



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 10.00 AM ON 15th JANUARY 2026

Present in chamber	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Phyll Bugler, Joe Hannigan, Séamus Morris, J.P. O'Meara, Pamela Quirke O'Meara and Michael O Meara
Present via Zoom	Cllr. Louise Morgan Walsh
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 Environment: Mr. Michael Moroney, Senior Executive Officer; Mr. Rúairí Boland, Senior Executive Engineer LAWPRO: Ms. Ruth Hennessy, Executive Scientific Officer and Darragh Kelly, Community Water Officer
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of the December Meeting held on 18th December 2025	It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Bonfield and resolved that the minutes of the December Meeting held on 18 th December be adopted. Cllr. Carroll raised concerns he is having in relation to issues being logged on CRM. It is difficult to know what the status of the issues is and this can cause problems when you meet members of the public. Cllrs. Bugler and Morris supported this. Mr. L Brett acknowledged the concerns and suggested the elected members and executive meet monthly to review their CRMs.
Item 3. To consider and adopt Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 2nd January 2026	It was proposed by Cllr. J.P. O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. Carroll and resolved that the minutes of the special Meeting held on the 2 nd January 2026 be adopted.
Item 4. To receive update from Environment and Climate Action	The report from Environment and Climate Action was circulated. Cllr. Bugler enquired about Boher Burial Ground, the outcomes from farm inspections, number of inspections in the district, the possibility of rolling out the reusable nappy scheme to hotels and B&Bs and the exemptions on XL bullys. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara asked



	<p>if the reports on the old landfills are available to view and if the illegal dumping of paint material on the Coillte site has been removed. Cllr. Carroll stated that it was important that the relevant sections and agencies work together to resolve the ongoing issues from the illegal parking at Carrigatoher and the attenuation pond.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris asked about the control of dogs and the possibility of linking with Mo Chara and other animal charities to get more dogs rehomed. Cllr. Bonfield complimented the work at Halloween and at Boher. She asked what can be done to improve the publicity for the circular cups scheme. Cllr. J. P. O'Meara requested clarification on dogs in playgrounds and asked if extra signage could be put in St. Paul's Playground, near the biodiversity garden.</p> <p>Mr. M. Moroney explained that rehoming of dogs is a challenge, the Council does work with Mo Chara and Dogs Trust and will continue to rehome as many dogs as possible. Consultants have only been appointed for the inspection of the landfills and preliminary risk assessments are being prepared, these will be used to apply to the EPA for funding. When they are finalised, they can be made available. He will have to follow up on the dumping of paint material. In general no dogs are allowed in playgrounds but he will link in with the district in relation to St. Paul's Playground. Halloween is getting busier each year, but he welcomed the comments. The circular cup initiative is new and is for community groups to hire cups, the scheme can be booked with Ballyhoura. He doesn't have the breakdown per District on inspections, but he will come back on it. The registration of the XL bullies can only take place when the dogs are at a certain age, so there are a number still working through the system.</p> <p>Mr. R. Boland outlined that the walls at Boher are being plastered and macadam is being laid. It should be open by the end of Q1.</p>
<p>Item 5. To receive update from LAWPRO</p>	<p>The report from LAWPRO was circulated to members and Ms. R. Hennessy gave a presentation on the report.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler asked for the results for the Kilmastulla/Lough Derg catchment and enquired if only local authorities can apply for the nature-based solutions scheme or if it also applies to developers.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris said the drainage committees are very important and do a lot of work, the people involved in these committees are the ones that know the area and the rivers. He is concerned that 21 rivers deteriorated and the Nenagh river is in trouble, there are several unregistered discharge pipes flowing into the river. Dumping in rivers is a big problem and people need to stop. It was his opinion that the biggest threat to the Shannon and Lough Derg is the water scheme for Dublin. He asked if LAWPRO would work with the River Shannon Protection Alliance and if they are making a submission on the proposed abstraction. He stated that a lot of</p>



	<p>money is being put into greenways and riverwalks but not there is no investment in rivers.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll complimented the work of LAWPRO and asked about engagement with schools and fishermen. Everyone has a role in the quality of water, but the current types of rainfall are causing difficulties. He would be a strong advocate of nature-based solutions.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Meara enquired if the soil type was affecting the Ballyfinboy/Carrig/Lorrha areas, the difficulties in importing protected urea and the cost of it are now going to cause problems for farmers. Farmers do work under the strictest regulations, and all animals must be accounted for, more regulations on farmers are not needed. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara asked if local drainage committees can apply for any of the 3 sources of funding.</p> <p>Ms. R. Hennessy stated she would get the information on Kilmastulla/Lough Derg. Only Local Authorities can apply for the nature-based solutions fund. LAWPRO would work with Teagasc and the Co-Ops, who would then work with the farmers. Analysis of water samples can tell what is causing the problems. It is important that the work of drainage committees is managed correctly, the rivers must retain as much of their natural form as possible to protect the diverse habitat. Drainage committees would not be eligible to apply for funding; it is more for education and awareness. Working with schools and fishermen helps get the correct information to the communities. Work is being carried out on the issue of discharge pipes with a lot of focus on the compliance of WWTP. The issue in Carrig/Lorrha/Ballyfinboy is in relation to the peat soils not holding onto phosphorous. The use of protected urea is important, and it will continue to be supported by LAWPRO. The regime farmers work to is very strict and LAWPRO would not be an advocate for further regulation. They will continue to provide advice and information to farmers.</p>
<p>Item 6. To update members on projects & events</p>	<p><u>Newport Town Park:</u> Works complete and final payments made.</p> <p><u>Newport Town Team/Newport Town Centre First Plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newport Town Centre First Plan was agreed at the May meeting of Nenagh MD.• Action Plan being drafted to progress implementation based on priorities and resources.• Meeting of Newport Town Team to be arranged in Q1 2026. <p><u>Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First/THRIVE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action Plan being drafted to progress implementation of Town Centre First Plan based on priorities and resources.• Meeting of Nenagh Town Team to be arranged in Q1 2026.• Logo for Nenagh.ie in course of finalisation• Work progressing in Q1 2026 on website.



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 January 2026.

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. An additional three windows that have been restored will be re-installed this week.
- The 3-storey Gaol Block has been approved for funding under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme. Grant is for €500,000. With matched funding this will allow an investment of €555,555 in this historic heritage building with a view to bringing it back into public use. Awaiting formal notification of approval.
- 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 and the property owners.
- Discussions are progressing with the property owners to finalise site acquisition.
- It is aimed to submit planning through Part 8 process in Q2 2026.

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. Meetings have taken place with Clare to discuss the scope of the project. Verification tables are being submitted to the Department by Clare and approval must be received to allow the project to commence design and planning.



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.

Nenagh Roundabout Scheme:

- Nenagh Roundabout Scheme has been advertised.
- Closing date is 4.30 p.m. on 5/2/2026.

Platforms for Growth- Dromineer:

- Work is progressing on site.
- Tenders have been awarded in relation to signage and access system.
- Fortnightly meetings are being held on site with consultants and contractors.
- Tender is currently live for the Changing Places facility – decision in early February.

Casual Trading Bye-Laws:

- A total of 24 Casual Trading applications have been received for 2026 covering Dromineer, Ballina, Garrykennedy, Castlough, The Lookout, Clare Glens and Newport.
- Decisions will be made within the next week.

Expressions of Interest 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. When the proceeds from the sales have been received it is the Council's intention to upgrade the roadway within this development.

Lands at Stereame:

Discussions are ongoing in conjunction with Housing Section on options to progress the provision of private housing in Stereame.

Designated Bathing Area:

Location for lifeguard hut in Dromineer has been selected and planning requirements are being discussed. Recruitment for lifeguards will commence within the next few weeks.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:

- Project Development Measures 2022 – Garrykennedy Inner Harbour. Planning application was submitted in July 2025 to An Coimisiún Pleanála. This project is now complete as the planning application has been submitted. Permission with conditions was granted by An Coimisiún Pleanála in December 2025. Funding opportunities will be considered in order to progress the proposals for which permission has been granted.
- 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. Further information has been requested – to be submitted by March 2026. 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 Coimisiún Pleanála on the 30th October 2025. Four submissions were received by the closing date and TCC has been requested to comment on same. The case is due to be decided by the end of April 2026.

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, and the basketball hoop has been installed. The remaining item (white lining) will be concluded in the coming weeks.

Grant Schemes:

- Application forms for 2026 for Tidy Towns and Burial Ground committees will be issued by Environment Section.
- Grant Schemes for Clubs & Organisations and for Residents Associations will be advertised in the coming week – closing date is 4.30 p.m. on 13th March.
- In 2015 a criteria to be applied on determining allocation of funds to Clubs & Organisations was agreed with members. Since then, the number of applications has increased each year however the budget remains the same. It is proposed to set up a sub-group to review this criteria with a view to ensuring that best use is being made of funds and agreeing the general approach to be taken on funding recommendations.
- Applications have been invited under the Festivals & Events Grant Scheme - closing date is 12 noon on 5th February 2026.



Permits for use of Jetty in Ballina:

One application has been issued for use of the floating jetty in Ballina in 2025/26.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme:

In 2025 €500,000 was allocated to Tipperary County Council under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme. Details of locations in the Nenagh MD were previously advised to members. Works on the bus stops is being progressed.

Nenagh Parking Arrangements:

- The draft Bye-Laws and Nenagh Maps for the harmonisation of pay parking across the county are on public display in Nenagh MD up to 13th February 2026. Submissions on same can be made up to 4.30 p.m. on Friday 27th February 2026.
- Following requests from the Chamber of Commerce and the Nenagh Town Team signage has been erected in Nenagh to show the locations of car parks.

Shane MacGowan Trail:

- Nenagh MD and Nenagh Tourist Office are collaborating with the local committee and the Destination Lough Derg Tourism Officer on the development and promotion of the Shane MacGowan Trail.
- Requests for brochures continue to come into the Tourist Office.
- QR codes are currently in the course of erection by the District at the various locations on the trail. These link to a website www.unravellingshane.com which gives details of the various points of interest.
- Nationwide will be filming in February about the Tour with a view to having a programme shown around St. Patrick's Day.
- Discussions are on-going in relation to signage and other appropriate commemorative items at some of the locations e.g. the Cross of Finnoe.

Ms. R. Joyce stated that the announcement of Town and Village Renewal funding for the Gaol was very welcome. The grant schemes will be advertised shortly, and it would be appreciated if the members could encourage groups to have applications in on time. There has been a growing number of applications for the Contribution to Clubs and Organisations since 2015 and the increase in groups applying means that the amount groups get is reduced. It is now necessary to review the scheme. All the members would be interested in being involved in this review. One meeting should be sufficient.

It was noted that there is a new Superintendent in the area and it was agreed that contact should be made with him about having a Community Safety meeting.



	<p>Cllr. Bugler asked if the painting and enhancement grants could be advertised earlier. She also asked if the Shane MacGowan trail could be extended to the Silvermines area. She expressed concerns with the progress on the project for the RRDF funding for Ballina/Killaloe. It is very urgent and there seems to be a lack of communication. She would like an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. J.P. O'Meara welcomed the work on the Unravelling Shane MacGowan tour and said there was huge potential for campervan initiatives. Cllr. Carroll said there was a lot of trees damaged in the Clare Glens and work on these might be required. Cllr. Hannigan asked about the possibility of extending the town teams to Cloughjordan and Borrisokane and providing help for the hospitality sector. Cllr. M. O'Meara felt that sometimes rural areas don't get access to as much funding as urban areas and would have to raise a lot of the funding themselves. He welcomed the increase in funding to the burial ground committees but was concerned about the expectation on volunteers.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield stated that there has been a significant difference in the district since 2014. It is important that people are aware of the criteria for the various sources of funding.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce explained that it is not possible to get the painting and enhancement scheme advertised before March as the funding for this has to be approved under the GMA at the March meeting. She outlined that the RRDF funding project for Ballina/Killaloe is being led by Clare County and the verification tables have to be submitted by them. There was a limited number of applications that could be submitted and if Clare County Council was not a partner in the application it would not have been possible to apply for funding for Ballina. Ongoing meetings are taking place between the executive in Tipperary County Council and Clare County Council. The project is receiving the attention it deserves; Cat 2 funding is for design and planning only. The executive is very aware of the need for parking in Ballina and it is being discussed continuously.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce acknowledged the work of volunteers and the possible burn out they are facing. The executive is also very conscious of the areas outside of the larger urban centres, but it is important to concentrate on big money projects and within the county there is pipeline of projects for URDF and RRDF funding. To go for Cat 1 funding the projects have to be at a certain stage. Applications are not always successful however persistence is required to get projects over the line for funding.</p>
<p>Item 7. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters</p>	<p>The Engineers Checklist was circulated to members.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy informed members that the closing date for receipt of applications for the LIS is the 13th February 2026. The conditions of the scheme have changed, and people will have to re-apply.</p>



	<p>Cllr. Bonfield said a car went in over the ditch on the R503 Ballymackeogh Rd. Some of the barriers are sinking and an embankment is required. She had previously submitted a notice of motion on this road and wants it kept on the agenda with the Department but did acknowledge it will be expensive to get a solution to it. The same issue is on the Limerick side, and it would be important for Department officials to make a visit.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll agreed about the concerns on the R503, it is deteriorating all the time. The alignment at Cragg is also a concern. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara also urged the executive to push it with the department. She also enquired about the design for Kilcommon Cross, the consideration for a bus stop in Ballina and she has a petition for salting on the Nenagh to Newport Road.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan asked if the road sweeper could go along the old N7. This route is used for time trials for cyclists but there is a lot of loose stones. On the Borriskane to Ballinderry road near Kyle school, the ditches need to be cut. They are blocking the sun from melting the ice on the road. There are also ditches on the Borriskane to Birr Road that need to be cut back.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Meara raised the issue of the flashing lights and stones on the active travel area in Killeen and the possibility of getting climate action funding for the Lissagadda Rd in Lorrha. Cllr. Morris asked about the lights at the industrial estate in Lisbonney and the possibility of getting the roads salted. Cllr. Morgan Walsh has concerns about the speed limit at Drummin Village and the fact that the Bus Éireann buses stop along the Borriskane Road without having an official area to park.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy said he will make contact with the Department about the R503. There may be an opportunity to carry out some work at Cragg, he will follow up on the scheme in Kilcommon and liaise with active travel on the bus stops. The possibility of using the road sweeper on the old Dublin Rd can be examined as a once off. Hedge cutting is the responsibility of the landowner and there is no scope to add additional routes to the salting schedule. The speed limit at Drummin Village will be reviewed and he will follow up on contact that was previously made with Bus Éireann in relation to the Borriskane Road. Climate Action can cover a broad range of schemes and has been successful in the past. The scheme is gone for this year, but he would welcome suggestions from the members for next year.</p>
Item 8. To consider Notices of Motion	Notice of Motion No: 3085 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler I hereby request Tipperary County Council to install Pedestrian Crossings at both sides of roundabout in Ballina (opposite Pit Stop Cafe and Mills pub). This stretch of road is now treated by drivers as a main through-route. Many are ignoring the roundabout

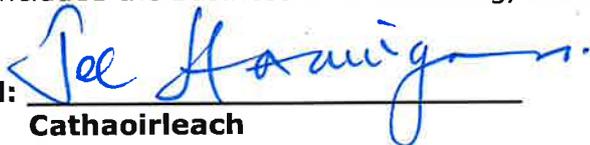


	<p>entirely with excessive speeds becoming a serious and consistent issue. An accident at this location is only a matter of time without immediate intervention</p> <p>Notice of motion 3085 was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. Bugler as follows:</p> <p><i>The Council submitted a funding application under the Low-Cost Safety Scheme for 2026 on the mainstreet Ballina. If successful, the Council will design and install a series of traffic calming measures which may include raised pedestrian crossing at Mill's Bar. The detailed design will be developed consequent to receiving funding under the Low-Cost Safety Scheme.</i></p> <p>Notice of Motion No: 3086 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler I hereby request Tipperary County Council and Clare County Council to install pedestrian Crossings at all exit points of the bypass roundabouts. Drivers are not yielding to pedestrians despite the bypass becoming a heavily used walking amenity. Currently, the road design priorities vehicles to an unsafe degree.</p> <p>Notice of motion 3086 was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. Bugler as follows:</p> <p><i>The roundabout at the junction of the R494 and the former R496 road was constructed as part of the Killaloe-Ballina Bridge and bypass project. This project is still within the Contractors maintenance period. The roundabout was constructed with uncontrolled pedestrian crossing points. This is in accordance with the current TII design standards and takes into account the number of vehicles and pedestrians using the roundabout. As with all schemes of this nature, it has been subject to a Road Safety Audit.</i></p> <p><i>The request to provide pedestrian crossings on the Clare side has been forwarded to Clare County Council for their consideration.</i></p> <p>Notice of Motion No: 3087 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler I hereby request Tipperary County Council to provide footpath from Bridge Studio on Lakeside Drive to the Lakeside Hotel. This is a known accident - prone area and forms part of a popular walking loop.</p> <p>Notice of motion 3087 was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. Bugler as follows:</p>
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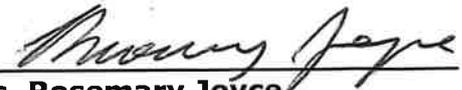


	<i>The Council are seeking to progress the development of a footpath from the old bridge to the Lakeside Hotel. This will require land acquisition and securing adequate funding.</i>
Item 9. To note Delegated Employees Orders	Noted.
Item 10. To consider items of correspondence	None
Item 11. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	<p>Votes of Sympathy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• McKenna Family, on the death of, Tony, R.I.P.• Alice Holmes, on the death on her aunt, Peggy Roche, R.I.P.• Kinnane Family, on the death of, Niamh, R.I.P.• O'Brien Family, on the death of, Margaret, R.I.P. <p>Votes of Congratulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stephen Rosney, for securing his professional PDC Tour Card last weekend.• Upperchurch Drombane GAA on winning the All-Ireland Intermediate Hurling Final.• Siobhan MacGowan for the news piece on Shane's legacy and the Unravelling Shane Tipperary tour on Sky News• Yvonne Kelly, on her performance at the National Ice Swimming Championship.
Item 12. Any other business.	Cllr. Hannigan stated that the Mercosur deal affects everyone. Imported meat products will not have the same regulations as Irish produce. He is urging MEPs to vote against it, and contact should be made with the Department about this. Cllrs. Morris, Carroll, M. O'Meara and Bugler supported this.

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

Signed: 
Cathaoirleach
for Cllr. Phyll Bugler

Date: 19/2/2026

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 19/2/2026

