



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JUNE MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 11.00 AM ON 15TH JUNE 2023

Present in chamber	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath, Michael O' Meara, Phyll Bugler, Séamus Morris and Ger Darcy
Also Present	<p>Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services; Mr. Barry Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer and Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer.</p> <p>Housing: Mr. Kieran Malone, Executive Engineer and Mr. Shane Grogan, Administrative Officer</p> <p>Community & Economic Development: Ms. Margo Hayes, Administrative Officer and Elaine Cullinan, Economic Development Officer</p>
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of May meeting held on 18th May 2023	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. Morris, seconded by Cllr. Carroll and resolved that the minutes of the May Meeting held on 18th May 2023 be adopted.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll asked about a timeline for the operation of the CCTV systems at Burgess, Cooleen and Birdhill and Cllr. Bugler asked about the CCTV for Ballina.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce stated that the cameras are in place for the last number of years but the issue was that approval from the Garda Commissioner was required and this has now been received, they should be fully operational in the near future. The consultants have been appointed for the Ballina CCTV scheme.</p>
Item 3. To receive update from Housing	<p>The report on Housing was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll requested an update on the completion date for the houses in Portroe and asked if the announcement this week of grant funding affects the Croí Conaithe scheme and can it be used on traditional farm buildings. Cllr. Morris asked for clarification on the specific location of the 27 houses in St. Conlon's Road, 65 houses in Tyone and houses in William St. He expressed concern about the money that is being spent on consultants and architects, especially when there is an internal architect and schemes are so expensive. Cllr. Morris said the electricity costs for the new air to water schemes are very high</p>



and causing a lot of difficulties for tenants. He believes the affordable housing schemes that are on offer to people are not very affordable and maybe there should be an affordable rent scheme instead.

Cllr. Hannigan requested clarification on the timelines associated with each stage of providing housing schemes and asked about the provision of a booklet outlining the different housing support schemes. He also questioned if the price of turnkey properties purchased by the Local Authority reflect the changes to development levies. He queried if there is a plan in place where anyone housed with protected status in tourism properties will be housed once the 3-year moratorium is expired. He further queried if a property needs an extension would it qualify for the Croí Conaithe grant scheme.

Cllr. H. McGrath asked for clarification if the houses in Tyone were the same houses that were announced under Respond a number of months ago and asked what stage the housing scheme at Emmet Place is at. Cllr. O'Meara enquired about the Just Transition Scheme and, with the increase in funding for grants, will it be possible to complete the Priority 2 and 3 applications.

Cllr. Bonfield welcomed all the new housing developments and asked for an update on the vacant CLO position. Cllr. Darcy complimented the new scheme in Ardcroney and asked if the available land in Ballingarry can be used to rectify the problem with the waste water treatment system. Cllr. Bugler enquired if the figure for the Croí Conaithe scheme was cumulative.

Mr. K. Malone explained that the houses and site works in Portroe will be completed at the end of the month but there are delays in relation to the Uisce Éireann work. The difficulty is due to the fact that the scheme will provide back up to Ballina during the ongoing works in that area. He clarified the location of the site on St Conlan's Road and the houses on William Street and advised that the scheme in Tyone is near the hospital. The latter would have been previously announced however the funding model for this scheme has been under pressure and is only starting back on line now.

The stages for the schemes have set timelines and the complexities increase with each stage. Stage 1 would look at how many houses could fit on a site and getting Department approval in principle to investigate further. Stage 2 is Planning and Design and this would involve Part VIII or An Bord Pleanála, this stage could take up to 6 months. Stage 3 is the preparation of the tender documents for design team and a cost estimate on the scheme. Department approval is also required at this stage and the timeline could be 6 months. Once tender price is received at



	<p>Stage 4, approval is required from the Department to proceed with construction. The complete timeline to construction stage could take anywhere from 12 to 24 months. A lot of the ground work for schemes is done in-house but the resources or expertise is not available in-house for the larger schemes. The County Council Architect would be involved in Stage 1 or 2 to identify the potential layout and how many houses. The architect fees are generally in line with 10% of the cost of the project.</p> <p>He advised that he will revert on the Just Transition Scheme. The additional grant money will be used to clear Priority 1 applications and then Priority 2 and 3 will be progressed if possible. The land at Ballingarry was examined and it is quite poor, a lot of money would be required to put in a better scheme and Uisce Éireann would have to take it over.</p> <p>A lot of Air to Water schemes have been put in place over the last number of years. The most efficient way is to set the temperature and leave it running away in the background. When the system is turned on and off this can cause the electricity usage to increase. A talk is given to tenants on the handover but sometimes there are faults with systems or more education is required. The design team has been appointed for the Rialto Scheme.</p> <p>Mr. S. Grogan explained that the issue of re-housing protected status applicants will be a national policy decision and no instruction has been received to date, he will enquire from the Department. The interviews for the new CLO will take place next week. The split on the funding for Priority 1/2/3 grants is 70/20/10 and the money has to be used for the most urgent applications. Currently there is no backlog and very few applications are being refused. The figure for loans is the year to date figure and there is a lot of back and forth with the applicant and then with the Housing Agency, so it can take time to get the application to a valid stage. An excel sheet of all the different housing schemes was circulated to members, however a new system is currently being developed where a person will be able to go on to the website, put in some basic details about themselves e.g. are they property owner, tenant etc and the system will direct them then to the most appropriate scheme. This will have more up to date information.</p> <p>For anyone thinking of applying for the Croí Conaithe scheme it is best for them to contact Housing first, they will be able to give them guidance on if the proposed work would qualify. It is, however, important that people know if the work has already begun this will not form part of the grant application.</p>
Item 5.	The report on Community and Economic Development was circulated to members.



<p>To receive update Community & Economic Development</p>	<p>Cllr. Darcy welcomed the Community Recognition funding for Borrisokane and said it was recognition for the work the people in the area did. He was concerned about the allocation of the Clár funding; there are facilities that cover a number of DEDs but because not all the DEDs are in the CLÁR area the group is not eligible for funding. He also complimented the work being done through the Economic and Tourism roles and believes that the Hidden Heartlands brand is very visible in National media and that the support LEO offers businesses is invaluable.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara also welcomed the Community Recognition funding to Borrisokane but did think they should have been allocated more. He said this is not a reflection on Community and Economic Development but did request that members disappointment on the amount would be noted.</p> <p>Cllrs. Hannigan and Morris were also disappointed in the amount of funding received by Borrisokane. Cllr. Hannigan raised the issue of the community contribution for the Town and Village renewal scheme. Cllr. Morris suggested that with all the new communities in the area it may be useful if existing clubs came together to show what facilities can be offered to them.</p> <p>Ms. M. Hayes acknowledged the members' comments on the funding to Borrisokane, she explained that there is a marking system in place for the allocation but that some groups may not be able to use their allocation and any unused funds may be re-allocated.</p>
<p>Item 6. To update members on projects & events</p>	<p><u>Killaloe Bypass, Shannon Bridge & R494 Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The main contractor is John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. Works commenced on site in August 2022• The scheme will take approximately 3 years to complete. <p><u>R498 Latteragh Realignment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• RPS consultants was appointed on 3rd November 2022 to complete the design work and procure a works contractor for the scheme. Detail design work has now commenced.• The consultant is expected to have the tender documentation prepared by Q4 2023 so that a works contractor can be appointed by Q1 2024 <p><u>N65 Carrigahorig to Balleiragh Bridge Strengthening</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
- 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 which have now been substantially completed. It is anticipated that the tender for consultants will be advertised in July 2023.
- On the basis of its proximity to two Natura 2000 sites the scheme requires planning consent from An Bord Pleanála.

N65 Carrigahorig Village Pavement Improvements

- Tipperary County Council is preparing a pavement improvements and safety scheme for the N65 at Carrigahorig Village.
- Land acquisition for footpath widening and extension works is at an advanced stage.
- RPS consultants has been appointed to continue with the preliminary design and complete planning procedures for the scheme.
- Consultation with local residents and stakeholders has commenced which will inform the design of the scheme. It is anticipated that further consultation with residents and stakeholders on a draft layout for the scheme will take place in Q3 2023.
- It is anticipated that the Preliminary design will be completed and an application to An Bord Pleanála will take place in Q4 2023.

Project Name	2023 Allocation	Project Manager	Status
R445 Lisbunny - Nenagh Active Travel Scheme	€430,000	Barry Murphy	Awaiting approval from the NTA to proceed to



				construction on the project
	Ballina Active Travel Scheme	€5,000	Paddy Crowley	Preliminary Design completed
	Birdhill Active Travel Scheme	€50,000	Paul Keane/Paddy Crowley	Footpath connection to the Train Station near completion - Design underway for the Main Street and Options Assessment Report submitted to the NTA
	Nenagh Urban Greenway Previously TCC/21/0006	€150,000	Paddy Crowley	Preliminary Design Stage
	Borrisokane Community College Footpath linkage Previously TCC/22/0024	€32,000	Barry Murphy	Contractor appointed for the project
	Quarry Lane - Cullenagh (R494) Active Travel Scheme, Ballina Previously TCC/21/0014	€62,000	Paddy Crowley	Preliminary Design Stage
	Newtown - Active Travel Connectivity Scheme	€15,000	Paddy Crowley	Preliminary Design Stage and Options Assessment Report Submitted to the NTA
	Nenagh Local Transport Plan	€118,000	Paddy Crowley	Stage 4 of the Area Based Transport Assessment - Draft Report



Newport Town Park:

- Awaiting completion of remaining items so that official opening can be arranged. Benches and bins are currently in production and work is substantially completed on the pump track.
- Signage has been drafted and is currently being reviewed.

Newport Enhancement Plan:

- Feedback provided to consultants following internal assessment of first draft.
- Awaiting revised draft following which briefing will be provided to the elected members.

Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter:

- Consultants have attended a pre-planning meeting.
- Preliminary consultation is commencing with relevant stakeholders week commencing 26th June 2023.
- Arrangements are being made to have required surveys undertaken.

Nenagh Centre of Excellence:

- Work is ongoing on the Design Brief with a view to going to tender in Q2 2023.
- Six companies who were brought forward from Phase One of the procurement process will be invited to submit tenders.

Nenagh Transport Hub:

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

Platforms for Growth- Dromineer:

Work is progressing on the preparation of tender documents for appointment of consultants for the detailed design, procurement of contractors and overseeing the demolition of the existing toilet block and the construction of a Facilities Centre for Water Sports Activity with a view to going to tender in Q2 2023.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:

- Measure 2 2020: Beara Breifne Way - Land owner agreement has not been received to date.
- Measure 1 2022: Ballinderry River Walk Phase II – Works will commence following the bird nesting season.
- Measure 4 2022: Clare Glens River Walk Enhancement Plan – progressing to agree scope of works and co-ordinate plans with Limerick City & County Council. Limerick County Council will proceed in the interim with improvement works to the bridge at this facility.



- The Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023 has been announced and similar to last year the scheme will be delivered under four measures - measure 1, 2, 3 and the Project Development Measure.

Stereame Housing Development

- Discussions on-going with tenderers.

Rialto, Banba Square Nenagh

- Work is progressing on the Design & Planning process and regular meetings are taking place with the Design Team.
- A pre-planning meeting has been held.
- Documentation is being prepared for Part 8.
- It is proposed to invite the consultants to a briefing of the members at the July meeting.

Wheelchair Accessible Parking Spaces

- The refreshing of existing on street wheelchair accessible parking spaces in Nenagh has been substantially completed. 4 remaining spaces will be done in Q2 2023 when the road temperatures permit.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022

- Ballina Access Promenade and Viewing Area – discussions have commenced with consultants with a view to progressing this project.
- Newport Courthouse and Bridewell Complex – the procurement of a consultant to prepare a feasibility study in accordance with the funding application will be undertaken in Q2 2023.

Painting & Enhancement Scheme 2023:

- Applications are now available for the Painting & Enhancement Scheme 2023.
- This will be available for commercial property located in towns and villages in Nenagh MD and has been advertised.
- Maximum funding is 50% to a max. of €500
- One application has been received to date under this scheme.

Casual Trading Bye Laws:

- These bye-laws have come into effect from 1st June 2023. Applications are now being invited from traders interested in obtaining casual trading licences to operate at the designated locations in the new Bye-Laws.
- To date two applications have been received which are currently being processed.



- Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a Working Group to examine potential for a market in Nenagh.

Expressions of Interests for Development Land at Lisbunny

Tipperary County Council advertised for expressions of interest from developers and entrepreneurs interested in acquiring a prime 19.2 acre industrially zoned site at Lisbunny Business Park, Dublin Road, Nenagh for immediate development and job creation. The closing date for expressions of interest was 4.30 pm on Friday 9th June 2023.

Bicycle Repair Station

A bicycle repair station will be provided in Ballinderry Village as part of the promotion of cycling. It is expected this will be installed by the end of Q2 2023.

CLÁR applications

The following CLAR measure 1 applications were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for consideration on 6th June with an anticipated funding announcement in September 2023.

- Aglish Village Playground Upgrade
- Boher Lighting for the MUGA and Walking Path
- Lorrha Community Hall Car Park
- Rathcabbin Hall Renovations

Arrabawn Roundabout at Kenyon Street

Works will commence on the construction of a new roundabout at the end of Kenyon Street. An accelerated programme has been agreed with Arrabawn to facilitate the implementation of the One-Way System in Nenagh.

One Way System

Detailed design on the Nenagh One Way System is currently being finalised. Implementation is likely to commence in August.

Comité de Jumelage, Basse-Goulaine

The Twinning Committee from Basse-Goulaine are travelling to Ireland from Thursday 13th to Monday 17th July 2023. During their visit they will be accommodated in Ballina-Killaloe and the Twinning Committee are arranging a programme for their entertainment. It is proposed to accord them a Civic Welcome on Friday 14th July at the Civic Offices, Nenagh at which the Cathaoirleach will make a formal presentation to them. Cllr. Bonfield asked about the status of funding for the Clare Glens, this area was very busy over the bank holiday weekend. Cllr. J. McGrath supported this. Cllr. H. McGrath enquired about



	<p>providing a plaza area as part of the Historical & Cultural Quarter.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce stated that procurement documents are currently being drafted for the Clare Glens project. She also informed members that there are 2 plaza areas planned for the Historical and Cultural Quarter, 1 is at Banba Square and the other is at a proposed new entrance to the Castle at O' Rahilly St.</p>
Item 7. To update members on Works Programme	<p>The update on the Works Programme was circulated to members.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy outlined that the surface dressing started this week and it will take 3 weeks, however this is subject to change at short notice.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield raised the issue of the recent flooding in Ballina. All members received representations on this issue. Mr. M. O'Connor acknowledged the issues in Ballina. Discussions have taken place with the OPW and consultants are being appointed by the OPW. There has been a number of significant flooding events in the area in recent times. It will not be a simple job; new pipe work will have to be laid. While the events are short lived they are very disruptive. Previously Clonmel and Carrick-on-Suir were areas that had problems with flooding, now Ballina is the priority and will need a full assessment.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce stated that the Drainage Committee meetings will have to be held. Mr. B. Murphy explained that it is now year 2 of a 3-year programme and the work will be a continuation of what was agreed last year. It was agreed to hold the Drainage Committee meetings on the date of the July MD meeting.</p>
Item 8. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Darcy asked that someone would look at the barrier near the railway bridge in Ballygibbon, it is very close to the road and is dangerous on a busy road. He also asked that the hedges at junctions would be cut back especially the junction on the Cloughjordan to Shinrone Road, this has to be cut several times every year and maybe a safety scheme would rectify the problem. He also requested that the TII would look at the junction at the meat factory as it is very dangerous.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara requested that the speed signs at Kylepark NS would be moved as they are too near the school. He said Gardaí agree with this as drivers are nearly at the school before they can see the signs. He agreed with the hedge cutting at junctions and said there is an issue at Walshpark.</p>



Cllr. H. McGrath requested that the possibility of a pedestrian crossing at Nenagh College would be examined. The children from Nenagh Community School walk on a regular basis to Nenagh College and it can be difficult to cross the road.

Cllr. Carroll acknowledged the work of the County Council to get the issue of illegal parking at Stereame and Tullaheady resolved. He also asked if it would be possible to look at providing a filter lane at Hogan's Pass and to carry out work at the Ballyrusheen junction to improve the turn right to Newtown.

Cllr. Hannigan mentioned that there is a householder on the R493 on the approach to Puckane that has rocks on the verge of his property and these were the cause of an accident recently. He also stressed the need to ensure that Uisce Éireann replace the pipeline. He referred to a chain link fence at the end of the New Line where bushes have grown up and asked that this be looked at.

Cllr. Bonfield expressed concern about speeding in general and welcomed the review of the speed limits. She said while Local Authorities are awaiting guidance on the review, engineering solutions may be required as signage is not working. Enforcement is still the best way to reduce speeding.

Cllr. Morris said there is a dip in the raised bed on the Drummin Road. There is also a problem with a drain in the Monaree/Carrig Rua area and the trees need to be trimmed in Cluain Muileann. There is a concrete block on the bridge at Sloe Lane, Rathnaleen and vegetation needs to be cleaned from a number of bridges. He also expressed concern about cars parking on St. Flannan's Street on footpath. He supported the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Nenagh College and asked that a wheelchair survey would be carried out on the footpaths in Nenagh.

Mr. B. Murphy explained that the issue with the barrier at the railway bridge in Ballygibbon may be an issue for Iarnród Éireann. The engineers looked at Kylepark and said safety could be improved by enhanced signage and road markings. The possibility of a pedestrian crossing at Nenagh College will be examined as part of a larger plan. Security arrangements will be put in place to discourage illegal parking at Tullaheady but it is difficult to know if these will work. The junction at Hogan's Pass will be looked at and it is unclear what the legal authority regarding the removal of the rocks from the property on the R493 is.

Mr. M. O'Connor confirmed that a wheelchair survey on the footpaths in Nenagh will be carried out and an inspection will be carried out on the rocks on the R493.

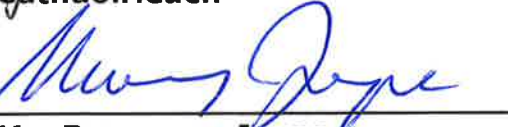


Item 8. To consider Notices of Motion	None
Item 9. To note Delegated Employees Orders	Noted.
Item 10. To consider items of correspondence	None
Item 11. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	Votes of congratulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vinny Savage on his fundraising for Defibs for Life• Ursula Scully, on North Tipp success at Kennedy Cup and Gaynor Cup competitions.• Patsy Farrell on his success at the Master's Snooker All Ireland Votes of Sympathy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mary Shoer, on the death of her husband Billy, R.I.P.
Item 12. Any other business.	None

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

Signed: 
Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath
Cathaoirleach

Date: 27/7/23

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 27/7/23