourable, was a tireless worker for the elderly and will be sadly missed by all.

Cllr. G. Darcy said that he had become good friends with Jimmy Moran when he was the last Mayor of North Tipperary County Council and Jimmy was the last Mayor of Nenagh Town Council. He was great company and was to be commended for his hard work particularly with the elderly. He was a great character and would be sadly missed.

Cllr. M. Ryan wished to be associated with all the tributes and said that Jimmy looked on Nenagh as his baby.

Cllr. P. Bugler said that Jimmy was generous with his time and asked that condolences be passed on to Jimmy's family.

Mr. Marcus O' Connor said he would also like to be associated with the vote of sympathy.

The meeting then adjourned for five minutes as a mark of respect.

#### **Item 1**

##### **Minutes of Annual Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 be adopted.

#### **Item 2**

##### **Minutes of June Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that the minutes of the June Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 be adopted.

#### **Item 3: Action Plan**

The Action plan from the June meeting was noted.

#### **Item 4.:Briefing from Housing Staff**

Mr. A. Fennessey circulated a report in relation to housing with particular emphasis on the Nenagh Municipal District and went through the details of same.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to the houses proposed to be provided in Cloughjordan and expressed concern that the proposal may now be reduced to two houses because of lack of land. In response Mr. A. Fennessey advised that there was a piece of land adjacent and this would be looked at.

Cllr. S. Morris acknowledged the work done by housing. He referred to vacant houses and suggested writing to the Department asking for resources to carry out a review of vacant houses with a focus on

making town centre houses liveable again. He also referred to changes in rent limits.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the importance of the energy efficiency works and said that solar systems should be mandatory for all new houses.

Cllr. J. Hannigan called for a pilot scheme to get people into unoccupied houses and to have an initiative to incentivise this and encourage owners to sell these houses.

Cllr. H. McGrath referred to the Tenant's Handbook which had been introduced. He considered there should be exemptions for older houses which could be expensive to maintain.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to Castlewood and the contract with Tuath. He said that the contract was running out that day. He called for a meeting to be held with residents before any contract was signed. He said that the residents were not happy with Tuath and that Tuath had broken the Service Level Agreement. There was a need to achieve resolution on the snag list before any new contract was entered into.

Mr. A. Fennessey responded to queries from members. He gave details of the turnaround time in relation to Council vacant properties. He advised that the rent limits were applying from 1<sup>st</sup> July and there was a need to allow these to bed down. In relation to Tuath he stated that a meeting had been held in May and a further meeting would be held soon. He considered that issues could be resolved and he would attend the next meeting with a view to achieving final resolution. No decision had been made on a new contract as yet however they were getting to the stage that matters could be addressed through a new contract.

Mr. Fennessey stated that the Tenant Handbook had been introduced to achieve consistency as there had been a lot of different practices in place across the different local authorities. There would be some level of flexibility in implementation in the transition in hardship cases. Individual cases could be looked at however he did not agree that the age of the house should be the deciding factor. In relation to the proposals for putting a scheme together he advised that there had been a pilot scheme in Waterford and the Department would have the results of this. He would anticipate that the Department will be liaising with housing staff on this.

**Item 5: Briefing from  
Community & Economic  
Development Staff**

Attracta Lyons & Eleanor Forrest attended and circulated a report on the area of Community & Economic Development. Members welcomed the report and raised a number of queries which were responded to.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the importance of sports tourism and paid tribute to the number of organisations in the area who are active in this regard. He referred in particular to the Birr Polo Cross Club who had held a four nations tournament in Nenagh and requested that a letter of thanks be issued to them.

He also referred to the upcoming event being held by Lough Derg Yacht Club and called on the councillors in other Municipal Districts to attend the opening event saying it was important that all the members saw what was to offer and the potential for high value tourism. He also called on all soccer clubs and organisations to roll out flags to welcome the FAI to Tipperary. He praised them for bringing their AGM to Tipperary and called on the GAA and the IRFU to also take their AGMs to rural counties.

Cllr. F. Bonfield referred to queries submitted by her in relation to LEADER.

Cllr. J. Hannigan complimented them on their report and asked what the public representatives can do to encourage areas to get involved to access opportunities. He suggested a workshop in the Municipal District area. He enquired if the Lough Derg Stimulus Fund was a once off or if there would be more funding available. He referred to the call by Fáilte Ireland for large scale projects and said consideration should be given to the provision of facilities such as camping and caravan parking. He also spoke of the Lough Derg Way, Slí Éala and the Nenagh River to Portumna Bridge. There were a number of different walks and each community was doing their own thing. There was a need to pull them together.

Cllr. J. Carroll also welcomed the presentation and referred to the REDZ Scheme. He referred to the potential to link up the lake and said it was a natural part of our heritage and was an asset in terms of recreation and amenity.

Cllr. P. Bugler enquired as to who would be marketing the Lough Derg Canoe Trail. She referred to the need for camping sites and said it was important that villages on the lake would have these facilities as more and more people were touring.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to the upcoming family gatherings of the Gleeson and Kennedy clans. He also referred to events in Lorrha, Terryglass and Cloughjordan and the Taste of Lough Derg.

A Lyons advised that there were two independent evaluation committees who would make a recommendation to the LCDC who are the decision makers in relation to LEADER funding. There was a requirement to submit an expression of interest. If applicants were eligible they would be given support in making the application.

The REDZ scheme was a pilot project and it was intended that there would be another call. A Town & Village Renewal Scheme is currently being developed nationally and details are not yet available. It would be possible for the Municipal District to organise a workshop if they wanted to. She stressed the importance of applicants ensuring that they are registered with the correct person. She also referred to the Tourism Diaspora Programme which provided funding for events attracting overseas visitors and to the area of Water Conservation/Water Framework Directive advising that public meetings are being held in relation to the River Suir.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the importance of rivers and connecting people with them in view of their importance in terms of nature, ecology, biodiversity and heritage.

A Lyons said that the Canoe Trail would be marketed through the Lough Derg Marketing Company. She advised she would give feedback to her colleagues on matters raised in relation to camping sites and links to canoe trails.

E Forrest stated that the draw down date for the REDZ funding was 31<sup>st</sup> July however the Ormond Way had applied for an extension. In relation to LEADER and LEO she said a protocol was being put in place at national level to provide clarity as to who supports what. This was not yet finalised.

**Item 6.**  
**Declaration of Public Roads**

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that a public consultation process had been undertaken in respect of the proposals to declare the following roads to be public roads:

- a) Road from its junction with L-60550-2 (Cornode east side) via Lough Derg Way, ending at junction L-60561-0 (Cornode west side).
- b) The Millennium Cross Access Road and Parking Area, Cloneybrien, Portroe.

He advised that there had been no submissions in relation to the road at Cornode. There were two submissions in relation to the Millennium Cross Access Road and the responses to these were outlined in the report. He outlined the financial implications in respect of both roads and advised that the Council was recommending that they be taken in charge.

Cllr. J. Carroll welcomed the positive interaction and said there was positive engagement on both issues. He advised that the road at Cornode was heavily used and he hoped that patching would be carried out next week.

It was proposed by Cllr. John Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Seamus Morris 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:

- **Cornode, Garrykenny, Co. Tipperary**

to be public and, as per the map which were on public display during the prescribed period and as outlined in the Director of Service Report to Members for the July 2016 Municipal District Meeting."

It was proposed by Cllr. John Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Seamus Morris 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:

- **Millennium Cross Access Road and Parking Area, Cloneybrien, Portroe, Co. Tipperary**

to be public and, as per the map which were on public display during the prescribed period and as outlined in the Director of Service Report to Members for the July 2016 Municipal District Meeting."

Cllr. J. Hannigan enquired as to the position of roads which were not public roads and had a number of people living on them. Mr. M. O' Connor said that if these were local roads which were not public they could not be done under current schemes. The Local Improvement Scheme was available in the past for such roads however this was discontinued. There was a reference in the Programme for Government of a move towards re-activation but no details were available as yet.

**Item 7:**  
**Update on Projects:**

**Newport Town Park**

Ms. R. Joyce advised that the Council is still trying to pursue land acquisition.

**Gills Garden**

Ms. L. Treacy advised that a meeting had taken place with the Consultant. It is expected to go to tender for the works by the end of October and commence works on site by the end March/beginning of April. Estimated completion date is end of June.

**Nenagh Traffic Management Plan**

Ms. R. Joyce advised that a meeting has been held with the consultant to discuss the submissions received. She advised that it was proposed to hold a workshop with the members in September followed by a further public meeting. Following discussion it was agreed that the workshop should be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. followed by public meeting at 7 p.m.

**Borrisokane Street Renewal**

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that a consultant had been engaged to look at landscaping. The Part VIII was almost finalised. TII had specifically mentioned Borrisokane in their programme of schemes for 2017. The next step was the completion of the Part VIII and bringing that back to members. Cllr. G. Darcy welcomed this news and asked that the plans would be available for inspection in the Library in Borrisokane. Mr. M. O' Connor said this would be done when the Part VIII documents were available. He also said that Mr. Michael Devery would be available to meet people and go through the plans by appointment.

**Bord Gais Project**

Mr. M. O' Connor advising that the project was progressing well. While it was disruptive it was important to remember that this was a very big scheme and would be very beneficial to the town.

**Community CCTV Scheme**

Ms. L. Treacy advised that exact costings for the project were being finalised. When the costs are known a further meeting of the committee will take place.

**Shannon River Crossing at Ballina/Killaloe**

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the Judicial Challenge had been

refused. The appellant had sought leave to appeal however this was refused. Clare County Council was now proceeding to serve Notices to Treat on landowners.

#### **R498 Latteragh**

Mr. M. O' Connor said there had been a public presentation in relation to this and a number of meetings with An Taisce, ESB Fisheries and the Ormond Fisheries Group. The preferred route was option 14. It would now proceed to Part VIII consultation.

#### **Knockalton**

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that temporary work had been carried out. Land had been acquired and the main project would be starting later in the year.

In response to queries from members Mr. M. O' Connor advised that there was an allocation this year for 500m on the Ballyhaden to Birr road. Mr. P. Fee would be meeting with the Mid West Design Office next week. The side streets would be a different pot of money – it would not be funded by TII. The priority was to get the Main Street done.

In relation to Ballina it was expected that the Notice to Treat would be served within the next couple of months. In respect of Newport there was a commitment to funding for the Town Park Project. It was not normally allowed to draw down money in advance. For Knockalton it was necessary to finalise a few issues in relation to services, etc. There may be an advance works contract. While the project will be started before the end of the year it is not expected to be completed by the end of the year. He confirmed that the Council would be subject to Eircom work schedule.

#### **Item 8** **Update on Road** **Works** **Programme**

Mr. P. Fee circulated an update on the Road Works Programme to the members. He advised that ten projects had been completed since the last meeting. The deadline was Friday in relation to tertiary roads. Surface dressing would start the following week in Tom Ryan, G.S.S.'s area and this would be followed by Sean Ryan's area.

#### **Item 9.** **Engineer's Checklist**

Mr. P. Fee went through the updates on the Checklist and responded to queries from members.

Cllr. J. Hannigan requested that the footpaths at Riverstown



Village be added to the checklist. He also referred to the need for the R493 to be upgraded because of its importance to tourism. He said it was a pinchpoint for tourism and heritage and that funding should be sought for its upgrade to accommodate bus tours.

Various items were identified to be included on the next Checklist.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to the need to have a plan of action as to how to tackle flooding blackspots over the coming years and the need to address these in the long term. Some could be easily addressed. With climate change it was important to sit down as a Municipal District and have a plan to deal with flooding.

Mr. P. Fee said the 6-7 worst sites had been identified and application had been made for funding for same. Some flood prevention measures would be incorporated every year.

Following discussion it was agreed to include this on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Item 10.**  
**Notice of Motion**

**Notice of Motion No. 774 submitted by Cllr. S. Morris**

That Tipperary County Council carry out all necessary road and footpath repairs on all the town entrance routes into the centre of Nenagh that have had their Gasworks finished.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce

*“Gas and water network installation works are progressing but works remain on all town entrances and when these works are complete, the footpath condition will be reviewed and an action plan prepared.*

*In the meantime emergency repair works will continue.”*

Cllr. S. Morris said that some of the footpaths at Tyone were very bad and that a number of people had fallen there.

Mr. P. Fee advised that the water will impact on the footpaths in Tyone.

Cllr. J. Carroll said there was a lot of works going on in Nenagh Town. He asked that they be emailed a week in advance so that they would know when the works were moving to a different area

of town.

**Item 11.**  
**Delegated Employee**  
**Orders**

A list of Delegated Employee Orders from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 as circulated to the members was noted.

**Item 12.**  
**Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:

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| 1. Acknowledgment of 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2016 from Department of Environment, Community & Local Government in relation to letter on legislation on taking in charge of estates. |
| 2. Letter from Shannon Heritage dated 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 in connection with Tourist Information Office, Killaloe.   |
| 3. Acknowledgment of 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to letter regarding the Midlands Lakelands area.                  |
| 4. E-mail from HSE dated 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2016 in relation to reception services at Civic Offices, Nenagh.   |

**Item 13.**  
**Votes of**  
**Congratulations/**  
**Sympathy**

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:

- The Moran Family on the death of Jimmy Moran, R.I.P.
- Mr. Paddy O' Donoghue on the death of Mary O' Donoghue, R.I.P.
- Mr. Charlie Cavanagh on the death of Mary Cavanagh, R.I.P.
- Ms. Marie Kearns on the death of Patrick Kearns, R.I.P.

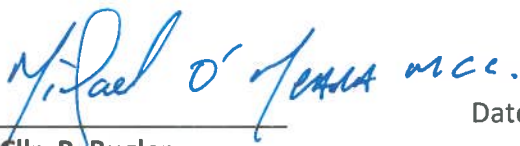
Votes of Congratulations were passed to the following:


- The Tipperary Camogie County Board on the success of the Tipperary Intermediate Camogie Team on winning the Munster Final.
- Mr. Cillian Dunne, Kilbarron on winning three world titles at the IWAS u23 world championships.
- Ms. Sharlene Mawdsley on representing Ireland at the Athletic World Junior Championships.
- Birr Polocrosse Club on holding the four nations competition in Nenagh.
- The Tipperary County Board on the success of the Tipperary Minor and Senior Hurling Teams on winning their respective Munster Finals.

Item 12.  
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None

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

Signed:  Date: 15/9/2016  
Cllr. P. Bugler  
Cathaoirleach

Signed:  Date: 15/9/2016  
Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
District Administrator

