



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 10.00 AM ON 27th JULY 2023

Present in chamber	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, Hughie McGrath, John "Rocky" McGrath, Michael O' Meara, Phyll Bugler, Séamus Morris and Gerard Darcy
Also Present	<p>Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Marcus O'Connor, Director of Services; Mr. Barry Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer and Mr. Donal Murphy, Staff Officer.</p> <p>Environment and Climate Action: Mr. Ruairi Boland, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Orla Kelly, Administrative Officer</p> <p>Local Authority Waters Programme Office (LAWPRO): Mr. Anthony Coleman, Director of Services; Ms. Sheevaun Thompson, Funding Lead and Dr. Fran Igoe, Regional Coordinator.</p> <p>Mr. Robin Lee, Robin Lee Architecture.</p>
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 15th June 2023	It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris, seconded by Cllr. J. Hannigan and resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 15 th June 2023 be adopted.
Item 3. To consider and adopt Minutes of June Meeting held on 15th June 2023	It was proposed by Cllr. F. Bonfield, seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that the minutes of the June Meeting held on 15 th June 2023 be adopted.
Item 4. To receive a presentation from Robin Lee Architecture on the Rialto Digital Hub	Mr. Robin Lee of Robin Lee Architecture delivered a presentation on the Rialto Digital Hub and residential project at Banba Square / Emmet Place, Nenagh. The project was approaching the Part 8 public consultation stage. He outlined that the plan for this town centre site was to create employment and social housing within the 0.3 hectares site. The protected structure which is currently vacant is planned to be turned into a digital hub with 98 workspaces over two floors with the construction of 12 no. 1 bedroom units in the former store yard to the rear of the building. He outlined each residential unit would have its own front door and be served by seven car parking spaces within the



development which would also consist of soft and hard landscaping and bicycle parking. The building will also have a changing place standard toilet facility. The internal layout in addition to the 98 desks will have 8 to 10-person meeting room. The layout will also have break out spaces and events space.

Cllr. J. R. McGrath thanked Mr. Lee for his presentation. Cllr. H. McGrath queried if any discussions had taken place with the residents of Wolfe Tone Terrace and wondered if their privacy may be affected. Cllr. J. Hannigan cited that the councillors had no input into the design brief and queried if a feasibility study had been carried out to make sure there was demand for a digital hub. He queried if an exhibition space could be incorporated into the design.

Cllr. S. Morris expressed concern at the 7 car parking spaces provided in the development noting that 70% of people in Tipperary were car dependent with some households having up to four cars. He said he was supportive of the work the District undertakes and did want to see the site repurposed and noted that the housing was badly needed. He noted that there is a very busy Garda Station next door to the proposed site. He cited the quality of the council houses provided in Portroe and noted the spectacular design in that project. Cllr. G. Darcy and Cllr. F. Bonfield also expressed concern at the number of car park spaces proposed with Cllr. F. Bonfield welcoming the proposed changing places standard facility. Cllr. P. Bugler queried if the occupiers of the residential units will have a back entrance to bring out their bins. Members expressed difficulty in understanding the full vision for the scheme and queried if an on-site discussion could take place.

In reply, Ms. R. Joyce advised the council had previously made an application under RRDF for a Digital Hub at Stereame but this was unsuccessful due to it being a greenfield site and not within the town centre. The Rialto was acquired as it had been vacant and it was the wish of the council to bring it back into use, noting that it is a protected structure. She outlined that studies have been done on the need for a Digital Hub in Nenagh and that funding had been secured under RRDF for the design and planning stage of the project. She advised that design of digital hubs had evolved since the original study with less emphasis on hot desks and more demand for office space. This has been considered in the design with emphasis on enterprise within the design. She advised that there would be a technological space on the top floor for recording of podcasts etc. and space would be dedicated within the hub for meeting space but there were no proposals for an exhibition space. She stressed the need for the digital hub and enterprise centre to generate an income which will cover its costs. She outlined that it was the intention to commence the Part 8 public consultation process where



submissions could be made. She said she was taking on board what councillors were saying on parking but indicated that this development would have to be looked at in the overall context of the town's historical & cultural quarter. She referred to the steering committee which is in place for this project. The Council would be preparing a Category 1 RRDF application and this project would be in competition with other projects in Tipperary and throughout the country for funding. She advised that the project would have to meet strict public spending code criteria to be successful.

In response to Cllr. H. McGrath's concern regarding Wolfe Tone Terrace she advised that this had been discussed as part of the design. She noted that the housing element was a bonus in the design. The housing that will be provided will be 1 bed units with no families allocated to same. The Department of Housing and senior council housing staff have been consulted on the design and the Department have attended an on-site visit. They welcome the housing element within the overall repurposing of the site. Ms. R. Joyce stated that Emmet Place was a derelict space but, together with the implementation of the town's one-way system and private development, a new streetscape would be created and it would become a residential street.

Mr. R. Lee advised that the site was a challenging site with deep back lands. The privacy of residents at Wolfe Tone Terrace was factored into the design and he would happily develop further visuals for the members.

Cllr. H. McGrath queried if the OPW would come in as a tenant whereby the Garda administration could use the upstairs section of the new hub. He noted that he would like to hold the standard of the garda station we have in the town and didn't want to see the Garda Station downgraded.

In reply, Mr. M. O'Connor outlined the site was a tight site. He agreed with members that an on-site meeting would be a good idea. He noted that Nenagh town badly needs housing and the Department had given first stage approval and viewed the housing being provided as a bonus. He advised that the units being provided were 1-bedroom units and 7 car parking spaces were being provided for these units. He acknowledged that the council would like to provide more spaces but said that it was too tight. He agreed with Cllr. S. Morris that cars would not be got rid of overnight in Nenagh. He reiterated that this development would regenerate a derelict street. In response to the viability of a digital hub he outlined that a detailed business case will have to be done in order to be successful for the RRDF funding and said that the council has looked at other digital hubs in Galway and Carrick on Shannon. He noted that the design has allowed



	<p>for flexibility to allow change of use of the floor space but that the business case would establish the final layout.</p> <p>It was agreed that an on-site meeting would take place and that the council would proceed to commence the Part 8 planning public consultation.</p>
Item 5. To receive update from Environment and Climate Action	<p>The report on Environment and Climate Action was circulated to members.</p> <p>Members were advised that the Draft Litter Management Plan for County Tipperary was currently available for public consultation and submissions would be welcomed on the Draft Plan. Cllr P. Bugler requested an update on Boher Burial Ground.</p> <p>Cllr S. Morris requested an update on the Military Barracks noting that the Department of Defence have been written to on a number of occasions.</p> <p>Cllr H. McGrath raised the issue of the track leading into Tyone graveyard and the difficulties of getting the hearse into the cemetery. Cllr J. Carroll supported Cllr. H. McGrath noting the road was narrow and was subsiding. Cllr S. Morris felt that the council should have been proactive at the time the adjoining land was for sale.</p> <p>Cllr J. Carroll welcomed the farm waste plastic collections that took place and complimented the farmers involved and the Council's Environment Department. He expressed concern at the level of fly tipping and felt that the fines and penalties relating to fly tipping are not adequate. He also complimented the work that has taken place at Kilmore Graveyard but noted there were small items such as kerbing outstanding.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Meara complimented the work that has been done on the Shannon Vermicomposting site and wanted to put on record the role Tipperary County Council played in this. He queried when the site in Rathcabbin will be fully decommissioned.</p> <p>Cllr. F. Bonfield welcomed the roadside anti-litter initiative and asked if Tidy Town Groups would be involved.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy welcomed the public consultation on the Draft Litter Management Plan and supported Cllr. Carroll on acknowledging the success of the initiative on farmyard plastic that was recycled. He sought an update on the boundary wall in Aglish graveyard which he said was in bad shape.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan said there is still a lot of concern about dogs, especially restricted breeds. He called for those with restricted breeds to undergo training on the handling of these types of</p>



dogs. He outlined that awareness needs to be heightened with these dog owners. Cllr. J. Hannigan raised the issue of dereliction citing a recent conference in Donegal where compulsory sale orders were discussed as a mechanism to force property owners to act on derelict properties within a 2 years period. He noted that local authorities don't have funding for CPO's and that compulsory sale orders could be an option to combat dereliction. Cllr. J. R. McGrath supported Cllr. Hannigan regarding the restricted breeds, noting that they were being bred for security reasons and were not suitable as family pets.

Cllr. J. Hannigan raised concerns regarding the level of support given to Group Water Schemes noting the increase in electricity costs. He noted that a lot of Group Schemes can't raise the funds for the increase in costs. He outlined that volunteers on Group Water Schemes are being forced out. Councillors noted the pressures that are on these volunteers. Cllr. J Carroll noted that these volunteers have built up experience over the decades. Cllr. S. Morris voiced his concerns that Irish Water was trying to take over all water services but felt that the water services workers were being caught in a tug of war.

Members raised a number of concerns in relation to water quality and agreed these should be raised with the full Council.

Cllr. J.R. McGrath wished to note the excellent work being done on Group Water Schemes by Oliver Naughton and Triona Collins.

In response Ms. Orla Kelly advised that Tidy Town Groups would be welcome to make submissions on the Draft Litter Management Plan. She cited that a grant of €30,000 was secured by Tipperary County Council under the 2023 Anti - dumping Initiative to roll out an Anti - roadside litter campaign. This campaign would include messaging through social media, a county wide litter pick week at the end of August. The aim is to get Tidy Towns groups involved with an online registration facility for interested groups. Ms. O. Kelly emphasised that the message is clear that littering is not acceptable.

Regarding restricted dog breeds Ms. O. Kelly outlined that social media campaigns have taken place previously which included imagery of the restricted breeds and the obligations that are on owners of these breeds.

Ms. O. Kelly advised that there has been an increase in the number of Section 8(2) notices issued under the Derelict Sites Act and CPO's have been initiated in some instances. Ms. O. Kelly outlined the issues that are encountered with derelict properties include properties that are unregistered and owners that do not reside in the locality. A significant amount of engagement is required.



	<p>Mr. R. Boland advised that there was no timeline set in respect of Boher graveyard but a meeting had taken place at the school. He advised that the excavation works were finished at Kilmore graveyard but remaining works would recommence during the second week of August. He advised members that the Council were in the latter end of negotiations to get the right of way into the cemetery at Tyone. In response to the query on Aghlish Mr. Boland advised he would check the position and revert back on this.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce advised that she would go back to the Department of Defence in respect of the Military Barracks. She advised that the Department were looking at the parking on site and were also looking at other planning aspects. Cllr. S. Morris thanked Ms. Joyce for her efforts but stated it was time to get on to TD's as the military barracks current condition was not fair on adjoining landowners.</p>
<p>Item 6. To receive update from LAWPRO</p>	<p>The report from LAWPRO was circulated to members.</p> <p>Mr. Anthony Coleman introduced himself as Director of Services with responsibility for the Shared National Local Authority Service: Local Authorities Waters Programme. He gave a brief outline of the role of LAWPRO and advised members that LAWPRO had 60 staff and its staff numbers are likely to grow. The principle objectives of LAWPRO is to focus on water quality in our rivers, lakes and estuaries.</p> <p>Dr. Fran Igoe, Regional Coordinator, discussed the report with members highlighting that it is a very challenging time regarding water quality and stated LAWPRO's role was to try and understand the science. It was important to work as a collective and noted that better water quality was important for promotion of outdoor recreation. He highlighted that there was a drop in the water quality from 61% in the 2010 to 2012 period compared to 33% in the 2016 to 2021 period, which represented a 50% drop in water quality. He noted that Lough Derg had gone from poor to moderate status but that the Nenagh and the Kilmastulla Rivers had shown worrying trends which need to be reversed. He referenced recent flooding events which had caused damage to water quality. He advised the members, of the community engagement that is taking place and the funding opportunities available to community groups. He outlined the importance of protecting our species of trout noting the genetically unique trout in the Ballyfinboy River. He stressed the need for all agencies, communities and individuals to work together and the availability of funding for intervention measures.</p>



Members welcomed the presentation provided by Dr. Igoe. Cllr. S. Morris highlighted the situation of the waste water treatment plant which is under Irish Water's control which is discharging sewage into Lough Derg without licence. He queried what body do members raise this issue with as the EPA hadn't authorised this discharge pipe. He advised that citizens complain to him at the weekends but its too late to act by Monday as the discharge has taken place.

Cllr. P. Bugler queried how up to date the data was in respect of Lough Derg. She noted the importance of fishing in the area and welcomed the upgrading works that are taking place at Ballina Treatment Plant. She noted that there have been six major flooding events in Ballina in 2022 and that there have been two further severe flooding events in 2023.

Cllr. J. Hannigan noted that it was positive news to see Lough Derg go in the right direction and advised of the goodwill of the stakeholders along by the lake and rivers. He advised that he had attended a recent Teagasc event where actions were recommended to improve water quality and that there are financial incentives available if the actions are taken. He would welcome similar Teagasc presentations in local community halls to inform farmers of their options including how to tackle run off entering our local rivers.

Cllr. G. Darcy spoke of the importance of bringing the public with us in improving water quality and not to demonise any section of the community, particularly farmers. He advocated that young farmers need to be supported. He noted that the Drainage Committees play an important role and need to be listened to as they are on the ground.

Cllr. J. Carroll advised that Drainage Committee funding was near static and emphasised the importance of community involvement as Drainage Committees had become frustrated and disillusioned.

In response, Dr Fran Igoe emphasised the need for joined up thinking to meet the challenge of climate change. He advised that drainage difficulties need to be looked at in conjunction with the OPW but that biodiversity and river flow have to be managed. It is important to have the right measure in the right place. In response to Cllr. S. Morris's query, Dr. F. Igoe advised that LAWPRO are not a enforcement body and concerns should be raised in the form of a formal complaint.

In conclusion, Mr. A. Coleman advised that agriculture is a primary contributor to water quality. He outlined that there needs to be an awareness of what needs to be done and that LAWPRO will communicate with elected members before year



	end on the River Basin Management Plan roadmap to 2027 to improve water quality.										
<p>Item 7. To approve allocation of funding under Grant Schemes</p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Darcy and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Contribution to Residents Association Scheme payment of grants be made to the following:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="531 584 1390 763"> <thead> <tr> <th>Residents Association</th> <th>Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clonbealy Residents Association</td> <td>€300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ardan/Sheshheraghmore Residents Committee</td> <td>€500.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. O' Meara and seconded by Cllr. Morris and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Contribution to Clubs / Organisations Grant Scheme payment of a grant be made to the following:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="531 965 1401 1122"> <thead> <tr> <th>Club/Organisation</th> <th>Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lorrha Rathcabbin Gun Club</td> <td>€350.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Residents Association	Recommendation	Clonbealy Residents Association	€300.00	Ardan/Sheshheraghmore Residents Committee	€500.00	Club/Organisation	Recommendation	Lorrha Rathcabbin Gun Club	€350.00
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<p>Item 8. To update members on projects & events</p>	<p><u>Newport Town Park:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant is currently following up on all outstanding items so that there can be full handover and Official Opening. <p><u>Newport Enhancement Plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback provided to consultants following internal assessment of first draft. • Awaiting revised draft following which briefing will be provided to the elected members. <p><u>Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation has taken place with a number of stakeholders in the vicinity of the Historic & Cultural Quarter. • Documentation for Part 8 is currently being drafted. <p><u>Nenagh Centre of Excellence:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEA is currently preparing information on the technical aspects of the Design Brief based on the exemplar nature of the proposals. 										



- Six companies who were brought forward from Phase One of the procurement process will be invited to submit tenders in Q3 2023.
- It is aimed to have a Design Team in place by end of 2023.

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:

- Work is progressing on the preparation of tender documents for appointment of consultants for the detailed design, procurement of contractors and overseeing the demolition of the existing toilet block and the construction of a Facilities Centre for Water Sports Activity with a view to going to tender in Q3 2023.
- An ecologist is currently being engaged to undertake surveys that are required as part of the conditions of An Bord Pleanála planning approval.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:

- Measure 2 2020: Beara Breifne Way - Land owner agreement has not been received to date.
- Measure 1 2022: Ballinderry River Walk Phase II – awaiting confirmation of works undertaken by ESB.
- Measure 4 2022: Clare Glens River Walk Enhancement Plan – will be proceeding to tender in Q3 2023.
- The Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023 has been announced and similar to last year the scheme will be delivered under four measures - measure 1, 2, 3 and the Project Development Measure. Nenagh Municipal District is currently liaising with the Economic, Community & Rural Development Section in relation to the submission of applications for consideration at county level.

Stereame Housing Development

- Discussions on-going with tenderers.

Rialto, Banba Square Nenagh

- Briefing to be provided by consultant, Robin Lee Architecture, at the July Meeting of Nenagh MD.



Wheelchair Accessible Parking Spaces

- The refreshing of existing on street wheelchair accessible parking spaces in Nenagh has been substantially completed. 4 remaining spaces will be done in Q3 2023 when the road temperatures permit.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022

- Ballina Access Promenade and Viewing Area – discussions have commenced with consultants with a view to progressing this project.
- Newport Courthouse and Bridewell Complex – the procurement of a consultant to prepare a feasibility study in accordance with the funding application has been undertaken. The successful bidder designate has been identified and has been requested to submit required insurances prior to appointment.

Painting & Enhancement Scheme 2023:

- Applications are still available for the Painting & Enhancement Scheme 2023, the closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 18th August 2023.
- This is available for commercial properties located in towns and villages in Nenagh MD and has been advertised.
- Maximum funding is 50% to a max. of €500.
- Seven applications have currently been received to date under this scheme – one application has been paid; two applications received provisional approval and are awaiting completion of works/return of documentation; four applications are currently being reviewed.

Casual Trading Bye Laws:

- The bye-laws have come into effect from 1st June 2023. Applications were invited from traders interested in obtaining casual trading licences to operate at the designated locations in the new Bye-Laws.
- To date 7 applications have been received. 5 licences have now issued i.e. 2 for Ballina Riverside Park, 1 for Dromineer, 1 for Garrykennedy and one for Castlelough. The two remaining applications are currently awaiting submission of further information.
- Contact has been made with a number of parties in relation to establishment of working group to consider opportunities for developing a market in Nenagh. This will be further progressed in September 2023.



Expressions of Interests for Development Land at Lisbunny

Tipperary County Council advertised for expressions of interest from developers and entrepreneurs interested in acquiring a prime 19.2 acre industrially zoned site at Lisbunny Business Park, Dublin Road, Nenagh for immediate development and job creation. The closing date for expressions of interest was 4.30 pm on Friday 9th June 2023. Applicants who had expressed interest in the development land have now been invited to provide more detailed proposals by 15th August.

Bicycle Repair Station

A bicycle repair station has now been installed in Ballinderry Village as part of the council's promotion of cycling.

CLÁR applications

The following CLAR, measure 1 applications were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for consideration on 6th June with an anticipated funding announcement in September 2023.

- Aglish Village Playground Upgrade
- Boher Lighting for the MUGA and Walking Path
- Lorrha Community Hall Car Park
- Rathcabbin Hall Renovations

Arrabawn Roundabout at Kenyon Street

Works will commence on the construction of a new roundabout at the end of Kenyon Street. An accelerated programme has been agreed with Arrabawn to facilitate the implementation of the One-Way System in Nenagh. A road closure will take place on a section of Martyrs Road, Nenagh to facilitate the construction of the roundabout.

One Way System

Detailed design on the Nenagh One Way System is currently being finalised. Implementation is likely to commence in September.

Comité de Jumelage, Basse-Goulaine

The Twinning Committee from Basse-Goulaine travelled to Ireland on Thursday 13th July. During their visit they were hosted by families in Ballina-Killaloe and the Twinning Committee had arranged a programme of activities for their entertainment. They were accorded a Civic Welcome on Friday 14th July at the Civic Offices, Nenagh at which the Cathaoirleach Cllr. John Rocky McGrath made a formal presentation to them on behalf of the



Nenagh Municipal District. They also visited Nenagh Tourist Office and Ballyartella Woollen Mills. On Saturday, they visited Limerick having been invited by the Honorary Consul of France, Dr. Loïc Guyon, to visit the Wild Geese Bastille Day event at the Hunt Museum. They also enjoyed a trip to the Milk Market and the International Rugby Experience (celebrating the French victory over Ireland in the u20 World Cup the previous evening!). On Sunday, despite the rain, they explored the Pollaghs Art Trail in Birdhill and went on to meet three artists (Melissa Ryan, Kerry Acheson and Lynn Kenny) at the Bridge Art Gallery in Ballina. A joint twinning committee meeting followed at which the two committees discussed future plans. The visit ended with a traditional music session in 'The Washerwoman', Ballina. The group returned to France on Monday 17th July 2023.

Exhibition at Nenagh Civic Offices

The launch of the Press Photographer's Association of Ireland (PPAI) Exhibition took place in the Civic Offices, Nenagh on 12th July 2023. This included a fascinating talk by Photographer of the Year, Mark Condren, who is a six-time recipient of this award. This was a rare opportunity to hear from one of the very best photographers in the business. Over the course of his work Mark has visited Ukraine, Ethiopia, Somalia etc while also covering some of the biggest stories in Irish news. The exhibition features over 100 photos covering areas such as sports, entertainment and the environment. The exhibition has now moved to Nenagh Library and, for anyone who has not yet seen it, a visit is highly recommended.

Amenity Area Bye-Laws

As a further measure to deter Anti-Social Behaviour in Ballina it is proposed to amend the Amenity Area Bye-Laws to include provision for on-the-spot fines for jumping off the Bridge in Ballina. The amended draft bye-laws will be brought to the September meeting of Nenagh MD with a recommendation that they be put on public display.

Update from Nenagh Tourist Office & Visitor Centre

- Nenagh Tourist Office has been nominated in the travel2ireland awards in the category 'Best Local Tourism Office'. Closing date for voting is 31st July.
- To date in 2023 there have been 5,485 visitors to Nenagh Tourist Office. This has also led to increased footfall at other attractions including Nenagh Castle and Nenagh Genealogy & Heritage Centre.



- Nenagh Tourist Office has collaborated with various groups and other attractions in order to co-ordinate a number of activities not only in the Tourist Office but in the overall Historic & Cultural Quarter – in 2023 this collaboration led to the following:
 - Visit of Ireland AM and live broadcast at Nenagh Castle
 - Attendance of 655 primary school children at 'St. Patrick in the Castle' event
 - Showcase of local sustainable sculptures of art/furniture and lighting by Metal & Mallet
 - Music in the Tourist Office as part of the St. Patrick's Day Festivities
 - Easter Children's Adventure in conjunction with Heritage Centre and Nenagh Castle
 - Easter Children's Adventure Sensory Hour
 - RNLI talk on Water Safety for Primary School children
 - Launch of Lough Derg eBikes and facilitation of their services
 - Visit by journalist from 'Irish Country Living' section of The Farmer's Journal resulting in a positive article in that publication on 22nd July.
- Monthly a 'What's On in Nenagh' poster is published through social media with copies available from the Tourist Office – any groups or organisations that want their events listed can provide details to nenaghtouristoffice@tipperarycoco.ie or can contact Victoria on 087 187 1932.
- The current project being planned relates to Heritage Week from 12th to 20th August. A programme of events is being co-ordinated across the Historic & Cultural Quarter. Details of these events are listed below.
- Another event in the pipeline is for Culture Night – more details later.

Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter

National Heritage Week (12th to 20th August)

- Nenagh Tourist Office & Visitor Centre
- Nenagh Castle
- Nenagh Genealogy & Heritage Centre
- Nenagh Courthouse



The theme of this year's Heritage Week is "Living History". Nenagh Tourist Office & Visitor Centre has co-ordinated a week of events during heritage week in the Historic and Cultural Quarter in collaboration with the above locations. All events are free and open to the public however some events need to be booked in advance due to space restrictions.

With the theme in mind the programme aims to take people on a path into the past in the form of tours of some of Nenagh's historic and architecturally magnificent buildings. People will have the opportunity to see skilled crafts people at work. Events will be family friendly and once again there will be the opportunity to have fun and collect the stamps to fill the heritage passport.

EVENTS

Tuesday 15th August

Guided Tour of Nenagh Courthouse – 10am, 11am & 2pm – tour takes approximately 1 hour.

Take a guided tour of Nenagh Courthouse, marvel in its architecture and history. Family friendly tour. Free event. Booking essential, limited spaces – Contact Nenagh Tourist Office. Thanks to the Court Services for allowing this tour to take place.

Wednesday 16th August

Interactive Guided Tours of the Gaol Gate House- Nenagh Heritage Centre, 11am to 12pm (tours starting every 15 mins), Tour takes approximately 30 mins.

Take an interactive guided tour of the Gaol Gate House, interact with some of the special guests. Family Friendly, free tour. Booking essential, spaces limited – contact Nenagh Tourist Office.

Thursday 17th August

Poems for very young children with Anne Hogan – Nenagh Heritage Centre, 11am

Bring the children to a lovely poetry reading session by Anne Hogan.



Free event, for children. No booking required, just come along and enjoy. All Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 17th August

How to trace your North Tipperary ancestry by Nora O'Meara, M.A. Genealogy – Nenagh Tourist Office, 3pm

Delve into the past and discover how to trace your North Tipperary ancestors - a talk by Nora O'Meara, M.A. Genealogy.

Free event, booking essential – contact Nenagh Tourist Office.

Friday 18th August

Myths and Legends Children's Story Time – Nenagh Tourist Office, 11am

Children's story time, come and listen to tales of Viking, heroes and giants.

Free children's event. No booking required. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday 18th August

Irish food talk with Peter Ward. Traditional Bread and Butter making demonstration with Susan – Nenagh Heritage Centre, 1.45pm.

Talk by Peter Ward from Country Choice, demonstration of traditional brown bread making. Traditional Irish Butter making by Susan.

Free event. Limited places, booking essential – contact Nenagh Tourist Office.

Saturday 19th August

Living Museum - Nenagh Castle Field, 11am to 1pm

Demonstration by Richard of Fire Fox Forge, Blacksmith and Dee Synnott woodcrafts. Examine artefacts with Nenagh Heritage Centre and take a walking tour of the Historic & Cultural Quarter with Nenagh 800 – tours at 11 am, 12 noon and 1 pm.

Free event, just come along and take a look. Booking is advised for walking tour – contact Nenagh Tourist Office. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Saturday 19th August

Dancing at the Crossroads - Nenagh Tourist Office, 3pm

Enjoy some traditional Irish Music and dance, learn how to set dance.

No booking required, just join in.

During Heritage Week

Nenagh Historic & Cultural Passport

Collect a free passport from Nenagh Tourist Office and see if you can collect all five stamps during Heritage Week, visiting historic building and exhibitions.

Stamps from: Nenagh Tourist Office, Nenagh Art Centre, Nenagh Library, Nenagh Castle and Nenagh Heritage Centre. Just take a tour or look at the exhibitions and at the end of your visit get your passport stamped!

Free, for all ages.

Ms. R. Joyce advised members that it is proposed to advertise new Draft Amenity Area Bye – Laws to prohibit diving off the bridge in Ballina. She highlighted to members that there were over 5485 visitors to Nenagh Tourist office so far in 2023. She advised members that as part of Heritage Week there would be a talk on tracing your roots.

Cllr. P. Bugler sought an update on the Ballina Access Promenade and queried if an ESB connection could be provided for casual traders in Ballina. She also highlighted the issue of boat hogging along by the Quay Wall in Ballina. Cllr. F. Bonfield advised that RV owners are emptying their tanks into the toilet in Castlelough. Cllr. S. Morris sought an update on the proposed housing at Stereame. He also noted that caravans had moved back into the Stereame Business Park.

In reply, Mr. M. O' Connor said there is a need for pump out facilities in the Lough Derg area. He noted that some overnight camping was taking place in Castlelough but this was not permitted. He advised members that the Council will be enforcing this at the next bank holiday weekend. He outlined that there has been a significant decrease in overnight camping in Dromineer.



	<p>He advised that the council were in advanced discussion with a developer in relation to the housing at Stereame and was confident that the council will have an update in the near future on this.</p> <p>In response to Cllr. P. Bugler's queries, Ms. R. Joyce that the Ballina Access Promenade would be completed next year. She advised that the council would not be in a position to provide a power outlet at Ballina Riverside Park due to the costs involved and the difficulty that would be involved in getting power to the designated casual trading area. In relation to the boat hogging she advised that the council were liaising with Waterways Ireland.</p>
<p>Item 9. To update members on Works Programme</p>	<p>The update on the Works Programme was circulated to members.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy advised members that the CIS Programme was extended to the 4th August. He advised that 10 LIS schemes were already approved but that additional schemes were likely to be approved within the next week. Overall the council were on target in respect of the roadworks programme.</p> <p>Cllr. M O'Meara queried if there would be additional allocations under the CIS scheme citing that the roads in Ballymacegan and Ballyea areas were very bad. Mr. B. Murphy advised that the Feigh Bog Road, Portroe Village and the Curreeny to Reiska jobs were brought forward from the 2024 to 2023 due to additional funding of €447,000 being received. This would allow for additional schemes to be done in the 2024 roads programme. He advised that the Ballyea road was in very poor condition and that road along with the Ballymacegan road would be done next year. He stated that next March once budgets are known the council would present these roads on the roadworks programme.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Darcy welcomed the additional funding.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Morris referred to the recent article in the Tipperary Star regarding the perceived lack of consultation and short notice given on the road closure at Martyr's Road. He referred to the frustration of some local businesses. He expressed thanks to the workers who were trying to work to a very short timeframe.</p> <p>In response Mr. M. O'Connor advised the Council were permitting the road closure to facilitate a major employer in the town. He noted that section of road being closed was only 18 meters in length and the council had worked with the contractor to tighten the schedule. He stated that the roundabout would address a major safety issue and cited that the council did follow all statutory procedures.</p>



	<p>Cllr. G. Darcy advised that every effort was being made to try to get the work done as quickly as possible.</p>
Item 10. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr G. Darcy queried if the TII could be asked to cut back vegetation at the Lahorna Ball Alley. He asked if Tipperary County Council would cut the vegetation on the Knocknacree to Loughaun road as it was extremely dangerous and asked if this junction would be considered for a Low-Cost Safety Improvement Scheme.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Bugler requested that all the vegetation on the R496 be cut back and potholes filled as this was the diversion route for the R494 road closure. She asked for more reflective signage on the dangerous bridge on the R496.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan agreed that the Ballyea road was very bad and asked if the pinch point in Firmount Hill could be considered for the Low-Cost Safety Scheme. He noted that Irish Water were repairing the main on the R493 at Puckane but that the Knight to Puckane road needs to be looked at. He also asked that the R493 Coolbawn Cross to Ballinderry was very bumpy.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Carroll welcomed the bringing forward of the three schemes from 2024 back to 2023. He supported Cllr. P. Bugler on her request for works on the Dunally Line and the Boher Road.</p>
Item 11. To consider Notices of Motion	<p>It was agreed that this item would be deferred until the September meeting.</p>
Item 12. To note Delegated Employees Orders	<p>Noted.</p>
Item 13. To consider items of correspondence	<p>There was one item of correspondence</p> <p>Letter from SEO Corporate circulating Notice of Motion passed by Tipperary County Council on 12th June 2023 requesting that the applicable date for the Temporary Time Limited Waiver in respect of Development Contributions be amended from 28th March 2023 to the 1st January 2023.</p>
Item 14.	<p>Votes of Congratulations:</p>



Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nenagh Éire Óg Senior Hurlers and Management who were crowned North Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions <p>Votes of Sympathy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">John Delahunty, on the death of his wife Cáit, R.I.P.Moira & Larry Byrne on the death of their son Paul, R.I.P.Ken Keays on the death of his wife Stephanie, R.I.P.Kay Moynihan on the death of her husband Ted, R.I.P.Ann Holland on the death of her husband Tom, R.I.P.Michael Houlihan on the death of his father Michael, R.I.P.
Item 15. Any other business.	Cllr S. Morris expressed his solidarity with the Fire Services and the Water Services workers who are engaged in industrial action. Cllr H. McGrath and Cllr. J. McGrath supported Cllr. S. Morris.

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

Signed: John Rocky McGrath
Cllr. John 'Rocky' McGrath
Cathaoirleach

Date: 21/4/2023

Signed: Rosemary Joyce
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 21/4/2023

