



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 09.30 AM ON 18th JULY 2024

Present in chamber	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Joe Hannigan, Michael O Meara, John Carroll, Ryan O'Meara, Louise Morgan Walsh, Pamela Quirke O'Meara and Séamus Morris
Present via Zoom	Cllr. Phyll Bugler
Also Present	<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>Housing: Ms. Breda Ryan, A/Administrative Officer; Ms Deirdre Flannery, Senior Staff Officer; Eoin Delaney, Executive Engineer and Shane O'Dwyer, Senior Executive Officer.</p> <p>Planning: Ms. Ann Marie Devaney, Senior Planner; Ms. Teresa Kiely, Administrative Officer; Mr. Jonathan Flood, A/Senior Executive Planner; Mr. Kieran Ladden, Senior Executive Engineer and Shane Grogan, A/Senior Executive Officer</p>
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of the May Meeting held on 16th May 2024	It was proposed by Cllr. Michael O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. Louise Morgan Walsh and resolved that the minutes of the May Meeting held on 16 th May 2024 be adopted.
Item 3. To consider and adopt Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 27th June 2024	It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Quirke O'Meara and resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 27 th June 2024 be adopted.
Item 4. To receive an update Housing	<p>The report from Housing was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris raised concerns about anti-social behaviour and the Housing First Scheme, in particular the use of a house for elderly people in an estate with a lot of long term and elderly tenants. He expressed concern that the CLO does not have any remit here as it is</p>



a Focus Ireland house. The fact that a lot of the services cannot be contacted after 5 o'clock is also a worry and leads to the public contacting elected members. He was also contacted by a tenant that was told there was no money for repairs in their house, he asked if there was sufficient staff and budget to deal with housing repairs.

Cllr. Morgan Walsh agreed with the concerns on placing Housing First tenants in accommodation for the elderly; people in this estate added double and triple locks to their property, one person has had a break in.

Cllr. Carroll stated that it is the minority of people that are involved in anti-social behaviour, some people are a law unto themselves, they are arrested and the following day they are out. The response from the Gardaí also needs to improve. He also believes more action should be taken in relation to illegal caravans and control of dogs and horses. Cllr. Bugler enquired about the liaison person for the elderly and the Croí Conaithe applications.

Cllr. M. O'Meara asked about the voids in Cloughjordan and Lorrha and the scheme in Rathcabbin. Cllr. R. O'Meara enquired about the reason for so many stages for housing developments. Cllr. Bonfield requested clarification on the number of housing applicants that are on the Housing list from the HAP scheme. Cllr. Hannigan wanted to know how additional contractors can get added to the approved list of contractors for work on council houses, this would help with the turnaround time on voids. He believes the framework should be open all year round so new people can get added on an ongoing basis.

Mr. S. O'Dwyer explained that the Housing First Scheme is in place to help the vulnerable applicants. The lease is normally for 6 months but there is a provision to make changes if the person is involved in anti-social behaviour. There has been success stories and a person on the Housing First Scheme does get access to all the services to help them turn their life around.

Ms. B. Ryan said Housing are aware of issues in some estates. She would encourage people to ring and report issues. If an issue has to be dealt with through the legal route it is important to have a record of complaints. If it is a Garda issue the person should ring 999 and a Garda report will help when following up. The CLOs have good links to some estates, they will work with a tenant and issue a tenancy warning if necessary. She will send details of Age Friendly Ireland to the members. If caravans are parked on a public road it is a roads issue and while there is no specific policy in relation to animal welfare the tenancy agreement has been amended to take account of issues that have arisen recently. Ms. D. Flannery will get the number for tenants on the waiting list that are in HAP.

Mr. E. Delaney informed members that there have been 476 applicants for the Croí Conaithe scheme to date, 330 have been



	<p>approved in principle and 74 rejected/withdrawn. Sometimes applications lose a few months in the timeline due to issues with planning permission etc. The turnaround time for voids can vary, even things like ordering a door can have a lead in of 6 weeks. The design team for the scheme in Rathcabbin has been selected and will be appointed in the next few weeks. The different stages for the provision of social housing is a way of breaking down the schemes for the management of resources. Surveying is being done at the moment for the energy efficiency scheme.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy explained that the contractor is on site for the 2 voids in Lorrha and 4 voids were completed last week including the 2 in Cloughjordan. The repairs that are undertaken by the Council is determined by what is outlined in the tenants' handbook. Some larger repair requests would have budget constraints. Voids are completed by direct labour/contractor and there is a framework in place for contractors. A lot of paperwork is required but smaller contractors have got the documentation in place and are now on the framework.</p> <p>Mr. K. Malone said that the framework is in place for works over the value of €25,000 and it is set up for a certain time period.</p>
<p>Item 5. To receive an update from Planning</p>	<p>The report from Planning was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Meara said he is against the Residential Zoned Land Tax. There is land on this list that is being farmed and should be exempt. He understands why the tax came in but developers do not want to build outside of the cities as it is not economically viable. He said maybe the full council needs to send a letter looking for this to be reviewed. He also asked about the difference between the Built Heritage and Historic Structures Fund and if it is possible to get the grant of €5,000 for conservation advise for the Croí Conaithe grant.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler asked if the enforcement process could be faster, that it is dangerous to build houses in an area that has Japanese knotweed and that requests for further information could be dealt with by phone call to the agent instead of additional paperwork. She requested an update on the taking in charge of Ard Coilte and Ballina Quay.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll agreed with the concerns in relation to the Residential Zoned Land Tax and asked for the number of housing clusters in the Nenagh MD area. Cllr. Morris asked what Planning would do if someone was trying to avoid paying development contributions, Uisce Éireann have refused to cost the extraction tax for the pipeline to Dublin. When he contacted them he was notified that they would provide a Community Gain Fund but he wanted clarification on whether Uisce Éireann have to pay development contributions.</p> <p>Cllr. R. O'Meara acknowledged that the Residential Zoned Land Tax was designed to stimulate housing but access to land in this area is not a problem, any person farming land should not be penalised, while there is a place for such tax, it has to be reasonable. He asked about</p>



the taking in charge of Townfields, as the WWTP is an issue in getting the estate taken in charge could the possibility of taking the roads and lights only be considered.

Cllr. Hannigan agreed that at least the lighting in Townfields should be taken in charge, the capacity of the plant is holding things up. The provision of waste water treatment facilities is a big impediment in a lot of areas, including Ballycommon. Some WWTPs are not capable of doing the job, conventional treatment plants would be better. Billions are being spent on bringing water to Dublin and it is important to get Uisce Éireann into the Chamber for a meeting with members. He also asked if it is possible to get clarification from the Department if someone is exempt from the tax if they inherited land and it is part of a long term lease and has been farmed for more than 7 years.

Cllr. Bonfield said a workshop is to be held with Uisce Éireann in September and asked if any correspondence has been received in relation to the taking in charge of Hillcrest Manor.

Mr. J. Flood explained that there is a provision in the Act that action can be taken quickly when it comes to enforcement, the warning letter can be skipped and an injunction issued. It would depend on the type of complaint and there is 6 weeks to investigate an issue. If there is a public health or environmental issue action can be taken quickly. A warning letter is issued in most circumstances, this does promote engagement and things can be resolved. Japanese knotweed is a very serious issue and it can be eradicated however it will take 5/6 years for that to happen and is very time consuming. He said it would be great to be in a position where further information did not have to be requested but at the moment when it is requested it is very justified. Planning will continue to work with applicants through the preplanning process but people should be mindful that if they take on board advice received they should avoid problems.

He is unaware of any housing clusters in the Nenagh MD area but 6 or 7 have been granted countywide. It is part of the Development Plan but the uptake is not what was anticipated. Class 17 and Class 18 development contributions would be applied to any planning application that comes in to the Council or to An Bord Pleanála.

Ms. AM Devaney explained that the Local Authority was tasked with identifying land and publishing the maps of the relevant area, any exemptions are a matter for the Revenue Commissioners. Last year when the public could make submissions in relation to RZLT, 2 submissions were received. There is a working group for questions on this topic and she will put the query on inherited and leased land to the group. Cllr. Bonfield suggested that the members should word a notice of motion for the full council and asked Cllr. M O'Meara to draft the motion. Ms. AM Devaney informed members that notification of the Built Heritage and Historical Structures scheme is expected later in the year and once that is received the schemes will be advertised. The difference between the schemes is the scope of the work and the



	<p>value of the grant, the Built Heritage has a maximum of €15,000 and the Historical Structures is €50,000.</p> <p>Mr. K. Ladden said no application has been received from Hillcrest and it would have to be a developer led application if it was to be submitted. Notification of funding has been received for Townsfield and the partial taking in charge to deal with the lighting can be examined. The mapping and technicals for Ballina Quay have been completed and there has been no objection from Uisce Éireann to the taking in charge but a budget will be required for work. There is an active developer in Ard Coilte and an application hasn't been received.</p>				
<p>Items 6. To agree three (3) priority national roads items for the District, for inclusion on the agenda for the Annual Meeting with TII</p>	<p>Mr. L. Brett said it is positive to have the engagement with TII but that the items that were submitted last year are still on the list, financial resources have made the progress of projects more challenging. The items submitted last year were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N65 Carrigahorig – Safety Scheme & flooding • N52 North Borrisokane – stonewalls close to roadside • N52 bypass – resurfacing of road. <p>Cllr. Hannigan stated that he was Cathaoirleach in 2019 and raised the N52 at the meeting that year, there are still issues on that road and unless there is action he is unsure if it is worth attending the meeting. The stone walls and Ballingarry village are two items that do need to be addressed.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Meara acknowledged that the Carrigahorig scheme was at Part VIII stage but did want Ballingarry village added to the list. There is a new committee in the area and it is important to work with them to get a traffic calming scheme in place.</p> <p>Cllr. R. O'Meara asked about right turning lanes either side of Ardcroney village and Cllr. Morgan Walsh raised the need for work on the footpaths and traffic calming on the Finnoe Road.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy explained that Finnoe Road would not be under the remit of TII and that TII are not in favour of right turning lanes on national routes but the possibility of a safety survey can be examined.</p> <p>Mr. L. Brett agreed that Ballingarry can be added to the list and accepted the members concerns about the rate of progress but stressed that it is important to keep relations with TII.</p> <p>Cllr. F. Bonfield confirmed to the members that the 3 items for last year will be resubmitted along with Ballingarry.</p>				
<p>Item 7. To approve allocation of funding</p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. R. O'Meara and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Contribution to the Clubs/Organisations Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="486 1906 1412 1982"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #cccccc;">Club/Organisation</th> <th style="background-color: #cccccc;">Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ballingarry Community Initiative</td> <td>€350.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Club/Organisation	Recommendation	Ballingarry Community Initiative	€350.00
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<p>Item 8. To appoint member to Ballina Town Team</p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. Bonfield that Cllr. Bugler would be appointed to the Ballina Town Team.</p>						
<p>Item 9. To appoint member to Kilmastulla Drainage Committee</p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Bonfield that Cllr. Morgan Walsh would be appointed as a member of the Kilmastulla Drainage Committee.</p>						
<p>Item 10. To update members on projects & events</p>	<p><u>Newport Town Park:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An agreement is in place in relation to the maintenance of the park with the contractor. Damaged signs are in the process of being replaced. <p><u>Newport Town Team/Newport Town Centre First Plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submissions on the Newport Town Centre First Plan are currently being reviewed. It is aimed to bring a report to members on same at the September MD meeting. Following this a meeting will be arranged of the Town Team. <p><u>Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An application for THRIVE Strand 1 funding in the amount of €200,000 for the preparation of a Town Centre First Plan has been approved. The council are awaiting the associated funding agreement. A meeting will then be arranged of the Town Team. <p><u>Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A funding application to Enterprise Ireland under the Smart Regions Enterprise Innovation Scheme is currently being prepared and engagement with Enterprise Ireland is on-going. Disability Access Certificate and Fire Safety Certificate have been granted subject to conditions. Detailed design has been substantially completed. Preparation of tender documentation and Bill of Quantities is being progressed by the consultant. <p><u>Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback has been received on the unsuccessful application for Category 1 funding under the RRDF for the Historic & Cultural Quarter. The assessment indicated as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="464 1738 1402 1975"> <thead> <tr> <th>Assessment Criteria</th> <th>Assessment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Readiness</td> <td>Planning is in place for each element. Project is ready to proceed to tender for construction.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Track Record in Delivery and delivery capacity</td> <td>Very good track record on delivery and engagement with the Department.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Assessment Criteria	Assessment	Readiness	Planning is in place for each element. Project is ready to proceed to tender for construction.	Track Record in Delivery and delivery capacity	Very good track record on delivery and engagement with the Department.
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	Policy Coherence and Objectives of Proposed Project	Proposal sets out clear links to national, regional plans and strategies.
	Potential impact of the proposed project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal aims to deliver Phase 1 of Pillars 1 and 2 of the Nenagh Revitalisation Strategy. • Redevelop Nenagh Castle and Gaol as a visitor attraction and transform Banba Square into a people friendly civic space. • The project will provide new visitor attractions and transform Banba Square into an inviting civic space. • Proposal will generate increased footfall in the town which will support new and existing businesses. • Will build on the town's rich musical heritage.
	Regeneration potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both elements will attract further footfall into the quarter which will impact positively on existing businesses and encourage new businesses to establish. • The proposal will also redevelop under-utilised heritage assets.
	Financial Sustainability	The Historic and Cultural Quarter will be managed by a DAC and proposal supports the case that the historic and cultural quarter will be financially sustainable.
	Overall quality of budgetary proposal and Value for Money	The business case appears reasonable and the costs estimates are detailed.
	Project Planning	Full marks given in this category as project was developed using Cat 2 funding.
	Additionality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council is exploring funding opportunities to deliver on the other pillars of the strategy. • RRDF will allow all project elements to be delivered in full.
	Climate Action	Proposal sets out clear links to climate plans and includes nature based solutions for rainwater.
	Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is Council led. • Extensive consultation undertaken with community



	and local stakeholders to progress the project.
State Aid	No State Aid issues.
Issues Log – any other issues identified during the assessment	No issues.

It can be seen from the above that the report was very positive in relation to the proposed project. No issues were identified and the Project Advisory Board noted that the application was well prepared. It was suggested that some elements could be progressed utilising other funding streams. Given the budgetary resources and need to ensure balanced regional development the project was not prioritised for funding under the fifth call.

- An application has been submitted under the THRIVE ERDF Strand 2 in relation to elements associated with the Gaol Complex and the three storey Gaol Block that were not included in the RRDF application due to the limit on funding which could be applied for. This application is for €6.1 million. Decisions in respect of this call are expected in the near future.
- Grant funding has been secured under the Historic Structures Fund to enable conservation works to be carried out in relation to the roof of the Governor’s House and these works will be undertaken in the current year. The project is currently out to tender for contractors.
- We will continue to strive to source funding for the various proposals in relation to the Historic & Cultural Quarter and it is intended to resubmit an application in respect of the next RRDF Cat 2 call.

Nenagh Centre of Excellence:

- The contract for the appointment of the Integrated Design Team for the Nenagh Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Energy (SECOE – Ireland) was signed on Thursday 30th May 2024. The Integrated Design Team is led by Henry J Lyons Architects.
- The project is led by Tipperary County Council in partnership with the Tipperary Energy Agency, North Tipperary Development Company, the Technological University of the Shannon (TUS), Community Power and Siga Limited.
- A kick start meeting is planned for the end of July.

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:

- Ailtirí Architects have been appointed as consultants to prepare the tender documentation for the demolition of the existing Toilet Block and the construction of the new Facilities Centre for Watersports Activities in Dromineer. It is anticipated that



demolition of the existing Toilet Block will start in early September 2024. Progress meetings are taking place on an ongoing basis with Fáilte Ireland who are funding the project.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022

- Ballina Access Promenade and Viewing Area – engagement is continuing with the consultants to progress the tender for this project. The aim is to have works completed by the end of Q3 2024. An agreement in principle has been reached with the adjoining landowner to undertake a land transfer which will enable pedestrian access from the Promenade onto the public pavement.
- Newport Courthouse and Bridewell Complex – Scroope Design have completed a Feasibility Study based on the potential future uses for these buildings. Work has now commenced on procurement of required surveys and progressing the concept through planning. Tenders have been sought for consultants to prepare designs and Part 8 planning application.

Casual Trading Bye Laws

- One additional casual trading licence has been issued for the designated trading area in Dromineer. To-date this brings the total casual trading licences issued for 2024 to 10 (i.e. 3 for Dromineer, 2 for Garrykennedy, 1 for Castlough, 3 for Ballina Riverside Park and 1 for the Clare Glens). There are currently no outstanding casual trading licence applications awaiting processing for 2024.
- To-date there has been one Event Trading Licence issued which was for trading at the 2024 St. Patrick's Festival in Nenagh.
- The establishment of a working group to consider opportunities for developing a market in Nenagh Town will be progressed in 2024.

Expressions of Interests for Development Land at Lisbunny

Following an assessment of proposals received in relation to a 19.2 acre industrially zoned site at Lisbunny Business Park, Dublin Road, Nenagh, there is on-going engagement with a prospective developer with a view to reaching agreement on disposal of the site.

Designated Bathing Area

The application has been submitted to the EPA for the designation of the bathing area in Dromineer. Interviews for lifeguards were held but unfortunately there wasn't sufficient numbers to provide a lifeguard service this year.

Ballina CCTV at Toilet Block

CCTV has now been installed at Ballina Toilet Block.

CLÁR

Agligh has been successful in receiving €49,950 in funding under Measure 1 of the 2023 CLÁR programme. This funding will be used for Play Equipment upgrade and towards a sensory garden. This is a community scheme to be progressed by the local committee.



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:

Under the Project Development Measures tranche of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2023 an amount of €49,500 has been allocated for the Garrykennedy Inner Harbour Upgrade in respect of consultancy services to undertake planning and design works for the upgrading of the inner harbour in Garrykennedy. Work is currently underway on preparation of tender documentation for design and planning.

Under Measure One 2023 €30,000 has been allocated in respect of Castlough Amenity Area Improvement Works. Also, under Measure One 2023 €30,000 has been allocated in respect of enhancement works to Upper Lough Derg Tranquility Area (Mota and Skehanagh). The type of works involved include provision of BBQ areas, bicycle stands and bicycle repair station, disability friendly seating and benches, information and interpretation boards.

Meanwhile work is progressing in relation to surveys etc. in respect of the Clare Glens which was allocated funding under the Project Development Measures 2022.

Update on Grants & Contributions 2024:

- Payments have been made to the 68 Burial Ground applicants.
- Payments have been made to 37 of the 44 Residents Associations with the remainder awaiting payment or awaiting information from the applicants.
- Payment has been made to 80 of the 86 applications received under the Contributions to Clubs and Organisations: There is also one application to go before the July MD meeting.
- Provisional approval has been granted to 29 Tidy Towns groups. Awaiting submission of reports and receipts so that payment can be made. Two paid to date.
- Grant offers have been made to 21 Festivals & Events applications. One paid to date. Awaiting submission of reports and receipts so that payment can be made.

Painting & Enhancement Scheme:

- Applications are now available for the Painting & Enhancement scheme, closing date for receipt of same is Friday 23rd August 2024.
- Priority will be given to properties which detract from the streetscape and which have not previously received funding under this or the Streetscape Enhancement Scheme.
- Maximum funding is 50% up to a max. of €500.
- Application forms have been sent to interested parties. Ten have currently been submitted and nine have been provisionally approved. One application is pending the submission of documentation.

Ringbuoy Replacement Programme:

A ringbuoy replacement programme on Lough Derg is currently underway.



	<p><u>Nenagh Tourist Office - Heritage Week</u></p> <p>Nenagh Tourist Office has put together a programme of events for Heritage Week which is from August. These events are all free.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saturday 17th August: Ukrainian walking tour through Nenagh Historic & Cultural Quarter with Ukrainian Guide.• Tuesday 20th August: Guided historical tours of Nenagh Courthouse – one tour will include Ukrainian interpreter.• Tuesday 20th August: Law & Order – the Kenyon St. Tragedy of 1944 – presentation by Dr. John Reynolds in Nenagh Tourist Office.• Wednesday 21st August: Poems for very young children in Nenagh Heritage Centre.• Wednesday 21st August: Heritage Treasure Hunt for families.• Thursday 22nd August: 'Nenagh Military Barracks: Local Heritage & Family Connections – talk by Michael Reynolds in Nenagh Tourist Office.• Friday 23rd August: Connecting with our Culinary Culture – a presentation by Peter Ward in Nenagh Heritage Centre.• Friday 23rd August: Connecting with our Heritage – a walking tour through Nenagh's Historic & Cultural Quarter.• Friday 23rd August: Film premier – 'Nenagh – A Town with a Story to Tell' (numbers limited) at Nenagh Tourist Office.• Saturday 24th August: Stories from Nenagh Castle with Kevin Whelan – at Nenagh Castle.• Saturday 24th August: Ceol agus Craic – an evening of entertainment with music and storytelling in Nenagh Tourist Office.• Sunday 25th August: Connecting with Our Natural Environment – Life on Lough Derg. Boat trip with presentation by Dr. Anthony Grey on the Ku-ee-tu, Dromineer. Weather dependent. <p>Booking is essential as there are limited spaces for most events. Full details can be obtained from Nenagh Tourist Office 0871871932 or nenaghtouristoffice@tipperarycoco.ie. Booking should also be made through Nenagh Tourist Office.</p> <p><u>Mural</u></p> <p>The Tender Assessment Panel will meet on Monday 22nd July to assess the tenders received for management of the provision of mural of the late Shane MacGowan at Emmet Place, Nenagh. The commission will be progressed thereafter.</p> <p>Ms R. Joyce brought members attention to the list of activities for Heritage Week and the feedback received in relation to the unsuccessful funding application for the Historical & Cultural Quarter. Cllr. Bonfield said there was a lot going on and it was important to keep the focus. Cllr. Morris asked about a Project Manager and Ms. R. Joyce informed him that Mr. Paul Crowe is now in the position.</p>
<p>Item 11. To update members on the Work Programme</p>	<p>The update on the Work Programme was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll was concerned that it is nearly August and the temporary GOs are not in place yet, some schemes should have started 2 weeks ago. A scheme was completed in Capparoe but it was 100m short of</p>



what was to be done, 2 sections were done and the remaining sections were full of potholes.

Cllr. Morris said that some of the junctions on the one way system in Nenagh have to be re-examined, especially the one at BOI coming from Pearse St. There is also an increase in the volume of traffic going up Sarsfield St. Cllr. Bonfield agreed with this and asked that the possibility of a pedestrian crossing at Centra would be examined.

Cllr. Morgan Walsh also agreed with the need for a pedestrian crossing at Centra and the additional traffic on Sarsfield St and said that some tractors and lorries seem to have to cross lanes at the junctions, there doesn't seem to be room for them to manoeuvre. She requested that St. Conlon's Road would be looked at as residents have raised concerns and a number of accidents has happened along that road.

Cllr. M. O'Meara has concerns about the speed of traffic at Ballygraique. As the policy has been agreed it is important to get a traffic calming scheme in the area or at least raised platforms which are very effective slowing traffic down.

Cllr. R. O'Meara said that Emmet Place is very quiet for traffic and this shows that there is an increase in traffic going up Sarsfield St and there is a need for a pedestrian crossing at Centra. Parking in the Ballygraique area is also an issue when there is an athletics competition on. Raised platforms would also be beneficial in Cloughjordan, the street is very wide and speeding is an issue. He enquired about when the work at Oxpark will be starting.

Cllr. Quirke O'Meara asked if the work at Capparoe is still going ahead in August and if any work is planned on the R499 from Shallee Cross to Ballinahinch turn off.

Cllr. Bugler raised the work at Newtown, there seems to be a problem with the alignment for the traffic coming from Nenagh, the footpaths on the Mill Rd, start of the tertiary roads programme and the junctions on the R496.

Cllr. Hannigan asked about the possibility of a pedestrian crossing on Kenyon St. Cllr. Bonfield said that while the speed limit review will be put in place shortly it is unlikely Gardaí will be available to monitor this. People have to slow down.

Mr. B. Murphy said that €162,000 was allocated to the road at Craughurt but the road was in a worse condition than expected, a geotechnical assessment is required and the work is scheduled to begin at the end of August, it is important to get the job done right at the start. The priority on this roads programme has always been to improve the red roads, if a section of road is not in this category and is done it means that a section of red road is not done somewhere else. Road conditions are currently being assessed for the next 3 year programme. Submissions or information for this will be from members, CRMs, GSS's and area engineers.



	<p>There was a lot of discussion on the position of the pedestrian crossings on the one way system. Cars cannot speed up coming up to the crossings, they have to be aware of pedestrians. The junction at the Bank of Ireland did take the most discussion. There was an option of lights but the current system seems to be working well, Kenyon St is free of traffic. The first year will always be a time where the system will be reviewed.</p> <p>Speeding is a big issue in every community and estate. Enforcement, education and engineering solutions in that order are the ways to address speeding. Engineering solutions are seen as the least effective. The scheme in Newtown is a very welcome scheme and the solid white line currently in place is only there as a guide during the works. Mr. K. Malone explained that if the route in Newtown is taken at an appropriate speed drivers will be able to stay within the white line.</p> <p>Mr. L. Brett stated that the traffic calming policy is very progressive where a full integrated design is prepared. All measures are considered first. Raised platforms could be a solution in conjunction with other measures. On their own they can be a danger and expensive. Traffic calming needs to be done right and there has to be funding opportunities.</p>
Item 10. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters	<p>The Engineer's Checklist was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield informed the members that they can email Mr. B. Murphy directly if they wish to add anything further to the checklist.</p>
Item 11. To consider Notices of Motion	<p>Notice of Motion No: 2831 submitted by Cllr. Morris Notice of Motion 2831 was proposed by Cllr. Morris and seconded by Cllr. Hannigan.</p> <p>That we press Irish Water to upgrade the Ballycommon Waste Water Treatment plant asap as it is holding up and possibly could stop the building of 18 badly needed houses in the Village.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. Morris as follows:</p> <p><i>Nenagh Municipal District referred this matter to Uisce Éireann and received the following response:</i> <i>"The Plant continues to be under an optimization and assessment phase at present, in order to get it to the required treatment performance. Uisce Éireann have no defined date at present for this phase but will update when this becomes available.</i></p> <p><i>Uisce Éireann have no plan at present to upgrade the Ballycommon plant but this is under consideration."</i></p> <p>Cllr. Morris said that Uisce Éireann were in the area yesterday but they should brief members. The timescale on the planning permission is running out and 20 homes are at risk. Funding is required for a new</p>



plant. Cllr. Hannigan agreed that a new plant is required and he stated that the response should be rejected. Cllr. R. O'Meara and Morgan Walsh were also disappointed with the answer. Cllr. Bonfield suggested the members should draft a response for the workshop with Uisce Éireann in September.

Cllr. Bugler stated that there is a lot of opposition to the pipeline to Dublin and it is important that the details of the effects of the scheme on ecology/farming etc is known. Cllr Morris said he has read a lot of the reports in relation to this and only 2 lines referred to the Parteen Basin. It is all about the needs of Dublin. The County Council should write to Clare and Limerick and work together to ensure the needs and concerns of the mid-west are considered. Cllr. Bonfield said she would contact Cllr. Burgess.

Notice of Motion No: 2843 submitted by Cllr. P. Bugler

Notice of Motion 2843 was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.

I hereby request Tipperary County Council to install playground in Templederry on lands owned by the council. There are many children in Templederry and a playground is essential.

Response was given to Cllr. Bugler as follows:

Tipperary County Council Playground Policy 2017 is the current policy in place on a county-wide basis in relation to the provision of playgrounds.

There are insufficient public funds available to support playground development in all areas in the County where such facilities are not currently in place. It is the Council's policy, in respect of any proposed new playground developments, to prioritise same based on the settlement hierarchy level as per the County Development Plan. Proximity of settlements to other settlements who already have a facility, the level of youth dependency in the area (LECP) and the level of deprivation in the area are also part of the assessment criteria. Notwithstanding all of the above, the provision of playgrounds must also be determined by the level of resources available and the commitment and structures of local communities, including their capacity to engage with the process.

The settlement hierarchy in the County Development Plan is (1) Key Town (Self-Sustaining Regional Driver); (2) Key Towns; (3) District Towns; (4) Local Towns; (5) Service Centres; (6) Local Service Centres; (7) Settlement Nodes and (8) Open Countryside.

Section 4.2 of the Playground Policy provides that no public funds will be allocated to playground infrastructure in those settlements located below the Service Centre Level at this point in time due to the deficits in the Service Centre level. Templederry in the settlement hierarchy is



classified as a settlement node and as such would not be prioritised for the provision of new facilities from public funds.

It must also be noted that there are currently 12 playgrounds in the Nenagh MD, all of which require on-going inspection and maintenance. In determining future priorities, should public funds become available, we will in the first instance need to look at the upgrade/repair of existing facilities where deficiencies are identified as part of the on-going inspections.

Cllr. Bugler stated that she didn't think the response was satisfactory. She knows people want to reduce their carbon footprint and having facilities in their local area will help do this, where does the local community go from here.

Ms. R. Joyce explained that there are other communities fundraising locally and engaging with councillors. The County Council can engage with local committees and enter an agreement regarding the provision of insurance and carrying out inspections on the equipment for an annual contribution from the committee. She also outlined that money is allocated from the GMA for maintenance of playground equipment each year but that if additional grant funding became available it would go towards the upgrading of existing playground equipment in service centres. The playground policy will be reviewed next year.

Cllr. Quirke O'Meara stated she is involved with the playground committee in the Silvermines and would be willing to sit down with other committees to share their experience of what worked and what didn't.

Notice of Motion No: 2844 submitted by Cllr. F. Bonfield

Notice of Motion 2844 was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.

That Tipperary County Council arrange the clean-up of a section of ground owned by Tipperary County Council at the back of House number 19 Grange Road in Ballina.

Response was given to Cllr. Bonfield as follows:

The plot referred to in this notice of motion is just circa 0.03ha and is partially owned by a third party. Access to the site is restricted. The council will examine this request following consultation with adjoining landowners.

Notice of Motion No: 2832 submitted by Cllr. S. Morris

Notice of Motion 2832 was proposed by Cllr. Morris and seconded by Cllr. Hannigan.

That the Nenagh Municipal District pay towards Residents associations / Management companies' collections towards the maintenance of the



estates per social house and based on the per house collection rates based in these estates." I ask this as management companies/residents associations are increasingly frustrated in being refused by some people living in social housing when they try to collect fees for maintenance of the estates meaning that management companies and residents associations are folding.

Response was given to Cllr. Morris as follows:

Tipperary County Council has no plans to commence paying contributions towards management companies or resident associations on behalf of local authority tenants living in private estate. While it appreciates that some occupants of houses refuse to contribute to their management company or resident group, this issue may arise with private home owners also.

These charges are ordinarily a voluntary contribution for the enhancement of estates as identified by the relevant residents' group or management company. The financial implications of paying such contributions for all local authority houses in private estates would be significant and would adversely impact some other housing related works due to reassignment of this funding.

However, as you will be aware the Council does recognise the beneficial role of these voluntary groups in enhancing their localities and in recognition of this value the Local Authority offers support to resident associations throughout the county through a number of funding streams such as;

- *the Estate Grants operated by the Housing Department,*
- *Municipal District Grants such as the Residents Association Enhancement Grants.*

Additionally, the Department of Rural and Community Development support many groups(not just residents' groups) through the annual Local Enhancement Programmes which are administered through the Rural and Community Development Directorate are available across the County. The county wide allocation under this measure(Excluding a separate Women's Sheds allocation) in 2024 under this funding stream was €178.045.98. Residents Groups would be advised to join the PPN register at <https://www.ppntipperary.ie/register/> or monitor Tipperary County Council's website <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/> for notifications of the grant schemes.

Cllr. Morris stated that while some management companies and residents' associations are working well, there are people driving these groups but if this person isn't involved any more it can lead to problems. He believes if the Council buy houses in private estates there should be an obligation on them to contribute to the cost of grass cutting etc. There was also the understanding when the LPT was originally developed that the money raised from this would go towards the maintenance of estates. Cllr. Bugler agreed with this, the amount of the grants to residents' associations does not cover as much as it did previously. It may be necessary for the CLOs to visit the tenants, the appearance of the green areas in estates is very important for the



	<p>tidy town's competition. Cllr. Morgan Walsh acknowledged that some people may not be able to afford the contribution but the Council do need to help the committees. Cllr. Bonfield did agree that help is needed in relation to grass cutting but there are also private residents that do not pay contributions.</p> <p>Notice of Motion No: 2845 submitted by Cllr. F. Bonfield</p> <p>Notice of Motion 2845 was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Carroll</p> <p>That Tipperary County Council arrange the clearance and tidy up of wild growth at the back of the Clonbealy Housing Estate in Newport and repair the Broken Wire fence here.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. Bonfield as follows: <i>The Council will trim back vegetation which has encroached beyond the boundary wire fence onto the open space in Clonbealy housing estate. This work will be carried out in September 2024. Any repairs to be fence will be carried out following removal of the vegetation.</i></p>
Item 14. To note Delegated Employees Orders	Noted.
Item 15. To consider items of corresponde nce	None
Item 16. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulati ons	<p>Votes of Sympathy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• O'Meara family Portroe on the death of Denise, R.I.P.• Joe MacGrath on the death of his sister, Elizabeth, R.I.P.• Sharon Kennedy on the death of her sister, Elizabeth, R.I.P.• Charles Stanley Smith on the death of his wife, Elizabeth, R.I.P. <p>Votes of Congratulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cara Lee on the re-opening of the Derg Inn• Fionn O'Meara & Brehon O'Donnell, on making Munster Rugby Development Squads• Daire O'Donnell, Stuart Tobin and Jennifer O'Leary, Nenagh Olympic on representing Ireland at the European U18 Athletics Championship.• Burgess GAA Club on winning the North Tipperary Premier Intermediate hurling Championship• Kiladangan GAA on winning the North Tipperary Senior Hurling Championship. <p>Cllr. Morgan Walsh wished all the best to the musicians competing in the Munster Fleadh in Thurles. Cllr. Bonfield also wished all the best to Sharlene Mawdsley in the Olympics.</p>



Item 17. Any other business.	Cllr. Morris informed members that it appears to be a private company that will be operating the new 50 bed nursing home in Nenagh. The unions are engaging with the company but it remains to be seen what the terms of the contract are. Cllr. Morgan Walsh agreed with the concerns in relation to the new unit.
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This concluded the business of the meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify:-

Signed: Fiona Bonfield
Cathaoirleach
Cllr. F. Bonfield

Date: 19/9/2024

Signed: Rosemary Joyce
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 19/9/2024