



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 19TH DECEMBER 2019

Present	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Phyll Bugler, John Carroll, Gerard Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath and Michael O' Meara.
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. Community & Economic Development Elaine Cullinan, Administrative Officer Culture/Library Services/ Fire & Emergency Services: Jess Codd, Library Services, Róisín O Grady, Heritage Service
Apologies	Cllr. S. Morris
	Cllr. G. Darcy proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of Liam White, previous member of North Tipperary County Council, founding member of the IFA and Macra. All members wished to be associated with this and a minute's silence was observed.
Item 1. Minutes of December Meeting	It was proposed by Cllr. John Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Michael O Meara and resolved that the minutes of the November Meeting held on 21 st November, 2019 be adopted.
Item 2. Action Plan	The Action Plan from the November meeting was noted
Item 3. To receive briefing from Community & Economic Development	Ms. E. Cullinan provided a report on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LECP – Community• Local Development Strategy/LEADER• SICAP• LCDC Team led Funding Schemes• Tipperary PPN• Joint Policing Committee• Children's and Young Person's Services Committee• Jigsaw• Age Friendly Tipperary• Suicide Prevention• Comhairle na nÓg• Play & Recreation• Sign of the Times• What's on in Tipperary• Tipperary Sports Partnership• FAI• Strategic Projects Unit EU part-funded Projects



- LECP – Economic
- Tourism
- Local Enterprise Office
- Digital Strategy, National Broadband Plan & Commercial Investment
- Economic & Enterprise

The members welcomed the updates.

Cllr. J. Carroll referred to the significant funding that has been provided through LEADER and complimented the Tipperary PPN and the voluntary efforts.

Cllr. Bugler requested clarification on the possibility of public meetings being held for consultation on the Marketing Campaign for 2020 for Lough Derg and the Lough Derg Destination plan. Ms. E. Cullinan will seek clarification on this.

Cllr. Michael O' Meara welcomed the National Broadband Plan and highlighted the importance of including the Terryglass Area. He also requested that Borrisokane be considered for a painting & enhancement scheme on Main St. following completion of the works.

Cllr J. Hannigan raised the issue of the contribution that community groups have to make towards Town & Village renewal schemes. Mr. M. O' Connor clarified that the rules of the scheme provide that a contribution has to be made by the Community Group and we do not have discretion in this regard. He also referred to broadband and lack of mobile phone coverage in certain areas.

Cllr. F. Bonfield welcomed the formation of the Older People's Council and congratulated Nenagh on being Regional runners-up in the National Enterprise Towns Awards.

**Item 4.
To receive
briefing from
Culture/Library
Services**

Mr. J. Codd and Ms. R. O' Grady provided a report on the following:

- Library Service
- Arts Service
- Heritage Service
- Museum

Cllr. Michael O' Meara referred to concerns in relation to safety at Pallas Church graveyard. A number of members spoke on the wealth of history in graveyards. Cllr. J. Hannigan proposed that there might be a night where those involved in historic societies were invited to an event that would showcase best practice. He also suggested the twinning of an area of Canada such as Lower Brunswick with Lower Ormond.



	<p>Cllr. J. 'Rocky' McGrath referred to issues with boundary fences and walls at graveyards such as Kilmore, Kilkeary and Kilnaneave.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O' Meara referred to the proposal to have a festival weekend at which the VC medal awarded to Martin O' Meara would be put on display.</p> <p>Ms. R. O' Grady stated that she would be happy to support an event in relation to the historic societies. Ms. R. Joyce indicated that the Nenagh MD will host an event in March 2020 and that they would liaise with the Heritage Officer in relation to same.</p>
Item 5. To consider the Proposed Taking in Charge of Ardán, The Terrace, Borrisokane	<p>Mr. M. O' Connor referred to the Director of Services report to members which was previously circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. M. O' Meara 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 Ardán, The Terrace, Borriokane 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 December 2019 Nenagh Municipal District Meeting."</p>
Item 6. To consider the Proposed Taking in Charge of Rosehill (part of), Newport	<p>Mr. M. O' Connor referred to the Director of Services report to members which was previously circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield 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 Rosehill (part of), Newport 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 December 2019 Nenagh Municipal District Meeting."</p>
Item 7. To update members on projects and	<p>(a) To approve grants to Burial Ground Committees</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the above</p>



events

schemes the payment of grants be made to the following:-

Name of Club/Organisation	Recommendation
Kenyon Street Burial Ground Committee	€687.57

(b) To approve grants to Clubs & Organisations

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the above schemes the payment of grants be made to the following:-

Name of Club/Organisation	Recommendation
Puckane & Carrig Senior Citizens Group	€350

Newport Town Park

The consultant, Nic de Jong, has advised that the tender pack for the works on Newport Town Park will issue on Friday 20th December. On receipt of this it will be assessed prior to advertising on e-tenders.

Nenagh 800/Nenagh Castle

Work is on-going on preparations for Nenagh 800. There will be a formal launch in January. Confirmation has been received that Nenagh Heritage Centre will host three exhibitions during 2020 – one relating to Bob Tisdall based on material donated by his family; one on Castle Brand and a third which will be an Art Exhibition entitled Fruits of Labour – created in honour of the farmers, workers and farm hands that have studied and maintained the hedgerows that outline the Irish landscape. This exhibition will be by Kathleen Darcy. It has also been confirmed that the John F Kennedy Marching Band will visit Nenagh on Monday 16th March. Nenagh 800 now has an active Facebook and Instagram presence and a website is currently in development.

Town Revival Initiative

In early 2020 it is hoped to make progress in relation to measures which have been identified as part of the Town Revival Initiative. A meeting is being arranged with the Business 2 Business Network.

National Enterprise Towns Awards 2019

The results of the National Enterprise Towns Awards 2019 were announced on 5th December 2019. Nenagh were regional runners up in Munster behind the overall national winners in the population category, Kinsale. Thanks to all who helped make this happen.



Emmet Place/Mitchel Street

The Part 8 is currently on public display and has been advertised. It will be on display until 23rd January 2020 and submissions may be made up to 4.30 p.m. on 6th February 2020.

Tourist Office/Banba Square

The Part 8 has been advertised in the Nenagh Guardian dated 21st December and will be on public display until 30th January 2020. Submissions may be made up to 4.30 p.m. on 13th February 2020.

Nenagh Digital Hub/Innovation Centre

Following a tender process arrangements Healy & Partners have been appointed to lead the Project team to further develop the proposal for the provision of a digital hub at Stereame. A meeting is being arranged with the team for early in the New Year

Bord Gais Project

There are remaining snags outstanding including the resurfacing of parking areas on Kenyon Street and Pearse Street and the reinstatement of road markings throughout the town.

SIRO

Works are continuing in the town.

Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge & R494

Planning procedures and the Oral Hearing have been completed. Design is underway and is expected to be completed in Q3 2020. The tender competition for the works contract will commence in Q2 2020 and will be completed in Q4 2020. Subject to availability of funding it is anticipated that construction will commence in Q1 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. Subject to Department approval it is anticipated that the CPO will then be published in Q1 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.

Work started on the scheme in November 2018. The Contractor commenced works from the Nenagh side of scheme and completed footpaths on both sides and most of road surfacing



	<p>works as far as the bridge at the bottom of Main Street. Remaining works include a section of the Birr Road and repairs to the bridge at the bottom of the main street.</p> <p><u>N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge Strengthening</u> 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 shortly with detailed design and construction taking place in 2020.</p> <p><u>N65 Carrigahorig Bends</u> This scheme involves the improvement of approximately 0.6km of National Secondary Road in the townland of Garryclohy, Carrigahorig. Preliminary design worked is completed and funding is being sought from the TII to design and carry out the pavement improvement works. It is anticipated that detailed design work will commence in 2020.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath welcomed the progress on the Latteragh project. Cllr. P. Bugler was concerned that there should not be any more delays in the new crossing at Ballina/Killaloe. Mr. M. O'Connor confirmed that the consultants will be pushed to have the CPOs published in March for the Latteragh Scheme and that a meeting of the steering group on the Killaloe crossing will take place in January. Mr. M. O'Connor also confirmed that the project for Carrigahorig will no longer consist of removing the bends but will be a safety scheme.</p>
<p>Item 8. To receive update on Works Programme</p>	<p>The update on the Works Programme was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Carroll queried if there would be access before Christmas due to the works at Shallee/Capparoo. Mr. B. Murphy confirmed that access will not be possible until the culvert is replaced.</p>
<p>Item 9. To note Engineers Checklist on Roads matters</p>	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Meara requested clarification on the work in Ballingarry, Mr. B. Murphy confirmed that there is a not a lot of work required but that he has met with the community and there will be an integrated approach regarding footpaths, landscaping etc.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler requested that flooding near the old Larkin's Garage would be added to the list, she wanted an email response on the issue for the landowner. Cllr. P. Bugler asked for updates on the flooding at Tountinna, she clarified that it is a pedestrian crossing not a footpath that has been requested for Ballina and asked about the repair of the broken signs on the R496.</p>



	<p>Cllr. M.O 'Meara asked that agreement would be got from the adjoining landowner to address the flooding issue at Walshpark under a Low Cost Safety Scheme. He requested that the R438 would be examined as there is difficulty if two lorries meet on the road and that Killeen Road to Birr would also be examined. Cllr. M. O'Meara requested that the bus parking spaces at Cloughjordan school on Borrisokane Road and road surface in Carrig Village be examined, road at Knockane, Toomevara be cleaned and that the gully at Crotta, Borrisokane be cleaned.</p> <p>Cllr. J. McGrath raised the issue of speeding and potholes in Ballyphilip, speeding at Belleen and Newport and damage to three bridges.</p> <p>Cllr. F. Bonfield will try to progress a meeting on the R503 at Ballymackeogh.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Carroll requested that the work regarding the flooding at Glencrue would be progressed, he also raised the issues of the overgrowth at Five Alley and clay and rock on the road near Birdhill school.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy thanked Mr. B. Murphy for cutting back the trees in Cloughjordan for the Christmas lights and requested that the green bollards at the edge of National routes would be completed by the end of next year. He also referred to overhanging branches on the N52 at Ballinwear, Eircom poles on narrow roads and a broken manhole cover in Carney Village on the Ardcroney side.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan enquired if there was any planned work on the footpath at Finnoe Road or at the pinch point at Coolbawn side of Puckane, could the Eircom poles be moved and requested that the yellow lines be improved on the R493 and R498.</p>
Item 10. To consider Notices of Motion	None
Item 11. Delegated Employee Orders	Noted
Item 12. Correspondence	The following correspondence was noted:- ➤ Email dated 18 th December 2019 from Nenagh Tidy Towns on the Nenagh Municipal District Awards evening
Item 13. Votes of	Votes of Sympathy - ➤ Ber Whyte, on the death of Mr Liam Whyte, R.I.P.



Sympathy/ Congratulations	Votes of Congratulations – ➤ Tim Cullinan, Toomevara on his election as President of IFA
Item 14 AOB	<p>Ms. R. Joyce informed the members that the Tractor Run will be taking place on Saturday 21st December. She also informed members that two staff members – Bernie Donnelly and John Cass - will be finishing up with the Nenagh MD at Christmas.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to the work undertaken during the year and thanked his fellow members, the staff and the media. Cllr. M O’ Meara referred to the arrival of asylum seekers in Borrisokane and paid tribute to all involved in achieving this, highlighting the role the Council played in the integration process. Cllr. H. McGrath congratulated all involved in Tidy Towns and particularly referred to outdoor staff and the role they play. Members also paid tribute to Cllr. H. McGrath for the work done by him as a member of the Committee of the Regions.</p>

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

Signed: 
Cllr. Joe Hannigan
Cathaoirleach

Date: 16/1/2020

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 16/1/2020