



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 11.00 AM ON 19TH JULY 2018

Present Cllr's John Carroll, Fiona Bonfield, Phyll Bugler, Ger Darcy, Hughie McGrath, Mattie Ryan, Seamus Morris and Michael O' Meara.

Also Present Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Peter Fee, A/Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Auvén Melia, A/Assistant Staff Officer.

Housing Section: - Ms. Sinead Carr, Director of Services, Mr. Dónal Purcell, A/Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Michèle Maher, Senior Staff Officer.

Community & Economic Development: - Ms. Attracta Lyons, Economic Development Officer.

Culture & Library Services: - Ms. Emer O' Brien, Senior Executive Librarian.

Apologies Cllr. Joe Hannigan, Mr. Karl Cashen, Director of Services.

Item 1. Minutes of Annual Meeting It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 21st June, 2018 be adopted.

Item 2. Minutes of June Meeting It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that the minutes of the June Meeting held on 21st June, 2018 be adopted.

Item 3. Action Plan The Action Plan from the June meeting was noted.

Item 4. To receive briefing from Housing Section Ms. S. Carr, Mr. D. Purcell and Ms. M. Maher attended from the Housing Section and circulated a progress report to Members. An update was given on the following:-

- Housing Construction Projects 2018-2021
- Housing Allocations 2018
- Capital Assistance Scheme
- House Purchases 2018
- RAS, Leasing & HAP 2018
- Housing Applications and Vacant Houses

Queries relating to Housing Adaptation Grants, Tenant Purchase Scheme and Barr an Chnoic were responded to.

It was agreed to take Notice of Motion No. 1400 next as representatives from Housing were present.

Notice of Motion No. 1400 submitted by Cllr. S. Morris

"In the light that the Government has announced 10 million euros for affordable rental schemes across the country as part of their Rebuilding Ireland action plan and the fact that there has been very little uptake on



this I am asking Tipperary County Council put the Streama site in Nenagh forward for a pilot affordable rental scheme. The site is fully serviced by roads, sewerage, electricity and water and is owned by the council so it is shovel ready which is favoured by the Government in their search for a full range of housing options. Recent surveys have shown that the private rental market is broken (Threshold) and 80% of first time buyers can't access credit for mortgages (survey by Grenforth finance) and the ridiculously low threshold for council housing are affecting hard working families in Nenagh"

The motion was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath. The following response was read out by R. Joyce:-

In January 2018 when the Government launched the new Affordable Home loan it also introduced an Affordable Rental Scheme which will be done using a cost rental model. Cost rental means that the rent paid covers the cost of building the property, together with ongoing management and maintenance charges, but with a minimal profit margin included. This is intended to provide greater certainty around the rent, regardless of what is happening in the market.

A pilot project on this initiative is currently being progressed in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, in conjunction with the Housing Agency and an Approved Housing Body, using publicly-owned land. The Department expect this pilot to go to the market later this year to secure a development partner and the best value for the State and prospective renters.

The Departments ambition is to make this a major part of the housing system, though this will take time to deliver. Currently, discussions are ongoing with the European Investment Bank about cost rental and other affordable models that could work in Ireland. This work will progress in tandem with the first pilot.

Mr. M. O' Connor advised that Streama lands were bought for employment purposes to support First Data future expansion, to provide campus accommodation and other enterprise units. A Master Plan was prepared and there is provision for housing. Competitive dialogue is taking place on the development of the site. Mr. D. Purcell outlined the three Government initiatives in relation to affordability – the Rebuilding Ireland Affordable Home Loan, the Affordable Purchase Scheme and a pilot scheme as outlined in the response.



Item. 5
To received
briefing from
Community &
Economic
Development

Ms. A. Lyons, Economic Development Officer attended from Community & Economic Development and circulated a progress report to members. An update was given on the following:-

- LECP – Community
- Local Development Strategy/Leader
- SICAP
- LCDC Team Led Funding Schemes
- Suicide Prevention
- Comhairle na nÓg
- Tipperary Sports Partnership
- TSP Social Inclusion Programme
EU part-funded Projects
- LECP – Economic
- Economic Strategies & Projects
- Tourism
- Local Enterprise Office
- Digital Strategy, National Broadband Plan & Commercial Investment

Ms. Lyons responded to queries in relation to Ireland's Hidden Heartlands, Broadband, training requirements for the hospitality sector and brochures.

The need to have a database of grants available was highlighted by a number of members and Ms. A. Lyons agreed to bring this request back to the directorate.

Item. 6
To receive
briefing from
Culture & Library
Services

Apologies from Mr. K. Cashen. Ms. E. O' Brien, Senior Executive Librarian attended from Culture & Library Services. The following update for given:-

- As part of its role as a Europe Direct Information Centre, Nenagh Library hosted a lecture by Prof. Brian Lucey, Trinity College on 28th June. Prof. Lucey addressed the issues relating to Brexit in relation to Ireland.
- To celebrate Europe Day, Nenagh Library held a Schools table quiz entitled "Let's explore Europe" on the 9th May. Over 60 children from 4 local schools participated and the overall winners were Bishop Harty National School, Ballinree.
- The play, "The Six Mary's" performed by Jean Farrell and Catherine Gallagher was hosted by Nenagh Library on 10th May as part of the Bealtaine Festival.
- An Exercise class for older people was given by Fiona Ward from FRX fitness in Borrisokane Library on 17th May as part of the Bealtaine Festival.
- A zumba class for older people was held in Borrisokane Library on 23rd May as part of the Bealtaine Festival.

Members thanked Emer for her updates. The Library Service was complimented for the excellent service they provide. The position in



relation to provision of a Library in Newport was queried.

Item. 7
To consider
Taking in Charge
of Roads

Mr. M. O' Connor referred to Director of Services report to Members that was circulated previously for each estate. It was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. M. O' Meara 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 road serving the housing estates known as

- Gurteen Grove, Rathcabbin
- Derry Close, Rathcabbin
- Silver Mews, Silver Street, Nenagh
- Lough Derg Cottages, Dromineer
- Harbour View, Dromineer
- Derg Manor, Dromineer
- Pallas Derg, Newtown
- Killeen Court, Borrisokane

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 2018 Nenagh Municipal District Members Meeting".

Item 8.
Update on
Projects

➤ **Newport Town Park**

The consultant has advised that a draft of the Natura Impact Statement will be issued early next week. An instruction has been issued to the contractor to commence treatment of the giant hogweed.

➤ **Gills Garden**

A draft of the tender documentation in respect of the landscaping contract has been received from the consultant. Some queries have been referred to him. On receipt of the amended documentation the contract will be advertised on e-tenders. Once appointed the contract is approximately five months.

➤ **Community CCTV Scheme**

Nothing further to report.

➤ **Nenagh Traffic Management Plan**

Tender documents for the appointment of consultants in respect of the Mitchell Street/Emmet Place junction & car park have been advertised on e-tenders – closing date for receipt of tenders is 10th August.



Cllr. H. McGrath referred to development in the Martyr's road area and reiterated that connectivity with the town centre is vital. He considered that the pedestrian crossing on Martyr's road is not good enough and asked if this can also be looked at. Mr. M. O' Connor said Mr. D. Donovan, Consultant has been asked to look at the Dublin Road/Martyr's road area in the context of the overall Traffic Management Plan for Nenagh.

➤ **Bord Gais Project**

Works are progressing. Works at Railway Crossing at Tyone deferred until 4th August.

➤ **New Shannon Crossing at Ballina/Killaloe**

RPS Consulting Engineers have been appointed.

➤ **Latteragh**

Work on this project will now resume as documents on Borriskane have been finalised.

➤ **Borrisokane**

Advertised on e-tenders – closing date for receipt of tenders is 27th July.

➤ **Knockalton**

Tender documents have been advertised on e-tenders – closing date for receipt of tenders is 14th August.

➤ **Carrigahorrig**

Work on this project was on hold pending completion of documentation for Borriskane, Latteragh and Knockalton.

➤ **Nenagh Tourist Office**

Fee proposal has been accepted from Architect.

➤ **Garden of Remembrance, Cloughjordan**

We are awaiting progress on the grass seeding so as to ensure that the garden looks well for the opening of same – this has been affected by weather conditions. We will keep this under review and hope to set a date in September for the opening.

➤ **Nenagh 2020/Nenagh Castle**

Two meetings have been held since the last district meeting in relation to the formation of a committee and identifying potential proposals for 2020. Contact has been made with the OPW in relation to agreeing a date to meet with them with regard to Nenagh Castle.

➤ **Ballina Jetty**

Notification has been sent to Waterways Ireland advising that Part 8 was



passed at the June meeting.

**Item 9. Update
on Roadworks
Programme**

A report on the Roadworks Programme was circulated to members. P. Fee was requested to send an up-to-date position on LIS/CIS to members on who had paid.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to application for emergency funding for damaged roads and asked if there was any update adding that Ballygibbon/Lower Graigue is in a deplorable condition as a result of storm damage.

Cllr. G. Darcy agreed with Cllr. S. Morris in relation to the road at Lower Graigue and said that major works will have to be done here. In response P. Fee said that the road at Ballygibbon Hill was seriously damaged by floods. The maintenance budget was under serious pressure. He said water is coming off land and he has spoken to landowners but they are limited as to what they can do. In regard to Lower Graigue he said a decent allocation would be required to do works.

Cllr. G. Darcy referred to the pedestrian crossing in Ardcroney and said that the light was out of order.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the R498 road from Lisatunny to Kilkeary Graveyard and wondered if the continuous white line could be changed to a broken white line to allow overtaking prior to Kilkeary.

**Item 10.
Engineer's
Checklist**

The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to the members.

Cllr. S. Morris asked that sightlines at roundabout at Belleen be added to checklist.

Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to bridge at the Ferry and noted that an application has been made to TII – he asked for update on this. Mr. P. Fee advised that it is a much larger project than anticipated and said he would revert to TII to establish their position.

**Item 11.
Notices of
Motion**

Notice of Motion No. 1400 submitted by Cllr. Séamus Morris
Dealt with above.

Notice of Motion No. 1408 submitted by Cllr. Ger Darcy
"That this Council erects speed indicator signs at Ardcroney village"
The motion was proposed by Cllr. G. Darcy and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll.
The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-

The N52 through Ardcroney is a National Secondary road and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) are the responsible body for the development and



implementation of traffic calming measures on the National road network.

There is an ongoing debate as to the longer-term effectiveness of speed indicator signage as a traffic calming tool. Given that the provision of such signage involves a significant financial investment and a longer term maintenance commitment, the Council is currently reviewing the effectiveness of all (nine) speed indicator signs already in place across the District. Pending the outcome of this review, the Council is reluctant to recommend the installation of further speed indicator signs at speed problem sites.

Speed measured recently in the vicinity of the community field at Ardcroney village (an 85 percentile speed of 64kph in the 50kph zone for traffic travelling towards Borrisokane) is a cause for concern and these concerns will be communicated to TII for their consideration and follow up actions as appropriate. In the meantime Ardcroney will be highlighted to An Gardaí Siochana as a location where speed limit violations are taking place and speed limit enforcement is required.

Notice of Motion No. 1428 submitted by Cllr. Mattie Ryan

“That Nenagh Municipal District provides additional funding to overlay the road surface in Kilcommon village”

The motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-

The Council is aware of the deteriorating condition of the road surface through Kilcommon Village. There are no plans in place to carry out the necessary restoration works this year so work in the short-term will be limited to surface maintenance.

The sections under consideration are rated at point 4 or less on the Departments pavement condition rating system and will be considered for inclusion in the next 3-year road restoration programme.

The draft programme will need to be considered and agreed by Nenagh MD Members before Friday 12th October to meet the Department of Transport’s deadline for programme submission.

Notice of Motion No. 1429 submitted by Cllr. John Carroll

“This this Council expedite the provision of the long awaited bye-laws to incorporate the amenity areas straddling the River Shannon and within the jurisdiction of the Nenagh Municipal District.

The provision of new bye-laws will give a greater degree of control to the Local Authority and Gardaí in areas such as traffic parking on public roadway, litter control, parking on green areas, overnight parking of camper



vans, lighting of bonfires, excess alcohol usage and exercising of animals at swimming locations and slipways where boats are regularly being launched”.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. S. Morris. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-

Bye-laws for regulation of amenity areas in the Nenagh Municipal District have been drafted and have been referred for legal advice. On receipt of that advice, the draft bye-laws will be brought before members for consideration and for approval to put on public display. Following the required public consultation process consideration will be given to any submissions received and a recommendation will be brought before the members for the adoption of the bye-laws.

If members wish we will arrange a workshop with members for the purpose of consideration of the draft bye-laws prior to bringing them to a District Meeting.

Notice of Motion No. 1430 submitted by Cllr. John Carroll

“That Nenagh Municipal District suspend vehicle parking charges in Nenagh town for a twelve month period to enable the many struggling businesses to survive and maintain/sustain the significant employment levels created by these long standing businesses who are the heart of Nenagh town”.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath. The following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-

Parking charges are levied on the basis of the bye-laws which have been adopted for the town and therefore have a statutory basis. Income from charges is included in the overall budget for Tipperary County Council as adopted by members. It is not within the powers of Nenagh Municipal District to waive the charges and thereby impact on the budget of Tipperary County Council.

Notwithstanding the above, there are a finite number of available parking spaces that cater for a variety of users with different parking needs. Shoppers, residents, tourists, employers, employees and other users compete for parking spaces. Parking demand and supply need to be regulated and managed in order to best cater for the needs of all the users in a manner that benefits the town overall through ensuring a quick turnover of space and thus increasing the number of shoppers throughout the day. Failure to regulate or manage parking in Nenagh would have a negative impact on the town. If users park where they want, for as long as they want, the town centre will not operate to its maximum and this has a knock-on effect in terms of availability and turnover of parking spaces.



The best way of supporting local business is to keep underlining the message to all to shop local and that this is what is needed to support employment in the town”.

A general discussion took place on parking charges in Nenagh town including income received from parking charges, additional free parking and the re-introduction of the old parking discs.

Mr. M. O’ Connor advised that the Council does not make money from parking charges adding that the charges are used for providing additional spaces, maintaining and policing them. Referring to the old parking discs he said that this scheme did not work well as not all shops sold the discs and visitors did not know where to buy them.

He added that parking spaces need to be regulated to ensure quick turnover of spaces during the day, availability is priority.

He said if parking was free most people including employers would take prime spaces and remain there all day forcing everyone else to park away from the town centre.

Cllr’s Carroll & McGrath called for a meeting with local traders so that they could air their views on the situation.

Item 12. Noted
Delegated
Employee Orders

Item 13. None
Correspondence

Item 14. **Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following:-**

- Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations**
- Tom Brennan on the death of Mrs. Margaret Brennan, R.I.P.
 - Stephen Hanley on the death of Ms. Christine Hanley, R.I.P.
 - Joe Mitchell on the death of Ms. Christine Hanley, R.I.P.

Votes of Congratulations –

- Dylan Slevin on representing Ireland in the European Junior Darts Competition.
- Pat Hickey and the Portroe Vintage Day Committee on organising such a successful event.
- Arlene White and the Féile Brian Ború Festival Committee on organising such a successful event.

Item 15. Cllr. M. Ryan wished to compliment Cllr. H. McGrath and the Castle Fest committee on holding such a successful event. All members wished to be associated with these wishes.
AOB



Ms. R. Joyce advised members that following on from proposal to accord a Civic Reception to Nenagh Special Summer Camp, this has since been approved by the CPG and correspondence has issued to the committee to agree a suitable date. It is anticipated that this will be held in October.

Ms. R. Joyce advised members that a late application had been received under Contribution to Residents Associations for Estate Enhancement from Farmleigh Residents Association – it was recommended that they would receive €500.00, this was proposed by Cllr. M. O' Meara and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy.

Cllr. S. Morris referred to the recent outbreak of fish kills and said he is frustrated at the inability to protect nature and wondered what they can do? Cllr. J. Carroll agreed and said that something should be put in place to deal with the offenders. Cllr. G. Darcy supported previous speakers and asked people to be vigilant if acquiring water from rivers. Mr. M. O' Connor said that their concerns will be referred to Environment Section.

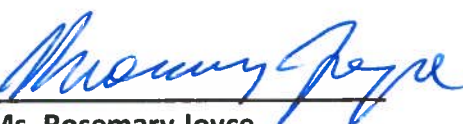
Cllr. J. Carroll called on Nenagh MD to write to the Minister of Agriculture to request him to immediately fast track the low cost interest loans which were promised by government in recent budget which will provide ease of access to affordable loans in this hugely stressful and difficult time for the farming sector. A general discussion took place and it was unanimously agreed to write a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and to the Oireachtas Members.

Cllr. M. Ryan wished A. Melia good wishes on her upcoming nuptials. All present wished to be associated with same.

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

Signed: 
Cllr. Mattie Ryan
Cathaoirleach

Date: 20/9/18

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 20/9/18