



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD, NENAGH AT 10.00 AM ON 13TH JUNE 2019

Present Cllrs. Fiona Bonfield, John 'Rocky' McGrath, John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, Michael O' Meara, Gerard Darcy, Séamus Morris, Hughie McGrath.

Also Present Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator, Ms. Auen Melia, Assistant Staff Officer.

Apologies Cllr. Phyll Bugler.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and agreed that Cllr. H. McGrath would chair the meeting until Item 2 was agreed. Cllr. H. McGrath welcomed his fellow councillors to the annual meeting of Nenagh Municipal District. He congratulated Cllr. J. McGrath on his re-election. He paid tribute to outgoing councillor Mattie Ryan, whom, he said, was a very experienced councillor and achieved a lot in his tenure on the Council. He extended good wishes to him and his family. All members wished to be associated with these sentiments.

Item 1. Names of Members Elected to Nenagh MD The names of the members elected to Nenagh Municipal District were noted in order of election as follows:-
Newport LEA: Fiona Bonfield (Lab), John 'Rocky' McGrath (Non-P), Dr. Phyll Bugler (F.G.) and John Carroll (F.F.)
Nenagh LEA: Joe Hannigan (Non-P), Michael O' Meara (Non-P), Gerard Darcy (F.G.), Séamus Morris (Non-P) and Hughie McGrath (Non-P).

Item 2. Election of Cathaoirleach It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. M. O' Meara and unanimously resolved that Cllr. J. Hannigan be elected Cathaoirleach.

Cllr. J. Hannigan was presented with the chain of office and spoke of his honour and privilege to be elected Cathaoirleach. He thanked the electorate, his canvassing team and his family for their help and support. He congratulated his fellow councillors on being elected and commiserated with those who failed to be elected. He paid tribute to outgoing councillor Mattie Ryan saying he was a great friend, always gave good advice and has achieved a lot. He wished him well for the future. He congratulated Cllr. J. McGrath on his re-election.

Cllr Hannigan said he was looking forward to working with the elected members and the executive. The amount of work carried out to-date is testament to the working relationship between the Executive and Members and he said he is looking forward to



building on this. He thanked the media for their input and fair coverage shown to everyone. He outlined some areas which he hopes to focus on which includes the importance of supporting community groups, the business sector and businesses in towns and villages. He feels that it is important agriculture is also supported. He said it is his intention to promote Nenagh District in whatever way is possible and is looking forward to having Nenagh Tourist Office open and promoting the historic quarter of Nenagh town which will in turn provide much needed revenue into the town. He referred to Newport Town Park and said that he was looking forward to seeing this coming to fruition.

He said there are a number of challenges in housing and roads in respect of which he will continue to strive. He concluded by thanking everyone for giving him this opportunity.

All members congratulated Cllr. J. Hannigan on his election as Cathaoirleach and extended good wishes in his term.

Mr. M. O' Connor congratulated each member of the new council and welcomed back Cllr. J. McGrath. He too wished to pay tribute to outgoing councillor Mattie Ryan and said he was a superb representative of the council and wished him well. He concluded by wishing the new Cathaoirleach well in his term.

**Item 3.
Election of
Leas-
Chathaoirleach**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and unanimously resolved that Cllr. F. Bonfield be elected Leas-Chathaoirleach. Cllr. F. Bonfield thanked her colleagues for giving her this opportunity. She said she was looking forward to working with Cllr. J. Hannigan.

**Item 4.
Consider and
adopt
Standing
Orders**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and agreed that that the draft standing orders as circulated and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act, 2001 be and are hereby adopted.

**Item 5.
Agree
schedule of
monthly
meetings**

A schedule of monthly meetings until December, 2019 was circulated by email to Members. Cllr. S. Morris proposed that meetings take place from 2.30 p.m. onwards. He suggested that this happens on a bi-monthly basis adding that other Municipal Districts have meetings in the afternoon. Cllr. J. Carroll supported Cllr. S. Morris, adding if the Council can accommodate same. Cllr. G. Darcy suggested 2 p.m. however Cllr. S. Morris said that a 2 p.m. start would be tight for him.

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that staff would not be in favour of this proposal on the basis that, as part of the meetings, an update from sections is given, this in turn would leave staff finishing late in the evening. He said the meetings have worked very well in the past and that the majority of MD meetings are held in the



mornings.

Cllr. H. McGrath suggested that the Executive and Members need to meet and discuss options available, suggesting that if the Directorate headquarters is in Nenagh then that meeting would be in the afternoon and if Directorate headquarters were in Clonmel, that meeting would be in the afternoon.

Cllr. M. O’ Meara said he would prefer meetings in the morning however he said that alternate meetings may be possible.

It was agreed that the Executive and the Cathaoirleach meet and discuss what options are available.

It was also agreed that the July meeting would commence at 10.00 a.m.

**Item 6.
Appointment
of members to
boards**

(a) Nenagh Community Arts Centre (3 members)

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that Cllr. H. McGrath be appointed to the board of Nenagh Community Arts Centre.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that Cllr. F. Bonfield be appointed to the board of Nenagh Community Arts Centre.

It was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that Cllr. J. Hannigan be appointed to the board of Nenagh Community Arts Centre.

**Item 7.
To appoint (a)
Elected
Members (b)
External
Members to
Drainage
Committees**

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. M. O’ Meara and resolved that the following be appointed to the Ballycasey Drainage Committee:-

Elected Members	External Members
Cllr. Séamus Morris	Michael Brennan
Cllr. Michael O’ Meara	Willie Armitage
Cllr. Ger Darcy	
Cllr. Joe Hannigan	

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. J. Hannigan and resolved that the following be appointed to the Ballycolliton Drainage Committee:-

Elected Members	External Members
Cllr. Séamus Morris	Pat Keane
Cllr. Michael O’ Meara	Rody O’ Meara
Cllr. Ger Darcy	William Cleary
Cllr. Joe Hannigan	Pat Cleary



It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that the following be appointed to the Borrisokane Drainage Committee:-

Elected Members	External Members
Cllr. Séamus Morris	Lorraine Cahalan
Cllr. Michael O' Meara	Liam Tierney
Cllr. Ger Darcy	Michael Brennan
Cllr. Joe Hannigan	Richard Hogan
	Enda Hogan

It was proposed by Cllr. M. O' Meara, seconded by Cllr. S. Morris and resolved that the following be appointed to the Lorrha Drainage Committee:-

Elected Members	External Members
Cllr. Séamus Morris	Leslie Harding
Cllr. Michael O' Meara	Patrick O' Meara
Cllr. Ger Darcy	Fergal Mahon
Cllr. Joe Hannigan	

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. M. O' Meara and resolved that the following be appointed to the Pallas Drainage Committee:-

Elected Members	External Members
Cllr. Séamus Morris	Eamonn Dolan
Cllr. Michael O' Meara	Jack Deane
Cllr. Ger Darcy	Thomas Duffy
Cllr. Joe Hannigan	

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that the following be appointed to the Kilmastulla Drainage Committee:-

Elected Members	External Members
Cllr. Fiona Bonfield	Tim Young
Cllr. John Carroll	Martin Kennedy
Cllr. Phyll Bugler	Liam Moloney
Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath	Martin Quinn
	Michael Leamy
	John Maher
	Jimmy Quirke

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that the following be appointed to the Bunkey Drainage Committee:-



Elected Members	External Members
Cllr. Fiona Bonfield	Tom McCabe
Cllr. John Carroll	Mathias Allen
Cllr. Phyll Bugler	John Coffey
Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath	Tom Moylan Snr.,
	Michael Aherne

**Item 8.
To nominate
members to
committees
(for
ratification by
Tipperary
County Council
at the July
meeting).**

(a) Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee – (1 member)

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that Cllr. H. McGrath be nominated to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee.

(b) North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Service – (1 member)

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that Cllr. H. McGrath be nominated to the North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Service Committee.

(c) Joint Policing Committee – (2 members)

It was proposed by Cllr. M. O' Meara, seconded by Cllr. S. Morris and resolved that Cllr. H. McGrath be nominated to the Joint Policing Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that Cllr. F. Bonfield be nominated to the Joint Policing Committee.

Ms. R. Joyce advised that the above nominations would be ratified at the County Council meeting in July.

Cllr. H. McGrath referred to the Roads SPC and said it was important to have a representative from Nenagh MD on this SPC. He was advised that a new SPC scheme was coming before members at the July meeting of the plenary council.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the Mid West Regional Task Force and said he feels it is imperative that a representative from Nenagh MD be appointed to this task force. He said he is concerned at the impact drugs is having on families.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the escalating insurance costs which are having a detrimental effect at community level in particular. Cllr. M. O' Meara supported Cllr. J. Carroll adding that the increases are closing down businesses. He asked that a letter be sent to Minister Darcy regarding legislation.

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to families with special needs and said



that issues and struggles need to be highlighted, adding that they are not being provided with a proper service.

Cllr. H. McGrath called on the council to commence a review of speed limits. He highlighted two areas of concern from roundabout on Thurles Road, R498 into Nenagh town along by Tyone and at Belleen on the R494. Cllr. J. McGrath and Cllr. G. Darcy concurred with Cllr. H. McGrath regarding Belleen.

Cllr. J. McGrath highlighted speeding in Newport town and said that ramps are required.

Members wished Cllr. H. McGrath and the Castle Fest committee every success with their event to be held weekend of 21st - 23rd June.

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to the upcoming Lorrha Monastic Conference which takes place Saturday 13th July and wished all associated with same every success with their event.

Cllr. R. Joyce advised members that Mr. P. Keane, Executive Engineer has re-joined the staff of Nenagh Municipal District.

Vote of Sympathy were passed to the following:-

- Karl Cashen on the death of Mrs. Mary Cashen, R.I.P.
- Family of Mr. Johnny McGrath, R.I.P.
- Patsy Noonan on the death of Mr. Jim Noonan, R.I.P.

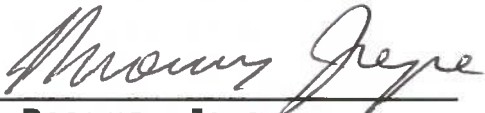
Votes of Congratulations were passed to the following:-

- Mr. Colin Daly on becoming President of the District Court.
- Michael & Emily Hogan on winning the Larry O' Rourke National Produce Stakes in Clonmel Greyhound Stadium with their dog "Grangeview Ten".

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

Signed: 
Cllr. Joe Hannigan
Cathaoirleach

Date: 18/7/2019

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 18/7/2019