



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JUNE MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AT 12.30 PM ON 25th JUNE 2026

Present in chamber	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, J.P. O'Meara, Pamela Quirke O'Meara, Louise Morgan Walsh, Séamus Morris, John Carroll, Phyll Bugler and Joe Hannigan
Apologies	Cllr. Michael O Meara
Also Present	Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Liam Brett, Director of Services; Mr. Barry Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer Library & Cultural Services: Ms. Fiona Flavin, Assistant Arts Officer Economic, Community, Social Inclusion & Rural Development: Ms. Marie Maher, Project Co-Ordinator and Tom Dorney, Sports Officer
Apologies	Mr. Kieran Malone, Senior Engineer; Mr. Damien Dullaghan, County Librarian and Ms. Mary Ryan, Senior Enterprise Development Officer
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of the May Meeting held on 21st May 2026	It was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Morris and resolved that the minutes of the May Meeting held on 21st May be adopted. Cllr. Morris stated that an invitation to the proposed meeting with environmental groups should be extended to any of the groups involved with Lough Derg including agencies in the Mid-West dealing with environmental and climate matters. From the 505 discharge licences that have been issued to Uisce Éireann, 118 of these are in breach of guidelines. The locals in Kilkee recently took a Judicial Review Case to the High Court against Uisce Éireann and had to raise €50,000 to do so, on the same day the case was happening Uisce Éireann issued notice to landowners on CPOs. Commitments were made by LAWPRO and TCC to address the issues with Nenagh River, but nothing has been done to date. An Coimisiun Pleanála have contacted the Lough Derg Pipeline action group inviting them to make a further submission on the answers given by Uisce Éireann to the original submission.



	Cllr. Bugler said the upgraded plant in Ballina does not remove nitrates and there is a boil water notice for the Newport area that has been ongoing since February. All the filters must be changed, and the controls will have to be automated. She asked that contact be made with Uisce Éireann to get an update on how long this will take. Cllr. Hannigan agreed with the points raised. He also has concerns about the water quality in Lough Derg and what will happen with the sludge that will have to be removed from the upgraded WTP in Nenagh.
Item 3. To receive update from Library Services, Culture and Biodiversity	The report from Library Services, Culture and Biodiversity was circulated to members. Cllrs. Morgan Walsh and Bonfield complimented the events in the care homes for Bealtaine. Cllr. Bonfield asked about the possibility of a concert venue becoming available in Tipperary. Cllr. Hannigan asked if there were any events planned during the term of Ireland's Presidency of the EU for the link between Tipperary and Bulgaria. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara enquired about the possibility of new heritage groups registering for iCAN. Ms. F. Flavin will refer the query regarding iCAN to the Heritage Officer. She stated that she is also hearing about the need for a good concert venue in Tipperary. The space in Clonmel has been well used. There will not be specific events for the Tipperary/Bulgaria link, it will be more themes of shared culture experiences. Corporate Services would be involved in the organisation of the Ambassador's visit later in the year. Funding has also been provided to some groups to include appropriate elements in their planned Festivals and Events.
Item 4. To receive update Economic, Community, Social Inclusion and Rural Development	The presentation on LEO was circulated to members; any queries can be referred back to LEO after the meeting. A presentation on Sports Partnership was given. A video on sports ability day will be circulated to members to show what this type of day is about. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara welcomed the cycle to school initiative but did have concerns about road safety. She also asked if there was any engagement with St. Paul's boxing club. Cllr. J.P. O'Meara supported this.
Item 5. To agree a date for the Drainage Committee meetings	It was agreed to hold the Drainage Committee meeting on Thursday, 16th July 2026, after the monthly meeting. Cllr. Morris raised his concerns about the fact that there is no drainage committee for the Clareen and Nenagh river and these rivers are in difficulty. Cllr. Hannigan queried where the river in Terryglass would come under.



	Mr. B. Murphy explained that the existence of the drainage committees was determined in the 1800s and it is not possible to set up a new drainage committee. There are three different areas responsible for the drainage of rivers, they are covered by drainage committees, OPW or adjoining landowners. Cllr. Morris requested the inclusion of the OPW in the meeting with environmental groups referred to earlier.
Item 6. To update members on projects & events	<u>Newport Town Team/Newport Town Centre First Plan:</u> • A meeting of the Newport Town Team took place on 16th June 2026. • At the meeting updates were given on matters raised at the previous meeting: ○ Flier drafted for encouraging people to avail of the Painting & Enhancement Scheme. ○ Letter from Environment Section provided for delivery to people who leave bins on footpaths on a continuous basis. ○ Commitment re assignment of outdoor worker to Newport two days per week. • Selection of project(s) to advance in 2026 was discussed. Suggestions put forward included mural, phone box/book repository, window replacement at Bridewell/Courthouse. • Details were outlined of the LEAF project, and it was agreed that members of the Town Team would meet on site to consider options for an application to be led by the Tidy Towns in collaboration with the Town Team. <u>Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First/THRIVE:</u> • Meetings of Nenagh Town Team were held on 21st May and 4th June 2026. • Action Plan being drafted to progress implementation of Town Centre First Plan based on priorities and resources. The Action Plan is being compiled based on the four Themes of (1) Cultural and Heritage; (2) Economic Development; (3) Environmental and Public Realm; (4) Social and Community based on the themes set out in the Town Centre First Plan. • Logo for Nenagh.ie is in course of finalisation – meeting held with design company on 24th June. • Work progressing on website for www.nenagh.ie. <u>Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub:</u> • Following extensive engagement with Enterprise Ireland an application for funding has now been submitted by the Rialto Regional Centre for Innovation & Enterprise (RRCIE) CLG to the Smart Regions Team/Enterprise Ireland under the Smart Regions Enterprise Innovation Scheme. The value of the funding sought is in excess of €6 million. <u>Nenagh Town Park Extension:</u>



- Following a tender process Lead Engineer, Ecologist and Landscaper have been appointed to prepare a concept design for the extension of Nenagh Town Park with a view to progressing to planning stage.
- Design is ongoing – ecologist reports/screening and civil/structural drawings completed.
- Submission of options from landscaper has been received and is under consideration.
- Aim is to submit for Planning (Part 8) Q3 2026.

Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter:

- Works have been completed on the conservation works to the windows of the Governor's House funded under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and the GMA. The additional three windows that have been restored have been painted and re-installed.
- An Integrated Design Team has been appointed for stage (ii) to (iv) of the Capital Works Management Framework for the works on the 3-storey Gaol Block which has been allocated funding under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme. In addition to the funding for the conservation/ construction works the project also involves the development of the experience which will be delivered to the public. This will be tendered for separately.
- Work is on-going on the preparation of a funding application under Cat 1 of the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF). Closing date for applications is 28th July. Fáilte Ireland and the Tipperary Tourism Company have agreed to be partners in this application which will focus on a tourism-led regeneration project centring on the Gaol Complex. Part 8 planning is already in place for these proposals.

Nenagh Centre of Excellence:

- Work is progressing on initial design and the red-line boundary for the development has been agreed with the design team and the property owners.
- Agreement has been reached with the property owners. Draft contracts are currently being reviewed by our solicitors. These contracts will be subject to Part 8 planning being secured.
- The Design Team have been requested to progress the design and planning now that the site layout has been agreed.
- It is aimed to submit planning through Part 8 process in Q4 2026/Q1 2027.

RRDF Call 4 – Category 2:

An allocation of €1 million has been awarded under RRDF Call 4 – Category 2 for a Town Centre Regeneration Project in Killaloe-Ballina. The lead authority for this is Clare County Council. The funding is for design and planning with a view to submitting a future application under Category 1 for funding to deliver the



project. On-going meetings are taking place with Clare County Council to progress the project.

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:

- Works are substantially complete.
- Snagging to be finalised before handover of the site.
- Signage to be erected and arrangements to be put in place in relation to access control.
- Objective is to have facility open to the public early July.
- The official opening will be deferred until the Changing Places facility has been provided.

Casual Trading Bye-Laws:

- Details of permits issued for Casual Trading 2026 are as follows:
Ballina 4, Castlelough 1, Clare Glens 2, Dromineer 3, Garrykennedy 3, Newport 2, The Lookout 1 – total valid permits issued 16.
- 1 Event Licence was issued for St Patrick's Day, Nenagh.

Lands at Stereame:

Discussions are ongoing in conjunction with Housing Section on options to progress the provision of private housing in Stereame.

Designated Bathing Area - Dromineer:

Interviews have been held for lifeguard positions for Dromineer. Following training seven candidates have been successful. Garda Vetting is being undertaken. It is planned to commence operation at beginning of July.

Borrisokane CCTV:

The planned CCTV scheme for Borrisokane which has been sanctioned by the Garda Commissioner is now being progressed. Meetings have been held with consultants and property consents for installation of cameras are in place. Application has been made to ESB for required connections and Civils are now progressing.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:

- Clare Glens Project Development Measure – A planning application was submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála thus completing the project that was funded under ORIS.
- Four submissions were received following the public consultation period, and we submitted our observations on these submissions to An Coimisiún Pleanála.
- Further information was requested and this was submitted.



	• An Coimisiún Pleanála indicated that notice needed to be given that further information had been submitted and an opportunity must be given for submissions to be made on this further information. The further information will be on public display until 26th June. <u>Measure 3 of the Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024:</u> • An amount of €45,000 was allocated under Measure 3 of the Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024. This is for Project Development Measure Funding for Newport. • The project provides for the development of a connection from the historic Ball Alley site with the town centre and ancillary public realm and amenity works through the provision of a footbridge. Project elements included the engagement of a multidisciplinary team to complete detailed design, planning, professional fees and a topographical survey. • A Section 50 application has been approved by OPW to put bridge over the river. • Planning was lodged to An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 30th October 2025. Four submissions were received by the closing date and TCC submitted our observations on same. • The case was decided on 27th March 2026, and permission was granted subject to conditions. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed development would be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. • Funding will be required to progress the project. Calls for funding are being monitored to identify appropriate sources. <u>Participation Nation Outdoor Fund:</u> Funding was secured in 2025 under the Participation Nation Outdoor Fund in conjunction with Sports Partnership for the installation of 3x3 Basketball Court and biodiversity measures at St. Paul's Playground, Nenagh. Works commenced in early November on this project. The planting associated with the biodiversity measures has been completed. The surface of the basketball court has also been completed, and the basketball hoop has been installed and is receiving a high level of usage. The remaining item (white lining) has now been completed. <u>Grant Schemes:</u> • Allocations under the Festivals & Events Grant Scheme were approved at the March meeting of Nenagh MD. • Allocations under the Burial Grounds grant scheme were also approved at the March meeting. • Allocations under the Residents' Associations, Tidy Towns and Contributions to Clubs & Organisations Schemes were approved at the April Meeting. • Payment will issue as quickly as possible once all required documentation has been submitted.
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- All grant allocations are subject to compliance with the associated terms & conditions of the relevant scheme and budget availability.

Permits for use of Jetty in Ballina:

Advertisement has been published inviting applications for permits for use of Jetty in Ballina for 2026/2027. One application was received and permit has been issued.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme:

In 2025 €500,000 was allocated to Tipperary County Council under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme. The following is the position in relation to bus stops in the Nenagh MD:

- Kilcommon- Design is done, a road safety audit needs to be undertaken. It is expected that the bus stops will be provided over the next few months.
- Portroe – nearing completion.
- Rearcross – nearing completion.
- Dromineer – nearing completion.
- Birdhill – tied in with Active Travel Scheme.
- Newtown – tied in with Active Travel Scheme.

Placemaking Nenagh:

1. Painting and Enhancement Scheme

- New scheme launched for 2026.
- Scheme has been advertised and applications invited. Note: This is also available in other towns and villages across the District.
- The number of Painting & Enhancement Scheme applications received to date for the Nenagh Municipal District is five and these are for the following areas: Ballina 1, Borrisokane 1, Nenagh 1, Newport 1, Terryglass.1.

2. Nenagh Roundabout Scheme 2026 -2031

- Following the tendering process signage has now been erected at three of the roundabouts covered by the scheme.
- Two roundabouts advertised have not had any valid proposals to date – further enquiries have been received and are being followed up.

3. Nenagh Tidy Towns

- Following active engagement with Nenagh & District Tidy Towns there has been a significant increase in membership on the Tidy Towns Committee.
- A team of volunteers have come on board to assist with litter picking – areas being covered on a regular basis are the N52 bypass, Gortlandroe, the Dark



	Road, area around the Abbey, Lisbunny Industrial Estate, Silver Mews and the Nenagh River Walk. • Other areas are being picked as required. • Nenagh CBS TY Students carried out weeding in the Castle Garden for three Wednesdays during May. A group of volunteers are now continuing this work. • Gaelscoil have undertaken a project to the rear of their school for biodiversity and enhancement – this was officially opened during June. • Nenagh College have been involved with the St. Paul's playground mural project. The second phase of the mural is currently underway. 4. Events • Work is currently being co-ordinated by Nenagh Tourist Office on a varied and interesting programme for Heritage Week in August – this is in conjunction with Nenagh Heritage & Genealogy Centre, Nenagh Arts Centre, Nenagh Courthouse, Ormond Historical Society and Nenagh Castle. • The programme for the Dromineer-Nenagh Literary Festival which takes place later in the year will be kickstarted with the DNLF Summer Series. This will include Booker Prize-winning author Roddy Doyle in conversation with Sarah Moore Fitzgerald at Tullamore Park on Friday 26th June – tickets now on sale. <u>Shane MacGowan Trail:</u> • Guided tours are continuing every two weeks on Saturdays and are proving very successful. • Recently there was a tourist who came from Australia having received the brochure specifically to undertake the tour on a self-guided basis – he plans to return next year for a guided tour. • Piece recorded by Cian McCormack of Morning Ireland was broadcast and this has generated a lot of further interest in the tours. • Plans are being developed for other special tours. • The local community in Carney engaged artist Neil O' Dwyer to provide a mural in Carney – this is now complete. • Feedback from accommodation providers in the area is that there is an increased demand for accommodation directly arising from the 'Unravelling Shane' Trail. Cllr. Morris was on a recent boat trip on Lough Derg and thought it was a great experience, everywhere looks well and the investment that has been put into areas can be seen. Cllr. Bugler requested an update on Ballina Quay and the Washerwoman's Bridge. Cllr. Bonfield asked about getting work done on the playground at Garrykennedy. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara
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	supported this and asked about the provision of facilities for campervans and glamping pods, these types of facilities would be especially beneficial in promoting walking trails. Cllr. Hannigan also complimented the work that has been done around the lake. He recently attended a webinar on the provision of facilities for motor homes and there may be funding available in early 2027. He asked about the work in the Dromineer playground. Cllr. Carroll asked about the possible provision of a path from Glencrue Cross to Portroe. Ms. R. Joyce informed members that there has been a lot of positive publicity about the area in recent times. The work on the playground in Dromineer will start in September and Garrykennedy playground will be considered for work should funding become available. Mr. L. Brett stated that the area did suffer from a lack of infrastructure in the past but that has now changed and there is a lot on offer in the area. He thanked the members for their ongoing support on all the projects. Mr. B. Murphy said he will continue to engage with Waterways Ireland in relation to Ballina Quay, but it is too early in the process to determine timelines. A survey is being undertaken on the Washerwoman's Bridge at the moment, and a contractor will be appointed as soon as possible but it will remain closed until the work is completed.
Item 7. To update members on the Works Programme.	The update on the Works Programme was circulated to members. Cllr. Carroll asked if the work in Birdhill will be a road closure or stop and go. He said sections of the road in Newtown need to be cut out and a section of the R499 from Shallee Cross to Curraheen is in very poor condition. There is overgrowth on the R445 near the Five Alley and a fence needs to be repaired in the same area. Cllr. Bonfield complimented the work in relation to the Upperchurch windfarm. Cllr. Hannigan welcomed the work on the Finnoe Road and asked if it would be possible to mark out the parking spaces in Borrisokane to improve the parking. He also enquired about the possibility of providing a wheelchair parking space and a pedestrian crossing. Cllr. Bugler enquired about the design for the raised platforms in Ballina. She also raised issues regarding signage for the work on the N7, active travel funding for Quarry Lane and cutting the hedges at junctions on the R496 especially covering tourist signs. Cllr. Morris raised concerns about the quality of the grass cutting. He said the contractor is making commitments and is not following through on them. The tendering system does not work, the job is too big, and it would be worthwhile having local authority staff doing this work. The ramp on the Dromin Road and the repair



	work required on the Borrisokane Road needs to be done. Ramps are required as people are consistently speeding. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara also raised the quality of the grass cutting, the possible start date for the work at Kilcommon Cross, work at Ballinaclogh and the repair to the pencil barrier at Rearcross school. Cllrs. J.P. O'Meara and Bonfield also expressed their disappointment with the grass cutting contract. Cllr. Morgan Walsh enquired about a review of the junction at Martyr's Road and the Dublin Road and the junction at the Five Alley. Mr. B. Murphy informed members that the work at Birdhill is under an active travel scheme. The work in relation to the Upperchurch windfarm is progressing well and is ahead of schedule. The layout for the work in Ballina is currently being prepared, Quarry Lane will be an active travel scheme. The cause of the problem in Newtown will have to be investigated. The junction at Dublin Road/Martyrs Road can be very busy at times, a junction analysis has been completed, and this can be reviewed. He is unsure if marking out parking spaces in Borrisokane will improve the issue, but a potential pedestrian crossing can be examined, however availability of budget will determine if the work can be done. In relation to the grass cutting contract, it is two separate contracts, but the same contractor has both areas. He will discuss the issue with him again and it can be reviewed for next year. Mr. L. Brett explained to members that a policy was adopted two years ago in relation to raised tables/crossings and there is a significant cost associated with the provision of these.
Item 8. To consider Notices of Motion	Notice of Motion No: 3161 submitted by Cllr. L. Morgan Walsh That Nenagh Municipal District write to Iarnród Éireann and the National Transport Authority (NTA) seeking an urgent explanation and action plan regarding the continued lack of service improvements on the Ballybrophy–Limerick rail line, following the recent reporting in the <i>Limerick Leader</i> which highlighted that Irish Rail is unable to increase services due to a shortage of gatekeepers and fleet resources. Further, that this District request a clear and time-bound commitment from both agencies on how and when these staffing and operational barriers will be resolved, given Irish Rail's stated long-term ambition to deliver trains every two hours on this route. Notice of motion 3161 was proposed by Cllr. Morgan Walsh and seconded by Cllr. Bonfield. Response was given to Cllr. Morgan Walsh as follows:



	<i>If this motion is agreed, we will forward the request for the information on the Ballybrophy–Limerick rail line to Iarnród Éireann and the National Transport Authority (NTA).</i> Notice of Motion No: 3159 submitted by Cllr. S. Morris That Tipperary County Council carries out a safety review of the junction at AIBP/ Borrisokane Road/Puckane Road junction. There have been several accidents at this junction and with more and more vehicles now parking outside AIPB the sightlines are very poor and highly dangerous. Notice of motion 3159 was proposed by Cllr. Morris and seconded by Cllr. Hannigan Response was given to Cllr. Morris as follows: <i>Tipperary County Council will review the location in question, as requested, and engage with the relevant stakeholders including ABP and TII</i>
Item 9. To note Delegated Employees Orders	None
Item 10. To consider items of correspondence	None
Item 11. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	Votes of Sympathy: None Votes of Congratulations: • Larkins Pub, on being awarded pub of the year in Ireland. • Jack Donovan, on winning silver medal for his garden at Bloom. • Danny Corbett, on opening new café, Fia's • Siobhan O'Leary, on opening her new yoga studio. • Éanna Tucker, on representing Nenagh Éire Óg in the All-Ireland minor hurling final. • Nenagh Hockey Club, on winning Senior Munster League and Club of the Year. • Nenagh Cricket Club, on winning Senior League.
Item 12. Any other business.	Cllr. Hannigan asked for the support of the members to bring a notice of motion to the full council requesting the re-introduction of the mortgage interest relief scheme. The members supported this.



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

Signed: 
Cathaoirleach
Cllr. J.P. O'Meara

Date: 16/7/2026

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 16/7/2026