



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE OCTOBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD VIA ZOOM AT 10.00 AM ON 21ST OCTOBER 2021

Present	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, Michael O' Meara, Phyll Bugler, Séamus Morris and Ger Darcy
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. Finance: Mr. Liam McCarthy, Head of Finance; Ms. Sarah O'Callaghan, Senior Staff Officer
Apologies	Cllr. John "Rocky" McGrath
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of September Meeting held on the 16th September 2021	It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that the minutes of the September Meeting held on 16 th September 2021 be adopted. Cllr. Bugler stated that Notice of Motion 2235 should read Derg Marina and not Derg Manor. It was agreed to amend the draft minutes accordingly.
Item 3. To consider and adopt Nenagh MD Draft Budgetary Plan for 2022.	Mr. L. McCarthy outlined that the figures given are indicative, the GMA allocation is slightly up for 2022 and the figure for amenities and Housing, including preletting is reduced slightly. The Outdoor Dining grant is unlikely to be available next year and this accounts for the reduction in the amenities figure. A lot of progress has been made on voids over the last number of years but they will be reviewed on an ongoing basis across the Districts. Cllr. Bugler was concerned about the reduction in the amenities budget and Cllr. O'Meara requested that the funding available for voids would be maintained. Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the importance of the burial grounds maintenance and that additional funding is required for remedial works on boundary walls. Mr. L. McCarthy stated that if there is a greater need for funding for voids in one District, Housing will examine it. He advised that the overall budget will be determined at plenary Council level at the budget meeting. He noted members' comments.



	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. J. Hannigan and seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield, and resolved, that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of Local Government Act 2001 as amended by Section 58(e)(c) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 the Draft Budgetary Plan prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Act as considered by the members be and is hereby adopted without amendment.</p>
<p>Item 4. To agree 3 items for annual meeting with TII</p>	<p>Mr. M. O'Connor stated to members that these items should relate to National routes only and that the projects already on the list for Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvements and Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge strengthening should remain on the list and the bends north of Borrisokane should be added.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara agreed with these 3 items. Cllr. Darcy also agreed with these items but enquired about the possibility of getting a traffic survey done on the N52. There is a huge volume of traffic on the route and a large number of accidents, the right turns also cause difficulties as line markings have been removed. Cllrs Hannigan and McGrath supported Cllr. Darcy. Cllr. H McGrath also referred to the right turning to Dromin Road and queried if the line-marking programme needs to be increased.</p> <p>Mr. M. O'Connor confirmed that clarification can be got on the situation with the line marking contract and the traffic counters on the N52.</p> <p>It was agreed to submit the three items as outlined by Mr. M. O'Connor for the list to discuss with TII.</p>
<p>Item 5. To consider the proposed Taking in Charge of Bellevue, Coolbawn</p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. J. Hannigan and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy, 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 roads serving the housing estate known as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bellevue, Coolbawn, Nenagh <p>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 October 2021 Nenagh Municipal District Meeting"</p>
<p>Item 6. To update members on projects & events</p>	<p><u>Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge & R494 Upgrade</u> 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 Q4 2021. A minor works contract for site</p>



clearance and laying a section of sewer is substantially complete. It is anticipated that the main contract will be awarded in Q4 2021 and the scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete. Clare Co Co received an allocation of €4m to progress this scheme in the current year.

R498 Latteragh Realignment

Part 8 procedures have been completed and preliminary design work is completed. The CPO was published in August 2020, an Oral Hearing was held on 1st & 2nd December and the CPO was confirmed on April 16th, 2021 without modifications. It is anticipated that, subject to the availability of funding, work on the scheme will commence in 2022 and will take approximately 18 months to complete.

N52 Borrisokane Streets Improvement Scheme.

The scheme is now substantially complete and snagging of the main contract works is currently taking place.

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 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 initial assessment of ground conditions has been completed. Once planning consent is obtained, the Council will complete the detailed design process.

N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvements

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 land acquisition and the preliminary design is ongoing.

Newport Town Park:

Monthly meetings are continuing to be held with the consultants and contractors. Work is continuing on site. Excavation to formation level at zip-line is completed and installation of stone fill undertaken to this area. Removal of excess sub-soil from site is being progressed. Kerbing is completed up to the Carpark on one side of the main path. Work has commenced on assembly and installation of equipment in specific areas.

Due to insufficient availability of specified paving stones for the bandstand area it has become necessary to source alternate products. Because of the supply timeline for these and the need to have this area completed prior to opening regrettably we will be unable to do a partial opening of the Town Park as was previously envisaged. The anticipated date for completion and opening is March 2022.

Outdoor Dining – Covid Measures, Nenagh:

- Hanley's Place – works substantially complete. Planting to be completed at appropriate time.
- Kenyon St – outdoor furniture currently being manufactured and scheduled for installation in Q4 2021.

John's Lane Car Park:

- Installation of EV charging points to be progressed in conjunction with Roads & Environment Section
- Landscaping to be completed at appropriate season

Emmet Place/Mitchel St:

- Works are ongoing on car park and junction.
- Revised programme received from contractor indicating substantial completion by week ending 7th November 2021.

Tourist Office:

- Fit out of tourist office is now complete – one remaining art piece to be installed.
- Signage to be put in place.
- First round of interviews has been held and final interviews are scheduled for 29th October.
- Tours for members and local media have been provided.

Ely O Carroll Place / Ball Alley Lane:

- Contractor appointed for the completion of the works including the provision of resin bond surface.
- Ground recessed lights scheduled for delivery on 29th October and works on installation will be completed when they are received.



Banba Square:

- Paving work at front and side of Nenagh Arts Centre is being progressed – a substantial amount is now complete with projection of completion by month end.
- Hand rails with underside lighting have been installed on the ramp to the entrance to the Tourist Office.
- Three new bins have been installed in this general area and one of the bicycle stands has been relocated.
- Smart bench to be installed.

Outdoor Dining Grants:

- Grant applications or provisional applications were received in respect of 58 properties within Nenagh MD.
- 22 grants have been paid to date and 31 applications are currently being processed. Five applications were refused as they did not meet the requirements of the scheme.

Newport Enhancement Plan:

- Consultant is currently updating draft based on feedback
- Presentation to members will be arranged within next month

Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement, Tourism and Mobility Plan:

- Plan will be brought back to the respective Municipal Districts in Clare and Tipperary in November.

Ballina Access Promenade & Viewing Area:

- Awaiting decision from An Bord Pleanála
- Awaiting decision on funding application under Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter:

- Three concepts have been selected and forwarded to Red C to complete market testing, both nationally and internationally – these concepts relate to the (1) Nenagh – 800 years of history; (2) Nenagh – A 21st Century Fair based on the concept of the market town and (3) Nenagh – An Urban Hub for a Lake Destination. Note: these titles may change during the process.
- A revised programme has been received from the design team. Indicative timelines are that the output from Phase One (Concept Development) will be completed by end of 2021. The next phase will involve taking the output from Phase One and progressing design, costings and business case. A briefing will be arranged for members on same.
- As far as possible all required survey work is being front-loaded so that it will be complete in advance of the design and planning stage.



- It is projected that the planning and design phase will be completed by end of August 2022 with a view to progressing a Category One RRDF funding application.

Nenagh Centre of Excellence:

- A further meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for 1st November.
- All project partners are currently re-assessing their space requirements including future-proofing the building and taking account of changes which have occurred since the original funding application.
- Quotations are being sought for reviewing and updating the Preliminary Business Case which is a requirement of the Department and for compliance with the Public Spending Code.
- The next steps will include tender preparation for the design team.
- A briefing will be arranged for the elected members.

Nenagh Traffic Management Plan:

- We are awaiting response from NTA on the proposed relocation of the bus stops (see below).
- Consultants are currently progressing the design work required.
- Works at Emmet Place/Mitchel St. will need to be completed before this can be progressed – the introduction of the one-way system will not take place until 2022.

Nenagh Transport Hub:

- Consultants are progressing the design work.
- A second meeting was held with the NTA and a submission was made to them. Their response is awaited.

Platforms for Growth- Dromineer:

- Documentation for the second compliance phase was submitted to Fáilte Ireland on 15th September.
- We await their approval to same.
- Meeting on this project with Fáilte Ireland is scheduled for 3rd November.
- Proposal is to lodge planning application to An Bord Pleanála late Q3 or early Q4 2021 (subject to receipt of approval to second compliance phase as above).
- Fáilte Ireland have allocated funding to cover professional costs associated with preparation of the planning application.

Provision of Bus Shelters at Stereame:

- Approval has been received from the NTA and Melcorpo for the installation of Bus Shelters at Stereame
- Instruction has issued from NTA to proceed to construction.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contractor has been appointed <p><u>Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contractor has commenced on section of Béara-Breifne Way (Lorrha to Portumna) funded under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.• Expected timeline is 3 weeks <p><u>Projects to be delivered based on funding secured:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active Travel Measures – work is currently in progress on the provision of lighting on the N52 by-pass <p><u>Funding Applications Pending Decision:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Measure 1 2021 - Ballinderry River Walk.• Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Measure 2 2021 – Cloughjordan. <p><u>Discovery Points (Castlough & Lookout Portroe)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback has been provided to consultants on their preliminary report.• Final Report & Presentation is awaited. <p><u>Stereame Housing Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tender documentation is currently being finalised and the procurement competition based on competitive dialogue will be advertised on e-tenders by early next week. <p><u>Rialto, Banba Square Nenagh</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application for RRDF Cat 2 Funding was submitted in July 2021 for Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub - Adaptive Re-Use of a Former Cinema (Protected Structure) and Outline Masterplan for Redevelopment of a town centre brownfield site.• Decision on application is awaited – it is anticipated that the funding announcements will be made in mid-November 2021.• The building has been painted and obsolete signage removed. <p><u>Enhancement of Nenagh</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The pilot project involving the painting of the row of houses on Wolfe Tone Terrace (Phase One) is complete. Phase Two, including remaining properties on Wolfe Tone Terrace and properties on Hanley’s Place, is being progressed.• A contractor has been appointed for the installation of new bins in the town centre.• A replacement programme for benches in the town centre that have become dilapidated/damaged will be agreed and progressed to procurement.
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Streetscape Scheme

- An initial allocation of €84,774.28 was received in respect of Nenagh Town – based on the level of requests for funding received it is anticipated that additional allocation will be received.
- Letters of provisional approval were issued to successful applicants which will enable the enhancement of in excess of 40 properties (commercial and residential) in the primary retail area
- An extension of timeframe for completion of the works has been obtained up to 31st December with provision for further extension into Q1 2022 in extenuating circumstances - where works are impacted by adverse weather conditions, difficulties in sourcing specialized craftsmen or where capacity constraints impact negatively on progressing works (i.e. where there are a limited number of contractors to complete works)

Ms. R. Joyce stated that the Ballina/Killaloe Plan will be before members for adoption at the November meeting and that a briefing session will be held with the Nenagh MD members on the 3rd November at 12.00 by Zoom. A hard copy of the plan will be provided at that time. Cllr. Bugler enquired if they will get a copy of any submissions made and the responses given. Mr. M. O'Connor confirmed that a summary of the submissions will be available.

Cllr. O'Meara thanked Ms. R. Joyce for the tour of the tourist office. Cllr. Morris praised Ms. R. Joyce for her commitment, passion and knowledge of the project. Cllr. Carroll praised Ms. Joyce for her work and commented that it will be more than a tourist office, it will incorporate heritage and all aspects of the area. Cllr. Darcy stated that the tour was excellent and it shows imagination and the spirit of the area. Cllr. Hannigan commended the executive for the vision for the whole district.

Mr. M. O'Connor informed members that he was looking forward to the tourist office being opened and that the project was led by Ms. R. Joyce who put a lot of personal time and energy into it. Tribute also had to be given to the consultant, Ann Scroope and the architect, Donagh McCrann.

Ms. R. Joyce thanked the members for their kind words and notified them that both the Nenagh Guardian and Tipperary Star had an article on the tourist office in this week's publication. She complimented Ann Scroope's vision and enthusiasm.

Cllr. Bugler requested an update on the Shannon Crossing project and asked when is it expected to have a decision on the planning application for the viewing platform in Ballina that is currently with



	<p>An Bord Pleanála. Ms. R. Joyce informed her that there are no statutory timeframes for an application to An Bord Pleanála but that one submission has been made.</p> <p>Mr. M. O'Connor confirmed that 5 contractors have been shortlisted for the Shannon Crossing project. This is a huge project and a number of queries have had to be answered, the deadline for receipt of tenders has been extended. Assessments will then take place but the project is very much on target.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Darcy, and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the 2021 Contribution to Clubs/Organisations Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 707 1417 824"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="512 707 1094 757">Club/Organisation</th> <th data-bbox="1094 707 1417 757">Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="512 757 1094 824">Nenagh Bereavement Support Group</td> <td data-bbox="1094 757 1417 824">€450</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Club/Organisation	Recommendation	Nenagh Bereavement Support Group	€450
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<p>Item 7. To update members on Works Programme 2021</p>	<p>The update on the Works Programme was circulated to members. Mr. B. Murphy informed members that the programme was 95% complete. There are currently 2 crews working on footpaths in Nenagh town and the focus will be on the remaining drainage and footpath work until the end of the year.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara complimented the large quantity of work that was done at at very high standard and stated that is was important to source funding from other grant schemes like the Climate Change Scheme.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler enquired about the work at the Congo Bar, the footpath work at Ballina school from the GMA and if something could be done on the Roulagh to Willowcliff road. Cllr. Darcy welcomed the additional CIS funding.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan complimented the work at Towerhill and also raised the issue of the junction at Knigh Cross, improved signage going into Puckane Village and the repairs and possibility of widening the road at Firpark. Cllr. Darcy supported Cllr. Hannigan on the issue at Knigh Cross and also raised the junction in Ballycommon and works at Willsborough.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy confirmed that the works at the Congo Bar and Willsborough will take place in the next few weeks, the footpath at Ballina school will be done before the end of the year, drainage issues at Ballyoughter will have to be sorted before the roadworks can be completed. It may be possible to get work on Knigh junction done under a Low Cost Safety Scheme. He acknowledged that work has to be done at Firpark but said that</p>				



	widening the road is another issue and this could be very expensive. The signage at Puckane will be inspected and the road at Roulagh will be monitored.
Item 8. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters	The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to members and noted. Cllr. Bonfield requested that some maintenance work would be done on the Killoscully-Ballyhourigan road.
Item 9. To consider Notices of Motion	None
Item 10. To note Delegated Employees Orders	Noted.
Item 11. To consider items of correspondence	None
Item 12. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	Votes of sympathy – None Votes of congratulations - None
Item 13. Any other business.	Cllr. Darcy raised the issue of the bus service between Nenagh and Limerick. Due to lack of accommodation in Limerick many students are commuting to college. Some mornings people are left at the bus stop due to insufficient capacity. Cllr. O'Meara supported this and also raised the issue of an improved railway service. Cllr. H. McGrath suggested the possibility of a train service to Daly's Cross and then a shuttle bus service into Plassy Park. Cllr. Bonfield was disappointed that the Ballybrophy to Limerick rail-line was not part of the new National Development Plan. Mr. M. O'Connor agreed with the members and informed them that the bus service to Dublin and Shannon airports has not been restored to pre-Covid levels. It was agreed that a letter should issue to Bus Éireann requesting additional services between Nenagh and Limerick.



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

Signed: Michael O'Meara
Cllr. Michael O'Meara
Cathaoirleach

Date: 18~~9~~-10-2021

Signed: Rosemary Joyce
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 18~~9~~-10-2021

