

**Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meeting of
Nenagh Town Council held in the Civic Offices, Nenagh
on Monday, 26th April, 2010**

Councillors Present: Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. S. Morris
Cllr. V. O'Dowd Cllr. L. McGee
Cllr. T. Moylan Cllr. C. Delaney
Cllr. T. Mulqueen

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

Apologies: Cllr. T. Sheary

The Mayor, Cllr. H. McGrath presided.

The Mayor proposed a vote of sympathy with the family of Peter Hogan, RIP, retired member of staff of North Tipperary County Council. Town Manager on behalf of staff wished to be associated with these sentiments. Cllr. Moylan proposed a vote of sympathy with Cllr. Sheary and the Moylan family on the death of James Tooher, R.I.P.

Cllr. O'Dowd complimented the Moylan family, Cian McCormack and all involved in the making of a fantastic documentary on John Moylan which was broadcast on Radio 1, "My bones won't rest here". Mayor supported her comments.

Cllr. Morris congratulated Tipperary U21 Football Team on winning the Munster Final.

1. To consider Minutes of March Monthly Meeting

It was proposed by: Cllr. J. Moran
Seconded by: Cllr. V. O'Dowd
and agreed that the minutes be adopted.

Matters Arising

2010 Roadworks Programme:

Cllr. Delaney requested an update on roadworks at Benedine. Cllrs. Moylan and Mulqueen supported this request. Town Manager advised that the area concerned was a Regional Road and was a matter for County Council. He advised that the Scheme was very successful and the remaining works on public lighting and footpaths were to restart soon.

Cllr. Moran queried the lack of public lighting at Ryans Lane and stated that Ciamaltha Road was a speed trap and required attention. Cllr. O'Dowd stated that speeding was also a

problem at St. Conlan's Road. Cllr. McGee stated that the footpaths and road surface outside House No. 40, Sallygrove was in need of attention. Cllr. Delaney thanked the Council for the works done on Stafford Street and queried the position regarding the provision of a pedestrian crossing. Town Engineer advised that Condition No. 23 of Planning Permission referred to same and the provision of new road into the creamery field.

Cllr. Delaney queried whether an additional public light could be erected on Friar Street. Cllr. McGrath supported this request and advised that a light was there previously and had been taken down and not been replaced. Town Engineer agreed to have a look at same. Cllr. O'Dowd requested an update on the lights at Northville and Town Engineer advised that they were being attended to this week. Cllr. O'Dowd referred to pole on walkway at Bachelors Walk where light was out of order.

2. To consider Minutes Action Plan

Town Clerk advised the meeting that the Council had corresponded with IDA, Shannon Development and Enterprise Ireland inviting them to attend a meeting as requested by the Members and a date had been set for Monday, 10th May, at 11.00 a.m. Cllr. Morris requested the possibility of including Enet to attend the meeting also and this was agreed.

Speed Surveys

Town Engineer referred to the results of speed surveys taken on Dromin Road and Ballygraique Road, stating that in the case of Dromin Road, 85% of drivers travelled at 38mph and maximum speed recorded was 66mph. He stated that the results show that traffic calming measures were required in this area and chicanes were currently being considered, along with raised tables or a mini-roundabout at the entrance to Drom Na Coille. With regard to Ballygraique Road, lesser vehicles were recorded and top speed recorded was 55mph. Cllr. Moylan queried whether the results were passed on to the Gardai .

Cllr. Moylan referred to a Failte Ireland Litter Report which had been published. Cllr. Morris felt that the Council should consider hiring someone to do enforcement with regard to littering. Mayor suggested that the Members should put aside a day in co-operation with Tidy Towns to do a general clean up in conjunction with the Tidy Towns. He stated that an advertisement should be placed in the paper looking for volunteers.

Cllr. Mulqueen stated that Yewston had become a rat run in recent times and requested that Town Engineer check this out.

3. To note Manager's Orders

Noted.

4. To note Planning Register

Noted.

Cllr. McGee welcomed the recent Planning Permission granted to Bus Eireann for a bus shelter at Kickham Street. Cllr. Mulqueen queried the position with regard to bus companies going to the Railway Station and Town Manager advised that bus companies would be reluctant to take this up. Town Mayor felt that taking the current economic climate into account it wouldn't be wise to move the buses at this time taking the footfall out of the town.

5. To discuss Contributions under The Arts Act, 1973

To discuss Contributions to Local Organisations

To discuss Contributions to Residents Associations for Estate Enhancement

Town Clerk advised the Members that the date for receipt of applications had been extended. 34 applications had been received from Local Organisations and 6 applications under The Arts Act. He suggested that if the fund were divided equally, the thirty-four applications would receive €588 and in the case of the applications received under The Arts Act, the six applications would receive €833. Mayor agreed with this proposal. Cllr. Morris felt that a commitment had been given at the previous meeting that a couple of the organisations concerned had brought footfall to the town and should be treated differently because of this. Town Clerk stated that no stipulation had been made in the advertisement regarding the fact. He also stated that some of the organisations concerned had opportunities to make funding themselves, i.e. on the gates, whereas others didn't have any opportunity for this. He also stated that the application form should be looked at for the next year with regard to this. Mayor felt that the fairest system was to distribute the fund equally as some of the groups involved did not have high profile and were vulnerable. Cllr. O'Dowd seconded this proposal.

Cllr. Morris proposed to look after the 3 clubs involved who brought the extra people to the town and who had looked for the extra funding. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Moylan. Cllr. Moylan stated that the fund was to help local bodies and requested that the funding set aside for Sports Tourism needed to be looked at. Mayor queried whether the money allotted in the Budget for the Sports Conference could be used in this instance. Town Manager queried whether the Sports Conference would take place this year or not. Cllr. Morris stated that the Conference money had been halved but hoped that the Conference could take place in January. He further stated that the Council should acknowledge the local clubs who have put in effort and this was supported by Cllr. Moylan. Town Manager advised the Members that the money could only be spent once and that he would not be happy to give it out to 3/4 selected clubs. He suggested that €5,000 extra be made available from the Sports Conference Fund and an advertisement to be placed in the local paper requesting applicants to furnish details of what they do, number of people brought to the town etc. Cllr. Morris suggested that a cap of €750 be placed on any single application. Mayor proposed spending the fund already in place and re-advertising the additional funding. Cllr. Moylan suggested that Members should discuss the format of the application before advertising and same to take place after meeting on 10th May.

Contributions under The Arts Act, 1973

It was proposed by: Cllr. Hughie McGrath

Seconded by: Cllr. Seamus Morris

And agreed that the following grants be paid in 2010:-

- Conradh na nGaeilge €833.33
- Nenagh Arts Centre Ltd. €833.33
- Nenagh Choral Society €833.33
- Nenagh CBS Band €833.33
- Nenagh Ormond Brass Band €833.33
- Nenagh Players €833.33

To consider Contributions to Local Organisations

It was proposed by: Cllr. Hughie McGrath
 Seconded by: Cllr. Virginia O'Dowd

And agreed that the following grants be paid in 2010:-

- Active Retirement Association €588.24
- Brainwave €588.24
- Care of The Aged €588.24
- Eire Og an Aonaigh €588.24
- Irish Wheelchair Association €588.24
- Lisboney Old Cemetry Committee €588.24
- Neighbourhood Youth Club €588.24
- Nenagh AFC €588.24
- Nenagh AFC Brickfields €588.24
- Nenagh Area Community Games €588.24
- Nenagh Boxing Club €588.24
- Nenagh Canoe Club €588.24
- Nenagh Celtic Football Club €588.24
- Nenagh Community Allotments €588.24
- Nenagh Eire Og Juvenile Club €588.24
- Nenagh Fair Trade Association €588.24
- Nenagh Friends of the Children of Chernobyl €588.24
- Nenagh Lawn Tennis Club €588.24
- Nenagh Olympic Athletic Club €588.24
- Nenagh Ormond Rugby Club €588.24
- Nenagh Special Summer Camp €588.24
- Nenagh Triathlon Club €588.24
- Nenagh Womens Project Team €588.24
- New Institute Snooker Club €588.24
- North Tipperary Community Services €588.24
- North Tipperary Republican Monuments €588.24
- North Tipperary Show €588.24
- Old Abbey Burial Ground Committee €588.24
- St. Cronan's Association Ltd. €588.24
- St. Paul's Youth Club €588.24
- St. Vincent de Paul Society €588.24
- Tipperary Friends of Animals SPCA €588.24

- Tyone Cemetry Committee

€588.24

To discuss Contributions to Residents Associations for Estate Enhancement

Town Clerk advised the Members that there was a big upsurge in applications this year. 17 applications have been received and the Council was requesting clarification on some issues and would be in a position to bring same to the May meeting.

6. To discuss Taking Estates in Charge

Mayor stated that it was great to see progress being made in this area and requested an update on Radharc Darach and Brookville Green. Town Clerk advised that the Council had received a submission from the developer with regard to Radharc Darach and was currently being considered. He further advised that a final inspection had taken place in Brookville Green and "As Constructed Drawings" were requested from the developer.

7. To discuss Public Lighting

This item had been discussed previously.

8. To discuss Street Cleaning and Litter

This item had been discussed previously. Cllr. Moylan requested a report on the street cleaning service for the next meeting to include tonnage of waste to landfill.

9. To discuss Nenagh Castle Project

The Town Clerk informed the Members that some of the scaffolding was coming down. Cllr. Morris requested the Council to write to the OPW confirming that the funding was still available for this Project. Town Manager hoped that when the current phase was complete, works would progress to the Town Park.

10. Correspondence

Noted.

11. Town Mayor's Business

Mayor felt that the issue of the Scouts Hall had to be dealt with. He stated that community groups in the town were paying huge money for leasing premises and didn't believe that €500,000 was required to get the Scouts Hall up and running. He further stated that he intended to call a meeting and all of those interested people could attend same, date to be decided during May. Cllr. Mulqueen supported this.

12. Town Manager's Business

None

13. Town Clerk's Business

None

14. Town Engineer's Business

Town Engineer advised the Members that the Broadband Contractor was currently in town doing a snag list. He further advised that the clay bank at the entrance to the Borrisokane road was being grass seeded. This work was being done in conjunction with the Tidy Towns.

Cllr. Mulqueen queried whether new kerbing was being installed at the square in Knockanpierce. Town Engineer advised that this was currently being carried out.

15. To consider Notices of Motion

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

"I wish to put forward a Notice of Motion to both Nenagh Town Council and our Area County Council Meeting that after research carried out by Nenagh Town Council that there is a need for more green space, in light of this, I would propose that we make available to the community or sports clubs the land at the rear of the Civic Offices".

Mayor proposed the motion which was supported by Cllrs. Morris, Moylan & Delaney. Cllr. Morris requested the Council to secure the boundaries to prevent any anti-social behaviour taking place. Town Manager advised that Tenders had been received by the Facilities Manager for fencing off the area and work would commence on same within the next two weeks. Cllr. Morris also requested that the area be cleaned up of rubbish that was strewn there. Town Manager advised that the area concerned was the property of the County Council and the matter had been discussed previously at a County Council meeting. He further advised that the original suggestion of a pitch was unlikely as the area was not big enough to accommodate a pitch. Mayor agreed that the matter could be discussed at the Area meeting.

2. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Virginia O'Dowd

"I am calling on Nenagh Town Council to paint designated car parking spaces on the streets of Nenagh in order to maximize parking spaces and facilitate the proper and orderly parking of vehicles".

Cllr. O'Dowd proposed the Motion which was seconded by Cllr. McGrath. Town Manager advised that he was not sure whether any additional space would be attained. He agreed to check the situation with other towns and also requested the Traffic Wardens to be vigilant in this regard. Cllr. O'Dowd requested that this item be left on the Agenda for the May Meeting.

3. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Virginia O'Dowd

"I call on Nenagh Town Council to raise all direction and finger signs, whether council or private, around the town to above head height for the safety of pedestrians".

Cllr. O'Dowd proposed the motion which was seconded by Cllr. McGee. Town Manager agreed to look at same and signs would be raised where necessary.

16. Any Other Business

Cllr. Delaney referred to anti-social behaviour taking place in certain areas in the town and requested a copy of Bye-laws adopted by the Council with regard to "The Regulation and Control of the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor on the roads and in public places with the Administrative area of Nenagh". Mayor agreed that the matter would be discussed at the next JPC Meeting to take place in two weeks time.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mayor: _____

Town Clerk: _____

Date: _____