



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 10.00 AM ON 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

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| <b>Present</b>  | Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath, Michael O' Meara, Phyll Bugler, Séamus Morris and Ger Darcy   |
| <b>Also Present</b>   | <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><b>Water Services:</b> Mr. Gerry Robinson, A/Senior Executive Engineer</p> <p><b>Planning:</b> Ms. Marie Ryan, A/Senior Executive Planner; Mr. Brian Clancy, Administrative Officer; Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer</p> <p><b>Also Present:</b> Virginia O Dowd, Brendan Sheehan, Hassard Stocpoole &amp; Morag Friel, North Tipperary Community Rail; Tim Gaston and Michael Warnock Smith, NTA</p> |
|   | As the meeting was held by Zoom, Ms. R. Joyce did a roll call  |
| <b>Item 1.<br/>To note any Disclosures/<br/>Conflicts of Interest</b>                                     | None   |
| <b>Item 2.<br/>To consider and adopt Minutes of January meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2021</b> | <p>It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. J. McGrath and resolved that the minutes of the January Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 be adopted.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Morris requested that the minutes of the January meeting be amended to include the threat the proposed Shannon Pipeline would be to tourism in the region.</p>   |
| <b>Item 3.<br/>To receive update from Water Services</b>  | <p>A report from Water Services was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath queried the "Backyard Lead Replacement" service and the issues of an additional property using a connection from a neighbouring property.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll was concerned about delivering improvement in the capacity of the Waste Water Treatment Plants in Newport/Ballina especially since the process of a new County Development Plan has started. Cllr. Darcy agreed with this and added Cloughjordan as a concern. Cllr. Bugler also agreed and raised the issue of the</p>                        |



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|   | <p>burst pipe that had happened in Birdhill the previous day.</p> <p>Cllr O'Meara stated that there are major problems with the pumping station in Riverstown. Cllr. J. McGrath had similar concerns regarding the WWTP in Silvermines which is a very old system.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris requested clarification on the process for applying for funding to Irish Water for schemes and that the WWTP Capacity report would be brought to every meeting. On the current Waste Water Capacity report there are currently 5 plants that are at amber/red. He stated that developments will not be able to go ahead in these areas until this is improved. He also said that Ireland has the highest number of leaks in Europe and had a target to fix 1% of these per year but this has been reduced to 0.3%. €2billion has been approved for the pipeline from Shannon to Dublin but this money could be invested in the region instead. He called for the pipeline to be stopped. Cllr. Hannigan agreed with Cllr. Morris and stated that two houses in Cloughjordan cannot get permission from Irish Water to connect to the scheme. He also stated that the pipe in Puckane has continuous bursts and WWTP in Riverstown is an issue.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll stated that the fact that so many plants are overloaded has an impact on water quality and pollution.</p> <p>Mr. G. Robinson explained that 300/400 backyard lead connections have been replaced with connections at the front of the houses and into the attic so backyard access is no longer required. He asked that Cllr. McGrath contact him to give him details of the properties that have issues with connections. Tipperary County Council does not apply to Irish Water for funding to get schemes progressed. They promote projects and then push these projects with Irish Water. The new expected completion dates for the Newport and Ballina schemes is 2024. The issues with Cloughjordan, Puckane and Silvermines are regularly promoted to Irish Water.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler thanked Matt O'Leary and staff for their quick response to the pipe burst in Birdhill.</p> <p>Mr. M. O'Connor acknowledged that there are issues with some of the treatment plants and there is a need for the capital projects to be progressed however he clarified that the areas are not closed to development and are still open for business.</p> |
| <b>Item 4.<br/>To receive<br/>update from</b> | A report from Planning was circulated to members.<br><br>The members welcomed back Ms. M. Ryan to Planning and   |



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| <p><b>Planning</b></p> | <p>congratulated her on the work in Tipperary Town.</p> <p>Cllr. F. Bonfield enquired about what projects were part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> call for Rural Regeneration and an update on the taking in charge of the 4 houses at Rosehill. Cllr. H. McGrath requested clarification on the areas that got funding for the Historical Quarter in Nenagh and at what stage this is at. He stated that there is huge potential for a courtyard at the back of the Castle and that this could be used as a Market. Cllr. Carroll referred to the importance of encouraging people to undertake energy upgrades, incentives for rural businesses and partially completed houses.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler requested clarification on the possibility of simplifying the cluster process and an update on the Taking in Charge of Ard Abhainn. Cllrs. Darcy, O'Meara and Hannigan supported the request on clusters. Cllr. O'Meara also stated that it was important for the members to make a submission to the Development Plan especially considering the impact the lake has on the District. Cllr. Darcy agreed that members need to take the opportunity to make a submission.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan requested clarification on the impact of the National Planning Framework on the new County Development Plan and the possibility of putting the review of the Tipperary County Development Plan on hold until the National Process has been completed. Cllr. J. McGrath stated that the importance of facilities around the lake has to be considered. Cllr. Morris welcomed the planning updates on MapAlerter and asked for clarification on the area of Millersbrook that was taken in charge.</p> <p>Ms. M. Ryan confirmed that the projects submitted in the third call under Rural Regeneration were Nenagh Digital Hub, Thurles Market Quarter, Kilsheelan Cluster Housing Project, Cashel Town Park and Public Realm Works. Planning would have no issue giving assistance to members if they want to make a submission. It may be possible to offer a webinar on clusters to the public. The process of reviewing the County Development Plan started in September; it has to be on public display for a certain period of time and the review has to be completed within 2 years. As Tipperary was one of the last Local Authorities to start their review they are in a good position to learn from others.</p> <p>Mr. K. Ladden confirmed that a proposal has been received from the developer in relation to the diversion of services at Ard Abhainn. Two letters have been sent to the developer in relation to Rosehill and a follow up is required. The majority of Millersbrook was taken in charge but a small area that had wayleave issues was not – this is the area in question so it is a private matter.</p> |
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|   | <p>Ms. R. Joyce confirmed that the RRDF funding allocated was under Category 2. It takes the project through preparation of design and planning. The areas covered are the Castle, Castle Field, Castle Garden, buildings on Pearse St, Banba Sq, Gaol Block, Civil Defence buildings, Governor's House, Gate House, Rialto Cinema and roads adjacent to these areas.</p>  |
| <p><b>Item 5.<br/>To receive<br/>presentation<br/>from the North<br/>Tipperary<br/>Community Rail<br/>Partnership</b></p> | <p>Ms. Virginia O'Dowd spoke on behalf of North Tipperary Rail Partnership. She outlined that the organisation was originally formed to promote and improve rail services along the Ballybrophy to Limerick line. Laois, Offaly and Limerick are now also involved and there is support from elected representatives in all counties. The short-term goals of the group are the speeds, a midday service and the appointment of a dedicated manager. Most of the line has been upgraded but there is no increase in speed. The group believes that the introduction of a midday service will increase passenger numbers. It is important for the service to link in with bus routes and other train timetables. There is a large number of students in Limerick that could avail of this along with people working in Limerick if a park and ride at Annacotty was offered.</p> <p>The members welcomed the presentation and congratulated the group on the work that they have undertaken.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath stated that over the last few years while attending meetings in Brussels he had the opportunity to see the importance of a good rail and bus network. A park and ride facility at Daly's Cross would be very useful. Cllr. Hannigan felt that climate change will make rail travel more important and that if you do not increase rail speed you will not increase passenger numbers. Cllr. Darcy agreed that a dedicated manager was a good idea but it was important to get the links with the bus and train timetables. Cllr. Bugler stated that if the timetable doesn't suit, people won't use the service. Cllr. Carroll outlined that a lot of people commute to Limerick for college and a lot of elderly people would be happy to use rail transport. Cllr. O'Meara believes the rail network needs to be promoted. Cllr. J. McGrath mentioned the difficulties at the Newport/Limerick junction and the benefit the increase in the use of the railway would have in alleviating this problem. Cllr. Bonfield confirmed the Chief Executive is in support of the rail line and there is potential there especially with the green agenda. Cllr. Morris said it was important that passengers know of any disruptions on the service as you need customers to have faith in the service.</p> <p>Mr. T. Gatson thanked the members for the opportunity to attend a meeting. NTA are increasingly trying to engage with local forums and local councils. They would look at proposals regarding the timetable issue sympathetically. A breakdown of</p> |



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|   | <p>costs is required but an increase in passenger numbers does not necessarily mean an increase in revenue. The number of free travel and fare paying passengers has to be examined. Railways are expensive to run and very few will contribute to the running costs. A park and ride office has been opened and details of the proposal for Annacotty can be sent to them. He will look at the issue of the regional manager. The programme for government is looking at "Connecting Ireland". People will have the opportunity to comment. Part of this relates to how well settlements are connected, does a person need a car to get around in a community.</p> <p>Mr. M. Warnock Smith confirmed that the Local Link services have improved but that it is very limited what can be done in the short-term. People who use the rail service need to be able to rely on it.</p> <p>Ms. O' Dowd thanked the members for the opportunity to present the case to them and the NTA for attending.</p>   |
| <p><b>Items 6.<br/>To update<br/>members on<br/>projects &amp;<br/>events</b></p> | <p><b><u>Level 5 Restrictions:</u></b><br/>The following projects are on hold due to Level 5 restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newport Town Park</li><li>• John's Lane Car Park</li><li>• Painting of Wolfe Tone Tce</li><li>• Hanley's Place Works</li><li>• Kenyon St. Works</li><li>• Installation of smart benches</li><li>• Emmet Place/Mitchel St</li><li>• Tourist Office/Banba Square</li><li>• Town &amp; Village Renewal – Ely O' Carroll Place</li></ul> <p><b><u>Grant Schemes:</u></b><br/>The following grant schemes have been advertised and applications sent to previous recipients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tidy Towns – closing date 10<sup>th</sup> March</li><li>• Burial Ground Committees – closing date 10<sup>th</sup> March</li><li>• Residents' Committees – closing date 12<sup>th</sup> March</li><li>• Clubs &amp; Organisations – closing date 12<sup>th</sup> March</li></ul> <p><b><u>Festivals &amp; Events:</u></b> 4 community applications and 13 municipal applications in respect of Nenagh MD were received under the Festivals &amp; Events Grants Scheme by the closing date. These applications are currently being assessed in accordance with the scheme.</p> <p><b><u>Painting &amp; Enhancement Scheme:</u></b><br/>The Painting &amp; Enhancement Scheme was extremely successful in 2020. In Borrisokane a number of property owners were unable to carry out works due to the on-going roadworks in the town and weather conditions. They requested that their</p> |



applications be carried forward to 2021. It is therefore proposed to set aside an amount of €16,000 from GMA specifically to fund these applications in order to allow the works proceed in 2021.

**Newport Enhancement Plan**

Consultants have completed site appraisals for the study and are currently working on strategy proposals based around the responses received through the consultation process. We anticipate that the first draft of the plan will be received by early March. This plan will form the basis for potential future funding applications under the RRDF.

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

Clare and Tipperary County Councils are currently engaging with consultants on the first draft of the plan. It is anticipated that the draft Plan will be published in March/April. This will set out the proposed mobility, design and public realm strategies for the twin towns and people will have the opportunity to submit their views on same. This plan will form the basis for potential future funding applications under the RRDF or other appropriate funding streams.

**Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter:**

6 tenders were received for consultants in respect of the Historic & Cultural Quarter project which is funded through the RRDF. These were assessed by a panel consisting of representatives of Fáilte Ireland, OPW and Tipperary County Council. Approval has been requested from the Department to proceed with the appointment based on the recommendation of the assessment panel.

**Funding Applications Awaiting Decision:**

- Nenagh Digital Hub (RRDF)
- Nenagh Centre of Excellence (URDF)
- Béara-Breifne Way (Lorrha to Portumna) – Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Measure 2

**Platforms for Growth:**

An application has been submitted to Fáilte Ireland under Platform 2 – Facility Centres for Water Based Activities in respect of Dromineer. This was an invitation only application process open to local authorities only aimed at delivering an appropriate range of new activity visitor facilities around the country via a collaborative approach. The type of facility which this scheme aims to achieve is all-weather changing facilities at existing water sports locations, the key components of which will be sustainable and accessible design, toilet provision, shower provision, changing provision, secure storage, induction space, external terrace, equipment washdown facilities, orientation points and



security. This is a competitive process and a decision is awaited on the application.

**Trails Walking Group:**

The first meeting of the Trails Walking Group was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February. In addition to representatives from Tipperary County Council, John Egan, Rural Recreation Officer, South Tipperary Development Company and David Kyne, North Tipperary Development Company attended. A discussion took place on existing trails, operation of Walks Scheme, specific issues, work currently on-going, potential projects, need for local community committees to drive projects and ensure sustainability, funding opportunities, prohibition on dogs on trails on private land, insurance. Specific matters referred to:

- Lough Derg Way – re-routed in 2009 to take a lot of the trail off-road where this is possible. Includes Tountinna & Millennium Cross – there are counters in place which show approx. 15-18,000 users per annum but these are specific to location of counter and do not indicate how many complete the long-distance trail. Part of Walks Scheme – currently on third contract. Contracts are for 5-year period and are based on permissive access.
- Potential discussed to extend Lough Derg Way via Skehana, Urra, Johnstown, Luska, Coolbawn.
- Slí Eala – not part of Walks Scheme, no agreements entered into by landowners. Previously have been unwilling to enter into agreement. Has had lot of traffic particularly during lock-downs.
- Potential discussed to create links between the three long-distance trails in the District i.e. the Slieve Felim – Silvermines; Lough Derg Way Ballina – Dromineer and the Ormond Way Milestone to Portumna.
- Importance of completing link on Béara Breifne Way Lorrha to Portumna – awaiting decision on funding application under ORIS measure 2
- Opportunity to develop short-distance walks looped (e.g. Scohaboy Bog, Cloughjordan) onto side of long-distance trails. Opportunity to involve community groups. Potential loop walk being progressed at Ballinderry. Planning application made for pedestrian bridge re St Cualain’s Way, Youghalarra -looped walk off Lough Derg Way granted funding under ORIS measure 1.
- Potential of Nenagh River Walk
- Significant work currently on-going in relation to Ormond Way - 59 landowners involved. 10 new trails have been approved nationally – Tipperary secured 2.
- Funding opportunities:
  - 1) ORIS (Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme). Measure 1 deals with applications up to €20k – 11 applications successful in Tipperary. 7 of these



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|  | <p>were County Council applications and 2 were from Local Development Companies. Decisions on Measure 2 applications not yet announced</p> <p>2) Walks schemes – Support Scheme can fund small upgrades. Rural Recreation Officers meet with Department quarterly and can submit proposals for consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need to consider securing funding for provision of facilities to enhance these types of amenities e.g. car parking, footpaths</li><li>• Tourism Development Officer is currently procuring a map that will show all the trails and walks in the county – any information on what is in place would be beneficial. Registered trails are shown on:<br/><a href="https://www.sportireland.ie/outdoors/walking/trails">https://www.sportireland.ie/outdoors/walking/trails</a></li></ul> <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group members will help collate information on existing walks and trails and will share same</li><li>• Further meeting of group will be arranged when this exercise is complete</li></ul> <p><b><u>Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge &amp; R494 Upgrade</u></b><br/>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 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 Q3 2021 and will take approximately 3 years to complete. Clare Co Co received an allocation of €4m to progress this scheme in the current year.</p> <p><b><u>R498 Latteragh Realignment</u></b><br/>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> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> December. A decision from An Bord Pleanála is awaited.</p> <p><b><u>N52 Borrisokane Streets Improvement Scheme.</u></b><br/>Final road surfacing work and footpath works on the Main Street, on the Birr Road and at the N52/N65 junction have been completed. The scheme is now substantially complete and snagging of the main contract works is currently taking place.</p> <p><b><u>N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge Strengthening</u></b><br/>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> |
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|   | <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> <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. Work on the preliminary design has commenced.</p> |
| <p><b>Item 7.<br/>To note<br/>Engineer's<br/>Checklist on<br/>roads matters</b></p> | <p>Members were requested to send in emails with details of any item that is to be added to the checklist before the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Darcy expressed his disappointment that the area in front of Ardcroney Church was flooded when a funeral was being held. There are problems in the area since the traffic calming measures were put in place and a solution needs to be found for this. He requested an update on a loose manhole cover in Carney.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath welcomed the result of the speed survey in Tullaheady and residents were looking forward to the new signage being put in place.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara stated that the road at Ballyhasty, Cloughjordan is very badly flooded at the moment and asked that a solution be found for this as soon as possible. Cllr. Darcy supported this and that it is on the list for 2 years and needed to be resolved. Cllr.</p>   |



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|   | <p>O'Meara requested that stones be replaced on the bridge at Killea, Ballinderry.</p> <p>Cllr. J. McGrath requested that the flooding in Killoscully be investigated and that the possibility of extending the hedgecutting season be examined. Cllr. Hannigan requested that the flooding issues at Ballycommon-Dromineer road and Kylebeg be rectified. Cllr. Bugler raised the issue of dykes and drainage on the Boher Road, Upper Grange Road, if the work on the R494 will be completed by the end of March and flooding at the roundabout at Boruma, Ballina.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll requested that public lighting on the Dark Road and the condition of the footpaths to Lisbunny Graveyard be investigated. He also referred to flooding at Capparoe and the need for remedial work at the junction. Cllr. Morris raised the issue of flooding on the Dark Road at the Richmond side and Towerhill.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy agreed that the issue with flooding in Ardcroney was unfortunate and apologised for it. The gullies have been regularly maintained but there may be an underlying issue. A camera survey will be carried out. Ballyhasty will be prioritised in the drainage programme. He will need further details on the location of the flooding at Killoscully. Work will be undertaken on the Ballycommon/Dromineer Road this year. An application will be made under Climate Change for the work at Kylebeg. Boher Road and Grange Road will be looked at. The work on the R494 is halfway through and good progress is being made. Contact needs to be made with the property owners for the work at Towerhill but funding can be applied for this through the Geoapp. Additional investigation is required on the flooding at Boruma, but it is likely that an additional pipeline through private property will be required. This work could happen in quarter 2.</p> <p>Mr. M. O'Connor informed members that consideration was being given to seeking funding for installation of public lighting on the Dark Road along with the application for the bypass. Members were happy with this proposal.</p> <p>Mr. M. O'Connor and Mr. B. Murphy stated that it will not be possible to get the hedge-cutting season extended.</p> |
| <p><b>Item 8.<br/>To consider<br/>Notices of<br/>Motion</b></p> | <p>Notice of Motion 2054 was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. S. Morris</p> <p><b>Notice of Motion No: 2054 submitted by Cllr. Hughie McGrath</b></p> <p>I hereby request an update on any application for funding for Lighting up the N52 bypass around Nenagh.</p>  |



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|  | <p>Response was given to Cllr. H. McGrath as follows:</p> <p><i>An application for funding for lighting up the N52 bypass has been submitted under the Active Travel Fund.</i></p> <p><i>We will continue to pursue this with TII and NTA.</i></p> <p>Notice of Motion 2055 was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. S. Morris</p> <p><b>Notice of Motion No: 2055 submitted by Cllr. Hughie McGrath</b></p> <p>I hereby request that Nenagh Municipal District Council replace the overgrown trees on Silver Street with a tree suitable for an urban setting, the current trees are growing too tall and are blocking TV signals</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. H. McGrath as follows</p> <p><i>The NMD has commissioned a report from a qualified arborist to advise on the best course of action. The existing trees are beginning to encroach on over head wires. This has happened on a number of occasions previously and these trees may need to be removed.</i></p> <p>Notice of Motion 2056 was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. J. Hannigan</p> <p><b>Notice of Motion No: 2056 submitted by Cllr. Michael O'Meara</b></p> <p>That the municipal authority contact Offaly County Council and the TII for the current position re supply and erection of public lighting in Riverstown.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. O'Meara as follows:</p> <p><i>In 2018, Offaly Co Council supervised the construction of a new footpath at Riverstown. The project was financed by the TII. The footpath included for the provision of five lighting pots and associated ducting. This completes Offaly Co Council's involvement with the project.</i></p> <p><i>The Council street lighting engineer has been in contact with the ESB and has sought a quotation to underground the existing network cables. The NMD will apply to the TII for funding under the GEOAPP.</i></p> <p>Notice of motion 2057 was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy.</p> |
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**Notice of Motion No: 2057 submitted by Cllr. Michael O'Meara**

That Municipal area identify a new area for the bottle banks in Borrisokane town as the current location is identified for amenity development

Response was given to Cllr. O'Meara as follows:

*The Environment & Climate Section are currently exploring alternative locations in conjunction with Tidy Towns Committee and local representatives.*

Cllr. O'Meara agreed that this was the approach that should be taken and that the enclosure for the bottle banks should be reviewed as this leads to a lot of dumping.

Notice of Motion 2066 was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. S. Morris.

**Notice of Motion No: 2066 submitted by Cllr. Michael O'Meara**

I am requesting the municipal area to draw up a cleaning and maintenance plan for the town of Borrisokane. The town regeneration is now complete and requires a re-evaluation to maintain to the current standard.

Response was given to Cllr. O'Meara as follows:

*The regeneration project was substantially completed in December 2020. All existing street bins are being replaced with new bins.*

*Normal street cleaning and maintenance is now in place. The street bins are emptied every Monday and additional days if required. The road sweeper is employed throughout the entire town including housing estates once a month and before special events such as St Patrick's Day.*

Cllr. O'Meara stated that he would be concerned if a proper plan is not put in place. The new trees are causing the drains to get blocked and the approach roads need to be improved. Cllr. Hannigan agreed with this and requested the small street sweeper would be used on the footpaths.

Notice of motion 2067 was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. J. McGrath.


**Notice of Motion No: 2067 submitted by Cllr. Fiona Bonfield**



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|   | <p>I call on the Nenagh Municipal Council to look at the possibility of developing a new footpath from the Hillcrest Housing Estate on the Murroe Road in Newport to the top of Custom Gap Hill. This is a very busy walking route, and as of late the Hillcrest Manor Housing estate has been completed. We have a number of young children residing here who walk and cycle to school, and will hopefully be walking to our New Town Park later on this year. The area is within a 60 KM Speed limit, and the road itself is quite a busy road.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. Bonfield as follows:</p> <p><i>The Area Engineer has carried out an initial assessment to extend a footpath from Newport town to the Hillcrest Manor Housing Estate. This requires 560 metres of new footpath including public lighting to connect with the 40 houses on the estate. The initial estimate of costs is in the region of €130,000.</i></p> <p><i>NMD will submit an application under the Active Travel Grant Scheme 2021. Subject to grant approval and agreement with one landowner, NMD will prioritise this scheme in 2021.</i></p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield was happy with the response as it was a very busy walking route. Cllr. Carroll also supported this work.</p> |
| <b>Item 9.<br/>To note<br/>Delegated<br/>Employees<br/>Orders</b> | None  |
| <b>Item 10.<br/>To consider<br/>items of<br/>correspondence</b>   | None  |
| <b>Item 11.<br/>Votes of<br/>Sympathy/<br/>Congratulations</b>    | <p>Ms. R. Joyce informed members that they could email any votes of sympathy or congratulations to her.</p> <p>Cllr. G Darcy proposed a vote of sympathy to the Moylan family, Rathnaleen on the death of John Moylan in San Francisco.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce suggested a vote of sympathy to the family of Ian MacDonagh, England (Great Grandson of Thomas MacDonagh).</p>  |
| <b>Item 12.<br/>Any other<br/>business.</b>                       | <p>It was agreed to set a date for the workshop on the Schedule of Municipal District Works and the GMA. A text will be sent out with a suggested date.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris thanked the public for the effort everyone is putting in at this very difficult time and asked people to be aware of people that may need help. He referred to the importance of people knowing that there is support available to them.</p>  |



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

Signed:   
**Cllr. Séamus Morris**  
**Cathaoirleach**

Date: 18/03/21

Signed:   
**Ms. Rosemary Joyce**  
**District Administrator**

Date: 18/3/21