



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Present Cllr's John Carroll, Fiona Bonfield, Phyll Bugler, Ger Darcy, Hughie McGrath, Mattie Ryan, Seamus Morris, Joe Hannigan 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. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer.

Environment Section: - Ms Marion O Neill, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer; Paula O Dwyer, Environmental Scientist; Ms Cora Morrissey, Administrative Officer.

SIRO: Aoife Ní Lochlainn, Fergus Devereux
Broadband Officer: Simon Howe

Cllr. G Darcy wished to congratulate Kilruane McDonagh's on their win in the North Senior Final, Minor and U14B County Championships and u14 North Championship. Cllr J Carroll congratulated the Tipperary U21's on their All-Ireland win. Cllr. S Morris congratulated Kilruane and Kiladangan on their recent wins; he also congratulated the handball players and Ballymackey FC on winning FAI Club of the Year. All councillors wished to be associated with these remarks. Cllr M Ryan proposed a vote of congratulations to the O Donovan Brothers on their recent win at the World Championships and Gary Ryan who was inducted into the UL Hall of Fame. He also informed the members that there are plans to hold a Civic Reception at County level for the U21 hurlers.

Ms. R. Joyce explained that there is a Civic Reception planned for Nenagh Special Summer Camp, the awards night for the Burial Grounds/Tidy Towns Groups etc will be going ahead in November and that the possibility of holding an awards night to acknowledge sporting achievements in the District will be examined. Councillors were requested to have their suggestions to Ms. R. Joyce before the October meeting and it will be discussed before that meeting. A list will then be agreed and submitted to the CPG for approval.

Item 1. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. J. Hannigan and resolved that the minutes of the Meeting held on 19th July, 2018 be adopted.

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Cllr S. Morris raised the issue of the Part 8 for Cormack Drive. Councillors received an email outlining changes and he requested clarification on whether the process was completely starting over again and if councillors could make submissions on it. The possibility of having Part 8 discussed at District level and then County level was also raised by the members. Mr. M. O Connor informed the members, that once the Part 8 process is started it has to be brought to a conclusion and the new process started. It is not possible to have a process where a Part 8 is processed at District level and again at County level. The other queries the members have will be followed up with housing.



Item 2.

Action Plan

The Action Plan from the July meeting was noted.

Item 3.

**To receive
briefing from
Environment
Section**

An update was circulated by Environment.

Cllrs. McGrath, O Meara, Darcy, Hannigan and Bonfield requested clarification on the derelict buildings in Tyone, Old Birr Road Junction, Angler's Rest, Cloughjordan and Old Convent Newport. Ms. M. O Neill informed the members that a number of notices have been issued and in some instances the owner is engaging with the County Council. Cllr. J. Hannigan raised a query on the difficulties working on derelict buildings if they are listed properties and would it be possible to get them removed from the register, Ms. M. O Neill informed him that she will have to discuss the issue with other sections. Environment has a register of derelict buildings but would not normally carry out work on these buildings except in extreme cases.

Cllr. J. Carroll complimented the anti-dumping initiative in Burgess/Shallee and queried the possibility of having Coillte owned land fenced off. Cllrs O Meara, Carroll and Darcy complimented the service offered at the Civic Amenity Site. The progress on the burial grounds was welcomed by the members. Cllr. J. Hannigan queried if it would be possible to replicate the pilot project that took place in Clonmel with Fast Food businesses, in other areas. Cllr. G. Darcy requested No Dumping signs along a dyke in Moanfin. Cllr. F. Bonfield suggested that a similar event to the Great Limerick Clean Up should be examined.

Ms. M. O Neill informed the members that the funding that was made available for the Burgess/Shallee anti-litter initiative may become available again in 2019. She also confirmed that the issue with the Coillte properties and working with the fast food owners on anti-litter will be examined. Bags and Litter Pickers are made available to members of the public during National Spring Clean week in April.

Cllr. J. Hannigan requested clarification on the status of the amenity bye-laws. Ms. R. Joyce informed him that they were referred for legal opinion. There are a small number of changes to be made and the draft bye-laws will then come back to the members for a workshop.

Cllr. J. Hannigan wanted an update on the issues in relation to the fish kills in the rivers. Ms. P. O Dwyer and Ms. M. O Neill informed the members that staff are working with Teagasc and LAWCO to raise awareness of the issues that can lead to fish kills.

Item. 4

**To receive
presentation
from SIRO**

SIRO gave a presentation on the work/project that will be taking place in Nenagh over the next few weeks. Members welcomed the presentation and the rollout of high speed broadband in the town. Cllr. H. McGrath was concerned about the disruption to businesses in the town especially in the lead up to Christmas and any disruption that would happen to the roads and footpaths around town. Cllrs. Hannigan, O Meara and Darcy were concerned about the lack of broadband in the rural areas.



Ms. A. Ní Lochlainn informed the members that SIRO is a joint venture company between the ESB and Vodafone. They are a commercial company and would not be in a position to have the level of investment for a rural broadband service – this would require state investment. SIRO will only develop an area where they will get a return. Mr. F. Deveraux explained that they will be working closely with the County Council and will apply for road opening licenses where necessary. Roads and footpaths will only be open where there is a blockage and for health and safety reasons and the fact that they will be working on the ESB network any opening will be closed again on the same day.

Mr. M O Connor explained that as Nenagh is competing with other towns for businesses it is important that high speed broadband is available.

Mr. S. Howe explained that there is a National Broadband Plan under the Dept. Of Communications and final tenders are currently being evaluated for the rollout of rural broadband.

It was agreed that Mr. S. Howe would be invited to a meeting of the District in the future to outline what is being undertaken in rural areas.

**Item. 5
To agree dates
for:**

Special Meeting to consider 2019-2021 Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme. It was agreed to hold this meeting on Monday 1st October at 2.30

Civic reception for Nenagh Special Summer Camp. It was agreed to go back to the Committee with the date of Tuesday 16th October.

Official Opening of Garden of Remembrance, Cloughjordan. It was agreed to propose Monday 15th October as the date subject to agreement with the local committee.

**Item. 6 To
update members
on projects &
events**

➤ **Newport Town Park**

One treatment of the giant hogweed has taken place. A first draft of the Natura Impact Statement was received from consultants. We reverted with a number of queries on this. Following this a revised Statement was received which is currently being examined. We have also received a number of the drawings etc. for the public display and are awaiting the remainder. When we are satisfied that these are in order we will be proceeding to put same on public display for a period of six weeks prior to making application to An Bord Pleanála.

➤ **Gill's Garden**

Tenders received for the landscaping contract have been assessed and Letter of Intent has issued to the successful contractor. We are currently in the stand still period. We expect the contractor to be on site in mid October.

➤ **Shannon Crossing**

Consultants have been appointed for the design process and preparation of contract documents. The hearings on land acquisition have been held and are progressing well.



➤ **Latteragh**

Latteragh is currently on hold.

➤ **Borrisokane**

The tender report has been received back and there are 2 or 3 queries to be clarified. It is hoped that the contract would be awarded shortly.

➤ **Knockalton**

An offer has been made to one of the contractors and it is currently in the standstill period. If there are no objections the work will proceed shortly.

➤ **Carrigahorig**

There is no further update.

➤ **Bord Gais Project**

There are some snags and surface remedial works to be completed.

➤ **Community CCTV Scheme**

Nothing further to report.

➤ **Nenagh Traffic Management Plan**

Assessment of the tenders received for consultants in respect of the Mitchel Street/Emmet Place Junction & Car Park is currently underway and we expect that the successful tenderers will be appointed in the near future.

➤ **Nenagh Tourist Office**

A meeting has taken place on site with the architect and the Artistic Director of Nenagh Arts Centre. We are now awaiting costings from the Quantity Surveyor.

➤ **Garden of Remembrance, Cloughjordan**

As already discussed we propose to open the Garden of Remembrance in mid-October.

➤ **Nenagh 800/Nenagh Castle**

The next meeting of the Committee for Nenagh 800 will be held before the end of October. A number of suggestions have been put forward arising from discussions to date and contact with clubs etc.

A meeting took place on site earlier this week with OPW, architects and representative from the National Monuments Service in Dept. of Arts, Culture & the Gaeltacht. The progression of a feasibility study for the development of the next phase of the Castle Project was discussed and very positive indications were received of their support in progressing this. We await their report back following the meeting.

➤ **Ballina Jetty**

This is being progressed by Waterways Ireland. They propose to outsource the work and expect to go to tender in October.



➤ **NETA**

The Nenagh Municipal District had two entries in separate categories for the National Enterprise Towns Awards. Judging took place on Monday 10th September in Nenagh Town where we had approx. 70 representatives of the business community, retailers, community groups and various agencies present to meet the judges. This was followed by visits to First Data, Carey Glass, a tour around the town and a visit to the cultural and heritage hub.

On Wednesday 12th September the judges visited Cloughjordan where a strong presentation was given on the mix of enterprise and community that is on offer in the area.

➤ **Communities in Bloom**

Birdhill was nominated to represent Ireland in the International Communities in Bloom competition. The results of this competition will be announced next week.

The best of luck was wished to all the Tidy Towns groups – the results of this year's competition will be announced in the Helix on Monday next.

Cllrs. H. McGrath and S. Morris requested updates on the works on the Dublin Road. Cllr M O Meara queried the situation in Carrigahorig and Cllr. G. Darcy had a query on the surfacing in Tyone after the railway bridge.

Mr. P. Fee informed the members that the work on the Dublin Rd is being put back until the new year to facilitate the ESB to bring in a line and the resolve the issue of the surface water drainage. Mr. P. Fee will discuss the fact that there were significant speed violations in the speed survey in Carrigahorig at the next meeting with the Gardai. The work in Tyone is on the 2018 programme and will begin at the end of October or start of November.

Ms. R. Joyce gave the presentation that was given to the National Enterprise Town Awards judges on the 10th September 2018. Five locations in Tipperary were nominated and Nenagh and Cloughjordan were from the Nenagh Municipal District.

The members complimented the presentation and the work that was put into the event. It showed what businesses/Local Authority/Community groups are achieving in the area.

**Item 7.
Update on
Roadworks
Programme**

An update on the Roadworks Programme was circulated to members. Mr. P. Fee informed the members that there has been no further response on the LIS and it is now getting late in the year. There is €25,000 left in the CIS scheme but this is not enough to cover the next applicant. Mr. P. Fee will contact him to examine the possibility of doing part of the lane.

Cllr J. Carroll raised the issue of flooding at Burgess National School, overgrown vegetation at Burgess Cemetery and illegal parking on two unfinished entrances that is causing littering. Mr. P. Fee confirmed that the flooding at Burgess school will be examined once the roads works programme is completed.



Cllr. M. O Meara requested an update on the lighting in the Derry Close Estate, Rathcabbin and the work in Riverstown that is being led by Offaly County Council.

Cllr. G. Darcy had queries on the possibility of getting additional funding for bog roads that have been damaged due to the dry weather, specifically the Kilcarron Bog Road. There is also deterioration of the Nenagh- Cloughjordan Road at Bantiss and at Knockirivan on the Moneygall- Cloughjordan Road. Cllr. Darcy also raised the issue of the designated parking areas on Summerhill – it appears as if the areas are too close to the centre of the road.

Cllr M. Ryan raised the issue of the condition of the road at Cunneen’s Cross, the road north of Kilcommon Village and two bridges at Curreney and on the Kilcommon/Templederry road.

Cllr. H. McGrath was concerned about the pedestrian crossing and pedestrian access from the new Lidl store to the centre of town. He felt improvements are needed there as soon as possible in relation to lighting and said it is important to keep the two areas well connected. Repainting of the lines on the pedestrian crossing could be done as a matter of urgency.

Cllr. J. Hannigan raised the issue of the R493, he informed the meeting that he has a Notice of Motion on that road for the next meeting but wanted to ensure that it is known how important that road will be especially from a tourism perspective and the fact that Tipperary is now also in Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands.

Mr. P. Fee informed the members that he is aware of the issues on the Carrig-Portumna Road, he met with the GSS and it will be kept maintained and the possibility of additional signage will be examined. He is also aware of the Old Birr Road and will follow up on the road at Bantis, Reiska and the parking on Summerhill. A new design for a changed layout has been developed for Cunneen Cross. The situation for pedestrians from the new Lidl will be examined in the overall context of Friar Street. Mr. Fee will get an update from Offaly County Council on the work in Riverstown.

**Item 8.
Engineer’s
Checklist**

Cllr. M. Ryan informed the members that the checklist will be postponed until the next meeting but that Ms. R. Joyce will take any queries on it.

As the workshop on the Multi-Annual Roads Works Programme was due to begin at 2.30p.m., the remaining items on the agenda were postponed.

**Item 9.
Notices of
Motion**

None.

**Item 10.
Delegated
Employee Orders**

Noted



Item 11. Noted
Correspondence

Item 12. **Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-**
Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations

- Christy Coughlan on the death of Mr. Dan Small, R.I.P.
- Pat McKeogh on the death of Mr. Tony McKeogh, R.I.P.
- Jean Gleeson on the death of Mr. Ger Gleeson, R.I.P.

Votes of Congratulations –

- Kilruane McDonaghs, North Senior Champions, U14 County and Minor North B Champions
- Ballymackey FC on selection as FAI Club of the Year 2018
- Nenagh Éire Óg U11 All Ireland Community Games Hurling
- Sinead Meagher, Rory Grace, James Prentice, Jerome Cahill, Brian O'Brien & John Kennedy, World Handball successes
- Sean Minogue, Pitch & Putt

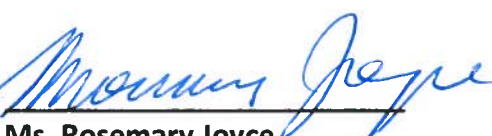
Item 13. Ms. R. Joyce advised members that a late application had been received under
AOB Contribution to Residents Associations for Estate Enhancement from Mulcair Manor Residents Association – it was recommended that they would receive €400.00; this was proposed by Cllr. Fiona Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. John Carroll.

Ms. R. Joyce also advised the members that a late application had been received under the grants to Clubs and Organisations from Ardcroney Community Field – it was recommended that they would receive €400.00; this was proposed by Cllr. Ger Darcy and seconded by Cllr. Joe Hannigan.

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

Signed: 
Cllr. Mattie Ryan
Cathaoirleach

Date: 18.10.18

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 18.10.18

