



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 3.00 PM ON 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018**

- Present** Cllr's John Carroll, Fiona Bonfield, Ger Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, Mattie Ryan, 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, Mr. Philip McGrath, A/Executive Engineer, Mr. David Fahy, Executive Engineer and Ms. Aven Melia, A/Assistant Staff Officer.
- Apologies** Cllr. Phyll Bugler
- Item 1.  
To agree RM and  
RI Programme  
for 2018**
- Cllr. S. Morris said that issues remain the same as discussed at last Thursday's meeting of Nenagh MD. He wondered is there roads that are unsafe that need to be included in this programme and asked if there is a list of roads that are deemed unsafe. Mr. O' Connor said that there are hundreds of bad roads however no roads are classified as unsafe. There is a Pavement Surface Rating for roads. He added that RI roads have ratings of 4 or less and RM roads are up to 7.
- Mr. P. Fee advised that most road ratings were carried out in 2016. He said that this is one of the tools used to determine a road rating along with other factors e.g. number of heavy good vehicles on the road and road safety issues. There was technical guidance to steer them in making an assessment. The road rating system was a national system to ensure there is a consistent approach taken across the country. He said that a road less than a 4 rating would need to be strengthened.
- Cllr. J. Carroll said that with good weather, staff should work up until 5.30 p.m. All patching units should work for the longest possible hours.
- Cllr. J. Hannigan said that work practices need to be looked at too. He referred to the Borrisokane to Cloughjordan road where chippings are peeling off the road on which work was done last year. He asked why some works were carried out late in the year.
- Cllr. J. Carroll referred to similar problems on the Boher Road where chips are gone off road.
- Mr. P. Fee said that problems are identified along with the supervisors, and said that it should be possible to identify the problem and find a solution.



In response to Cllr. J. Hannigan, Mr. M. O' Connor advised that works were carried out late last year as a result of further allocation for storm damage. He said that when works are done late in the year the chip does not get the embedment that is necessary and this can cause potential problems.

Cllr. G. Darcy feels that a lot of the problem experienced with roads is down to drainage. He wondered if the monies allocated to drainage could be used for general road drainage rather than specific projects. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that drainage works are necessary on the Dublin road as the pipes are undersized and have collapsed and this is leading to a number of problems. Mr. P. Fee said that now is the time to do drainage works prior to resurfacing works. Cllr. H. McGrath said that he would be anxious that the monies remain in place for these works.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to a drainage problem outside Ardcroney church where people had great difficulty accessing the church. Mr. M. O' Connor said there is an issue there that needs to be resolved.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and resolved that the Restoration Maintenance (RM) and Restoration Improvement (RI) Programme for 2018 is agreed as presented to members.

**Item 2.  
To consider  
proposals for  
inclusion for the  
Schedule of  
Municipal Works  
in relation to  
allocation agreed  
from GMA**

At the February meeting Members agreed an allocation of €116,060.00 from General Municipal Allocation 2018 to the Roadworks Programme. It was agreed that Mr. P. Fee would consult with each member and details of this allocation will be brought before the Members as part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2018 at the March meeting.

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that approximately 30 applications have been received regarding the CIS scheme. The allocation for this is €10m nationally. In regard to LIS scheme he advised that an allocation is awaited, however a letter has been sent to the Department looking for an increase on last year's allocation.

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to road at Gurteen college and said it is an accident waiting to happen. Cllr. G. Darcy supported Cllr. M. O' Meara and said that this road is in a terrible condition and is serving a principal education centre. He asked if a special case can be made for Gurteen and also at the far side heading towards Aghlish. Mr. M. O' Connor said that Mr. P. Fee is acutely aware of this and it is intended to put this into the 3 year programme.

Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to road at Luska leading towards Coolbawn



Water Treatment Plant and said it is in very poor condition.

Cllr. J. Carroll asked that active cases on CRM be responded to as expediently as possible.

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

Signed:   
Cllr. John Carroll  
Cathaoirleach

Date: 15/3/18

Signed:   
Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
District Administrator

Date: 15/3/18

