



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 9.00 AM ON 16th MAY 2019

Present Cllr's Mattie Ryan, Phyll Bugler, Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Gerard Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, Michael O' Meara and Séamus Morris.

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

Environment Section: Ms. Marion O' Neill, Senior Executive Officer; Ms. Cora Morrissey, Administrative Officer and Mr. Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer.

Cllr. M. Ryan proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of former colleague Lorraine Chute. A vote of sympathy was proposed to her husband Jimmy, sons Darragh and Keelan and the extended members of the Chute and Treacy families on this sad time. All present wished to be associated with this vote of sympathy. It was agreed that the meeting be adjourned to observe five minutes silence as a mark of respect to Lorraine, R.I.P.

On this, his last day as Cathaoirleach of Nenagh Municipal District, Cllr. M. Ryan thanked his fellow members for their support during his term. He thanked Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr. Hughie McGrath for his assistance and for always being available when needed. He also thanked the Council Executive and Staff for their courtesy and support throughout his term. He thanked members of the press who, he said, provided fair and balanced coverage on the matters debated within the chamber and also covered the many events and news stories across the District.

He said the District has continued to work together in order to promote and progress communities. He said he was particularly proud of all the support that was given to the volunteers who do such fantastic work in so many ways – the tidy towns committees, residents associations, burial ground committees, festival committees, clubs and organisations.

Projects that have been finalised over the past twelve months included the Floating Jetty in Ballina, the Castle Garden in Nenagh, the Garden of Remembrance in Cloughjordan as well as many Town & Village Renewal projects, roads projects and other initiatives. He said he was delighted to see progress being made on road projects such as Newport Town Park and the Shannon River Crossing.



He concluded by wishing all the members the best of luck in the upcoming elections.

**Item 1.
Minutes of
April
Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath, seconded by Cllr. S. Morris and resolved that the minutes of the April Meeting held on 18th April, 2019 be adopted.

**Item 2.
Action Plan**

The Action Plan from the April meeting was noted.

**Item 3.
To receive
briefing from
Environment**

A progress report was circulated to Members. An update was given on the following:-

- Burial Grounds
- Civic Amenity
- Community Services
- Control of Dogs
- Control of Horses
- Derelict Sites
- Litter Enforcement
- Public Awareness
- Waste Management
- Environment Protection
- Climate & Energy
- Complaints

Members welcomed progress on burial grounds. Concerns were raised regarding a number of issues including litter accumulating around bottle banks in Ardcroney sports field, dumping at Coonmore bridge, lack of bins in Ballina specifically from Ballina school to Riverside Park. Concern was raised regarding household inspections to determine compliance for bin and recycling services. Referring to derelict sites, Cllr. J. Carroll wondered if camouflage/mesh fencing could be considered as an option to enhance the overall general appearance.

Cllr. S. Morris requested statistics on the number of dogs picked up, put down etc, re-homed etc. Members requested that contact be made with the Lough Derg Anglers Committee regarding Nenagh Riverwalk in terms of regular clean ups.

Cllr. M. O' Meara raised concern regarding septic tanks and said there was an understanding that those who paid the €5 charge would qualify for a grant, however it seems now that inspections would only be carried out in environmentally sensitive areas. He asked that this matter be followed up with the Department.

**Item 4.
To consider**

Mr. M. O' Connor referred to Director of Services report to Members which was circulated previously. It was proposed by



taking in charge of Ormond Keep, Nenagh (part of)

Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and resolved 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 Ormond Keep, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary (part of) be declared public roads. In addition, any open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections within the attendant grounds of the development are taken in charge, as outlined in red on the attached map, which was on public display during the prescribed period and the Director of Services Report to Members for the May 2019 Nenagh Municipal District Members Meeting".

Item 5. Allocation of Funding 2019

- (a) To approve grants to Residents Associations
- (b) To approve grants to Burial Ground Committees

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the above schemes the payment of grants be made to the following:-

| Name of Residents Association | Approved |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sallygrove Residents Association | €400.00 |

| Name of Burial Ground | Approved |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Kilcommon Old Burial Ground Committee | €687.57 |
| Lisboney Old Cemetery | €687.57 |
| Aglish Burial Ground | €687.57 |

Item 6. Update on Projects

➤ **(a) Newport Town Park**

The consultant has now moved on to the next stage of the project which is the detailed design stage – this will take approx. 8 weeks, following which the next stage will be the tender process.

➤ **(b) Nenagh Tourist Office**

Tenders are being sought for an architect-led design team.

➤ **(c) Nenagh 800/Nenagh Castle**

A meeting of Nenagh 800 Committee was held on 24th April, 2019. Design of logo for Nenagh 800 is underway. Programme of events is being drawn up and a number of meetings are taking place with the relevant groups.

Discussions are on-going with OPW and the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht in relation to the next phase of the Castle development.



➤ **(d) Nenagh Digital Hub/Innovation Centre**

A project brief for consultants for the design of the Digital Hub/Innovation Centre is currently being prepared.

➤ **(e) Bord Gais Project**

Re-surfacing works at Yewston are completed. It was anticipated that works will be completed on Limerick Road the following day. Resurfacing works on Stafford Street and Market Cross are to be carried out. Works at Market Cross will be carried out in the evenings after 6 p.m.

➤ **(f) Major Road Projects**

➤ **Borrisokane**

Works started on the scheme in November 2018. The contractor has commenced works from the Nenagh side of scheme completing much of the drainage and all of the footpaths on the approach to the town from the Nenagh end as far as the Fire Station. Approximately 1.2km of the scheme, from the start of the works at the Nenagh side as far as the Fire Station, will be resurfaced in May. Works in the town centre are expected to start in June.

Cllr. M. O' Meara asked attention now be given to other end of town at Ballyhaden. Cllr. J. Hannigan supported Cllr. O' Meara.

➤ **Knockalton**

Work started on the scheme in December, 2018. The scheme is scheduled to be completed in Q2 2019.

➤ **Latteragh**

Part 8 procedures have been completed and design work is underway. The CPO will be advertised in Q2/Q3 2019 with an Oral Hearing expected to take place in Q4 of 2019.

➤ **N65 Carrigahorrig to Balleiragh Bridge Strengthening**

The scheme involves raising the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work is underway and is expected to be completed in 2019 with detailed design and construction taking place in 2020.

➤ **N65 Carrigahorrig Bends**

This scheme involves the improvement of approximately 0.6km of National Secondary Road in the townland of Garryclohy, Carrigahorrig. Preliminary design work is completed and funding is being sought from the TII to design and carry out the pavement improvement works. It is anticipated that detailed design work will commence in 2019 with construction taking place in 2020.

Cllr. M. O' Meara asked that a traffic calming measure be



considered for Carrigahorrig village along with Ballingarry village.

➤ **(g) SIRO**

Works are continuing in the town. Fibre optic cables are to be installed following completion of the route proofing, anticipated to be Q3 2019.

➤ **(h) Historic Towns Initiative**

The architects who have been awarded the contract for the conservation works to Nenagh Gaol Complex have been requested to submit their work programme to ensure that these works are completed within the approved timeframe.

➤ **(i) Town Revival Initiative**

2nd July has now been agreed as a date for a "Town Hall" type meeting facilitated by Retail Excellence and at which Simon Wall, Town Architect, Westport will attend.

**Item 7.
Update on
Roadwork's
Programme**

Members were advised that preparatory works are underway across the municipal district, with works having commenced in the north area of the district.

A discussion took place on speed in towns and villages across the municipal district and the possibility of introducing traffic calming measures i.e. ramps, however it was noted that traffic calming measures was not the answer, it was felt that there is a genuine need for more enforcement and more driver awareness.

Cllr. H. McGrath raised concern at the speed of traffic passing school and GAA grounds in Puckane.

Cllr. M. O' Meara said that road to Annagh is not fit for the volume and size of trucks travelling to the recycling centre. He wondered if a weight restriction could be introduced.

Cllr. P. Bugler referred to the Cornode Road and said it was in a very poor state. In addition to this she said that people are having difficulty travelling on the Carrigal Road.

Cllr. M. Ryan referred to funding allocated by him last year to alleviate flooding below graveyard in Templeberry and wondered what the current position was, adding that the problem was still being experienced.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to road at Castlesheila, Ballycommon and said it was in a poor condition and has a lot of farm activity on it, he noted it was a cul de sac. He referred to poor sightlines at Richmond cross and asked that the Engineer look at same. He wondered if the council could assist with traffic management at the school in Cloughjordan in terms of assisting with parking and



to help kids cross the road safely. Cllr. S. Morris concurred with Cllr. G. Darcy re road as Castlesheila, Ballycommon and asked that the potholes be filled, in addition to this he said that sightlines are very poor at the top of this road approaching Dromineer direction.

Cllr. F. Bonfield referred to the road at Coosane, Birdhill and said that she hoped something would be done here shortly.

Cllr. H. McGrath referred to dangerous bends at the Tyone/Lisatunny area and enquired if the speed limit could be moved out beyond the houses at the Thurles side. He said the residents would like to see this. He asked that the engineer look at reducing the speed limit in this area too. Mr. P. Fee advised that this is a regional road and is within the local authority's remit however he said that he did not think a submission had been received when the speed limit signs review was carried out.

**Item 8.
Engineer's
Checklist**

The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to the members.

Cllr. P. Bugler asked that double yellow lines be provided in the Ard Coillte estate, Ballina all the way up to the entrance. She raised concern at the speed of cars travelling down Grange Road.

Cllr. J. Carroll raised concern at the service being provided by the grass cutting contractor, he mentioned Millview, Toomevara and Annbrook Heights as problematic areas.

Cllr. G. Darcy concurred with Cllr. J. Carroll and said that Towerhill, Borrisokane and St. Patrick's Terrace, Nenagh were also causing concern.

**Item 9.
Notices of
Motion**

Notice of Motion No. 1689 submitted by Cllr. Phyll Bugler

"I hereby request Tipperary County Council to provide a pedestrian crossing at church on Main Street, Ballina and at Bridge in Newport. This is due to high volume of children and people crossing streets in these towns. There has been many near accidents at these locations."

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

Pedestrian crossings are provided where a clear pedestrian crossing desire line can be established. Given the infrequent pedestrian crossing movements at the church location, it is not considered an optimum location for a pedestrian crossing point. In addition the new Shannon crossing is expected to take a significant volume of vehicular traffic off main street Ballina and easing the position for pedestrians wishing to cross the street.



The issue of providing a pedestrian crossing at the bridge in Newport will be considered in the context of the proposed Traffic Management Plan for Newport. Given the proximity of the bridge location to the town square, it cannot be considered in isolation to the other traffic management and enhance issues associated with the Square.

Notice of Motion No. 1690 submitted by Cllr. Ger Darcy

"This is Council upgrade the lights at Ballysteena, Cloughjordan. The current lights are old and no longer adequate."

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

The area where this request relates to is outside the 50kph speed limit. Tipperary County Council's priority as per the recently adopted public lighting policy is to use its scarce public lighting monies to upgrade its existing network to more energy efficient LED lighting within 50kph zones.

A national programme for the upgrading of all public lights is being considered by Tipperary County Council and this should in time result in the upgrading of lights such as those referenced in this request.

Notice of Motion No. 1691 submitted by Cllr. Phyll Bugler

"I hereby request a street sweeper to come to Ballina, Newport and Portroe and Newtown once a week at 7.30 a.m. in the morning to facilitate street sweeping. Please also ensure bins are emptied."

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

Bins are collected in Ballina on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and on the Sundays of long weekends and event weekends. The litter position is monitored and additional collections carried out as and when required. A litter pick is carried out on three days a week in Ballina and on two days a week in Newport during the summer season. Once a month, a road sweeper is deployed to Newport and Ballina and in conjunction with the sweeper the footpaths are cleaned and all debris collected by road sweeper. A weed control programme is implemented in Newport and Ballina three times a year, at end of May, the end of July and at the end of the growing season.

The streets and footpaths of Portroe, Newtown and Birdhill are



cleaned and weeds removed as the need arises or at the request of local residents/tidy towns groups.

Having regard to the available budgetary resources, the above services demonstrate the strongest commitment that Tipperary County council can currently make towards the maintenance and upkeep of these town/village streetscapes.

Notice of Motion No. 1692 submitted by Cllr. Phyll Bugler

"I hereby request Tipperary County Council to install new footpath and lighting from Goosers car park down to entrance to Ballina slip-way due to the amount of people walking this route."

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

A footpath at this location while desirable is not provided for in the 2019 Schedule of Municipal District Works but may be considered for inclusion in future schedules.

**Item 10.
Delegated
Employee
Orders**

None

**Item 11.
Correspondence
Item 12.
Votes of
Sympathy/
Congratulations**

None

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-

- Jimmy Chute on the death of Lorraine Chute, R.I.P
- Mary Ahern on the death of Peter Ahern, R.I.P.

Votes of Congratulations –

- None

**Item 13.
AOB**

Cllr. G. Darcy asked that a letter be written to Bus Eireann regarding route 72 Limerick to Athlone. In this past this service provided a requested stop in Ardcroney, however this service has been discontinued which means that people from Ardcroney using the service have to either travel to Nenagh or Borrisokane. He requested that the decision to discontinue this stop be reversed.

Cllr. J. Carroll raised concern at the HSE enforcing parking charges at hospital carparks, he asked that a letter be sent to the H.S.E. asking them discontinue the parking charges particularly for the families of those who are very ill.

Cllr. M. Ryan agreed with Cllr. J. Carroll and asked that the provision of wheelchair access at Health Centre in Templederry be included in this letter.



On conclusion Cllr. M. Ryan wished all members the best of luck in the upcoming elections. Mr. M. O' Connor thanked members for their work over the last five years, adding that it was very successful, and that a lot of work was done during this term. He too wished all members the best of luck in the upcoming elections.

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

