

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 11.00 AM ON 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath, Michael O Meara, John Carroll, Ger Darcy, Séamus Morris and Phyll Bugler		
Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Liam Brett, Director of Services; Mr. Paul Keane, Executive Engineer; Mr. Philip McGrath, Executive Engineer; Mr. Kieran Malone, Senior		
Executive Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer.		
<b>Economic, Community &amp; Rural Development:</b> Ms. Elaine Cullinan, Economic Development Officer, Ms. Geraldine Manning, Administrative Officer.		
Administrative officer.		
Cultural Services/Libraries & Biodiversity: Ms. Ann Marie Brophy, Senior Executive Librarian		
<b>Roads:</b> Mr. Michael Woulfe, Senior Executive Engineer and Mr. David Fahy, Executive Engineer		
RPS Consulting: Alan Boyle and Brendan Lyons		
None		
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It was averaged by Clie Bowfield and accorded by Clie 11		
It was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and resolved that the minutes of the April Meeting held		
on 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 be adopted.		
on 10 April 2024 be adopted.		
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RPS Consulting gave a presentation on the Part 8 application for		
Carrigahorig Pavement Scheme.		
Mr. M. Woulfe outlined that it was initially thought the scheme		
would have to go to An Bord Pleanála but it will be going through		
the Part VIII process.		
Clls Hannigan wolcomed the presentation and advadates and		
Cllr. Hannigan welcomed the presentation and asked about the		
possibility of extending the footpath to future proof the area.  Previously it was not possible to get Planning due to sightlines etc.		
but the extension of the scheme will enhance the area. Cllr. H.		
McGrath said that there seemed to be a view that schemes are		
being reviewed by TII and that approval processes have been		
slowed down. He hoped there would not be a delay at planning		

	It was proposed by Cllr. Darcy and and resolved that in accordance with the to Tidy Towns Grant Scheme the payme following:	e terms of the Contribution	
	Clonbealy Residents Association	€150.00	
	Gort na Clochair Residents Association	€250.00	
	Castlecourt Residents Committee	€250.00	
	Residents Association	Recommendation	
Item 6. To approve allocation of funding	It was proposed by Cllr. Darcy and and resolved that in accordance with the to Residents Associations Grant Scheme made to the following:	e terms of the Contribution	
	Ms. A.M. Brophy explained that it is a st Cultural Services as it was previously a filled in part by the Heritage Officer.		
Item 5. To receive an update Cultural Services/Libraries & Biodiversity	The report for Cultural Services/Libraries and Biodiversity was circulated to members.  Ms. A.M. Brophy outlined that as the Biodiversity Officer is in place and regular meetings will be taking place to develop a Biodiversity Action Plan. Cllr. Hannigan asked if the Biodiversity Officer could liaise with Tidy Towns groups. Cllr. Bugler asked if the role of Biodiversity Officer was standalone or under Climate Action/Environment. Cllr. S. Morris referred to his previous call for members to be given a tour of Nenagh Library to see the various services available.		
Community & Rural Development	welcomed the extension of the support to asked if another scheme would become informed members that the Revenue Se	to business scheme but available. Ms. E. Cullinan ction is looking after this.	
Item 4. To receive an update from Economic,	The report from Economic, Community 8 circulated to members.  The members welcomed the information		
	Mr. B. Lyons explained that they had loo for extending the footpath with a cost/be against extending it after discussing it w reviewed. He also clarified that RPS are scheme up to Planning stage at the mon	enefit analysis and decided ith TII. It can however be only involved in the	
	stage. Cllr. Morris thanked TCC staff for locals on the scheme and said it was a renot have to go to An Bord Pleanála.	the engagement with elief that the scheme did	



	Tidy Towns Group	Recommendation	
	Capparoe Tidy Towns Committee	€500.00	
Item 7. To update members on projects & events	<ul> <li>Newport Town Park:         <ul> <li>The official opening of the Town Park by the Minister for Housing, Heritage &amp; Local Government took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. Contractors have installed benches. Awaiting final snagging.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Newport Town Centre First Plan:         <ul> <li>The first meeting of the Newport Town Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March in the Day Care Coare 15 members on the Town Team reof interests.</li> <li>In total 70 submissions were received Centre First Plan. These submissions review.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	entre in Newport. There presenting a wide range on the Newport Town	
	<ul> <li>Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First</li> <li>16 members have agreed to participat Team.</li> <li>The first meeting of the Town Team had Champion was selected.</li> <li>Updates relating to the progress of the be available on the Council website at www.tipperarycoco.ie/NenaghTownCell</li> <li>An application for THRIVE Strand 1 fur of a Town Centre First Plan has been remarked.</li> </ul>	e on the Nenagh Town as taken place. A Town Nenagh Town Team wi ntreFirst nding for the preparation	
	<ul> <li>Rialto Digital &amp; Enterprise Hub:         <ul> <li>A funding application to Enterprise Ire Regions Enterprise Innovation Scheme prepared and engagement with Enterp</li> <li>Applications for Disability Access Certifications for Disability Access Certification been assessed and report received on same – recommendations from this consideration by the architects.</li> <li>Detailed design has been substantially</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	e is currently being prise Ireland is on-going. ficate and Fire Safety ed from Building Control are currently under	
	<ul> <li>Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter</li> <li>Unfortunately, the RRDF Funding appliation been unsuccessful. Feedback on same continue to endeavour to source funding opportunities arise.</li> <li>An application has been submitted underelation to elements associated with the three storey Gaol Block that were not application due to the limit on funding for.</li> </ul>	ication under Call 5 has e is awaited. We will ng whenever der the THRIVE ERDF in the Gaol Complex and the included in the RRDF	

Grant funding has been secured under the Historic Structures
Fund to enable conservation works to be carried out in relation
to the roof of the Governor's House and these works will be
undertaken in the current year.

#### Nenagh Centre of Excellence:

- 16<sup>th</sup> April was the closing date for submission of tenders for the second stage of the procurement process for the appointment of the Integrated Design Team.
- Four tenders were received.
- A meeting of the Tender Assessment Panel has been held and the Most Economically Advantageous Tenderer has been identified. It is aimed to have a Design Team appointed by end of May.

#### **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:

Three tenders were received from consultants for this project.
 The tenders have been assessed and a Letter of Intent has issued. Following the standstill period, the consultant will be appointed.

#### **Stereame Housing Development**

- Our solicitors are currently engaging with the legal team for the contractors identified through the procurement process undertaken in order to finalise the legal agreement.
- Pre-planning consultation has taken place and a further meeting has been held in May 2024 with the preferred tenderers.

### Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022

- Ballina Access Promenade and Viewing Area the tender documentation has been drafted by consultants. The presence of invasive species has been identified on site during site surveys and the most appropriate treatment has been discussed. The tender will be advertised on e-tenders in the near future with the intention of having a contractor appointed and on site in Q2 2024. The aim is to have works completed by the end of Q3 2024. An agreement in principle has been reached with the adjoining landowner to undertake a land transfer which will enable pedestrian access from the Promenade onto the public pavement.
- Newport Courthouse and Bridewell Complex Scroope Design have completed a Feasibility Study based on the potential future uses for these buildings. Work will now commence on procurement of required surveys and progressing the concept through planning.

#### Casual Trading Bye Laws

- To-date 9 casual trading licence applications for 2024 or part thereof have been received. All 9-casual trading licences have now issued (i.e. 2 for Dromineer, 2 for Garrykennedy, 1 for Castlelough, 3 for Ballina Riverside Park and 1 for the Clare Glens). There are currently no outstanding casual trading licence applications for 2024.
- To-date there has been one Event Trading Licence issued which was for trading at the 2024 St. Patrick's Festival in Nenagh.
- The establishment of a working group to consider opportunities for developing a market in Nenagh Town will be progressed in 2024.

### Expressions of Interests for Development Land at Lisbunny

Following an assessment of proposals received in relation to a 19.2 acre industrially zoned site at Lisbunny Business Park, Dublin Road, Nenagh, there is on-going engagement with a prospective developer with a view to reaching agreement on disposal of the site.

#### One Way System

The new Nenagh One Way System came into effect at 11:00 am on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Splitter islands are in place. Planters will be installed at these islands to enhance the streetscape.

# **Designated Bathing Area**

The application has been submitted to the EPA for the designation of the bathing area in Dromineer. Interviews for lifeguards have been held. It is hoped that lifeguards will be in place in July 2024.

#### **Ballina CCTV at Toilet Block**

Tenders received have been assessed and the successful tenderer has submitted required documentation. The contractor has been appointed to install the CCTV. Allowing for lead times for equipment, installation and commissioning it would be hoped that the system would be operational by end of Q2 2024.

#### CI ÁR

Aglish has been successful in receiving €49,950 in funding under Measure 1 of the 2023 CLÁR programme. This funding will be used for Play Equipment upgrade and towards a sensory garden. This is a community scheme to be progressed by the local committee.

#### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:**

Under the Project Development Measures tranche of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2023 an amount of €49,500 has been allocated for the Garrykennedy Inner Harbour Upgrade in respect of consultancy services to undertake planning and design works for the upgrading of the inner harbour in Garrykennedy.

Under Measure One 2023 €30,000 has been allocated in respect of Castlelough Amenity Area Improvement Works.

Also under Measure One 2023 €30,000 has been allocated in respect of enhancement works to Upper Lough Derg Tranquility Area (Mota and Skehanagh).

Meanwhile work is progressing in relation to surveys etc. in respect of the Clare Glens which was allocated funding under the Project Development Measures 2022.

# Applications for Grant Funding:

- The closing dates for the Tidy Towns, Burial Grounds;
   Residents Associations & Clubs & Organisations grant schemes have passed since 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- Payments have currently been made to 68 Burial Ground applicants; 28 Residents Associations and 72 Clubs/Organisations.
- Payment for some applications are pending submission of documentation.
- Provisional approval has been granted to 28 Tidy Towns groups along with 1 recommendation being brought to the May District Meeting.
- Grant offers have been made to 20 Festivals & Events applications

# Painting & Enhancement Scheme:

- Applications are now available for the Painting & Enhancement scheme, closing date for receipt of same is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024
- Priority will be given to properties which detract from the streetscape and which have not previously received funding under this or the Streetscape Enhancement Scheme
- Maximum funding is 50% up to a max. of €500.
- Application forms have been sent to interested parties. One has currently been submitted and provisionally approved, pending submission of documentation.

#### Visit of the Ambassador of India

The Ambassador of India to Ireland, Mr Akhilesh Mishra, and his wife Reeti, visited Nenagh on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. They attended the Civic Offices where they met workers of FiServ. Later that evening they attended the exhibition on William J Moylan, A Tipperary Newsman, Filmmaker and Adventurer in India and Pakistan from the 1920s to 1950s. This is a very interesting exhibition and can be seen at Nenagh Heritage Centre, open: Tuesday to Thursday 10am-4pm & Friday 10am - 3.30pm. Admission is free. The exhibition will run from 3rd May to 30th August 2024.



# Nenagh Tourist Office - Cormack Brothers Commemorative Tour

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, the 166th anniversary of the execution of the Cormack Brothers was marked by a tour which recreated the journey associated with this tragic story through the gallows, the condemned cells, the exercise yard, the Courthouse and Nenagh Gaol. The tour then went on to Loughmore and their final resting place where entrance was gained to the Mausoleum to view the coffins of William and Daniel Cormack. The Tour also took in the scene of the attack which resulted in the death of Ellis and the burial ground in Dovea where Ellis was buried. The tour was delivered by Michael Murphy who was a brilliant tour guide on the day. Refreshments were provided at The Cottage, Loughmore where participants were entertained with a rendition of the Ballad of the Cormack Brothers. The Tour was co-ordinated by Victoria Lee from Nenagh Tourist Office.

#### Mural

In order to progress the provision of the mural of the late Shane MacGowan we invited a number of companies in the region to provide a quotation to manage the process on our behalf. It is not our practice to engage directly with artists for such projects. The appointed company would manage the process including bringing forward a selection of professional artists with relevant experience for consideration. In this case, experience in the provision of murals that incorporate portraiture would be crucial. Capturing an image in a painting is not necessarily the same as doing so on a mural – there are differences in terms of the scale and the materials. It has been our experience that these companies have the expertise and the professional artists on their books so that they are best placed to match the artists with the commission. The successful company will then recommend to us artists for consideration based on their portfolio.

We have received three tenders and will be moving forward to assess same in the near future. An assessment panel with appropriate expertise and competency has been selected.

#### Project Manager

A new project manager has been assigned to Nenagh MD and is due to commence on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Ms. R. Joyce also gave a presentation on the progress that has been made in the Nenagh MD over the last 5 years.

Cllr. Morris was disappointed to hear the Historical & Cultural Quarter did not get funding but he did appreciate the work that the District Administrator did on the application and the project overall. Cllrs. H. McGrath, Bonfield, Hannigan and Darcy agreed with this.

Ms. R. Joyce welcomed the comments and informed members that another application for a different source of funding has already been submitted. The support of the elected representatives on a national basis is also needed. The perception is that Nenagh is doing well and it is but things can't come to a standstill. The heritage assets of the town cannot be underutilised.

Mr. L. Brett said that it is human nature to look at what has not been done but it is important to look at what has been done. Projects take time and there has been and is a lot of significant projects in the Nenagh MD area.

# Item 8. To update members on the Work Programme

The update on the Works Programme was circulated to members.

Cllr. Morris complimented the one way system but did say there appears to be an increase in traffic going up Pound St and some of the zebra crossings were in close proximity to each other. He also expressed concerns over the grass cutting.

Cllr. Darcy agreed with the concerns in relation to grass cutting and some of the zebra crossings. He said it can be difficult to see pedestrians from HGVs. He asked about the start of the safety scheme at Knocknacree. He also said the group water scheme in Carrigahorig need to do work and it would be important for this work to tie in with the pavement scheme.

Cllr. Carroll said it was important that there is sufficient staff to get through the roads works programme. He also asked if there was any scheme for the roads that were used for diversion during the work at the bridge on the L2133.

Cllr. Hannigan asked if the possibility of a pedestrian crossing on Kenyon St. could be examined. He also requested an update on the pedestrian crossing in Borrisokane, drainage at Firmount and the work south of Carrigahorig.

Cllr. Bonfield welcomed the start of the roads works programme and asked if more money became available would staff be available to do the work. She was thinking especially of Crannahurt. She also enquired if Coillte give notice when they are carrying out tree felling. Cllr. J. McGrath also enquired about the notice given by Coillte.

Cllr. Bugler enquired about Grange Road junction with Curraghviller Roard and the Roulagh junction to Riverside Park.

Mr. L. Brett explained that Coillte only give notice when they get a new forest road entrance. The potential for pedestrian crossing on Kenyon Street will be examined and funding has to be sourced for pedestrian crossing in Borrisokane. Staffing is a challenge especially as less people are taking temporary positions. There has been no success to date in getting extra funding.

Mr. P. Keane confirmed that the pedestrian crossings on the one way system and traffic on Pound St can be looked at. The option of a pedestrian crossing on Kenyon Street is being looked at. A road safety audit was taking place the following week and this will show how the system is operating. He would not be happy with the standard of work for the grass cutting contract but it is a new contractor so there will be bit of bedding in. Maintenance work on Crannahurt will be starting next week. Castletown, Grange Rd/Curraviller and Roulagh to Riverside Park are on this year's programme. A meeting did take place earlier in the month with Coillte and a further meeting is due to take place. The preliminary designs are with the Department for Scragg Bridge and an application for funding will need to be submitted.

Mr. P. McGrath explained a gully is required at Firmount. The LCSS application wasn't successful but will be looked at again next year. The design for the pedestrian crossing in Borrisokane is progressing. There is a 500m section south of Carrigahorig that has been flagged with Roads Capital. A 90m section has been successful under Geoapp funding but it will require a road closure. The topographical survey has been done for Knocknacree and the design is being prepared at the moment.

# Item 9. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters

The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to members.

Cllr. Bugler asked about the kerbs at Shoreside, gullies at the old Cullenagh Estate and the yellow lines at Ard Lua.

# Item 10. To consider Notices of Motion

#### Notice of Motion No: 2824 submitted by Cllr. F. Bonfield

Notice of Motion 2824 was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.

I call on Tipperary County Council to install a safety barrier along the R504 at Ballymackeogh Newport to prevent a very serious accident happening.

Response was given to Cllr. Bonfield as follows: The Council will seek to develop a technical solution for an effective vehicle restraint system along this section of the R503 regional road at Ballymackeogh, Newport.

The installation of a safety barrier at Ballymackeogh on the R503 regional road is technically very challenging. The R503 at Ballymackeogh is constructed on a bog rampart which is extremely vulnerable to collapse from any construction activities. The existing verges are too narrow to support a safety barrier. The nature of the soils forming the bog rampart are unlikely to provide

the required lateral resistance for the effective operation of a safety barrier.

The road surface, line markings and signage were upgraded in 2023 as part of improvement works on the R503 at Ballymackeogh.

Cllr. Bonfield welcomed the response but did acknowledge that it will cost a lot to get a solution. She would like it kept on the agenda.

# Notice of Motion No: 2825 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler

Notice of Motion 2825 was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.

I hereby request Tipperary County Council to install traffic calming in Cullenagh Estate Ballina comprising of 'raised tables' at junctions along the spine road as well as additional raised crossings at Lakelands and Lakeview Lower. These measures will slow down through traffic and improve pedestrian crossing.

Response was given to Cllr. Bugler as follows:

The use of traffic calming measures is controlled by the Council document 'Policy on the use of Traffic Calming Measures on Roads in Existing Housing Estates in Co Tipperary – May 2019', and the recent policy on the use of vertical deflections. In accordance these documents, the Council carried out a speed survey in June 2024 within the estate. The average speed for all vehicles in 41 kph which is 11 kph is excess of the speed limit. Chapter 5.2 of the Policy states that intentional speeding should be dealt with by way of consultation with An Garda Siochána.

The District Engineer will forward the results of the speed survey to An Garda Siochána.

The Policy provides a hierarchical approach to traffic calming measures. The use of horizontal deflections would be the preferred subject to funding. The use of vertical measures is the least favoured option.

In 2021-22, the Council provided additional signage and road markings in the estate as a traffic calming measure.

Cllr. Bugler said the spine road in the area is very long and residents are afraid something is going to happen. Mr. L. Brett said that speeding is a problem everywhere. Mr. P. Keane

4	confirmed he will meet with the residents again and discuss possible solutions further.
Item 11. To note Delegated Employees Orders	Noted.
Item 12. To consider items of correspondence	None
Item 13. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	Votes of Congratulations:  Sharlene Mawdsley on her performance at the World Relay Championship.  Tipperary Minor Camogie team on winning All Ireland.
	<ul> <li>Votes of Sympathy:</li> <li>O'Kennedy Family on the death of Breda, R.I.P.</li> <li>Donal A. Murphy on the death of his wife, Nancy, R.I.P.</li> </ul>
Item 14. Any other business.	Ms R. Joyce stated that this was the last meeting of 3 outgoing members of the District. Cllr. Ger Darcy has been a member of the Council since 1991, Cllr. Hughie McGrath has been a member of the Town Council since 2004 and the County Council since 2009, Cllr. John McGrath served 2 terms with the County Council – 2009-2014 and 2019-2024.
	Cllr. Hughie McGrath outlined the honour it was for him to serve on Nenagh Town Council and with Nenagh Municipal District. He felt that the new structure with the full Council was too big but that the Municipal Chamber was where the real work happens and where he felt at home. He acknowledged the role of the executive who worked with the councillors and noted that he couldn't have asked for a better executive to work with. Councillors spoke fondly of his role in the St Patrick's Day Parades, the Castlefest and for his relentless efforts and ultimate success in lighting up the N52 Nenagh Bypass.
	Cllr. Gerard Darcy spoke of the privilege to have served as Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council for the past 12 months. He cited that the councillor's role was very different from 33 years ago when he first represented the then Borrisokane area. He thanked Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath and all the councillors of the Municipal District. He emphasised that councillors worked hard to better their areas. He thanked staff past and present some of whom had since passed away. He concurred with Cllr. Hughie McGrath in that a lot of work is done at Municipal District level and it involved more representation on the ground. Councillors praised Cllr. Darcy's community driven approach to solving issues.

Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath thanked his fellow councillors for their support, in particular, over the past 12 months in his role as Cathaoirleach of Nenagh Municipal District. He thanked the engineering staff and reserved special praise for Rosemary Joyce noting that she was a genius at her work. He outlined that a lot of work was done but he had slight regrets some things didn't get done. Councillors spoke of Cllr. McGrath's steeped sporting and community tradition and how well respected he was across the District but especially in the uplands.

Fellow councillors were in unison in their praise and good wishes to the retiring councillors and wished them and their respective families well for the future. Ms. R. Joyce thanked the nine members and noted that the council was like a family and whilst we were losing 3 members the friendship would continue.

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

Signed: \_\_

Fiona Bonfield

Cathaoirleach Clir. F. Bonfield

Signed:

Ms. Rosemary Jóyce District Administrator Date: 18 7 2624

Date: 16 7 2024