



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE OCTOBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 18TH OCTOBER 2018.

Present Cllr's John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, Fiona Bonfield, Ger Darcy, Hughie McGrath, 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 Ms. Auen Melia, Assistant Staff Officer.

Planning Section: - Mr. Brian Beck, Senior Planner.

Water Services Section: - Mr. Gerry Robinson, Senior Executive Engineer.

Finance Section: Mr. Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance; Mr. Gerry McGarry, Financial Management Accountant

Apologies Cllr. Seamus Morris & Cllr. Phyll Bugler.

At the outset the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M. Ryan referred to a number of positive achievements and events in relation to the county which he wished to highlight including Tipperary Fire Service winning the top award for its Safety Management System in the National Awards; Nenagh announced as being 'Cleaner than European Norms' in the IBAL Survey; the Taste of Nenagh event which will be held on 27th October and Spleodar Festival which will take place from 27th to 31st October and the official opening of Garden of Remembrance which took place on Monday 15th October.

All members paid compliments to all involved on getting these achievements. With regard to the IBAL results they wished to thank the staff of Nenagh MD, outdoor staff ably led by Mr. S. O' Brien, Town Foreman, Litter Wardens, Tidy Towns Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Businesses, Residents Groups and everyone who helped Nenagh achieve this result.

With regard to the Garden of Remembrance, Ms. R. Joyce was thanked for all her work regarding this project.

Mr. M. O' Connor, referring to the IBAL results, said that Nenagh has come a long way and that it was hard to see Nenagh getting such an award 5 years ago, however he said following all the hard work which sometimes goes unnoticed, it is a great result for the town of Nenagh.



**Item 1.
Minutes of
September
Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and resolved that the minutes of the September Meeting held on 20th September, 2018 be adopted.

**Item 2.
Minutes of
Special Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and resolved that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 1st October, 2018 be adopted.

**Item 3.
Action Plan**

The Action Plan from the September meeting was noted.

**Item 4.
To consider and
adopt Draft
Budgetary Plan
2019**

Mr. L. McCarthy, Director of Services advised members that the total provisional allocation for the General Municipal Allocations for 2019 is €350,000. This is allocated to the districts based on the population of the Municipal Districts at the time of the 2016 census and recognises the changes in populations of the Districts following the local elections in 2019. He said that for Nenagh Municipal District, based on a population of 38,412 for the first 6 months and population of 37,728 for the remaining 6 months the GMA allocation proposed for 2019 is €83,511. He advised that the Schedule of Municipal District Works would be brought back to the District and at that time the GMA would be allocated.

All members were concerned about the reduction in monies since last year and the implications for the funding of a number of projects and initiatives. Particular concerns were expressed in relation to the funding for Nenagh Arts Centre and the North Tipperary Genealogy & Heritage Service. Mr. L. McCarthy advised it is hoped that funding for Nenagh Tourist Office, Nenagh Arts Office and the cycle routes will be provided within the overall budget.

Mr. M. O' Connor said that the reduction is as a result of the decision made by Members at the budget meeting regarding the Local Property Tax.

Following considerable discussion on the need for funding in order to continue the good work that is being done in the District a number of members indicated that they could not support the proposed reduction in funding. They were advised that a decision could not be deferred.

It was then proposed by Cllr. M. O' Meara, and seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath 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 noted.



**Item. 5
To receive
briefing from
Planning Section**

Mr. B. Beck, Senior Planner attended from Planning Section and circulated a progress report to Members. An update was given on the following:-

- Preparation of Regional and Spatial Economic Strategies (RSES)
- Cluster Guidelines
- Urban Regeneration and Development Fund
- Taking-in-Charge
- Number of Planning Applications received
- Enforcement Proceedings

Members acknowledged the support given by Mr. Beck to the Cathaoirleach and the Regional Assembly. They welcomed the application submitted in respect of Nenagh under the Rural Regional Development Fund. Queries were raised in relation to timelines and the review of Protected Structures. These were responded to by Mr. Beck.

**Item. 6
To receive
briefing from
Water Services
Section**

Mr. G. Robinson, Senior Executive Engineer attended from Water Services Section and circulated a progress report to Members. An update was given on the following:-

- Irish Water Infrastructural Projects
- Networks Portfolio Delivery
- Irish Water Capital Delivery Programme
- Rural Water Programme

A number of queries were raised by members in relation to Newtown, Ballina, capacity of Nenagh Sewerage Treatment plant, having a presentation on the rural Water Programme, capacity of Cloughjordan Sewerage Treatment plant and the North West Regional Scheme. These were responded to by Mr. G. Robinson.

**Item. 7
To approve
grants to Clubs &
Organisations**

Ms. R. Joyce advised members that a late application had been received under grant scheme for Clubs and Organisations from Lorrha Cycling Club – it was proposed by Cllr. M. O' Meara and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and approved that €300.00 be allocated.

**Item. 8
To consider
Declaration of a
Road to be
Public**

Mr. M. O' Connor referred to the Director of Services report to the Members that was circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that "pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, this Municipal District hereby agrees to declare road serving the area known as Belmont off St. Conlon's Road, Nenagh from its junction with L-1232-0/1233-0 end at entrance to Enable Ireland to be public, as per the map which was on public display during the prescribed period and as outlined in the Director of Services Report to the Members dated 15th October, 2018".



**Item 9.
Update on
Projects**

➤ **Newport Town Park**

A number of revised reports have been received from the consultants and we are awaiting the final reports and drawings to make the application to An Bord Pleanála and to put proposals on public display.

➤ **Gills Garden**

The landscaping contract has been awarded to Nordon Landscapes and they have advised that they are looking at beginning the works in the early to mid part of next week.

➤ **Nenagh Traffic Management Plan**

Consultant has been appointed in respect of the Mitchel Street/Emmet Place Junction and Car Park. We are awaiting the final report on the Traffic Management Plan and would hope to bring it before members in the near future.

➤ **Bord Gais Project**

It is envisaged that ESB will be carrying out works on Dublin road next week.

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

Consultants have been appointed for the design process and preparation of contract documentation. Oral hearing is ongoing.

➤ **Latteragh**

Now that contract documents are nearly complete for Borrisokane, attention will now move to both Latteragh & Carrigahorrig.

➤ **Borrisokane**

It is hoped that the contract for this project will be signed next week.

➤ **Knockalton**

It is hoped that the contract for this project will be signed within the next two weeks.

➤ **Carrigahorrig**

Now that contract documents are nearly complete for Borrisokane, attention will now move to both Latteragh & Carrigahorrig.

➤ **Nenagh Tourist Office**

The Quantity Surveyors have completed their assessment and the architects are currently working on their report which we expect to receive in the near future.

➤ **Garden of Remembrance, Cloughjordan**

This project is now complete and was officially opened on 15th October,



2018.

➤ **Nenagh 800/Nenagh Castle**

A further meeting of Nenagh 800 Committee is being confirmed with the committee.

➤ **Ballina Jetty**

This is being progressed by Waterways Ireland. They propose to outsource the work and are currently engaged in a tender process.

➤ **Communities in Bloom**

Birdhill were awarded the International Award for Best Floral Display at the Communities in Bloom Awards in Strathcona County, Alberta. They also received five blooms and a bronze medal with a special commendation for the Community Park.

➤ **Tidy Towns Results 2018**

Congratulations to all the Tidy Towns groups in the Nenagh MD on their results in this year's competition. All saw an increase in their marks and particular congratulations to Terryglass and Birdhill who received gold medals, Silvermines who received silver and to Nenagh who received bronze. A report was circulated giving details of the marks for each centre.

➤ **Town & Village Renewal**

The following centres in the Nenagh MD have been allocated funding under the 2018 Town & Village Renewal Scheme: - Aglish €78,400, Cloughjordan €21,800, Nenagh €100,000, Puckane €116,904 and Terryglass €152,000.

➤ **IBAL**

Nenagh has been declared 'Cleaner than European Norms'. This welcome news comes with the publication of the IBAL Anti-Litter League Summer Result 2018 which shows Nenagh as the second cleanest out of 40 towns and cities surveyed.

**Item 10. Update
on Roadworks
Programme**

A report on the Roadworks Programme was circulated to members. All members complimented the work completed to date.

Concern was raised over the following:-

- Bridge at Newtown
- Bog Road from Carrig to Clonmona
- Sopwell Hill to Cloughjordan
- Bantiss at Cloughjordan



**Item 11.
Engineer's
Checklist**

The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to the members.

Cllr. J. Carroll asked that flooding at Capparoo Cross be given priority.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to trees on Step Road, Cloughjordan and wondered if these can be examined in terms of safety. Referring to the N52 by-pass he wondered if it is possible to put in an additional seat.

Cllr. H. McGrath raised concern that some footpaths in Tyone are level with the road – he asked if there is anything that can be done.

Cllr. M. Ryan asked if that bridge at Coonmore/Lackamore be looked at. He also asked if the hedges/briars can be trimmed along by garda station in Templeberry.

Cllr. F. Bonfield referred to speeding along by Glenree Estate, Newport and said that the developer has started work and there are trucks from the quarry. She has never seen speed checks being carried out there by the Gardaí, She asked that speed radar signs be erected. She also referred to trees at Oxpark, Cloughjordan.

**Item 12.
Notices of
Motion**

Notice of Motion No. 1474 submitted by Cllr. Joe Hannigan

"That Tipperary County Council regarding the R493 as a regional road of strategic importance, based on the fact that the R493 is the main route on the eastern shoreline of Lough Derg as a North/South corridor, linking the access points to Lough Derg and linking the villages along the route. That Tipperary County Council seek special funding in order to undertake the necessary realignment/widening and surfacing where necessary to the R493. Now that the area of Tipperary is part of "Ireland's Hidden Heartlands" such works are necessary to accommodate it as a tourist route together with local traffic".

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

The R493 in common with the Regional road network generally, is a strategically important route. Since the Specific fund for Regional Road (formerly the EU Co-finance scheme for Regional Roads) was discontinued some years ago there is no available funding source for Regional road improvement schemes outside of the Department of Transport Road Restoration programme for Regional & Local roads. A minimum of 15% Regional Roads must be included in this programme.

Cllr. J. Hannigan spoke on the motion stressing the importance of this road and the need for specific funding for same. He was supported by a number



of councillors. In response Mr. M. O' Connor said that specific funding for regional roads was no longer available however there were indications that the Department may ask for proposals in the future. The submission of proposals following any such request would have to be agreed by Roads Section.

Notice of Motion No. 1489 submitted by Cllr. Mattie Ryan

"That Nenagh Municipal District construct a parking area at Bishop Harty School in Ballinree".

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

In line with longstanding Council and Department of Education Policy in this area, school car parking is a matter for the Board of Management of the school. That said, the Council is keen to collaborate with Boards of Management in relation to traffic issues on the public road which may be impacting on the school. The District Engineer has already engaged with the Board of Management at Bishop Harty School to investigate a perceived speeding issue on the public road in the vicinity of the school.

Cllr. M. Ryan referred to the number of cars which are dropping off children at Ballinree on a daily basis. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that, while the Council will co-operate as far as possible, the provision of car parks is a matter for the board of management and the Department of Education. The Council will advise on matters relating to road safety and speed but would not provide money for a car park.

Notice of Motion No. 1490 submitted by Cllr. Fiona Bonfield

" That following on from numerous requests in previous years that Tipperary County Council give a commitment to have a new section of footpath put in place from the Drom Slinne Housing Estate in Portroe to the Cross at Portroe. A number of residents walk along here everyday both young and old, to the village, and from a health and safety point of view it needs to be seriously looked at. The residents in this estate want some action now on the situation. I would be hoping that our council listen to the concerns of the residents now and give a commitment to them that they will look at this as part of the municipal schedule of works in 2019".

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

A footpath linking Drom Slinne housing estate to Garrykennedy Cross, Portroe is clearly a desirable development proposal and one that the Nenagh Municipal District would be keen to progress. The construction of a footpath at this location necessitates the widening of the road pavement of



the L2135-10 to the east. Such widening requires land space outside the existing boundaries of the public road and would involve the agreement of landowners and the construction of substantial earth retaining structures along the new boundary of the road. Further design work needs to be carried out on this proposal before a cost estimate can be prepared. The District Engineer plans to have this cost estimate completed by Q3 2019 to allow the proposal to be considered for inclusion in the 2020 Schedule of Municipal District Works.

Cllr. Bonfield welcomed the response.

Notice of Motion No. 1475 submitted by Cllr. Joe Hannigan

“That Nenagh Municipal District undertake an audit of the electric car charging points in the District. That Nenagh Municipal District prepare a list of recommended sites for further provision of additional points and liaise with relevant parties to provide such facilities”.

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

The District Engineer has reviewed this request and considers that it needs to have regard to a County wide policy in this area. It is recommended that this request be referred to the Roads/Planning SPCs for further review and the development of over-arching policy to regulate the development of suitable charging point sites and in collaboration with ESB to oversee the expansion of a network of charging points across the County.

Item 13. It was agreed to hold this event on Tuesday 20th November, 2018 at 7 p.m.
**Fix date for
annual District
Awards evening**

Item 14 Noted
Delegated
Employee Orders

Item 15. Ms. R. Joyce referred to correspondence circulated regarding upcoming workshop on ‘Building on success-the next steps for Lough Derg as a great destination’ which is due to take place on 24th October in The Killaloe Hotel or on 25th October in Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna and asked each member to confirm availability to Mairead Winters by Monday 22nd October.
Correspondence



- Item 16.** Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-
Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations
- Peter Gleeson on the death of Mr. Ger Gleeson, R.I.P.
 - Ann Marie Devaney on the death of Mr. Michael McDonnell, R.I.P.
 - Jimmy O' Grady on death of Mrs. Máire O' Grady, R.I.P.

Votes of Congratulations –

- Seamus O' Brien on Nenagh's recent achievements in IBAL Anti-Litter League Summer Result 2018.

- Item 17.** Cllr. J. Carroll wished Burgess all the best in the Seamus O' Riain cup final and Nenagh Eire Óg in the County Final on Sunday. Members wished V. O' Dowd best wishes for a speedy recovery.
AOB

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to an aggravated burglary which took place in Borrisokane recently and called on the council to look at installing CCTV in Borrisokane. In addition to this he asked that the Executive write a letter to Chief Superintendent C. Kehoe to ascertain how many full time Sergeants and Gardaí are now based in Borrisokane. Cllr. J. Hannigan agreed and said that this request is ongoing for some time, he feels that Borrisokane is a prime location to have a CCTV scheme. Cllr. G. Darcy agreed and said that a CCTV facility would go a long way to preventing burglaries such as these. Referring to community alert groups he urged groups to stay active even if crime figures are down.

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that are certainly concerns regarding the current scheme available but that this is a country wide problem and it needs to be reviewed.

It was agreed to write to Chief Superintendent C. Kehoe and ascertain figures.

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

Signed: 
Cllr. Mattie Ryan
Cathaoirleach

Date: 15.11.2018

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 15.11.2018

