

**Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meeting of
Nenagh Town Council held in the Civic Offices, Nenagh
on Monday, 30th June, 2008**

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

Also Present: P. Heffernan, Town Manager
D. Purcell, Town Clerk
E. O'Donoghue, A/Town Engineer
S. O'Callaghan
K. Clifford

Apologies: Cllr. T. Sheary, Cllr. T. Mulqueen, Cllr. J. O'Connor

The Mayor, Cllr. S. Farrell presided.

The Mayor and Members welcomed Eoin O'Donoghue as Acting Town Engineer. Cllr. Morgan congratulated the Mayor on her recent marriage.

1. To consider Minutes of May Monthly Meeting

It was proposed by: Cllr. H. McGrath,
seconded by: Cllr. V. O'Dowd,
and agreed that the minutes of the May Monthly Meeting be adopted.

Cllr. O'Dowd referred to a previous request to increase the fine for parking illegally in a disabled parking space to €300 and said that Senator Kelly had written to the Minister in support of this request. He had received a reply stating that the Minister was referring the matter to the Local Authority. The Town Manager stated that the amount of the fine was prescribed in national regulations and it was his understanding that this could not be changed by the Town Council. Cllr. Moylan suggested that Cllr. O'Dowd bring a motion to the next meeting which could be forwarded to the Minister.

Cllr. McGrath asked if any progress had been made with regard to the wheelchair entrance to St. Paul's Playground. The A/Town Engineer replied that a design was being prepared for this.

Cllr. Morris asked when the draft policy for taking in charge of estates would be brought before the Members. The Town Manager replied that he hoped the policy would be adopted by the County Council at their next meeting and then brought to the Town Councils for adoption. He said that this would have substantial financial implications for the Town Council.

2. To consider Minutes Action Plan

Nenagh Castle Project

Cllr. O'Dowd asked if Minister Hoctor had replied to the invitation to attend the meeting. The Mayor replied that Minister Hoctor had sent her apologies. Cllr. O'Dowd called on the Town Council to appoint a project manager to draw up a timetable with regard to the planning application, completion of works and the handover of the castle field to the Town Council. The Town Manager replied that this was an OPW project and the Town Council could not appoint a project manager. He agreed to write to the OPW requesting a timescale for the works. A general discussion then took place on this matter and it was agreed to write to Minister Hoctor requesting that she facilitate a deputation with Minister Martin Mansergh.

Clare Street/William Street Junction Improvements

The Mayor asked for an update on this scheme. The A/Town Engineer replied that five submissions had been received and he would prepare a report for the next meeting.

Nenagh Vocational School

Cllr. Morris expressed disappointment with the letter sent to Minister Batt O'Keeffe in connection with funding for this project. Cllr. McGrath asked for an update on the project which the Council had allocated funding towards. The Town Manager replied that the Council had agreed to contribute €250,000 towards the provision of changing facilities in the extension to the school which may not now go ahead. He understood that an application had been made for a sports capital grant for the All Weather Pitch.

Funding for Nenagh Leisure Centre

Cllr. McGrath asked for clarification on correspondence received from Deputy Lowry. The Town Manager replied that Deputy Lowry had informed him that he was waiting for clarification from the Minister. Cllr. McGrath asked if the Council had applied for funding. The Town Manager replied that plans could not be put in place until there was a guarantee that the €4m was available. Cllr. Morris stated that he would submit a Freedom of Information request to ascertain if the funding was available.

3. To note Planning Register

Noted.

4. To note Manager's Orders

Noted.

5. To discuss Scouts Hall

The Town Manager advised the Members that Council would need to discuss this matter in committee as there were a large number of issues to be considered.

6. To discuss Nenagh Castle Project

This matter had already been discussed under item no. 2.

7. To discuss Unfinished Estates

The Mayor asked for an update on Cluain Muilleán and Bruach Tailte. The Town Manager replied that he would be in a position to give a detailed report at the next meeting.

8. To discuss Military Barracks

The Town Manager informed the Members that a lease on the property was being offered to the Town Council for €1. He looked for clarification on this from the Department of Defence and hoped to have an update for the July meeting.

9. To allocate Contributions to Local Organisations

It was proposed by: Cllr. V. O'Dowd,
seconded by: Cllr. S. Morris,
and agreed that the following contributions be allocated to local organisations: -

Organisation	Grant 2008
Active Retirement Association	625.00
Brainwave	500.00
Care of the Aged	625.00
Chernobyl Childrens Project	625.00
Eire Og Camogie Club	625.00
Eire Og Juvenile Club	625.00
Irish Wheelchair Association	625.00
Lough Derg Sub Aqua Club	625.00
NCN - Boxing Club	625.00
NCN - Women's Developmental Groups	625.00
NCN - Youth Development Work	625.00
Nenagh AFC	625.00
Nenagh AFC Brickfields (juvenile club)	625.00
Nenagh Area Community Games	625.00
Nenagh Canoe Club	750.00
Nenagh Fair Trade Association	625.00
Nenagh Lawn Tennis Club	625.00
Nenagh Neighbourhood Youth	625.00
Nenagh Olympic Athletic Club	625.00
Nenagh Rape Crisis Centre	625.00
Nenagh Special Summer Camp	625.00

Organisation	Grant 2008
Nenagh Triathlon Club	625.00
Nenagh Womens Project Team	625.00
New Institute Snooker Club	625.00
North Tipperary Community Services Holiday for the Elderly	625.00
North Tipperary Show	625.00
Old Abbey Burial Ground Committee	625.00
St. Cronans Association Ltd	625.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	625.00
Tipperary Friends of Animals	625.00
Tyone Cemetery Committee	625.00
World Taekwondo Academy	625.00
TOTAL	20,000.00

10. To allocate Contributions to Residents Associations

It was proposed by: Cllr. V. O'Dowd,
seconded by: Cllr. S. Morris,
and agreed that the following contributions be allocated to residents associations: -

Organisation	Grant 2008
Ard Cruidin Residents	910.00
Brookville Green Residents	463.00
Bruach Tailte Residents	450.00
Ciamaltha Meadows Residents	450.00
Clonaslee Residents	910.00
Droim Na Coille Residents	910.00
Hawthorns Residents	910.00
Knights Crescent Residents	910.00
Melrose Residents	910.00
Monaree Residents	909.00
Ormond Keep Residents	909.00
Radharc Darach Residents	909.00
Yewston Residents	450.00
TOTAL	10,000.00

11. Correspondence

Notice of Motion received from Macroom Town Council

“That Macroom Town Council call on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to change the law regarding the payment of refuse charges in private rented accommodation. At present, this is the duty of the tenants and not the landlord. In a lot of cases the tenants do not have a long term contract so why should they pay annual refuse charges. If a refuse service is provided to tenants they will use it. A small increase in tenants rent would offset the cost to landlords. Fly tipping has become a major

national problem and this Council believes that a change in this law would greatly reduce this problem.”

Noted.

Notice of Motion received from Macroom Town Council

“That we never forget the appalling tragedy of the famine, the people who died, those who had to leave our shores in search of a new life and to escape the terrible tragedy of Ireland at that time.

In our dramatically changing Ireland it is very important that we remember the history of our country, therefore Macroom Town Council proposes that on an annual basis perhaps one of the Public Holiday Mondays be set aside as Famine Remembrance Day.”

Noted.

Notice of Motion received from Listowel Town Council

“That we the Town Council put in place a policy that all our future housing stock for our elderly/living alone be fitted with a ‘peep-hole’ in their front doors, in doing so giving these tenants a sense of independence and security.”

This motion was supported.

Correspondence with Board of Management, St. Mary’s Secondary School

It was noted that no reply had been received to the Council’s letter of 12th June.

Correspondence from Moyle District Council

The Town Clerk informed the Members that he had received a letter from Richard Lewis, CEO Moyle District Council inviting the Members to visit on a date in the near future.

Correspondence from North Tipperary County Council

The Mayor referred to a letter of congratulations received from the County Council on Nenagh’s improved rating in the IBAL league. Cllr. Morgan appealed to shop owners of shops no longer trading to remove newspapers from their windows. Cllr. Morris complimented the Tidy Towns Committee on their spectacular work. Cllr. O’Dowd said that this work should continue all year round and not just for the adjudication period. The Town Manager complimented the Tidy Towns Committee and the staff of the Council on their commitment and appealed for more members of the public to take an active part in the work.

12. Town Mayor’s Business

The Mayor informed the Members that the new street signs would be erected soon.

The Mayor also informed the Members that the trip to Poland to consider twinning would take place on 13th September.

13. Town Manager's Business

The Town Manager informed the Members that the Mayor of Tonnerre asked that Nenagh Town Council be represented at the celebration of the 700th anniversary of the death of Margaret of Bourgogne.

The Town Manager reminded the Members that the new Traffic & Parking Bye-Laws had come into effect that day and parking was no longer free at the railway station. He said that signs had been erected advising the public of this. Cllr. Moylan asked that the Chamber of Commerce be written to advising them of this. The Town Clerk said that there were reduced fees for parking in the railway station car park and this had been advertised.

14. Town Clerk's Business

The Town Clerk advised the Members that the new Tenant Liaison Officer would commence work on 9th July.

15. Notices of Motion

1. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. S. Morris

"In the light of the lack of promised planning permission for the Nenagh Castle Project, I am asking Nenagh Town Council to write to Minister Maire Hocht to request from her a guarantee that the money passed is available, and also to let us know which budget it is allocated to for 2008. I am also asking for a full explanation from Nenagh Town Council of the sequence of events needed to draw down this money."

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

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

"In the light of the closure of the Elderly Ward of Nenagh General Hospital for three months, I am asking Nenagh Town Council to write to the HSE to find out who will take responsibility for any deaths (if any) as a result of this action."

Cllr. Morris asked that this motion be left on the agenda.

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

"That this Town Council write to the HSE requesting an immediate meeting regarding the staff shortages in Nenagh General Hospital."

It was agreed that this would be done.

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

"That this Town Council write to the Mid-Western Drugs Task Force requesting a meeting with them."

It was agreed that this would be done.

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

“That this Town Council requests a breakdown of the Capital Funding received this year and the consequences of this shortfall.”

The Town Manager asked Cllr. Morris to clarify what funding he was talking about. Cllr. Morris replied that it was housing capital and funding for doors and windows. The Town Manager replied that replacement of doors and windows was revenue expenditure. Cllr. Morris then asked if the Council had enough money for Part V acquisitions this year. The Town Manager replied that there was sufficient funding for all Part V agreements entered into.

6. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. H. McGrath

“That Nenagh Town Council carry out the necessary repairs to the derelict houses in the Park as soon as possible, and, in the meantime go up and cut the grass that is over growing.”

Cllr. McGrath withdrew this motion as work had commenced on the properties concerned.

7. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. H. McGrath

“That Nenagh Town Council Engineer put forward a plan for Traffic Calming on Drummin Road to be presented to the Council at your monthly meeting.”

Cllr. McGrath asked that this motion be left on the agenda.

8. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. H. McGrath

“That Nenagh Town Council carry out the work so that the ESB can put in place the lights over pedestrian crossings before the schools reopen in the Autumn.”

Cllr. McGrath asked that this motion be left on the agenda.

16. Any Other Business

Cllr. Morgan asked that action be taken with regard to buses parking in the set down area on Wolfe Tone Terrace. The Town Manager said that this would be dealt with the following morning.

Cllr. Morgan referred to the funding included in the 2008 Budget for traffic light improvements at the Market Cross and asked when this work would be done.

Cllr. McGrath asked for a timescale for the Limerick Road Improvement Works at the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mayor: _____

Town Clerk: _____

Date: _____