



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 19th MAY 2022

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| Present in Chamber | Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Hughie McGrath, Michael O' Meara, Ger Darcy, John Carroll, Phyll Bugler, Joe Hannigan & John "Rocky" McGrath |
| Present via Zoom | Cllr's Séamus Morris |
| Also Present | <p>Mr. Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services; Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Barry Murphy, District Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer.</p> <p>Water Services: Mr. Niall Murray, Executive Engineer</p> <p>Planning: Ms Marie Ryan, Senior Executive Planner & Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer</p> |
| Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest | None |
| Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of April Meeting held on the 21st April 2022 | It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll, seconded by Cllr. H. McGrath and resolved that the minutes of the April Meeting held on 21 st April 2022 be adopted. |
| Item 3. To receive update Water Services | <p>The report on Water Services was circulated to members. Mr. Niall Murray attended via zoom and responded to any queries raised.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler raised the issues of the outages on the Boher Road and asked if the building at the Riverside Park could be cleaned up before the tidy towns judging. Cllr. Hannigan enquired about the pipe and sewerage treatment plant at Puckane. Cllr. Darcy asked if the ultra violet system is operational in Borrisokane and about the waste water treatment plant in Cloughjordan. Cllr. H. McGrath said that there seems to be an issue in the green area between Brookville Green and Brooklands Drive, the lawns at a number of residences are very wet.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara requested an update on the Notice of Motion he submitted previously about the booster pump in Lorrha. Cllr. Morris stated that Irish Water seem to have no interest in the water outages in rural Ireland and they have a number of missed targets. Cllr. Carroll has asked about the possibility of getting access to the Irish Water database that shows the capacity of each scheme.</p> |



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| | <p>Mr. Niall Murray stated that the pipe replacement in Puckane is at design stage and is scheduled to be replaced before the end of the year. The UV system has been installed and is operational in Borrisokane. He will follow up on the tidy up at the Riverside Park and the area between Brookville Green and Brooklands Drive. Work is currently ongoing at the WWTP in Puckane and it should be sorted in the next few weeks. He will come back on the other queries.</p> |
| <p>Item 4. To receive update from Planning</p> | <p>The report on Planning was circulated to members. Ms. Marie Ryan and Mr. Kieran Ladden attended via Zoom and responded to any queries raised.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler enquired about the taking in charge of the estate in Ballina where the developer still owns a lot of property and the operational speeds that were discussed at the recent SPC meeting. Cllr. H. McGrath asked for an update on the expected start date of the Nenagh Local Area Plan and if clarification has been received on the statement made by the Minister at a recent conference.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan requested an update on Townsfields, Cloughjordan and if the treatment systems in clusters have to be individual or communal. Cllr. Carroll acknowledged that members can't be given specifics on clusters until an application has been received but he did ask for an update on clusters in high amenity areas.</p> <p>Mr. K. Ladden explained that the Taking in Charge application for Ballina Quay was submitted by the residents and it should be a developer led application. When an estate is taken in charge there should be very few developer defects. Certain requirements have to be in place when a developer applies. The survey has been completed by Irish Water on the Townsfields system, a financial and technical analysis of the results is now being undertaken and the outcome of these will determine if the Local Authority can apply for funding and engage a contractor.</p> <p>Ms. M. Ryan notified members that the process for the Local Area Plans will begin later in the year once the County Development Plan has been adopted. Nothing further has been heard on the statement in relation to "not dezoning" land made at a recent conference. Planning are following up for clarification. There has been an increase in the preplanning consultations on clusters and planning permission on a number has been granted. Connection to the public systems is the preference for clusters but individual systems can be agreed which can be decommissioned if a public system becomes available. Care has to be taken on the approach to this. The TII standards for speed limits still have to be adhered to but the new system gives flexibility to get</p> |



| | <p>information submitted on speeds. The amendments to the draft County Development Plan will be circulated to members on the 27th May, a further workshop will be held in June with the final draft before the members in July for the new County Development Plan to be in operation 6 weeks later.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Item 5. To agree date for Annual Meeting | <p>It was agreed that the Annual meeting would be held on Thursday 16th June at 10.00 followed by the June monthly meeting.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Item 6. To receive presentation on Destination Lough Derg | <p>Ms. Sinead Cahalan, Tourism Officer gave a presentation on Destination Lough Derg.</p> <p>The members praised the presentation and the work that has been undertaken by the Tourism Officer and the team. They agreed that there was huge potential in addition to the lake and the Beara Breffini Way. There are many trails/walks that can be developed/extended elsewhere in the District.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Item 7. To approve allocation of funding | <p>It was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. Carroll and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Burial Ground Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Burial Grounds Committee</th><th>Recommendation</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Old Workhouse Graveyard</td><td>€668.55</td></tr><tr><td>Congor Graveyard Committee</td><td>€668.55</td></tr><tr><td>Finnoe Graveyard</td><td>€668.55</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. Hannigan and seconded by Cllr. Bugler 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"><thead><tr><th>Tidy Towns Group</th><th>Recommendation</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Borrisokane Tidy Towns Committee</td><td>€1,500.00</td></tr><tr><td>Riverstown Tidy Towns</td><td>€1,000.00</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. Darcy and seconded by Cllr. J. McGrath and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Contribution to Residents Associations Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Residents Association</th><th>Recommendation</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Glencree Residents Association</td><td>€250.00</td></tr><tr><td>Iniscealtra Residents Association</td><td>€250.00</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath asked about the replacement of the gate at Old Abbey, Friar's St. Ms. R. Joyce stated that she has been in contact with Environment about this issue.</p> | Burial Grounds Committee | Recommendation | Old Workhouse Graveyard | €668.55 | Congor Graveyard Committee | €668.55 | Finnoe Graveyard | €668.55 | Tidy Towns Group | Recommendation | Borrisokane Tidy Towns Committee | €1,500.00 | Riverstown Tidy Towns | €1,000.00 | Residents Association | Recommendation | Glencree Residents Association | €250.00 | Iniscealtra Residents Association | €250.00 |
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**Item 8.
To update
members on
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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 is due to commence on March 16th, 2022. The scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete.
- The Contractor is currently sorting out supply chain issues which have arisen as a consequence primarily of the war in Ukraine.
- The Council is reviewing options in relation to how the works will progress.

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.
- 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 was advertised on March 11th, 2022. Tenders are currently being assessed and it is anticipated that a consultant will be appointed in June 2022.
- The consultant is expected to have the tender documentation prepared by the Q2 2023 so that a works contractor can be appointed by Q3 2023 and, subject to final approval and DoT funding, begin work on site in Q3 2023.

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



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| | <p>suitable solution/road scheme to prevent the road from flooding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p><u>N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tipperary County Council is preparing a pavement improvements and safety scheme for the N65 at Carrigahorig Village. The scheme involves:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 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.• The planning process by which design/planning approval would be obtained is unclear at present, primarily due to the proximity of environmentally sensitive areas which are immediately adjacent to this pavement scheme. The |
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| | <p>Council will be establishing the required planning process over the coming weeks and this will be either a Part 8 or an Bord Pleanála consent process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Council has 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. <p><u>Newport Town Park:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substantial progress has been made on landscaping, etc. for Newport Town Park. A meeting will be held on site with the contractors and consultants before the end of May and a further update will be given at the next meeting. <p><u>Outdoor Enhancement – Covid Measures, Nenagh:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hanley’s Place – works substantially complete. Planting to be completed by the end of May.• Kenyon St – edge planters and glass panels have been installed. The installation of the parasols is now scheduled for early June. The installation of remaining street furniture, planters and the associated planting will take place shortly afterwards. <p><u>John’s Lane Car Park:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The EV charging points are now live and fully operational. Associated signage has been ordered and will be installed in the near future <p><u>Ely O Carroll Place / Ball Alley Lane:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works have commenced at Ball Alley Lane. It is anticipated works will be completed by the end of May. The works include the provision of ground lights, application of a resin bond surface and the installation of bollards on Silver Street. <p><u>Newport Enhancement Plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have reverted with comments to the consultants and are awaiting revised plan. <p><u>Ballina Access Promenade & Viewing Area:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unfortunately, the application for Town & Village Renewal funding for this project was unsuccessful.• Other funding options are now being explored.• Some preliminary works have been carried out on site clearance. <p><u>Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A meeting of the Steering Group with the Design Team was held on 6th May at which feedback on the concepts was discussed. |
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- A revised draft programme has been received from the consultants for the next stage which includes the preparation of the Business Case and the development of the concepts to design.
- Meetings are being held with the project partners to discuss the approach to planning in view of the different ownerships involved with respect to the central pillars – Nenagh Castle & Nenagh Gaol.
- The programme aims to have design and planning completed by April 2023.

Nenagh Centre of Excellence:

- Ten tenders were received in respect of the first stage of the procurement process for the Design Team. This involves a Suitability Assessment following which six teams will be approved to progress to the next stage (subject to reaching minimum requirements).
- The tenders are currently being examined based on the pass/fail criteria.
- The Tender Assessment Panel is being put in place and will progress the assessment of the qualitative criteria. This will be completed by early June. The next stage of the procurement process cannot be undertaken until the Department give approval.
- Preliminary Business Case is now substantially complete and has been circulated to the Steering Group for sign off prior to submission to the Department.
- A meeting is being arranged with the Department to review the costings for the project.
- Work is progressing on development of appropriate brand and tagline.
- Meetings of the Steering Group and the District Delivery Group are on-going.

Nenagh Traffic Management Plan:

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

- EIA Screening Determination Report and Construction & Environmental Waste Management Plan (CEWP) have been finalised and have been submitted to Fáilte Ireland for approval.



- When these are signed off the application will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála and the proposals will be put on public display.

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 early Q2 2022.
- Measure 1 2021: Ballinderry River Walk has been approved for funding of €17,550 under this scheme. Works have been completed. The walkway is open with a planned official opening of the walkway in Q2 2022. Signage has now been provided.
- Two applications in Nenagh MD have been selected at county level for submission to the Department under the 2022 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS). These are:
 - Measure 1: Ballinderry River Walk Phase II – upgrade of 2 km riverwalk along the Ballyfinboy River. Application in conjunction with Ballinderry Development Association.
 - Measure 4: Clare Glens River Walk Enhancement Plan - 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
- Cunnane Stratton Reynolds were appointed in February 2021 for the preparation of proposals for six Discovery Point sites which were identified in the project meeting
- Two of these Discovery Points are in Tipperary – Castlelough and The Lookout
- Following site meetings, a presentation was made to the group on potential proposals
- Clarification was given that the focus should be on site furniture, information points, approach road signage and any key surfacing improvements that might be required on any of the sites.
- A revised report was received and is currently being considered by the Tourism Officers in the respective counties.

Stereame Housing Development

- Meeting was held on 13th May with procurement team to finalise the tender documentation for the next stage of the procurement process.



- The revised documentation and the draft licence agreement have been circulated to the steering group and feedback has been obtained.
- Following consideration of this feedback the documentation will be signed off on and the process will proceed with the next stage via e-tenders.

Rialto, Banba Square Nenagh

- Official notification from the Department has been received and the required verification form has been submitted. The information pack including the terms and conditions will now be issued by the Department.
- Tender documentation is currently being drafted for the procurement of the Design Team for the Project. It is envisaged that the Design Team will be appointed for all elements – both the building and the backlands development.
- Pre-tender approval will be required from the Department before the tender can be published.

Installation of Solar Bins

- The solar bins have been installed at Ballina, Dromineer, Garrykennedy and Terryglass.

Streetscape Scheme

- Processing of claims under this scheme is continuing – funds must be drawn down by end of May.

Grant Schemes

- Further recommendations are being brought to the May meeting in respect of the following schemes:
 - Contributions to Residents Associations – applications received since last meeting
 - Contributions to Burial Ground Committees – applications received since last meeting
 - Grants to Tidy Towns Committees – applications received since last meeting
- All grant allocations are subject to compliance with the associated terms & conditions of the relevant scheme.

Mobility Plan – Nenagh

- Systra have been appointed as consultants to prepare mobility plans on behalf of Tipperary County Council.
- This process is being funded by the NTA.
- Initial meetings have taken place in relation to Nenagh.
- The process is being led by Roads & the Active Travel team.
- A workshop with Systra has been scheduled for Friday 27th May at 2.30 p.m.



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| | <p><u>Nenagh Tourist Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nenagh Tourist Office will have its Official Opening on Thursday 19th May 2022 by Cathaoirleach Michael O' Meara and Author Donal Ryan• TG4 were on site on 13th May and recorded a piece there with Pádraig Ó Flannabhra and children from the Gaelscoil.• Eamon O' Dwyer is also in discussions in relation to recording a 'Down Your Way' programme from the Tourist Office. <p>Ms. R. Joyce informed members that the EV charging points in John's Lane carpark went live the previous evening and she also reminded them of the official opening of the Tourist Office that afternoon.</p> |
| Item 9. To update members on Works Programme | <p>An update on the Works Programme was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll expressed his disappointment that a road that had been approved for the 3 year programme will not be completed this year.</p> <p>Mr. Barry Murphy outlined that the 3 year Road Works Programme was approved in September but since then a lot has changed. Transport costs and the price of bitumen have skyrocketed. The scheme has had to be changed. It may be necessary to make adjustments or shorten the length of road covered. 50% of the road improvement programme has been completed but it is important to get the programme finished as soon as possible before there is further economic difficulties. Members acknowledged the difficult economic climate but requested that they be kept advised of any changes.</p> |
| Item 10 To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters | <p>The Engineer's Checklist was noted.</p> <p>Cllr. Darcy raised the cutting the verges at junctions to improve sightlines.</p> |
| Item 11. To consider Notices of Motion | <p>None</p> |
| Item 12. To note Delegated Employees Orders | <p>Noted.</p> |



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| Item 13. To consider items of correspondence | None |
| Item 14. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations | <p>Votes of sympathy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monica Mackey, on the death of Paddy Hourigan, a former Council worker, RIP.• Margaret & Lyndsay Cleary on the death of their mother and grandmother, Kathleen Cleary, RIP <p>Votes of congratulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ballymackey FC on winning the Combined Counties Ladies Shield Final |
| Item 15. Any other business. | <p>Cllr. H. McGrath stated that there has been a number of accidents on the Tyone bridge recently. He asked if it would be possible to improve the signage or to look at moving the footpath inside the bridge under Active Travel and link it in with the riverwalk.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan raised the issue of the proposed removal of the windfarm at Derrybrien. He acknowledged that this was inside the Galway border but felt that it was important to offer the Galway members support especially in light of the importance of renewable energy. Cllr. Hannigan also acknowledged the benefits of the introduction of the average speed cameras on the motorway. Cllr. O'Meara supported both of these issues.</p> <p>Mr. M. O'Connor agreed that the bridge at Tyone is an issue and said that the expanding and upgrading the footpaths/pathways in the area are being examined under Active Travel. The initial reports on the average speed cameras is very positive but compliance rates are a bit away from 100% at the moment.</p> |

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

Signed: 
Cllr. Hughie McGrath
Cathaoirleach

Date: 16/6/2022

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 16/6/2022

