



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE APRIL MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 10.45 AM ON 17th APRIL 2025

Present in chamber	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Michael O Meara, John Carroll, Louise Morgan Walsh, J.P. O'Meara, Pamela Quirke O'Meara, Séamus Morris and Phyll Bugler
Present via Zoom	Cllr. Joe Hannigan
Also Present	Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Liam Brett, Director of Services; Mr. Kieran Malone, Senior Engineer; Mr. Barry Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer Planning: Ms. Teresa Kiely, Administrative Officer; Mr. Jonathan Flood, Senior Executive Planner and Mr. Fergal O'Donnell, Senior Executive Planner; Mr. Shane Grogan, A/Senior Executive Officer
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of the March Meeting held on 20th March 2025	It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. J.P. O'Meara and resolved that the minutes of the March Meeting held on 20 th March 2025 be adopted.
Item 3. To receive update from Planning	The update from Planning was circulated to members. Cllr. Morris stated that the submission made by TCC on the National Planning Framework gave a fairly honest opinion that we can't do what is asked in the National Development Plan. A number of WWTP need to be upgraded and Uisce Éireann have failed to do this. A planning application has been submitted for the Nenagh upgrade but three pages of further information has been requested. Potential developments are being held up because of these issues. People are being refused planning on their own land and he suggested the government should be told that people can't move to villages and towns. Developers cannot afford to build in North Tipperary and due to this employers are having difficulty with recruitment. The NDP should be suspended until there is the ability to provide houses. The community infrastructure is also not available. The council should stop co-operating with the Department on Section 5 applications. He said that the accommodation of new communities needs to be managed. An issue arose recently in Dundrum and there is now a query over the ownership of the property involved.



A complaint has to go to Uisce Éireann and they should be pursued for breach of contract. The submission is a great document but he is disappointed that the members did not know about it. He asked for an update on the Rialto and Historical & Cultural Quarter, they are listed on the report as finished. He knows further funding is required to progress them further but the current process is not good value for money.

Cllr. M. O'Meara said there were 4 auctioneers on the radio recently and they said it will not be possible to deliver the 40,000/50,000 properties the government has committed to; the builders are not there to provide them and people will not be able to afford to buy them. People are coming back to live in the local areas but planning is difficult. There is the impression that modular homes do not require planning but this needs to be clarified. He acknowledged the Croí Conaithe grant and said it would be important to get the grant increased to €100,000 and a grant payable on each apartment to bring over the shop accommodation back into use.

Cllr. Bugler asked about the allocation of €5m under URDF to tackle vacant and derelict properties, the status of the Centre of Excellence, taking in charge of Ard Coillte and Ballina Quay. She thought all of this estate was taken in charge. She also asked about two enforcement issues that have been ongoing a while and enquired if it would be possible to talk to the agent involved in a planning application instead of issuing a further information request.

Cllr. Carroll stated that the new Planning & Development Act should have a positive impact and he would like to have a meeting to discuss the effect of this new act going forward. Innovation is required on the design and use of modular homes.

Cllr. Quirke O'Meara said the infrastructure is not there to support development and asked about the possibility of getting figures on how many applicants go for and get planning after having a preplanning meeting.

Cllr. Hannigan complimented the Planning Section on the submission and said it is not possible to progress with the existing County Development Plan. Areas that have wastewater capacity may have to be rezoned.

Mr. J. Flood said good sites are finite but there are constraints with planning permissions. Planning do work with applicants but unfortunately some applications do not meet the criteria required. Section 5 is an important part of planning law and it would not be possible for Planning not to co-operate or implement it. It is a national issue and it is not until the process is near completion that the details are entered in the Planning Register. There isn't a



facility where someone can make an observation. The points made in relation to costs/construction and targets have been well made by the members. Modular homes have to comply with the rural design guide, which is an appendix of the County Development Plan. A presentation was given to members on modular homes previously. Planning will work with people but there is a misconception that planning is not required for this type of development. If people are living in a residential unit regardless of size, planning is required. The new Planning Act is a very important piece of legislation, the regulations are being developed at the moment. It was expected that some provisions of the act would be in place by March but this is behind schedule. When the regulations are received they will be communicated to the members. A summary of the act is available now and this can be circulated.

Mr. F. O'Donnell noted the comments of the members on the TCC submission to the National Planning Framework and welcomed the fact that the comments of the members were broadly aligned with the submission. The submission was made in early September 2024 and a draft copy of this was circulated to members before the submission date. He clarified the role of the NPF and the National Development Plan, both are under Project Ireland 2040. The NPF sets out the vision, policy and strategy for the development of the nation. The NDP is the funding and investment vehicle, which is aligned with the NPF and is intended to provide the funding for critical infrastructure. The submission by TCC shares the members frustration with the lack of investment in critical infrastructure and the failure to follow the 'Balanced Regional Development' model. TCC made the submission to the formal consultation on the NPF last September. Cabinet agreed last week to the approval of the First Revision to the NPF. This needs to be agreed by the House of the Oireachtas and it is expected this will happen in the coming weeks. Despite the submission by TCC, a number of points by TCC have not been acted upon in the final version.

It was also announced last week last week that a formal review of the NDP has begun and is expected to be complete by Summer. It's not clear whether there will be a formal consultation to this process but it is expected that there will be. The executive has developed a working draft, which will be expanded upon, in anticipation of a formal call for submissions. This document can be shared with members for review, and input. A working group has been set up as a sub-group of the SPC to develop a working paper on Modular homes, log cabins and Mobile Homes. It is expected that this paper will be reported to the SPC and full Council in late summer / early Autumn.

Ms. T. Kiely informed members that there are no estates waiting to be advertised for taking in charge. Ballina Quay was taken in



	charge in December 2024 and February 2025 and she will follow up on the status of Ard Coillte. Mr. S. Grogan stated that the Cat 3 funding allocated under URDF is for Nenagh, Thurles and Clonmel only. It is to help identify and purchase vacant or derelict properties. A new team is in place to progress this. No expenditure has been incurred to date. There are currently 77 properties on the list of which 25 are in Nenagh. The local authority does not have control over the grant limit on the Croí Conaithe Scheme but the Department has been contacted about increasing the limit and extending it to multiple over the shop units. Ms. R. Joyce explained that the Cat 3 funding is for the purchase only not the refurbishment. The scheme may not be as attractive as it would seem but a good number of properties have moved forward. Discussions are ongoing in relation to the property acquisition for the Centre of Excellence and it is hoped an application for planning permission will be submitted by the end of the year. The work for the grants allocated under RRDF have been completed – these are to planning and design stage only. To progress these projects they will have to compete for funding within the county and then nationally. At the moment there is no suitable call for funding but all options will continue to be examined.																																		
Item 4. To approve allocation of funding under the Contribution to Clubs & Organisations Grants Scheme	It was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. Morgan Walsh and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Contribution to Clubs and Organisations Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Club/Organisation</th><th>Recommendation</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Aonach ar Siul (Nenagh Walking Club)</td><td>€150.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ardcroney Community Field</td><td>€250.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ardcroney Community Hall</td><td>€200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ardcroney FC</td><td>€200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ardcroney Old Man's Organisation</td><td>€200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Arra Historical & Archaeological Society</td><td>€250.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ballina Camogie Club</td><td>€200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ballina GAA Club</td><td>€200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ballina Handball Club</td><td>€200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ballina Killaloe Rugby Football Club</td><td>€200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ballina Ladies Football Club</td><td>€200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ballinaclough Sportsfield Committee</td><td>€200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ballycommon/Puckane CE CLG</td><td>€250.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ballymackey Womens Shed</td><td>€200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Birdhill Development and Environmental Association</td><td>€200.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Boher Community Development Group</td><td>€250.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Club/Organisation	Recommendation	Aonach ar Siul (Nenagh Walking Club)	€150.00	Ardcroney Community Field	€250.00	Ardcroney Community Hall	€200.00	Ardcroney FC	€200.00	Ardcroney Old Man's Organisation	€200.00	Arra Historical & Archaeological Society	€250.00	Ballina Camogie Club	€200.00	Ballina GAA Club	€200.00	Ballina Handball Club	€200.00	Ballina Killaloe Rugby Football Club	€200.00	Ballina Ladies Football Club	€200.00	Ballinaclough Sportsfield Committee	€200.00	Ballycommon/Puckane CE CLG	€250.00	Ballymackey Womens Shed	€200.00	Birdhill Development and Environmental Association	€200.00	Boher Community Development Group	€250.00
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	Burgess Duharra Camogie Club	€200.00
	Burgess Juvenile Club	€250.00
	Capparoe Womens Shed	€200.00
	Carrig Riverstown Killeen Active Retirement Association	€200.00
	Choose Respect	€200.00
	Cloughjordan Community Games	€200.00
	Cloughjordan FC	€200.00
	CRK Drama Group	€200.00
	Curreeny Community Hall	€200.00
	Development Association Newport CLG	€200.00
	"Eyes Open" Kilruane Ardcroney Community Alert Group	€300.00
	Farm Family Group	€250.00
	Friends of St Conlons Nursing Home	€250.00
	Irish Kennedy Heritage Group	€200.00
	Kilbarron Terryglass Historical Society	€250.00
	Kilruane MacDonaghs GAA & Camogie	€200.00
	Knigh Utd	€200.00
	Lahorna Handball Club	€200.00
	Longhouse Field Committee	€200.00
	Lorrha Camogie Club	€200.00
	Lorrha Community Games	€200.00
	Lorrha Dorrha Ladies Club	€200.00
	Lough Derg Yacht Club	€200.00
	Mná agus Cairde an tAonaigh	€350.00
	Mulcair Mens Shed	€350.00
	Nenagh Active Retirement	€250.00
	Nenagh AFC	€200.00
	Nenagh Classic Car Club	€200.00
	Nenagh Community Allotments	€350.00
	Nenagh Community Bridge Centre	€200.00
	Nenagh Cricket Club	€250.00
	Nenagh Eire Og Camogie Club	€200.00
	Nenagh Eire Og Hurling & Football Club	€250.00
	Nenagh Golf Club – Ladies branch	€200.00
	Nenagh Guild ICA	€250.00
	Nenagh Hockey Club	€200.00
	Nenagh Kickboxing Club	€300.00
	Nenagh Masters Swimming Club	€250.00
	Nenagh Neptune Swimming Club	€250.00



	Nenagh Ormond Brass Band	€250.00												
	Nenagh Special Summer Camp	€350.00												
	Nenagh Squash Club	€200.00												
	Nenagh Warriors Basketball Club	€200.00												
	Neuro Nation	€350.00												
	Newport Community First Responders	€250.00												
	Newport Community Text Alert Group	€250.00												
	Newport Historical & Archaeological Society	€250.00												
	Newport Town AFC	€200.00												
	Newport Womens Shed	€350.00												
	Newport Youth Choir	€200.00												
	North Tipperary Artists Collective	€300.00												
	North Tipperary Republican Memorial Committee	€200.00												
	Order of Malta – Nenagh Unit	€350.00												
	Puckaun & Carrig Senior Citizens Association	€250.00												
	Puckane Tennis Club	€200.00												
	Rathcabbin Players	€300.00												
	Rearcross Womens Shed	€350.00												
	Riverdale Pitch & Putt Club	€250.00												
	Silvermines Community Centre	€300.00												
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	Silvermines Historical Society	€250.00												
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	Silvermines Mens Shed	€350.00												
	Silvermines Senior Citizens Committee	€250.00												
	St Odhrans Ladies Football Club	€200.00												
	Stafford Day Service	€350.00												
	Terryglass Angling & Conservation Club	€200.00												
	Terryglass Kilbarron Games & Conservation Club	€200.00												
	The Ateam	€350.00												
Item 5. To approve allocation of funding under Residents Associations	It was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. Quirke O'Meara and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Contribution to Residents Associations Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:													
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	Carrig Derg Residents Committee	€150.00
	Carrig Rua Residents Association	€350.00
	Castle Oak Residents Committee	€250.00
	Castlecourt Residents Committee	€150.00
	Ciamaltha Meadows Residents Association	€350.00
	Clonbealy Residents Association	€250.00
	Cluain Caoin Residents Association	€250.00
	Cnoc Ard Residents Association	€250.00
	Cnoc Cluain Residents Association	€250.00
	Coille Bheithe Residents Association	€350.00
	Cois Deirge Residents Association	€150.00
	Cullenagh Residents Committee	€250.00
	Derg Manor Residents Association	€150.00
	Doncarrig Residents Association	€250.00
	Dromin Court Residence Group	€150.00
	Drom na Coille Residents Association	€350.00
	Drummin Village Residents Association	€350.00
	Fairgreen Residents Committee	€250.00
	Farmleigh Residents Association	€250.00
	Harbour View Residents Committee	€150.00
	Iniscealtra Residents Association	€250.00
	Killnasalla Residents Association	€250.00
	Lakeside Villas Residents Association	€150.00
	Lorrha Village Residents Committee	€250.00
	Lough Derg Cottages	€150.00
	Marine Village Residents Association	€250.00
	McDonagh Avenue Residents Committee	€250.00
	Monaree Residents Association	€350.00
	Mulkear View Residents Committee	€250.00
	Pallas Derg Residents Association	€250.00
	Radharc Darach Residents Committee	€150.00
	Rearcross Residents Committee	€150.00
	Sallygrove Residents Association	€250.00
	The Beeches Residents Association	€250.00
	Townfields Residents Association	€250.00
	Tullock Residents Committee	€150.00
	Yewston Residents Association	€250.00
	Youghlarra Way Residents Association	€250.00
Item 6. To approve allocation of funding under the Tidy Towns Grants Scheme	It was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. M. O'Meara and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Contribution to Tidy Towns Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:	



Tidy Towns Group		Recommendation
Aglish Old School & Village Committee		€800.00
Ardcroney Community Development Committee		€2,000.00
Ballina Tidy Towns		€6,000.00
Ballinahinch Tidy Towns Committee		€800.00
Ballingarry Tidy Towns Committee		€1,000.00
Ballycommon Village Residents Association		€1,000.00
Birdhill Tidy Towns Committee		€1,500.00
Borrisokane Tidy Towns Committee		€1,300.00
Capparoe Tidy Towns Committee		€500.00
Carney Tidy Village Committee		€300.00
Carrig Tidy Towns Committee		€1,700.00
Carrigahorig Development Association		€1,000.00
Cloughjordan Tidy Towns Committee		€1,000.00
Dromineer & District Development Association		€1,700.00
Garrykennedy Tidy Towns Committee		€1,000.00
Kilbarron Development Association		€800.00
Kilcommon Tidy Towns Association		€800.00
Killoscully Development Association		€1,500.00
Lorrha Development Association		€1,000.00
Nenagh Tidy Towns		€10,000.00
Newport Tidy Towns		€6,000.00
Pike Residence Association		€300.00
Portroe Tidy Towns Committee		€1,200.00
Puckane Tidy Towns Committee		€1,000.00
Rathcabbin Development Association		€800.00
Rearcross Tidy Towns		€800.00
Riverstown Tidy Towns		€900.00
Shallee Enhancement Group		€900.00
Silvermines Enhancement Group		€3,000.00
Templederry Tidy Towns		€1,300.00
Terryglass Improvement Association		€4,000.00
Toor Tidy Village		€800.00
Item 7. To approve allocation of funding under the Burial Ground Grants Scheme	It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Bugler and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Contribution to Burial Grounds Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:	
Burial Ground Committee Name		Recommendation
Garrykennedy Graveyard		€668.55
Killodiernan Graveyard		€668.55
Lisboney Old Cemetery		€668.55



**Item 8.
To update
members on
projects &
events**

The update on projects and events was circulated to members.

Newport Town Park:

Awaiting submission of Final Account and completion of snag list.

Newport Town Team/Newport Town Centre First Plan:

- Meeting with Town Team on submissions on Newport Town Centre First Plan took place for 1st April 2025.
- Priorities and projects were discussed and the Town Team identified their main concerns.
- Arising from this, changes are being made to the Draft Plan which will be brought back before the members in May 2025.

Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First/THRIVE:

- Work is continuing on the preparation of the Integrated Urban Strategy.
- The consultation survey had a total of 937 submissions – these were mainly on-line however hard copies of the survey were also available in Nenagh Library, Nenagh Credit Union, Nenagh Tourist Office, Nenagh Leisure Centre, Motor Tax Office and at the Customer Services Desk.
- A 'Meet the Town Team' meeting was held in Nenagh Tourist Office on 3rd April 2025. Approx. 50 attended and had the opportunity to visit tables dealing with Welcome; Buildings; Natural Environment; Traffic Movement; Business & Tourism; Community, Youth & Recreation.
- The results from the consultation process are currently being collated.



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- Discussions with Image ICT Solutions Ltd., T/A Storm Web Development are continuing in relation to the revamp of Nenagh.ie for Nenagh Town.

Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub:

- Work is progressing on exploring the potential funding sources based on proposed use of the Rialto.

Nenagh Town Park Extension

Tender documents and Brief for the extension of the Town Park into the lands across the river at Riverston are currently under review.

Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter

- Grant funding of €37,500 has been secured for conservation works to the windows and doors of the Governor's House under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme. Terms & Conditions have been signed off and we are progressing to seek tenders for the works involved. The additional funding allocated through the GMA will enable the works to be completed.



- We will continue to strive to source funding for the various proposals in relation to the Historic & Cultural Quarter as funding calls open up.

Nenagh Centre of Excellence:

- The consultants are continuing to engage with stakeholders.
- An initial meeting with Planning Section has been held.
- Engagements with the landowners is on-going.

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:

- Tender for construction has been awarded to PS Carmody Contractors Ltd., Ennis, Co. Clare and contracts have been signed.
- The existing toilet block has been demolished and the contractors are expected on site at the beginning of May.
- An assessment of the accessibility to and from the new facility has been undertaken. Approval in principal has been indicated and written confirmation of same is awaited. The works applied for include induction loop in the WAC, footpaths and associated works, bike stand, pedestrian crossings, street furniture/rest points and resurfacing of carpark with line markings, bays, etc.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022

- Ballina Access Promenade and Viewing Area – Contractor: Nevilles Civils Works Work is complete and the Access Promenade and Viewing Area is now open to the public. Arrangements are being made for an official opening.
- Newport Courthouse and Bridewell Complex – Consultants: Integrated Design Team led by Robin Lee Architects. Part 8 planning has been applied for. The proposals are currently on public display and will remain available until 22nd May. Submissions may be made up to 6th June.

Casual Trading Bye-Laws

- The total number of licences issued to date for 2025, or part thereof, is 12. Current licences issued are for the designated trading areas of Dromineer, Garrykennedy, The Lookout, Ballina Riverside Park and Castlelough.
- There is currently one pending casual trading licence application for the designated area of The Clare Glens. We are awaiting the applicant to revert in relation to one outstanding requirement and once we are in receipt of this, the casual trading licence will issue.



Expressions of Interests for Development Land at Lisbunny

The disposals to Banaghan & Co (Stationery) Ltd and Apex Aviation approved by members at the October plenary meeting are being progressed by the Central Property Unit. It is the Council's intention to upgrade the roadway within this development.

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 in 2024. This is being revisited in 2025. The provision of facilities for lifeguards is currently being progressed.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:

- Measure One 2023 – Castlough Amenity Area Improvement Works. Contractor appointed for installation of BBQ areas. Works are in progress.
- Measure One 2023 – Upper Lough Derg Tranquility Area (Mota & Skehanagh). Works are ongoing at this location.
- Project Development Measures 2022 – Garrykennedy Inner Harbour. Integrated Design Team led by DRA Consulting appointed. Ecologist appointed for completion of Ecological Impact Assessment. Consultant also appointed for completion of Archaeological Impact Assessment. Surveys being undertaken. Consultation with local stakeholders in advance of the planning application has commenced. The Design Team Planning Pack is currently under review by Nenagh MD.
- Clare Glens Project Development Measure – A Consultant and Ecologist have been appointed. A planning application to An Bord Pleanála is currently being compiled with the intention to submit same to An Bord Pleanála by May 2025.

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. Procurement documents are currently being compiled for procurement of consultants to bring this to planning stage.

Participation Nation Outdoor Fund

Funding has been secured under the Participation Nation Outdoor Fund in conjunction with Sports Partnership for the installation of 3x3 Basketball Court and biodiversity measures at St. Paul's Playground, Nenagh. This is one of three projects funded in Tipperary under this programme. Tender processes will be undertaken in the near future in conjunction with the other



locations in Tipperary and works progressed thereafter. Meeting has been held with the Biodiversity Officer in relation to the siting of the biodiversity area.

Entente Florale Competition 2025

Meetings are on-going with the Department, mentors assigned to assist with the application, representatives of the Terryglass Improvement Association and staff of Tipperary County Council. A working group is progressing preparations for the adjudication which will take place in July. The most recent meeting took place on the 10th April and a public meeting was held in the Hall in relation to the competition. This was well attended and very informative. Applications have been invited from the owners of property in Terryglass to apply for assistance under a Painting & Enhancement Scheme in order to encourage property owners to have their premises looking well for judging.

Applications for Grant Funding:

Recommendations were approved at the March meeting in relation to the following schemes: Festivals & Events and Burial Grounds.

Recommendations in relation to Clubs & Organisations, Residents' Associations and Tidy Towns are being brought to the April meeting.

2025 Painting & Enhancement Scheme:

This scheme has been advertised and applications can now be submitted in respect of premises in Nenagh, Ballina, Newport, Borrisokane, Terryglass and Cloughjordan. Closing date is 22nd August and works must be completed by 10th October. Grant is up to 50% of costs to a max. of €500.

Nenagh Tourist Office:

- 327 children attended information sessions on water safety provided by the RNLI in Nenagh Tourist Office in March.
- 93 children are booked to take part in an Easter Egg hunt co-ordinated by the Tourist Office.
- On 1st May 2025 Nenagh Tourist Office & Nenagh Arts Centre are running a Tea Day in aid of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland.

Ms. R. Joyce informed members that the Part 8 for the Newport Courthouse and Bridewell was put on public display the previous day. The consultants are finalising the draft plan for the Newport Town Centre First. There was a great response to the integrated urban strategy for Nenagh, 937 surveys were received and the 'Meet the Town Team' event went very well. 50 people attended and she thanked the members of the team that manned the tables. The results are now being collated.



	Cllr. Quirke O'Meara asked if the Painting & Enhancement Scheme can be extended to rural villages. Cllr. Bugler enquired on the status of the Ballina Town team and if residential properties can apply for the painting and enhancement scheme. Cllr. Morgan Walsh requested an update on the Nenagh Transport Hub. Ms. R. Joyce explained that if there was a number of properties in a village interested in the painting and enhancement scheme they should talk to her. It would be important that there is a sufficient number of properties interested so that it would create an impact. Residential properties can apply for the scheme. Clairification is required with Killaloe in relation to the Ballina town team. Mr. S. Grogan is following up with his equivalent in Clare. Mr. L. Brett informed members that there is no funding call for the transport hub at the moment but everything is ready when there is a call.
Item 9. To update members on the Works Programme.	Mr. B. Murphy stated that there has been a good start to the programme this year as the weather has been favourable. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara said that 1km of the R503 is on the programme for next year but asked if this could be done this year when the equipment is already in the area. She also raised the road at Monaquill but acknowledged it is on the programme for 2026. Cllr. M. O'Meara stated that the ditches on the bog road between Borrisokane and Athlone are very poor and that the possibility of a roundabout on Martyr's Road should be examined. Mr. B. Murphy explained that if there was an unlimited budget a complete road would be done in one year. Red roads are still being prioritised. Hedge cutting has improved due to the great co-operation from the public. A lot of work was done in relation to hedges in the South of the District and this will be replicated in the North of the District going forward. Ditches along bog roads can be very difficult as it is not always clear who the landowner is and sometimes when the hedges are cut back it can lead to cars going off the road.
Item 10. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters	The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to members. Cllr. Bugler raised a number of items that were already on the checklist – outfalls on Portroe Road, Ballina, signs at Millennium Cross, the possibility of taking in charge the hurling road at Shallee, footpath at Milbrae, footpath at the Church of Ireland Templeberry, loose capping on the bridge on the R496 and the narrow section on the R494. Cllr. Morris asked about the sequencing of the lights at Tyone, sensors are needed and there will be further issues when the houses currently under construction are occupied. A similar



system to the one at Cormack Drive would be beneficial. He also asked if there are enough loading bays in town.

Cllr. M. O'Meara raised the issue of the pedestrian crossing in Borrisokane and said the general consensus is that the one way system is not working. Business is down because of it and a survey of businesses is required. There are 3 crossings on a busy street and it is important that the buses are moved to the railway station.

Cllr. Carroll asked that an acknowledgement is given to members when they raise an item. It is frustrating when none is received. He also asked if the remedial work that was completed at Tyone could be extended to the rugby club, the work at Hogan's Pass, Ballyrusheen Junction, fence at Carrigatoher and the meeting about the overhanging trees at Roulagh/Boher.

Cllr. Quirke O'Meara stated that the one way system is difficult to navigate. She is aware that a submission on it has been made but would a review be done now that it is bedded-in? People will be able to have their say.

Cllr. Morgan Walsh requested that the possibility of a pedestrian crossing between the Tesco roundabout and the turn for the Old Birr Road could be examined. It is a very difficult area to cross as cars travel very fast on that part of the road. She also asked about the crossing at Centra.

Cllr. J.P. O'Meara agreed with the issue on Summerhill and that some drivers on the one way system are not too confident switching lanes and can sometimes sit at the crossing waiting to change lane. It may be useful to change the system so that the driver gives way to traffic from the right. Parking on the double yellow lines on Pearse St heading to Summerhill also causes problems.

Cllr. Bonfield asked about the status of the review of the speed limits and how will the Department know that these new speed limits have worked.

Mr. K. Malone explained that, at the start of the year the intention was that the review of the speed limits for urban areas would be completed by June or July, but this date has now been pushed back. He would be very surprised if the area covered by the one way system does not fall into the 30kph zone. He is aware of the submission in relation to the one way system but did think if the system is changed to give way to traffic from the right drivers will focus more on vehicles and not pedestrians. Sorting one problem could lead to another. The outcome for pedestrians is much better at 30kph rather than 50kph and this will show the success of the reduction in speed limits.



	Mr. B. Murphy informed members that there was over 2,000 CRMs in 2024 and a limited number of people dealing with them. The CRM system should be used for routine tasks etc. potholes and these would generally bypass the engineers and go directly to the GSS. A CRM number is generated and this helps with any follow up. There is a 2 weekly meeting with the GSSs and there is a follow up on the CRMs at that meeting. If something is to be added to the checklist members should email him with "Checklist" on the subject line. These are generally items that would take more than a day to sort. The checklist is very useful when it comes to identifying certain types of jobs e.g. drainage work. However, members should bear in mind that just because the details have been sent in either to be put on CRM or for the checklist it does not mean the resources are available to do the work. He stated that the one way system is generally a success, there previously was a lot of congestion at the traffic lights and you could have been on Kenyon Street for 20 minutes and now you can get through town in a few minutes. People have to be more aware when driving. The raised platforms have worked and have cut back speeding. Some business owners think the system has worked. Nothing is perfect and there will always be consequences. The lights at Tyone will be programmed to maximise the movement of traffic. The permanent phasing will be in place when the project is nearing completion. Traffic loops will be put in place once the final surface is done. At the moment there is no available funding for the pedestrian crossing in Borrisokane. A recommendation is being made to start the process of taking the hurling field road at Shallee in charge.
Item 11. To consider Notices of Motion	Notice of Motion No: 2957 submitted by Cllrs. Bonfield & Morgan Walsh We are asking Nenagh Municipal District Council to call on Transport For Ireland to locate a Local Link bus stop at Nenagh General Hospital to cater for patients needing to attend at the hospital. At present the Local Link service stops at Nenagh Railway Station, meaning patients have to walk to the hospital and back. Notice of motion 2957 was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Morgan Walsh. Response was given to Cllr. O'Meara as follows: <i>The Active Travel Section will consult with The National Transport Authority regarding the possibility of providing a bus stop for the Local Link service close to the Nenagh General Hospital in Tyone, Nenagh.</i>



	Cllrs. Bonfield and Morgan Walsh welcomed the response. Notice of Motion No: 2968 submitted by Cllrs. M. O'Meara, Bonfield, Bugler, Carroll, Hannigan, Morgan Walsh, Morris, J. P. O'Meara, Quirke O'Meara. That Tipperary County Council increase the allocation to each Graveyard committee to €1,000 in the Annual Budget 2026 returns. In light of the tremendous work carried out by the Graveyard committees around county Tipperary we are requesting that the Annual revenue budget increase the allocated amount to €1,000 per committee. The graveyard grounds have in the most part seen a significant improvement with a lot of voluntary work being done by local volunteers. Graveyards by their nature are areas where people can remember their loved ones in a serene and dignified manner and it is important that the grounds are preserved to a good standard. Also graveyards are tourist and historical reference centres which attract a lot of visitors into our county. Notice of motion 2968 was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. J Carroll. Response was given to the members as follows: <i>The grants to Graveyard Committees are based on the annual Revenue Budget as adopted. As this is a county-wide budgetary matter if this motion is agreed by members it will be forwarded to the Meetings Administrator for consideration by Tipperary County Council at plenary level.</i> Cllr. O'Meara stated that there is good support for this at the full council. The standard of work by the committees is very high and it is more difficult to get the work done. Members agreed that the motion should be submitted to the Meetings Administrator for consideration by Tipperary County Council.
Item 12. To note Delegated Employees Orders	Noted.
Item 13. To consider items of correspondence	None
Item 14. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	Votes of Sympathy: • Margaret Fogarty, Templederry on the death of her husband, Andy, R.I.P.



	- Hassett Family, Nenagh, on the death of their father, Matt, R.I.P. - Ann Ryan, Nenagh on the death of her husband, Noel, R.I.P. Votes of Congratulations: - Ballymackey FC on winning women's league. - Kiladangan GAA on successful opening of astro pitch & ball wall. - Nenagh Hockey on winning U18 Munster league.
Item 15. Any other business.	Cllr. O'Meara informed members that there was an issue with the water supply in the Rathcabbin area recently and no notification was given. He has been ringing Uisce Éireann and it has been very difficult to get answers from them. Older people don't use social media so would find it difficult to get the relevant information.

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

Signed: Fiona Bonfield
Cathaoirleach
Cllr. F. Bonfield

Date: 15/5/2025

Signed: Ms. Rosemary Joyce
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 15/5/2025

