

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 10.45 AM ON 20th NOVEMBER 2025

Present in chamber	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, J.P. O'Meara, Phyll Bugler, Pamela Quirke O'Meara, Michael O Meara, Louise Morgan Walsh, Joe Hannigan and Séamus Morris	
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	
*	Economic, Community & Rural Development: Ms. Sheevaun Thompson, Administrative Officer, Ms. Mary Ryan, Senior Economic Development Officer and Ms. Kate Madden, Social Inclusion Manager, NTDC	
8	Cultural/Libraries & Biodiversity: Róisin O Grady, Heritage Officer and Ms Ann Marie Fleming, Biodiversity Officer	
Item 1.	None	
To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	e .	
Item 2.	It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. J.P. O'Meara	
To consider and	and resolved that the minutes of the October Meeting held on 16 th	
adopt Minutes of the October	October be adopted.	
Meeting held on		
16 th October 2025		
Item 3. To receive	A presentation was given on the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme and the Love Tipperary Gift Cards.	
presentation		
from Economic, Community and Rural Development	Cllr. Quirke O'Meara asked if any group could get assistance under SICAP, she has a group that would really benefit from this programme. Cllr. M. O'Meara stated that rural areas need a lot of help since Covid and Cllr. Hannigan supported this. They asked about the possibility of linking in with the residents in the Borrisokane area.	
	Ms. K. Madden explained SICAP will support any group once it meets the criteria and is registered with the PPN. The Rural Social scheme would help with community groups but they rely on the elected members to help with community engagement.	
e	Cllr. Morris asked if credit could be bought with cash to top up the Love Tipperary gift cards and where can it be used. Cllr. Hannigan said it is important to get the message out on how it works and	

Cllr. Bugler enquired about the timeframe for the balance on the card. Ms. M. Ryan will check about topping up the card using cash and explained that there is a 0% charge on the card as the Chamber are paying the licence fee. There is a list of the businesses that have signed up to the card online and the person has 5 years to use the card. The report from Cultural Services/Libraries and Biodiversity was Item 4. To receive circulated to members. update from Ms. R. O'Grady specifically mentioned that work has started on the Cultural Services/ new Heritage and Biodiversity Plan that will be in operation for the Libraries and next 5 years. The work on the archive network is also ongoing, it **Biodiversity** is important to keep historic information in an area. Cllr. J.P. O'Meara welcomed the biodiversity work in St. Paul's Playground. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara said the guidance and help given to groups is very welcome, the Toor project is a great example of this. Cllr. Bonfield stated that the digitalisation of records is very important and there is a lot of information available. The Tidy Towns reports this year seemed to focus on biodiversity and it would be very helpful to groups to get some support in this area. Cllr. M. O'Meara informed members that there are now 10 nesting pairs of barn owls, and while they are still endangered providing barn owl boxes has improved the situation. It is a testament to the work of the Council. Cllr. Carroll said it was important to get interaction from community groups for the Heritage Plan, a lot of groups have concerns around buildings and monuments, Cllr. Morris asked about helping the river trust group for Nenagh get organised. Ms. A.M. Fleming agreed that the St. Paul's Playground project was a great project and she looked forward to seeing how it looks coming into the Summer. There will be workshops in the new year for Tidy Towns groups. The river trust groups would be under the remit of the Community Engagement Officer with LAWPRO but if Cllr. Morris sent on details she would be happy to help. There are great statistics on how well the barn owl has done in Tipperary and actions in relation to this will form part of the new biodiversity plan. Ms. R. O'Grady stated that there has been 2 workshops held on archiving records and information and they have been very successful. Under the new heritage plan there will be a focus on helping groups with digitalising records. Item 5. It was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. Morgan To approve Walsh 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:

allocation under

grant schemes



Burial Ground Committee Name	Recommendation
Carrig Burial Ground	€668.55
Lockeen Graveyard	€668.55

Item 6. To update members on projects & events

Newport Town Park:

Meeting scheduled with consultants and contractors to finalise.

Newport Town Team/Newport Town Centre First Plan:

- Newport Town Centre First Plan was agreed at the May meeting of Nenagh MD. The Plan will now form the basis for agreeing an Action Plan to progress implementation based on priorities and resources.
- Meeting of Newport Town Team to be arranged.

Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First/THRIVE:

- Copies of the Nenagh Town Centre First Plan are now available.
- Claim for THRIVE funding allocated for preparation of the TCF Plan submitted.
- Meeting of Nenagh Town Team to be arranged and action plan to be developed.
- Agreement reached with Nenagh Guardian to provide updates in relation to the Nenagh Town Team and the TCF Plan on a regular basis.









 Feedback given to Image ICT Solutions Ltd., T/A Storm Web Development on the revised proposals for logo for Nenagh.ie.
 Refinements received and currently being assessed.

Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub:

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

Nenagh Town Park Extension

- Following a tender process Lead Engineer, Ecologist and Landscaper have been appointed to prepare a concept design for the extension of Nenagh Town Park with a view to progressing to planning stage.
- Design is ongoing first draft of ecologist reports/screening and civil/structural drawings completed.
- Landscaper to submit options.
- Aim is to submit for Planning by end of November 2025.

Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter

- Works have been completed on the conservation works to the windows of the Governor's House funded under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and the GMA.
- Application has been submitted to the Department under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme in respect of the 3-storey Gaol Block with a view to securing funding to allow this historic heritage building to be brought back into public use. Awaiting decision on same.
- 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:

- Work is progressing on initial design and the red-line boundary for the development has been agreed with the design team.
- Discussions are progressing with the property owners.
- It is aimed to submit planning through Part 8 process in Q4 2025/Q1 2026.
- Meetings are being held fortnightly with the Integrated Design Team.

RRDF Call 4 - Category 2:

An allocation of €1 million has been awarded under RRDF Call 4 – Category 2 for a Town Centre Regeneration Project in Killaloe-Ballina. The lead authority for this is Clare County Council. The funding is for design and planning with a view to submitting a future application under Category 1 for funding to deliver the project. We are liaising with Clare County Council to progress this.

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.

Works on Abbey Lane & Kenyon St:

- Works have concluded on the pedestrianisation on the top part of Abbey Lane. This is now closed to traffic.
- A new pedestrian crossing on Kenyon St. has also been installed. The lights will be connected in the coming weeks.

Platforms for Growth- Dromineer:

- Work is progressing on site.
- Fortnightly meetings are being held on site with consultants and contractors.
- It is expected that Tipperary County Council will go to tender by the end of November for the provision of Changing Places Facility.
- An assessment of the accessibility to and from the new facility has been undertaken. Approval in principle to funding for

specified measures has been indicated by Fáilte Ireland. 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. Funding provided for this will be to a maximum of €161,000. The civil works for the installation of new footpaths, pedestrian crossing and car park associated with the accessibility measures will commence by the end of November.

Casual Trading Bye-Laws

- Tipperary County Council (NMD) has recently advertised, inviting applications for Casual Trading Licences for 2026, or part thereof, in the designated areas Dromineer, Clare Glens, Garrykennedy, Castlelough, Ballina Riverside Park, Newport and the Lookout. Licences must be reapplied for on an annual basis. Closing date for receipt of completed applications was 4.30 p.m. on Friday 31st October 2025.
- To date for 2026 a total of 24 Casual Trading applications have been received and these are now being progressed to assessment stage.

Expressions of Interests for Development Land at Lisbunny
The disposals to Banaghan & Co (Stationery) Ltd and Apex
Aviation approved by members at the October 2024 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 2025. This will be revisited in 2026. The provision of facilities for lifeguards will also be progressed.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:

- Measure One 2023 Castlelough Amenity Area Improvement Works. This project has been completed.
- Measure One 2023 Upper Lough Derg Tranquility Area (Mota & Skehanagh). Works are now complete.
- Project Development Measures 2022 Garrykennedy Inner Harbour. Planning application was submitted in July to An Coimisiún Pleanála. This project is now complete as the planning application has been submitted. On-site meeting with representatives of the Development Association took place at end of September. Four submissions were received following the public consultation period and we have now submitted our observations on these submissions to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Should planning approval be received, funding will be sought for the works involved.

 Clare Glens Project Development Measure – A planning application has been submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Four submissions were received following the public consultation period and we have now submitted our observations on these submissions to An Coimisiún Pleanála. This project is now complete as the planning application has been submitted and we await the outcome of same. Should planning approval be received, funding will be sought for the work involved.

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 from 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. A Section 50 application has been approved by OPW to put bridge over the river. Planning was lodged to An Coimisiuin Pleanála on the 30th October 2025.

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. Works commenced in early November on this project. The planting associated with the biodiversity measures has been completed. The surface of the basketball court has also been completed. The remaining items will be concluded in the coming weeks.

2025 Painting & Enhancement Scheme:

47 applications have been received to date in respect of locations other than Terryglass. 47 have received provisional approval and 32 applicants have been paid to date, with 3 approvals declined as works are not going to proceed. We are awaiting completion of works and submission of receipts and photographs from the remaining 12 applicants.

Grant Schemes:

- 69 Burial Ground applications have been received, payments have been made to 67 applicants. There are two applications to go before the November District Meeting.
- Provisional approval has been granted to 32 Tidy Towns groups. 21 have been paid to date, one is due to receive payment in the next payrun and we are waiting submission of reports and receipts so that payment can be made to the remainder.
- Payments have been made to 41 of the 46 Residents Associations, one is due to receive payment in the next

payrun and we are awaiting documentation from the remaining applicants

- Payments have been made to 86 of the 91 applications received under the Contributions to Clubs and Organisations grant, one is due for payment in the next payrun and the remaining applicants are due to submit documentation.
- Grant offers have been made to 26 Festivals & Events applications. Sixteen have been paid to date, one is not proceeding with the drawdown of the grant. We are awaiting submission of reports and receipts so that payment can be made to the remaining applicants

Permits for use of Jetty in Ballina:

One application has been issued for use of the floating jetty in Ballina in 2025.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme:

In total €500,000 has been allocated to Tipperary County Council under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme. Details of locations in the Nenagh MD were previously advised. Works on the bus stops is being progressed. The installation of the shelters will not take place until after Christmas as the shelters have to come from abroad.

Nenagh Leisure Centre:

Nenagh Leisure Centre has been awarded the Outstanding standard in the National Quality Standard Awards this year. Congratulations to Lorenzo Chambo and all his team.

Tidy Towns

The 2025 SuperValu Tidy Towns National Awards Ceremony took place on Friday 24th October, and it was another outstanding year for the dedicated Tidy Towns Committees across the Nenagh Municipal District.

A total of 26 towns, villages, and communities entered the competition, and the results were truly remarkable:

All centres saw an increase in marks, with standout achievements including:

- Toor: +18 marks and the Endeavour Award
- Killoscully & Rathcabbin: +14 marks each
- Aglish & Kilcommon: +13 marks each
- No centre received less than a 7-mark increase

Top Achievers:

- Terryglass: County First & Silver Medal
- Silvermines: County Second & Bronze Medal

- Birdhill: County Third & Bronze Medal
- Nenagh Town: Retained its Bronze Medal with an 8-mark increase

This success reflects the incredible commitment to sustainability, community pride, and environmental stewardship across the district. Congratulations to all involved.

Nenagh Tourist Office:

- Sky News visited Nenagh Tourist Office recently as part of a piece they are filming for broadcast later this year based on the Shane MacGowan trail. They also travelled to a number of other associated locations.
- Radio Station Q102 have also been in contact with Nenagh Tourist Office with a view to recording interviews there.
- Work is on-going on co-ordination of Christmas events in Nenagh.

Upcoming Events Christmas:

Nenagh:

- Turning on of the Christmas Lights Nenagh Sunday 30th
 November, open air concert on Pearse St. from 3.00 p.m. with
 ABBA, Trudi Lalor, Santa Clause, JP's Gigantic Video Disco, the
 Musical Theatre Academy of Nenagh, Robbie Glennon,
 Misneach Choir and many more. Turning on of lights 5.45 p.m.
 approx.
- Lighting of Tree of Remembrance at the Courthouse Sunday 30th November 6.15 p.m.
- Ormond Octaves in St. Mary's of the Rosary Friday 5th December, 8 p.m.
- Christmas at the Castle will take place this year on Friday 12th, Saturday the 13th and Sunday the 14th of December. This will include a 'Santa Visit' on each of the days with a Sensory Friendly Santa visit on Friday 12th. In addition to this, there will be a Breakfast with Santa on Sunday 14th December 2025. Both Santa at the Castle and Breakfast with Santa are now sold out!
- Christmas Market in grounds of Nenagh Castle Saturday 13th December.
- Christmas Country with Declan Nerney in grounds of Nenagh Castle Sunday 14th December at 2.30 p.m.
- Choir Service with Odhran Pastoral Choir in St. Mary's of the Rosary Sunday 14th December at 3.00 p.m.
- Nenagh Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church of Ireland Nenagh from Wednesday 10th to Sunday 14th of December.
- Nenagh Christmas Tractors Sunday 14th December at 6.00 p.m.

Newport:

Winter Wonderland event at Newport Town Park 5 p.m. Saturday 6th December.

Ballina:

Events currently being planned for turning on of lights on tree located on Killaloe-Ballina bridge and for festive entertainment, choral singing, etc. Dates and full details will be confirmed – potentially 28th November and 7th December.

Christmas Parking Arrangements - Nenagh:

- Three hours free parking will apply in Car Parks from Saturday 6th to Friday 26th December 2025.
- Normal pay parking will apply on-street.

Ms. R. Joyce highlighted a number of areas – 24 applications for casual trading licences have been received to date. This level of interest shows that the bye-laws have worked to encourage businesses. Planning applications have been submitted to An Cóimisiún Pleanála for the Clare Glens, Garrykennedy inner harbour and Newport Ball Alley. The Santa in the Castle has been sold out, there are a lot of events in the lead up to Christmas in the town.

Cllr. Bugler complimented the events that are being held and said it was very important that these get publishised. She complimented the tidy towns groups on their results and asked about the bus stops for Ballina.

Cllr. Morris stated that the success of the tourist office shows that nothing happens without hard work, at the moment it is easy to sell Nenagh. He asked if the possibility of putting in modular homes at Stereame could be examined, especially to help essential workers, an update on the machinery yard and the river walk.

Cllr. Carroll said it is vital to get funding for Garrykennedy and requested an update on the active travel scheme for Newtown. Cllr. Hannigan agreed that the town has become a great place to visit and it is important surrounding areas link in with this.

Mr. L. Brett acknowledged that the Stereame project did hit a significant stumbling block, most projects will have some concerns as some stage. Currently discussions are ongoing to get past these issues with Stereame.

Item 7. To update members on the Works Programme.

The Works Programme was circulated to members.

Mr. B. Murphy stated that year 1 of a 3 year programme has been completed. The advance work at Finnoe Rd will take 3 or 4 weeks and the Arrabawn pipeline is progressing well. The design for Kilcommon is being drawn up but it is more complicated than expected. 2 CIS and 10 LIS projects were completed but there is still a backlog. Inflation and finances are a big problem, some jobs could not extend as far as was hoped.

Cllr. Morris asked about the back up of sewerage in some areas and if it could be due to the pipeline, the ramp at Dromin Road, trees at Tobar Mhuire need to be addressed and people have concerns over the work at the Cloughjordan junction. Cllr. M. O'Meara expressed concerns with the allocation of funding to the local authorities from central government. The residents in Carrigahorig are frustrated with the slow down in progress for the work in the area, it needs to get to the stage of detailed design and contractor on site.

Cllr. Carroll said it is very frustrating to still be waiting on work to be done under his tertiary roads' allocation, the culverts on the R445 need to be cleared and there was work done previously on the taking in charge of land near Ballinahinch GAA but this now needs to be progressed. He agreed that the allocation of funding has to be addressed by central government, especially with the current levels of inflation.

Cllr. Morgan Walsh stated that there was dangerous parking at the new entrance at the hospital, there could be 15 to 20 cars parked on double yellow lines even though there is plenty of parking at the back of the out patients building. She also thinks it important to address the speeding at Summerhill with a raised table.

Cllr. Quirke O'Meara explained that the recent deluge of rain meant that people could not leave their houses in Kilcommon to go to work and asked if there could be engagement to resolve the issue. There are also roads at Cully/Killoscully/Newport that have deteriorated a lot. Young people are paying up to €9,000 in development levies and are expecting that this money can be used for services in their area.

Cllr. Bonfield said climate change is causing havoc with the roads network and is also concerned with the allocation of money for roads, a message has to go back to the government. Cllr. Hannigan supported this.

Mr. B. Murphy explained that the work on the Arrabawn pipeline shouldn't cause a problem with the back up of sewerage in properties. There are 20 years of trees growth that need to be cut back and currently a list is being compiled of what needs to be tackled. The work at the Cloughjordan junction was done under a Low Cost Safety scheme and was designed by a Safety Engineer. Under this scheme only certain work can be done. There is a serious issue with flooding and emergency drainage works is a priority now. An inspection of culverts is being carried out. An application for taking in charge has been received for the area at Ballinahinch. The issue in Kilcommon related to the Nenagh River, the surge went down almost as quickly as it came up. It is a complicated issue to deal with, sometimes the pipework put in when properties are being built are not big enough and it would

not be the responsibility of the council to replace pipes that were not put in correctly initially.

Mr. K. Malone explained that under the traffic calming policy speed ramps are not installed in isolation, they will have to be part of a bigger traffic calming scheme. The speed limit review is coming up and anything that is considered will have to done in consultation with the Gardaí. Different types of work have different sources of funding. The discretionary grant is where some of the miscellaneous work can be funded from and it would be important to get this increased, however inflation is eating into the value of work and it affects how much work can be done.

Mr. L. Brett said it was great to get the programme completed. There has been an increase of 35% in inflation since 2021. Any single digital increase in inflation means that outputs could be decreased by up to 30%. Tipperary is getting its portion of funding, the bridge in Ballina was one of the largest projects in the country and the Latteragh project has also been started. If funding is received projects can be delivered. In relation to the proposed work at Carrigahorig it is difficult to give a commitment to a job that has not been allocated funding, however this is a priority.

Item 8. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters

The checklist was circulated to members and noted.

Cllr. M. O'Meara raised the manhole covers at Clarke Memorial Hall in Borrisokane. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara asked for signage at the entrance to Kilkeary. Cllr. Hannigan said there is water over a section of the road at Annabeg and can it be looked at.

Mr. B. Murphy explained that Kilkeary is not considered a settlement in the development plan and this would limit what signage can be put in the area, residents would need to apply to Planning to be considered a settlement.

Item 9. To consider Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion No: 3060 submitted by Cllr. F. Bonfield That Tipperary County Council seek funding and arrange for a new section of footpath and new public lighting from the GAA facility in Newport up to Derryleigh Park.

Notice of Motion No: 3060 was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.

Response was given to Cllr. Bonfield as follows:

The soccer pitch at Derryleigh is located on the R503 Newport to Thurles regional road. The entrance to the facility is in the 80 kph zone and approximately 470m from the end of the existing footpath at Cork Road Newport.

The existing roadside boundaries are such that there is little scope for the widening required to facilitate the construction of a

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	footpath without significant land purchase and service diversion. The footpath would require a physical separation from the road to comply with current Active Travel standards. There are no Departmental grants available to finance the proposed scheme.
Item 10. To note Delegated Employees Orders	Noted.
Item 11. To consider items of correspondence	There was 1 items of correspondence: • Letter from HSE dated 28 th October 2025 in response to Notice of Motion from September meeting.
Item 12. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	Votes of Sympathy: • Martin McKeown, on the death of his wife, Patricia, R.I.P. • Sadie McGrath, on the death on her daughter, Patricia, R.I.P.
	Votes of Congratulations: Peter Gleeson, on his retirement from Nenagh Guardian Glamorous Fashion Show Committee on a successful event in the Abbey Court. Jake Morris on receiving a Hurling All Star Award
Item 13. Any other business.	None.

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

Signed:

Cathaoirleach /

Clir. Phyll Bugler

Date: 18 12 2021

Signed:

Ms. Rosemary Joyce

District Administrator