



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE APRIL MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AT 10.00 AM ON 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**

<b>Present in chamber</b>	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Joe Hannigan, J.P. O'Meara, Pamela Quirke O'Meara, Michael O Meara, Louise Morgan Walsh, Séamus Morris, John Carroll and Phyll Bugler
<b>Also Present</b>	<p>Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Liam Brett, Director of Services; Mr. Kieran Malone, Senior Engineer; Mr. Barry Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer</p> <p><b>Planning:</b> Ms. Teresa Kiely, Administrative Officer; Mr. Jonathan Flood, Senior Executive Planner; Mr. Fergal O'Donnell, Senior Executive Planner and Mr. Ciaran O'Shea, A/Senior Executive Engineer</p> <p><b>Waterways Ireland:</b> Mr. Brian Treacy &amp; Mr. Peter Harty</p>
<b>Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of the March Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. M. O'Meara and resolved that the minutes of the March Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March be adopted.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris raised the issue of URDF and RRDF funding. He indicated that he believes that the process for allocating this funding is not the best way of spending public money and should be investigated. His preference would be that funding is given directly to the Districts without having to apply for these schemes. He expressed concerns about the amount of money that is spent on consultants, including architects even though there is an architect in the organisation. The additional stages and timeframes to projects only adds to the cost of these projects. He understood that a review of staffing had taken place and he would like to see the results.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan spoke in general agreement and expressed concerns in relation to Active Travel and how this funding is allocated without input from members. It is important to know how public money is being spent and that there is value for money. Cllr. Hannigan used the example of a person receiving a first-time buyers grant of €30,000 but the building cost has gone up by €30,000. He acknowledged that there was a lot of work in getting URDF and RRDF funding for projects but considered that there is better value for money if the money was given directly to</p>



the districts. When the local authority was responsible for the provision of water and wastewater infrastructure it was done well.

Cllr. Bonfield said the issue around the provision of funding was across all Departments. She has seen issues with schemes for work at schools, but what has been raised is a national issue.

Cllr. Bugler asked if it was possible to get details of what was spent on consultants in the district in 2025 and to date in 2026. She requested a financial report every quarter on the consultants' fees for every project and if someone could look at getting EU funding for projects. She had previously requested details of what the €1m that has been allocated to Ballina/Killaloe under the RRDF.

Ms. R. Joyce stated that she appreciates that there is a lot of unrest at the moment and it is impacting on peoples lives but she was disappointed that it is being brought up in the context of the URDF and the RRDF schemes. Every scheme is oversubscribed and for projects in Nenagh to be selected, they first must be selected within the county and then nationally. If we argue against the schemes, it will affect the ability to get funding. There are more demands for funding than there is funding available. Nenagh is being put forward for the call currently open under RRDF Cat One. Funding has previously been allocated for two projects under RRDF Cat Two, one was delivered on budget and the other under budget. These projects could not be delivered without consultants - the expertise is not within the local authority to deliver them. Funding has been secured for the Centre of Excellence under URDF. Before this can be progressed agreement needs to be finalised with the landowner. It would be concerning if word went out that Nenagh does not want this money.

An application for funding is currently being prepared for the Rialto and this will be EU funding through Enterprise Ireland. A lot of work goes into preparing these applications. Everyone wants what is best for the town and the District and it will be important to deliver something. A lot of the issues raised are national and not local. Procedures have to be followed, especially in relation to procurement and audit for European funding. Preparing financial reports for projects would take a lot of analysis and would not offer any value for money.

Cllr. M. O'Meara stated that this was an interesting debate but that no one gets into politics to do damage. While he would have concerns regarding consultants the record of delivering projects in North Tipperary is very good, especially over the last 20 years e.g. school and day care in Borrisokane, units at Nenagh hospital and the interpretative centre in Lorrha. It is important to do something for the people in your own area. The current model for funding is important along with having the right people in the system to



	<p>deliver. Cllr. Carroll said that it is important to have staff at local level to deliver projects and to get value for money, the issues raised are national issues.</p> <p>Cllr. Quirke O'Meara complimented Ms. R. Joyce on her explanation of the RRDF and the URDF schemes and projects and said it is important that people understand how these schemes operate and how different expertise may be more relevant to the delivery of projects. When the pipeline project is spoken about the importance of having various stages is acknowledged and it should be the same with these projects.</p> <p>Mr. L. Brett stated that he does not want the message going out that Nenagh does not want money. He acknowledged that the public and elected members are going through a difficult time but there is autonomy around decision making. A lot of good quality substantial projects have been delivered in the district but as projects become more complex more expertise is required. DEOs for the appointment of consultants are published for each district meeting. All sources of funding to deliver projects is examined.</p> <p>Mr. K. Malone informed members that a report showing orders over €20,000 is available on TCC website every quarter. The role of the architect in the organisation is to identify potential housing schemes and what is feasible within that scheme, and then to go to the Department with this proposal. Architects are generally appointed as part of an Architect led design team, which could include mechanical and electrical engineers and this expertise would not be held within the local authority.</p>
<p><b>Item 3.</b> <b>To consider proposals for naming a new 7 no. unit Local Authority housing scheme located at Derry, Rathcabbin</b></p>	<p>Ms. R. Joyce explained that the name of the housing estate had to be selected at this stage as it was required for ESB and water connections.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Meara advised that the suggestions were discussed with the local community development group and their preference would be Áit Chiaráin.</p> <p>Áit Chiaráin was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. J. Hannigan.</p>
<p><b>Item 4.</b> <b>To receive update from Planning.</b></p>	<p>The report from Planning was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Meara asked when the variation in the County Development Plan that is currently out for public consultation would come into operation, and about serviced sites or cluster housing in rural areas.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler enquired about where the documentation for the public consultation is and asked that it be publicised more. She asked for more maps on the RZT and a sheet with bullet points</p>



explaining the process, an update on the Centre of Excellence and the taking in charge of Marine Village and Rosehill. Cllr. Bonfield enquired if there was much engagement from the public on the variation of the County Development Plan.

Cllr. Carroll raised the issue of ribbon development and the possibility of allowing this on local primary/secondary/tertiary roads. Cllr. Hannigan enquired if there was going to be an opportunity to review the County Development Plan, especially in relation to areas where there could be a split between a public house or a farm and a residential property.

Mr. Fergal O'Donnell explained that the public consultation for the variation of the CDP will be finishing on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. The Chief Executive's report will then be brought to the plenary meeting in June. At that stage the report will be accepted or amended. If it must be amended there will be a subsequent public consultation and it will be presented at the September meeting. The variation will come into effect once it has been approved. The documentation is available in the libraries and the Civic and District Offices and is advertised on social media regularly. There have been 12 submissions to date but up to 30 people have registered online and these will more than likely make a submission.

FAQs on the Residential Zoned Tax can be put together. The maps are provided by Planning and Revenue determine the exclusions. There will be new guidelines forthcoming from the Department and it is a requirement that the Local Authority considers these and if any change in their Development Plan is required. Planning will then write back to the Department to say the plan aligns with the guidelines. A small number of towns have not had a review of their local area plans. Once they are completed the review of the full County Development Plan can begin. It is hoped that this will begin before the end of the year. Planning would support any developer coming forward for serviced sites or cluster housing.

Mr. J. Flood explained that cluster housing is provided for in the plan, but there doesn't seem to be the interest and it is hard to know why.

Mr. L. Brett advised that the site for the Centre of Excellence must be procured before any further progress can be made, this is now close to being finalised.

Mr. K. O'Shea informed members that Planning are currently liaising with Uisce Éireann, who have carried out surveys and are reviewing CCTV footage for both Upper Marine Village and Rosehill.



**Item 5.  
To receive  
presentation  
from Waterways  
Ireland.**

A presentation was given to the members by Waterways Ireland.

Cllr. Hannigan asked if it was possible to get a totem for the Shane MacGowan trail and contact details if issues arise in the harbours, especially in Terryglass.

Cllr. Morris indicated that the councillors had made a submission on the proposed East/Midlands water supply scheme but that he hadn't seen a submission from Waterways Ireland. It has also been difficult to get access to information on water levels/flow from the ESB. Cllr. Carroll referred to Garrykennedy harbour and the issues that have arisen due to boats being left there. 90% of the vessels are stationary all year round. There are not enough penalties for boat owners in these circumstances.

Cllr. Bugler requested an update on WWI taking in charge Ballina Quay, getting cruisers lifted, repairs to damage to the pontoon, additional signage, problem with cruisers not being able to pass the bridge and the algae bloom.

Mr. B. Treacy explained that any areas that have not been included for a totem will be revisited. WWI operate under Shannon Navigation Bye-Laws on properties owned or taken in charge by WWI. There have been ongoing discussions in relation to taking in charge of Ballina Quay. He confirmed that WWI have made a submission on the proposed pipeline. They do work with the ESB, but it is more in relation to water levels and not water flow. The prototype for the signature points will be available next week. The larger totems will be in place by the end of the year, with promotion to start in 2027.

Mr. P. Harty stated that algae bloom is an annual problem and happens in quieter areas. It is a challenge and it can't be controlled but notifications are issued when it becomes a problem. The powers under the bye-laws are limited in relation to penalties on owners of boats that had to be removed, however if the owner wants to reclaim the boat they will have to pay the costs that were incurred in the removal of the vessel. Boats are moved after 5 days at WWI harbours.

**Item 6.  
To approve  
allocation of  
funding under  
the Contribution  
to Clubs &  
Organisations.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Morris and seconded by Cllr. Carroll 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:

Club/Organisation	Recommendation
Aonach ar Siul	€250.00
Ardcrouney Community Hall	€250.00
Ardcrouney FC	€250.00
Ardcrouney Old Man's Organisation	€250.00
Arra Historical & Archaeological Society	€300.00



	Ballinacloagh Sportsfield Committee	€250.00
	Ballina Handball Club	€250.00
	Ballina Killaloe Rugby Football Club	€250.00
	Ballycommon/Puckane CE CLG	€250.00
	Ballymackey Womens Shed	€400.00
	Birdhill Community & Recreation Association	€250.00
	Birdhill FC	€250.00
	Birdhill Folk Group	€250.00
	Boher Community Development Group	€400.00
	Borrisokane Community Sports Ground	€250.00
	Borrisokane FC	€250.00
	Borrisokane Gospel Choir	€250.00
	Borrisokane Tennis Club	€250.00
	Capparoe Womens Shed	€400.00
	Carrig Riverstown Killeen Active Retirement Association	€250.00
	Choose Respect	€250.00
	Cloughjordan Community Cooperative Society	€400.00
	Cloughjordan Community Games	€250.00
	Cloughjordan FC	€250.00
	CRK Drama Group	€250.00
	Development Association Newport CLG	€250.00
	"Eyes Open" Kilruane Ardcroney Community Alert Group	€250.00
	Farm Family Group	€400.00
	Friends of St Conlons Nursing Home	€400.00
	In Tune for Life Orchestra	€300.00
	Irish Kennedy Heritage Group	€250.00
	Irish Taekwondo Academy	€300.00
	Kilbarron Hall	€250.00
	Kilbarron Terryglass Historical Society	€300.00
	Killaloe Ballina Active Retirement Association	€250.00
	Lahorna Handball Club	€250.00
	Lakeshore Ladies Group	€400.00
	Longhouse Field Committee	€250.00
	Lorrha Community Games	€250.00
	Lorrha & Dorrha Angling Club	€300.00
	Lorrha Dorrha Ladies Club	€250.00
	Mulcair Men's Shed	€400.00
	Nenagh Active Retirement	€250.00
	Nenagh Badminton Club	€250.00
	Nenagh Classic Car Club	€250.00



	Nenagh Community Allotments	€250.00
	Nenagh Cricket Club	€250.00
	Nenagh Guild ICA	€250.00
	Nenagh Hockey Club	€250.00
	Nenagh Kickboxing Club	€250.00
	Nenagh Masters Swimming Club	€250.00
	Nenagh Neptune Swimming Club	€250.00
	Nenagh Ormond RFC	€250.00
	Nenagh Pulmonary Support Group	€250.00
	Nenagh Special Summer Camp	€400.00
	Nenagh Squash Club	€250.00
	Nenagh Toastmasters	€250.00
	Nenagh Urban Social Farm CLG	€400.00
	Nenagh Warriors Basketball Club	€250.00
	Neuro Nation	€400.00
	Newport Community Text Alert Group	€250.00
	Newport Historical & Archaeological Society	€300.00
	Newport Rugby Football Club	€250.00
	Newport Town AFC	€250.00
	Newport Womens Shed	€400.00
	Newport Youth Choir	€250.00
	North Tipperary Artists Collective	€250.00
	Order of Malta - Nenagh Unit	€400.00
	Puckaun & Carrig Senior Citizens Assoc.	€250.00
	Puckane & District Tennis Club	€250.00
	Rathcabbin Players	€250.00
	Rearcross Womens Shed	€400.00
	Silvermines Community Centre	€250.00
	Silvermines Folk Choir	€300.00
	Silvermines Historical Society	€300.00
	Silvermines GAA Health & Wellbeing	€250.00
	Silvermines Mens Shed	€400.00
	Silvermines Senior Citizens Committee	€250.00
	St Ruadhans Active Retirement Association	€300.00
	Stafford Day Service	€400.00
	Terryglass Angling & Conservation Club	€250.00
	The Mellow Tones Female Voice Choir	€300.00
<b>Item 7. To approve allocation of funding under the Contributions to</b>	It was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Bugler 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:	



Residents Associations	Residents Association	Recommendation
	Ard Coillte Residents Association	€250.00
Arravale Residents Association	€300.00	
Ballygraique Estate Committee	€350.00	
Brooklands Drive Residents Association	€250.00	
Carrig Rua Residents Association	€350.00	
Ciamaltha Meadows Residents Association	€350.00	
Cluain Caoin Residents Association	€250.00	
Cnoc Ard Residents Association	€300.00	
Coille Bheithe Residents Association	€350.00	
Cois Deirge Residents Association	€150.00	
Cnoc Cluain Residents Association	€250.00	
Cullenagh Residents Committee	€300.00	
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	
Farmleigh Residents Association	€300.00	
Glencree Residents Association	€250.00	
Harbour View Residents Committee	€150.00	
Iniscealtra Residents Association	€250.00	
Killnasalla Residents Association	€250.00	
Lorrha Village Residents Committee	€250.00	
Lough Derg Cottages Residents Committee	€150.00	
Marine Village Residents Association	€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 Association	€250.00	
Riveroaks Residents Association	€250.00	
Sallygrove Residents Association	€250.00	
The Beeches Residents Association	€250.00	
Townfields Residents Association	€250.00	
Yewston Residents Association	€250.00	
Youghlarra Way Residents Association	€250.00	

**Item 8.**  
**To approve allocation of funding under the**

It was proposed by Cllr. Morgan Walsh and seconded by Cllr. Morris 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:



<b>Contributions to Tidy Towns.</b>	<b>Tidy Towns Group</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
	Ardcrone Community Development Committee	€2,000.00
	Ballina Boher Tidy Towns	€6,300.00
	Ballinahinch Tidy Towns Committee	€800.00
	Ballinderry Tidy Towns	€800.00
	Ballingarry Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000.00
	Ballycommon Village Residents Association	€800.00
	Birdhill Tidy Towns Committee	€1,500.00
	Borrisokane Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000.00
	Capparoo Tidy Towns Committee	€500.00
	Carney Tidy Village Committee	€500.00
	Carrig Tidy Towns Committee	€1,800.00
	Carrigahorig Development Association	€1,000.00
	Cloughjordan Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000.00
	Dromineer & District Development Association	€800.00
	Garrykennedy Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000.00
	Kilbarron Development Association	€900.00
	Kilcommon Tidy Towns Association	€800.00
	Kilkeary Tidy Towns	€800.00
	Killoscully Development Association	€1,600.00
	Lorrha Development Association	€1,100.00
	Nenagh Tidy Towns	€10,000.00
	Newport Tidy Towns	€6,100.00
	Pike Residence Association	€400.00
	Portroe Tidy Towns Committee	€1,300.00
	Puckane Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000.00
	Rathcabbin Development Association	€1,500.00
	Rearcross Tidy Towns	€900.00
	Riverstown Tidy Towns	€1,000.00
	Shallee Enhancement Group	€900.00
	Silvermines Enhancement Group	€3,000.00
	Templederry Tidy Towns	€1,300.00
	Terryglass Improvement Association	€3,000.00
	Toor Tidy Village	€900.00
<b>Item 9. To update members on projects &amp; events</b>	<p><b>Newport Town Team/Newport Town Centre First Plan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newport Town Centre First Plan was agreed at the May 2025 meeting of Nenagh MD.</li> <li>• Action Plan being drafted to progress implementation based on priorities and resources.</li> <li>• Meeting of Newport Town Team being arranged.</li> </ul>	



**Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First/THRIVE:**

- Action Plan being drafted to progress implementation of Town Centre First Plan based on priorities and resources.
- Next meeting of Nenagh Town Team is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026.
- Logo for Nenagh.ie is in course of finalisation
- Work progressing on website for [www.nenagh.ie](http://www.nenagh.ie).
- Networking event for Tipperary Town Teams is planned for Horse & Jockey on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026. Representatives from Newport and Nenagh Town Teams have been invited to attend. This will include presentations from the National Town Centre First Office, the Nighttime Economy advisory service, the SEAI as well as staff from the Planning, Housing, Environment, Climate Change and Capital Projects teams.

**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 – ecologist reports/screening and civil/structural drawings completed.
- Submission of options from landscaper has been received and is under consideration.
- Aim is to submit for Planning (Part 8) Q2 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. The additional three windows that have been restored have been painted and re-installed.
- 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. Formal notification of approval has been received, and we are now preparing to go to tender. Part 8 planning is already in place.
- We will continue to strive to source funding for the various proposals in relation to the Historic & Cultural Quarter as funding calls open up. A call for Cat 1 projects under RRDF is now open – closing date for submissions is July 2026. Submission of an application in respect of Nenagh is under consideration. Meetings are on-going with stakeholders such as Fáilte Ireland and the OPW.



**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.
- Agreement has been reached with the property owners and is now with the respective solicitors for the drawing up of contracts. These contracts will be subject to Part 8 planning being secured.
- The Design Team have been requested to progress the design and planning now that the site layout has been agreed.
- It is aimed to submit planning through Part 8 process in Q4 2026/Q1 2027.

**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 with a view to progressing this project.

**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 2026 -2031**

- Seven tenders were received under the Nenagh Roundabout Scheme 2026 -2031 advertised in January 2026. Multiple tenders were received in respect of some of the roundabouts. Three of the seven tenders were successful for the following roundabouts – Borrisokane, Dromineer and Stereame on the R445.
- All successful Tenders have been notified and have paid their first year's sponsorship instalment. We are currently liaising with the sponsors regarding the signage to be erected. Two templates have been approved so the signage at these locations will be progressed.

**Platforms for Growth- Dromineer:**

- Work is progressing on site with substantial progress made in recent weeks on walls, roof and floor.
- Tenders have been awarded in relation to signage and access system.
- Fortnightly meetings are being held on site with consultants and contractors.
- Tender report and recommendation have been completed in relation to the Changing Places facility.



**Casual Trading Bye-Laws:**

- A total of 24 Casual Trading applications were received for 2026 covering Dromineer, Ballina, Garrykennedy, Castlelough, The Lookout, Clare Glens and Newport.
- Applicants have been notified of the decisions on their applications.
- 8 Casual Traders have been offered permits to trade at 7 locations (10 pitches) located in Ballina, Castlelough, Clare Glens, Dromineer, Garrykennedy, Newport and The Lookout.
- 7 Casual Traders have received their permits to trade; one Casual Trader has yet to confirm if they wish to take up the offer of a permit. A further application for a casual trading licence has been received and will be considered should the aforementioned Casual Trader not avail of same.
- 1 Event Licence was issued for St Patrick's Day, Nenagh.

**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 - Dromineer:**

Interviews have been held for lifeguard positions for Dromineer and nine candidates have been successful. Training for the positions is currently underway, and Garda Vetting is being undertaken. It is planned to commence operation during weekends in June.

**Borrisokane CCTV:**

The planned CCTV scheme for Borrisokane which has been sanctioned by the Garda Commissioner is now being progressed. Meetings have been held with consultants and property consents for installation of cameras are in place. Application has been made to ESB for required connections and Civils are now progressing.

**Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:**

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 submitted our observations on these submissions to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Further information has been requested – this has now been submitted. 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 was allocated under Measure 3 of the Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024. This is for Project Development Measure Funding for Newport.
- The project provides for 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 included 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 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Four submissions were received by the closing date and TCC submitted our observations on same.
- The case was decided on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026, and permission was granted subject to conditions. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed development would be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

**Participation Nation Outdoor Fund:**

Funding was secured in 2025 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 and is receiving a high level of usage. The remaining item (white lining) has now been completed.

**Grant Schemes:**

- Allocations under the Festivals & Events Grant Scheme were approved at the March meeting of Nenagh MD.
- Allocations under the Burial Grounds grant scheme were also approved at the March meeting.
- Recommendations are being brought to the April meeting in respect of the following schemes: Residents' Associations, Tidy Towns and Contributions to Clubs & Organisations.
- All grant allocations are subject to compliance with the associated terms & conditions of the relevant scheme and budget availability.

**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 are being progressed.

**Nenagh Parking Arrangements:**

- The draft Bye-Laws and Nenagh Maps for the harmonisation of pay parking across the county were on public display in Nenagh MD up to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The closing date for submissions was extended to 4.30 pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Shane MacGowan Trail:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A guided coach tour was provided on 28<sup>th</sup> March with approx. 20 people participating. A further tour is planned for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April. If any members are interested in going on this, please let me know. It commences at 10.30 and will last approx. 3-4 hours.</li><li>• A group of 40 from the Basque region visited the area from 18<sup>th</sup> March in connection with Rugby and as part of a fund-raiser for Parkinsons. They participated on a coach tour of the Trail on 19<sup>th</sup> March. During their visit over €11,000 was raised for the Nenagh Parkinsons Society.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Nenagh Tourist Office:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On 19<sup>th</sup> March Nenagh Tourist Office was the starting point for the visit of the visitors from the Basque Region, and a presentation was made there in relation to Shane MacGowan. The tour also ended here with a trad music session provided by members of Ormond Comhaltas. The visitors also had the opportunity to meet Siobhan MacGowan, Shane's sister.</li><li>• A new selection of postcards based on three of the murals in Nenagh Town has now been produced. These are available from Nenagh Tourist Office.</li><li>• Tánaiste, Simon Harris visited the Shane MacGowan murals at Emmet Place and met with Siobhan MacGowan in Nenagh Tourist Office as part of his visit to Nenagh on 30<sup>th</sup> March.</li><li>• 82 children took part in an Easter Egg Treasure hunt organised by Victoria and incorporating the Tourist Office, Nenagh Arts Centre, Nenagh Castle and the Genealogy &amp; Heritage Centre. They met the Easter Bunny in the Tourist Office, and an enjoyable time was had by all.</li><li>• Approximately 387 pupils will be attending talks by RNLI on Water Safety in the Tourist Office over two days in mid-April. This is becoming an annual event and is very appropriate given the proximity to Lough Derg.</li><li>• Planning is in progress for a series of events for Heritage Week later this year.</li></ul> <p>Ms. R. Joyce informed members that the AIB press photographer exhibition will be held in the Civic Offices again this year. She also brought attention to the new postcards of the murals that have circulated.</p>
<p><b>Item 10. To update members on the Works Programme.</b></p>	<p>The update of the Works Programme was circulated.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll was happy with the progress on the R503 and suggested that instead of funding a number of smaller projects under CIS/LIS schemes it could be better to fund one substantial project. Cllr. Bonfield would question the sweeper going out 3 times on the R503, there are stones on the opposite side of the</p>



	<p>road and bollards at Kilcommon were blown over. Work was finished on a Friday evening close to a bend and this led to a lot of safety concerns. She stated the communication to the locals is very important.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Meara asked about periodic speeding signs. Speeding is a concern and it is not always who you would expect. People have a role to play in talking to someone if they are aware that they speed. He would be anxious to get something done in the Walsh Park cross area; it was previously a designated settlement in the County Development Plan.</p> <p>Cllr. Quirke O'Meara raised signage, Newtown Active Travel Scheme, the local roads around Latteragh and the possibility that batteries may have been removed from flashing speed signs in the Silvermines village. Cllr. Morgan Walsh requested an update on the Bus Éireann buses pulling in on the Borrisokane Road. Cllr. J.P. O'Meara thanked staff for the work that was completed recently at Ballygibbon.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan asked if the condition of the road should be given higher points than the number of residents on the road when evaluating CIS/LIS applications. He said signage is required at the Ferbane/Cloghan turn. Cllr. Bugler raised the issue of potholes on Boher Road and Tountina, the work at the pumphouse in Ballina Riverside Park and Darcy's Bridge. Cllr. Morris asked for the classification of the road at Ballintotty to be clarified. This was used during the construction of the motorway.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy will pass on the issues raised in relation to the R503 to the contractor. In relation to the funding of the CIS/LIS, there is a backlog of 10 years on the applications. The condition of the road is taken into consideration, but land parcels have a bigger influence. Speeding is a national issue, and a small percentage of people think that speeding is acceptable. A road safety audit will be done at Walsh Park, and this will identify what is required. There has been a delay in getting signage, but he will follow up on this. The issues at Latteragh will be passed to the site team and he will follow up on the issue with the buses on the Borrisokane Road.</p>
<b>Item 11. To consider Notices of Motion</b>	None
<b>Item 12. To note Delegated Employees Orders</b>	Noted
<b>Item 13.</b>	Noted



<b>To consider items of correspondence</b>	
<b>Item 14. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations</b>	None
<b>Item 15. Any other business.</b>	None

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

Signed:   
Cathaoirleach  
Cllr. Phyll Bugler

Date: 21/5/2026

Signed:   
Ms. Rosemary Joyce  
District Administrator

Date: 21/5/2026