



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 17<sup>th</sup> MAY, 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. Auvén Melia, A/Assistant Staff Officer.  
Mr. Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Anne Peters, Executive Engineer, Environment Section
- Item 1. Minutes of April Meeting** It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and resolved that the minutes of the April meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 be adopted.
- Item 2. Action Plan** The Action Plan from the April meeting was noted.
- Item 3. To receive briefing from Environment Section** Mr. R. Boland and Ms. A. Peters attended from the Environment Section and a report was circulated to members. An update was given on the following:- burial grounds, civic amenity sites, community services, control of dogs, control of horses, derelict sites, litter enforcement, public awareness, waste management and environment protection.
- The following items were discussed further:-
- Timeframe for Part 8 at Boher Burial Ground
  - Epidemic proportions of litter in particular this year
  - The number of litter wardens in Nenagh MD
  - Use of hidden cameras
  - Collection of farm plastics and paint tins
  - Derelict Sites in Cloughjordan, Portroe and Newport
  - Military Barracks
  - Angler's Rest
  - Drain at Moanfin – litter black spot
  - Investigation of potential derelict properties in Summerhill area
  - Bins being left outside of houses
  - Graffiti in Nenagh
  - Lorrha graveyard – request not to allow use of mini-diggers
  - Provision of recycling facilities for people coming by boat
  - Parking issues at car park in Terryglass
- Cllr. M. Ryan referred to representations received by him regarding blasting in Rearcross Quarries and to concerns regarding cracks in walls. He said he would like to see this monitored closely and to ensure compliance with planning permission. Cllr. F. Bonfield said she too received representations and wondered can the Council be notified prior to blasting being carried



out. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that Planning Section would keep this monitored and said that notification to council would be as per planning conditions.

It was agreed to adjourn the meeting for 10 minutes on the proposal of Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan.

**Item 4  
Allocation of  
Funding 2018**

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

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the grant scheme to Clubs and Organisations the payment of grants be made to the following:-

| Name of Clubs/Organisation                                | Amount  |
|---|---------|
| Lorrha Camogie Club                                       | €300.00 |
| Lorrha & Dorrha GAA Juvenile Club                         | €300.00 |
| Ormond Resources  | €300.00 |
| Rathcabbin Development Association – Photographic Project | €300.00 |

**(b) To approve grants to Tidy Towns Committees**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the grant scheme to Tidy Towns the payment of grants be made to the following:-

| Name of Clubs/Organisation | Amount   |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Carrig Tidy Towns          | €1800.00 |

**(c) To approve grants to Residents Associations**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Grant Scheme to Residents Associations for Estate Enhancement the payment of grants be made to the following:-

| Name of Residents Association  | Amount  |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Glenwood Residents Association | €300.00 |

**Item 5.  
To note  
resignation of  
Cllr. Séamus  
Morris from the  
Boards of  
Nenagh Arts  
Centre**

Cllr. S. Morris advised members that due to commitments he is not able to make meetings of the Arts Centre and he feels it is not fair to commit to something that he can't give the necessary time too. Members noted his resignation.

**Item 6. To fill**

It was proposed by Cllr. M. O' Meara, seconded by Cllr. P. Bugler and agreed



**vacancy on  
Board of Nenagh  
Arts Centre  
arising from  
resignation of  
Cllr. Séamus  
Morris**

that Cllr. J. Hannigan would replace Cllr. S. Morris on the Board of Nenagh Arts Centre. Cllr. H. McGrath welcomed Cllr. J. Hannigan to the board and added that the Manager Ms. Eva Birdthistle is very helpful and has given him great help with the Castle Fest.

**Item 7.  
To agree date for  
Annual Meeting**

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting will take place at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June followed by the monthly meeting of Nenagh Municipal District.

**Item 8.  
Update on  
Projects**

➤ **Newport Town Park**

Arising from a recent decision by the European Court of Justice it has been established that we will be unable to screen out the requirement for an Environmental Assessment because of the Giant Hogweed – it is no longer acceptable to screen based on mitigation measures which will be implemented. This means that a Stage 2 Natura Impact Statement, setting out the issues in more detail and the specific mitigation requirements will be required and the project will require approval by An Board Pleanála rather than through a Part 8 process.

➤ **Gills Garden**

Masonry works are now substantially complete and a final inspection will be carried out next week. The tender documents for Stage 2 landscaping phase are currently being prepared and it is hoped to go to tender by the end of May.

Cllr. H. McGrath referred to the historical quarter of Nenagh and asked that the landscaping of Gill's Garden be made as attractive as possible.

➤ **Community CCTV Scheme**

Nothing further to report. Cllr. F. Bonfield asked for an update on Burgess and wondered if they are up and running.

➤ **Nenagh Traffic Management Plan**

Kilgallen & Partners, Consulting Engineers have been appointed to prepare a brief for the appointment of consultants in respect of the Mitchel Street/Emmet Place Junction & Car Park.

Cllr. H. McGrath asked that in the meantime can the gable end at Emmet Place be painted to help brighten up the area. Cllr. F. Bonfield said that she has received some complaints regarding the disabled bays and wondered would this be included as part of plan. Mr. P. Fee advised that this survey has been completed and said he was surprised to hear of complaints, it was agreed that Cllr. F. Bonfield would give further details to Mr. P. Fee regarding complaints.



➤ **Bord Gais Project**

All substantial works are virtually completed apart from snagging/road reinstatements. Awaiting works programme.

Cllr. S. Morris asked for a definite timeline when works will be complete adding that Nenagh town needs people to come into it and that the town isn't in the shape it should be.

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

A Consultant for the design has now been appointed. Arbitration meetings are ongoing regarding the acquisition of land, this process however will not hold up the project.

Cllr. P. Bugler asked about timelines for the different stages, Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the Consultant will be preparing the final detailed structural design together with preparing tender documentation and supervision of the overall project. He said it is anticipated that this project will go to tender early 2019 with the possible appointment of contractor in Q1, 2019. It is likely that this will be a three year programme.

➤ **Latteragh**

Approval has now been received from the Department to proceed to CPO.

➤ **Borrisokane**

Following review of tender documentation by TII comments have been received and some minor amendments are necessary. It is anticipated that these changes will be completed in two weeks. Following this, it will go to tender. Cllr. M. O' Meara said he was heartened to hear that this project will be out to tender in two weeks. He added that the road along by The Terrace and Fire Station is in a deplorable condition. Cllr's Hannigan & Darcy welcomed this update.

➤ **Knockalton**

Issues regarding service providers have now been resolved. It is hoped that this will go to tender by end of May.

➤ **Carrigahorrig**

No further update.

➤ **Nenagh Tourist Office**

Meeting has been arranged with architects in relation to tendering for design works required.

➤ **Garden of Remembrance, Cloughjordan**

We are awaiting timeframe for completion from contractor.



➤ **Nenagh 2020/Nenagh Castle**

Contact was made by the County Librarian with the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum, Boston. They agreed to send over a high resolution image of the Treaty for use for educational and display purposes only however it cannot be given out to anyone else.

They describe the document as the Treaty of Ormonde and O' Kennedy and say that it is held in the Gifts from Heads of State collection. The date is given as March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1336 and the medium is described as ink on parchment. The document is written in Latin and is described as the original treaty between the Earle of Ormonde and John O. Kennedy and those of his nation. This document is the first known mention of the Kennedy name in recorded Irish history. The treaty states that an agreement has been reached concerning burnings, spoils, homicides and other transgressions committed by the parties involved. Further that O' Kennedy agrees to serve the Earl in his army. Both parties' seals are affixed to the Treaty which was presented to President John F. Kennedy during his state visit to Ireland in June 1963 by the Taoiseach, Sean Lemass, at Iveagh House. This is viewed as a gift from the Irish nation to the United States.

It is suggested that consideration might be given to commissioning a high class replica which might be unveiled in Nenagh Castle in 2020 since it is unlikely that consent will be obtained to the release of the original, even on loan.

Cllr. S. Morris said he was disappointed with this update but not surprised. He said there was an understanding that the Treaty would be returned. He said he would like to see the old Gaol opened up to the public and make this part of the Nenagh 2020, adding that there is great interest in the heritage of Nenagh and that a package needs to be developed for tourists. Mr. M. O' Connor said that works are progressing in the historical quarter namely the tourist office, Gill's garden and Castle and that he is not forgetting about Gaol house but that work is progressing one by one.

In regard to Nenagh Castle, Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the representatives from the O.P.W. have met with the Architects and that he received a report yesterday evening. He said that the next stage would be to meet with them and go through details to progress in the next number of months.

➤ **Ballina Jetty**

As outlined at the April meeting the Part 8 for this project is currently on public display and will continue to be so until 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018. Submissions and observations may be made up to 4.30 pm on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Following this, a report will be brought back to members at the June MD meeting.



➤ **Lewis Lane**

Cóir Infrastructure Ltd. has been appointed as contractors for this project which is being done under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and work has commenced. The contract duration is six weeks.

Cllr. J. Hannigan wondered if an architect could be appointed to help co-ordinate, enhance and bring forward the character of Nenagh town and to replicate what Westport done. It was queried whether there is an architect in house. A general discussion took place regarding this possibility. Mr. M. O' Connor said that would be hard to justify appointing an architect for the town of Nenagh, however he said he would have no difficulty getting advice. He said that the Executive has regular meetings with the Chamber of Commerce and that it is hoped that this collaboration will continue.

Cllr. P. Bugler referred to the threat of on-line shopping and the need to bring vitality back to major towns.

Mr. M. O' Connor believed that spending a considerable amount of money on an architect is not going to bring in footfall. It was agreed to invite the Chamber of Commerce to attend a future meeting.

Ms. R. Joyce reminded Members about President Higgins visit to Birdhill on Saturday next 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**Item 9. Update on Roadworks Programme**

A report on the Roadworks Programme was circulated to members. Mr. P. Fee advised that road strengthening works are commencing in Tom Ryan's area next week.

**Item 10. Engineer's Checklist**

The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to the members.

Cllr. S. Morris said there is a problem with illegal parking along by Carmel's beautician on Sarsfield Street. He referred to the reed growth at Luska/Skehana amenity area and said it is no longer an amenity area and he asked that contact be made with Waterways Ireland regarding the reeds. He added that the road surface is also deteriorated.

Cllr. M. O' Meara said that the road surface in Riverstown is deplorable and something needs to be done as soon as possible. He said that gullies in Carrig Village are built up with silt and need attention. He referred to wall along by the bridge at the Ferry and asked that an extra allocation be sought adding that the wall is in very bad condition.

Cllr. P. Bugler wondered when a sign will be erected in Finnoe Drive, Borrisokane. She said that signs were hit on the R496 at the bridge. She asked that priority be given to cutting of junctions. She highlighted a speeding problem at Derrylavin Heights.



Cllr. F. Bonfield asked that a speed radar be considered along by Glenree on the R503, Mr. P. Fee advised that the Gardaí have been alerted to this problem and they will be monitoring same.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to the poor condition of road surface along by P. Heffernan's house in Ardcroney, Mr. P. Fee advised that following a meeting with TII an application is on hand for this work Minor Repair Scheme. Cllr. G. Darcy asked that a pole with signs at Hackstown Cross be moved a little to help with visibility. He said there is flooding at McKenna's house, Ballintoher.

Cllr. H. McGrath asked for update regarding drainage at Annabeg bridge. Cllr. J. Carroll referred to grass cutting in the Garrykennedy and said that the grass needs to be cut in a more timely manner, Mr. P. Fee said he was aware of this and that there were issued regarding alerting the contractor. Cllr. J. Carroll said there is illegal dumping taking place at Carhue across from Youghal bay. He advised there is flooding at Capparoo Cross and he asked that a strong case be made to the O.P.W. regarding same.

Cllr. M. Ryan enquired regarding CIS/LIS Scheme, Mr. P. Fee advised that a decision is awaited regarding CIS. In regard to the LIS 3 applications have been approved however one does not meet the criteria.

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| <b>Item 11.<br/>Notices of<br/>Motion</b>                      | None  |
| <b>Item 12.<br/>Delegated<br/>Employee Orders</b>              | None  |
| <b>Item 13.<br/>Correspondence</b>                             | The following correspondence was noted:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Letter from Kilruane National School dated 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 regarding All Ireland National Final of VEX IQ Robotics, 2018.</li></ul>   |
| <b>Item 14.<br/>Votes of<br/>Sympathy/<br/>Congratulations</b> | <b>Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Ms. Marcella Cleary on the death of Mrs. Raleigh, R.I.P.</li></ul> <b>Votes of Congratulations –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ St. Mary's Secondary School, Newport on winning the Bank of Ireland FAI School's First Year B Girls National Cup.</li><li>➤ Ardcroney F.C. on being crowned U13 North Tipperary League Champions</li><li>➤ Borrisokane Community College on being crowned North Munster School's Soccer Champions.</li></ul> |



- Item 15.** Ms. R. Joyce advised Members that a Community Safety Meeting may be arranged for the July meeting, she said she would advise members following consultation with Supt. Nolan.  
**AOB**

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

Signed:   
Cathaoirleach

Date: 21.6.18

Signed:   
Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
District Administrator

Date: 21.6.18