

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

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

Apologies: Cllr. T. Sheary
Cllr. T. Mulqueen

The Mayor, Cllr. S. Morris presided.

1. To consider Minutes of February Monthly Meeting

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

Cllr. Moylan congratulated Cllr. McGrath and the St. Patrick's Day Committee on a very successful St. Patrick's Day Parade. All Members concurred with this. Mayor advised the Members that the visit of the Rugby Team from Kansas over the St. Patrick's weekend was a great success and the trip was enjoyed by all. Cllr. McGrath thanked all those involved with the Parade stating that it was a great social occasion for everyone.

Cllr. Delaney requested that congratulations be extended to three members of Nenagh Athletic Club, Seamus Hogan, Chloe Fahy and Michael Quilligan on winning of National Titles at recent competitions.

Mayor requested that congratulations be extended to Ciara McGrath, Nenagh Eire Og Camogie Club who has been selected on the Senior Camogie Panel.

Cllr. Morris also extended congratulations to Claire Peters, St. Paul's Boxing Club on her recent success.

Cllr. Moylan congratulated Cronan Gleeson, Nenagh Ormond Rugby on his recent selection for the Irish Youths Rugby Panel.

Mayor wished Cllr. Delaney every success in the forthcoming Senate election.

2. To consider Minutes Action Plan

Pedestrian Crossing at St. Joseph's Park

The Town Engineer said that lighting had been ordered and should be installed within the next couple of weeks.

Resurfacing laneway at the rear of Cormack Drive

The Town Engineer advised that resurfacing works were completed.

Parking on Pearse Street across Norbury Lane

Town Engineer reported that lining is to be repainted.

Pot holes at entrance to Church on Church Road side

Town Engineer advised that repair works were being carried out this week.

Sallygrove

Town Engineer reported that investigations were taking place with regard to heavy lorries going through Sallygrove and the placing of weight restrictions. Cllr. Delaney requested that car parking space arrangements be looked at also and Town Engineer agreed that this was being attended to. Cllr. Morris referred to steps going down to the estate which were beginning to fray and required attention.

Parking on William Street

Cllr. Moran asked for an update with regard to placing double yellow lines on William Street. The Town Engineer advised that this would be done.

Loose Manhole Covers in Summerhill

Town Engineer advised that this matter would be investigated.

Invitation to be sent to Aras Folláin Peer Support Group

Town Clerk stated that the invitation would be forwarded to Aras Follain inviting them to address the Members at the April Monthly Meeting.

3. To note Manager's Orders

Noted.

4. To note Planning Register

Noted.

5. To consider Disposal of 23 houses at Castlewood and Apartment No. 16 at Barr An Chnoic, in accordance with Section 183 of The Local Government Act, 2001

It was proposed by: Cllr. J. Moran
Seconded by: Cllr. S. Morris
and RESOLVED

“That pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, this Council hereby agrees to the disposal of 23 houses at Castlewood (Nenagh North), Nenagh and Apartment No. 16, Barr an Chnoic, Ormond Street (Nenagh North), Nenagh in accordance with the Notice issued to the Members of this Council on the 16th day of March, 2011”.

6. To set date for April Meeting

It was agreed to hold April Monthly Meeting on Monday, 18th April, 2011 at 7.30 p.m. with Members receiving a deputation, (in committee), from Aras Follain Peer Support Group at 7.10 p.m.

7. To consider adoption of 2011 Fixed Term Purchase Scheme

Town Clerk briefed the Members on the Scheme. Members agreed that it was a very attractive Scheme and hoped that it would be availed of.

It was proposed by: Cllr. J. Moran
Seconded by: Cllr. C. Delaney
and AGREED that 2011 Fixed Term Purchase Scheme be adopted.

8. Correspondence

Noted.

9. Town Mayor's Business

Mayor informed the Members that a three-day Sports Tourism Conference was scheduled to take place from 13th to 15th May, 2011 in the Abbey Court Hotel and hoped that the Councillors would give their support.

10. Town Manager's Business

None.

11. Town Clerk's Business

Town Clerk referred to closing date of Friday, 1st April for applications for Contributions under the Arts Act, 1973, Contributions to Local Organisations, and Contributions to Residents Associations for estate enhancement. He stated that the Council had written to all those organisations who were in receipt of grants last year. He further advised that the closing date for the Special Grants Scheme for Sports Clubs and Voluntary groups is Friday, 8th April, 2011.

12. Town Engineer's Business

Town Engineer stated that works had been carried out on O'Rahilly Street. Cllr. Moylan referred to a continuous flooding problem at the entrance to O'Rahilly Street and queried whether the recent works would solve this problem. Town Engineer advised that these works may not be fully successful in this regard but that the area concerned would be monitored.

Cllr. McGee queried the possibility of replacing bollard at Limerick Road and Dark Road junction. He further queried the possibility of "Children at Play" Signs to be erected in Radharc Darach and Carrig Rua estates.

Cllr. O'Dowd referred to very little indication if right turning at Springfort Cross and considered it to be very dangerous. Town Engineer agreed to inspect the area with the possibility of relining it temporarily.

13. To consider Notices of Motion

1. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Virginia 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."

Cllr. O'Dowd thanked all who supported her Motion and was grateful to the County Manager who has proposed a new website for tourism and the appointment of a Tourism Officer for North Tipperary. Members supported this motion. Cllr. Moran expressed concern regarding the location of the Tourist Office which seems to relocate every year. Mayor stated that the Tourism Officer should be invited to meet the Members.

Town Manager advised the Members that the Tourism Officer would be appointed in the next couple of weeks funded by the County Council and based in Nenagh. He agreed with Members that the Tourist Office requires a permanent home

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

“That Nenagh Town Council working in conjunction with North Tipperary County Council lobby the new Government for emergency funding to fix local and secondary roads that have been badly damaged after the recent cold snap”.

Cllr. Delaney informed the Members that this item had been discussed at the County Council meeting and requested that more lobbying be done in order that emergency works be carried out. Cllrs. Morris, Moran & Moylan supported this motion.

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

“I am calling on Nenagh Town Council to write to Bus Eireann to enquire as to when a Bus Shelter in Kickham Street, Nenagh will be erected”.

Cllr. Morris seconded this Motion.

Town Manager advised the Members that Bus Eireann were granted Planning Permission for a Bus Shelter over a year ago. Town Engineer reported that he was aware that a Technician had visited the site and encountered problems with regard to the awnings clashing with the canopy of the nearby commercial premises. Cllr. O’Dowd requested the Council to make contact with Bus Eireann regarding their proposals.

4. Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Tom Moylan

“That this Town Council amend its Development Contribution Scheme to exempt the first 100 square metres of Commercial Development from Development Charges in order to promote commercial activity in Nenagh. This is in line with similar incentives for Industrial Development already provided for in our Development Contribution Scheme”.

Cllr. Morris seconded the Motion and was supported by Cllrs. O’Dowd and Delaney. Town Manager advised that there was a difficulty in that the scheme had been only recently adopted and could not be modified by a Notice of Motion. A full revision of the Scheme would have to take place, be advertised and available for submissions. He further advised that the Scheme in place is a two year Scheme and is up for review towards the middle of next year. Town Manager felt that incentives for development had already been built into the scheme with reductions in contributions for derelict buildings and industrial development.

Cllr. Delaney queried whether an addendum could be added to the Scheme. Town Manager confirmed that a full new Scheme would have to be adopted and with regard to permissions already granted with conditions attached in respect of development contributions there is no provision for a refund in these cases.

Cllr. Moylan informed the Members that he was researching some incentives for businesses at present and would come back with further ideas.

14. Any Other Business

Cllr. Moran referred to correspondence circulated to Members regarding dog fouling on footpaths. Members agreed that this was a huge problem and urged the public to have a sense of responsibility for their dogs in public places.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mayor: _____

Town Clerk: _____

Date: _____