



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2019

Present	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Phyll Bugler, John Carroll, Gerard Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Séamus Morris, John "Rocky" McGrath and Michael O' Meara.
Also Present	Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Barry Murphy, District Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer. Housing Section: Jim Dillon, Administrative Officer, Sean Lonergan, Administrative Officer, Kieran Malone, Executive Engineer
Apologies	Cllr. Hughie McGrath
Item 1. Minutes of October Meeting	It was proposed by Cllr. John Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Ger Darcy and resolved that the minutes of the October Meeting held on 17 th October, 2019 be adopted. Cllr. S. Morris raised concerns in relation to the operation of CRM. He confirmed that the matter related across Tipperary County and not only the Municipal District. Cllr. J. Carroll supported Cllr. Morris.
Item 2. Action Plan	The Action Plan from the October meeting was noted
Item 3. To receive briefing from Housing Section	The report on Housing circulated gave details of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Construction• Housing Grant Allocations• House Purchases• Buy & Renew Purchases• Housing Loan Applications• RAS & Leasing• HAP• Housing Applicants & Vacant Houses The members raised concerns over the turnaround time on voids and on houses that are purchased. They queried the possibility of allowing tenants move into vacant houses and carry out the work themselves. They also requested clarification on the numbers on the waiting list and the loan schemes. Mr. K. Malone confirmed that each house now has to be brought up to a certain standard, it would not be possible to allow a tenant into a house to carry out this work due to insurances and quality of repairs – someone has to be able to stand over the work. A lot of the stock is old which adds extra requirements when



	<p>a property becomes vacant.</p> <p>Mr. S. Lonergan informed members that at the start of the year there was 3,875 on the waiting list and there is now 3,400. Outside of the Dublin Local Authorities, Tipperary County Council is the next best performing Local Authority on the various Housing Assistance schemes; it has achieved or surpassed all of its targets. Housing will provide details of the net loss/gain of landlords on the RAS/HAP schemes. If a landlord leaves the RAS scheme, it is the responsibility of the Council to find the tenant new accommodation. A new Homeless Prevention Officer has now started with Housing and the focus will now be on prevention.</p> <p>Mr. J. Dillon explained that €1m from the extra money raised from the increase in rents was used in conjunction with the €956k from the Department to fund the void work. Of the 149 applications for loans, the majority of these were invalid as they did not send in the required details, only valid applications are sent to the Housing Agency for assessment. If anyone has difficulty completing the form they should contact Housing. The Buy to Lease scheme was advertised and there was a very poor response to it – only one in the whole county.</p>						
<p>Item 4. To agree date for Nenagh Municipal District Awards</p>	<p>It was agreed to hold the District Awards on Monday, 9th December.</p>						
<p>Item 5. Allocation of Funding 2019</p>	<p>(a) To approve grants to Clubs & Organisations</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. J. McGrath 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" data-bbox="475 1487 1426 1603"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Club/Organisation</th> <th>Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mulcair Manor Residents Association</td> <td>€400</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ard Coilte Residents Association</td> <td>€400</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of Club/Organisation	Recommendation	Mulcair Manor Residents Association	€400	Ard Coilte Residents Association	€400
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<p>Item 6. To receive presentation on proposed Part 8 – Nenagh Tourist Office & Banba</p>	<p>Mr. M. O'Connor gave a presentation on the proposed Part 8 – Nenagh Tourist Office & Banba Square.</p> <p>The members welcomed the presentation and the proposed works. Cllrs. G. Darcy and M. O'Meara raised concerns about the traffic at school times. Cllr. P. Bugler enquired about the operation of the tourist office. Mr. M. O'Connor confirmed that the junction at Sheahan's will not change and will still have two lanes. He also</p>						



Square Enhancement	confirmed that the two rooms will be big enough for the tourist office and an exhibition space and it will be open all year round. Mr. M. O'Connor clarified that the proposal on the presentation is the ultimate proposal; there is approved funding for the Tourist Office, the link to the back, the planters and Wi-Fi. There is no currently no funding for the remainder of the project but it is included in the Part 8 to ensure there are shovel ready projects should additional funding become available.
Item 7. To receive presentation on proposed Part 8 – Emmet Place/Mitchel Street	Mr. M. O'Connor gave a presentation on the proposed Part 8 for Emmet Place/Mitchel Street. All the members welcomed the proposed works.
Item 8. To update members on projects and events	<p><u>Historic Towns Initiative</u> Conservation works on Nenagh Gaol funded under the Historic Towns Initiative are now complete. Ms. R. Joyce gave a presentation on the works carried out. An inspection was carried out by the Heritage Council and they were very happy with same. During conservation works it was identified that there were drainage issues resulting in ingress of water into the Gaol block. Drainage works are currently being undertaken to address this by Council staff.</p> <p><u>Nenagh 800/Nenagh Castle</u> Ms. R. Joyce gave a presentation on Nenagh 800 and the preparations for same. She advised that it is proposed to appoint a co-ordinator for the year. Members agreed to go into committee to discuss the issue of an official invitation by the Cathaoirleach and this was agreed. Members welcomed the presentation and the proposed works and projects for Nenagh 800.</p> <p><u>Newport Town Park</u> The Council is awaiting receipt of the tender pack from the consultant, Nic de Jong, to advertise on e-tenders.</p> <p><u>Town Revival Initiative</u> Work is continuing on identification of measures arising from the Town Revival Initiative meeting held earlier this year in conjunction with Retail Excellence and Nenagh & District Chamber of Commerce. The results of the NETA 2019 will be announced on 5th December.</p> <p><u>Nenagh Digital Hub/Innovation Centre</u> Following a tender process arrangements are now underway for the appointment of a Business and Architectural Led Project team</p>



to further develop the proposal for the provision of a digital hub at Stereame.

Bord Gais Project

There are remaining snags outstanding including the resurfacing of parking areas on Kenyon Street and Pearse Street and the reinstatement of road markings throughout the town.

SIRO

Works are continuing in the town.

Major Road Projects

Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge & R494

Planning procedures and the Oral Hearing have been completed. Design is underway and is expected to be completed in Q4 2019. Subject to availability of funding it is anticipated that construction will commence in Q4 2020 taking in the region of 3 years to complete.

R498 Latteragh Realignment

Part 8 procedures have been completed and design work is underway. Pre-CPO consultation with landowners is ongoing. Subject to Department approval it is anticipated that the CPO will then be advertised in Q1 2020 with an Oral Hearing expected to take place later in 2020.

R498 Knockalton Realignment.

Work started on the scheme in December 2018. The scheme is complete apart from snagging and some accommodation works.

N52 Borrisokane Streets Improvement Scheme.

Work started on the scheme in November 2018. The Contractor commenced works from the Nenagh side of scheme and completed footpaths on both sides and most of road surfacing works up to the Fire Station. Also the footpaths on the western side of the Main Street and most of the footpaths on the eastern side of the Main Street have been completed.

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 in 2019 with detailed design and construction taking place in 2020.

N65 Carrigahorig Bends

This scheme involves the improvement of approximately 0.6km of National Secondary Road in the townland of Garryclohy, Carrigahorig. Preliminary design work is completed and funding is being sought from the TII to design and carry out the pavement improvement works. It is anticipated that detailed design work



	<p>will commence in 2020.</p>
<p>Item 9. To receive update on Works Programme</p>	<p>The update on the Works Programme was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O’Meara requested an update on progress from the meeting with TII.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler raised the issue of the R494 and the major tailback that occurred at the weekend, the fact that the new crossing may not be in place for another year will cause a lot of problems. Cllrs J. Hannigan and J. McGrath agreed with Cllr. Bugler’s comments. Mr. B. Murphy agreed that there was an issue with the sequence of the lights but this was rectified by Traffic Solutions. There is a capacity issue at the bridge along with drivers jumping the lights. Mr. M. O’Connor confirmed that patching and drainage works will be carried out on the R494.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O’Meara mentioned the condition of regional roads and the possibility of taking out a loan to progress the Roads Works Programme. Mr. M. O’Connor stated that there was other roads in the District that are busier than the R494, extra funding would always be welcome but money has to be allocated in a transparent manner, and it is allocated by the members.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy confirmed that the pavement condition survey determines what roads are done. Mr. M. O’Connor said that funding for roads doesn’t appear to be a national issue.</p>
<p>Item 10. To note Engineers Checklist on Roads matters</p>	<p>The Engineer’s Checklist was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Carroll raised the issue of the Tullaheady Bridge Wall, flooding at Hogan’s Pass towards Newtown and drainage issue at Curragh, Portroe.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler queried when the footpath in Riverside Park would be done and the double yellow lines on Boher Road and Mr. B. Murphy confirmed that the footpath will be done once the Roadworks Programme has been completed and he will look at the double yellow lines. She also requested that the signs on the small one-way bridge on the R496 would be repaired and asked for a timeframe for the work from the Notice of Motion relating to Shoreside.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy asked about the timeline for the footpath at Finnoe Road and asked as a matter of urgency that the trees in Cloughjordan would be pruned for the Christmas lights. He requested that as the quotation for the bridge rehabilitation works at Rathnaleen was very high it would be kept on the checklist. TII are to come back regarding improving the sight lines at the Community College in Borrisokane, Cllr. G. Darcy requested that this item would also be kept on the checklist.</p>



	<p>Cllr. S. Morris enquired about flooding at Ballygibbon Hill and on the main Cloughjordan Road before the turn off.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O’ Meara raised the issue of the Borrisokane – Cloughjordan Road at Modreeny where there were sharp stones along the ditch. He also referred to flooding flooding on the N65 at Garryard.</p> <p>Cllr J. O’Hannigan requested the possibility of a pedestrian crossing in the area of Nenagh College and St. Joseph’s Park ad this can be a busy junction. He wanted speeding at Puckane to be re-visited as he felt the survey in 2017 was not a true reflection. Cllr. J. Hannigan also queried the lights at Riverstown and traffic calming at Ballingarry.</p>
Item 11. To consider Notices of Motion	None
Item 12. Delegated Employee Orders	Noted
Item 13. Correspondence	<p>The following correspondence was noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ OPW dated 29th October, letter on lighting of Nenagh Castle, from Frank Shalvey
Item 14. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	<p>Votes of Sympathy – None</p> <p>Votes of Congratulations – None</p>
Item 15 AOB	Cllr. G. Darcy congratulated Ned Kelly on his recent award. Cllr. J. Hannigan congratulated all the organisations that had recently been allocated funding under the Sports Capital Funding.

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

Signed: 
Cllr. Joe Hannigan
Cathaoirleach

Date: 19/12/2019.

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 19/12/19