

**Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meeting of
Nenagh Town Council held in the Civic Offices, Nenagh
on Monday, 31st January, 2011**

Councillors Present:

Cllr. H. McGrath	Cllr. S. Morris
Cllr. V. O'Dowd	Cllr. L. McGee
Cllr. J. Moran	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
K. Clifford

Apologies: Cllr. T. Sheary

The Mayor, Cllr. S. Morris presided.

1. To consider Minutes of December Monthly Meeting

It was proposed by: Cllr. Conor Delaney
Seconded by: Cllr. Jimmy Moran
and agreed that the minutes be adopted.

Mayor expressed regret regarding Tom Hayes Ltd., Builders who had closed down recently. Members concurred with this stating that he had built many fine structures in North Tipperary.

Cllr. Morris congratulated Davy Saunders, Nenagh Boxing Club on winning a National title at the weekend. Cllr. Delaney wished to be associated with these comments. Cllr. Mulqueen congratulated the New Institute Snooker Club on winning the Munster Championship.

Cllr. O'Dowd proposed a vote of sympathy on the recent death of Olive Harris, RIP. Members wished to be associated with this.

Cllr. Moylan requested that the Council arrange a meeting with the ratepayers of the town, outlining plans for parking, tourism promotion, capital projects, the budget and the Development Plan. Members agreed with this.

Town Manager stated that such a meeting would not be practical as ratepayer numbers could realise about 400 and advised that a meeting with their representative body, the Chamber of Commerce would be more beneficial. Members agreed that correspondence should be forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce requesting them to select a representative group to meet with the Members with an agreed Agenda set

4. Planning Register

Noted.

5. To consider Manager's Report on Amendments to Proposed Variation (No. 1) of the Nenagh Town and Environs Development Plan under Section 13(6) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2010 and to adopt the Variation.

It was proposed by: Cllr. Jimmy Moran
Seconded by: Cllr. Virginia O'Dowd
and resolved that the Variation No. 1 (as Amended), of the Nenagh Town and Environs Development Plan be adopted.

6. To consider Manager's Report on Proposed Taking in Charge of Brookville Green Estate

It was proposed by: Cllr. Hughie McGrath
Seconded by: Cllr. Seamus Morris
and resolved that the roads serving the Housing Estate known as Brookville Green constructed under Planning Permissions N.32/2601 (part of), N.32/2602, N.32/2603, N.32/2715 & N.32/2801 be declared public and that the open spaces, car parks, sewers, watermains or drains within the development be taken in charge by this Council.

7. To consider Manager's Report on Proposed Taking in Charge of Drom Na Coille Estate

It was proposed by: Cllr. Hughie McGrath
Seconded by: Cllr. Seamus Morris
and resolved that the roads serving the Housing Estate known as Drom Na Coille as constructed under Planning Permissions N.32/2601 (part of) and N.32/2797 be declared public and that the open spaces, car parks, sewers, watermains or drains within the development be taken in charge by this Council.

Cllr. Moylan stated that residents had concerns with regard to a boundary wall which had been built and was the subject of Planning Enforcement by the Council. He advised the Members that the residents had concerns that the Council may have plans to make an entrance between Drummin Village and Drom Na Coille.

Town Manager clarified that a Warning Letter had been served and following further reviews of the plans, enforcement was not pursued. He stated that the Council did not own the road, just taking it in charge, and had no intention of developing a walkway in that area.

Cllr. McGee stated that the wall in question was built by the residents because the developer did not build it. He stated that some items in that estate were left

unfinished and residents were concerned that this would continue to be the case now if the Council had taken it in charge. Town Manager clarified that once the twelve year term has expired with regard to Planning Regulations, it is statute barred and the Council are obliged to take an estate in charge.

8. To consider Disposal of Land at Nenagh North in accordance with Section 183 of The Local Government Act, 2001

It was proposed by: Cllr. Jimmy Moran
Seconded by: Cllr. Tom Moylan and
resolved that pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, this Council hereby agrees to the disposal of plot of land at Nenagh North, in accordance with the notice issued to the Members on the 17th day of January, 2011.

9. To discuss amalgamation of VEC's

Members agreed to discuss this item in conjunction with Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Conor Delaney.

"That Nenagh Town Council supports North Tipperary VEC's decision to oppose the government's proposed amalgamation of North Tipperary VEC with Co. Clare VEC".

Following discussion, Members supported the Motion and agreed to correspond with the VEC supporting the decision to oppose the proposed amalgamation and Cllr. Delaney was requested to pass on the Members views at a forthcoming meeting of the VEC.

10. To discuss proposed public meeting on Scouts Hall

Members agreed to hold a public meeting on 7th March, 2011 at 8.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Nenagh immediately following the proposed meeting with the Chamber of Commerce.

11. To discuss Mayor's proposed "Night of Heroes"- Civic Receptions

Mayor advised the members that in May, as part of the "European Year of the Volunteer", he will host a "Night of Heroes" which will honour great Nenagh community activists and their families for their dedication to the town. The recipients on the night will be:

Aidan Ryan, Nenagh AFC, Jack Kennedy, Nenagh Eire Og, Milo Gleeson, Nenagh Ormond RFC, Brendan Treacy for his dedication to photography and a special award will go to Mike Burns who has five All Ireland Medals and is one of Nenagh Eire Og's greatest sons.

12. To discuss HIQA's response to Nenagh Town Council

Cllr. Morris stated that he had received a response from HIQA to correspondence forwarded and was not satisfied with same. Members agreed to correspond further with HIQA and to request a meeting with them at an early date.

13. To discuss Mayor's Projects

Mayor advised the Members that his Projects for the year were as follows:

1. To increase the sports tourism grants and to promote sports tourism. In this regard he informed the Members that on St. Patrick's Day, 2011, a group of people are coming from Kansas to play Nenagh Ormond in an Under 19 Rugby game.
2. He advised the Members that he was according a Civic Reception to John Delaney, FAI in recognition of his fantastic work in promoting soccer at grassroots level.
3. He stated that he was going to sponsor a football tournament for the unemployed this year. He advised that each competition will have a set of jerseys sponsored by the Mayor for the winners and each jersey will have a "visitnenagh.com" logo. The website "visitnenagh.com" will help any business offering tourism products to advertise their products on the website for a year for free. He stated that the website will allow for the listing of events taking place in the town and provide an easy means for interested overseas parties to register their interest in participating in our sporting and tourism events.
4. He further advised that he will host a "Night of Heroes" in May as outlined to the Members earlier.

Members congratulated the Mayor on his Projects to promote tourism.

14. To discuss water issues arising from recent weather conditions

A general discussion took place with regard to water issues arising from recent weather conditions. Members complimented workers who were called out over the holiday period. Cllr. Moylan requested a report from the Executive detailing call-outs and complaints received. Cllrs. O'Dowd & McGee queried what the maximum depth a water meter could be laid. Cllr. Morris requested that information be placed on the website informing the public on how to prevent water pipes from freezing.

Town Manager advised that a formal report was not available. He outlined that the weather was extremely cold with temperatures of -15 and -16 being recorded. He stated that, however, Nenagh and North Tipperary did not fare out as bad as other areas even though quite a few people were affected. Water consumption increased 100%, water mains burst and a lot of houses had frozen service pipes. He stated that a

lot of useful advice had been placed on the County Council's website and had been updated daily.

Town Clerk informed the Members that a total of 19 calls with issues regarding Council houses had been received through the Call Management System over the Christmas period all of whom were attended to.

15. Correspondence

Noted.

16. Town Mayor's Business

Dealt with previously.

17. Town Manager's Business

None.

18. Town Clerk's Business

Town Clerk informed the Members of forthcoming Regional Planning Seminar taking place on 8th April, 2011.

19. Town Engineer's Business

Town Engineer stated that works on the Dublin Road at Lisboney were now complete. Works on the Limerick Road were due to commence on 1st March.

Cllr. Moylan queried whether the Road Works Programme for 2011 would be made available for the next meeting. He referred to a flooding problem at the top of O'Rahilly Street where two car parking spaces cannot be utilised owing to the flooding.

Cllr. McGee complimented the Council on the works undertaken at Cormack Drive and queried whether the laneway was going to be treated at the back. He referred to a continuous problem being experienced by parked cars blocking off the area. Town Engineer advised that the Contractor was coming back there and some lining was going to be done there also.

Cllr. O'Dowd referred to the condition of the footpath on the Dublin Road across from Chadwicks. Town Engineer stated that he would look at the area but advised no funding was available at present.

20. To consider Notices of Motion.

1. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. V. O'Dowd

"I am calling on Nenagh Town Council to work in conjunction with North Tipperary County Council and Nenagh Chamber of Commerce to appoint a Marketing Officer for North Tipperary who will work alongside the Tourism Officer and the Tourism Forum to promote and market tourism in North Tipperary".

It was agreed to leave this item on the Agenda.

2. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. C. Delaney

"That Nenagh Town Council supports North Tipperary VEC's decision to oppose the government's proposed amalgamation of North Tipperary VEC with Co. Clare VEC".

Already dealt with.

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

"That Nenagh Town Council write to the Minister of the Environment and our public representatives to clarify the situation in Nenagh in relation to the Warmer Home Scheme for Nenagh and put in place an immediate local contact in the area. At the moment all Nenagh applicants are sent to Tipperary Town. Also with our own housing stock we must look at rolling out a scheme to insulate our houses and should look for funding from Government".

Proposed by: Cllr. Hughie McGrath

Seconded by: Cllr. Seamus Morris

Motion was supported by Members. Cllr. Morris acknowledged the many good schemes that have been done. Town Clerk informed the Members that Nenagh Town Council had spent €100,000 on energy upgrades to Housing stock last year.

21. Any Other Business

None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mayor _____

Town Clerk _____

Date: _____

out. Cllr. Moylan suggested that two or three Members should work together with the Executive prior to the meeting to form a presentation and to liaise with the Chamber of Commerce. Town Manager agreed that a clear Agenda should be set out and the meeting to be held, in committee, in a workshop format and at the same time being aware of the limitations of the Council's budget.

To consider Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting held on 13th January, 2011

It was proposed by: Cllr. Jimmy Moran
Seconded by: Cllr. Seamus Morris
and agreed that the minutes be adopted.

Mayor advised the Members of the positive ideas that were put forward by the Council and congratulated both the Members and the Executive on same.

To consider Minutes of Special Meeting held on 13th January, 2011

It was proposed by: Cllr. Tom Moylan
Seconded by: Cllr. Jimmy Moran
and agreed that the minutes be adopted.

Cllr. Moylan referred to the statutory Review of the Development Plan and enquired as to what the Council had in mind with regard to informing the public and getting them involved. Town Clerk advised that notification of same was on the County Council and Town Council's websites where people can e-mail back their submissions on a comments sheet. He further advised that posters had been displayed in all public buildings in the town, notification had been placed in the Parish Newsletter and Council had corresponded with all voluntary bodies, schools, sporting and sectoral groups. He stated that two dates had been set aside for Workshops, 22nd and 23rd February, and appointments were being taken for meetings with the Planner.

2. To consider Minutes Action Plan

Meetings were held on 27th January with residents of Annbrook Heights and Yewston regarding proposals for green area.

Town Engineer advised that the double yellow lines on Ball Alley Lane had become faded and will be redone.

Town Engineer stated that lights at pedestrian crossing at St. Joseph's Park are being repaired and upgraded.

3. Manager's Orders

Noted.