



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE OCTOBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CHAMBER, NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AT 10.00 AM ON 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

<b>Present</b>	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Phyll Bugler, John Carroll, Gerard Darcy, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, Séamus Morris, John "Rocky" McGrath and Michael O' Meara.
<b>Also Present</b>	Mr. Marcus O' Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Barry Murphy, District Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer.  <b>Planning Section:</b> Brian Beck, Senior Planner, James Murray, Senior Executive Engineer  <b>Water Services:</b> Gerry Robinson, Senior Executive Engineer
<b>Item 1. Minutes of September Meeting</b>	It was proposed by Cllr. Seamus Morris, seconded by Cllr. Fiona Bonfield and resolved that the minutes of the September Meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019 be adopted.
<b>Item 2. Action Plan</b>	The Action Plan from the September meeting was noted
<b>Item 3. To receive briefing from Planning Section</b>	Mr. B. Beck circulated a report on Planning with details of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Policy/Strategic Issues</li><li>• NPF: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Platforms for Growth</li><li>• Conservation Grant Scheme</li><li>• Southern Regional and Spatial Economic Strategy</li><li>• Design and Best Practice for Cluster Housing Schemes in Rural Villages</li><li>• National Planning Framework: Regeneration and Development Funds</li><li>• Failte Ireland – Platforms for Growth</li><li>• Taking in Charge</li><li>• Number of Planning Applications</li></ul> Mr. B. Beck complimented the work that was done by Mattie Ryan and Cllr. H. McGrath on the Southern Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES).  Cllr. S. Morris thanked Mr. B. Beck and the Councillors for their work on the Strategy but raised concerns about the extraction of water from Lough Derg to serve Dublin and the effects it will have on the region. He requested that the members contact Oireachtas members regarding the legislation that is to be brought before the Dáil.



	<p>Cllr. H. McGrath was confident that, because the process was led by Mattie Ryan, it contributed to the success of the process. He also wanted to thank Mr. B. Beck and the Planning Staff. Cllr. H. McGrath expressed concern about the length of time the taking in charge process takes and the possibility of additional snags being identified late in the process when the original snags would have been dealt with. He also referred to the potential for Daly's Cross to assist in making train travel viable for students if a stop was provided there similar to Ballybrophy. City buses could service this and provide access to universities.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler agreed with Cllr. S. Morris on the extraction of water from Lough Derg and the effect it will have in the region. Cllr. P. Bugler requested an update on the taking in charge of Ard Coillte taking into consideration the fact that construction work is still ongoing.</p> <p>Cllrs. M. O'Meara and G. Darcy raised the issue of the listed buildings and enquired about the status of the review. Cllr. M. O'Meara also enquired about the taking in charge of Riveroaks, Riverstown.</p> <p>Members raised concerns about the status of Shannon Airport and enquired about the possibility of arranging a meeting of the relevant CEO's to discuss this. Mr. M. O'Connor and Mr. B. Beck informed members that the issue of flights into Shannon Airport is a commercial decision and there are already forums/structures in place where the CEO's meet regularly. The Chief Executives of the three local authorities, UL, Shannon Airport and Foynes signed up to a single submission as part of the National Planning Framework and this identified the importance of Shannon Airport. There is already a structure in place through the Strategic Planning Area Committee of the Regional Assembly and this would be the appropriate structure to use to raise this. Members could submit a Notice of Motion to the plenary County Council meeting if they wished.</p> <p>Mr. B. Beck informed members that the list of protected structures is currently being reviewed. In relation to TIC the purchase of Mulcair Manor is now completed, no valid application to take Ard Coillte in charge has been received, there will be no second snag lists once Irish Water issues are rectified when taking estates in charge, there will be discussions on River Oaks and part of the Rosehill Estate is complete.</p>
<b>Item 4. To receive briefing from Water Services</b>	<p>Mr. G. Robinson circulated a report on Water Services with details of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Irish Water Infrastructure Projects – Water &amp; Waste Water</li><li>• Networks Portfolio Delivery</li><li>• Irish Water Capital Delivery Programme</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Water Programme</li> </ul> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath enquired about the drainage issue around Nenagh AFC Brickfields. Water Services will investigate the issue.</p> <p>Cllrs. J. Carroll and P. Bugler requested an update on the Ballina WWTP. Mr. G. Robinson confirmed that the planning application is to be submitted in Q2/Q3 in 2020 and it will be another year before construction will begin.</p> <p>Cllrs. G. Darcy and J. Carroll were concerned about the delay in the allocation of Rural Water Capital funding and the Rural Water grant funding for private wells and septic tanks. Mr. G. Robinson confirmed that there are ongoing discussions with the Department regarding the possibility of carrying over the funding.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy enquired about the emptying of the communal septic tank in Ardcroney. Mr. G. Robinson confirmed that this is not a Water Services function. Cllr J. Hannigan raised the issue of Irish Water’s involvement in Taking in Charge and queried would it be possible that this role reverts back to the Local Authority. Mr. G. Robinson stated that this would not be possible, as Irish Water is responsible for these services.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy thanked the staff of Water Services for their assistance.</p>				
<p><b>Item 5. To consider and adopt Nenagh MD Draft Budgetary Plan for 2020</b></p>	<p>The Draft Budgetary Plan for Nenagh MD in 2020 was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. G. Darcy.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy queried the possibility of additional funding becoming available for the drainage works. Mr. M. O’Connor informed the members that this will be a budgetary issue for the full council.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O’Meara wanted to know if it would be possible to get additional funding for the Roads Works programme from the Department or would it be possible to borrow money. Mr. M. O’Connor confirmed that the allocation for 2020 has not been received to date but that the allocation has been increasing in the last few years.</p>				
<p><b>Item 6. Allocation of Funding 2019</b></p>	<p>(a) To approve grants to Clubs &amp; Organisations</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. J. McGrath and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the above schemes the payment of grants be made to the following:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="454 1870 1452 1948"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="454 1870 1101 1904">Name of Club/Organisation</th> <th data-bbox="1109 1870 1452 1904">Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="454 1904 1101 1937">Chapel Lane, Christmas Markets</td> <td data-bbox="1109 1904 1452 1937">€450.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of Club/Organisation	Recommendation	Chapel Lane, Christmas Markets	€450.00
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<p><b>Item 7. To update members on projects and events</b></p>	<p><b><u>Newport Town Park</u></b> The consultant, Nic de Jong, is currently working on the detailed design. Following investigation work in relation to ESB services it has become necessary to make some major level changes due to the location of the existing 20Kv underground 125 mm ESB ducting which has knock-on effects for cut-and-fill and the overall layout. We are advised that the complete tender package will be available by end of October. There is on-going liaison with the contractor on the eradication programme for Giant Hogweed, location of required exclusion zones and the control plan for the newly discovered Japanese Knotweed.</p> <p><b><u>Nenagh Tourist Office &amp; Town &amp; Village Renewal – Banba Square</u></b> Healy Partners are currently progressing the preparation of the documentation for the Part 8 process.</p> <p><b><u>Nenagh 800/Nenagh Castle</u></b> 9 entries were received for the Song for Nenagh competition and adjudication is currently in progress. A number of events have been confirmed for 2020 and work is on-going on liaison with various interested parties. A meeting of the committee will be held before the end of October to review what has been confirmed to date.</p> <p>Discussions are on-going with OPW and the Department of Culture, Heritage &amp; the Gaeltacht in relation to the next phase of the Castle development and various potential funding opportunities are being explored.</p> <p><b><u>Historic Towns Initiative</u></b> Conservation works are nearing completion on Nenagh Gaol in accordance with the funding allocated under the Historic Towns Initiative. Works include repairs to chimneys, removal of pigeon guano, roof repairs, replacement of gutters, fabrication of mesh for windows and a huge amount of pointing.</p> <p><b><u>Town Revival Initiative</u></b> Work is progressing on the establishment of groups representing the 3 pillars namely Retail Hospitality Group, Standards and Public Realm Group and Citizen Engagement and Communication Group. From this it is proposed to come up with an Action Plan identifying short, medium and long term measures and responsibility for delivery of same.</p> <p><b><u>Twinning</u></b> Twelve members of the Comité de Jumelage de Basse-Goulaine visited Ballina-Killaloe from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October. The Deputy Mayor with responsibility for Sports and two Municipal Councillors also attended. A full programme was put in place by the Ballina-Killaloe Twinning Committee and successfully delivered. The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Hannigan hosted a Cathaoirleach's reception for the group on 11<sup>th</sup> October. The programme included attendance at a number of events as part of the Kinora Trad Fest, attendance</p>
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at a hurling match and a river cruise with traditional Irish music. An invitation has again been extended to the Lough Derg Football Club to participate in the Eurofoot in 2020 and the indications are that this will be accepted. Other opportunities associated with tennis, walking, choirs etc. in addition to educational exchanges are being explored.

**Emmet Place/Mitchel St**

Work is on-going on the preparation of documentation for the Part 8 for the demolition of buildings and provision of car parking at Emmet Place/Mitchel St.

**Nenagh Digital Hub/Innovation Centre**

A report and recommendation on the tenders for a Business and Architectural Led Project team to further develop the proposal for the provision of a digital hub/innovation centre at Stereame is expected within the next two-three weeks.

**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. It is anticipated that broadband connections will be available at the southern end of the town by the end of October. There are delays however for the remainder of the town with the project expected to run into 2020.

**Major Road Projects**

**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 2019. Subject to availability of funding it is anticipated that construction will commence in Q4 2020 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 advertised 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 works up to the Fire Station. Also the footpaths on the western side of the Main Street and most of the footpaths on the eastern side of the Main Street have been completed.



	<p><b><u>N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge Strengthening</u></b> 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 2019 with detailed design and construction taking place in 2020.</p> <p><b><u>N65 Carrigahorig Bends</u></b> This scheme involves the improvement of approximately 0.6km of National Secondary Road in the townland of Garryclohy, Carrigahorig. Preliminary design work 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>Ms. Rosemary Joyce also congratulated all the Tidy Towns Community Groups on their recent results.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan referred to the importance of the rural broadband scheme and requested that the Broadband Officer give an update.</p>
<p><b>Item 8. To receive update on Works Programme</b></p>	<p>The update on the Works Programme was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Meara expressed disappointment that the funding allocated for the bridge in Lorrha was diverted to bridge work in Shallee. Mr. B. Murphy confirmed that this had to happen as the works in Shallee were for emergency work.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler requested that residents and businesses would be notified of the timetable of the remaining works in Ballina.</p> <p>Cllrs S. Morris, H. McGrath and J. Hannigan enquired about meeting the residents of Cormack Drive and St. Conlon's Rd. Mr. M. O'Connor informed them that the Part 8 for the houses in Cormack Drive was dealt with by Housing Section and has gone through but there is no issue with the Councillors meeting these residents privately.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Morris queried the road markings on McDonagh Street and stated that he will contact Mr. P. McGrath to discuss these.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Carroll asked about Eircom quotation for Glencrue Junction</p> <p>Cllrs. J. Hannigan and M. O'Meara queried if new roads could be included as part of the 3 years Roads Works Programme if additional funding is allocated in 2020. Mr. M. O'Connor and Mr. B. Murphy informed the members that the Roads Works Programme has been approved; the work on a particular road has to stop at some point in the road. The PSCI rating is used to determine the roads to be included in the programme. If new roads are included it means leaving out other roads.</p>



<p><b>Item 9. To note Engineers Checklist on Roads matters</b></p>	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllrs. G. Darcy and J. Carroll have an issue with the location and cost of removing Eircom poles in various locations around the district. Cllr. J. Hannigan raised the issue of the Eircom pole on the Coolbawn Rd., Puckane.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Carroll enquired about the timber footbridges in Garrykennedy and the flooding at Capparoe Junction. He asked that Kilkeary R498 be again submitted for low cost safety measures.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy raised the following issues –signage at the junction from Knigh to Lahorna, replacement/repair of reflective bollards at Bantis, pinch point in Puckane, sightline at Knigh and speeding at Belleen.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath agreed with Cllr. G. Darcy on the speeding at Belleen and enquired about the possibility of signage or increased lighting in the area. Cllr. H. McGrath also requested the surface on the pedestrian crossing at Brooklands to be repaired along with flooding at the entrance to a house in the same area. Cllr. H. McGrath enquired about flooding at Ballygibbon Hill and damage on the road at Bantis, Cloughjordan.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Meara queried the possibility of getting the damaged wall at the bridge in Portumna looked at and discussed at the TII meeting. Cllr. J. Hannigan agreed with him on this.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan raised the issue of flooding on the Dromineer to Ballycommon Road.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler requested the following issues to be added to the checklist – additional signage at Darcy's Bridge, broken sign on R496, another light at Washerwoman's Bridge. She also clarified that it was a pedestrian crossing that was required in Main Street Ballina and not a footpath as mentioned on the checklist.</p>
<p><b>Item 10. To consider Notices of Motion</b></p>	<p><b>Notice of Motion No: 1769 submitted by Cllr. Phyll Bugler</b>I hereby request Tipperary County Council to install a footpath in front of Ballinahinch School. I also request Tipperary County council to repair lights at school and resolve the flooding issue in front of Ballinahinch school.</p> <p>This motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. F. Bonfield and the following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-</p> <p><i>There is minor surface water ponding outside Ballinahinch School due to the level gradients and uneven road profile at the interface</i></p>



*of the public road and school car park.*

*Tipperary Co Council will resurface this section of road as part of the 2020 Roads Programme. These works will provide a concrete drainage channel along the interface of the school car park and public road. This will prevent surface water ponding outside the school.*

*There is no public footpath connecting the village to the school. An initial estimate to provide a 2 metre wide footpath from St Joseph's Church to the School is €45,000 which includes for kerbing, drainage and lighting. There is no identified source of funding at present for these works.*

*However, in the absence of funding, it would be possible to provide a yellow line to delineate a pedestrian route to the school. This would be carried out as part of the Ballinahinch roads project.*

**Notice of Motion No: 1779 submitted by Cllr. Phyll Bugler**

I hereby request Tipperary county council to repair driveway in front of 8 Shoreside. It would appear that Driveway has subsided due to Manhole and pipes adjacent to driveway.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and the following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-

*Tipperary Co Council carried out an initial inspection of the driveway at 8 Shoreside on the 11 October 2019. The estate has been taken in charge by Tipperary Co Council and the concrete driveway is in public ownership.*

*The initial inspection indicates that there has been a very localised subsidence of ground in the vicinity of the drive and nearby drainage manhole. The subsidence may be due to a partial collapse of the drainage system.*

*Tipperary Co Council will carry out further investigations into the cause of the subsidence and then proceed to repair the damaged section of concrete drive.*

*The repair should be completed before the end of 2019.*

**Notice of Motion No: 1780 submitted by Cllr. Phyll Bugler**

I hereby request Tipperary county council to carry out the required drainage works at lane leading to James O Muirthille's house near Millennium Cross. This lane has been flooded many times.

This motion was proposed by Cllr. P. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and the following response was read out by Ms. R. Joyce:-






	<i>Tipperary Co Council will install a gully at the junction of the L2136 and L21361 (lane to Mr O'Muirthile's house) as previously agreed by the Roads Area Engineer and Mr James O'Muirthille. The gully will be installed by the end of November 2019.</i>
<b>Item 11. Delegated Employee Orders</b>	Noted
<b>Item 12. Correspondence</b>	The following correspondence was noted:- ➤ District Court dated 30 <sup>th</sup> September, letter of thanks from Judge Colin Daly
<b>Item 13. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations</b>	Votes of Sympathy – ➤ Sean Ryan, on the death of Ms Josephine Ryan, R.I.P. ➤ Patricia Corbett, on the death of Mr. Jimmy Corbett, R.I.P. ➤ Cllr. Ger Darcy, on the death of Mrs. Bridie Darcy, R.I.P.  Votes of Congratulations – ➤ Paul Ryan, Coille Bheithe, Nenagh on representing Ireland at International Badminton Tournament.
<b>Item 14 AOB</b>	"Ireland 2020 National Planning Framework" publication was circulated to members.  Cllr. G. Darcy thanked members on his own behalf and behalf of his family for the support he received during his recent bereavement.  Cllr. H. McGrath asked that the issue of flooding/aqua plaining on the M7 and M8 during the recent heavy rain be raised during the meeting with TII.

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

Signed:   
Cllr. Joe Hannigan  
Cathaoirleach

  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed:   
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann**  
Tipperary County Council

**Ms. Rosemary**

**Joyce**

**District Administrator**