



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD VIA ZOOM AT 10.00 AM ON 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

<b>Present</b>	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath, Michael O' Meara, Phyll Bugler, Seamus Morris and Ger Darcy
<b>Also Present</b>	<p>Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Barry Murphy, District Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer.</p> <p><b>Community &amp; Economic Development:</b> Ms. Elaine Cullinan, Economic Development Officer</p> <p><b>Housing:</b> Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer; Breda Ryan, Senior Staff Officer; Kieran Malone, Executive Engineer</p> <p><b>Roads:</b> James Murray, Senior Engineer</p> <p><b>Also Present:</b> Daniel Cagney, Malachy Walsh &amp; Partners</p>
<b>Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of February held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2021</b>	It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. J. McGrath and resolved that the minutes of the February Meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 be adopted.
<b>Item 3. To receive update from Housing</b>	<p>The report from Housing was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris raised a matter relating to damage caused to the main sewer during works at Cormack Drive and also claims of an upsurge in rodents in the area. He also requested an update on the connection for the 2 houses in Cloughjordan.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler enquired about when the 4 houses on Grange Road will be allocated and when the contractor will be on site in Portroe. She also enquired about the repair to lease scheme and the low number of loans approved. Cllr. J. McGrath welcomed the development in Mulkear View and enquired if there are any further plans for the provision of additional houses in Newport.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara stated that the completion of houses should be</p>



	<p>seen as an essential service and representations should be made to the Department. He also enquired about the "Just Transition Fund". Cllr. H. McGrath thanked Mr. J. Dillion and Ms. H. Cahill for their help on a query he had. He asked if it would be possible that the Council would pay the builder for work on grant jobs directly. It is very difficult to get builders to do this type of work.</p> <p>Cllr. Darcy enquired if it would be possible to get a permanent solution for the treatment system at Castlevue, Ardcroney. Cllr. Bonfield welcomed the 11 houses at Mulkear View, she also enquired if there is any Affordable Housing Scheme planned for Tipperary or a review of the income limits for social housing planned. There has been no change in the limits since 2011. Cllr. Morris supported this and stated that the bands are too restrictive.</p> <p>Mr. K. Malone stated that the damaged sewer was replaced on the 4<sup>th</sup> February, the area was investigated but there was no evidence of rodent nests. There was an issue with the boundary wall at the houses on Grange Road and it has to be repaired, once this is done the houses can be allocated. The contractor will be on site in Portroe as soon as restrictions allow. It would not be possible for the Council to engage the contractors for grant work as the contract is between the person and the builder. The system at Castlevue is the responsibility of the District. Before the increase in the limit from €40,000 to €60,000 for the Return to Lease Scheme there was a very poor uptake, since the increase 3 units have come on stream in Ballina.</p> <p>Mr. J. Dillon stated that if the Council paid the builder for the grant work then they are responsible for the work and the tenant may have a claim against the Council. There are no current plans for an Affordable Housing Scheme. The issue of the income limits has come up at other District meetings; there is constant contact with the Department on this. Under the previous limits for the "Return to Lease Scheme" there were 30 applications but 25 pulled out straight away. Information would have been missing on some of the loan applications and from the 8 valid applications 5 were approved.</p> <p>Mr. M. O'Connor informed members that the "Just Transition Fund" is from the closure of bogs by Bord na Mona and relates to retrofitting houses.</p>
<b>Item 4. To receive update from Community &amp; Economic Development</b>	<p>The report from Community &amp; Economic Development was circulated to members.</p> <p>Members did not have any additional questions.</p>



<p><b>Item 5. To notify members of intention to advertise Part 8 for Nenagh Machinery Yard &amp; CAS site</b></p>	<p>A presentation was given on the proposal for the Machinery Yard and Civic Amenity Site by Mr. J. Murray. The cost of the development is currently estimated at €4.4m to be split between Roads and Environment. Once Part 8 is completed and a detailed design is available it will give a better idea of the cost of the project. It will not be possible to provide a service while the construction work will be going on but an alternative site will be sourced. The current facility is not suitable for repair.</p> <p>All the members welcomed the proposal and complimented the work and staff in the existing recycling centre.</p> <p>Cllrs. O'Meara, Hannigan and Darcy were concerned about the loss of funding from the Roads Works Programme.</p> <p>Mr. J. Murray and Mr. M. O'Connor outlined that it may be possible to get a loan but that the funding will not affect the Road Works Programme. This is from Grant Funding and the redevelopment will be a capital project. The cost will be spread over a number of years across the whole county.</p>
<p><b>Item 6. To approve Schedule of Municipal District Works 2021</b></p>	<p>The Schedule of Municipal District Works was circulated.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll said it was important to deal with drainage issues to help with preventative maintenance. He also expressed disappointment at the delay in relation to Knockrenihan Bridge. He referred to a need to provide additional public lighting in Newtown between the Church and the speed limits. Cllr. Bugler was disappointed at the level of funding for the Boher Road and Curraghmore. Cllr. Darcy complimented the proposed work to complete the Beara/Breffini Way. Cllr. Darcy, Hannigan and O'Meara enquired about the Tertiary Roads funding. Cllr. Darcy also asked about the position regarding repairs to Firpark Road. Cllr. Hannigan raised the issue of drainage work on the R493, footpaths at Finnoe Road and Towerhill, the turlough at Kylebeg and flooding at Terryglass. Cllr. O'Meara looked for assistance with the clean up of Redwood Bog and the footpaths at Towerhill and Finnoe Road.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy outlined that once the Dublin Road Drainage work is completed it would allow an emphasis on other areas with drainage issues. Resurfacing will be carried out in Ballinderry, the footpaths at Finnoe are being funded from IPB, an application for funding for the footpaths at Towerhill will be done through GEOAPP. It may be possible to get funding for the turlough at Kylebeg and the flooding at Terryglass under a Climate Change scheme. He will talk to Environment about assistance for the cleanup at Redwood Bog and to Roads about Firpark Road. Mr. M O' Connor advised that the tertiary funding would be the same as last year. He confirmed that there has been a push to ensure that inlets are opened and this helps with the longevity of the</p>



	<p>roads.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Morris and resolved that the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2021 be approved as per schedule circulated.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to possibility of arranging litter picks on a parish by parish basis. He was advised that there is a Spring Clean campaign which is co-ordinated through Environment Section. Groups are required to register with An Taisce. Cllr. M O' Meara referred to the importance of educating the public on littering and said that it was a small minority who caused the problem.</p>																																				
<p><b>Item 7. To approve GMA proposals 2021</b></p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. J. McGrath and resolved that the proposed allocation for the GMA 2021 for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 be approved as per schedule circulated.</p>																																				
<p><b>Item 8. To approve allocation of Funding for Festivals &amp; Events Grant Scheme 2021</b></p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy and seconded by Cllr. S. Morris and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Festival &amp; Events Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:</p> <p><b><u>Municipal:</u></b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="517 1131 1434 1955"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Festival/Event</th> <th>Type</th> <th>Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival</td> <td>Arts</td> <td>€ 5,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Taste of Nenagh</td> <td>Tourism</td> <td>€ 7,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Féile Brian Ború</td> <td>Tourism</td> <td>€ 3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>European SN Judo Championships 2021</td> <td>Sports</td> <td>€ 5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cloughjordan Honours Thomas MacDonagh</td> <td>Heritage</td> <td>€ 6,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nenagh Children Film Festival</td> <td>Arts</td> <td>€ 3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spleodar Halloween Arts Festival</td> <td>Arts</td> <td>€ 11,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cloughjordan Community Amphitheatre 2021</td> <td>Arts</td> <td>€ 4,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Terryglass Street Fest</td> <td>Community</td> <td>€ 7,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Irish Youth Circus Gathering 2021</td> <td>Arts</td> <td>€ 4,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FleadhFest Tiobraid Árann, 2021</td> <td>Arts</td> <td>€7,500</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of Festival/Event	Type	Recommendation	Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival	Arts	€ 5,500	The Taste of Nenagh	Tourism	€ 7,000	Féile Brian Ború	Tourism	€ 3,000	European SN Judo Championships 2021	Sports	€ 5,000	Cloughjordan Honours Thomas MacDonagh	Heritage	€ 6,000	Nenagh Children Film Festival	Arts	€ 3,000	Spleodar Halloween Arts Festival	Arts	€ 11,000	Cloughjordan Community Amphitheatre 2021	Arts	€ 4,000	Terryglass Street Fest	Community	€ 7,000	Irish Youth Circus Gathering 2021	Arts	€ 4,000	FleadhFest Tiobraid Árann, 2021	Arts	€7,500
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<p><b>Item 10.</b> <b>To consider review of Casual Trading Bye-Laws</b></p>	<p>Ms. R. Joyce outlined the need for a review of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws.</p> <p>A review is being carried out on a county wide basis and a template has been brought to the SPC. Nenagh MD has the most restrictive bye-laws in the county; the only designated area is in St John's Lane Car Park. A permit is required for a designated area. There are some exemptions to what requires a permit and conditions can be put on the permit. Requests for permits have increased especially around the lake area. Consultation with interested parties would be sought and then draft bye-laws would be put on public display. The preparation of bye-laws is very regulated. It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and agreed that the process of review of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws be commenced as outlined.</p>																			
<p><b>Items 11.</b> <b>To update members on projects &amp; events</b></p>	<p><b><u>Level 5 Restrictions:</u></b> The following projects are on hold due to Level 5 restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newport Town Park</li> <li>• John's Lane Car Park</li> <li>• Painting of Wolfe Tone Tce</li> <li>• Hanley's Place Works</li> <li>• Kenyon St. Works</li> <li>• Installation of smart benches</li> <li>• Emmet Place/Mitchel St</li> <li>• Tourist Office/Banba Square</li> <li>• Town &amp; Village Renewal – Ely O' Carroll Place</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Grant Schemes:</u></b> The closing date for the following grant schemes has now passed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tidy Towns – applications currently being processed</li> <li>• Burial Ground Committees – recommendations being brought to March meeting</li> <li>• Residents' Committees – applications currently being processed</li> </ul>																			



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- Nenagh Centre of Excellence (URDF)
- Platforms for Growth – Dromineer
- Active Travel
- NTA – Covid Measures

**Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge & R494 Upgrade**

Planning procedures and the Oral Hearing have been completed. Design was substantially completed in Q2 2020. The Tender Prior Information Notice (PIN) was published in December 2019. The tender competition for the works contract started in Q3 2020 and will be completed in Q3 2021. A minor works contract for site clearance and laying a section of sewer is underway and will be completed in Q2 2021. It is anticipated that the main contract will be awarded in Q4 2021 and the scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete. Clare Co received an allocation of €4m to progress this scheme in the current year.

**R498 Latteragh Realignment**

Part 8 procedures have been completed and preliminary design work is completed. The CPO was published in August 2020 and an Oral Hearing held on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> December. A decision from An Bord Pleanála is awaited.

**N52 Borrisokane Streets Improvement Scheme.**

The scheme is now substantially complete and snagging of the main contract works is currently taking place.

**N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge Strengthening**

Flooding of a short section of the N65 north of Carrigahorig results when Lough Derg lake rises significantly during severe flooding events. The most recent flooding events took place in 2019, 2015/2016 and 2009.

The Council cannot carry out physical works to raise the road level at present due to a number of significant constraints and engineering challenges in determining a suitable solution/road scheme to prevent the road from flooding. The main issue here is there are two Natura 2000 sites (Lough Derg, North-east Shore SAC and Lough Derg (Shannon) SPA) located immediately adjacent to the proposed project. Natura 2000 sites are Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) designated under the Habitats Directive and Special Protection Areas (SPAs) designated under the Conservation of Wild Birds Directive (79 / 409 / EEC). The road in this location is also built on soft peaty ground. On the basis of its proximity to the two Natura 2000 sites any significant works to raise the road level at this location requires planning consent from An Bord Pleanála. Preparations for a planning submission to An Bord Pleanála are underway and due to the significant environmental and ecological sensitivities several



	<p>studies have been conducted and completed to-date by the Council to determine flood risk, ecological, environmental and other impacts/constraints and also an assessment of ground conditions is currently underway.</p> <p>Once planning consent is obtained, the Council will complete the detailed design process.</p> <p><b><u>N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvements</u></b></p> <p>Tipperary County Council is preparing a pavement improvements and safety scheme for the N65 at Carrigahorig Village. This will involve the reconstruction of the pavement, installation of a footpath and improvements at the Terryglass Road Junction. Work on the preliminary design has commenced.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler enquired if the Shannon Crossing work was still on schedule. Cllrs. Morris and O'Meara requested an update on Carrigahorig. Cllr. Hannigan asked that some items would be added to the snag list for Borrisokane. He referred to dished gullies at entrances and wheelchair parking on Main St.</p> <p>Mr. M. O'Connor informed members that the work on the Shannon Crossing is well underway and the laying of the sewer will be starting again soon. The potential contractors have been reduced to 5 or 6 and it is hoped that the contractor will be appointed before the end of the year. An undertaking has been given on Carrigahorig and the Design Office is working on it. The reaction to the scheme in Borrisokane has been very positive but if there is anything that should be added to the snag list details can be sent in via email. New bins have been provided on Main St. and planters and seats on the Square. Planting will be completed in a couple of weeks.</p> <p>He also informed members that the indications were very positive in relation to the application for funding under URDF for the Centre of Excellence. If this project goes ahead it will be hugely beneficial for the area and will create a lot of employment.</p>
<p><b>Item 12. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters</b></p>	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris asked members to email their queries before the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Darcy asked that two roads be added to the checklist – Mertonhall L5082 and Ballinamurra – Ball Alley L1036-6. Cllr. H. McGrath complimented the new pedestrian lights at Ashe Road and the New Line and requested that further ones be provided particularly on the Borrisokane Road. Cllr. Bugler requested that Riverside Park and Roulagh near Water Treatment Plant and the</p>



	<p>Curraghmore Road be added to the checklist. Cllr. Morris had a query on the damage caused to the bridge at Bawn and Lisgarode Bridge. Cllr. Carroll also raised the Curraghmore Road and the drainage issues at the interchange on the Nenagh side of the R445. Cllr. Hannigan raised the pinch point outside Puckane, drainage works at O'Meara's Acres/Ballinderry and damage to a ditch on the Ballinderry to Borrisokane Road.</p>
<b>Item 13. To consider Notices of Motion</b>	None
<b>Item 14. To note Delegated Employees Orders</b>	None
<b>Item 15. To consider items of correspondence</b>	Ms. R. Joyce informed members that a request has been received from Waterways Ireland to give a presentation to the members on the Shannon Master. Members agreed to receive the presentation.
<b>Item 16. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations</b>	<p>Votes of congratulations –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nenagh Live on the production for St Patrick's Day</li><li>• Allen Family, Newport on their participation in Ireland's Fittest Family</li></ul> <p>Votes of sympathy-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• McLoughney Family, Ardcroney on the death of Tom McLoughney.</li><li>• Mrs Margaret Ryan (Philips) on the death of her husband, Denis.</li></ul>
<b>Item 17. Any other business.</b>	None

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Cllr. Séamus Morris  
Cathaoirleach

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

15/4/2021

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
District Administrator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

15/4/2021

