



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 10.00 AM ON 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

<b>Present in chamber</b>	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Joe Hannigan, Michael O Meara, John Carroll, Ryan O'Meara, Louise Morgan Walsh, Pamela Quirke O'Meara, Phyll Bugler and Séamus Morris
<b>Also Present</b>	<p>Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Liam Brett, Director of Services; Mr. Kieran Malone, Senior Engineer; Mr. Barry Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer.</p> <p><b>Environment &amp; Climate Action:</b> Mr. Michael Moroney, Senior Executive Officer and Mr Rúairí Boland, Senior Executive Engineer</p> <p><b>LAWPRO:</b> Fran Igoe Regional Co-Ordinator and Margaret Morrissey, Senior Community Water Officer.</p> <p><b>Roads:</b> Michael Woulfe, Senior Executive Engineer</p> <p><b>Planning:</b> Jonathan Flood, A/Senior Executive Planner</p> <p><b>RPS Consultants:</b> Brendan Lyons</p>
<b>Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of the July Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>	It was proposed by Cllr. Morris and seconded by Cllr. Carroll and resolved that the minutes of the July Meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 be adopted.
<b>Item 3. To receive an update from Environment</b>	<p>The report from Environment and Climate Action was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. R. O'Meara raised the issue of illegal dumping at the bottle and clothes bank in Cloughjordan. There is an active committee in the area but it is very difficult when dumping like this occurs. The company and the Council would take away any of the excess bags when they are contacted but the installation of CCTV would be useful. He asked about the roads around Ballaghveny.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll complimented Mr. R. Boland and the District staff on the work that was done at Tyone burial ground, he also complimented the work on the extension at Kilmore and the work to date at Boher burial</p>



ground. He asked about a possible increase in funding for the burial grounds and tidy towns groups giving consideration to the increase in costs they have incurred. He also asked if it would be possible for groups to get more information or advice on the Community Climate Action Fund.

Cllr. Bugler requested the timelines in relation to Boher Burial Ground and asked how many water inspections have been carried out.

Cllr. M. O'Meara acknowledged the work done at the Vermi Composting site to date and enquired about the % waste that remained on the site, if there was going to be a financial contribution to the community and if there was a way to recoup the taxpayers' money that was spent clearing this site. He stated that the septic tank grants were announced with great fanfare and people had registered their septic tank a number of years ago but the area covered by the grant is very small.

Cllr. Quirke O'Meara said that farmers are concerned about the letters they have received in relation to inspections that are due to take place on their property. They have no issues about the inspections being done but the tone of the letter they received was worrying to them. It would be important that the relationship is positive and that 24 or 48 hours' notice would be given. She also requested an update on the graveyard at Dolla.

Cllr. Morris expressed concern at the number of unwanted dogs, Mo Chara has 120 dogs and is currently full. People should consider giving them financial support or rehoming a dog. Cllr. Morgan Walsh raised the issue of fly tipping along the bypass.

Cllr. Hannigan asked about the criteria for the notification of the farm inspections and what can be done if a person sees a restricted breed that is not under control. Who has the power to address this? A more specific time should be given in a 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to farmers about the inspection.

Mr. M. Moroney explained that the dog control unit is regularly full and acknowledged the help it gives. A large number of dogs require this service and ultimately, they may have to be put down. The dog wardens and Gardaí have the power to deal with a person if it appears they are not meeting requirements in relation to a restricted breed of dog. There will be a focus on restricted breeds especially XL Bullies, there are currently 20 to 25 registered but there is probably a lot more and owners have between now and February to register them to retain ownership. These breeds will be illegal to own unless the person has a certificate of exemption.

The Local Authorities have been tasked with carrying out these farm inspections and it is expected that 260 of these inspections will take place annually. Advance notice is given of the inspections and it will



	<p>be a collaborative approach to the process. There will be an increase of Environmental Scientists from 4 to 5. He will bring back the issue of the letter to the relevant staff members.</p> <p>He acknowledged the comments of members in relation to the Shannon Vermi Compost site and said the site is practically clear of material, any remaining material will hopefully be moved before the end of the year. The costs associated with this work have been very significant and the Council has instigated a high court action to recover the costs. He will speak to the Enforcement Officers about the dumping at the bottle and clothes banks in Cloughjordan, if household rubbish is being left the Enforcement Office should be notified as they can examine the rubbish to see if anything can identify the person involved and bring legal action against them. The issue at Kilboy/Dolla is now a legal matter.</p> <p>Mr. R. Boland thanked Mr. S. O'Brien and his staff for the work on the access to Tyone Graveyard. Subject to settlement Boher Burial Ground should be completed by Q1/Q2 2025, at the moment it is 80% complete.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy informed members that the roads around Rathcabbin and Ballaghveny will form part of the discussions in the afternoon workshop on the next 3 year roads programme.</p>
<p><b>Item 4. To receive an update from LAWPRO</b></p>	<p>The report from LAWPRO was circulated to members and Mr. F. Igoe and Ms. M. Morrissey gave a presentation on the highlights from the report.</p> <p>Cllr. Quirke O'Meara welcomed the presentation and asked about the possibility of schools getting involved in the schemes. To future proof water quality the children in schools need to be educated. It is important to be proactive in the schools.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris complimented the presentation and asked about the Clareen and Nenagh Rivers. A local company was fined for a discharge to the Clareen but he believes it would be important for these rivers to be added to the drainage districts. Under the 1995 Act rivers in urban areas can be added to the districts. People that look after the rivers know the river. The pipe at Ballycommon has been discharging into the river for 17 years and no planning permission was given unless the pipe was licensed. The EPA said the pipe was unlicensed but an application has been submitted now. Uisce Éireann has stated that the Nenagh River is in good condition. He enquired if LAWPRO has any involvement in planning applications. He thinks it will be important to get a multi-agency approach to the Nenagh and Clareen Rivers if drainage districts are not an option.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll also welcomed the presentation and said that he would be nervous of putting a focus on one particular group, every citizen has a role in water quality. Community involvement is very important, if people were involved in water based activities they would have more of an understanding of the water sources. It is difficult to see the river</p>



bank in Kilmastulla because of overgrown vegetation. Nature based solutions allow the rivers to breathe by keeping vegetation but not allowing trees into the rivers.

Cllr. M. O'Meara also complimented the presentation, in the 70s and 80s farming bodies recommended removing hedgerows but there is a big change now and the farming community are ready to embrace what is required. He asked if the €50m fund could be used for soil testing, this does cost a lot of money and also if LAWPRO has an advisory role for farmers. Educating future farmers will be important going forward.

Cllr. Bugler asked about the nature based solutions especially in relation to the effect on the flooding issues in Ballina, the involvement of TCC in the Farming for Water scheme and if LAWPRO have any involvement in fish passes.

Cllr. R. O'Meara stated that agriculture is very important to the area and positive engagement with the farmers is the way to progress things. Farmers have got the blame for a lot of environmental issues but they are doing a lot of work to alleviate these issues. He would be more concerned with Uisce Éireann and their ability to deliver the necessary projects to address water quality.

Cllr. Hannigan said the event in Ballinderry was very good and he would like if a presentation could be given in the hall for the locals. He is aware of 2 farmers that have submitted planning applications to improve storage but submissions have been made by another person against the application.

Mr. F. Igoe explained that any queries that are not under the remit of LAWPRO he will refer back to the appropriate areas for updates. He explained that LAWPRO do work with schools along with Teagasc on nature based solutions, they encourage students to look at the "sponginess" of their school.

He is very familiar with the Clareen river and the structures that the Ormond Anglers have put in place. It is a very important river for Lough Derg and the local anglers undertook a study which showed its importance for biodiversity. The Drainage District are more for the management of flooding but there may be the opportunity for a catchment plan. LAWPRO have no say in licensing but can have an influence on decisions.

The water quality in Tipperary has dropped more than adjoining counties but it is not as simple as looking at maps. Soil and rainfall also have to be considered and the EPA would use rolling cycles to consider trends. Community outreach and awareness is really important, people should understand water stewardship – flushing toilet, use of detergent etc.

LAWPRO is in contact with the OPW on an ongoing basis. Addressing flooding and drainage issues is not straight forward, a few trees are



	<p>good but hedgerows are important to balance the flow of water. 30% of climate change can be addressed through nature based solutions. Ballina is a very steep area and the nature based solutions would help in conjunction with engineering solutions.</p> <p>Soil testing is important to understand the land and the use of protected urea would be encouraged. The importance of agriculture is recognised and LAWPRO work with the Department of Agriculture on an ongoing basis. Feedback is given to Uisce Éireann in relation to projects and if there is a need to progress a project quicker.</p> <p>Ballyfinboy is an important river and tributary to Lough Derg and LAWPRO would really like to continue working with the community. LAWPRO is involved in fish passes and an assessment of all weirs is being undertaken at the moment.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy explained that there are 7 drainage districts and September is the month when work is started. Drainage districts predated the Local Authority and it is not easy to set up a new District. The OPW would be responsible for any new area or schemes. It is highly unlikely that the Nenagh River would be taken in charge. Farmers know and support the environment and are becoming aware of the effects of climate change. The drainage work that LA's can carry out is very limited.</p>
<p><b>Items 5. To consider the proposed taking in charge of Millersbrook (part of) Nenagh</b></p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. Morris and seconded by Cllr. R. O'Meara and resolved that pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, and being satisfied that the roads are of public utility, and having considered the financial implications for the local authority and any submissions made, it is hereby ordered that the roads serving the housing estates known as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Millersbrook (Part of), Borrisokane Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary</b></li></ul> <p>be declared public roads. In addition, any open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections within the attendant grounds of the development are taken in charge, as outlined in red on the attached map, which was on public display during the prescribed period and the Director of Services Report to Members for the Nenagh Municipal District.</p>
<p><b>Item 6. To appoint a member to the board of Nenagh Community Arts Centre</b></p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. L. Morgan Walsh and seconded by Cllr. R. O'Meara and agreed that Cllr. P. Quirke O'Meara be appointed to the board of Nenagh Community Arts Centre.</p>
<p><b>Item 7. To approve allocation of funding</b></p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. Morris and seconded by Cllr. Morgan Walsh and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Contribution to the Clubs/Organisations Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:</p>



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<p><b>Item 8. To consider Chief Executive's Report on Part VIII Carrigahorig Pavement Scheme</b></p>	<p data-bbox="469 763 1468 824">Mr. B. Lyons, RPS gave a presentation on the Part VIII Carrigahorig Pavement Scheme.</p> <p data-bbox="469 864 1468 994">Cllr. M. O'Meara welcomed the presentation and proposed work and said that it is a culmination of the last 10 years of work. He enquired about the bridges, if it has to go on display again and what the next step is.</p> <p data-bbox="469 1034 1468 1263">Cllr. Hannigan asked about the appearance that there is no centre white line on part of the road and the fact that there is no offset area for the buses. He is also worried about the moving of the speed limit closer to the village and the Terryglass junction, there is already a poor line of sight and he thinks this would increase the danger at that junction. The maintenance of the green areas will also need to be clarified as it is difficult at the moment to get people for CE schemes.</p> <p data-bbox="469 1303 1468 1568">Cllr. Morris said the queries raised were legitimate but people are a long time waiting for this scheme and it is a very good scheme. Cllr. R. O'Meara welcomed the scheme and said the images make it look more like a village rather than being dominated by a large main road. He would echo Cllr. Hannigan's concerns in relation to the lack of a centre white line and the bus stops. Cllr. Morgan Walsh complimented the scheme but had the same concerns in relation to the lack of a white line and the moving of the speed limits at the Terryglass turn.</p> <p data-bbox="469 1608 1468 1832">Mr. B. Lyons explained that the bridges will need work, the montages on the presentation were part of what was on public display. TII Policy does not allow for centre white lines on narrow roads as this helps show the road is narrow. The speed signage is to move as the 50kmph signs signifies an urban zone. All the separation areas will be low maintenance wild flower areas and land acquisition from the park would be required if the bus stops are to be set back.</p> <p data-bbox="469 1872 1468 2002">Mr. M. Woulfe thanked the members and said it has been a very difficult process. A lot of what is in the scheme complies with design standards. There was a very good public consultation process before and during design and the team are still talking to people with issues to be</p>								



	<p>considered at detailed design stage. RPS are involved to construction stage and everything is subject to funding but this scheme is a priority. The fact that the bus bays are not offset is a way of slowing down traffic. The pavement scheme will be in addition to a public lighting scheme, gateway signs for urban zone and a number of other measures. They can look at the 3 issues raised.</p> <p>Mr. J. Flood explained that the CE Report cannot be amended and there is 6 weeks from the date of the report to have it agreed. If there are any adjustments to be made to the scheme it will have to be done by resolution. TII design standards are very detailed and it takes a lot of agreement between TII and the design team to bring it to this stage.</p> <p>Mr. L. Brett said the project will make the area safer and it is a very significant investment for the village. A lot of discussions have taken place to bring it to this stage and it is very important that the scheme is approved at the next meeting. If there are changes to the scheme it may affect the ability to get funding.</p> <p>It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>Item 9. To update members on projects &amp; events</b></p>	<p><b><u>Newport Town Park:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An agreement is in place in relation to the maintenance of the park with the contractor. Damaged signs are in the process of being replaced and additional signage has been ordered in relation to prohibition of dogs.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Newport Town Team/Newport Town Centre First Plan:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The submissions on the Newport Town Centre First Plan are currently being reviewed. It is aimed to bring a report to members on same at the October MD meeting.</li><li>• Following this a meeting will be arranged of the Town Team.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An application for THRIVE Strand 1 funding in the amount of €200,000 for the preparation of a Town Centre First Plan has been approved. This will cover consultancy costs to work with the Town Team on the creation of an integrated urban strategy (TCF Plan), project identification and bringing a project to 'shovel ready' stage including design, surveys, assessments, financial planning, investigation works etc.</li><li>• A meeting will be arranged of the Town Team to progress this.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Rialto Digital &amp; Enterprise Hub:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A funding application to Enterprise Ireland under the Smart Regions Enterprise Innovation Scheme is currently being prepared and engagement with Enterprise Ireland is on-going to consider the suitability of this as a funding model.</li><li>• Disability Access Certificate and Fire Safety Certificate have been granted subject to conditions.</li></ul>



- Detailed design has been substantially completed. Preparation of tender documentation and Bill of Quantities is being progressed by the consultant.

#### **Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter**

- An application was submitted under the THRIVE ERDF Strand 2 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. This application was for €6.1 million. Unfortunately, this application has been unsuccessful.
- 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. Frank Murray & Sons Construction have been appointed to undertake the works. Works have commenced on site and are ongoing at present.
- We will continue to strive to source funding for the various proposals in relation to the Historic & Cultural Quarter.

#### **Nenagh Centre of Excellence:**

- The contract for the appointment of the Integrated Design Team for the Nenagh Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy (SECOE – Ireland) was signed on Thursday 30th May 2024. The Integrated Design Team is led by Henry J Lyons Architects.
- The project is led by Tipperary County Council in partnership with the Tipperary Energy Agency, North Tipperary Development Company, the Technological University of the Shannon (TUS), Community Power and Siga Limited.
- A kick start meeting has taken place.
- Work on the strategy is ongoing. A Stakeholder Engagement Plan and a Stakeholder Questionnaire are being worked on. The Integrated Design Team will meet on site next week.

#### **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 ongoing.

#### **Platforms for Growth- Dromineer:**

Ailtirí Architects have been appointed as consultants to prepare the tender documentation for the demolition of the existing Toilet Block and the construction of the new Facilities Centre for Watersports Activities in Dromineer. It is anticipated that demolition of the existing Toilet Block will start in September 2024. Progress meetings are taking place on an ongoing basis with Fáilte Ireland who are funding the project.

#### **Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022**

- Ballina Access Promenade and Viewing Area – Nevilles Civils Works have been appointed as the contractor to undertake the works to





the promenade. A kick start meeting took place on site on the 16<sup>th</sup> September. Works are progressing on site.

- Newport Courthouse and Bridewell Complex – Scroope Design have completed a Feasibility Study based on the potential future uses for these buildings. Work has now commenced on procurement of required surveys and progressing the concept through planning. Tenders have been sought for consultants to prepare designs and Part 8 planning application.

#### **Casual Trading Bye Laws**

It is intended to advertise for 2025 applications for casual trading permits in the coming weeks.

#### **Expressions of Interests for Development Land at Lisbunny**

Following an assessment of proposals received in relation to a 19.2 acre industrially zoned site at Lisbunny Business Park, Dublin Road, Nenagh, there is on-going engagement with a prospective developer with a view to reaching agreement on disposal of the site.

#### **Designated Bathing Area**

The application has been submitted to the EPA for the designation of the bathing area in Dromineer. Interviews for lifeguards were held but unfortunately there wasn't sufficient numbers to provide a lifeguard service this year.

#### **CLÁR**

Aglish has been successful in receiving €49,950 in funding under Measure 1 of the 2023 CLÁR programme. This funding was allocated for Play Equipment upgrade and towards a sensory garden. This was a community scheme to be progressed by the local committee. Works have taken place and the new equipment has passed the subsequent ROSPA inspection.

#### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:**

Under Measure One 2023 €30,000 has been allocated in respect of Castlough Amenity Area Improvement Works. Also, under Measure One 2023 €30,000 has been allocated in respect of enhancement works to Upper Lough Derg Tranquility Area (Mota and Skehanagh). The type of works involved include provision of BBQ areas, bicycle stands and bicycle repair station, disability friendly seating and benches, information and interpretation boards.

Meanwhile work is progressing in relation to surveys etc. in respect of the Clare Glens which was allocated funding under the Project Development Measures 2022.

Garrykennedy Inner Harbour – This was awarded €49,500 under the Project Development Measures to procure consultancy services to undertake planning and design works for the upgrading of the inner harbour in Garrykennedy. It is expected that contracts will be signed this week for the Integrated Design Team who will bring the upgrade of the Inner Harbour through planning and on to detailed design.



**Measure 3 of the Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024**

An amount of €45,000 has been allocated under Measure 3 of the Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024. This is for Project Development Measure Funding for Newport. The project will examine the development of a connection of the historic Ball Alley site with the town centre and ancillary public realm and amenity works through the provision of a footbridge. Project elements include the engagement of a multidisciplinary team to complete detailed design, planning, professional fees and a topographical survey.

**Update on Grants & Contributions 2024:**

- Payments have been made to the 68 Burial Ground applicants
- Payments have been made to 39 of the 44 Residents Associations with the remainder awaiting submission of information form applicants. There is also one application to go before the September MD meeting.
- Payment has been made to 82 of the 87 applications received under the Contributions to Clubs & Organisations. There is also one application to go before the September MD meeting.
- Provisional approval has been granted to 29 Tidy Towns groups. Awaiting submission of reports & receipts so that payment can be made. Three paid to date.
- Grant offers were made to 21 Festivals & Events applications. Ten paid to date. One event cancelled and we are awaiting submission of reports and receipts so that payment can be made to the remainder.

**Painting & Enhancement Scheme:**

- The closing date for receipt of applications was Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024.
- Maximum funding is 50% up to a maximum of €500.00.

Applications forms were sent to interested parties. 19 have currently been submitted and 17 have been provisionally approved. Two applications are pending the submission of documentation.

**Ringbuoy Replacement Programme:**

A ringbuoy replacement programme on Lough Derg is ongoing.

**Nenagh Tourist Office**

**Heritage Week:**

For Heritage Week 2024 Nenagh Tourist Office co-ordinated 14 events with the assistance of Nenagh Heritage Centre and Nenagh Castle. Some events had multiple occurrences, such as Nenagh Courthouse which had 4 tours, stories in the Castle with 2 sessions and tales of the Gaol which had 4 tours. The events were mainly held in the Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter and staff from the Heritage Centre, Tourist Office, Nenagh Castle and a number of volunteers helped to ensure that the events ran smoothly and were a fantastic success. In total 551 attended our heritage week events over the week.



**Culture Night:**

A free event will take place for Culture Night at Nenagh Tourist Office on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 with music by the young acoustic vocal group Airneán from 7.30 pm. To book contact [nenaghtouristoffice@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:nenaghtouristoffice@tipperarycoco.ie) or contact Victoria on 0871871932. This event supports young musicians.

**Mural**

The mural of the late Shane MacGowan at Emmet Place, Nenagh has been completed by artist Neil O' Dwyer and has been very well received with coverage on social media and by national and international press. It is intended that there will be an unveiling ceremony with members of the MacGowan family present, details of which will be confirmed in the very near future.

Cllr. Hannigan said the mural was the most iconic piece of art in the area and it reflects the legacy of Shane MacGowan, it tells the story of his family and past generations. He asked about the possibility of an additional mural at the white wall near it. He also asked about the type of supports that can be given to businesses in the town from LEO or the Town Team.

Cllr. Morris asked if a Project Manager is in place and if he could meet them, He also asked if the land had been bought for the Centre of Excellence, where funding can now be sourced for the Historical and Cultural Quarter, if modular homes could be used on the site at Stereame, the status of the work on the Nenagh River Walk and if the conditions of the casual trading licence could be reviewed – there was some areas where a licence was issued but the trader did not use the space. He complimented the mural and the selection process that was used.

Cllr. R. O'Meara stated that the mural was a source of pride in the town and he asked about the transport hub and said that the current location of the bus stops is affecting the full flow of traffic in the area, it is not a long walk from the railway station. Cllr. Carroll agreed with the need to move the buses to the railway station, the NTA will have to start listening.

Cllr. Bugler enquired if there were anchor tenants for the Centre of Excellence and about the rent payable, what avenues for funding were available for the Historical and Cultural Quarter and the town team in Ballina.

Cllr. Morgan Walsh offered her congratulations to everyone involved in the mural and asked about possible supports for businesses on Silver Street. They have not got the benefit of the Christmas lights, hanging baskets or window boxes. Cllrs. R. O'Meara and Hannigan supported this.

Cllr. Quirke O'Meara informed members that a lady recently contacted her about concerns she had about parking and getting a bus at night to the airport from Nenagh. Even if there is a small distance to walk it



is not safe to do so at night. If you could park in the Railway Station and get a bus from there it would be an excellent service.

Cllr. M. O'Meara acknowledged Cllr. Morris's role in the provision of the mural and the value for money it represents. He still has concerns over the safety of lorries on the one way system especially at the Bank of Ireland.

Ms. R. Joyce informed members that the Project Manager, Paul Crowe is in place but he does not have an involvement in all projects. There will be another call for funding under the RRDF Scheme but it is important that there is sufficient political support for the application. From the feedback there was no suggestion as to how to improve the application. There are ongoing negotiations for the purchase of the land for the Centre of Excellence between the owner and the Council. NTDC, TEA, TUS and SEGO Hydra are anchor tenants and the design team are meeting with the individual organisations to understand what are their requirements.

There is a provision in the Casual Trading Bye-Laws that allows for the review of the conditions of the granting of the licence. It was the first year of the system and there will be teething problems but any concerns have to be recorded. The options available for the best package for developers for Stereame are currently being examined.

There will be a town team for Ballina only and it will feed into progressing projects under the enhancement plan. Discussions have already taken place with Clare County Council and there are planned projects for both sides but it will involve joint applications. There is to be a meeting between the two Chief Executive Officers.

Ms R. Joyce informed members that it had been reported on social media that the cost of the mural was €35,000 - it actually cost €5,880. The property owner at the far side of the Shane MacGowan mural has offered the side of their property for another mural but the white wall referred to by Cllr. Hannigan may be more difficult to use.

The town team for Nenagh has been established and is involved in a number of initiatives. A strategy is to be put in place by next June specifically in relation to heritage buildings. There is a lot going on with regular meetings with the representatives of the Chamber. The Nenagh Chamber has linked up with the Tipperary Chamber of Commerce and hopes to re-introduce the Taste of Nenagh next year. They are also working on trying to build up membership. The Town Team will be looking at the different pillars and getting Nenagh.ie redesigned. It is a very large diverse group. The Christmas Retail scheme is now open.

Mr. L. Brett stated that a lot of work in relation to the Nenagh River Walk has been going on in the background with a number of landowner consents agreed. The detailed design is currently being prepared and there will be a non-statutory consultation for a number



	<p>of weeks before it goes to An Bord Pleanála. He agrees with members about the transport hub and would like to be in a position to deliver it.</p>
<b>Item 10. To agree date for Nenagh Municipal District Awards evening</b>	<p>It was agreed to hold the District Awards evening on Thursday 21st November.</p>
<b>Item 11. To update members on the Work Programme</b>	<p>The Work Programme was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler asked when was the drainage work at Derg Marina starting. Mr. B. Murphy explained that it is scheduled to start in 2 weeks' time, the ecologist report has to be completed before work can begin.</p>
<b>Item 12. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters</b>	<p>The Engineer's checklist was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield informed members that they can email any items they want included on the checklist to Mr. B. Murphy.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler raised the issue of Shoreside and Mr. B. Murphy said that this work will form part of the drainage work.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll doesn't have confidence in the checklist system and finds it very frustrating.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy explained that there is an overlap between the CRM system and the checklist, if an item is not going to be closed within the next 12 months it will be "Closed with Commitment". If everything was left on the checklist it would become unmanageable. He also explained that it is important that the calls go through CSD so that the query can be logged on CRM and assigned to the correct person. If an email comes into a number of people it is unclear who is to deal with it.</p>
<b>Item 13. To consider Notices of Motion</b>	<p><b>Notice of Motion No: 2850 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler</b></p> <p>I hereby request Tipperary County Council to install green and white yellow bollards at Bushfield Cross in the interest of safety.</p> <p>Notice of Motion 2850 was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. Bugler as follows:</p> <p><i>Bushfield Cross is located on the former nation N7 Road Limerick to Dublin Road.</i></p> <p><i>Two green and white bollards will be erected at the junction before the end of 2024.</i></p>



	<p><b>Notice of Motion No: 2864 submitted by Cllr. F. Bonfield</b></p> <p>I call on Tipperary County Council to investigate and start the process of rolling out the assessment of the need for raised crossings on all approach roads in Newport Town as a matter of urgency. We now have a policy on same and I am calling that we use Newport Town as a pilot for this scheme</p> <p>Notice of Motion 2864 was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. Bonfield as follows:</p> <p><i>The installation of raised crossings is controlled by the Tipperary County Council Policy - "Traffic Management Guidance on Vertical Deflections". The document indicates that raised pedestrian crossings can be used as part of an approved traffic calming design to reinforce low speeds in an urban environment, in accordance with design standards. Other methods of traffic calming should be incorporated or ruled out first.</i></p> <p><i>The raised crossings should not be provided on arterial routes including regional roads unless in exceptional circumstances.</i></p> <p><i>The Council will assess the use of traffic calming measures including raised crossings in the vicinity of St Joseph's School on the Black Road (L-2166) and Newport National School on Pound Street (L-2156).</i></p>
<b>Item 14. To note Delegated Employees Orders</b>	Noted.
<b>Item 15. To consider items of correspondence</b>	<p>There was one item of correspondence from Nenagh Friends of Palestine regarding the possibility of a twinning arrangement.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce explained that there are protocols around new twinning arrangements and that the group will have to make a more detailed submission to Corporate Services, where the application will be examined and referred to the Corporate Policy Group. She agreed to circulate the protocol</p> <p>Cllr. Morris advised that this is a great group that has been in operation for a number of years and said he will go back to them with the necessary protocols.</p>
<b>Item 16. Votes of Sympathy/</b>	<p>Votes of Sympathy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Murtagh family Nenagh on the death of Luke, R.I.P.</li><li>• Nealon family, Newtown on the death of, Nuala, R.I.P.</li></ul>



<b>Congratulations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Una Ryan on the death of her husband, Michael, R.I.P.</li></ul>
<b>Item 17. Any other business.</b>	<p>Cllr. Bugler enquired about the night-time road closures on the R494 and the closures on the R496. The traffic lights are also causing an issue.</p> <p>Mr. K. Malone explained that the details have been requested from the contractor and they will try to reduce the impact. Mr. L. Brett stated that discussions are ongoing but the closures will be advertised and people will be able to put in submissions.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield requested a meeting with the new Superintendent to discuss issues relating to Garda resources. It was agreed to fix a date for a Community Safety Meeting.</p>

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

Signed: Fiona Bonfield  
Cathaoirleach  
Cllr. F. Bonfield

Date: 17/10/2024

Signed: Murphy Joyce  
Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
District Administrator

Date: 17/10/2024

