



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 10.00 AM ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2020

Present	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath, Séamus Morris, Michael O' Meara, Phyll Bugler and Ger Darcy
Also Present	<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>Housing: Mr Sean Lonergan A/Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, Mr. Kieran Malone, Senior Executive Engineer and Mr. Pdraig Ryan, Senior Social Worker</p> <p>Planning: Carmel Daly, Executive Planner</p>
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of September Meeting held on 15th October, 2020	It was proposed by Cllr. John Carroll, seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and resolved that the minutes of the October Meeting held on 15 th October, 2020 be adopted.
Item 3. To receive update from Housing	<p>A report from Housing was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris enquired about the construction programme at Castle Crescent and expressed disappointment that there has been no meeting with the Principal Officer in the Department regarding the housing of refugees in Nenagh. He complimented Housing Section on the funding they draw down and asked if it would be possible to get the figures on the landlords that leave the HAP/RAS schemes.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath stated that he was aware that Cluid were inviting tenders for an expression of interest to develop houses in the county. He asked if it would be possible to look at Council staff being involved in the building of housing projects as the experience is available.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler requested an update on the 4 houses at Grange Road and No. 11 Main Street, Ballina.</p>



Cllr. Carroll expressed concern about the allocation of tenants to an area they are not from without the availability of the proper support services in small rural villages. Cllr. Morris agreed with Cllr. Carroll on this issue.

Cllr. O'Meara welcomed the developments in Cloughjordan and Borrisokane but queried how long it takes for voids to be completed. He also asked about the possibility of refurbishing rural houses. Cllrs. Darcy and J. McGrath agreed with him on the issue of refurbishing rural houses.

Cllr. Darcy welcomed the developments in Cloughjordan, Borrisokane and Ardcroney. Cllr. Hannigan complimented the work being done by Housing.

Mr. S. Lonergan apologised to any Councillor that did not receive notification of allocations. He explained that all allocations are made in accordance with the Scheme of Letting Priorities, a person can put down 3 areas and the Council cannot deviate from the allocations scheme. Housing have taken on board Councillors' concerns and a new scheme will be brought before the SPC in December and the full Council in January. Previously councillors were notified of an allocation when the offer is made, that has now been changed to when the offer has been accepted. A robust garda assessment is carried out on any housing applicants and if people have been involved in anti-social behavior they will be asked to join the second chance programme.

Mr. K. Malone will speak to Cllr. Morris about Castle Crescent and will follow up on 11 Main St, Ballina. The houses in Cloughjordan and the 4 houses on Grange Road should be completed by Christmas. A loan was raised to help complete long-term voids. The problem with the Repair to Lease scheme was a National issue, a lot of work was required on the scheme and it didn't seem to be worth people's time. It will possibly be 2023/2024 before progress will be made with the site in Puckane.

Mr. P. Ryan confirmed that 9 refugee families have been housed in Nenagh and the remaining 3 will be in January. 14 volunteers have been working on the move and it has been a very positive experience.

Mr. J. Dillon explained that the Council works closely with the voluntary housing organisations. They meet with them 4 times a year and they approach the Council with any proposals they may have. In relation to voids – 75 of the 84 have been completed to date. In any given month there will be between 12 and 15 voids and it will never be down to 0.



	<p>Mr. S. Lonergan explained that the HAP/RAS scheme are linked to a tenant/term, over 300 properties have been lost but on average 10 a week have been gained. Tipperary County Council have been very successful on both HAP/RAS and both schemes are running very well.</p>
<p>Item 4. To consider and approve Material Contravention for Planning Permission at Tullaheady, Nenagh</p>	<p>The report on the Material Contravention was circulated to members,</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and resolved:</p> <p>“That in accordance with Section 34 (6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, a Decision to Grant Permission shall be made, subject to appropriate conditions, to Michael Slattery for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) new car showroom with part mezzanine for ancillary offices and a workshop repair area with ancillary rooms (total area 1500 sqm);(2) A new single storey valeting/repairs building to the rear of proposed showroom/workshop (total area 325 sq m);(3) A new roadside totem sign;(4) New boundary treatments;(5) New set back vehicular entrance from Limerick Road (R445);(6) New car-parking and car storage areas for new and used vehicles;(7) Storm water attenuation and waste percolation systems;(8) Relocation of existing open drain and associated ground works and all associated site works at Tullaheady, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary (Planning Reference No. 19601452)”.
<p>Item 5. To consider the proposed Taking in Charge</p>	<p>The report on Taking in Charge was circulated to members.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that “pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, and being satisfied that the roads are of public utility, and having considered the financial implications for the local authority and any submissions made, it is hereby ordered that the roads serving the housing estate known as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carrigderg, Ballycommon, Nenagh <p>be declared a public road. In addition, any open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections within the attendant grounds of the development are taken in charge, as outlined in red on the attached map, which was on public display during the prescribed period and the Director of Services Report</p>



	<p>to Members for the November 2020 Nenagh Municipal District Meeting”.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. S. Morris and resolved that “pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, and being satisfied that the roads are of public utility, and having considered the financial implications for the local authority and any submissions made, it is hereby ordered that the roads serving the housing estate known as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Millersbrook (part of), Borrisokane Road, Nenagh <p>be declared a public road. In addition, any open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections within the attendant grounds of the development are taken in charge, as outlined in red on the attached map, which was on public display during the prescribed period and the Director of Services Report to Members for the November 2020 Nenagh Municipal District Meeting”.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath welcomed the taking in charge in relation to Millersbrook however he expressed concern in relation to the pedestrian crossing on the Borrisokane road and urged that the Council consider a staggered junction, raised pedestrian crossing, traffic lights or some safety measure to reduce speed.</p>		
Item 6. To consider Part VIII for Digital Hub at Stereame, Nenagh	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that, “pursuant to the requirements of Article 81 of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended, having considered the Chief Executive’s Report dated 11th November 2020 the Members of Nenagh Municipal District hereby decide to proceed with the development of the Digital Hub at Stereame, Nenagh as outlined in Chief Executive’s Report”.</p> <p>Members welcomed the proposed development.</p>		
Item 7. To approve allocation of funding	<p><u>Contribution for Christmas Lights:</u></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. J. Hannigan and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the above scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:</p> <table><tr><td>Terryglass Improvements Association</td><td>€500.00</td></tr></table>	Terryglass Improvements Association	€500.00
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Items 8. To update members on	<p><u>Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge & R494 Upgrade</u></p> <p>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</p>		



<p>projects & events</p>	<p>December 2019. The tender competition for the works contract will commence in Q3 2020 and will be completed in Q2 2021. A minor works contract for site clearance and laying a section of sewer will be awarded shortly. It is anticipated that the main contract will be awarded in Q2 2021 and will take approximately 3 years to complete.</p> <p><u>R498 Latteragh Realignment</u> Part 8 procedures have been completed and preliminary design work is completed. The CPO was published in August 2020 with an Oral Hearing taking place 1st & 2nd December.</p> <p><u>N52 Borriskane Streets Improvement Scheme.</u> Final road surfacing work and footpath works on the Main Street and on the Birr Road has been completed, removal of overhead cabling and erecting of new public lighting on the Main Street is substantially completed and protection works to an existing culvert at the bottom of Main Street has now been completed. Remaining works include underground preservation/strengthening works for the culvert, completion of footpaths and road re-surfacing at the N52/N65 junction. It is anticipated the scheme will be substantially complete in next two to three weeks.</p> <p><u>N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge Strengthening</u> 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.</p> <p>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 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>
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Once planning consent is obtained, the Council will complete the detailed design process. No physical works will be carried out in 2020, but it's expected that the formal planning consent application for a suitable scheme will be made in 2021 with detailed design and construction works likely to commence in 2022, subject to planning approval and the availability of funding.

N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvements

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. The Council is currently finalising a number of other schemes throughout the county with a view to getting these on site in 2021 and it is anticipated that work on the design and a formal submission to TII will resume early next year.

Newport Town Park

Works undertaken since last meeting include removal of unsuitable fill material from the site and pouring of the foundation bases to the MUGA set walls. Formation level is now 90% complete with shaping of the fairy mound to proposed design levels complete. The base stone to the bandstand area is also complete. Work is proceeding on the car-park kerbing. Drainage for the MUGA and car-park is complete. The estimated completion date, taking into account the weather and landscape, is end of April 2021.

Newport Enhancement Plan

Public consultation process has been extended to 20th November.

Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement, Tourism and Mobility Plan

Report is being compiled by consultants on submissions received.

Town Revival Initiatives

a) John's Lane Car Park

Drainage works are complete. Procurement has been undertaken for kerbs & footpaths and for landscape works. Contractors has now been appointed for these elements and materials have been ordered.

b) Painting & Enhancement Scheme

158 applications received; 147 granted provisional approval; 8 refusals



c) Nenagh Town Team

A number of projects are currently being advanced:

(i) Pilot Enhancement Programme

Painting of Wolfe Tone Terrace has commenced – currently delayed due to weather conditions.

(ii) Covid-19 Measures Grant Scheme

Work has commenced on Kenyon Street and procurement is being undertaken in respect of Hanley's Place in relation to the two projects which are being funded under the Covid-19 Measures Grant Scheme from the National Transport Authority.

(iii) Town & Village Renewal Accelerated Measures Scheme

Order has been placed for the two 'Smart' benches for Nenagh which are being funded under this scheme and they are currently en route. Spain AV have been commissioned to undertake a 'shop local' social media campaign in conjunction with local businesses and local artists over a four week period. Recording is currently taking place and a trailer can be found at #Nenagh Live.

(iv) Christmas Lights

Erection of new Christmas Lights will commence within next week.

Emmet Place/Mitchel Street

Demolition work is complete. Contractor will now make the site safe and return in early January to complete junction works and the car park so as to ensure there is no disruption to business in the run up to Christmas.

Tourist Office/Banba Square

Corcon Construction have commenced works on Tourist Office and on public realm works. Substantial progress has been made on stripping out the former Foróige rooms. Meeting has been held with Scroope Design in relation to the fit-out.

Town & Village Renewal – Ely O' Carroll Place

Demolition works and site clearance has been completed and work has progressed to road build up and drainage. The boundary walls are in the process of being plastered. Macadam



	<p>and public lighting works will be undertaken in the very near future.</p> <p><u>Nenagh Digital Hub</u> The Part 8 is on the agenda for today's meeting for consideration. Work is progressing on the preparation of the Business Case and the application for funding under the RRDF Scheme.</p> <p><u>Historic Structures Fund</u> Works have been substantially complete on roof as funded under this scheme.</p> <p><u>RRDF Funding</u> Tender documentation for the procurement of a multi-disciplinary design team for the Historic & Cultural Quarter is currently being drafted. The Project Team consisting of representatives from Tipperary County Council, Fáilte Ireland, OPW and the National Monuments Service have met.</p> <p><u>WiFi4EU</u> Work is continuing to secure the consent of property owners for the installation of the infrastructure required in order to enable Magnet to provide this service.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath enquired about the parking arrangements for the Christmas period. Ms. R. Joyce confirmed that there will be free parking in the carparks for three hours from the 12th to the 26th December.</p>
<p>Item 9. To receive update on Works Programme</p>	<p>An update on the Works Programme was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy raised concerns in relation to flooding at Curraghviller, Ardcroney.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy explained that a lot of work is taking place on drainage issues. Cllrs. O' Meara and Carroll queried the work on Tertiary Roads.</p> <p>Cllr. J. McGrath raised concerns in relation to power outages in Birdhill, Ballina and Killoscully.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Morris gave an update on the meeting with TII.</p> <p>1. N52 (i) Public lighting on N52 Nenagh By-Pass; (ii) Junctions on N52 - danger from turning vehicles; (iii) Traffic calming at Ballingarry village</p> <p>(i) TII recently approved similar request on N24 Bypass. TII suggested TCC make a similar application for N52.</p>



	<p>(ii) Right turns for Ashley Park and Congor were highlighted. TII said that right hand lanes require a minimum number of traffic movements to be warranted.</p> <p>(iii) Ballingarry is not on TII's radar. TCC would need to decide if it requires a scheme and submit the need to TII Safety Engineer Fiona Bohane for assessment.</p> <p>2. N52 Re-alignment of further section north of Borrisokane TII were thanked for all of the work on the N52 Borrisokane but told that there is a need for a realignment of severe bends North of the Town.</p> <p>3. N65 Carrigahorig - Village, footpath, drainage works Village Scheme being developed. Feasibility report received by TII and comments made. TCC to revise proposals. Flooding: Environmental Issues, there will be an Appropriate Assessment and An Bord Pleanála application. TII is committed to a scheme but it will take a number of years to get through the planning process.</p> <p>Mr. M. O'Connor explained that the funding for the public lighting in Clonmel was from a different source. A report should be available by the end of the week on the lighting on the N52 and if TII agree to it funding will have to be sourced.</p> <p>Cllr. Darcy expressed his disappointment about the Carrigahorig project. Cllr. O'Meara agreed with Cllr. Darcy and was also disappointed about Ballingarry.</p> <p>It was agreed to take Notice of Motion No. 1985 submitted by Cllr. Michael O'Meara "that the TII repair the wall at the bridge at the Ferry Lorrha that has fallen onto the footpath causing an obstruction" in conjunction with the update from TII. The motion was proposed by Cllr. M O' Meara and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy. The following response was provided:</p> <p><i>"The footpath is located on the N65 on the approach to Portumna Bridge. A section of retaining wall has partly collapsed resulting in damage to the footpath. The TII has responsibility for the maintenance of the National Road network. The Mid Western Road Design Office (MWRDO) based in Limerick act on behalf of the TII for the maintenance of structures and consequently has the responsibility for repairing the retaining wall.</i></p> <p><i>The District Engineer contacted the TII in February 2020 and again in October 2020. Mr Kier Wilson of the MWRDO carried</i></p>
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	<p><i>out two inspections at the bridge, the most recent being on the 4th November 2020.</i></p> <p><i>Mr Kier is satisfied that there is not an overall stability issue with the wall. He has committed to seeking funding from the TII and subject to funding will carry out the necessary repairs in 2021”.</i></p>
Item 10. To note Engineer’s Checklist on roads matters	Members noted the Engineer’s Checklist.
Item 11. To consider Notices of Motion	<p>The following motion was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. S. Morris:</p> <p>Notice of Motion No: 1989 submitted by Cllr. Fiona Bonfield</p> <p>I am asking Nenagh Municipal District Council to write to Irish Rail and the N.T.A. to request that they carry out an engineer's report on the Ballybrophy to Limerick rail track. There has been 31 miles of continuous welded track laid over the past few years which should have resulted in an increase in speed. This hasn't happened. Increased speed is crucial to the development and marketing of the line.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. Bonfield as follows:</p> <p><i>“Subject to Council approval this Motion will be forwarded to Irish Rail and the National Transport Authority for comments/response”.</i></p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that the members would submit the motion to the plenary Council. The speed and scheduling needs to be addressed and it is important to get the full Council behind the issue. This was unanimously agreed.</p>
Item 12. To note Delegated Employees Orders	Noted
Item 13. To consider items of correspondence	None.
Item 14. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	<p>Votes of Sympathy –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Con Morris, on the death of his wife, Bernie.• Linda Ringrose, on the death of her husband, Bryan.



	Votes of Congratulations – None
Item 15. Any other business.	Mr. M. O Connor informed the members that the Council had purchased 53 acres at the Lisbonney Industrial Estate. It was felt that it was important to keep this land in public ownership and that there will be a job creation focus for this area. There have already been a few enquiries. Cllr. S. Morris enquired about the possibility of some of the land being used as a relief road. Mr. M. O'Connor confirmed that this will be looked at. The members welcomed the purchase.

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

Signed: 
Cllr. John Carroll
Leas Chathaoirleach

Date: 17/12/2020

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 17/12/2020

