

**Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meeting of
Nenagh Town Council held in the Civic Offices, Nenagh
on Monday, 28th February, 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 Deputy Mayor, Cllr. T. Moylan presided as the Mayor was delayed.

Cllr. McGrath asked that a letter be sent to St. Paul's Youth Club apologising that the Members were unable to attend their meeting as it clashed with the Council meeting.

Cllr. Moylan paid tribute to Jimmy Cahalan on his retirement from his post of Town Foreman after 34 years and wished his replacement, Seamus O'Brien well in his new post. All present wished to be associated with this. The Town Clerk said that a formal presentation would be arranged in due course.

1. To consider Minutes of January Monthly Meeting

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

The Mayor, Cllr. S. Morris arrived and took the chair.

Cllr. Moylan congratulated the Mayor on his performance in the general election. He also congratulated the three elected T.D.s and commiserated with Maire Hctor on losing her seat. All present wished to be associated with this and Cllr. Delaney asked that all the newly elected T.D.s be sent letters of congratulations. Cllr. Morris thanked all who had voted for him and helped him in his campaign.

2. To consider Minutes Action Plan

Pedestrian Crossing at St. Joseph's Park

The Town Engineer said that cables had to be replaced and he hoped to have this work done in the near future.

Resurfacing laneway at the rear of Cormack Drive

The Town Engineer said that the contractor would be returning to do this work the following week.

Parking on Pearse Street

Cllr. McGrath referred to a problem with parking across the entrance to Norbury Lane. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate.

Sallygrove

The Mayor referred to a problem with lorries going through Sallygrove and asked if anything could be done. The Town manager said that a weight restriction could be considered.

Lighting at Ormond Keep

The Town Engineer said that the pole had been erected and wired and ESB Networks were to connect it.

Parking on William Street

Cllr. Moran asked for an update with regard to placing double yellow lines on William Street. The Town Engineer agreed to have a response for the March meeting.

3. To note Manager's Orders

Noted.

4. To note Planning Register

Noted.

5. To consider Manager's Report on Proposed Construction of Boiler House and Flue and Woodchip Silo at Nenagh Leisure Centre

The Town Manager presented his report to the Members stating that no objections had been received. The Members welcomed the proposal.

6. To consider Manager's Report on Proposed Taking in Charge of portion of roadway between Radharc Darach and Belmont

The Town Manager presented his report to the Members stating that one submission had been received and dealt with.

It was proposed by: Cllr. T. Moylan
Seconded by: Cllr. T. Mulqueen
and RESOLVED

“That pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, this Council hereby agrees to declare the portion of roadway between Radharc Darach Housing Estate & Belmont Housing Estate to be public.”

7. To consider Disposal of Lands at Moanbeg in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

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

It was proposed by: Cllr. J. Moran
Seconded by: Cllr. T. Mulqueen
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 Moanbeg, in accordance with the notice issued to the Members of this Council on the 16th day of February, 2011.”

8. To consider 2011 Roadworks Programme

The Town Engineer presented his programme for 2011 to the Members as follows: -

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Local Roads General Maintenance Works Budget	<u>30,000</u>
Local Roads General Improvement Works Budget	320,000
Increase in Urban Road Grant	<u>45,000</u>
Total Budget	<u>365,000</u>
 Improvement Works Programme	
Sallygrove - Overlay	40,000
Church Road - Footpaths, indented parking and upgrade lights	60,000
O'Rahilly Street - Repairs to road and path at rear of Town Hall	15,000
Yewston - Overlay road at entrances and some path replacement	40,000
Abbey Lane - Renew surfaces and brickwork	40,000
Gateways - Dublin Road, Limerick Road and Borrisokane Road	90,000
Dromin Road Traffic Calming	14,000
Junction Upgrades and Major Patches	12,000
Drainage	8,000
Lining/Signage	6,000
Path Replacement	<u>40,000</u>
	<u>365,000</u>

Cllr. Moylan complimented the Town Engineer on his programme and said that the Ballygraique Road in the County Council area was in very poor condition and asked if there were any proposals to carry out works. The Town Engineer replied that drainage works would have to be carried out before resurfacing the road.

Cllr. McGrath asked if anything could be done to stop manholes rattling at Summerhill. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate.

Cllr. Mulqueen asked for an update on the Limerick Road. The Town Engineer replied that works were to commence later that week. He said that he had met with all landowners and business people affected.

Cllr. Delaney asked if just one speed table was being placed on Dromin Road at the entrance to Drom na Coille. The Town Engineer replied that this was the case.

The Town Clerk showed the Members an architect's impression of how the gateways on the three approach roads would look. Cllr. Moylan welcomed the concept and said he would like to see particular emphasis on planting. He felt that the focal point was the speed limit signs and asked if these could be painted on the road instead. The Town Manager replied that this would have no legal effect. Cllr. O'Dowd asked if Fairtrade signs could be included. Cllr. McGrath felt that lorries exiting estates on the Borrisokane Road may interfere with the sight line.

9. Correspondence

The Mayor referred to the agenda for the meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. All were agreed with this.

10. Town Mayor's Business

The Mayor wished to clarify that sets of jerseys would only be sponsored for some teams taking part in the Mayor's Tourism Project and not for the football tournament for the unemployed as previously stated.

The Mayor said that he would also be including Vincent Savage in his Night of Heroes in honour of his work with the Irish Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust.

11. Town Manager's Business

None.

12. Town Clerk's Business

The Town Clerk drew the Members attention to Delegation Orders from the County Manager for the Town Manager and Town Clerk which had been circulated.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that a new Tenant Purchase Scheme was being introduced. He said a Draft Scheme would be prepared for consideration at the March Meeting.

13. Town Engineer's Business

None.

14. 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 asked that this motion remain on the agenda for the March meeting.

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

"That Nenagh Town Council fix the lights at the pedestrian crossing at St. Joseph's Park to ensure that pedestrians can use it safely."

This matter had already been dealt with.

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

"That Nenagh Town Council give a commitment to introduce bye-laws before the next local government elections in 2014 regulating the number of posters that candidates for all elections are allowed to put up in Nenagh Town. Not only is the excessive use of posters damaging to our environment but it is also an eyesore and impedes the visual beauty of our lovely town."

The Mayor seconded this motion. Cllr. McGrath said he would gladly support an outright ban. The Town Manager stated that election posters were exempt under the Litter Pollution Act. He said that a Code of Practice would be looked at by the SPC soon.

15. Any Other Business

Cllr. McGrath said that he had got great support from the committee and the Town Council in organising the St. Patrick's Day Festival. He said there was a lot of interest and he thanked the local media. He asked anyone interested in helping out at stewards to give their name and phone number to the committee. The Mayor encouraged businesses to get involved and to be open on the day.

Cllr. O'Dowd asked if the Aras Follain peer support group could be brought in before the next meeting to give a short presentation. The Mayor agreed to this.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mayor: _____

Town Clerk: _____

Date: _____