



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018.**

**Present** Cllr's Mattie Ryan, Fiona Bonfield, Phyll Bugler, John Carroll, Gerard Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, 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, Assistant Staff Officer.

**Housing Section:** - Mr. Dónal Purcell, A/Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, Mr. Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer.

**Item 1. Minutes of October Meeting** It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that the minutes of the October Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 be adopted.

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

**Item 3. To receive briefing from Housing Section** A progress report was circulated to Members. An update was given on the following:-

- Housing Construction Projects 2018 – 2021
- Housing Allocations
- Capital Assistance Scheme
- House Purchases
- RAS and Leasing
- HAP
- Housing Applicants and Vacant Houses
- Approved Housing Applicants within Nenagh Municipal District

A number of queries were raised by members in relation to Stereame, anti social behaviour, repair to lease scheme, current income limits restricting couples from being approved applicants, affordable housing, HAP inspections and RAS scheme. These queries were responded to. Cllr. J. Hannigan proposed to have workshop to discuss the suite of offerings/schemes available adding that many are not aware of the different schemes, Mr. D. Purcell said he would revert to Members regarding a workshop.

Mr. M. O' Connor gave an update on Stereame. He advised that the Council had purchased 50 acres approximately two years ago. A Masterplan had been adopted and was available on the Council website as Variation No. 2 of the Development Plan. The land was purchased for three purposes – to



support First Data and enterprise, for housing and to facilitate sale of land to Éire Óg. The agreement with Éire Óg will be finalised within the next few weeks. The enterprise element will cater for potential future expansion of First Data. A car park has been provided. There are 110 employed currently by First Data and this will move to 300 over the next 18 months.

There is potential for Fintech industry to locate at Stereame. In conjunction with Community & Economic Development the demand for innovation hubs to facilitate start ups and hot desks is being examined. It is considered that there is a definite need for some form of Enterprise Centre in Nenagh. A study has commenced and it is expected to make a funding application early in the New Year.

In relation to housing there is a problem with the rental market and a shortage of housing which the private sector is not addressing. A call for expressions of interest in the provision of housing will be finalised within the next week. There is capacity for 300 houses to be delivered on a phased basis with social housing to be delivered through Part V.

Cllr. H. McGrath expressed concern in relation to the ability of Part V to deliver social housing to meet the current housing needs.

Mr. D. Purcell advised members that a Vacant Homes Officer had been appointed.

**Item 4.  
Update on  
Projects**

➤ **Newport Town Park**

An application for approval to the development of Newport Town Park has been submitted to An Bord Pleanála. Plans and proposals, together with the Natura Impact Statement are on public display at the entrance to our offices. They are also on display in the Community Centre in Newport. These will remain on public display until 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019. Submissions and observations can be made to An Bord Pleanála within this timeframe.

Cllr. F. Bonfield thanked Mr. M. O' Connor and Ms. R. Joyce for all their work getting this project to its current stage.

➤ **Gills Garden**

The landscaping contractor Nordon Landscapes has commenced works this week.

➤ **Community CCTV**

Nothing further to report.

➤ **Nenagh Traffic Management Plan**

It is anticipated that the final report will be brought before Members for



noting at the December meeting of Nenagh MD. A meeting has been held with the consultant in relation to progressing the design for the demolition of buildings on Mitchel Street/Emmet Place, improvements to the junction and development of car park. When the design has been finalised a Part 8 will be prepared and public consultation will take place.

Cllr. P. Bugler queried how many car parking spaces would be available when complete, Mr. M. O' Connor advised that approximately 18/19 spaces would be provided.

Cllr. H. McGrath wondered if this would be the final report or would there be further consultation. In addition he said he hoped the plan would incorporate the whole town including junctions such as William St/Clare St. Mr. O' Connor advised that this is the final report and confirmed that it would include the traffic management for the whole town.

➤ **Nenagh Tourist Office**

Architect's report has been received and has been reviewed. A meeting is now being arranged with the architect and the design consultant.

➤ **Nenagh 800/Nenagh Castle**

A further meeting of Nenagh 800 Committee will place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

Cllr. S. Morris proposed that the Executive should look to open up a Military Museum to celebrate the vast military history at home and abroad adding it would be a great tourist attraction. This was supported by Cllr's Carroll, Hannigan, Darcy and Ryan. Cllr. M. Ryan wished to congratulate Silvermines Historical Society for all their work. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that an application has been made under Category 1 of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund for funding. If successful this could be considered. He said an announcement on funding is due before Christmas.

➤ **Ballina Jetty**

This is being progressed by Waterways Ireland.

➤ **Bord Gais Project**

Works are being carried out by ESB.

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

Trial holes will be carried out on R494 shortly.

➤ **Latteragh**

No recent progress.



➤ **Borrisokane**

McAvoy Contractors signed contract for this project on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Contractor is currently on site.

➤ **Knockalton**

It is hoped that the contract for this project will be signed next week. It is anticipated that contractors will be on site shortly afterwards.

➤ **Carrigahorrig**

No further update.

Cllr. M. O' Meara wondered if an overall plan could be done for the village of Carrigahorrig and then proceed to TII for funding. Mr. P. Fee advised that that an application has been made to TII for a supplementary budget together with requesting them to carry out a full structural assessment.

In response to a query from Cllr J Hannigan, Mr. M O' Connor advised that the issue relating to data controller for CCTV needs to be addressed at national level. CCTV is mainly provided for security and crime prevention purposes and the Gardaí are the competent authority with responsibility for these functions.

**Item 5. Update  
on Roadwork's  
Programme**

A report on the Roadwork's Programme was circulated to members. All members complimented the work completed to date.

Cllr. P. Bugler referred to blocked gully outside Gooser's restaurant following heavy rainfall and asked when works would be done. She wondered when Marine Village and Kilmastulla would be completed noting 5% and 90% of works are completed to date. In response Mr. P. Fee advised that he is aware of problem at Gooser's and confirmed that this will be addressed by contractor. In regard to Marine Village he advised that tenders have been issued and anticipates these works will take place early 2019. In regard to Kilmastulla he advised that works regarding gully will be completed very shortly.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to footpath development planned for the R491 at Oxpark, Cloughjordan and wondered if something can be done to relieve the flooding problem while doing these works. In response Mr. P. Fee advised that there is no scope for flood relief work to be done however he said he would make a case to the OPW through flood mitigation scheme.

Cllr. H. McGrath wondered when drainage works would commence at Annaghbeg, Dromineer. In response Mr. P. Fee advised that works will start next week.



Cllr. M. O' Meara asked that the updated Road Works Programme for 2019-2021 be furnished to him.

**Item 6.  
Engineer's  
Checklist**

The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to the members.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to speeding in Kilkeary and Newtown village and feels that a Garda presence is required at rush hour in the mornings and evenings. This was supported by Cllr. M. Ryan.

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to item on list namely 'Bridge at the Ferry' and said that the walls are extremely bad and asked that a structural survey be carried out. Referring to current works on N52 and diversion route in place from the N52 along 'Lis Lane' – he said that this is a very bad road and asked that Mr. P. Fee contact someone before the end of the day in order to discuss an alternative diversion route. Cllr. G. Darcy supported this. In response Mr. P. Fee advised that the correct route is to travel on R489/Taylor's Cross which is adequately signed and said that we are not in a position to control traffic.

Cllr. P. Bugler said that signs are left behind following works at Ballyard.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to 80-100 metres of road between Lisadonna and Marshall's Cross, townland of Sopwell and asked if this can be included in some road improvements scheme. He also referred to bridge on the county boundary at Behamore, Cloughjordan and said there is an awful hump in the road and asked if this could be looked at and asked to erect signage as an interim measure. He highlighted a speeding problem at Ballyhayden/Killavilla at the entrance to the Community College and said there was very little sightline. He asked that item recorded as Sopwell Hill be changed to Sweep Hill.

Cllr. S. Morris raised concern regarding poor sightlines at Belleen and asked if he could meet with Philip/Peter out there.

Cllr. F. Bonfield wished to remind Peter regarding signs for Killoscully Development Association.

Cllr. M. O' Meara asked for better signage at bad bend on N52 where you can turn left for Old Birr Road coming from Riverstown.

Cllr. H. McGrath advised that some bollards on Silver Street (on left hand side) are causing a hazard to drivers and some are being hit – he asked if these could be removed.

Cllr. J. Carroll asked that signage at all equal junctions be reviewed as he feels some has been dislodged and this could cause an accident.



Cllr. J. Hannigan asked that an audit of signage in the MD area be carried out. He said that a number of signs are facing incorrectly, signs missing etc. Referring to road in Puckane area he said the road number should start with 51 not 61 as indicated on sign.

**Item 7.** None  
**Notices of Motion**

**Item 8.** Noted  
**Delegated Employee Orders**

**Item 9.** Correspondence received from Sr. Patricia Greene dated 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 was noted.  
**Correspondence**

**Item 10.** Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-  
**Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations**

- Deirdre Flannery on the death of Mr. Rory Flannery, R.I.P.
- Patsy Flynn on the death of Mr. John Kennedy, R.I.P.
- Martin Carey on death of Thomas Carey, R.I.P.

Votes of Congratulations –

- Nenagh Eire Óg Camogie Club to extend congratulations on winning the Minor Camogie County Final.
- Patrick Brennan to extend congratulations on being crowned Dairy Farmer of the Year.

**Item 11.** Referring to bus shelters, Cllr. S. Morris asked that bus shelters be considered for Nenagh and asked that the relevant personnel be contacted. He said that he sees people waiting for buses in all weathers. Cllr. H. McGrath supported this. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the National Transport Authority (NTA) have responsibility for providing bus shelters. He said there are issues with the current width of footpath on Kickham Street however he said he couldn't see a problem if they wished to provide one at Stereame.  
**AOB**

Cllr. J. Carroll asked what the up to date position was regarding Amenity Area Bye-Laws. He referred to boats partially submerged in the harbour in Garrykennedy which is owned by the Council and said that he would hope that Tipperary County Council would retain ownership of this harbour rather than transferring it to Waterways Ireland.

In regard to bye-laws Ms. R. Joyce advised that legal advice has been received and maps are being prepared accordingly. Once this is complete it is hoped to have workshop for Members in January followed by having draft





bye-laws put on public display. Regarding Garrykennedy harbour, Mr. M. O' Connor said that the council are looking at various options but said that no decision has been made. He appealed to anyone who is hogging a berthing space to remove their boat. Cllr. J. Carroll asked that he be kept informed of progress.

Referring to University Hospital Limerick, Cllr. S. Morris said he was concerned regarding the Winter Plan which was released recently. He said that there were 56 patients on trolleys in the Emergency Unit. He asked that the Council write to HSE Mid West to re-open Nenagh and Ennis Accident and Emergency units on a 24 hour basis until such time that Limerick have a proper plan in place to deal with numbers.

Cllr. J. Carroll supported Cllr. S. Morris. He too referred to Winter Plan and said he is concerned about it. He said that the Mid West Region is the only region not to have a level 3 hospital. He wished to compliment all involved regarding the opening of the cataract unit in Nenagh.

Cllr. M. Ryan said he welcomed recent developments in Nenagh hospital. Cllr. G. Darcy welcomed the 60 bed modular unit recently announced for Nenagh, he said Nenagh provides a great service but that said he would like to see it opened 24 hours. He too welcomed the cataract unit.

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

Signed:   
Cllr. Mattie Ryan  
Cathaoirleach

Date: 20.12.18

Signed:   
Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
District Administrator

Date: 20.12.18

