



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JUNE MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 8.30 AM ON 21<sup>ST</sup> June 2018**

**Present** Cllr's John Carroll, Fiona Bonfield, Phyll Bugler, Ger Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, Mattie Ryan, Seamus Morris 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. Aven Melia, A/Assistant Staff Officer.

Mr. B. Beck, Senior Planner, Ms. S. Reidy, Senior Executive Planner and Mr. John Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Services Section.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and agreed that the standing orders be suspended to discuss the Rent Review carried out by Housing Section. A discussion took place on the consequences of the rent review for tenants and it was proposed that correspondence be sent to the Executive, Housing Section to request that they delay introducing rent increases by one month to allow Councillors to have a meeting with the Executive to go through individual cases. All the members agreed with this proposal.

Mr. M O' Connor advised that housing was not on the agenda for the meeting. The housing directorate would be in attendance at the July meeting and the procedure was that housing matters should be raised when housing was present. He also advised that the rent review had been signalled to members at the budget workshop. Members had been given a copy of the presentation from the workshop. The harmonisation was taking place four years after amalgamation. Mr. O' Connor stated that Nenagh was a Municipal District, not a Council and the District does not have the power to delay a decision of the full plenary council. Members could if they wished write as individuals to the full council. Housing staff had already indicated that they were available to deal with individual hardship cases and those with problems should contact housing directly.

**Item 1.  
Minutes of May Meeting** It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that the minutes of the May meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 be adopted.

**Item 9.  
CIS Schemes** It was agreed to take item No. 9 next and this was discussed in committee.

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



It was agreed to take Item 3 followed by Item 5 as Ms. S. Reidy was present.

**Item 3.  
To receive  
briefing from  
Planning Section**

Mr. B. Beck, Senior Planner & Ms. S. Reidy, Senior Executive Planner attended from the Planning Section and circulated a progress report to Members. An update was given on the following:-

- Preparation of Regional and Spatial Economic Strategies (RSES)
- Cluster Guidelines
- Structures at Risk
- Built Heritage Scheme
- Renewable Energy Strategy and Energy in Agriculture Conference
- Taking-in-Charge 2018
- Number of Planning Applications received in 2018
- Enforcement Proceedings in 2018

**Item. 5  
To consider local  
authority own  
development –  
Construction of  
Public Floating  
Mooring Unit at  
Ballina**

Ms. S. Reidy gave an outline of the Chief Executive's Report which included details of the submission period, submissions received, assessment and recommendation.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that pursuant to the requirements of Article 81 of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended and having considered the Chief Executive's Report dated June 2018 the Members of Nenagh Municipal District hereby resolved to proceed with this development as per recommendation.

**Item. 4  
To receive  
briefing from  
Water Services  
Section**

Mr. J. Crowley, Senior Executive Engineer attended from Water Services Section and circulated a progress report to Members. He gave an update on the following:-

- Irish Water Infrastructural Projects
- Networks Portfolio Delivery
- Irish Water Capital Delivery Programme
- Rural Water Programme

**Item. 6  
To consider Civic  
Reception for  
Nenagh Special  
Summer Camp**

Cllr. S. Morris proposed a Civic Reception be accorded to Nenagh Special Summer Camp. He said that this organisation is established since 1987 and is running their 31<sup>st</sup> summer camp this year and he feels it is fitting to accord them a Civic Reception in recognition of their work. Cllr. J. Carroll seconded this proposal. Ms. R. Joyce advised that in accordance with protocol, this request will be forwarded to the Meetings Administrator, Mr. G. Walsh which will be brought forward to the Corporate Policy Group for their approval.

**Item. 7  
Allocation of  
Funding 2018**

**(a) To approve grants to Clubs & Organisations**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the grant scheme to Clubs and



Organisations the payment of grant be made to the following:-

Name of Club/Organisation	Amount
Cloughjordan Table Tennis Club	€300.00

**(b) To consider allocation to Rockvale Cemetery Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that €1000.00 be allocated to Rockvale Cemetery Committee as a result of recent theft of equipment.

In addition to the above Ms. R. Joyce advised that a late application was received from Boru Court Residents Association. Ms. R. Joyce said it was recommended that €400.00 be allocated, this was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath.

**Item 8.  
Update on  
Projects**

➤ **Newport Town Park**

The consultants have been instructed to arrange for the preparation of the Natura Impact Statement. When this has been completed we will arrange to have the proposals put on public display and advertise the public consultation prior to submissions of application to An Bord Pleanála.

➤ **Gills Garden**

The masonry works are now complete. We are awaiting the tender documentation from the consultant in respect of the landscaping contract so that this can be advertised on eTenders.

➤ **Community CCTV Scheme**

Nothing further to report.

➤ **Nenagh Traffic Management Plan**

We are awaiting the tender documentation for the appointment of consultants in respect of the Mitchel Street/Emmet Place Junction and Car Park.

➤ **Bord Gais Project**

Works to be completed by end of August. Works at Railway Crossing at Tyone to take place weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> July.

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

Recommendation is with the Department for the appointment of consultants.

➤ **Latteragh**

No progress - stalled for the interim until documents regarding Borrisokane are completed.



➤ **Borrisokane**

Documentation has been finalised and confirmation from TII is imminent. Following this confirmation it will be advertised on e-Tenders and it is anticipated that closing date for receipt of tenders will be 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. Cllr's Hannigan, O' Meara, Darcy and Morris expressed their frustration that this has not been advertised. Cllr. G. Darcy raised concerns regarding the short timeframe for completion of tenders for such a big project. Cllr. M. O' Meara wanted it on record that he has told the public what he has been told and never told a lie regarding these works. It was agreed that the Executive would advise Councillors once TII have given the go ahead.

➤ **Knockalton**

No progress - stalled for the interim until documents regarding Borrisokane are completed.

➤ **Carrigahorrig**

No progress - stalled for the interim until documents regarding Borrisokane are completed.

➤ **Nenagh Tourist Office**

We are awaiting fee proposal from the architects.

➤ **Garden of Remembrance, Cloughjordan**

The contractor has returned on site and completed seeding and remaining snags therefore the project is nearing Practical Completion Stage. The remaining sculptures will be installed near to the official opening date. Arrangements will now be put in place for the lease of the garden to the Cloughjordan Community Development Council.

➤ **Nenagh 2020/Nenagh Castle**

A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to establish the Committee and agree priorities. OPW have confirmed that they will meet with the Council in relation to the Castle – date to be arranged.

➤ **Ballina Jetty**

Previously dealt with.

➤ **Lewis Lane**

Works are now completed on Lewis Lane which was funded under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme with the exception of some minor snags.

➤ **Retail Excellence**

Nenagh MD has nominated ten businesses in Nenagh Town under the Retail Excellence Scheme under the category of Ireland's Friendliest Town. This was done in conjunction with the Nenagh & District Chamber of Commerce.



➤ **Communities in Bloom**

Judges from Canada and the United States will visit Birdhill on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June in relation to the Communities in Bloom competition.

Concerns were raised regarding grass cutting, Mr. P. Fee advised that there was a contractual dispute going on and he is hoping that this will be resolved very shortly.

**Item 10. Update  
on Roadworks  
Programme**

A report on the Roadworks Programme was circulated to members.

**Item 11.  
Engineer's  
Checklist**

The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to the members.

Cllr. P. Bugler asked that the junctions in Ballina be cut and that Lakelands signage be cleaned.

Cllr. H. McGrath referred to Annabeg bridge and wondered will works be done before end of summer. He advised that he had got a complaint that the sweeper was not sweeping Friar Street.

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to dedication of land at Carrigahorrig and asked that the Engineer follows up with the owner. He referred to the R438 and said that a couple of areas need attention. He referred to an accident at Riverstown and said that the wall at the railway bridge is damaged. At Mr. Dolan's house in Clonmona there is a problem with water he asked that this be looked at. He asked if signage could be erected for Redwood Castle adding that the new signage erected around Lorrha has been of huge benefit.

Cllr. G. Darcy welcomed funding for road in Ardcroney Village. He asked that road leading to Borrisokane cemetery be looked at. He referred to road at Lahorna and asked that the reflectors which are broken be replaced.

Cllr. J. Hannigan asked that the village of Puckane be looked at again with a view to erecting flashing lights. He asked that this too be looked at in Carrig. Referring to Nenagh College and an increase of numbers in the school, he wondered if there was merit in providing a pedestrian crossing near Burke's corner. He said the road at Lisgarriff outside Ardcroney is in bad condition. He referred to road for Carney off the N52 and wondered if it is possible to erect a sign with the road number.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to a gate in Hamilton Drive that is no longer in use and asked if this could be closed up. He wondered if something can be done to stop heavy vehicles using the Summerhill corner. He raised



concerns regarding an overhanging tree on the back road to Garrykennedy. He asked that the sweeper go into Barr an Chnoic, Summerhill. He advised that he had received a complaint regarding the grass cutting in Lisboney Burial Ground.

Cllr. P. Bugler asked that the sign at Finnoe Drive be put up as soon as possible. She wondered if there was any update on flooding at Kilmastulla.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to overhanging branches around Nenagh town that need to be trimmed back as walkers have to step off the footpath and walk on the road.

Cllr. F. Bonfield advised that the North Tipp Wheelers are having an open race day on 8<sup>th</sup> July and she asked that road between Cloughjordan and Nenagh at Ballymackey be looked at prior to the race.

**Item 12.  
Notices of  
Motion**

**Notice of Motion No 1399 - submitted by Cllr. Fiona Bonfield**

“Following on from numerous representations and as a result of some very bad weather during the Spring of 2018 I call on this Council to seriously consider putting sections of roads through the town of Newport onto the next roads programme sooner rather than later.

In particular I am referring to Cork Road and Black Road in Newport. Cork Road is the major through road for traffic from Limerick to Thurles and from Thurles to Limerick. The volume of traffic is quite intense at times and the section of road at Cork Road is completely deteriorated and needs immediate attention.

We also have a very bad section up the Black Road in the town where a number of business owners have approached me looking for something to be done here.

I am looking for a commitment that these two sections be included in the next roads programme and can we confirm when this new roads programme will be drawn up”.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-

*The Council is conscious of the deteriorating condition of the Cork Road, Black Road and the R503 through Newport town. There are no plans in place to carry out the necessary restoration works this year, work in the short-term will be limited to surface maintenance.*

*The sections under consideration are rated at point 4 or less on our*



*pavement condition rating system and will be considered for inclusion in the next 3-year road restoration programme. The Department of Transport has not as yet indicated a clear time-frame for the preparation of this programme, however going on previous experience, one would expect it to be prepared and agreed with Municipal District Members in Q4 of 2018.*

**Notice of Motion No 1400 - submitted by Cllr. Seamus Morris**

“In the light that the Government has announced 10 million euros for affordable rental schemes across the country as part of their Rebuilding Ireland action plan and the fact that there has been very little uptake on this I am asking that Tipperary County council put the Stereame site in Nenagh forward for a pilot affordable rental scheme. The site is fully serviced by roads, sewerage, electricity and water and is owned by the council so it is shovel ready which is favoured by the Government in their search for a full range of housing options. Recent surveys have shown that the private rental market is broken (Threshold) and 80% of first time buyers can't access credit for mortgages (survey by Grenforth finance) and the ridiculously low threshold for council housing are affecting hard working families in Nenagh”.

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

*As this motion primarily relates to Housing it has been referred to the Housing Section for their response. They will be in attendance at the July meeting of the Nenagh Municipal District and will provide a response on that date, when the motion can be fully debated.*

**Item 13.  
Delegated  
Employee Orders**

Noted

**Item 14.  
Correspondence**

The following correspondence was noted:-

- Letter from Colette Cowan, Group Chief Executive UL Hospitals dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 in regard to Overcrowding at University Hospital Limerick.

**Item 15.  
Votes of  
Sympathy/  
Congratulations**

**Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-**

- None

**Votes of Congratulations –**

- Ardcroney N.S. on winning four titles in the Cumann na mBunscoil Hurling Finals held in Thurles recently.



**Item 16.** All members wished Cllr. H. McGrath and the Castle Fest committee every  
**AOB** success with their event to be held weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> June.

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

Signed: Mattie Ryan  
Cllr. Mattie Ryan  
Cathaoirleach

Date: 19.7.18

Signed: Rosemary Joyce  
Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
District Administrator

Date: 19.7.18