

**Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meeting of
Nenagh Town Council held in the Civic Offices, Nenagh
on Monday, 31st May, 2010**

Councillors Present: Cllr. H. McGrath Cllr. S. Morris
Cllr. V. O'Dowd Cllr. L. McGee
Cllr. J. Moran 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. Moylan, Cllr. T. Sheary

The Mayor, Cllr. H. McGrath presided.

The Mayor proposed a vote of sympathy with the family of the late Johnny McGrath, who worked with the Council, on his recent death. Cllr. McGee proposed a vote of sympathy with the family of the late Bridget Orr on her death. All present wished to be associated with these sentiments.

Cllr. Morris congratulated the Eire Og U12 Camogie team on winning the County Final and James McGrath on captaining the Ireland U15 Soccer Team against Wales and Northern Ireland. Cllr. Delaney congratulated Nenagh Vocational School U16 team on winning the Munster Vocational Schools Final and St. Paul's Boxing Club on their recent successful boxing tournament. Cllr. Mulqueen asked that a letter of congratulations be sent to Dan Moylan on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

1. To consider Minutes of February Monthly Meeting

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

Cllr. Delaney asked for an update on roadworks at Benedine. The Town Engineer replied that he intended to recommence work that week. Cllr. Moran referred to a problem with parking on footpaths at the entrance to Carrig Rua which was interfering with access for wheelchair users and asked that double yellow lines be placed at this location. Cllr. Delaney supported this request. Cllr. O'Dowd asked that this also be done at the entrance to Monaree. Cllr. Morris asked that a wheelchair survey of the town carried out. The Town Engineer replied that a disability access audit had been done and works identified were being carried out. Cllr. Morris asked for a copy of this report.

Cllr. Delaney asked if a public light had been ordered for Friar Street. The Town Engineer replied that he would be getting a quotation. The Mayor asked the Town Engineer to look at flooding on footpaths outside McDonagh Park. Cllr. Moran said that the footpaths at Ciamaltha Road required attention. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate.

2. To consider Minutes Action Plan

Meeting with Enterprise Ireland, Shannon Development, IDA and Enet

Cllr. Morris felt that the Members should have a follow up meeting and then make a joint statement. This was agreed.

3. To note Manager's Orders

Noted.

4. To note Planning Register

Noted.

5. To consider Statutory Audit Report on the accounts of Nenagh Town Council for the year ended 31st December, 2008

Sarah O'Callaghan presented the Audit Report to the Members.

6. To discuss introduction of VAT on certain Council charges

The Town Clerk informed the Members that the Council would be required to charge VAT on off-street parking (car parks) charges in accordance with the Finance Bill 2010 (Sections 8(2A) and 117) with effect from 1st July, 2010. Consequently, it would be necessary to increase charges as follows from that date: -

Hourly and Daily Rates

Car Parks	Hourly Rate		Daily Rate	
	Current €	New €	Current €	New €
Abbey Street	0.40	0.50	N/A	N/A
Courthouse	0.40	0.50	2.50	3.00
Friar Street	0.40	0.50	N/A	N/A
John's Lane	0.40	0.50	2.50	3.00
John's Place	0.40	0.50	2.50	3.00
Kenyon Street	0.40	0.50	N/A	N/A
O'Rahilly Street	0.40	0.50	2.50	3.00
Railway Station	0.40	0.50	2.00	2.40

Long Term Discs

Long Term Disc Charges	John's Lane & John's Place Car Parks		Railway Station Car Park	
	Current €	New €	Current €	New €
Annual	250.00	300.00	200.00	240.00
Half Yearly	130.00	155.00	110.00	130.00
Quarterly	75.00	90.00	60.00	70.00
Monthly	30.00	35.00	30.00	35.00
Weekly	10.00	12.00	10.00	12.00

On-Street Car Parking charges to remain unchanged.

7. To discuss Contributions to Residents Associations for Estate Enhancement

It was proposed by: Cllr. S. Morris

Seconded by: Cllr. C. Delaney

and agreed that the following contributions be paid to Residents Associations for 2010: -

• Ballygraique Estate	€588.24
• Bruach Tailte	€588.24
• Ciamaltha Meadows	€588.24
• Clonaslee	€588.24
• Cluain Muilleán	€588.24
• Derrylavin Heights	€588.24
• Droim na Coille	€588.24
• Dromin Road	€588.24
• Drummin Village	€588.24
• Hawthorns	€588.24
• Knights Crescent	€588.24
• Melrose	€588.24
• Millersbrook	€588.24
• Monaree	€588.24
• Ormond Keep	€588.24
• Radharc Darach	€588.24
• Yewston	€588.24

8. To discuss Biomass Heating System at Leisure Centre

The Town Manager briefed the Members on the proposed Nenagh Biomass District Heating Plant. The Members welcomed the proposal and asked if the briefing document could be sent to the Chamber of Commerce.

9. To discuss Draft Special Grants Scheme for Sports Clubs and Voluntary Groups

The Town Clerk circulated the Draft Scheme to the Members.

It was proposed by: Cllr. S. Morris

Seconded by: Cllr. V. O'Dowd

and agreed that Draft Scheme be adopted and advertised as soon as possible.

10. To discuss Taking Estates in Charge

Cllr. Morris congratulated the Executive on the work done to date on taking estates in charge.

11. To discuss Public Lighting

The Town Engineer informed the Members that there was a budget of €50,000 for public lighting improvements in 2010 and he proposed to do the following works: -

- Orbis lighting on pedestrian crossings at O'Rahilly Street and Dublin Road
- Replace lights at Abbey Lane and O'Rahilly Street
- Woodview Close
- Burke's Corner
- Ballintogher Road

The Mayor referred to a problem with a light on Kenyon Street and at Old Birr Road. The Town Engineer agreed to investigate.

12. To discuss Street Cleaning and Litter

The Town Manager presented a report on street cleaning to the Members. The Members welcomed the introduction of the new compact sweeper. Cllr. Delaney complimented the staff engaged in street cleaning on their work but felt that €304,000 was too much to spend on the service in a year. The Town Manager replied that the budget for 2010 had been reduced to €275,000 and it was necessary to spend this amount of money to keep the streets to a good standard.

13. To discuss Nenagh Castle Project

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

14. To discuss according a Civic Welcome to the Mayor of Tonnerre

It was agreed that the Civic Welcome would take place on Wednesday 9th June at 7.00 p.m.

15. Correspondence

Noted.

16. Town Mayor's Business

The Mayor informed the Members that he had intended to hold a public meeting on the Scouts Hall during his term as Mayor but did not want to interfere with the ongoing Part VIII process for the car park at the Scouts Hall and would wait until that had concluded.

17. Town Manager's Business

The Town Manager informed the Members that agreement had been reached between the Water Services Section of the County Council and the developer regarding sewerage connections at Keeper View. He said that letters would issue to the residents proposing that they be connected to the sewer.

The Town Manager said that it was anticipated that the roadway from O'Rahilly Street to St. Conlon's Road would open early the following week. Cllr. Morris said that this would be a good area for people to purchase houses. The Town Manager said that the three show houses in the affordable housing scheme should be completed in the coming weeks and then would be advertised for sale. He said that VAT would have to be applied to the sale of these houses.

18. Town Clerk's Business

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting would be held on Monday, 28th June at 8.30 p.m.

19. Town Engineer's Business

Cllr. McGee asked if the Sallygrove resurfacing could be included in the Roadworks Programme for 2011. The Town Engineer replied that it could subject to funding.

Cllr. Delaney asked if palisade fencing could be provided at St. Paul's Playground. The Town Engineer replied that there were no proposals to do so. The Mayor said that he had spoken to the Gardai regarding increasing patrols in the area and felt that anti-social behaviour should be tackled rather than erecting a palisade fence.

Cllr. Mulqueen asked for an update on fencing at the Civic Offices. The Town Clerk replied that the contract had been awarded and works would proceed shortly.

Cllr. McGee requested that a water tap be provided at Lisboney Burial Ground. The Town Clerk replied that there was no public water supply there at present but this would be looked at in light of the new development.

20. To consider Notices of Motion

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

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

The Town Engineer felt that this was not feasible. The Town Manager said that he had spoken to the Senior Engineer in Galway and Limerick and this was not recommended. This practice originated in Dublin when spaces had to be marked to correspond to parking meters. He said that it would be more likely to reduce the space available as shorter cars would take up a full space. Cllr. O'Dowd thanked the Executive for looking into the matter and appealed to motorists to use space wisely.

21. Any Other Business

The Members referred to a problem with a smell and dust at Ballygraique which was coming from the creamery and asked that the EPA be brought in to investigate. The Town Manager said that he would discuss the matter with the Environment Section of the County Council.

Cllr. Delaney asked for an update on car parking at Hanly's Place. The Town Clerk replied that the Council was investigating the possibility of a car park on a small piece of land which was privately owned.

Cllr. McGee asked if it was necessary for ice cream vans to have a permit. The Town Clerk agreed to investigate.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mayor: _____

Town Clerk: _____

Date: _____