



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 15.00 PM ON 31st JANUARY 2024

Present in chamber	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath, Michael O Meara, Gerard Darcy, Phyll Bugler and Séamus Morris
Apologies	Cllr. John Carroll
Also Present	Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer. Ms. Sadbh Hanley, Executive Planner and Mr. Jim Egan, Executive Planner.
Item 3. To consider Chief Executive's Report on Part VIII for Historical and Cultural Quarter	<p>The report was circulated to members. Ms. R. Joyce gave a short presentation on the Part VIII and gave an outline on the report. She explained that the Part VIII is required for the funding applications.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris complimented the work that was done. He said people have to be patient and he asked about the possibility of including an information board in relation to the republican monument. He was surprised at the suggestion to keep the railings at the Courthouse in place.</p> <p>Cllr H. McGrath said a lot of positive work was being done but that it will take time and have to be done in stages. He has heard different views on the 2 houses on Pearse St and it may be something that can be looked at in more detail further down the line. He has no problem supporting what was presented.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan welcomed the presentation and said this will lead to the town having a brilliant tourist offering. He did enquire about the possibility of using some of the spaces for community or artists use.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara also complimented the proposal and said it will be a big offering in the area, however he did ask that the executive would not lose sight of the Military Barracks.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield was fully supportive of the proposal and said it will link everything together.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce thanked the members for their comments and said that the Tourist Office, re-opening of the Castle and the Castle Garden were already big projects that have been completed in this area. Keeping some of the railings at the Courthouse would make it more like the original use of the railings. Before potential uses for the areas are confirmed it will be important to deliver the project. It has to have a tourism led focus with the intention</p>



	<p>of increasing footfall in the area but it won't happen overnight. She acknowledged the part Cllr. H. McGrath paid in the initial push to get the Castle re-opened and that has led to this proposal.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath explained that the potential for re-opening the Castle was raised with him by Stephen Slattery.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. H. McGrath and seconded by Cllr. Morris, and agreed that, pursuant to the requirements of Article 81 of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended, having considered the Chief Executive's Report dated January 2024 the Members of Nenagh Municipal District hereby decide to proceed with the proposed development of the Nenagh Historical and Cultural Quarter as outlined in Chief Executive's Report.</p>
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This concluded the business of the meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify:-

Signed: John Rocky McGrath
Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath
Cathaoirleach

Date: 22/2/2024

Signed: Rosemary Joyce
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 22/2/2024