

**Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meeting of
Nenagh Town Council held in the Civic Offices, Nenagh
on Monday, 29th March, 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. J. Moran, Cllr. T. Sheary

The Mayor, Cllr. H. McGrath presided.

The Mayor proposed a vote of sympathy with Lorraine Treacy on the death of her father. All present wished to be associated with these sentiments.

The Mayor congratulated Nenagh Choral Society on their recent production of "Anything Goes". Cllr. O'Dowd congratulated the Nenagh Players on qualifying for the All Ireland Drama Festival with their production of "Agnes of God". Cllr. Morris congratulated Nenagh AFC Youths on winning the FAI Youth Quarter Final. All present wished to be associated with these sentiments.

1. To consider Minutes of February Monthly Meeting

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

Cllr. Mulqueen congratulated the Mayor on the recent St. Patrick's Day Parade. Cllr. Moylan supported this stating that the parade had been hugely successful and had exceeded everybody's expectations. He said a huge effort had been put in and great praise was due to the Mayor. Cllr. Delaney agreed saying that local businesses were very grateful. Cllr. O'Dowd supported all that had been said. The Mayor said that he had been very fortunate to have such a positive committee and the community got involved. He thanked the Town Council Executive and staff for their work especially Kathleen Clifford and the outdoor staff. He also thanked the Gardai for their assistance. Cllr. Morris said that the parade had brought a feel good factor to the town and he hoped that the existing committee would stay in place for next year.

Cllr. Moylan referred to a recent motion which had been sent to the Minister for Enterprise and Employment requesting a deputation regarding unemployment in Nenagh. He expressed concern that there was a sense of apathy regarding Nenagh stating that no IDA jobs had been created in the town last year. He suggested that the IDA be written to asking them to attend a meeting to explain their strategy for North Tipperary. He said that he was delighted to hear that Alan Kelly may be getting 200 jobs for Nenagh. The Mayor supported all Cllr. Moylan had said. Cllr. Morris agreed stating that Shannon Development and Enterprise Ireland should also be invited to attend the meeting. Cllr. O'Dowd supported this.

2. To consider Minutes Action Plan

St. Paul's Playground

The Town Engineer informed the Members that some of the playground equipment had been repaired. The Mayor said that it may be necessary to secure the playground at night due to anti-social behaviour.

Meeting with Arlington Novas

Cllr. Delaney asked what was the outcome of the meeting with Arlington Novas and if they had an Anti-Social Behaviour Policy in place. The Mayor replied that he and the Town Manager and Town Clerk had met with representatives from Arlington Novas and had visited the homeless unit at Tyone. He said that he had great confidence in the security in place and the Manager was very committed to running the unit properly. The Manager had explained the position regarding the recent death in the unit, the person was a visitor to the unit and it was a tragic accident. Full perimeter CCTV had been installed since. The Town Manager said that Arlington Novas was providing a very good and necessary service in the town. He recommended that the Members go and meet with the Manager of the facility but be sensitive to the fact that there were five residents in the unit.

Cllr. Moylan asked if the Members could be shown new Council houses before tenants move in.

Dromin Road

The Town Engineer informed the Members that the Road Design Office was looking at traffic calming measures for the Dromin Road. Cllr. Moylan asked if the Members could be given copies of the results of speed surveys on the Dromin and Ballygraique Roads. This was agreed.

3. To note Manager's Orders

Noted.

4. To note Planning Register

Noted.

Cllr. Morris referred to a wall in an estate which had been knocked down. The residents had the wall rebuilt and received a warning letter from the Town Council. The Town Manager replied that a response had been received from the residents which was now being considered.

5. To receive Manager's Report on Proposed Taking in Charge of Carrig Rua Estate

Cllr. Moylan excused himself from the meeting for this item.

The Town Manager said that one submission had been received and this had been addressed in his report which had been circulated to the Members.

It was proposed by: Cllr. S. Morris
Seconded by: Cllr. C. Delaney

And RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, this Council hereby agrees to declare the Roads serving the Housing Estate known as Carrig Rua, to be public and take in charge all open spaces, car parks, sewers, watermains and drains within the development.

6. To consider 2010 Roadworks Programme

The Town Engineer outlined his programme to the Members as follows: -

Local Roads Maintenance Works Budget	<u>€ 50,000</u>
Local Roads General Improvement Works Budget	€320,000
Increase in Urban Road Grant	<u>€ 18,000</u>
Total Improvement Works Budget	<u>€338,000</u>
<u>Improvement Works Programme</u>	
Stafford St Resurfacing incl. pedestrian crossing	€170,000
Martyr's Road Resurfacing	€ 60,000
O'Rahilly Street (part of)	€ 10,000
Junction Upgrades and Major Patches	€ 20,000
Drainage Improvements	€ 20,000
Footpath Improvements	€ 30,000
Railings at O'Rahilly Street	€ 10,000
Woodview Close Resurfacing	<u>€ 18,000</u>
	<u>€338,000</u>

Cllr. O'Dowd asked if a bin could be placed near the Boys National School at O'Rahilly Street. The Town Engineer replied that a new bin had been ordered for that location. Cllr. Moylan asked for an update on plans for the Limerick Road. The Town Engineer said that this was included in the County Council budget and hoped that it would be done this summer. Cllr. Delaney asked if there were any plans for the road

at Gortlandroe. The Town Engineer replied that this was a County Council road. Cllr. Moylan asked if the Members could be given a list of roads in the town showing whether they were in charge of the Town or County Council. This was agreed.

7. To discuss Taking Estates in Charge

It was agreed that this item be left on the agenda.

8. To discuss Public Lighting

Cllr. O'Dowd asked for an update on lighting at Northville. The Town Engineer replied that the bases had been put in and he was waiting on the ESB to complete the works. The Mayor asked if the lighting could be improved at Bourke's Corner. The Town Engineer said that he had got a price from the ESB and it was being considered along with orbis lighting on the pedestrian crossing at the Boys National School, Church Road, Ciamaltha Road and Ballintoher Road. He also said that 5 lights were being upgraded at Woodview Close. Cllr. McGee asked if the lighting in the laneway at Yewston could be improved. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate.

It was agreed that this item be left on the agenda.

9. To discuss Street Cleaning and Litter

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the compact sweeper had been on trial for two months and it was now proposed to hire one on a longer term basis and a tender was being prepared. The Town Manager said that he had met with the Tidy Towns Committee and discussed some of the items mentioned in the Tidy Towns Report. He said that the number of volunteers on the committee had dropped and this was disappointing.

Cllr. Moylan felt that there should be a review of the whole process and that the Council should look at enforcement including mobile cameras to catch litter offenders. The Mayor supported this and asked that this item be left on the agenda. He asked for an update on the Town CCTV Project. Cllr. Moylan replied that the CCTV committee had to make a decision whether to wait for a capital grant or go ahead with a smaller project with the Council's own resources. This would be placed on the agenda for the next JPC Meeting.

Cllr. O'Dowd said that the rubbish dumped on the roadside was a disgrace. The Town Manager agreed stating that he would discuss the matter with the Environmental Awareness Officer and hoped that the Spring Clean effort would improve the situation. He said that the street cleaning budget had been cut by €25,000 and decisions had to be made quickly. He said that the compact sweeper was much cheaper than the big sweeper.

10. To discuss Traffic Calming

Cllr. Delaney asked that Tyone be discussed at the Area Meeting and the Mayor agreed to have this placed on the agenda. He referred to the Traffic Management Plan 2001 which he felt should be updated. Cllr. Moylan supported this. The Town Manager responded that he didn't think a huge amount had changed since 2001 and a new plan would cost in the region of €30,000. He suggested that if there were any particular areas the Members wanted examined this could be done.

11. To discuss Nenagh Castle Project

The Town Clerk informed the Members that there was no update on this issue.

12. To consider submission on North Tipperary County Council Draft Corporate Plan 2010-2014 ad Draft Customer Action Plan 2010-2014

The Members did not wish to make any submission.

13. Correspondence

Noted.

14. Town Mayor's Business

None.

15. Town Manager's Business

None.

16. Town Clerk's Business

The Town Clerk referred to lists which had been circulated of applications received under the Contributions to Local Organisations, Arts Act and Residents Associations Schemes. He said that all last year's recipients had been written to and the schemes had been advertised but the response was still poor. He suggested that the closing date for applications be extended for two weeks.

It was proposed by: Cllr. M. McGrath

Seconded by: Cllr. S. Morris

And agreed that the closing date for applications under the Contributions to Local Organisations, Arts Act and Residents Associations Schemes be extended until 12th April 2010.

17. Town Engineer's Business

The Town Engineer informed the Members that kerbs had been dished at disabled parking bays as part of the Disability Access works. Cllr. McGee said that there were poles beside some of the bays. The Town Engineer replied that poles had been moved.

18. To consider Notices of Motion

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

"That this Town Council does everything in its power to provide more playing pitches in the town particularly aiding the use of facilities that may already be in the town but remain unused by the general public."

Cllr. Moylan seconded this motion. Cllr. Morris said that there may be a need for more pitches in the town and suggested using pitches already there in the hands of other organisations. He also suggested talking to the Vocational School to see when their facility may be available again. Cllr. Delaney supported the motion.

19. Any Other Business

None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mayor: _____

Town Clerk: _____

Date: _____