



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE APRIL MEETING OF NENAGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 10.00
AM ON 21ST MAY 2020**

Present	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath, Séamus Morris, and Michael O' Meara.
Present via Zoom	Cllrs Phyll Bugler and Gerard 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. Environment: Rúairí Boland, Senior Executive Engineer
	Ms. R. Joyce informed members that to comply with guidelines movement around the Chamber should be kept to a minimum and the meeting should be finished by 11.45 a.m. regardless of how much of the agenda is dealt with.
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None Cllr. H. McGrath stated that he is employed by Kelly's of Fantane and has notified the County Council of this.
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of April Meeting held on 16th April, 2020	It was proposed by Cllr. John Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Fiona Bonfield and resolved that the minutes of the April Meeting held on 16 th April, 2020 be adopted.
Item 3. To receive briefing from Environment	The report from Environment was circulated in advance of the meeting. Cllrs. Bugler and Bonfield complimented Rúairí on the work to date on Boher. Cllr. P. Bugler enquired about the possibility of getting more dog bag dispensers as there is a big problem with dog litter. She also enquired about when the litter pickers and masks could be collected for the Spring Clean. Cllr. J. Carroll also raised the issue of dog fouling and the increase in littering. He asked for clarification as to why fines are issued under the Litter Act when greater penalties apply under the Waste Management Act. He considered this should be used, especially in relation to serial offenders. Cllr. S. Morris was concerned about the increase in dumping



	<p>around bottle banks and said he would talk later to Environment about getting CCTV in some areas. He also requested an up date on the possibility of getting the trees from the Military Barracks cut as they are causing problems for residents in Hawthorns and there has been an increase in dumping in the area.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath asked for the barriers on Ormond St outside a derelict building to be removed if possible. He also requested that an investigation be carried out on the number of horses that are occupying various sites and gardens around town.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara requested an update on Shannon Vermi Composting.</p> <p>Cllr. F. Bonfield enquired about the derelict site in Portroe and the house in Newport.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy requested no dumping signs in Moanfin on the Nenagh to Kilruane Road.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan enquired about the possibility of enforcing the bye-laws to find out how people are disposing of their rubbish.</p> <p>Mr. R. Boland informed members that the issues of dog fouling and illegal dumping have increased. The capacity of resources is an issue for emptying dog bins but he will talk to the relevant area. The Spring Clean has been moved out to the 8th - 20th June, groups have to contact An Taisce first and then contact is made with Local Authority. There is no direction on use of masks. Contact was made with the collector regarding the bottle banks. Collections are normally every 56 days but this has now been reduced to every 28 days and ad hoc collections if necessary.</p> <p>Environment will look at the issue of dumping in Hawthorns. Ms. R. Joyce confirmed that she will follow up on the issue of the overgrowth of trees from the Military Barracks.</p> <p>Mr. R. Boland confirmed that discussions are taking place regarding the barriers on Ormond St, a lot of work is currently being undertaken by the vet regarding horses, action is being taken on the property in Newport and the bye-laws on waste collection were being rolled out with some successful cases but currently staff cannot call out to residents. He will follow up on the derelict site in Portroe and dumping in Moanfin. There has been a lot of correspondence with the EPA on Shannon Vermicomposting and he will talk to Mr. Kieran McKenna on the issue. Mr. R. Boland clarified that there has been 4 litter fines issued not 1 as stated on report. It is very difficult to get evidence to prosecute.</p>
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<p>Item 4. To ratify any decisions of meetings held by Teleconference</p>	<p>Ms. R. Joyce outlined that the decisions that were taken at the two meetings held by teleconference will have to be ratified at this meeting. The items listed hereunder were agreed:</p> <p>Schedule of Municipal District Works Proposed: Cllr. F. Bonfield Seconded: Cllr. J. Carroll</p> <p>Part 8 for Tourist Office & Banba Square Enhancement Proposed: Cllr. M. O'Meara Seconded: Cllr. H. McGrath</p> <p>Burial Ground Grants Proposed: Cllr. J. Carroll Seconded: Cllr. F. Bonfield</p> <p>Tidy Towns Grants Proposed: Cllr. S. Morris Seconded: Cllr. J. Carroll</p> <p>Contributions to Clubs & Organisations Proposed: Cllr. S. Morris Seconded: Cllr. M. O'Meara</p> <p>Contributions to Residents Committees Proposed: Cllr. M O'Meara Seconded: Cllr. F. Bonfield</p>
<p>Item 5. To agree a date for the Annual Meeting</p>	<p>It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting the same day the monthly meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th June 2020.</p>
<p>Item 6. To discuss Drainage Committees</p>	<p>Ms. R. Joyce outlined that Drainage Committee meetings are normally held to consider the programme but meetings cannot be facilitated at the moment. Mr. B. Murphy that this is the final year of a 3 year programme and locations have been agreed and the work is to be supervised by an Ecologist. The work is to begin in September and the Consultant can be appointed at this stage.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler stated that part of the bank of the Kilmastulla has fallen away, it is a very strong river and there are concerns that further damage will be caused when the river rises again.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy said there was a lot of frustration regarding the work that can be done under environmental restrictions. Work needs to start at the mouth of the river and work back towards the source.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan queried the fact that a lot of the budget is used</p>



	<p>for the Ecologist with little funding left for the actual work. While he does not have an issue with the requirement for the Ecologist he requested that documentation be circulated to the members of the committees explaining the situation.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Meara had concerns with the number of rivers that are going dry over the summer and requested the support of the National Parks and Wildlife.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy outlined that there was an increase of €20,000 in the budget for Drainage Committees this year to cover the cost of the Ecologist and the budgets for the Drainage Districts is for the work. He informed members that the sections of the rivers are divided into Red/Orange/Green and some of the areas are highly protected and the rules have to be obeyed. He will circulate documentation to clarify this.</p>														
<p>Item 7. To consider and approve grant allocations</p>	<p>(a) Contribution to Clubs and Organisations</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the above scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="501 1021 1406 1397"><thead><tr><th>Organisation</th><th>Recommendation</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Nenagh Eire Og</td><td>€250.00</td></tr><tr><td>Nenagh Masters Swimming Club</td><td>€250.00</td></tr><tr><td>Nenagh Neptune Swimming Club</td><td>€250.00</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>(b) Contributions to Residents Associations</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the above scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="501 1682 1399 1977"><thead><tr><th>Organisation</th><th>Recommendation</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Tullow Residents Association, Newport</td><td>€300.00</td></tr><tr><td>Harbour View Residents Association</td><td>€250.00</td></tr></tbody></table>	Organisation	Recommendation	Nenagh Eire Og	€250.00	Nenagh Masters Swimming Club	€250.00	Nenagh Neptune Swimming Club	€250.00	Organisation	Recommendation	Tullow Residents Association, Newport	€300.00	Harbour View Residents Association	€250.00
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(c) Contribution to Burial Ground Committees

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the above scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:-

Burial Ground Committee	Recommendation
Kilbarron Old Graveyard	€718.36
Kilkeary Burial Ground	€718.36
Killodiernan Graveyard Committee	€718.36
Lockeen Graveyard Committee	€718.36
Pike Burial Ground (Ballingarry)	€718.36
Templederry New Graveyard Comm.	€718.36

(d) Contribution to Tidy Towns

It was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Meara, seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the above scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:-

Name of Committee	Recommendation
Ardcroney Community Development Committee	€1,000
Ballinderry Tidy Towns Committee	€800
Borrisokane Tidy Towns Committee	€1,500
Ballina Tidy Towns Committee - additional allocation	€1,000

Ms. R. Joyce informed members that Tidy Towns groups were written to informing them that the grant funding allocated to them is still available and it does not need to be limited to what they submitted an application on.

Cllr. P. Bugler thanked the members for approving the additional €1,000 for Ballina and informed them that this funding will be used to replace barrels. Of the money they have been already allocated €900 is used for insurance costs. She also requested the litter pickers, masks, gloves etc from An Taisce.

Ms. R. Joyce confirmed that the cost of insurance for tidy towns is a national issue and the cost to the group can form part of the costs claimed under the Tidy Towns grant. Mr. R. Boland will



	<p>forward the request on the pickers etc to An Taisce through the Environment Section.</p>
<p>Items 8. To agree proposals for Additional Allocation</p>	<p>The proposal for the allocation of the additional funding from Rates Vacancies was circulated to members.</p> <p>The proposed work is for improved lighting at existing pedestrian crossings at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junction of Grange Road/R494, Ballina• Ashe Road, Nenagh• Newline, near Tesco <p>Mr. M. O'Connor informed members that there is a slight question mark over whether this funding will be available as it depends on the collection of rates. If this money does materialise this work will be done and if it does not it will be done next year.</p> <p>The proposal for the allocation was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath.</p>
<p>Item 9. To update members on projects</p>	<p><u>Newport Town Park</u> A pre-contract meeting with the contractors is scheduled before the end of the month and following this their appointment will be finalised with a view to getting them on site as quickly as possible now that the restrictions are lifted.</p> <p><u>Newport Enhancement Plan</u> Nic de Jong Consultant has been appointed to prepare an Enhancement Plan for Newport that can then be used for the purpose of seeking funding for delivery of identified projects within the town. A video conference meeting was held in May with him and members of his team and staff from Planning Section and Nenagh Municipal District attended. Information to help inform the plan is currently being collated. Public engagement will be held as early as possible with a view to consulting with the community on priorities and identifying appropriate proposals.</p> <p><u>Town Revival Initiative</u> Approval has been received to proceed with proposals for enhancement of John's Lane Car Park and it is intended that these works will be carried out within the current year.</p> <p><u>Emmet Place/Mitchel Street</u> Ground investigation surveys were undertaken this week at Emmet Place/Mitchel St. External bat survey was also undertaken. On receipt of the results of these the tender documentation will be finalised with a view to going to tender within the next few weeks.</p>



Tourist Office/Banba Square

The Part 8 was approved at the March meeting of Nenagh MD and has been brought back to members today to ratify that decision. Tender documentation for Phase One is currently being prepared with a view to going to tender within the next few weeks.

Town & Village Renewal – Ely O’ Carroll Place

The required bat survey is scheduled to take place next week.

Nenagh Digital Hub

A video conference meeting was held in May with the consultants, the Chief Executive and staff from Planning, Community & Economic Development and Nenagh Municipal District at which presentations were made in relation to the Feasibility Study and the Business Case. Feedback was provided to the consultants and the reports are being updated to take this into account together with results of further research. A Part 8 is being prepared which will go to public consultation and be brought back to members.

Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge & R494

Planning procedures and the Oral Hearing have been completed. Design is underway and is expected to be completed in Q2 2020. The Tender Prior Information Notice (PIN) was published in December 2019. The tender competition for the works contract will commence in Q2 2020 and will be completed in Q1 2021. Subject to availability of funding it is anticipated that construction will commence in Q2 of 2021 taking in the region of 3 years to complete.

R498 Latteragh Realignment

Part 8 procedures have been completed and design work is underway. Pre-CPO consultation with landowners is ongoing. Department approval to publish the CPO has been obtained and subject to COVID-19 restrictions, publishing of same is expected to take place in June 2020 with an Oral Hearing expected to take place later in 2020.

R498 Knockalton Realignment.

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

N52 Borrisokane Streets Improvement Scheme.

Final road surfacing work on the Main Street has been completed and removal of overhead cabling on the Main Street has commenced. Work was suspended in March 2020 due to the COVID crisis and re-opened again in May 2020. Remaining works include erecting new public lighting on the Main Street, re-surfacing of a section of the Birr Road and the Nenagh approach



and repairs to the bridge at the bottom of the Main Street.

N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge Strengthening

This scheme involves raising of the road level to mitigate flooding of a section of this road. Preliminary design work is underway and is expected to be completed in Q3 2020 following completion of a ground investigation with detailed design commencing in 2021.

N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvements

The change in approach has been agreed in principle with the TII. Preliminary design work has been completed and funding is being sought from the TII to carry out the final design and carry out the pavement improvement works, road safety elements and footpath extension works. It is anticipated that detailed design work will commence later in 2020.

Cllr. S. Morris requested a copy of the updates; Ms. R. Joyce confirmed that this can be circulated.

Cllr. H. McGrath stated that investment in town centres will now be vital. Cllr. J Carroll indicated that investment is required if rural towns and villages are to survive. A meeting should be held with the traders to progress matters. Improvement of the public realm offering and provision of the tourism office were important.

Cllr. M. O'Meara welcomed the resumption of the work in Borrisokane but requested that the Birr Road be resurfaced immediately. He also requested that the detailed design for the Carrigahorig scheme would start as soon as possible.

Cllrs. J. Hannigan and G. Darcy agreed with Cllr. O'Meara on the Birr Road. Cllr. G. Darcy also enquired about wheelchair parking in Borrisokane.

Cllr. P. Bugler said the area where the trial holes for the Shannon Crossing was done some time ago was not left back in a satisfactory condition.

Mr. M. O'Connor informed members that the CEO was preparing a framework for the revival of towns and this would be circulated to members. Preparation is under way for a URDF application. There is also funding available from contributions by Eriva under Road Opening Licences for projects in Nenagh and proposals for this funding will be brought before members. At the moment getting the CPO for Latteragh published is the priority for Roads Design and once that is done the Carrigahorig project will be looked at. There is one wheelchair space at the top of the street in Borrisokane and there is no problem putting in a second but



	<p>the location will have to be agreed. The timing for the re-surfacing of the Birr Road is a matter for the contractors.</p>
Item 10. To receive update on Works Programme	<p>The update on the Works Programme was circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy thanked Mr. B. Murphy for clarifying the position in relation to Burntwood.</p>
Item 11. To note Engineers Checklist of Roads Matters	<p>A copy of the Engineers Checklist was circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath raised the issue of the condition of the pedestrian crossing at Brooklands.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Carroll requested an update on the vegetation on the L6060 that was raised with TII in November, the road at the R500/R497 at Bawn is in very poor condition, the grass was cut in Clonbealy but was not collected and patching on the roads needs to increase.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy also raised the issue of the collection of grass once it is cut; the road from Hogan's Pass to Monsea has a lot of bad bends along with a problem with speeding and the road at Carhue.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler requested that the potholes on the roads and weeds along the pavements in estates that have been taken in charge would be looked at. Mr. M. O'Connor confirmed that the Council will look at the issue of potholes but it will not pick weeds or cut grass in estates. Cllr. P. Bugler asked that the grass cutter would go to the edge of the river bank in the Riverside Park and that the hedges would be cut at the junctions on the Dunalley line and the bad bends on the Boher Road.</p> <p>Cllr. F. Bonfield stated that staff need to be given a chance to catch up on work since the CoVID-19 crisis started.</p> <p>Cllr J. Carroll indicated that he had lost confidence in the checklist. He was supported by Cllr S Morris.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy agreed that there were issues with the checklist and stated he will look at it but asked members to email him any items they wished to add to the checklist.</p>
Item 12. To receive update on current position regarding Tipperary	<p>Ms. R. Joyce informed the members that meetings of the Crisis Management Team are taking place once a week and the Covid-19 Response team are meeting twice a week. There is a planned approach to resuming activities in line with National Guidelines. These have been circulated to Local Authorities and will be consider when reopening the offices. It will be important to</p>



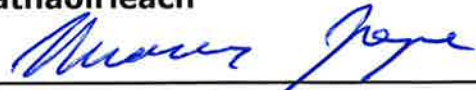
County Council and Coronavirus /Covid-19	provide essential services and the re-opening of towns will be challenging.
Item 13. To consider Notices of Motion	None
Item 14. To note Delegated Employees Orders	None
Item 15. To consider items of correspondence	There was one item of correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of acknowledgement from HSE 24/4/20
Item 16. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	<p>Votes of Sympathy –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McLoughney Family on death of former G.S.S, Sam McLoughney R.I.P. • O’ Donovan Family on death of former G.S.S, Con O’Donovan R.I.P • Looby Family on the death of Mrs. Kitty Looby R.I.P • Butler Family on death of Nora Butler R.I.P. • Ryan Family on death of Mrs Peggy Ryan R.I.P. • Mrs Lily Hynes on the death of her husband Philip Hynes, R.I.P. <p>Votes of Congratulations – None</p>
Item 11. Any other business.	None

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

Signed:  _____

Date: 21/5/20

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Signed:  _____

Date: 21/5/20

Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator