

**Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meeting of
Nenagh Town Council held in the Civic Offices, Nenagh
on Monday, 28th January, 2008**

Councillors Present: Cllr. S. Morris Cllr. T. Sheary
 Cllr. T. Moylan Cllr. S. Farrell
 Cllr. V. O'Dowd Cllr. T. Morgan
 Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. J. O'Connor
 Cllr. T. Mulqueen

Also Present: P. Heffernan, Town Manager
 M. Woulfe, Town Engineer
 D. Purcell, Town Clerk
 S. O'Callaghan
 K. Clifford

The Mayor, Cllr. S. Farrell presided.

1. To consider Minutes of November Monthly Meeting

It was proposed by: Cllr. T. Sheary
Seconded by: Cllr. H. McGrath
and agreed that the minutes be adopted.

Cllr. O'Connor asked for an update on the disposal of land to Enable Ireland. The Town Manager replied that it may be possible to alter the area being transferred to Enable Ireland and to create sites for two new houses for the Town Council with access through Cormack Drive. He said that he would arrange to have a drawing done and circulated to the Members.

Cllr. O'Dowd asked if a letter had issued to the owner of a vacant site at Clare Street. The Town Clerk replied that maps were being finalised and a letter would issue in the next few days.

Cllr. O'Dowd asked if the Town Engineer had examined the problem with parking at the entrance to Monaree. The Town Engineer replied that he had done an inspection and a build out could be constructed but would have to be costed.

To consider Minutes of December Monthly Meeting

It was proposed by: Cllr. T. Moylan
Seconded by: Cllr. S. Morris
and agreed that the minutes be adopted.

To consider Minutes of Annual Budget Meeting

It was proposed by: Cllr. T. Sheary
Seconded by: Cllr. T. Moylan
and agreed that the minutes be adopted.

The Mayor, Cllrs. Sheary, Moylan, McGrath and O'Dowd expressed their dissatisfaction with an interview given by Cllr. O'Connor to the Tipperary Star in which he criticised their approach to the adoption of the budget and questioned why he had seconded it if he was not happy with the outcome. Cllr. O'Connor maintained his position and said no offence was meant his fellow Members.

2. To consider Minutes Action Plan

VEC Sports Facility

Cllr. Morris requested that David Leahy be invited to attend a meeting to give an update on the project. This was agreed. Cllr. O'Connor also asked that representations be made to the VEC to maintain and control the All Weather Pitch area.

Yewston Estate

Cllr. Morris asked if a meeting had been held with the Yewston residents. The Town Engineer replied that he had met with the residents committee and would put an action plan together. Cllr. O'Connor requested that this be circulated to the Members.

3. To note Manager's Orders

Noted.

Cllr. O'Connor asked that more detail be included in the Manager's Orders relating to planning applications. The Town Manager agreed that this would be done for the February agenda.

4. To note Planning Register

Noted.

Cllr. Sheary welcomed the planning application for the Town Hall but requested assurance that the Town Council maintain a presence in the building. The Town Clerk replied that this had been discussed with Nenagh Community Network and a presence would be maintained.

5. To consider AMAI submission on Local Government Reform

Cllr. Morgan felt that this was a good policy document and recommended its adoption. The Members gave their unanimous support to the submission.

6. To discuss Town Centre Car Parking

Cllr. Sheary said that the disabled parking spaces in Kenyon Street had not been coloured blue. He also said that he had been approached by a member of the Irish Wheelchair Association who had asked that signs be erected on disabled spaces stating that parking was illegal at anytime. Cllr. Morris wished to support a motion received from Clonmel Borough Council requesting the Department of Transport to amend legislation to allow for a substantially increased fine of up to €500 for illegally parking in a disabled parking space. Cllr. Moylan also supported this motion and it was agreed to write to the Department of Transport.

The Mayor asked when the bus stops would be coloured red. The Town Engineer replied that the Contractor was half way through the work and needed good weather to complete it. Cllr. O'Connor said that the bus stops were not working as there were up to three buses arriving at the same time and suggested that the Gardai be asked to monitor the situation also. The Town Manager agreed with this and said that the bus schedules seemed to have changed. It was agreed that the Council would get copies of the Bus Operators current schedules and review the situation. He said that the Gardai had already been asked to monitor illegal parking on the bus stops.

Cllr. McGrath asked if ivy could be removed from the walls in the Kenyon Street Car Park. The Town Clerk replied that a professional had been asked to give a quote for this work.

7. To discuss Nenagh Castle Project

The Town Manager said that he had no official update on the project but he understood that a planning application could be expected in March.

Cllr. O'Connor queried the status of the hand over of the Castle Field to the Town Council. The Town Manager replied that he had no update. Cllr. O'Connor felt that the Council should demand a meeting with the OPW to progress the matter. The Town Manager said that he would try to arrange this.

8. To discuss Scouts Hall

The Town Clerk informed the Members that he had been in contact with Foroige and the Choral Society with regard to their submissions for the future use of the Scouts Hall and the Choral Society had requested an extension of time for their submission to the end of March. The Members agreed to this.

- 9. To consider Transfer of Funds from Grants to Residents Associations to:**
- **Contributions to Local Organisations**
 - **Contributions under the Arts Act**

Details of allocations in 2007 were circulated to the Members with €5,000 remaining to be distributed. Requests for funding had been received from four organisations and it was agreed to make the following further allocations: -

Nenagh Boxing Club	€1,250
Nenagh Neighbourhood Youth	€1,250
Nenagh CBS Band	€1,250
Nenagh Community Games	€1,250

10. To consider and authorise an Overdraft Facility

It was proposed by: Cllr. T. Sheary
Seconded by: Cllr. T. Mulqueen
and resolved that we, the Nenagh Town Council, hereby apply to the Minister of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for authority to borrow from the Treasurer, Allied Irish Banks, Pearse Street, Nenagh by way of temporary overdraft a sum of €500,000 on Capital Account for the period from 1st February, 2008 to 31st July, 2008.

11. To discuss Branding of Nenagh

There was no update on this matter.

12. Update on Dromin Road

The Town Engineer informed the Members that there was a two year programme for the Dromin Road Improvement Works which had been agreed with the Members and residents. Phase 1 was almost complete and Phase 2 was 20% complete so overall the works were ahead of schedule. He said that there was a difficulty with ESB poles which had to be removed and the ESB expected to be able to do this work at the end of February. He expected the entire project to be complete by the end of the year.

Cllr. O'Connor asked if this scheme could be completed before works would recommence on the Limerick Road. The Town Engineer replied that this may not be possible when depending on direct labour crews and contractors.

Cllr. Morgan asked when the end of the Dromin Road would be improved. The Town Engineer replied that it would not be done as part of this scheme but as part of private developments. Cllr. Sheary supported Cllr. Morgan stating that the end section should be done in conjunction with the current scheme. The Town Manager informed the Members that this area was not within the confines of Nenagh Town Council but he would bring it up at the next Area Committee Meeting. Cllr. O'Connor asked that a letter also be sent to the County Council in this regard.

Cllr. McGrath said that the residents had concerns regarding speeding on the improved roadway. The Town Engineer replied that a traffic calming element had been included in the Part VIII at the school and on the approach from the County but the details had not yet been finalised.

21. To consider Notices of Motion

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

“That Nenagh Town Council increase public lighting over the following pedestrian crossings, Ashe Road, outside Post Office, outside the Convent School, on the Borrisokane Road and on Summerhill outside the CBS Primary School. I believe that in the interest of safety to users this work should be carried out as soon as possible.”

Cllr. McGrath withdrew this motion as the matter had already been dealt with at the Annual Budget Meeting.

2. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamus Morris

“Under Section 138 of the Local Government Act to let the Councillors know what we got for the use of Nenagh Town Council Car Park for entrances to developments now ready to open and what is the overall plan for the area.”

Cllr. Morris withdrew this motion.

3. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamus Morris

“That this Town Council breaks down the Council housing list by length of time on our housing list.”

The Town Manager replied that the statutory Assessment of Housing Need was currently being carried out and records would be updated as part of this. The Council would then be in a position to provide the information requested by Cllr. Morris.

4. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamus Morris

“That this Council immediately draws up a list of works for Yewston Estate and sends it to all Councillors with a works plan and dates of completion.”

Cllr. Morris withdrew this motion as the matter had already been dealt with.

5. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamus Morris

“That we as a Council should set up a meeting with our Senior Planner to explain how our Development Plan is shaping as a result of the recent An Bord Pleanala refusals.”

The Town Manager replied that he had spoken to Brian Beck, Senior Planner and he was agreeable to meet with the Members. He could not accept that the Development Plan did not stand up. There were flaws in individual planning applications submitted and some were now ready to be resubmitted.

6. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamus Morris

“We at Nenagh Town Council call on the Department of Social and Family Affairs to set up a national waiver system for refuse collection paid for by Central Government and administered by Local Government (as requested by the Combat Poverty Agency) for the benefit of the elderly and the unemployed. We also call on the Minister for the Elderly, Deputy Maire Hootor to publicly support this motion.”

Cllr. O’Connor seconded this motion. The motion was passed and it was agreed to forward it to the Ministers Office and to circulate to all other Town Councils.

7. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Virginia O’Dowd

“I call on Nenagh Town Council through its Environmental Department to issue the Mecon Water Saver unit to all Primary and Secondary Schools in the Nenagh Town Council area, in the interest of reducing water consumption and creating an awareness of the need to save water.”

The Members supported this motion. The Town Manager suggested that he speak to the County Council’s Environmental Awareness Officer to see if grant aid may be available for a pilot scheme, otherwise it would have to be funded out of the Contributions to Local Organisations budget.

22. Any Other Business

The Town Clerk referred to a letter received from North Tipperary Leader Partnership regarding an amalgamation to one company to cover the entire County and requesting one representative to be nominated from the three Town Councils. Cllr. O’Connor felt that one Town Council representative for the entire County was not sufficient. The Town Clerk replied that this had been laid down nationally by the Minister. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister requesting an individual representative from each Town Council.

It was agreed to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, 13th February at 7.00 p.m.

Mayor: _____

Town Clerk: _____

Date: _____