



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 18th JULY 2019

Present	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Phyll Bugler, John Carroll, Gerard Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, Séamus Morris and Michael O' Meara.
Also Present	<p>Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Peter Fee, A/District Engineer; Mr. Donal Murphy, Staff Officer and Ms. Auvén Melia, Assistant Staff Officer.</p> <p>Housing Section: Lynda Madden, Senior Staff Officer and Kieran Malone, Executive Engineer.</p> <p>Community/Economic Development/LEO Section: Elaine Cullinan, Economic Development Officer and Mary Ryan, Economic Development Officer.</p> <p>Culture/Library Services/Fire & Emergency Services Section: Karl Cashen, Director of Services and Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian.</p>
Apologies	Cllr. John (Rocky) McGrath. Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer and Sean Longeran, Administrative Officer, Housing Section.
	Members sent good wishes to Cllr. R. McGrath at this time.
Item 1. Minutes of May Meeting	It was proposed by Cllr. Fiona Bonfield, seconded by Cllr. M. O' Meara and resolved that the minutes of the May Meeting held on 16 th May, 2019 be adopted.
Item 2. Minutes of Annual Meeting	It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13 th June, 2019 be adopted.
Item 3. Action Plan	The Action Plan from the May meeting and June Annual Meeting was noted.



<p>Item 4. To receive briefing from Housing</p> <p>Naming of Housing Development in Portroe and Borrisokane</p>	<p>A progress report was circulated to Members. An update was given on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Housing Construction Projects➤ Housing Allocations➤ House Purchases➤ RAS and Leasing➤ H.A.P.➤ Housing Applicants and Vacant Houses➤ Approved Housing Applicants <p>A number of queries were raised by members in relation to vacant houses, housing construction at Borrisokane, housing loans, and housing development at Stereame. These queries were responded to.</p> <p>Further to email circulated by Liam Ryan, Senior Executive Architect, Housing Section on 11th July, 2019 the following names were agreed by members:-</p> <p>Development of 12 houses in Portroe: - Slieve Locha Development of 16 houses in Borrisokane:- Gort na Chlochair</p>
<p>Item 5. To receive briefing from Community/ Economic Development/ LEO</p>	<p>A progress report was circulated to Members. Ms. E. Cullinan gave an update on the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ LECP - Community➤ Local Development Strategy/LEADER➤ SICAP➤ LCDC Team Led Funding Schemes➤ Tipperary PPN➤ Joint Policing Committee➤ Children's and Young Person's Services Committee➤ Age Friendly Tipperary➤ Suicide Prevention➤ Comhairle na nÓg➤ Play and Recreation➤ Tipperary Sports Partnership➤ FAI➤ Strategic Projects Unit EU part-funded Projects➤ LECP – Economic➤ Tourism➤ Digital Strategy, National Broadband Plan & Commercial Investment. <p>Ms. M. Ryan gave a briefing on what the Council can offer in terms of Local Enterprise. Brochures were circulated to each member. It was agreed to hold an information session later in the year to advise what the council can offer.</p>
<p>Item 6.</p>	<p>A progress report was circulated to Members. An update was</p>



To receive briefing from Culture/ Library Services/Fire & Emergency Services	given on the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Events held in Nenagh Library➤ Arts in Education Programme➤ Tipperary Bealtaine Festival➤ Heritage Report
Item 7. To consider and adopt Amenity Area Bye-Laws	It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and agreed that the Draft Amenity Area Bye-Laws be adopted subject to recommendations in Director of Services report to members dated 18 th July, 2019. These bye-laws will come into force on Monday, 19 th August, 2019.
Item 8. To consider Taking in Charge of Riverview, Ballina	<p>Mr. M. O' Connor referred to Director of Services report to Members which was circulated previously. It was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that "pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning & 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 Riverview, Ballina (part of) 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 July 2019 Nenagh Municipal District Members Meeting".</p> <p>Cllr. H McGrath raised the query regarding who pays for grasscutting in estates. Cllr Michael O' Meara noted that there was animosity between residents when management companies go bust and called for a policy on grass cutting. Mr. M. O' Connor advised that the council cuts grass in council built estates and that in private estates that were taken in charge grass cutting was not provided as this is set out on the taking in charge application form. He advised it would have implications for the maintenance budget. Cllr S. Morris requested an update to his query re Radharc Dearg.</p> <p>A discussion took place on the availability of a grant to residents association towards the upkeep of their estates.</p>
Item 9. To agree items for discussion at TII Meeting	A meeting with TII has been arranged for 5 th November, 2019. R. Joyce advised that any items for discussion should be emailed to her. A list of items will be compiled and brought back to members to be finalised at the September meeting. It was agreed that the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Hannigan attends this meeting on



	behalf of the members.														
Item 10. Allocation of Funding 2019	<p>(a) To approve grants to Clubs & Organisations (b) To approve grants to Residents Associations.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the above schemes the payment of grants be made to the following:-</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Name of Club/Organisation</th><th>Approved</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Lissiniskey Restoration Committee</td><td>€400.00</td></tr><tr><td>Mulcair Men's Shed</td><td>€450.00</td></tr></tbody></table> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Name of Residents Association</th><th>Approved</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Ciamaltha Meadows Residents Association</td><td>€300.00</td></tr><tr><td>Cnoc Cluain Residents Association, Ballina</td><td>€300.00</td></tr><tr><td>The Coachyard Residents, Cloughjordan</td><td>€350.00</td></tr></tbody></table>	Name of Club/Organisation	Approved	Lissiniskey Restoration Committee	€400.00	Mulcair Men's Shed	€450.00	Name of Residents Association	Approved	Ciamaltha Meadows Residents Association	€300.00	Cnoc Cluain Residents Association, Ballina	€300.00	The Coachyard Residents, Cloughjordan	€350.00
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Item 11. Update on Projects	<p>➤ <u>(a) Newport Town Park</u> The consultant, Nic de Jong, is currently working on the detailed design. A meeting with the Newport Playground Committee and Nic de Jong will take place this evening at 5.00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the type of play equipment to be included. Members were invited to attend.</p> <p>➤ <u>(b) Nenagh Tourist Office</u> Closing date for receipt of tenders for the architect led design team was last Friday. Arising from this Healy Partners, Architects have been appointed and they are proceeding to tender for the procurement of the required survey information.</p> <p>➤ <u>(c) Nenagh 800/Nenagh Castle</u> Following intensive consideration and consultation a logo for Nenagh 800 has now been selected. A press release will now be issued outlining what is being considered for Nenagh 800 and inviting people to come on board. One of the first elements will be the launch of 'A Song for Nenagh' competition where song-writers from Nenagh and surrounds or originally from the area will be invited to write a song for Nenagh 800. Eva Birdthistle has agreed to help co-ordinate this competition and has secured the services of Luka Bloom to help in the judging. A meeting of the Nenagh 800 Committee will be arranged for the end of the month.</p> <p>Discussions are on-going with OPW and the Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht in relation to the next phase of the Castle development and various potential funding opportunities are being explored.</p> <p>➤ <u>(d) Historic Towns Initiative</u></p>														



Following a tender process we are about to appoint a contractor to carry out conservation works on Nenagh Gaol in accordance with the funding allocated under the Historic Towns Initiative. Representatives from the Heritage Council and Heritage Officers have held a meeting in Nenagh and the opportunity was used to take them on a tour of the historic quarter.

➤ **(e) Town Revival Initiative**

A very successful Town Forum meeting was held on 2nd July. Presentations were given by David Fitzsimons from Retail Excellence and Simon Wall, Town Architect, Mayo County Council. The evening was very well received, in excess of 80 people attended. A number of people have since expressed an interest in coming on board. Going forward we will be working on 3 pillars namely Retail Hospitality Group, Standards and Public Realm Group and Citizen Engagement and Communication Group. The slides from the presentations on the night are available on the County Council website.

➤ **(f) Enterprise Towns**

Nenagh has again entered the Bank of Ireland National Enterprise Towns Awards (NETA) Competition this year. Judging will take place on 3rd September – commencing at 9 a.m. We are working with the Nenagh & District Chamber of Commerce and other groups to put in place an impressive programme for the 3 hour visit and look forward to showcasing what Nenagh has to offer.

➤ **(g) Twinning**

Successful progress is being made in respect of the twinning arrangements between Base-Goulaine and Ballina/Killaloe. A number of educational exchanges have taken place, a group of over 50 French students came to Ireland for their school tour earlier this year and spent a day around Ballina/Killaloe. 16 players and four coaches travelled from the Lough Derg Football Club to France for the Eurofoot 2019 in Basse-Goulaine and were hosted by families from the twinning committee. A group of 12 from the twinning committee are travelling to Ireland in October for the Kincora Trad Fest and they will spend three days in the area. In addition an invitation has issued to the Mayor of Basse-Goulaine, Monsieur Alain Vey, to also visit at that time with members of his Council and he has indicated that he is likely to do so.

➤ **(h) Emmet Place/Mitchel Street**

Tender documentation is being prepared for Part 8 for this project involving the demolition of buildings and provision of car parking. Following public consultation a report will be brought back to members.

➤ **(i) Nenagh Digital Hub/Innovation Centre**



	<p>Morgan Kilgallen and Associates will draw up a brief and tender documents for a Business and Architectural Project team to further develop the proposal for the provision of a digital hub/innovation centre at Stereame.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <u>(j) Bord Gais Project</u> Remaining snags outstanding include resurfacing of parking areas on Kenyon Street and Pearse Street, reinstatement of road markings throughout the town, raising of spindles in water chambers and installation of water service marker plates. It is anticipated that work will be commencing shortly➤ <u>(k) Major Roads Projects</u>➤ <u>Borrisokane</u> Work started on the scheme in November 2018. The Contractor has commenced works from the Nenagh side of scheme and completed footpaths and most of road surfacing works up to the Fire Station and also approximately half of the footpaths on the western side of the main street in the town centre.➤ <u>Knockalton</u> The scheme is scheduled to be substantially completed by the end of July 2019.➤ <u>Latteragh</u> Part 8 procedures have been completed and design work is underway. In July/August 2019 the landowners on the scheme will be briefed individually on the CPO and how same will affect them. Subject to Department approval it is anticipated that the CPO will then be advertised in Q3 2019 with an Oral Hearing expected to take place in Q1 of 2020.➤ <u>(l) SIRO</u> Works are continuing in the town. Fibre optic cables will be installed following completion of the route proofing, anticipated to be Q3 2019.
Item 12. Update on Roadwork's Programme	<p>A report on the Roadworks Programme was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler noted that the following roads need repair:- Legane to Tountinna, Grange Road to Curraghviller, road along by the Dunally line and road at Cornode, Garrykennedy.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan raised concern regarding wall of bridge at Finnoe road, Borrisokane.</p>
Item 13. Engineer's Checklist	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to the members.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler asked that tourism signs be cleaned and that</p>



	<p>hedges at Darcy's bridge be cut. Potholes need to be filled on road to Tountinna.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Carroll asked that flooding at Glencrue be prioritised along with flooding at Capparoo Cross. He requested that vegetation be cut back to improve sightlines at junction on L6075/R498 at Kilkeary.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy asked that hedges/verge trimming be carried at Annabeg to Dromineer and from Carrigahorrig to Terryglass. He stated that road is subsiding at Clash, Toomevara. He asked that the signage be improved at Bantiss, Cloughjordan.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Morris stated that sightline at Timona, Dromineer is very poor. Fence knocked down in Coille Bheithe opening up a walkway, he requested that this be closed off.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O' Meara asked that flooding at Abbeyville, Lorrha be investigated further. He asked that signage be re-erected at Lisadonna Cross, adding that there is no signage at all there. He asked if the small sweeper can be used on Main St, Cloughjordan instead of the larger sweeper adding that the smaller one would do a better job around the islands where trees are planted.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath stated that there is poor road surface on pedestrian crossing at Brooklands, Nenagh.</p>
<p>Item 14. Notices of Motion</p>	<p>Notice of Motion No. 1704 submitted by Cllr. Hughie McGrath</p> <p>"I call on Nenagh Municipal District to carry out remedial work with regards to flooding outside the Kenyon Bar that I reported on the 15th April, 2019 by email".</p> <p>This motion was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. S. Morris. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-</p> <p><i>Flooding of the footpath occurred in the vicinity of the Kenyon Bar due to the subsidence of the brick footpath and the level of the road side kerb. Repair works in the form of the laying of a new kerb and the resetting of the footpath brick paving has been carried out and the issue is now resolved.</i></p> <p>Notice of Motion No. 1705 submitted by Cllr. Ger Darcy</p> <p>"That this Council take measures to control the excessive speeding and overtaking on the R494 Nenagh – Portroe road at Belleen, Nenagh".</p> <p>This motion was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-</p>



	<p><i>While it is acknowledged that there are a number of entrances on to the road, the section referred to in this Notice of Motion is in an 80kph speed limit zone and provides the only opportunity for vehicles to overtake between the N52 and the bends at Belleen Lower.</i></p> <p><i>The Council has reviewed the centre line marking in place on the R494 at Belleen and found them to be in accordance to Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.</i></p>
Item 15. Delegated Employee Orders	Noted
Item 16. Correspondence	<p>The following correspondence was noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Bus Eireann dated 10th July, 2019 regarding Route 72 stop at Ardcroney.➤ HSE dated 8th July, 2019 regarding Templederry Health Centre.➤ HSE dated 1st July, 2019 regarding hospital car parking charges.➤ Department of Finance dated 25th June, 2019 regarding rising cost of insurance.
Item 17. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	<p>Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Ryan Family on the death of James Ryan, R.I.P.➤ Mrs. Helen McSherry on the death of Thomas McSherry, R.I.P.➤ Mrs. Sadie Brislane on the death of Michael Brislane, R.I.P. <p>Votes of Congratulations -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Celine Guinan on winning the All Ireland Féile Skills competition.➤ Declan Molloy on captaining Leitrim Hurling Team and winning the Lory Meagher Cup Final.➤ Cloughjordan Community Development Committee on organising a visit of His Excellency Omar Al-Nahar, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Cloughjordan and Nenagh.
Item 18. AOB	<p>S. Morris raised concerns at the lack of maintenance along the Nenagh Riverwalk. He asked that a meeting be arranged between Ormond Anglers and the Council to try and agree a plan going forward.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce advised members that it is anticipated that a visit will be arranged to Kilkenny Medieval Mile and Wicklow Historic Gaol to see how they operate.</p> <p>She also advised members that C. Sherlock is retiring on Friday,</p>



	<p>26th July and advised that there will be a presentation at 4 p.m. that afternoon. All are welcome.</p> <p>Mr. P. Fee advised members that he is stepping aside as A/District Engineer. He thanked members for the courtesy and support shown to him. Members thanked him for all his work and dedication given to his role and wished him well for the future.</p> <p>Mr. M. O' Connor thanked Mr. P. Fee for all his work and for carrying out his role in such a professional manner. He advised members that Mr. B. Murphy will be starting on Monday 22nd July and will take on the role of Senior Executive Engineer.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce on her own behalf and on behalf of the administrative staff in Nenagh Municipal District thanked Mr. P. Fee for all his work and added that it was a pleasure to work with him. Mr. P. Fee thanked everyone for the good wishes.</p>
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This concluded the business of the meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify:-

Signed: 
Cllr. Joe Hannigan
Cathaoirleach

Date: 19/9/19

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 19/9/19