



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 10.00 AM ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Present	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath, Séamus Morris, Phyll Bugler and Ger Darcy
Also Present	Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Philip McGrath and Paul Keane, Executive Engineers and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer. Environment: Ms Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer, Ms Cora Morrissey, Administrative Officer and Ms Paula O'Dwyer, Environmental Scientist
Apologies	Cllr. M. O'Meara, Mr. B. Murphy
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of July Meeting held on 16th July, 2020	It was proposed by Cllr. John Carroll, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that the minutes of the July Meeting held on 16 th July, 2020 be adopted.
Item 3. To receive an update from Environment and Climate Change	A report for Environment was circulated. It gave updates on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Burial Grounds• Green Schools• SPC meetings• Control of Dogs• Control of Horses• Derelict Sites• Litter enforcement• Public Awareness• Waste Management• Civic Amenity Sites• Environmental Protection• Climate & Energy• Complaints A report on the Domestic Waste Water Treatment Plants Systems (Septic Tank Grant) Fact Sheet was also circulated. This report gave information on the categories for grant applications and the qualifying criteria.



Cllrs. Carroll and Bugler enquired about the timeline for Boher burial ground. Cllr. Darcy welcomed the work on Cloughprior and raised the issue of the overflowing bottle and clothes banks. Cllr. H. McGrath stated that the gate going into the Old Abbey Graveyard is going to fall over and it needs to be repaired. He also enquired about a derelict property in St. Josephs Park. He requested clarification on responsibility for cutting of trees in estates and the possibility of developing a plan for maintaining trees.

Cllr. Bonfield welcomed the progress on the N7 compound and the removal of illegal clothes pods and requested an update on the derelict site in Portroe. Cllr. J. McGrath enquired about the boundary wall in Kilkeary Graveyard. Cllr. Hannigan raised the possibility of a long-term plan for solar panels in Ballaghveny and the possibility of providing farmers with replacement trees when existing trees have been felled. Cllr. Morris requested if it was possible to put pictures of dogs that were picked up on the website, what number of dogs have been picked up by the Council, put down and rehomed.

Ms. O'Neill stated that she will get clarification on the timelines for Boher, the ownership of the Old Abbey Graveyard, the derelict site in Portroe and the boundary wall in Kilkeary. There is a contact number for the contractor on each of the clothes banks and if it is overflowing they can be contacted to come and empty the bin. A Section 8 notice has been issued on the property at St. Joseph's Park. Environment is not responsible for cutting trees in estates. The land at the Ballaghveny site will have to go through rehabilitation first before a decision will be made on its long-term use. Environment already go to marts and distribute native trees to farmers. There are very few dogs available now and the number of dogs put through the system has fallen. Environment does work with Mo Chara.

Cllr. Hannigan asked about the qualifying criteria for a grant if your septic tank is registered and remedial work is required. Cllr. Bugler enquired about grant funding if people wanted to increase the capacity of the septic tank and if someone had to upgrade their septic tank does it have to go through Environment.

Ms. O'Dwyer explained that the grant system does not cover all septic tanks; you are only eligible if the Council has to inspect it and it does not meet standards. The fact sheet circulated gives details of the various categories. There is a link on the TCC website where you can put in your Eircode and you will be told if you are in one of the categories. If someone wants to carry out work on their septic tank it does not have to come through Environment unless a Planning application is required.



<p>Item 4. To agree three (3) priority Roads items for the District for inclusion on the Agenda for the Annual meeting with TII to be held on 3rd November</p>	<p>Cllr. H. McGrath did not agree with a limit of three items being submitted to TII for discussion. He was particularly concerned in relation to the lighting of the N52 by-pass and had been raising that for a number of years. He requested that the TII be invited to meet the members of Nenagh MD in the Chamber similar to the request that was sent to Irish Water. Mr. M. O'Connor clarified that the decision was made to limit the number of items to ensure the meeting with TII was more focused.</p> <p>It was agreed to submit the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. N52:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lighting of N52 by-pass• Junctions on N52 – dangers from turning vehicles• Re-alignment of further section of N52 north of Borrisokane2. Traffic calming Ballingarry3. N65 Carrigahorig Village – footpath and drainage works <p>Mr. M. O' Connor stated that it would be possible to write to TII and invite them to a meeting with the members.</p>
<p>Item 5. To establish working group to consider existing and potential future walking trails in Nenagh MD</p>	<p>Ms. R. Joyce informed members that this group is being established to look at existing trails within the District, to identify issues, potential for extending trails and possible funding sources. Group members would include John Egan, Rural Recreation Officer, David Kyne, NTDC and Sinéad Cahalan, Tourism Development Officer and members selected by the District.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris stated that is important to work on what we have first before looking at new walkways/greenways.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed that the following members would represent the District on the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr S. Morris, Cathaoirleach• Cllr G. Darcy• Cllr F. Bonfield
<p>Items 6. To update members on projects & events</p>	<p><u>Newport Town Park</u> The contractor Sole Sports & Leisure is on site and substantial progress has been made. A site visit was arranged in September for local members and the Playground Committee. Feedback from the Committee has been relayed to the consultants for consideration.</p> <p><u>Newport Enhancement Plan</u> Public consultation process will commence in the near future.</p>



Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement, Tourism and Mobility Plan

Public consultation process has taken place – 7th September was the closing date for receipt of submissions. These will now be considered and preparation of the Plan progressed. This is being led by Clare County Council.

Town Revival Initiatives

a) John's Lane Car Park

Drainage works are being undertaken by direct labour and are now 60% complete. Procurement is commencing for a contractor to carry out kerbing and footpath works.

b) Painting & Enhancement Scheme

148 applications received; 125 granted provisional approval; 7 refusals

c) NenaghTown Team

A number of projects are currently being advanced:

(i) Pilot Enhancement Programme

A pilot enhancement scheme is being undertaken in relation to Wolfe Tone Terrace, Nenagh which will see all the properties in the row of houses painted in accordance with a colour scheme which was designed by a colour consultant. A contractor has been engaged and it is hoped to commence work within the next few weeks.

(ii) Covid-19 Measures Grant Scheme

Two projects in Nenagh have secured funding under the Covid-19 Measures Grant Scheme from the National Transport Authority. These are:

Kenyon St.

Provision of additional external commercial spaces in accordance with design being developed by Nicholas de Jong Associates for area from LANAs to Collins Bakery. This will involve removal of six car parking spaces, provision of appropriate surface and landscaping, seating area, ensuring safety of pedestrians etc. When completed this will provide an outdoor area for adjacent business



premises in line with potential road space interventions developed as a response to Covid-19. Consultation has taken place with adjacent businesses and operation will be subject to terms & conditions in line with requirements relating to tables & chairs in public areas.

Hanley's Place

Enhancement measures to accommodate safe pedestrian access, social distancing and support business activities. This will include aesthetic interventions to define the surface and enhance the public realm, signage, lighting, implementation of landscaping and enhancement measures in accordance with design from Cathal O' Meara, Landscape Architect and review and modification of car parking arrangements. This will lead to improvements of another of Nenagh's laneways – in line with previous works carried out at Glebe Lane and Lewis Lane.

(iii) Town & Village Renewal Accelerated Measures Scheme

Grant funding of €25,000 has been secured in respect of the town of Nenagh under the Town & Village Renewal Accelerated Measures Scheme. This funding has been secured on the basis of an application which includes measures such as:

- Marketing including website & social media
- Shop Local Campaign
- Provision of 'Smart' benches
- Marketing materials including brochure for the diaspora

These measures will be delivered in conjunction with the Nenagh & District Chamber of Commerce and specific sub-groups of the Town Team.

Emmet Place/Mitchel Street

Contract signing took place on 11th September. Contractor is Kenny Civils with demolition work being sub-contracted by them to Smith Demolition. It is expected that the contractor will be on site within the next week and that demolition work will commence at the beginning of October. There is on-going consultation with adjacent business premises to keep them advised as to the current position.



Tourist Office/Banba Square

Five tenders were received for this project. Letter of intent has issued to the preferred contractor following an assessment process. Following the stand-still period the appointment of the contractor will be finalised with a view to commencing works at the beginning of October.

Town & Village Renewal – Ely O’ Carroll Place

Work has commenced on site clearance and fencing off of the area concerned.

Nenagh Digital Hub

Part 8 for this project has been advertised. Details are available to view up to 2nd October and the closing date for submissions is 16th October. The Part 8 will be brought to members in November for consideration.

Historic Structures Fund

Tenders have been invited from contractors to carry out conservation works on the Courthouse in Newport. Closing date for submission via e-tenders is 25th September. The works to be carried out mainly relate to roof & gutter repairs.

Ballina Projects

It has been confirmed that the project which was being considered for application for funding under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2020 at Ballina will require approval from An Bord Pleanála before it can be progressed. The application has therefore been deferred and arrangements are commencing to carry out the necessary design works in order to allow an application to be made to An Bord Pleanála.

Separately, consultants have been requested to progress the preparation of an application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of the Ballina Riverside Amenity Project so that it will be shovel ready should funding opportunities arise.

RRDF Funding

A steering group has been established in respect of the Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter Tourism Led Regeneration Project. This consists of officials from the County Council, the Office of Public Works, Fáilte Ireland and the National Monuments Service – all of whom are partners in this application. The Steering Group are in the course of preparing a brief for the appointment of consultants. Following on from the July meeting of Nenagh MD an invitation has been extended to Minister Patrick O’ Donovan to visit the Historic & Cultural Quarter of Nenagh. He has indicated his willingness to do so and his personal assistant has advised that he will liaise with the Minister’s Private



Secretary to agree a date.

Nenagh 800

While it has not been possible to proceed with physical events this year a number of initiatives are being pursued:

- A special supplement on Nenagh Gaol which is being prepared by Simon O' Duffy & Danny Grace will be brought out by Nenagh Guardian in October. This will be a 20 page supplement and will be a collector's item therefore make sure you get your copy early.
- The 25th triennial issue of the Journal of the Butler Society (2017-2020) will be published this year and it will include a piece on Nenagh Castle and the influence of the Butler family over its 800 year history.
- History Ireland Hedge Schools, developed by Tommy Graham, are a public history format for making high-quality research accessible to a general audience and for facilitating lively debates on a range of historical topics. A History Ireland Podcast supported by Tipperary County Council and the Heritage Council as part of Nenagh 800 on the subject of Nenagh and North Tipperary during the Revolutionary Decade will be broadcast in the near future. Panelists will include Tommy Graham, Gerard Dooley, John Flannery, Seán Hogan and Catilin White.
- August 2020 marked the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the potato blight in Ireland in 1845. This led to the destruction of the potato crop and marked the beginning of the Great Famine in Ireland. A talk on Nenagh and the Famine will be recorded by Dr. Ciarán Reilly, a historian of 19th and 20th century Irish history who is based in Maynooth University. He is an internationally recognised expert on the Great Famine. This talk will be broadcast on-line.
- The Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival have included in their programme an event to mark Nenagh 800 – members of the Nenagh Players will perform scenes from Jim Minogue's play 'Trainees' dealing with the fate of the Cormack Brothers. A talk will also be given on the history of the Governor's House.

WiFi4EU

Work is currently on-going to secure the consent of property owners for the installation of the infrastructure required in order to enable Magnet to provide this service.



Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge & R494

Planning procedures and the Oral Hearing have been completed. Design is underway and is expected to be completed in Q2 2020. The Tender Prior Information Notice (PIN) was published in December 2019. The tender competition for the works contract will commence in Q3 2020 and will be completed in Q2 2021. Subject to availability of funding it is anticipated that construction will commence in Q2 of 2021 taking in the region of 3 years to complete.

R498 Latteragh Realignment

Part 8 procedures have been completed and preliminary design work is underway. The CPO was published in August 2020 with an Oral Hearing expected to take place within approximately 6 months of the published date at the discretion of An Bord Pleanála.

N52 Borrisokane Streets Improvement Scheme.

Final road surfacing work and footpath works on the Main Street and on the Birr Road has been completed and removal of overhead cabling and erecting of new public lighting on the Main Street is at an advanced stage. Work has commenced on the repairs to and strengthening of a culvert at the bottom of the Main Street. Work was suspended in March 2020 due to the COVID crisis and re-opened again in May 2020. Remaining works include the completion of repairs and strengthening of the culvert at the bottom of the Main Street. At one location a large un-anticipated collapse of the existing culvert was discovered, which resulted in a delay to the culvert works and the necessity to close the N52 Birr Road to traffic and put in place local diversions for school buses. Culvert works have now recommenced, but a timeframe for completion of same hasn't yet been identified, as this is dependent on the success of the initial works to repair the collapsed section. Major risks remain as there are significant unknowns until works progress further.

N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge Strengthening

This scheme involves raising of the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work is underway and is expected to be completed early in 2021 following completion of a ground investigation, currently at tender stage, with detailed design commencing later in 2021.

N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvements

The change in approach has been agreed in principle with the TII. Preliminary design work has been completed and funding is being sought from the TII to carry out the final design and carry out the pavement improvement works, road safety elements and footpath extension works. It is anticipated that detailed design work will commence in 2021.



	<p>Members were complimentary on the work that has taken place.</p>
<p>Item 7. To receive update on Works Programme</p>	<p>An update on the Works Programme was circulated.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll raised the issue of the completion of the surfacing work in Newtown, LED lighting at the Church in Newtown, drainage at Newtown/Portroe for a future development, further patching and toilets need more frequent cleaning.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris asked for an update on the fence at Coille Bheithe. Cllr. H. McGrath enquired about getting an upgrade on the pedestrian crossing at Brooklands. Cllr. Darcy also raised the issue of the pedestrian crossing at Brooklands and clarification on the inclusion of Ballycapple, Cloughjordan and Killowney on the Works Programme. He also asked about Knockmore Hill and Burntwood.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield complimented the work that was completed to date in very difficult circumstances. She enquired about getting the bridge at Coonmore painted and work done on the damaged bridge on the Killoscully/Toor road at Rossaguile.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan stated that there is a dip on road at Claree on the Nenagh side of Coolbawn and enquired about the possibility of re-aligning the R493.</p> <p>Mr. P. McGrath he will investigate the road at Coolbawn and that he inspected the R493 at Claree with Mr. B. Murphy, a substantial job is required there. Currently a funding source is being examined. Mr. P. Keane stated that the bridge at Coonmore was a new masonry wall that will not be painted but there will be signs and road markings.</p>
<p>Item 8. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters</p>	<p>Members have been provided with a form to complete outlining items they want added to the checklist. This item was deferred until the next meeting when Mr. B. Murphy is in attendance.</p>
<p>Item 9. To consider Notices of Motion</p>	<p>As Cllr. O'Meara was not in attendance at the meeting it was agreed that the response to Notice of Motion 1936 would be sent out to him and he could add it to the agenda at a later stage if required.</p> <p>Notice of Motion No: 1937 submitted by Cllr. Fiona Bonfield</p> <p>"With a children's playground and amenity park in situ and also an Outdoor Pool, can the Nenagh Municipal Council look at the possibility of putting in some traffic calming measures in the Car Park at Ballina Amenity Park?"</p>

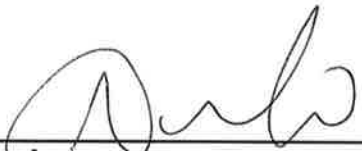


	<p>The motion was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. S. Morris.</p> <p>The following response was read by Ms. R. Joyce:</p> <p><i>The Riverside Car park in Ballina is located off the R494 in a 50KPH zone. Recent improvement works at this location included provision of new footpath, introduction of public lighting, cutting back of trees adjacent a number of car parking spaces and slipway and new road markings at main entrance which also has a Driver feedback sign as a further traffic calming measure.</i></p> <p><i>The Car park is approximately 90 metres in length with centreline hatching to facilitate a one way system of entry/exit and parking. Given the above layout and recent improvements it is not proposed to carry out any further works here at this time. Any instances of speed violations should be reported to the Gardai in Killaloe for further investigation.</i></p> <p>Notice of Motion No: 1938 submitted by Cllr. Fiona Bonfield</p> <p>"Can the Nenagh Municipal Council make an attempt to reduce the speed of traffic coming into the town of Newport at the Cork Road side and also at Church Road side of the town, following on from the fantastic road resurfacing works carried out here?"</p> <p>The motion was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. S. Morris.</p> <p>The following response was read by Ms. R. Joyce.</p> <p><i>Recent Roadwork's in Newport from the Cork Road to the Limerick Road over a distance of 1.2km includes a number of traffic calming measures such as narrowing of lanes, improved delineation of parking around the route of the R503 and introduction of additional road markings in relation to speed control and advance warning for Schools.</i></p> <p><i>Improved advance warning signage will also include notification of Traffic Calming in place on main approaches and introduction of repeater Speed Limit signage within the 50 KPH zone at appropriate locations</i></p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield requested that it would be left on the agenda and another traffic check carried out as she felt it will be an issue that will arise again.</p>
Item 10. To note Delegated Employees	Noted



Orders	
Item 11. To consider items of correspondence	None
Item 12. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	Votes of Sympathy – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Hughie McGrath and his wife, Breda on the death of Breda’s mother, Bridget Nevin• The Haugh Family on the death of Tom Haugh• Margaret Geaney on the death of her husband, Bryan• Mary B Reddan on the death of her husband, Liam• Nora O’ Meara on the death of her mother, Ellen Gleeson• Teresa & Catherine Kiely on the death of their sister, Joanne Votes of Congratulations – None
Item 13. Any other business.	None

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

Signed: 
Cllr. Séamus Morris
Cathaoirleach

Date: 15/10/20

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 15/10/20

