



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 10.00 AM ON 15th SEPTEMBER 2022

Present in chamber	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath, Michael O' Meara, and Ger Darcy
Present via zoom	Cllr's John Carroll, Phyll Bugler, Séamus Morris
Also Present	<p>Mr. Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Barry Murphy, District Engineer and Donal Murphy, Staff Officer.</p> <p>Planning: Ms. Anne Marie Devaney, Senior Executive Planner; Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer; Ms. Carmel Daly Area Planner.</p> <p>Water Services: Mr. Gerry Robinson, Senior Executive Engineer.</p>
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of July meeting held on 21st July, 2022	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. Darcy, seconded by Cllr. O' Meara and resolved that the minutes of the July Meeting held on 21st July 2022 be adopted.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris asked for an update on the dereliction notice that he requested be issued in respect of Abbey Villas. It was noted that it was agreed at the July Meeting that Ms. Marion O' Neill of the Environment Section would examine this and revert back. Cllr. Morris also noted that there were two small fires in UHL since he raised the issue at the last meeting. Ms. R. Joyce in response noted that the Municipal District did refer this matter to the Chief Fire Officer in Nenagh. Cllr. Morris queried what was the results of the title search in respect of the Military Barracks. He outlined that there is a narrative that the Department of Defence have offered the site to the Council and he asked that this narrative be stopped. Ms. R Joyce advised that the Department of Defence had completed First Registration of the property with the Property Registration Authority and the property was now vested in the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform and administered by the Minister for Defence. It was noted that a clean-up of illegally dumped rubbish has taken place and that the Department are looking at the security of the site. Cllr. Morris requested a copy of what they own within the site. Cllr. O'Meara welcomed the progress on clean-up of the site and noted that the progress made was due to the pressure the members exerted.</p>



	<p>He outlined that it is a landmark site and he would love to see the site brought back to use in whatever format that might take.</p>
<p>Item 3. To receive update from Planning</p>	<p>The report on Planning was circulated to members. Ms. Anne-Marie Devaney attended in person whilst Mr. Kieran Ladden and Ms. Carmel Daly attended via Zoom and responded to any queries raised.</p> <p>Ms. A.M. Devaney advised the meeting that the County Development Plan came into force on the 22nd August and the Council will now actively try to achieve the plan's objectives. The focus now turns to the Local Area Plans. There is background work being undertaken currently on each Plan. The Council will arrange workshops with the elected members before going out to public consultation.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara acknowledged the work that has gone into the formulation of the Development Plan and noted that it was a positive plan. However, he voiced his concern that whilst the Office of the Planning Regulator were congratulating the Council on the adoption of the Plan on the one hand, he hoped that decisions now made in accordance with the Plan would not be overturned.</p> <p>Cllr. Darcy requested that, following the adoption of the new Development Plan, the Planning Authority should have meetings with the local architects / agents as this will save time on planning applications. He sought an update on the progression of the taking in charge of the Townsfield Estate in Cloughjordan.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler sought an update on the development at Ballina Quay.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris noted that the Shannon to Dublin water pipeline is listed in the National Development Plan. He questioned the financing of this project and called on the Council to write to Minister Darragh O'Brien to query as to how this project will be funded. He noted that there were 16 days over the recent drought that there was not enough water at the Shannon side of Ardnacrusha and there was not enough water to be pumped to Dublin. He queried the drilling of test holes along the route on private lands. He asked that all restrictions on people applying for planning along the route be lifted. Cllr. Morris outlined his view that Irish Water do not have the funding for this project.</p> <p>Cllr. J Hannigan queried the inclusion of new sight line requirements of 160 meters on either side of a development. He also asked that an update be provided on the Courtyard Estate in Terryglass.</p>



Cllr. O' Meara advised that he was not happy on the progress at Townsfield Cloughjordan, he outlined that it has been going on a long time and requested that members frustrations be relayed back to Irish Water.

In reply Ms. A.M. Devaney confirmed that Planning will host a webinar with agents with the date for same to be finalised shortly. She outlined that the Development Plan was formulated after the National Planning Framework and so she doesn't anticipate any issues with decisions being overturned.

Mr. K. Ladden advised that Planning are working with the developer of Ballina Quay to get the estate complete and will be validating the application for taking in charge shortly with the required 51% of residents requesting the taking in charge. Engagement has taken place with underground utilities to complete CCTV to identify the technical challenges that need to be addressed.

Mr. K Ladden also advised that Irish Water have engaged a consultant who has undertaken an assessment on the Townsfield Estate in Cloughjordan. The Council are still waiting on the Department to advise how estates with Developer Provided Infrastructure will be resolved. Cllr. Hannigan thanked Mr. Ladden for this update and for his work done to secure a wayleave for the Townsfield Estate. In relation to Terryglass Mr. Ladden advised that this is in a similar situation to Townsfield, Cloughjordan, he is aware of the frustrations in the delay on these estates but once he receives a response from the Department he will update members regarding same.

Mr. E. Lonergan replied to the query raised by Cllr. Morris in respect of the Shannon pipeline. He noted that this is a Strategic Infrastructure Development which will involve it being referred to An Bord Pleanála for decision, however Tipperary County Council as a statutory body will be consulted on the development. He outlined that the Council will be very strong in defending Tipperary's interests in any application. He noted that the project is included in the National Development Plan which was reviewed last year and it is still contained in the plan. He noted that access by Irish Water onto private lands is done by agreement and it is necessary to investigate ground conditions so that it can be priced, cost benefit analysis can be undertaken and this is similar across any large infrastructural project.

In response to queries on the changes to sightline requirements, Mr. E. Lonergan advised that he will be circulating a clarification paper to the members. He outlined that the changes are workable and are a reasonable approach. He advised that some sites that would not have got permission previously would get permission under the revised requirements. He outlined that



	<p>agents will have to undertake a very simple survey and the requirements give flexibility if implemented properly. He emphasised that guidance will be included in the webinar to the agents.</p>
<p>Item 4. To receive update from Water Services</p>	<p>The report on Water Services was circulated to members. Mr. Gerry Robinson attended and responded to the queries raised.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris raised his concerns about the funding of Irish Water. He outlined that various treatment plants such as Silvermines, Cloughjordan and Ballina were at capacity or over capacity. He outlined that Ballina was over capacity and was catering for 1700 properties above the limit for which it was designed. He queried if there were alarm systems in place and in particular at weekends in the event of leaks. Cllr. Darcy noted that in some instances, development can't proceed in locations like Cloughjordan due to lack of capacity. He outlined Cloughjordan had come on in leaps and bounds and that the Council need to raise this lack of capacity of the treatment plant at every opportunity.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield queried when rehabilitation works would take place at Glencrue, Portroe. Cllr. Hannigan queried if the ultra - violet treatment had been permanently installed in the Borrisokane Treatment Plant. He also asked for an update on the current position with the Service Level Agreement between the Council and Irish Water and expressed concern over the imminent transfer of Water Services staff from the Council to Irish Water. He felt a huge amount of expertise and knowledge was going to be lost by the local authority.</p> <p>Cllr J. McGrath outlined his concerns in respect of the Silvermines Plant noting that it is one of the oldest plants in North Tipperary. He also expressed his concern that the upgrade of the plant is not top priority for Irish Water and called for a more substantial response to his queries on the plant. Cllr. H. McGrath asked that Nenagh MD look at soft spots in the back gardens in Brooklands Drive. Cllr. Bugler queried when contracts will be signed for the works at the Ballina Treatment Plant and noted that the Council needs to keep the pressure on Irish Water as it is holding up development. She also asked for an update regarding the recent burst water pipes on the R494 at Brian Boru on the Hill pub.</p> <p>Cllr. Darcy wished to commend the Ardcroney Group Water Scheme committee who are in operation for 50 years and noted that a new source is being developed alongside the old source. He also outlined his appreciation of the work done by Triona Collins and Oliver Naughton for the operation of the Group Water Schemes across the district. Cllr. Hannigan wished to be</p>



	<p>associated with this appreciation and noted their assistance with the Kilbarron GWS and others across the District.</p> <p>In reply to the queries raised Mr. G. Robinson outlined that Ballina is a priority and it is hoped that the contract awards will be completed for Ballina and Newport at the end of this month. It is then hoped that design and preparation will take place with works likely to commence in Ballina early next year. The proposed works on the Nenagh Treatment Plant are on schedule with the contract likely to be awarded in Q4 2023. He advised that Irish Water are fully aware of the issues at Cloughjordan and Silvermines but there is no update at this point on these plants. Works at Glencrue, Portroe have fallen behind schedule with works now likely to commence in March 2023. He advised that permanent ultra violet technology has been installed in Borrisokane and is being rolled out to all other plants in Tipperary. He outlined that the Service Level Agreement is in place until the end of 2026 and that Irish Water are now in the process of engaging with local authority staff in the form of roadshows regarding staff transfers to Irish Water. He committed to talking to Paul Keane regarding the issue at Brooklands Drive. Mr Robinson advised that works in Puckane are set to commence in January.</p> <p>Mr. G. Robinson in reply to Cllr. Morris advised that there are no alarm systems on the water treatment plants for overflows from the sewage treatment plants but did emphasise that Council staff visit every plant on every day of the year to check for problems. He noted that the recent incident in Borrisokane where sewage did enter the river was an unusual incident.</p> <p>Mr. E. Lonergan acknowledged the compliments paid to Water Services staff. He noted that staff are working in very difficult environments and this was particularly the case during the recent drought where staff were phenomenal in managing the plants. He noted that effects of climate change had increased the demand of Water Services staff.</p>
<p>Item 5. To agree 3 priority national roads for inclusion on Agenda for Annual Meeting with the TII</p>	<p>Cllr. Darcy outlined that the issue of flooding at Carrigahorig on the N65 which results in the main national road linking Munster and Connaught being closed has seen little progress despite being raised on numerous occasions. It was noted that surrounding local road network suffers when traffic has to be diverted due to the closing of the N65.</p> <p>Cllr. Darcy also raised the dangerous right hand turns on the N52 particularly at Ashley Park and Congar. He noted that right arrows on the road had been removed and that this had made the situation more dangerous.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara requested that the development of a traffic calming scheme for Ballingarry should be a priority. He outlined that the</p>



	<p>lack of a traffic calming scheme is holding back the village and it would be welcomed by the local community. He noted that it is the only village on the N52 from Ardee in County Louth to County Tipperary without traffic calming. Cllr. Hannigan requested that a request be made to upgrade the section of the N52 from Borrisokane to Ballingarry. He noted that it was very narrow in parts and that heavy vehicles were knocking rocks onto the road.</p> <p>Members, whilst acknowledging that the Council has had some successes with the TII such as the Congar Realignment Scheme and the Borrisokane Street Improvements, expressed frustration at the lack of progress made on numerous issues they have raised over a number of years. Cllr. H. McGrath understood members' frustrations but noted that we have to put the priority roads on a list and make the case again with the TII.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Cathaoirleach would work with the Executive on the items raised and that a priority list of 3 items would be prepared for the meeting with the TII.</p>
<p>Item 6. To consider the report on Draft Bye Laws for Newport Town Park and to approve Bye Laws with or without amendments</p>	<p>A copy of the proposed Bye Laws for Newport Town Park was circulated to members.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce referred to the Byelaws and advised that the draft Bye Laws went on public display from the 2nd August to 2nd September and a further 7 days was made available up to 9th September for submissions. No submissions were received during the public display period. However, one submission had been received prior to public display on the 15th July supporting two provisions contained in the draft Bye Laws, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prohibition on dogs with the exception of special needs dogs• Prohibition of ball playing in the Town Park except in the MUGA. <p>These provisions were retained in the proposed Bye-Laws and the adoption of the Bye- Laws without amendment was recommended.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. J McGrath and resolved that Tipperary County Council adopt the Newport Town Park Bye - Laws 2022 without amendment.</p> <p>It was noted that Bye - Laws would come into force on Monday 17th October 2022.</p>
<p>Item 7.</p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. Hannigan and seconded by Cllr. Darcy and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the</p>



<p>To approve allocation of funding</p>	<p>Contribution to Residents Associations Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="544 309 1407 470"> <thead> <tr> <th>Residents Association</th> <th>Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ballycommon Village Residents Association</td> <td>€300.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. Hannigan and seconded by Cllr. Darcy and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Tidy Towns Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="509 645 1370 806"> <thead> <tr> <th>Tidy Towns Group</th> <th>Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ballycommon Village Residents Association</td> <td>€800.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Residents Association	Recommendation	Ballycommon Village Residents Association	€300.00	Tidy Towns Group	Recommendation	Ballycommon Village Residents Association	€800.00
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<p>Items 8. To update members on projects & events</p>	<p><u>Newport Town Park:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Children’s Playground has been opened to the public since 9th August 2022 and is being used by significant numbers. • Outstanding works are the completion of the pump track, installation of the bandstand and the benches and bins. These elements will be completed in September. • Following this the site will be handed back to the Council who will then determine the appropriate date for opening to the public. • The bye-laws for the operation of the facility were put on public display and are being brought back to members for adoption at the September meeting. <p><u>Outdoor Enhancement – Covid Measures, Nenagh:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenyon St – edge planters and glass panels have been installed. The remaining items will be installed and works completed by the end of September 2022. <p><u>Ely O Carroll Place / Ball Alley Lane:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resin bond surface has been laid at Ball Alley Lane. Ground lights have been installed on Ball Alley Lane and bollards are installed on Silver Street. Lighting will be installed in the arch way. It is intended the contractor will return to site to undertake this work in the near future. <p><u>Newport Enhancement Plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are awaiting revised proposals in relation to elements of the draft plan relating to traffic management. There has been a change of personnel in the consultants dealing with this aspect and engagement is being arranged with the new appointee to finalise this so that the draft plan 								



can be presented to members prior to further consultation.

Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter:

- Meetings are on-going of the Steering Committee, District Delivery Group and with project partners Fáilte Ireland, OPW, National Monument Services and TCC in order to identify the concepts and proposals in the key areas of the Nenagh Gaol Complex, Nenagh Castle and public realm in the area of Banba Square.
- The outputs from previous surveys are being collated and any additional survey requirements are being procured.
- As part of stage 2 a business plan and cost benefit analysis will be prepared to meet the requirements of the Public Spending Code – this element is being addressed by CHL Consulting who are part of the Design Team.
- The programme aims to have design and planning completed by April 2023 so that a funding application can be submitted for the next Category One call under the RRDF.

Nenagh Centre of Excellence:

- The process of reviewing the Preliminary Business Case is now complete and it has been submitted to the Department together with the updated costings.
- The Department has reverted with a number of queries which are currently being addressed. A meeting is scheduled with the Department before the end of the month after which it is hoped that the scope of the work will be agreed and approval will be given to the Preliminary Business Case.
- Stage One of the procurement process for the Design Team has been concluded and the applicants notified of the outcome of same. A total of six tenderers have been provisionally approved to move to Stage Two of the procurement process.
- The next stage of the procurement process for the Design Team cannot be progressed until the Preliminary Business Case has been approved however work is on-going on preparation of the tender documentation to have it ready for when approval is received.

Nenagh Traffic Management Plan:

- Consultants are currently progressing the design work required.
- Works at Emmet Place/Mitchel St. are now substantially completed.



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:

- The planning application for the proposed Facility Centre for Water Sports Activities has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála. Plans and particulars were on public display until Tuesday 9th August. The council are now awaiting the decision from An Bord Pleanála.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:

- Measure 2 2020: Beara Breifne Way - 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 Q3 2022.
- Measure 1 2021: Ballinderry River Walk Phase I – This project is now complete.
- Nenagh MD have been successful in the two applications under the 2022 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS). These are:
 - Measure 1: Approved funding of €26,784 for the Ballinderry River Walk Phase II. This is an upgrade of 2 km of river walk along the Ballyfinboy River. The application was made in conjunction with the Ballinderry Development Association.
 - Measure 4: Approved funding of €48,600 for the Clare Glens River Walk Enhancement Plan. The funding will enable the council to engage consultants to undertake preparatory planning and design works for the Clare Glens River Walk Enhancement.

Discovery Points (Castlelough & Lookout Portroe)

- This project is being undertaken jointly by Tipperary, Clare and Galway in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland.
- Each local authority involved is required to submit an architectural conservation overview for each site. Tipperary has provided the information in relation to Castlelough and the Lookout and the submissions are awaited from Clare and Galway.

Stereame Housing Development

- Engagement with prospective contractors to provide residential dwellings is on-going through the procurement process.
- Submissions are currently being assessed and documentation prepared for the next stage of the process



with a view to completion of an agreement with the successful tenderer before year end.

Rialto, Banba Square Nenagh

- Tenders were invited for Architect Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for the Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub and Rialto Residential Development.
- The closing date for receipt of tenders was Friday 9th September and 8 tenders were received by that date.
- These tenders are now being assessed following which approval will be sought from the Department for the appointment of the Design Team.
- Work will then progress on the planning and design stages after which a funding application for delivery of the project will be drafted.

Wheelchair Accessible Parking Spaces

- The refreshing of existing on street wheelchair accessible parking spaces in Nenagh has been completed. Friar Street and Abbey Street car parks have their wheelchair accessible spaces pre-marked and the council are now waiting on the line marking company to complete the new markings.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022

- The following applications have been submitted under the above Scheme in respect of Nenagh MD:
 - Project Development Measures – Newport Courthouse and Bridewell Complex
 - Ballina Access Promenade and Viewing Area
 - Lorrha (community led application)
- Decisions on applications are awaited.

Street Furniture

- New benches for Nenagh Town Centre have been sourced and will be installed in the coming weeks.

Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge & R494 Upgrade

- Planning procedures and the Oral Hearing have been completed.
- The Tender Prior Information Notice (PIN) was published in December 2019.
- Design was substantially completed in Q2 2020.
- A minor works contract for site clearance and laying a section of sewer is completed.
- Tenders for the works contract were received in November 2021.
- Approval by DoT was granted in December 2021 to award the works contract to the recommended successful tenderer for the works, John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd.



- The works contract was awarded on February 16th, 2022 to John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd.
- The works contract was due to commence on March 16th, 2022 but was delayed due to supply chain issues, which had arisen as a consequence primarily of the war in Ukraine
- Construction works commenced in August 2022
- The scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete.

R498 Latteragh Realignment

- Part 8 procedures 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.
- Detail Design and Contractor Procurement:
 - Tender documents have been prepared for the appointment of a consultant to carry out the detailed design, procurement and supervision of the Works contract.
 - Approval from the DoT to go to tender for consultants has been received and the tender for consultants was advertised on March 11th, 2022.
 - DoT approval has been received to appoint RPS consultants and it is anticipated that this appointment will be made before the end of September 2022.
 - The consultant is expected to have the tender documentation prepared by Q4 2023 so that a works contractor can be appointed by Q1 2024 and, subject to final approval and DoT funding, begin work on site in Q1 2024.

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 has now received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design and procurement for same is now underway with the preparation of tender documents.

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:
 - road pavement improvement works
 - addressing a number of road safety issues
 - the renewal and widening of footpaths in the village
 - 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
 - public lighting improvements
 - some public realm improvements.
- Feasibility work has been completed and the Preliminary Design stage has commenced.
- Land acquisition for footpath widening and extension works is at an advanced stage.
- On the basis of the scheme's proximity and likely impacts on two nearby Natura 2000 sites, a Natura Impact Statement must be prepared and the scheme therefore requires planning consent from An Bord Pleanála.
- Preliminary Design:
 - The Council has received approval from TII to appoint a consultant to continue with the preliminary design and procurement for same is now underway.
 - The tender for consultants was published on July 15th, 2022 and tenders have been received and are currently being assessed.
 - Following appointment of a consultant later in 2022 it is anticipated that the Preliminary design will be completed in 2023



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning Process:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ it is anticipated that an application to An Bord Pleanála will take place in 2023. <p>Members acknowledged the work done by voluntary community groups in the delivery of projects such as the Town and Village Renewal projects. They queried could the GMA be used to fund some of the matched funding requirements of these schemes. Ms R Joyce acknowledged the tremendous work done by voluntary groups and noted that supports are given to Burial Ground Committees, Resident Associations and Tidy Town Groups. She advised that she will liaise with Community and Economic Development and establish the practices around the County in terms of using the GMA to part fund projects. She outlined that the Council have engaged with and helped groups in completing application forms for funding, citing the recent application for funding for the Newport Courthouse and Bridewell as an example. She advised that the Municipal District is always available to talk and assist community groups.</p>
Item 9. To update members on Works Programme 2022	<p>The update on the Works Programme was circulated to members.</p> <p>Mr. B Murphy outlined that the RI Programme will be completed by next Tuesday. He advised that Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) will be completed within the next 3 weeks including the lanes where additional funding was secured. He outlined that drainage works will be undertaken in Dolla, Templeberry and Rathcabin in the near future. He advised the members that it is proposed to change the Low-Cost Safety Scheme to Claree Puckane. He noted that the junction at Claree had become dangerous and recommended that the funds be reallocated to that scheme. Cllrs Darcy, O Meara and Hannigan all supported the inclusion of Claree under the Low-Cost Safety Scheme. He updated members that works at Belleview Estate, Newtown Car Park, Loughkeen Church and footpath works at Ardcroney have been completed. He outlined that work on the following were in progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Climate Change – R494➤ Active Travel – Scheme at Riverstown➤ Drainage Districts➤ Fencing on N52 – replacement of timber post and rail fence’s➤ Loughkeen Church➤ Towerhill <p>Cllr. Hannigan complimented Barry and his team on the work done to date. He asked for an update on the footpath works at Finnoe Road and Fairgreen in Borrisokane. He raised the issue of ramps that have formed on bog roads such as the Feigh Bog</p>



Road, Ballyea Road and the Kilcarren Bog Road. Cllr. O' Meara also queried these roads and the road at Ballymacegan. Councillors noting that these roads are not on the Roadworks Programme and queried could funding be sourced under Climate Change funding or funding for Bog Roads that Offaly County Council got previously as these roads can't wait until the next Roadworks Programme. Cllr. O' Meara queried could the Ballymacegan junction be included in a Low-Cost Safety Scheme. Cllr Darcy requested that tarmac and lining be done at the end of the footpath works in Ardcroney. Cllr. Darcy acknowledged the work that was done on Ballinamurragh Road but identified that the works have left intermittent bad stretches as a result. Cllr. Darcy advised that the road number listed on the Roadworks Programme for Ballycapple Cloughjordan is not correct and requested same be corrected.

Cllr. J. McGrath welcomed the bridge works at Shanballyedmond and Toor bridges and complimented the quality of the work undertaken. He also welcomed the upcoming flood relief works in Templeberry and paid tribute to the local community who prevented houses from being flooded in past storms.

Cllr. Bonfield complimented the works done and queried if a 30kph speed zone was being introduced in the next speed limit review. She thanked Paul Keane for his assistance with the speeding issue at Lackamore National School but advised that speeding is still an issue at the school.

Cllr. Hannigan complimented recent works in Puckane and welcomed the introduction of speed indicator signs in both Puckane and Ballycommon. He also complimented the work done at Knigh Cross. He further asked if the Council could do small 5 to 10-meter sections where there are dips to alleviate the worst effects of the dips.

In reply, Mr. B. Murphy advised that Footpath works will be undertaken at Finnoe Road and at Borrisokane Community School in the next few weeks. He advised that a funding application will be made under Active Travel for the Mass Footpath in Borrisokane. He advised members that he had examined the road at Ballymacegan, which is 3.2km in length, and had calculated that it would cost circa €300,000 to reinstate the road. He outlined that there is no budget to do the road and that it should be included in the next 3 years programme and be completed over a 3-year period. He advised members that if the Council were to do the road at Ballymacegan another road would have to be left off the current programme. He added that price inflation had impacted on the Council's ability to get additional works done in this year's programme. He acknowledged that when the road floods at Carrigahorig the surrounding road network suffers and that is why it was critical that the R489 at



	<p>Ballinacor was improved. He recognised that the bog roads referred to by the members require works but the roads are floating roads and it is not easy to stabilise them. His initial enquiries with respect to the funding that Offaly received in the past for Bog Roads is that it was a pilot project and the funding was not extended. He also noted that Climate Change funding is not focused towards roads schemes. He committed to looking at Feigh Bog Road and the inclusion of Ballymacegan Junction under the Low-Cost Safety Scheme, this will involve negotiating with a local landowner.</p> <p>He advised Cllr. Darcy that he will correct the road number for the road at Ballycapple and will present this to the members at the next meeting to be noted. He advised Cllr. Bonfield he will check the Speed Limit Review and revert back to her on her query. He advised that the speeding issue at Lackamore is an enforcement issue and requires a change of mindset from drivers.</p> <p>Cllr. O' Meara expressed his view that it is unacceptable that the Ballymacegan road would have wait 3 years and he deems it an emergency situation.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield queried can anything be done with delivery companies leaving their vans in Housing estates which are taking up space for residential parking. It was agreed that this query would be referred to the Superintendent at the upcoming Joint Policing Committee meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan asked that landowners be followed up on where roadside hedges haven't been cut. He also queried if the council could do anything in terms of traffic management to make the cutting of hedges more affordable to landowners. Cllr. O Meara noted that prevalence of Ash Dieback and queried if a tree felling licence was required when farmers were operating machinery from inside on their own lands. Mr. B. Murphy advised he would check the position on the requirements in this instance but noted that each individual case would have to be assessed in terms of risk. He further requested that members provide details of where hedge cutting is required and the council will inspect these locations.</p>
<p>Item 10. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters</p>	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was noted.</p> <p>Cllr. Darcy requested that Lisheenagore / Knockroe Hill be examined and repairs made to it as it has deteriorated and needs special attention.</p> <p>Cllr. G Darcy also asked that the sightlines on the minor road at the Meat Factory be examined.</p>



	<p>Cllr. Hannigan asked the Council to examine the sightlines at the junction where the Lorrha Road that leads to the hurling field meets the R489. He also asked for the surface at Ballinderry Village to be looked at. He requested that one section of the Roran road be examined.</p> <p>Cllr. O' Meara requested that road markings be provided at Loughkeen Church.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath requested the bollards be provided to prevent trucks parking on the footpath at the filling station on the right-hand side on the Dublin Road.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan queried what is the Council's position where householders have left rocks on the road verge to prevent traffic pulling in.</p>
Item 11 To consider Notices of Motion	None
Item 12. To note Delegated Employees Orders	Noted.
Item 13. To consider items of correspondence	None
Item 14. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	<p>Votes of congratulations & good wishes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donal Ryan on his success in the literacy world and in particular on the success of his new novel, The Queen of Dirt Island.• Daryl McCormack on his continued success in the Film Industry.• Eleanor Hooker on winning the Michael Hartnett Poetry Award 2022.• Fire Department on their response to a recent Fire in Borrisokane.• Sheila Gregan on her bronze medals in the transplant games.• The Ardcroney GWS committee on the 50th anniversary of the scheme. <p>Votes of sympathy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seamus Lillis on the death of his mother Mary Lillis• PJ Kinehan on the death of his wife Mary Kinehan.• Sinead and Kevin Tucker on the passing of John Tucker.• The family of Dillon Quirke on the passing of Dillon.

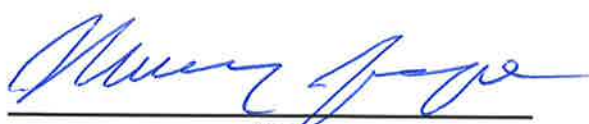


	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Royal Family on the death of Queen Elizabeth• The family of the victims of the recent car fire at Multyfarnham, Co. Westmeath
Item 15. Any other business.	<p>Cllr. H. McGrath wished Derek Richardson Executive Engineer in Active Travel well on his return to Limerick County Council. He noted that Derek was a very valuable asset to the Active Travel team during his time here and will be a major loss to the Council. All present thanked Derek for his contribution.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce advised the members that Tom Mackey has retired from his post as the Nenagh Leisure Centre Manager. All present wished Tom well in his retirement.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce advised that An Garda Síochána Nenagh will hold a historical display as part of a series of initiatives and events that will mark 100 years since the formation of An Garda Síochána. The exhibition will be in Nenagh Tourist Office from Monday 26th September to Thursday 29th September, from 10am to 4pm. This is a free event and all are welcome to visit particularly schools. The exhibition will include a classic garda car and photos from Nenagh crime scenes. There will be a current member of An Garda Síochána and a retired member of An Garda Síochána present at the exhibition.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce advised that a meeting of the Joint Policing Committee is scheduled to take place prior to the October monthly meeting at 09.30 am on Thursday 20th October and that the monthly meeting will consequently take place at the later time of 10.30 am.</p>

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

Signed: 
Cllr. H. McGrath
Cathaoirleach

Date: 20/10/22

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 20/10/2022

