



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 10.00 AM ON 21st MARCH 2024

Present in chamber	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath, Michael O Meara, John Carroll and Phyll Bugler
Also Present	<p>Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Liam Brett, Director of Services; Mr. Barry Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Kieran Malone, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer.</p> <p>Housing: Ms. Cora Morrissey, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Shane Grogan, A/Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Eoin Delaney, Assistant Engineer, Mr. Robert Johnston, Senior Executive Engineer</p> <p>Planning: Mr. Jonathan Flood, A/Senior Executive Planner, Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer</p>
Via Zoom	Cllr. Séamus Morris
Apologies	Cllr. Ger Darcy
	Ar dtús chuir Róisín Seoighe fáilte roimh gach éinne chuig cruinniú mhí an Mhárta de Cheantar Bardasach an Aonaigh a tharla le linn Sheachtain na Gaelige.
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of the February Meeting held on 22nd February 2024	<p>Moltóir: Cllr. Carroll Cuiditheoir: Cllr. Bonfield</p> <p>It was resolved that the minutes of the February Meeting held on 22nd February 2024 be adopted.</p>
Item 3. To receive an update from Housing	<p>The report on Housing was circulated.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara asked when the houses in Rathcabbin are expected to be at the next stage. He was disappointed with the number of allocations in the Nenagh MD area. There has been a lot of work done in voids but it seems to have slowed down in recent months. He felt that the fact that some of the houses are provided by the MD and some by Housing may cause the work to fall between two stools. He said it didn't matter to him who does the work once the houses can be turned around as quick as possible and allocated.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris said he has never seen such pressure on housing, a lot of the problems is from landlords wanting to get out of the market and tenants being given notice to quit. He thanked staff in Housing and said they are dealing with people that are under</p>



pressure and in a panic about losing their home. The 4 stage process in providing new housing schemes is too long and has to be shortened. Elected members can help address issues but need to be kept in the loop about various developments and any changes that may occur. He asked about an affordable housing scheme for Nenagh.

Cllr. H. McGrath mentioned that the different housing developments are at different stages and when people hear of new developments being approved all they want to know is when the houses will be available. The houses in Tyone were on the report 2 years ago and then they were off and now they are back on again. He asked when it is expected that builders would be on site. He also believes the timeframes for the different stages are too long.

Cllr. Carroll said that anti-social behaviour and the use of illegal substances should not be tolerated. Anyone involved in these activities should be removed from the property. It is stigmatising areas and making life difficult for other people living in the area. There should be a no tolerance approach.

Cllr. Bugler asked was there any further plans to purchase more houses or land in Ballina especially considering there are 66 people on the waiting list. She enquired if the council are still purchasing houses where the tenant has been served a notice to quit and why the number of valid loan applications is so low.

Cllr. Bonfield enquired about the number of people on the housing list that were in HAP/RAS, She said there are currently 206 houses planned and 776 on the housing list which still leaves a lot on the list. All developments are welcome but are the targets being set too low. She asked if it was the Department that set the targets, how are they set and what analysis determines the targets, are refugees included and do we still take 20% of new developments.

Cllr. Hannigan said Housing is very challenging, migration into the country over the last 5 years has led to an additional 100,000 people and it is difficult to accommodate people. He asked if there is any plan for how people that have received asylum are to be housed. The fact that there is no capacity in the waste water treatment system in some areas has stopped further development. He requested an update on the housing development at Stereame and feels that there are too many fences to jump for the housing loan.

Ms. C. Morrissey explained that casual vacancies are dealt with through the District and that the construction of houses is through Housing. Houses where notices to quit have been issued continue to be purchased where possible but a process has to be followed. Everyone has a right to live peacefully and while there is a zero



	<p>tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour removing someone from their home is a last resort. There is a requirement to build up evidence and work with the Gardaí. The houses approved in Tyone are under the CALF scheme and this was under review so there was no progress. The targets for delivery of houses is based on the Housing Needs Assessment which is carried out every year.</p> <p>Mr. S. Grogan said that in general the uptake on loans is low early in the year. There will always be discrepancies in applications but it doesn't mean they are invalid. There is a lot of over and back to get the application correct before it is submitted to the Department for approval. It is hoped that the affordable housing scheme will be expanded but Clonmel was picked due to population size. Housing do not have direct involvement in the integration or provision of housing for asylum seekers, this is under the remit of Economic, Community and Rural Development section.</p> <p>Mr. E. Delaney said that the timeframe from stage 2 to delivery of houses is 2 years but the 4 stage process cannot be quickened. Housing are always looking for land in areas but the capacity issues of the WWTP has to be addressed in some areas.</p> <p>Mr. R. Johnston said the design team for the Rathcabbin houses should be in place by May and the design would be available in Q3 this year. Until stage 1 has received approval delivery of the units is not certain. There is a significant workload in getting the projects through each stage. Once the projects are at construction stage it could take 12 months for completion.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce explained that tenders have been submitted for the Stereame development and this is earmarked for private housing. Mr. B. Murphy informed members that 22 voids were completed by the Nenagh MD in 2023 but they had started to build up again at the end of the year. Some are done by council staff and others by contractors and there is a shortage of contractors. Every effort is made to turnaround the houses as quickly as possible.</p>
<p>Item 4. To receive an update from Planning and Development</p>	<p>The report on Planning and Development was circulated.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris raised the issue of the waste water treatment plant in Ballycommon. He has tried to contact Uisce Eireann but has got no response. He asked if it would be possible for the Council to follow up with them, development in the area is being held up because of these issues.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll asked if it would be possible to get a copy of the capacity register and enquired what is the criteria and catchment for schemes like the serviced sites scheme in Boherlahan. He also asked about the extension to the waiver scheme. Cllr. Bonfield requested an update on the Residential Zoned Land tax especially as no further development can take place in Newport and Ballina</p>



	<p>due to capacity issues at the WWTPs. Cllr. Bugler asked about the taking in charge of Ard Coillte and the large number of Further Information requests going out. Cllr. H. McGrath enquired if preplanning meetings had taken place with the applicants where further information was required.</p> <p>Cllr. O'Meara agreed that the waiver scheme should be extended, and thought that in person preplanning meetings are better but that applicants needed to understand that a preplanning meeting does not mean planning is approved. The standard of some of the architects is very poor and a workshop with them would be useful.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan asked if the Council was making a submission to the National Planning Framework. While the County Development Plan aligns with the Planning Framework, Bord Pleanála doesn't use the County Development Plan when making decisions. He also asked about the extension to the waiver scheme and the taking in charge of Townsfields, residents are currently paying for the public lighting.</p> <p>Mr. J. Flood said Planning will follow up with Uisce Éireann about the Ballycommon Scheme, he will have to get clarification on the eligibility for the serviced sites schemes and the waiver scheme. The capacity register is publicly available. Members can make submissions to the Planning Framework. It is hoped that the re-introduction of the preplanning clinics will help address the quality of information submitted as part of planning applications. It is hard to control what people submit and a large volume of information is required with only so many Planners to review it.</p> <p>Mr. K. Ladden explained that the map and the signed resolution for Ballina Quay are done but currently a reply is awaited from Uisce Éireann, once that is received the Taking in Charge can progress. In relation to Ard Coillte discussions are taking place with the developer and it has to be a developer led application in this instance. The proposed policy document for the Taking in Charge of DPI estates is in the final draft stages, a document should then be available to show Local authorities how they can progress these estates.</p>
<p>Item 5. To consider & approve Schedule of Municipal District Works</p>	<p>Ms. R. Joyce advised that the schedule was the document that was discussed at the recent workshop.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler asked about the proposed work at O'Brien's Lane and if it will involve more gullies, the reason for all the potholes at the moment, taking water off the road has to be a priority, the inlets have to be opened. She feels the CRM system is not coping with the number of queries and that the structure has to be examined as work does not seem to be getting done or you are waiting a long time to get things done. She also enquired if the Department has been written to about the issues caused by the weather.</p>



Cllr. Carroll explained that he made his views known at the workshop but he will not stand in the way of the program. He believes that the checklist and CRM are not working. It is a very large electoral area and is too large for 1 GSS to cover. He knows it is an exceptional period with the weather but when a query is logged it is important to know what is going on.

Cllr. Hannigan commended the outdoor staff and executive, there has been massive improvement in the roads and there should be additional funding requested from the national pot. If finances were available the roads would be done and it may be something that should be raised at the full council meeting.

Cllr. Bonfield acknowledged that there are only so many hours in the day for patching but asked if the velocity patcher works better in better weather and about the possibility of using delay set macadam. Cllr. Morris said there was not enough staff and asked if it would be possible for the Water Services staff to be reassigned to the Roads Programme. Cllr. O'Meara asked about the use of hot box, he thinks it is an excellent way to repair potholes. He also queried the possibility of providing a carpark in Borrisokane. This could be done in conjunction with providing a depot in the area.

Mr. B. Murphy explained that the work at O'Brien's Lane is to deal with a localised flooding issue. The outfalls are undersized and the pipes will have to be increased. Last winter there were no potholes and this winter there are potholes where there never was any. The control of water is important but there is now a flow of water along the roads. The CRM system is a very good system but there are 1000's of potholes and 100's of complaints in relation to them. He asked members to bear with the staff but the volume is massive. Some issues are more difficult to close off. The bridge at Tullaheady is on a national road and the repairs are the responsibility of TII but he will follow up with them on it.

The velocity patcher is very effective, safe and quick but the patching is happening at the worst time of the year and is only lasting a week. The patcher and the mix used have been examined to see if there are any other issues causing the short length of time for repairs. As the weather improves the patching will last longer. The delay set macadam is on the back of a pick up and is not ideal but is a fix and can help. A combination of the 2 can be effective but both have problems in bad weather. Bitumen and hot box are very expensive.

Mr. L. Brett took the members point about the weather and the difficulties it has caused this winter but said the roads network is improving. There is constant contact with the Department in relation to funding for the roads works programme.

Moltóir: Cllr. Morris
Cuiditheoir: Cllr. Bonfield



	<p>It was agreed that in accordance with Section 103 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. The Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) for the financial year ending 31st December 2024 as presented, without amendment be and is hereby adopted, andb. Where relevant, that any subsequent changes to the Schedule necessitated by either an inability to proceed with certain works or by emergency repairs elsewhere may be implemented subject to notification to the members as soon as may be and that the works so deferred may be considered for inclusion in the Schedule for the next financial year”
<p>Item 6. To consider & approve allocation of funding under General Municipal Allocation</p>	<p>Moltóir: Cllr. O’Meara Cuiditheoir: Cllr. Morris</p> <p>It was resolved that the proposed allocation for the General Municipal Allocation 2024 for the financial year ending 31st December 2024 be approved without amendment as per the schedule attached.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris welcomed the funding for the mural of Shane McGowan at Emmet Place but did ask about the provision of a mural of Fr. Alec Reid and the possibility of writing to the government about a scheme for painting the old water towers. Cllr. Hannigan also welcomed the funding for the mural of Shane McGowan. Cllr. Bugler asked about the availability of funding for maintenance work at the Ballina Riverside Park.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce explained that the mural at Emmet Place has been discussed with the McGowan family. A suitable location for the Fr. Alec Reid mural is still to be sourced and will continue to be examined. Previously under Nenagh 800 the possibility of painting the water tower in Nenagh was examined but there was going to be a lot of complexities involved due to the height of the building. She also explained that the playgrounds are inspected by ROSPA each year and this determines the priorities for the work on them and additional work at the Ballina Riverside park would need to be discussed with the Area Engineer.</p>
<p>Item 7. To approve allocation of funding under the Festivals & Events Grants Scheme</p>	<p>Moltóir: Cllr. Bugler Cuiditheoir: Cllr. Carroll</p> <p>It was resolved that, in accordance with the terms of the Festival & Events Grant Scheme, the payment of grants be made to the following:-</p> <p><u>Municipal:</u></p>



	Name of Festival/Event	Type	Recommendation
	Spleodar Halloween Arts Festival	Arts	€12,000.00
	Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival	Arts	€6,000.00
	Fleadh Cheoil Thiobraid Árann 2024	Arts/ Community/ Heritage	€7,000.00
	Live Art Engage	Arts	€5,000.00
	Cloughjordan Community Amphitheatre Season 2024	Arts/ Community/ Tourism	€5,000.00
	Féile Brian Ború	Tourism	€4,000.00
	Irish Youth Circus Gathering 2024	Arts	€6,000.00
	The Broad Majestic Shannon Festival of Music	Arts	€7,500.00
	<u>Community:</u>		
	Name of Festival/Event	Type	Recommendation
	Classic Car Easter Egg Hunt	Community	€250.00
	Killoscully Midsummer Community Gathering	Community	€470.00
	Lorrha & Dorrha Medieval Conference	Heritage	€1,000.00
	Tipperary International Friendship Inclusion Games	Sports/ Tourism	€1,300.00
	Nenagh Snooker Irish Invitational Team Championships	Sports	€1,000.00
	Nenagh Snooker Open	Sports	€1,000.00
	Killaloe Music Festival	Arts	€1,800.00
	Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade	Community	€2,300.00
	Nenagh Christmas Gathering Singalong	Community	€1,500.00
	Ballina-Killaloe St. Patricks Day Parade	Community	€1,000.00



	Run with Dunne Race series	Sports	€1,000.00																																																												
	Ballinderry BEO	Community	€1,000.00																																																												
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	Lisboney Old Cemetery	€698.94
	Lockeen Church of Ireland Graveyard	€698.94
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	Lorrha St. Ruadhan's New Burial Ground	€698.94
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	Modreeny Burial Ground	€698.94
	Monsea Burial Ground	€698.94
	Old Workhouse Graveyard	€698.94
	Pallas Burial Ground	€698.94
	Pike Burial Ground (Ballingarry)	€698.94
	Rockvale Cemetery	€698.94
	St. John's Newport C.O.I.	€698.94
	St. Peter & Paul's Graveyard	€698.94
	St. Ruadhans Church of Ireland	€698.94
	Templederry Church of Ireland	€698.94
	Templederry New Graveyard	€698.94
	Templekelly Burial Ground	€698.94
	Terryglass Cemetery	€698.94
	Tyone Burial Ground	€698.94
	Youghalarra Graveyard	€698.94
Item 9.	The update on projects was circulated to members.	



To update members on projects & events

Newport Town Park:

- The official opening of the Town Park by the Minister for Housing, Heritage & Local Government took place on 22nd January 2024. We are following up with the consultants and contractors in relation to the remaining items required to close out the project.

Newport Town Centre First Plan:

- It has been agreed with the newly established Town Team in Newport to extend the closing date for submissions on the Newport Town Centre First Plan until Friday 5th April.
- To date we have had 30 submissions.
- The first meeting of the Newport Town Team took place on Tuesday 19th March in the Day Care Centre in Newport. There are 13 members on the Town Team representing a wide range of interests.

Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First:

- Work is progressing on the establishment of the Nenagh Town Team.
- When the Nenagh Town Team membership is finalized an information session will be scheduled with the Town Regeneration Officer.

Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub:

- A funding application to Enterprise Ireland under the Smart Regions Enterprise Innovation Scheme is currently being prepared.
- Applications for Disability Access Certificate and Fire Safety have been submitted and work is continuing on detailed design.

Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter

- An application has been made under the fifth call for Category 1 Application under the RRDF for elements of the project. The application is for an amount of €9.985m. and is in respect of elements relating to Nenagh Castle, the Gatehouse, the Governor's House, Banba Square and the single storey Gaol block.
- A further application is currently being prepared under the THRIVE ERDF in relation to elements associated with the Gaol Complex and the three storey Gaol Block that were not included in the RRDF application due to the limit on funding which could be applied for.
- 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:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Six companies who were brought forward from Phase One of the procurement process have been invited to submit tenders.• The closing date for the submission of these tenders is 16th April 2024.• It is aimed to have a Design Team appointed in Q2 2024. <p><u>Nenagh Transport Hub:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p><u>Platforms for Growth- Dromineer:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussions are on-going with Fáilte Ireland on the progression of this project.• The tender for the appointment of consultants has been uploaded to e-tenders. The deadline for submission of tenders was extended to Friday 22nd March. <p><u>Stereame Housing Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p><u>Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• 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. <p><u>Casual Trading Bye Laws</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To-date 9 casual trading licence applications for 2024 or part thereof have been received. Of these applications, 5 casual trading licences have issued (i.e. 1 for Dromineer, 1 for Garrykennedy, 1 for Castlelough and 2 for Ballina Riverside Park). The remaining 4 applications have been assessed and we are awaiting the submission of some outstanding documentation in order to progress their applications to licence issuing stage.• One Event Trading Licence was issued for trading at the St. Patrick's Festival in Nenagh.
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- 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

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. Applicants who had expressed interest in the development land provided more detailed proposals on request. Submissions are currently being assessed.

One Way System

Advanced works on the Nenagh One Way System are ongoing. Works are currently taking place on Emmet Place, Pearse St. and at Kickham Street. It is intended to have full implementation by mid-April.

Designated Bathing Area

Work is being progressed on the preparation of the application for the designation of a bathing area in Dromineer – this is being done through Destination Lough Derg, Environment Section and Nenagh MD.

Ballina CCTV at Toilet Block

Quotations for equipment and installation are currently being assessed. It is aimed to have the contract awarded by early March. Allowing for lead times for equipment, installation and commissioning it would be hoped that the system would be operational by end of Q2 2024.

CLÁR

Agligh 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.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2023:

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.

St. Patrick's Day, Nenagh

St. Patrick's Festivities took place in Nenagh on the 16th and 17th of March.

On Saturday 16th there was Live Music at Nenagh Tourist Office – 'Trad at the Square' was provided from 2 p.m.



Sunday 17th March had an action filled day as follows:

- Live at the Courthouse & Banba Square hosted by Trudi Lalor – Live music was provided from acts including 'A Whole Lotta Smokie', Europe's No. 1 Smokie Tribute Show; J.P's Gigantic Video Disco; Emma Fitzgerald and Tradstorm; Martin Grace - the Showband Man; Collie Hogan and The Reset; Nenagh Ormond Brass Band
- Dáwna performed live having recently made his debut European performance with the legendary Gavin James.
- Special guests on the day were Tipperary Fire & Rescue Service, Irish Red Cross Nenagh Branch; RNLi Lough Derg
- Artisan Market Stalls and a Funfair were enjoyed in the grounds of Nenagh Courthouse
- Children's Entertainment was provided by Jacko the Clown and Friends from Giggles Entertainment with special guests Lucky the Leprechaun, Bluey, Fireman Sam, Mickey and Minnie Mouse
- 'Trad at the Square' at Nenagh Tourist Office took place in the afternoon.
- The Easter Bunny was live in the Nenagh Tourist Office and music was provided by the Fitzgerald Brothers, Cleo Griffin and Martin Grace.
- On the day over 3,400 people visited the Tourist Office alone.

Wednesday 20th March:

On Wednesday 20th March, The John F Kennedy High School Shamrock Regiment Band from California were welcomed to Nenagh by Cathaoirleach, Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath and paraded from the Railway Station to Castle Field where there was a short recital.

There was a presentation of Gifts by Nenagh & District Chamber of Commerce and Nenagh Municipal District on behalf of the people of Nenagh to Dr. Joshua Parsons, Band Director; David Peters, Logistics Co-Ordinator; Karen Griffin, Travel Co-Ordinator.

These events were co-ordinated on behalf of Nenagh Municipal District by Nenagh Live, Nenagh Tourist Office and Spain AV and were part of the on-going efforts to make Nenagh a destination town with something for everyone to enjoy.

Nenagh Tourist Office

The next event planned by Nenagh Tourist Office is the Children's Easter Adventure – the Easter Egg Hunt. This will be on Wednesday 27th March 2024. This is a free event – booking is essential as there are limited spaces. Booking can be done through Nenagh Tourist Office. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



	<p>Applications for Grant Funding:</p> <p>The closing date for applications under the Festivals & Events Grant Scheme expired on Wednesday 14th February 2024.</p> <p>The deadline for the schemes for Contributions to Clubs & Organisations and the Contributions to Residents Associations grants was last Friday 15th March 2024.</p> <p>The Tidy Towns and Burial Ground applications have been issued by Environment Section and the closing date was also last Friday 15th March 2024.</p> <p>Recommendations are being brought to the March meeting in respect of the following schemes: Festivals & Events and Burial Grounds.</p> <p>It is anticipated that recommendations in respect of the other schemes will be brought to the April Meeting. All grant allocations are subject to compliance with the associated terms & conditions of the relevant scheme.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris complimented the work done on the projects and the work Cllr. H. McGrath did to bring back the parade for so many years. Families and businesses really enjoyed the St Patrick's Day festival but he would be willing to work with people to bring back the parade.</p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath asked that people would be kept informed about the implementation of the one way system, people already have a lot of queries as they can see the road markings in place.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan thanked the executive for driving so many projects in the District. He also enquired about the possibility of using the template for the Town Teams that are being established in Nenagh and Newport in Borriskane and Cloughjordan.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce explained that the town teams are under the remit of the Town Regeneration Office and this is a countywide position and will be implemented on a phased basis. Newport and Ballina were selected in the Nenagh MD as they already had plans in place. It is important that people don't have false expectations and view the Town Teams as a wishlist. It will be important for members of the Town Teams to take responsibility for progressing actions.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy said the communication programme for the one way system is being drawn up.</p>
<p>Item 10. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters</p>	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to members,</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler asked that the gullies at 10 Cullenagh would be examined and that something would be done with the bends on the Portroe to Ballina Road. Cllr. Carroll raised the issue of the</p>



	<p>bends and gradual fall on the Garrykennedy Road and the issue with storm water discharge at Cloneybrien.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan requested that the issue with flooding on the R493 at Coolbawn, the pinch point at Firmount and the possibility of a pedestrian crossing and line markings in Borrisokane be examined.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield asked if the policy on raised tables is now operational.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy explained that the issue at Cullenagh is not straight forward, the gullies have been cleaned but it needs a proper outfall. The issue with the bends on the Portroe to Ballina Road is too big for the District and Roads Capital may need to look at it.</p> <p>Mr. L. Brett informed members that the policy on the raised tables has been signed off by the members and is operational. Raised tables will be used as part of an overall scheme in an area.</p>
<p>Item 11. To consider Notices of Motion</p>	<p>Fógra foriarratais Uimhir: 2781</p> <p>Moltóir: Cllr. H. McGrath Cuiditheoir: Cllr. Bonfield</p> <p>Fógra foriarratais Uimhir: 2781 submitted by Cllr. H. McGrath</p> <p>That Nenagh MD get an update from Environment on Tyone Cemetery. At the moment it is very difficult for people to walk in to visit love ones</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. H. McGrath as follows: <i>In agreement with the adjoining landowner, access road boundary fencing and drainage works are to commence in the next month subject to favourable weather conditions</i></p> <p>Cllr. H. McGrath welcomed this response.</p> <p>Fógra foriarratais Uimhir: 2782</p> <p>Moltóir: Cllr. Bugler Cuiditheoir: Cllr. Carroll</p> <p>Fógra foriarratais Uimhir Notice of Motion No: 2782 submitted by Cllr. Bugler</p> <p>I hereby request Tipperary County Council to organise painting of 'Set Down Only' outside TJ 's Angling Shop on Main Street, Ballina and Collins's Pharmacy as a matter of urgency. The loading Bay pole also needs to be repaired.</p>



Response was given to Cllr. Bugler as follows:

There is an existing load bay outside TJ Angling Shop on Main Street, Ballina. The loading bay pole will be replaced.

No further works are planned at this time.

Cllr. Bugler said this was a busy street with limited parking and thought a set down area might be better. Mr. B. Murphy explained that the loading bay allows for commercial vehicles to use the space. To change it to a set down area would need widespread consultation and bye-laws. Mr. L. Brett explained that the set down area is a stronger description.

Fógra foriarratais Uimhir: 2785

Moltóir: Cllr. Bonfield
Cuiditheoir: Cllr. Carroll

**Fógra foriarratais Uimhir Notice of Motion No: 2785
submitted by Cllr. Bonfield**

I call on Tipperary County Council to ensure that the R503 from Newport to Rearcross be included on the next three years road programme and that in the meantime we find emergency funding to reinstate some very bad sections here, especially near Knockane in Newport and just before the entry to Rearcross village near Shanballyedmond

Response was given to Cllr. Bonfield as follows:

All roads in the Municipal District will be assessed for inclusion in the next three-year programme 2025 – 2027. Priority will be given to regional roads where the Pavement Survey Condition Index (PSCI) is four or less.

The Council is aware that sections of the R503 have deteriorated during the winter of 2023-24. Subject to approval from the Elected Members, a section of the R503 near Rear Cross will be added to the 2024 Roads Improvement Programme.

Additional sections of the R503 will be considered for inclusion in the next 3 year programme which is currently being prepared for the approval of the Elected Members in September 2024, followed by submission to the Department.

Cllr. Bonfield was happy with the response and said that the 3 local members were at a meeting recently. While there was an understanding that major work could not be done on this route



due to the proposed windfarm, this is now postponed and the something needs to be done on the road.

Fógra foriarratais Uimhir: 2783

Moltóir: Cllr. Bugler
Cuiditheoir: Cllr. Carroll

Fógra foriarratais Uimhir: 2783 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler

I hereby request Tipperary County Council to erect signage at Ballina Slipway to alert drivers of the dangers of the nearby river Shannon.

Response was given to Cllr. Bugler as follows:

The Council has reviewed the signage and road markings at the Ballina Slipway. The existing arrangement is satisfactory but will be improved. The size of the warning sign will be increased and separate poles provided for the Waterways Ireland bye laws sign.

Cllr. Bugler welcomed that response and asked if the trees could also be trimmed back.

Fógra foriarratais Uimhir: 2784

Moltóir: Cllr. Bugler
Cuiditheoir: Cllr. Bonfield

Fógra foriarratais Uimhir: 2784 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler

I hereby request Tipperary County Council to repair the break on main Ballina to Killaloe Bridge. I understand this break is in the first expansion and will require a specialist sealant and a specialist company to carry out these repairs. Please advise when this permanent repair will be carried out.

Response was given to Cllr. Bugler as follows:

The Killaloe bridge was designed to swing open to accommodate larger boats using Lough Derg. The bridge has not been opened for many decades. There is differential movement at the opening joint which caused localised failure in the roads surface.

The Council will arrange for an inspection of the bridge joint by a suitably qualified engineer. The inspection will identify the defects and make recommendations for a permanent repair. Depending on the extent of the defects, it may be necessary to close the bridge for a period of time. Any permanent repairs will be carried out after the opening of the new Ballina Killaloe Bridge.



	<i>The Council will continue to monitor the joint and carry out localised repairs on an ongoing basis until the permanent solution is put in place.</i>
Item 12. To note Delegated Employees Orders	Noted.
Item 13. To consider items of correspondence	None
Item 14. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	Votes of Congratulations – None Votes of Sympathy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maureen Gaynor, on the death of her husband, Des, R.I.P.
Item 16. Any other business.	Cllr. Bugler asked if the report on flooding at Boruma was available.

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

Signed: 
Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath
Cathaoirleach

Date: 18/4/2024

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 18/4/2024