



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD VIA ZOOM AT 10.00 AM ON 20th JANUARY 2022

Present	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, Michael O' Meara, Phyll Bugler, Séamus Morris, Ger Darcy, John "Rocky" McGrath
Also Present	<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>Environment: Ms. Marion O'Neill, Senior Executive Officer; Ms. Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer; Mr. Rúairí Boland, Senior Executive Engineer; Mr. Kieran McKenna, A/Senior Executive Engineer; Ms. Colette Moloney, Senior Executive Chemist</p> <p>Culture & Library Services: Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian</p>
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of December Meeting held on the 16th December 2021	It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Darcy and resolved that the minutes of the December Meeting held on 16 th December 2021 be adopted.
Item 3. To receive update from Environment & Climate Action Section	<p>A report on Environment & Climate Action was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath raised the issue of dumping on land across from the Scouts Hall. The residents of an adjoining estate recently did a clean up and the rubbish was taken away. He asked would it be possible to engage with the owner to try and prevent further dumping.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris agreed with this and also raised the issue of the Military Barracks. He expressed disappointment at the lack of engagement from the Department of Defence and asked for the Department to be contacted to take part in a Zoom meeting.</p> <p>Cllrs. O'Meara and J. McGrath supported Cllr. Morris on the issue of the Military Barracks. Cllr. Carroll stated that littering from face masks is prevalent and fly tipping is still a problem. He</p>



	<p>asked that a discussion would take place at a later meeting on capacity and parking issues at burial grounds.</p> <p>Cllrs. O'Meara and Darcy complimented the Litter Warden and the work done to date on the clean-up of the Shannon Vermi Composting site.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara thanked Mr. R. Boland for the work done at Pallas Burial Ground.</p> <p>Ms. M. O' Neill confirmed that Environment will try to engage with the owner of the land across from the Scouts Hall. There is an ongoing public awareness campaign around litter and in quarter 1 of 2022 there will be a specific campaign for scenic areas.</p> <p>Mr. K. McKenna confirmed that 1,500 tonnes was removed from the Shannon Vermi Composting site in 2021. It will not be possible to remove all of the remainder in 2022 due to the terms of the licence, but all of the waste should be removed by the end of 2023. He complimented the community and asked that the council be made aware if any issues arise in the community.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce stated that correspondence was received from the Department of Defence outlining that the Deed of Assurance is currently pending registration in the Registry of Deeds and as soon as this has been completed an application for First Registration will be made to the Property Registration Authority. They are also examining the clean-up of the site. She will contact them requesting a Zoom meeting with members.</p>
<p>Item 4. To receive update from Culture & Library Services</p>	<p>A report on Culture & Library Services was circulated to members.</p> <p>Mr. D. Dullaghan informed members that at the last update the libraries had been hoping for a full re-opening. Not everything is being offered at the moment but there are full opening hours, book lending, PC hours and a lot of on-line activity. The numbers on the premises are limited. A lot of the arts and cultural activities have moved online or outdoor where possible. It's not where the section wants to be but staff are working hard to deliver a good service. A recent video by Nenagh Library has had over 60,000 views.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara asked about the plans to carry out work on the Borrisokane library. Mr. D. Dullaghan confirmed that it was painted last year and the option of an outdoor story-time area is being examined for this year.</p>



<p>Item 5. To note schedule for District meetings in 2022 & agree date for March meeting</p>	<p>Ms. R. Joyce suggested Thursday 24th March 2022 as the date for the March meeting. This was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. J. McGrath.</p> <p>It was also agreed to hold the Community Safety Committee meeting before the February meeting on the 17th February 2022 commencing at 9.30 a.m. and to defer the start of the District Meeting until 10.30 a.m.</p>
<p>Item 6. To update members on projects & events</p>	<p><u>Newport Town Park:</u> Following the Christmas break the contractors returned to site on 10th January. Work is ongoing on Faerie Mound, access paths, kerbing and equipment installation. A further progress meeting will be held with the consultants and contractors before the end of January. Project is still on schedule for opening in March 2022.</p> <p><u>Outdoor Enhancement – Covid Measures, Nenagh:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hanley’s Place – works substantially complete. Planting to be completed at appropriate time. Minor outstanding works to be completed early in 2022.• Kenyon St – edge planters due to be delivered by end of January. Glass panels being manufactured by Carey’s Glass. Installation of street furniture and remaining planters will follow. Parasols have been procured and will be final item for installation. <p><u>John’s Lane Car Park:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EV charging points being installed before end of January. <p><u>Emmet Place/Mitchel St:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Car park at Emmet Place has been opened to the public• Closing date for submissions on the Draft Car Park Pay & Display Bye-Laws is 4.30 p.m. on Friday 21st January 2022. A report and recommendation will be brought to the February meeting of Nenagh MD.• A meeting with consultants and contractors to review progress will be held on 25th January 2021. <p><u>Ely O Carroll Place / Ball Alley Lane:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weather is too cold to apply resin bond treatment – this will be done in March.• We are still awaiting receipt of the ground recessed lights to allow this project to be completed. <p><u>Newport Enhancement Plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awaiting revised draft Plan from Consultants – they have indicated they will have that by the end of January• When we receive same we will arrange a date to brief members in committee



Ballina Access Promenade & Viewing Area:

- Notification has been received from An Bord Pleanála granting permission subject to conditions
- Awaiting decision on funding application under Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter:

- Reports from Stage One in relation to concept development and testing have been circulated to the Steering Group for comment.
- A further meeting will be arranged when the feedback has been collated.
- Next stage will include initial design and preparation of business case.

Nenagh Centre of Excellence:

- Work on review and updating of Preliminary Business Case is ongoing by Grant Thornton Consultants
- Work on preparation of tender documentation for the appointment of the Design Team is ongoing by Rogerson Reddan Associates.
- A Communications Strategy is in the process of being drafted.
- Meetings of the Steering Group and the District Delivery Group are on-going

Nenagh Traffic Management Plan:

- Consultants are currently progressing the design work required.
- Works at Emmet Place/Mitchel St. will need to be completed before this can be progressed.

Nenagh Transport Hub:

- Engagement with NTA on the development of a Transport Hub and the proposed relocation of the bus stops to the Railway Station is on-going

Platforms for Growth- Dromineer:

- Work is on-going on preparation of the planning application to An Bord Pleanála – due to be submitted January 2022

Provision of Bus Shelters:

- Civil works have been substantially completed at Stereame.
- The bus shelters will be installed in Q1 2022. This is dependent on the availability of the bus shelters from the supplier.



- Active Travel Team is finalising an Application for 2 shelters at the bus stops in Borrisokane for installation in 2022.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:

- Measure 2 2020: Contractor has substantially completed the works including a 650-meter footpath which has been constructed through bog. Signage and circa 11 stiles will be completed in Q1 2022.
- Measure 1 2021: Ballinderry River Walk has been approved for funding of €17,550 under this scheme.

Discovery Points (Castlelough & Lookout Portroe)

- This project is being undertaken jointly by Tipperary, Clare and Galway.
- A delay was experienced because of land ownership issues in one of the other counties
- This has now been resolved
- Nenagh MD has provided feedback to consultants on their preliminary report.
- Final Report & Presentation is awaited.

Stereame Housing Development

- Stage 2 of the tendering process is currently under way with the preparation of the required documentation

Rialto, Banba Square Nenagh

- Minister Heather Humphreys announced on 6th January that the application for RRDF Cat 2 Funding 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 had been successful.
- Official notification together with terms and conditions is awaited.
- A Steering Group is being established and a Project Charter, including Roles & Responsibilities, Risk Register and Schedule of Tasks is being drafted.

Streetscape Scheme

- Payment of applications where works have been completed is on-going – to date 14 grants have been paid to a value of €37,122. A further four applications have been passed for payment.
- Property owners are encouraged to have the works completed as early as possible to ensure draw down within the framework of the scheme – claims based on grant payments must be submitted to the Department by April 2022.



Festivals & Events Grant Scheme

- The closing date for applications under the Festivals & Events Grant Scheme is 12 noon on 28th January 2022.

Grant Schemes:

- The Contributions to Clubs & Organisations and the Residents' Associations grant schemes are being advertised within the coming week. Closing date for applications is 11th March. We are asking for co-operation in having the applications and any supporting documentation required submitted as early as possible to facilitate payments to recipients on two scheduled dates during the year. Recipients of grants in previous years will be sent application forms.

Project Manager:

- Martin Walsh who was Project Manager in Nenagh MD from January 2021 has returned to Water Services and we wish him every success in his future role there. Áine McCarthy has joined the staff of Nenagh MD as Project Manager – Áine was previously with LASNTG and prior to that her role covered the Lough Derg Steering Group/Tourism.

Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge & R494 Upgrade

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. A minor works contract for site clearance and laying a section of sewer is substantially complete. Tenders for the works contract were received in November 2021 and approval was granted in December 2021 to award the works contract to the recommended successful tenderer for the works, John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. It is anticipated that the main contract will be awarded in Q1 2022 and the works will commence in Q1 2022. The scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete.

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. Tender documents have been prepared for the appointment of a consultant to carry out the detailed design, procurement and supervision of the Works contract. Following completion of amendments to the tender documents we await approval to go to tender from the DoT. We expect that following a tender competition that a consultant will be appointed in Q2 2022. The consultant is expected to have the tender documentation prepared by the end of 2022 so that a works contractor can be appointed



by Q1 2023 and, subject to final approval and DoT funding, begin work on site in Q1 2023.

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. A ground investigation has now been completed and the scheme has been formally categorized as a Minor Improvement Scheme. The Council will now seek approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design.

N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvements

Tipperary County Council is preparing a pavement improvements and safety scheme for the N65 at Carrigahorig Village. The scheme involves:

- 1) road pavement improvement works
- 2) addressing a number of road safety issues
- 3) the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village
- 4) the extension of footpaths to the speed limit on the Portumna side and to the R493 Terryglass Road on the Borrisokane side of the village
- 5) public lighting improvements



	<p>6) some public realm improvements.</p> <p>Feasibility work has been completed and the Preliminary Design stage has commenced. Land acquisition for footpath widening and extension works is currently underway. Subject to land acquisition it is expected that preliminary design work will be completed and the Part 8 for the scheme advertised in 2022.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce reminded members that the closing date for receipt of applications under the Festival & Events grant scheme is the 28th January. She asked members for their co-operation in getting applications in earlier to enable as many grants as possible to be paid in two main payruns.</p>
<p>Item 7. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters</p>	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to members and noted.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris raised the issue of sightlines at Tomona, Dromineer, roads at Rapla South, Kilruane and Killowney Little. Cllr Carroll requested an update on the bridge on the R445 at Tullaheady and a blind spot at Ballyrusheen, Newtown. Cllr. Hannigan welcomed the signage at the pinch point in Puckane and asked about the sightlines at Knigh Cross and a speed survey in Ballycommon Village.</p> <p>Cllr. Darcy agreed that there are issues at Rapla, Killowney Little, the pinch point at Puckane and he asked that the work at the bridge at Rathnaleen would be completed this year and if it was possible to get more discretionary funding. He also enquired about the cables in Ardcroney Village and the response from TII about the junctions on the N52.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath requested that Killowney Little would be moved to this year's programme. Cllr. J. McGrath has concerns about the pinch point at Shallee.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara stated that the collapsed wall in Borrisokane urgently needs to be repaired, he had concerns about the water tower in Borrisokane going into disrepair. He asked if it was possible that a person who completed the incorrect form for LIS last year be considered under the CIS this year.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy informed members that he had looked at the road at Killowney Little recently and the PSCI rating is 4, it is included in the 3-year programme but if the opportunity arose to bring it forward to this year that can be done. He may meet some of the members at Rapla to clarify the road in question. There were difficulties getting contractors last year for the repair work at the bridge on the R445. The budget for the CIS is not known yet and the closing date for the LIS is the 18th February. Sightlines are a problem in some areas, it may be possible to address the issue at Knigh Cross under a Low Cost Safety Scheme, the amount of</p>



	<p>funding that would be required to address the pinch point in Puckane would fund a number of other Low Cost Safety Schemes.</p> <p>Mr. M. O'Connor informed members that the 3 year programme was adopted and it can't just be changed but there is no problem moving a scheme forward if more funding becomes available. Tertiary funding was approved as part of the overall budget so that can't be increased. The junctions on the N52 were not one of the 3 items discussed with TII but they are looking at the issues, they do not agree that signage is the solution. He will get clarification on the cables in Ardcroney. He also stated that traffic calming has already taken place in Ballycommon.</p>
Item 8. To consider Notices of Motion	None
Item 9. To note Delegated Employees Orders	Noted.
Item 10. To consider items of correspondence	None
Item 11. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	<p>Votes of sympathy – None</p> <p>Votes of congratulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• James Mulroy, Judo Assist Ireland on their Inclusion Song Project.• New Institute Snooker Club on defending their Munster Title and Brendan O Donoghue on winning the National Title.• Hannah Grace on winning U17 National Handball title.• Nenagh Olympic on their successes in numerous competitions recently.
Item 12. Any other business.	<p>Cllr. Carroll raised the issues of cattle underpasses, these are necessary due to the increased volumes of traffic. Help and support is needed for the farmers, planning is required but should it be a roads issue. Cllr. O'Meara and Darcy supported this.</p> <p>Mr. M. O'Connor agreed that this is a difficult issue however planning would be required as it involves structural work. Full</p>



	<p>planning and a road opening licence is also required. It would have to be designed by a structural engineer.</p> <p>It was agreed that a notice of motion would be put to the full council as this is a national issue.</p> <p>Cllr. Darcy asked if correspondence was sent to Bus Éireann regarding the update on the service between Nenagh and Limerick. Ms. R. Joyce confirmed that a letter had been sent as requested but no reply has been received to date. She will send a follow up letter.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan enquired if it would be possible to get a survey done or a report on status of the various water schemes in the District, including where preventative measures are required and have been put in place. There has been a lot of emails recently regarding boil water notices, burst pipes etc. Ms. R. Joyce confirmed Water Services are to attend the February meeting and the matter could be raised with them.</p>
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This concluded the business of the meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify:-

Signed: 
Cllr. Michael O'Meara
Cathaoirleach

Date: 17/ Feb 2022

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 17/2/2022