



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, LIMERICK ROAD, NENAGH AT 10.00 AM ON 18TH MAY 2017

Present: Cllrs. Phyll Bugler, Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Ger Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, Seamus Morris, Michael O' Meara and Mattie Ryan

Also Present: Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Peter Fee, A/Senior Executive Engineer and Aven Melia, A/Assistant Staff Officer.

Mr. G. Robinson, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Services; Ms. M. O' Neill, Senior Executive Officer & Mr. M. Woulfe, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment

Item 1.
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It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that the minutes of the April Meeting held on 20th April, 2017 be adopted.

Item 2. Action Plan

The Action plan from the April meeting was noted.

Item 3. Briefing from Water Services Section

Mr. G. Robinson attended from Water Services and circulated a report to the Members. He advised that Irish Water has appointed ARUP consultants regarding Nenagh Sewerage Scheme, WWTP & Network Upgrade Assessment. In regard to Ballina & Newport WWTP, Irish Water is appointing consultants.

Cllr. S. Morris said he was surprised to hear that the plant for Nenagh Sewerage Scheme is at capacity. Mr. G. Robinson advised that Irish Water is carrying out an assessment and following on from this, they

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will decide whether an upgrade is necessary or not. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the plant is operating satisfactorily and that Irish Water is looking at what further expansion may require. Cllr. G. Darcy said he welcomes what Irish Water is doing, planning ahead and that it is important for Nenagh that this drives on. He thanked G. Robinson regarding the upgrade at Cloughjordan Wastewater Treatment plant which is near completion.

Cllr. P. Bugler asked for an update on Ballina and Newport Wastewater Treatment Plants. Mr. G. Robinson gave an update on the appointment of consultants by Irish Water. Cllr. P. Bugler asked that this project be kept on a priority list.

Item 4. Briefing from Environment Section

Ms. M. Carroll, Administrative Officer and Mr. Michael Woulfe, Senior Executive Engineer attended from Environment Section and circulated a report to the Members. Ms. M. Carroll advised that Nenagh River Walk project received funding towards the cleanup of a section of the river from Bennett's Bridge to Clarianna Bridge and its promotion as an amenity. This was grant aided under the Anti Dumping Initiative and local groups such as the Ormond Anglers Association will be involved. She said she would welcome any ideas from Members.

With regard to the Environmental Protection issue at the Silvermines, Ms. M. O' Neill advised that an inter-agency group has been set up and held their first meeting on 10th May. She advised that all three farmers are back supplying milk and were notified of the results from the range of Environmental sampling undertaken. Consultants are appointed to carry out sediment sampling and other localised soil sampling. Cllr. J. Carroll welcomed this update and asked that the relevant landowners be communicated with on a regular basis. He also asked that the matter regarding the CPO be raised again with the Department to ensure that they honour their commitments.

Cllr. J. Carroll welcomed funding regarding Nenagh River Walk. He said that a duvet was dumped at Clarianna Bridge recently and asked that the Council get tough on such dumping, be it with cameras to identify the culprits. He said it was only a minority who are destroying our valuable amenities.

Cllr. S. Morris also welcomed this funding and said it was one of the best river walks. He commended Mr. S. Connolly, Enforcement Officer and the Council staff for their work. He said it is important to catch the offending culprits. He called on the Council to put mobile CCTV in areas such as Steppe and Carrhue which are litter black spots.

Cllr. S. Morris requested a report from Environment on the number of dogs re-homed, put down, taken in etc. It was agreed to provide Cllr. S. Morris with this report.

Cllr. G. Darcy supported previous speakers regarding funding for Nenagh River Walk. He referred to a derelict site at the bottom of Main Street, Cloughjordan known as the "Old Mill". He said that the slates on the roof are dangerous.

Cllr. M. O' Meara asked for an update on Shannon Vermicomposting. He said that people are fed up looking at it. He asked when the material would be moved out as this is ongoing for 15 years. He asked for a report on this by the next meeting.

Cllr. H. McGrath supported Cllr. S. Morris regarding litter and thanked Mr. S. O' Brien, Town Foreman and staff in Nenagh Municipal District for their work too. He also referred to Derelict Buildings saying that it is important for streetscape to have the properties in good condition even if they are not in use. He specifically mentioned the Railway Bar, Kenyon Street and said that the six immobiliser blocks in front of the building do not look good. He asked that contact be made with relevant owners with a view to removing same. Mr. M. O' Connor said he would follow up on this matter.

Cllr. F. Bonfield also complimented staff regarding litter control. She referred to a Derelict Site at "The Old Convent", Newport adding that further action needs to be taken. She said that painting a building really does enhance a property. She welcomed the Gum Litter Campaign and asked if this could be rolled out in schools. Ms. M. O' Neill advised that Mr. P. Fee, A/Senior Executive Engineer is working with the owner regarding the Derelict Site in Newport.

Cllr. S. Morris said that a small refuse collector had been collecting refuse from householders around town however he went out of

business as he did not have a pay by weight facility on his lorry and as a result was refused a licence. He warned his colleagues that there may be proposals brought forward in due course to commence charging for recycling at the civic amenity sites.

Cllr. J. Hannigan wondered if it would be possible for the service provider to go back into operation to collect rubbish in inaccessible areas and where there are only small amounts of waste. Cllr. P. Bugler concurred with Cllr's Morris and Hannigan and said it is important for our senior citizens that this service be restored.

Cllr. P. Bugler asked for an update on the new burial ground at Boher. She advised that concrete pipes were dumped in Boru Court, Ballina and said there is rubble there too. She noted there is increased dumping on the R445. In regard to the burial ground, Mr. M. Woulfe advised that it was very difficult to acquire land, however a suitable site has been identified and they are now proceeding to design stage which will be followed by Part 8. It is anticipated that the Part 8 would be completed by the end of this year.

Cllr. J. Carroll advised that in Garrykennedy Burial Ground the existing kerbing is dislodged and the surface at carpark needs to be looked at. He asked for an update on collection of farm plastics and paint tins. He welcomed that CCTV surveillance was erected at the Magcobar site and said that the fencing needs to be looked at too to ensure it is securely locked. In regard to waste disposal, he wondered if a rebate system could be introduced with the property charge if householders produce evidence of their waste collection arrangements.

Ms. M. O' Neill responded to matters raised by members. She advised that she would enquire about the communication with the Department. She said that dealing with illegal dumping has been prioritised and funding was provided for awareness and CCTV. She undertook to check the position regarding the Derelict Site in Cloughjordan. In relation to the Shannon Vermicomposting she said that she would be in a position to give more detail at the next meeting. She advised that the matter relating to the refuse collector and the rebate would need to be taken up regionally and these would be raised at the Regional Forum. Mr. M. Woulfe advised that he was

meeting the committee of Garrykennedy Burial Ground the following day.

Item 5. Allocation of Funding 2017

It was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that grants to be paid to the following:-

Club/Organisation	
Puckane Angling Club	€300.00

Cllr. S. Morris asked if the Council could help financially with the 30th Birthday celebration of Cormack Drive. Ms. R. Joyce advised that a contribution could be provided however there would have to be a committee in place that had their own bank account. She requested that Cllr. Morris provide contact details for the Committee.

Item 6. To consider taking in charge The Coachyard, Cloughjordan

Mr. M. O' Connor referred to Director of Services Report to Members that was circulated previously. No objections or representations were received.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy and seconded by Cllr. M. O' Meara and agreed "that pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, and being satisfied that the roads are of public utility, and having considered the financial implications for the local authority and any submissions made, it is hereby ordered that the Roads serving the Housing Estate known as The Coachyard, Cloughjordan be declared to be public roads. In addition the open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections within the developments are taken in charge as outlined in the maps which were on public display during the prescribed period and the Director of Service's Report to Members for the May 2017 Nenagh Municipal District Members Meeting".

Item 7. To agree date for Annual Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of Nenagh Municipal District will take place on Thursday 15th June at 10.00 a.m. This will be followed by the June Monthly Meeting at 11.00 a.m. It was agreed

that a workshop on the Stereame Masterplan would take place prior to the Annual Meeting, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Ms. R. Joyce advised that following on from previous requests to meet members of Killaloe MD, it is proposed to meet them at the July Meeting. It was agreed that the July monthly meeting would take place on 20th July at 10.00 a.m. in Ballina (venue to be confirmed) and this would be following by a joint meeting with Killaloe MD at 2.00 p.m.

It was also agreed that Workshops on Settlement Plans would take place at 2.00 p.m. on the 15th & 22nd June.

Cllr. J. Carroll asked that a meeting be arranged with our neighbouring Counties – Galway, Offaly, Limerick. This was supported by a number of other members. It was agreed to write to the Districts concerned.

**Item 8. To receive presentation on
Park Run Concept for Nenagh**

Cllr. P. Bugler welcomed Ms. F. Steed and Ms. M. Gillespie from the HSE. A short presentation was given by Ms. F. Steed. She said the purpose of the presentation was to achieve a safe dedicated free space for the people of Nenagh to participate in Healthy Activities e.g. operation transformation, park run, school runs, walks. She referred to lands purchased by the Council at Stereame, Nenagh as a potential location. All Members welcomed the idea and said it was appropriate timing with the development of the lands at Stereame. Cllr. S. Morris advised that a masterplan was being prepared for Stereame. He referred to a proposal by Éire Óg to provide a walk around the pitch. Cllr. H. McGrath said that lighting should have been provided on the N52 and this would provide a safe place to walk.

Mr. M. O' Connor said that walking is very popular and a lot of people use the current facilities in the town. He said that the Council has invested over half a million on the current walking routes. He added that lighting was a problem on the N52 by-pass route. Requests have been made to TII however they were not willing to provide lighting. He advised that the Council had purchased 53 acres in Stereame. 10 acres had been sold to Éire Óg. A masterplan was being prepared. This would allow for further expansion of First Data, other additional

technological industry, housing development, etc. He referred to the Éire Óg proposal. The cost of lighting was a difficulty – this would involve on-going costs in addition to the initial capital costs.

Cllr. J. Carroll indicated that it would be important to make a formal submission to the planning section in relation to the Masterplan.

Item 9. Update on Projects

Newport Town Park

Ms. R. Joyce advised that a local playground committee has made a submission and this has been sent to the consultants. Topographical surveys are almost complete and a preliminary concept plan will be completed shortly. Following on from this a trip to a couple of other parks e.g. Thurles, Castletroy and/or Mungret will be arranged.

Gills Garden

Ms. R. Joyce advised that a schedule of works/specification for the wall works has been completed. Costings are being prepared. Once they are completed tender documents can be finalised.

Community CCTV Scheme

Ms. R. Joyce advised that interaction with TII is ongoing regarding the Burgess scheme. Power sources are currently being examined.

Cllr. P. Bugler enquired re Ballina CCTV – Mr. M. O’ Connor advised that a call for proposals has just been received. He said that the community needs to come together in order to progress same if they are interested in pursuing this however they would have to be able to provide the local contribution.

Nenagh Traffic Management Plan

Ms. R. Joyce advised that the hoarding at Emmet Place has been replaced. A contractor has been appointed to carry out works to property on Silver Street.

Borrisokane Street Renewal

Mr. M. O’ Connor advised Members that TII have given the go ahead for the preparation of the second part 8 and it is anticipated that plans would be on display in 2 to 3 weeks. TII have agreed that all aspects of the Borrisokane project can be pulled together in one Part

8. Submissions will be invited again and the Council is hopeful that agreement will be reached on the plan this time.

Cllr. G. Darcy welcomed that the Part 8 is imminent and said that the Councillors would do everything they could to get agreement as there is a need to drive on with the project. He stressed the need for the project to proceed as quickly as possible.

Cllr. S. Morris expressed concern in relation to the condition of the Main Street in Borrisokane. Cllr. J. Hannigan asked why this is going to Part 8 again. He called on the Council to engage with the TII to get this project underway in the current year. Cllr. H. McGrath queried the position regarding the funding for the project. He wondered if another project was deemed urgent would Borrisokane move further down the line as TII no longer ring-fence money for projects. He was concerned that, if there was a bad winter, the roads might further deteriorate. Cllr. J. Carroll said the second public consultation must be allowed to run its course. Cllr. M. Ryan supported previous speakers and said if any interim measures could be put in place ahead of the main scheme this should be done.

Mr. M. O' Connor said he met with an Inspector from TII recently and there is no doubt about the authority's commitment to Borrisokane. He said there are considerable changes to the previous plan and as a result a second Part 8 is necessary. Mr. O' Connor added that it is essential to get Part 8 through and once agreed a tendering process will then begin for the works, however he said that he does not expect works to begin this year.

Cllr. G. Darcy expressed his disappointment that we won't see works until next year. He asked that the Council make every effort to move things on. Cllr. M. O' Meara said this is the most important project for Borrisokane and we have to do everything in our power to move this on as the current road network is in a deplorable state. Cllr. J. Hannigan asked that immediate interim works be carried out and continue to be done until this project commences.

Mr. O' Connor said the Council would carry out some maintenance works, but he stressed that these would be minor.

Bord Gais Project

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that works are on-going on the Dublin Road. He said the diversion route is working well. Cllr. J. Carroll asked that repair to footpaths would be given priority. Cllr. H. McGrath asked that the damaged kerbing on Kenyon Street and Pearse Street be looked at. Cllr. S. Morris asked for information on timelines regarding works. He asked that loose lids on Summerhill be fixed as this is causing annoyance to residents. Cllr. G. Darcy referred to the Ormond Street/Summerhill area and said that an entire restoration needs to be carried out. Mr. P. Fee advised Members that a programme of works will be forthcoming.

Update on new Shannon Crossing at Ballina/Killaloe

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the next stage is to get approval from the Department to appoint consultants for the design.

R498 Latteragh

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the Part 8 is on display until 23rd June. This will then come before the Members. It will then be brought back to the Department for approval to proceed with the CPO process. Cllr. H. McGrath asked if there is a weight restriction of 10 tonne on the road after passing Young's (L2259), Mr. M. O' Connor advised that he would revert to Cllr. H. McGrath on this matter but said that if anyone has any concerns to put same in writing.

Knockalton

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the same Consultant that was involved with the Latteragh project will be appointed to this project in the next month.

Carrigahorrig

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that this project would be down the road a bit as there are a number of studies to be carried out. These are on-going.

Nenagh Tourist Office

Ms. R. Joyce advised that Scroope Design has been engaged to prepare the design for Tourist Office. Information is being compiled at the moment.

Garden of Remembrance, Cloughjordan

Ms. R. Joyce advised Members that the Contractor hopes to be on site on 22nd May.

Twinning

Ms. R. Joyce referred to the recent visit from representatives of the Basse-Goulaine twinning committee. She said it was a very successful couple of days and thanked everyone involved. Cllr. P. Bugler concurred with Ms. R. Joyce and said it was great to have them over and said that there is huge potential for exchanges between schools together with choirs, sports groups etc.

Clár Funding

Details of applications submitted under the Clár Programme for the Nenagh Municipal District were circulated.

Item 10. Update on Road Works Programme

A progress report on the 2017 roadworks programme was distributed to Members. Mr. P. Fee advised Members that details of the CIS Scheme would be available at the June meeting. Cllr. J. Carroll asked that applications made in previous years be taken into account. Cllr. M. Ryan supported Cllr. J. Carroll. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the rules were set by the Department and these have to be applied.

Item 11. Engineer's Checklist

Mr. P. Fee advised that Mr. P. McGrath, Executive Engineer is on annual leave and any updates in his area would be available at the June meeting.

Cllr. G. Darcy asked the Engineer to look at St. Conlon's Road/Gortlandroe area coming from the N52 by-pass with a view to installing speed indicators. Cllr. S. Morris supported Cllr. G. Darcy.

Cllr. G. Darcy asked that remedial works be carried out at Beechwood between Gleeson's and O' Leary's and at Burntwood, Cloughjordan. Cllr. M. O' Meara support Cllr. G. Darcy regarding condition of road at Burntwood.

Cllr. M. O' Meara asked Mr. P. Fee to liaise with landowner to acquire land between Hilltop and Carrigahorrig village in order to provide a

footpath. He asked if a road number sign could be erected at Rath Lane and Annagh Lane, Lorrha. He asked how works to the R489 between Birr-Portumna can be prioritised.

Cllr. F. Bonfield asked that a speed survey be carried out at Lackamore school. She asked if a railing could be provided at the Girls School, Newport and also referred to works requested by Killoscully Tidy Towns in relation to signage and road markings.

Cllr. M. Ryan support Cllr. F. Bonfield regarding Lackamore school. He also asked that Mr. P. Fee look at the bends on the R497 as they are very bad.

Cllr. J. Carroll asked for an update on provision of a bus stop at the Yellow Bridge. He referred to speeding at the rugby club and asked if the Engineer would meet with residents there. He also referred to the old Scott's Bridge area at the Nenagh River and referred to the potential of the green area there however there is currently burning and dumping taking place at this location.

Cllr. J. Hannigan asked if funding could be sought for works on R493 where the road gets very narrow. He asked that the Engineer look at the road at Grange, (Coolbawn side of Puckane). He said there is need for improved signage at Gaulross and at the junction at Ballinderry. He advised that the problem is on-going at Congor on the N52 when drivers are turning right coming from Borrisokane.

Cllr. H. McGrath supported Cllr. J. Carroll regarding speed at the Rugby Club, Tyone. He wondered if a warning light could be erected before drivers come into the bad bend. Mr. P. Fee advised that an agreement could not be reached previously to carry out works under a Low Cost Safety Scheme.

Cllr. S. Morris raised concern at speeding and parking at St. Joseph's Park and wondered if signs could be erected along with looking at putting in speed ramps. He wondered if the Council could write to the residents regarding parking.

Cllr. P. Bugler expressed concern in relation to traffic flow in Ballina and requested that the sensor lights be looked at. She asked if a

pedestrian crossing could be provided at McKeogh's supermarket, Ballina.

Item 12. To consider Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion No. 1052 submitted by Cllr. Hughie McGrath:
 "That Nenagh MD put on the Agenda for the next MD meeting that as part of our roads programme we include housing estates. As estates get older the original road surface is deteriorating and will need to be replaced. We need a designated fund to carry out this work"

The motion was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce
"It is accepted that the repair and restoration of roads and footpaths in the older estates, in the towns of Tipperary County Council, may become problematic. Previously, this work would have been funded by block grant from the DTTAS or its predecessor the DoE. The 3 year Road Works Programme would appear to be the most suitable funding steam for this work. However, it is essential that a consistent, county wide, approach be taken on this issue. The Director of Roads, for the County, will report back to the Nenagh MD following discussions with the other Municipal Districts".

Mr. M. O' Connor said he agrees with this motion however the solution would be to include two/three estates in the road works programme and tackle these over a period of time. He said he would report back following discussions with other Municipal Districts.

Item 13. Delegated Employee Orders

A list of Delegated Employee Orders from 14th April, 2017 to 12th May, 2017 as circulated to the members was noted.

Item 14. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

1. Correspondence from Anne Devitt, ICA dated 20th April regarding attendance at April monthly meeting

Item No: 15.**Votes of Sympathy/
Congratulations**

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-

- Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hayes on the death of Susan Hayes, R.I.P.
- The Sisters of Mercy on the death of Sr. Bernard.

Votes of Congratulations were passed to the following:-

- Ms. Majella Coffey to extend congratulations to Newport Instrumental Music Group on winning the All Ireland Scór
- Ms. Josephine Cahill, Scór Chairperson to extend congratulations to the Tipperary All Ireland winners on their recent success in Belfast.
- Ms. Bernie Cleary to extend congratulations to Lorrha Camogie Club on winning the Junior B Tipperary League
- Mr. Stephen Ryan to extend congratulations to Nenagh Celtic Football Club on winning the North Tipperary & District League Cup

Item 16.**A.O.B**

None

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

Signed: 
Cathaoirleach

Date: 15.6.17

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 15.6.17

