



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE OCTOBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 9.15 AM ON 19TH OCTOBER 2017

Present:

Cllrs. John Carroll, Phyll Bugler, Fiona Bonfield, Ger Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, Seamus Morris, Mattie Ryan 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 Auen Melia, A/Assistant Staff Officer.

Mr. Brian Beck, Senior Planner; Ms. Sonja Reidy, Senior Executive Planner; Mr. Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance; Mr. David Fahy, Executive Engineer and Mr. Philip McGrath, A/Executive Engineer.

Item 1.

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It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. P. Bugler and resolved that the minutes of the October meeting held on 14th September 2017 be adopted.

Item 2. Action Plan

The Action plan from the September meeting was noted.

Item 3. Briefing from Planning Section

Mr. B. Beck and Ms. S. Reidy attended from Planning Section. A Planning Briefing note was circulated to Members. Mr. B. Beck advised that Mr. K. Cashen sent his apologies as he was on leave. The members were advised that Ms. R. O' Donnell would be replacing Ms. M. Daly who has recently left the organisation. Ms. O' Donnell is due to commence employment on Monday 23rd October. Members requested that their good wishes be passed on to Ms. Daly who was extremely able and had been courteous and competent in her short time with the Council.

With regard to the National Planning Framework – "Ireland 2040: Our Plan" Mr. B. Beck advised members that submissions are invited up until the 3rd November. He said that under the new framework the

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population threshold for urban status is changed to 10,000 people, meaning that Nenagh, Thurles, Roscrea and Cashel will be designated as rural towns. The threshold was previously 1,500. He added that this document will be a mandatory document unlike the spatial strategy which was only a guideline document.

Cllr. S. Morris asked that a workshop be arranged. All councillors concurred with Cllr. S. Morris and expressed their concerns at the impact of the proposed changes. Mr. B. Beck advised that the Chief Executive may suggest a workshop for all councillors however he said in the meantime the Planning SPC meeting is due to be held on Tuesday next and Ms. N. O'Connell, Senior Executive Planner would be giving a presentation on the National Planning Framework and all members are welcome to attend.

Cllr. M. O' Meara said it is vital to develop stronger links and work more closely with Limerick and Clare. He said it is a golden opportunity to market the area. Cllr. O' Meara proposed to have meeting with Limerick and Clare County Councils and this was seconded by Cllr. P. Bugler.

Cllr. H. McGrath said he had concerns about the proposed 10,000 urban threshold and that it had serious implications for Nenagh. He criticised plans for an extra runway at Dublin Airport saying there is a need to develop Shannon as a hub and that this is strategic to the Mid-West.

Mr. B. Beck said that he would circulate the link to view the proposed National Planning Framework to all members. He indicated that submissions had previously been made to the National Planning Framework based on the initial document and further submissions would now be made.

Mr. M. O' Connor referred to the county wide remit of the SPC and said that the matter would be considered at that meeting which members could attend. He said that there are a number of strong towns in Tipperary which would be impacted – Tipperary was unique in the number of towns unlike Limerick. There was a need that the document be discussed strategically as a county.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the Master Plan for Stereame and said there was great interest in it however people were frustrated that they could not see it as yet. He said there was a lot of work going on there and it was looking well.

Cllr. H. McGrath referred to the limited land bank that was available and the importance of voluntary and social housing to cater for everybody. He did not consider this need would be catered for through Part V. Mr. B. Beck said the Council was very conscious of the need for social housing. They had to work in line with best practice as set down by the Department which related to the creation of a community mix of social, affordable, voluntary and private housing.

Cllr. H. McGrath said that rent was going up and rented housing was now unaffordable for many. This was the only land bank in town.

Cllrs. J. Carroll and G. Darcy welcomed the increase in the number of applications and the high number of grants of permission.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to the review of listed buildings and wondered if there is any update on this saying this matter is on-going for a significant amount of time. Mr. B. Beck advised that there are approx. 2,600 listed buildings in County Tipperary. He said there are no resources to carry out a full review. Consideration is being given to go to tender to carry out this review however this would require the approval of the Director and the Chief Executive. Cllr. G. Darcy urged Mr. B. Beck to go ahead with this tender process as this review cannot be carried out soon enough.

Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to applicants lodging a planning application and said that little things are causing problems to applicants, he wondered if a workshop could be arranged? Mr. B. Beck advised that there is a blog on the website which would assist in getting through this process. Some workshops for agents were previously arranged and he is looking at arranging some more. He added that e-planning will be coming on in Q2 next year and a series of workshops will be arranged for this.

Item 4. Draft Budgetary Plan**2018**

Mr. L. McCarthy, Director of Services advised members that the total provisional allocation for General Municipal Allocation for 2018 is €1,091.455. This is allocated to the districts based on the population of the Municipal Districts at the time of the 2016 census. He said that for Nenagh Municipal District, based on a population of 38,412, the GMA allocation proposed for 2018 is €262,765. He advised that when the budget was adopted the Schedule of Municipal District Works would be brought back to the District and at that time the GMA would be allocated. He requested that the members should take the following into account in determining the allocations:

- Matching funding requirement at District level for job creation and rural development – for example Town & Village Renewal and REDZ.
- Unfinished housing estates.
- Burial ground minor works of a capital nature.

He advised that the additional GMA funding arose from the increase of 5% in the LPT. There was no guarantee that this would be there on a recurring basis therefore allocations should be on a one-off basis that did not involve a recurring cost.

Cllr. G. Darcy welcomed the extra money. He referred to issues with rural county roads – tertiary roads – and asked that consideration be given to channelling some of that money for that purpose.

Cllr. J. Hannigan supported Cllr. Darcy and asked if it had been identified where matching funding could be obtained and where savings can be made. He said he would like to see if value for money is being obtained.

Cllr. M. O' Meara also supported in relation to tertiary roads. He also referred to the importance of community grants and said that a small increase would allow more help to be given to rural communities.

Cllr. M. Ryan also referred to the need to provide funding for rural roads in the interests of rural Ireland.

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, and seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan and resolved that pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of Local Government Act 2001 as amended by Section 58 (e) (c) of the Local

Government Reform Act 2014 the Draft Budgetary Plan prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Act as considered by the members be and is hereby adopted without amendment.

Item 5. Tidy Towns Results

Cllr. J. Carroll complimented all tidy towns groups on achieving great results in the Supervalu Tidy Towns competition this year. He paid a special tribute to Birdhill on achieving the national title. A summary of the results was circulated to each member. Ms. A. Melia outlined details of results as follows: - Birdhill received Ireland's Tidiest Town and Tidiest Village titles. Terryglass and Birdhill received a gold medal, Silvermines received a silver medal while Ballina and Nenagh received a bronze medal. 26 tidy towns groups participated in the competition and were awarded marks from a minimum of +3 to a maximum of +11. It was noted that Garrykennedy & Borrisokane re-entered into the competition this year.

All members wished to congratulate Birdhill on their success. They paid tribute to every tidy towns group who participated in this competition. Compliments were paid to the local authority which endeavours to help each committee. Similarly compliments were paid to the outdoor staff of the local authority for their help towards the tidy towns committees.

Ms. R. Joyce acknowledged the role of the Members in this process referring to the Tidy Towns initiative that they introduced regarding allocation of funds to the top 5 high performance centres. She too paid tribute to the Engineers and outdoor staff of the council for their work. Referring to Birdhill being awarded the highest accolade she said that this will benefit the whole district, attracting other tidy towns groups to visit Birdhill & surrounding areas.

Cllrs. P. Bugler and H. McGrath paid tribute to the Nenagh Tidy Towns Committee and how well the town looked.

Mr. M. O' Connor wished to be associated with these sentiments. He noted the achievements of all groups and in particular Killoscully which now brings them into the Top 5 in the District. He said he was glad to see Garrykennedy re-entering the competition adding that it has huge potential.

Item 6. Update on Projects**Newport Town Park**

Site visits have taken place to playgrounds/town parks at Mungret, Castletroy Park, Thurles and Nenagh with members of the Playground Committee. They will now submit their comments arising from this and the detailed design will be prepared by Nic de Jong.

Gills Garden

All documentation has now submitted by the contractor for the masonry works on the walls.

Community CCTV Scheme

A project meeting has taken place with contractors and consultants. Equipment is being sourced. An application is gone to the Gardaí for consent of Commissioner.

Nenagh Traffic Management Plan

There will be a workshop for members with the consultant at 4 p.m. on Tuesday 31st October followed by a public meeting at 6.30 p.m. All those who made submissions have been contacted.

Bord Gais Project

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that reinstatement works are ongoing on Pearse Street and Kickham Street. He said that the town centre will take good shape in the next couple of weeks. Mr. M. O' Connor thanked businesses for their patience.

Update on new Shannon Crossing at Ballina/Killaloe

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that approval is being sought from the Department regarding brief for appointment of consultants.

Knockalton

The consultants are preparing detailed design and tender documents.

Carrigahorrig

Preliminary surveys and site investigation works are ongoing by the Mid-West Design Office.

Latteragh

Approval has been given to continue scheme. It is expected that an allocation will be given next year.

Borrisokane

A detail design is being prepared. It is expected to start work in Q2 2018.

Nenagh Tourist Office

The layout is currently under consideration. The position in relation to planning is being examined.

Garden of Remembrance, Cloughjordan

Works to date include – groundworks and site preparation, bitmac paths, kerbing, paving, tree planting, shrub planting, main entrance wall and sign, two information signs, 1916 rising leaders sculpture, flagpole, Irish volunteers sculpture, 50% grass seeding and sheep fencing. Works outstanding include – 50% grass seeding, glass print sculpture installation, whip planting and snags.

Town and Village Renewal

The Town & Village Scheme 2017 funding was announced by Minister Ring. 13 out of the 15 applications submitted by Tipperary County Council were approved. Total funding approved is €857,384. Applications approved in the Nenagh Municipal District are:

Borrisokane	Ring Fort & Workhouse Graveyard enhancement works	€48,000.00
Nenagh	Laneway enhancement to town centre	€64,000.00
Terryglass	Playground extension – Harbour refurbishment Moorings-Trail	€78,800.00
		€190,800.00

Cllr. S. Morris referred to Nenagh 2020 and asked how does one get onto this committee. He asked that this matter be part of the Agenda under projects going forward.

It was agreed that three members would represent the Nenagh MD on the Nenagh 2020 Committee as follows:

- Cllr. H. McGrath – proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. P. Bugler

- Cllr. J. Hannigan – proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. P. Bugler
- Cllr. S. Morris – proposed by Cllr. J. Hannigan, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll

Item 7. Update on Road Works Programme

A progress report on the 2017 Roadworks programme was distributed to members.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John Carroll thanked the local authority staff and executive for the very efficient operations and co-ordination during Storm Ophelia. He referred in particular to the use of map alerter and its benefits in communicating with members and the public. He also expressed his appreciation to Sean Hogan for his work on the national co-ordination group. The storm was a frightening experience and he expressed his sincere thanks to everyone involved in dealing with it. Going forward he expressed concerns as to whether the staffing complement would be sufficient to deal with blocked drains and gullies to ensure that there were not legacy problems.

Cllr. P. Bugler in her capacity of Chairperson of Tipperary County Council said that the council had done outstanding work in clearing roads of fallen trees and informing people through social media/map alerter/website of blocked roads. She paid tribute to Mr. S. Hogan, National Emergency Co-ordination group and Mr. B. Maloney, Corporate Relations Manager with the ESB for their efforts.

Cllr. S. Morris said that map alerter proved very successful and that the public used social media to advise of fallen trees/debris etc. He added that there is now a huge clean up ahead for the local authority.

Cllr. M. O' Meara wished to be associated with the previous comments and said that a lot of road side trees are now in an unstable and precarious position.

Cllr. J. Hannigan said that this storm was well flagged nationally and said that the local authority had stepped up to the mark. He said that a task force should be put in place regarding dangerous trees.

Cllr. M. Ryan called for a county wide survey to be conducted to identify dangerous road side trees.

Cllr. G. Darcy supported Cllr. M. O' Meara regarding dangerous trees and said that cutting down of trees is a dangerous job and that ESB wires make it even more dangerous. He said that the Council should sit down and see how to tackle this problem.

Cllr. S. Morris asked that the Government make Nenagh MD a pilot scheme to do survey of trees overhanging roads. He said that, as a postman, it was frightening to be driving around rural roads in the district because big branches were barely hanging on trees after the storm. Cllr. J. Carroll agreed with Cllr. Morris and said that a task force should be set up including members of the IFA and Executive of Council to strike a balance. It was also suggested that a representative from Eircom/ESB be included in this task group.

Mr. M. O' Connor said the Council's use of social media had definitely helped in keeping the public safe while the storm was raging. He said a lot of information had come in from the public. It was fortunate that the storm was signalled four days in advance. 27 work crews were deployed by the Council that evening and a lot of debris was removed before darkness. Many of the 103 roads around the county that had been blocked had been cleared in the three hours before darkness. He reminded members that the responsibility for roadside trees was that of the landowner. He said that the roads SPC would be the normal mechanism regarding strategic issues and that he would have no difficulty inviting IFA, ICMA and or ICA to this.

Item 8. Engineer's Checklist

The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to the members.

Cllr. M. O' Meara said a sign erected at an agricultural entrance at Derrinvohil is obstructing vision and asked that it be removed.

Cllr. S. Morris asked that a close eye be kept on signs as many are turned the wrong way, he asked the public not to interfere with signs. He said that a sign at Clashnevin Cross is defaced and is not indicating a cross road ahead.

Cllr. J. Hannigan asked that an audit of signs be carried out. He said that a sign at Milford is lying in ditch.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to the update on ragwort on spare land at Congor and wondered if this could be sprayed rather than pulled out. He referred to a dangerous bump near the county bounds at Behamore and asked if this could be given priority as it is very dangerous.

Cllr. G. Darcy also referred to the update on speeding at St. Conlon's road, Gortlandroe and feels that speed indicators signs would work well at this location.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the speed limit on R445 and said that Tipperary County Council has erected 100km speed limit signs however he noted that on the Limerick side that the speed limit is 80km. He urged people to be mindful of speeding on this road until such time as speed limit is changed.

Item 9. To consider Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion No. 1190 submitted by Cllr. Michael O' Meara

"That Nenagh Municipal District should erect name plates to each of our local authority estates in the area".

The motion was proposed by Cllr. M. O' Meara and seconded by Cllr. J. Hannigan. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-

"There are in the region of 40 local authority estates in the Nenagh MD. Many already have name identification. This comes in a variety of ways depending on the entrance design and the size of the estate. There is unlikely to be a "one size fits all" solution. A survey of local authority estates will be carried out and the findings including cost implications will be reported on early in the New Year".

Notice of Motion No: 1196 submitted by Cllr. Mattie Ryan

"That Nenagh Municipal District provide finance to restore the surface in Kilcommon Village in 2018".

The motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-

The road surfaces through Kilcommon village (L6183-0, L2266-0 and L2266-11) all have a condition rating of 4 or less indicating that pavement restoration works are required to restore these road surfaces to a good condition. Consideration will be given to including these and other roads with similar condition rating on the next 3-year restoration programme (2019-2021).

Notice of Motion No. 1191 submitted by Cllr. Michael O' Meara

"That the Nenagh Municipal District apply to the TII for Traffic Calming Schemes for Ballingarry and Riverstown Villages".

The motion was proposed by Cllr. M. O' Meara and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-

The N52 through Ballingarry and Riverstown Village will be surveyed to determine if a case can be made for a traffic calming scheme through these two villages. Where such a case can be made a submission will be prepared for the TII. A progress report will be prepared for the December meeting of the Nenagh MD.

Notice of Motion No. 1197 – submitted by Cllr. Mattie Ryan

"That Nenagh Municipal District declare road no. L-94974-4 a public road at Reiska, Kilcommon".

The motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-

The application to declare road No. L-94974-4 at Reiska, Kilcommon, a public road will be considered in the context of the taking in charge provisions of the 1993 Roads Act and Tipperary County Council's policy on the taking in charge of rural cul-de-sac roads. A report with recommendations will be prepared for the November meeting of the Nenagh MD. Consideration will also be given to the opportunities for the funding of the future maintenance of this road.

Item 10. To fix date for Awards Evening

It was agreed to hold this event on Thursday, 23rd November, 2017.

Item 11. To fix date for Community Safety Meeting

It was agreed to have this meeting at 9.30 a.m. on the 16th November, 2017.

Item 12.**Delegated Employee Orders**

A list of Delegated Employee Orders up to 16th October 2017 as circulated to the members was noted.

Item 13.**Correspondence**

None

Item No: 14.**Votes of Sympathy/
Congratulations**

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-

- Mr. Pat McKeogh on the death of Mr. Michael Joy, R.I.P.
- Mr. Sean McCarthy on death of Mrs. Rachel McCarthy, R.I.P.
- Mr. & Mrs. Holland on death of Mikey Holland, R.I.P.

Votes of Congratulations were passed to the following:-

- Birdhill Town Towns on their achievements in the Supervalued Tidy Towns Competition.
- Borrisokane Minor B hurling team on winning the county final recently.
- Nenagh Choral Society to extend congratulations to the cast and crew on the success of "Les Misérables".
- Burgess Duharra Camogie team on winning the County Senior Championship final recently.
- Kildangan on achieving senior status in the football championship.

Item 15.**A.O.B****Taste of Nenagh**

Ms. R. Joyce outlined details of the inaugural Taste of Nenagh event being organised by the Nenagh & District Chamber of Commerce. She advised that Cllr. J. Carroll had submitted the original application for funding for this initiative. Members welcomed the proposed event and paid tribute to those who had committed to provide sponsorship for same.

The event is supported by Tipperary County Council, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine; Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas (CESRA); ABP; and Gas Networks Ireland.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the Municipal District meeting held on 20th April, 2017 which included a briefing from Community & Economic Development. He said that Coty's decision to shut down their plant in Nenagh was discussed and there was a general agreement that a meeting should be set up to meet with the employees of Coty and that an interagency group be set up for only this site. Cllr. Morris said that seven months have passed and he has had no feedback. He asked for a written response before the next meeting from Community & Economic Development stating why they ignored this request and to advise what they have done on this matter since. Cllr's Carroll, Hannigan and McGrath supported Cllr. Morris.

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

Signed: 
Cllr. J. Carroll
Cathaoirleach

Date: 16.11.2017

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 16.11.2017

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