

**Minutes of Proceedings of December Monthly Meeting of  
Nenagh Town Council held in the Civic Offices, Nenagh  
on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2011**

**Councillors Present:** Cllr. S. Morris                      Cllr. T. Morgan  
Cllr. V. O'Dowd                      Cllr. L. McGee  
Cllr. T. Moylan                      Cllr. H. McGrath  
Cllr. C. Delaney  
Cllr. J. Moran

**Also Present:** M. O'Connor, Town Manager  
D. Purcell, Town Clerk  
K. Callanan, Town Engineer  
S. O'Callaghan  
K. Clifford

**Apologies:** Cllr. T. Mulqueen

**The Mayor, Cllr. V. O'Dowd presided.**

**1. To consider Minutes of November Monthly Meeting**

It was proposed by: Cllr. Hughie McGrath  
Seconded by: Cllr. Lalor McGee  
and agreed that the minutes be adopted.

Cllr. Moylan queried whether a Workshop would take place prior to Budget Meeting and was informed that a pre-Budget meeting would take place on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 prior to statutory meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January.

Cllr. McGrath referred to works taking place in Knockanpierce and stated that residents had approached him with regard to leaving the hedge already in place for screening and requested the possibility of tarmacing the road and marking out five car parking spaces in the green. Town Manager advised that the Council had plans to put car parking spaces in there previously and had received objections from the residents. He further stated that with regard to surfacing, the estate was by and large pretty good and funding would not allow for it in the coming year.

Cllr. McGrath referred to the Warmer Homes Scheme where grants have been cut by 50-60% and should have been self-financing. He requested the Council to correspond with local Deputies to have the scheme relooked at. All Members agreed with this. Mayor informed the Members that she had forwarded correspondence on behalf of the Council with regard to seeking information on the Scheme. Cllr. Moylan referred to Council owned houses and requested the Council to write to the Department to seek

funding for insulation of older housing stock. Town Clerk advised that €20,000 was set aside in the 2011 Budget and could be looked at again for the coming year.

Cllr. McGee referred to the Public Consultation evening in respect of Town Park which had taken place and advised that the feedback was very positive. Members agreed with this. Cllr. McGrath queried when the Members would get another chance to look at the Plans and in particular, the entrance and exit routes and car parking arrangements. Town Manager stated that there was a very good turn out and that the public consultation evening was a great success. He advised that the doors are still open and any suggestions could be forwarded to the Architects. He stated that the traffic issues will be addressed and any proposals will be brought to the Design Team as soon as possible. He further advised that another public consultation session would be arranged and would proceed to a Part V111 exercise. Cllr. Moylan queried when the costings would be looked at and Town Manager stated that some costings had been done already and that the Council were working at a budget of €1.5million and firmer estimates would be available before going to planning stage. Cllr. Delaney queried the timeframe that would be involved before the Town Park came into use and Town Manager advised that works should commence by the middle of next year. Cllr. Morgan hoped that the public would take an interest in the project and stated that he was very apprehensive over the proposed second bridge. He felt that the land available should be for public use, pedestrian friendly for walking and children.

## **2. To consider Minutes Action Plan**

### Footpaths at Rossa Place

Town Engineer advised that the footpaths would be considered in the next year's budget.

### Bollards to be put in place across from GALA Filling Station

Town Engineer stated that the bollards are ordered and also for Borrisokane Road,

### Look at possibility of Nenagh Town Council creating its own iPhone App.

Town Manager advised that he will source information on this.

## **3. Manager's Orders**

Noted.

## **4. Planning Register**

Noted.

## **5. To note Statutory Audit Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010**

Sarah O'Callaghan presented the Local Government Auditor's Report to the Members. The contents of the report were noted.

**6. To discuss Brief for circulation to interested groups regarding the future use of the Scouts Hall**

Town Clerk informed the meeting that the document circulated was to be a Guideline Document to go out to the interested groups. The Town Manager stated that the guideline document would assist groups & the Council in having a focused discussion on each Groups proposal. Cllr. Delaney thanked the Manager for the guidelines as presented. Cllr. McGrath hoped that the parties involved wouldn't be deterred by any obstacles that may be placed before them and referred to the Scouts Hall as being a valuable asset and a good community hall.

Cllr. Moylan concurred with Cllr. McGrath and queried what the next step would be and requested that the Council sit down with the interested groups to discuss their proposals. Cllr. Delaney queried the possibility of this meeting taking place prior to the January Monthly Meeting. Cllr. McGrath felt that this meeting should be a separate meeting and Town Manager advised that a separate meeting would be best and it was agreed to hold same on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 p.m. allowing one hour to each group.

**7. To consider insulation of Local Authority houses at St. Joseph's Park**

This item has been previously dealt with.

**8. Correspondence**

Cllr. McGee referred to supported the following Notice of Motion received from Bagenalstown Town Council.

*"I call on the Irish government to introduce legislation that no politician serving or retired, who are drawing a salary from any source, should be entitled to a pension from the state until such time as they are fully retired".*

**9. Town Mayor's Business**

None

**10. Town Manager's Business**

None

**11. Town Clerk's Business**

Town Clerk advised that the Council had been in contact regarding the meeting requested by Members in respect of Nenagh Hospital and would be advising the Members shortly when a date is finalised.

## **12. Town Engineer's Business**

None.

## **13. Notices of Motion**

### **1. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Hughie McGrath**

*"I'm calling on North Tipperary County Council to release the remaining land around the Civic Offices to Nenagh Town Council for public use".*

This motion was seconded by Cllrs. Morris, O'Dowd, McGee, Moran, Morgan, Moylan & Delaney.

Cllr. McGrath stated that he felt the Town Council would put the land to good use and that it didn't have a land bank. Cllr. Morris hoped that the Manager would look at the request favourably and suggested an exercise park for the elderly would be a nice idea. Town Manager advised that he didn't think it was an appropriate request as the land in question was owned by the County Council, it was a matter for the County Council not the Town Council and the matter would have to be raised at a County Council meeting. Cllrs. Moylan, Morris and McGrath disagreed with this and it was agreed that the matter be brought as a Notice of Motion to the Area Meeting.

### **2. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Hughie McGrath**

*"I'm calling on Nenagh Town Council to carry out remedial work on St. Conlon's Road to relieve flooding. The Council has a piece of ground between two houses and it is my understanding that the rain water from gullies outside run into a soak pit on the Council land. I believe that the soak pit is unable to take the water quick enough and may need to be dug up and new stone to be put in".*

This motion was seconded by Cllrs. Morris and McGee.

Town Engineer advised that he would look at the area and see what could be done.

### **3. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Hughie McGrath**

*"I'm calling on Nenagh Town Council to put in place a Stop sign and a Stop bar on Church View in the interest of safety for people walking across the lane".*

This motion was seconded by Cllr. McGee

Town Engineer advised that he would look at same.

## **14. Any Other Business**

Cllr. Morris referred to a project launched by Failte Ireland, the Festivals and Events Commission and felt that the Council should engage with Failte Ireland for more details on same.

Cllr. McGee referred to a 4 day Festival planned for Nenagh next August, a Silent Movie Festival.

Cllr. McGrath referred to the St. Patrick's Day Celebration Events planned for Nenagh and the Bop While U Shop weekend for the August weekend.

Cllr. Morris referred to 3 different groups set up doing events in Nenagh and felt that the Chairpersons and Executives of those groups should come together to discuss proposals.

Cllr. Moylan queried the services available over the Christmas period in the event of unclément weather. Town Clerk advised that two emergency numbers were placed on the Council's website and in the event of an emergency callout only, for a Town Council house a member of staff would be on standby in this regard.

Cllr. Morgan referred to rubbish being dumped at the end of Dromin Road. He further advised of the bins being always full in St. Paul's Playground and queried the possibility of them being emptied on a regular basis.

Town Clerk advised the meeting that Susan French was finishing up with the Town Council on Friday and taking up a position with Wexford Borough Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_