



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 10.00 AM ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

<b>Present</b>	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath, Michael O' Meara, Phyll Bugler and Ger Darcy
<b>Also Present</b>	Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Barry Murphy, District Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer.  <b>Cultural/Library:</b> Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian, Ms. Melanie Scott, Arts Officer  <b>Environment:</b> Mr. Rúairí Boland, Senior Executive Engineer
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr. S. Morris
<b>Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of November Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2020</b>	It was proposed by Cllr. H McGrath, seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that the minutes of the November Meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020 be adopted.
<b>Item 3. To consider Part VIII for Boher Burial Ground</b>	It was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Carrroll 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 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2020 the Members of Nenagh Municipal District hereby decide to proceed with the development of the burial ground at Boher, Ballinteenoe, Ballina as outlined in Chief Executive's Report.  The members welcomed the development and thanked the staff for their work.  Mr. R. Boland outlined that the Council would be anxious to start construction in early 2021.
<b>Item 4. To receive update from Library/Cultural</b>	A report from the Library/Cultural Services was circulated to the members.  Mr. D. Dullaghan informed members that under Level 3 the



**Services**

Libraries are open for click and collect and printing. Browsing isn't allowed but a lot of work has taken place to offer good online content. Nenagh Library is offering a series for older people in the local nursing homes. Information on how to print is available on the website. Cllr. Darcy congratulated the Library Service on the excellent service being provided. Cllrs Hannigan and Carroll also complimented the work of the Libraries.

Ms. M. Scott outlined that it is was a very difficult year for artists but that they have shown resilience and creativity. She especially commended the local arts community.

Cllr. Hannigan agreed that it was a difficult year for voluntary groups and that it would be important not to lose the connection with volunteers and that they are encouraged to keep going.

Cllr. Darcy agreed with Cllr. Hannigan and thanked Ms. M. Scott for the support given to groups and artists during year.

Cllr. McGrath also thanked Melanie and agreed that it was a very difficult year for voluntary groups and artists. They enjoy holding events and some earn a living from it. A lot of artists were very creative and used social media outlets to reach people. He did ask that the possibility of simplifying the administration/paperwork part of projects e.g. applying for funding would be examined. If a group does not have the critical people involved it can make various application processes difficult and may put people off. Cllr. Hannigan supported this request and included the health and safety requirements and insurances as areas that can also cause difficulties.

Cllr. O'Meara complimented the project at Pallas Church, Lorrha that was supported by the Heritage Officer. As a follow up to the online talk held by the Library Service on Autism Awareness and Understanding, he enquired about the possibility of a presentation on how the local authority can be more accommodating regarding the various difficulties faced by people with Autism.

Ms. R. Joyce notified members that the call for funding under Festivals & Events is now open and that there were various activities undertaken online by the Arts Centre, including the Spleodar Festival and a recording of dance and music on Nenagh Castle. She also complimented the support Melanie gives to the artists.

Ms. M. Scott confirmed the closing date for applications under Festivals & Events is the 28<sup>th</sup> January and that training was provided online last year for supports to groups. Any group can contact the Arts Office for assistance.



**Items 5.  
To update  
members on  
projects &  
events**

**Newport Town Park**

Wall on Murroe Road is now complete. Formation works are 90% complete with bulk dig works ongoing. Contractor is meeting with consultant on the proposed schedule of equipment to be provided.

**Newport Enhancement Plan**

272 responses were received as part of the consultation exercise undertaken during October and November. 805 of respondents were Newport residents with a further 9% answering as either representatives of community groups or parents of children in education in Newport. The consultants, Nic de Jong & Associates, are currently preparing a report from the consultation to feed into the Newport Enhancement Plan.

**Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement, Tourism and Mobility Plan**

Report is being compiled by consultants on submissions received.

**Nenagh Town Revival Initiatives**

**a) John's Lane Car Park**

Kerbs have been delivered. Fabrication of entrance feature is on-going. Works will commence on installation in January.

**b) Nenagh Town Team**

A number of projects are currently in progress:

- (i) Pilot Enhancement Programme**  
Painting of Wolfe Tone Terrace will be completed in the New Year
- (ii) Covid-19 Measures Grant Scheme**  
Paving works are complete at Kenyon St. Discussions are currently progressing in relation to seating. Material is currently being procured in relation to Hanly's Place. Tendering has been undertaken. There is a 12 week lead time for the ground lights therefore it will be March 2021 before works commence.
- (iii) Town & Village Renewal Accelerated Measures Scheme**  
Smart benches have been delivered and will be installed in the New Year. The 'Nenagh Live' initiative has been a great success and featured 15 nights of recordings which showcased a mixture of retail, memories of Nenagh and outstanding local talent with omnibus editions on 3 Sundays. A final Christmas show will be



broadcast on 20<sup>th</sup> December. There has been a high level of engagement with this initiative and very positive feedback.

**(iv) Christmas Lights**

The new Christmas Lights in Nenagh were erected and were turned on by Cllr Séamus Morris on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**(v) Street Furniture**

A review is currently being undertaken in relation to street furniture (bins and benches) with a view to improving same in the primary retail area.

**Emmet Place/Mitchel Street**

Demolition work is complete. Kenny Civils will return on site in early January to complete junction works and the car park.

**Tourist Office/Banba Square**

Work is progressing on the tourist office and Banba Square enhancement works. Awaiting confirmation from ESB as to when they will be available to carry out works on undergrounding of cables at rear of Arts Centre.

**Town & Village Renewal – Ely O’ Carroll Place**

Work is 90% complete. Outstanding works are to stand two light poles, paint wall with anti-graffiti paint, plant tree and shrubs in two planting beds.

**Nenagh Digital Hub**

Following approval of the Part 8 in November a funding application was submitted to the RRDF grant scheme on 1<sup>st</sup> December together with a Business Case on the project. We await the decision on the application.

**Historic Structures Fund**

The works under the Historic Structures Fund on Newport Courthouse have been completed. Some additional conservation works are being undertaken to protect the building.

**Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter**

The tender for the architect-led design team for the Historic & Cultural Quarter has been advertised on e-tenders and the OJEU. The closing date for receipt of tenders is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

As part of Nenagh 800 Archaeology Ireland have produced Heritage Guide No. 91 on Nenagh Castle. This publication was part-funded by Tipperary County Council (Heritage Section) and the Heritage Council.



### **WiFi4EU**

An installation plan has been developed by Magnet Networks following consultation with property owners. Work is now in progress in implementing same.

### **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 Q1/Q2 2021. A minor works contract for site clearance and laying a section of sewer has just been awarded. It is anticipated that the main contract will be awarded in Q1/Q2 2021 and will take approximately 3 years to complete.

### **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.**

Final road surfacing work and footpath works on the Main Street, on the Birr Road and at the N52/N65 junction has been completed. The scheme is now substantially complete and snagging of the main contract works is currently taking place. The main outstanding works on the scheme include road lining and removal of some overhead cabling and erecting a small number of public lighting columns on the Main Street.

### **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



	<p>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> <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. 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.</p> <p>Ms R. Joyce explained that substantial progress had been made on a wide range of projects in the District. She informed members that a publication on the Castle that was supported by the Heritage Officer and the Heritage Council was distributed to them and that a copy of the Nenagh Guardian supplement on the Gaol is available if anyone would like a copy.</p> <p>The members praised the work on the Nenagh Gaol supplement and complimented Simon O' Duffy and Danny Grace on same.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan praised the geographical spread of the projects. Cllr. H. McGrath said the District was very lucky to have Ms. R. Joyce and Mr. M. O'Connor and he complimented the Nenagh Live segments. It could have easily had a commercial focus but it widened out to characters and stories.</p>
<p><b>Item 6. To receive update on Works Programme</b></p>	<p>An update on the Works Programme was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllrs. O'Meara and Hannigan raised the issue of the bridge at Portumna and the possibility of getting TII to look at it.</p> <p>Cllrs. O'Meara and Darcy expressed their delight at the completion of the Borrisokane project. Cllr. Darcy stated that the road at Tombricane which was used as a diversion during Borrisokane works has been badly damaged. He requested that this be repaired next year and stated that funding should be provided by TII rather than coming out of the Council's Roadworks Programme.</p>



	<p>Cllr. Bugler requested funding for the Boher Road along with any roads that will be used as part of traffic management for the Shannon Crossing.</p> <p>The members thanked staff for the work that was completed during the year, especially in view of the difficult year for everybody.</p> <p>Mr. M. O'Connor thanked the members for their comments. He acknowledged that the Shannon Crossing will be the biggest project in the District for the next few years. It is hoped the main contractor will be in place by the Summer. Tipperary County Council and Clare County Council will then meet with the contractor, a Resident Engineer will also be in place.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy also thanked the members for their comments and assistance throughout the year. He explained two assessments have been carried out on the bridge at Portumna but a Natura Impact Assessment may be required. It has been put on the TII programme.</p>
<p><b>Item 7. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters</b></p>	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield submitted the checklist submission form for traffic calming measures in Ballycommon Village.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara outlined that the lighting poles in Riverstown Village still needs to be done and the marking for the bus drop off at Cloughjordan school is still to be completed.</p> <p>Cllr. J. McGrath raised the issue of forestry traffic in the Foilduff area.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath explained that there was concern from the residents in Tullaheady about speeding and he enquired about the policy on pedestrian crossings.</p> <p>Cllr. Darcy agreed on the speeding at Tullaheady but stated that speeding was an issue through out the District and it will be raised as an issue with the Gardaí at the JPC meeting. He asked that the Shinrone Road would be added to the checklist; it gets patched but deteriorates very rapidly.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan requested that the focus be put on signage through out the District; some signage is missing, overgrown or needs to be cleaned. He also informed the executive that landowners were willing to help alleviate the bottleneck on the Coolbawn side as you leave Puckane.</p>



<p><b>Item 8. To consider Notices of Motion</b></p>	<p>Notice of Motion No. 2009 was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll.</p> <p><b>Notice of Motion No: 2009 submitted by Cllr. Phyll Bugler</b> I hereby request Tipperary County Council to install a footpath and lighting between Quarry Lane and Derg Marina. Many people are using this route and it is very dangerous at present due to lack of footpath and lighting.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. Bugler as follows:</p> <p><i>'The L6090-0 is a local secondary road linking Lakeside Drive and the R494 in Ballina. A section of this road between the Inis Cealtra and the Riverview estates is less than 4 metres wide and there is currently a "Give and Take Traffic Control" system in place. It is an objective of Tipperary County Council to widen this road and provide the necessary footpath and Public lighting within this 50 KPH and residential zone.</i></p> <p><i>The district office is exploring all avenues in relation to this project including land acquisition, planning and design/delivery. Initial stage design is currently underway, with progression to the next stage subject to land acquisition and appropriate funding being secured'.</i></p> <p>Notice of Motion no. 2023 was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.</p> <p><b>Notice of Motion No: 2023 submitted by Cllr. Phyll Bugler</b> I hereby request that Tipperary County Council to erect 'Slow down/People walking' signs at Respite centre in Scrageen Newport. The position of these signs has been agreed with Engineer.</p> <p>The response given to Cllr. Bugler was as follows:</p> <p><i>'It was agreed to place 2 "Walkers on Road" Signs on the L6007 near the Day Care Centre in Scrageen, Newport. The nearby Clare Glens is regularly used by Day Care staff/clients and this measure was considered an appropriate road safety measure at this location. Works were fully completed on the 8<sup>th</sup> December'.</i></p> <p>Notice of Motion No. 2024 was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.</p> <p><b>Notice of Motion No: 2024 submitted by Cllr. Phyll Bugler</b> I hereby request Tipperary County Council to put in yellow box and double yellow lines to adjacent to slipway Ballina. This is to facilitate search and rescue and Anglers who may need to access Lough Derg at this point and to prevent parking directly adjacent</p>
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	<p>to slipway.</p> <p>The response given to Cllr. Bugler was as follows:</p> <p><i>'There is already a number of parking control measures in place at the slipway in Ballina. This includes double yellow lines on both sides of the approach and "Slipway Keep Clear" roadmarkings. A yellow box has now been added to the existing "Slipway Keep Clear" markings.</i></p> <p><i>Anglers or other users who cannot access the slipway should contact Killaloe Gardai in the first instance to report any parking infringements. This is an enforcement issue and outside the remit of Tipperary County Council'.</i></p> <p>Cllr. Bugler was happy with the responses to Notices of Motion No. 2023 and 2024. She explained that the stretch of road referred to in Notice of Motion 2009 was very tight and was used by a lot of children walking to school and had no lighting or footpath. She was happy that the project will now be going to design stage.</p>
<b>Item 9. To note Delegated Employees Orders</b>	Noted
<b>Item 10. To consider items of correspondence</b>	<p>North Tipp Rail Partnership requested permission for the group to attend the next meeting of the Municipal District and give a presentation and also that the NTA would be invited also to attend. This attendance would be subject to limit on numbers/Zoom.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. Darcy and seconded by Cllr. Hannigan that this would go ahead.</p>
<b>Item 11. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations</b>	<p>Votes of Sympathy –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sr. Mary Monica Smalle, on the death of her brother Charlie.</li><li>• Moynan Family, on the death of their brother Whitby</li><li>• Ms. Margaret Spillane Ryan, on the death of her son Diarmuid.</li><li>• Mr. Rody Ryan, on the death of his son Diarmuid.</li><li>• Mrs. Mary McCarthy, on the death of her son Martin.</li></ul> <p>Votes of Congratulations –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Terryglass Improvement Association on winning their category at the Pride of Place awards</li><li>• Tipperary Football Committee on winning the Munster Senior Football Final.</li></ul>



<b>Item 12. Any other business.</b>	None.
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This concluded the business of the meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify:-

Signed:   
Cllr. Seamus Morris  
Cathaoirleach

Date: 21/1/21

Signed:   
Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
District Administrator

Date: 21/1/21