

**Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meeting of  
Nenagh Town Council held in the Civic Offices, Nenagh  
on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2011**

**Councillors Present:** Cllr. H. McGrath      Cllr. V. O'Dowd  
Cllr. L. McGee      Cllr. J. Moran  
Cllr. T. Moylan      Cllr. C. Delaney  
Cllr. T. Morgan

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. S. Morris, Cllr. T. Mulqueen

**The Deputy Mayor, Cllr. T. Moylan presided.**

The Deputy Mayor extended congratulations to the two local participants, Sheila Gregan and Orla Hogan, who took place in the World Transplant Games and in particular to Sheila Gregan on winning a silver medal in the 3km power walk. All present wished to be associated with this.

**1. To consider Minutes of May Monthly Meeting**

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

Cllr. Morgan referred to recent controversy over the car park in Tyone and suggested that the site owned by the Town Council on the Dublin Road be swapped for the car park. Cllr. Moran felt that the car park should be resurfaced by the County Council. Cllr. McGrath agreed that this was a County Council issue and said that he was not in favour of pay parking. He suggested that he and some of the other County Councillors could put some of their CARS or LIS money towards resurfacing the car park. Cllr. O'Dowd felt that the HSE should not be let off the hook stating that closure was not an option. Cllr. Delaney felt that paying €1 for car parking was not too much to ask if the car park was safe and well controlled.

The Town Manager said there was a difficulty regarding using CARS or LIS funding for this purpose as there are very strict terms relating to both schemes and resurfacing the car park would not qualify for this funding. He also said that a land swap would not be an option for the Town Council as it would be losing an asset and gaining a liability. He said that at the end of the day the car park was in very bad condition and

he intended to have another meeting with the HSE as soon as possible. Cllr. McGee said that this issue had been discussed at three meetings and no progress had been made. He said the meeting should be held with the HSE before any further discussion took place. Cllr. Moylan said that the reason the issue was not progressing was that the County Council would not step up to the mark and invest the €70,000 required to resurface the car park which is their property. He said that he would have no problem with a €1 charge put if someone was delayed in a clinic they could come out to a €40 parking fine. He also felt that the HSE should step up to the mark but would have reservations with regard to the HSE buying the car park as there would be no guarantee that there would be no parking charges at weekends. The Town Manager said that his original proposal of a 50c per hour charge would have addressed all those issues.

Cllr. Moylan complimented Cllr. O'Dowd and the Nenagh Rail Partnership on the recent Rail Conference held in Nenagh. All Councillors wished to be associated with this. Cllr. O'Dowd said that the speakers had been excellent and thanked them, the hotel and Rail Tours Ireland who provided the bus.

## **2. To consider Minutes Action Plan**

### Pedestrian Crossing at St. Joseph's Park

The Town Engineer said that he had to apply to the ESB for a new connection before the pedestrian crossing could be connected.

### Road surface at Knockanpierce

The town Engineer said that he would include Knockanpierce in the 2012 Roadworks Programme for a full overlay. The road would be patched in the meantime.

### Road into Day Care Centre

Cllr. McGrath asked this road also be included for an overlay in the future.

### Traffic Calming at Dromin Road

Cllr. Delaney asked for an update on this issue. The Town Engineer said that this was included in this years Roadworks Programme and would be done before the end of the year.

## **3. To note Manager's Orders**

Noted.

## **4. To note Planning Register**

Noted.

**5. To consider Manager's Report on Proposed Taking in Charge of (a) Hawthorns and (b) Ormond Court**

The Town Manager presented his report to the Members.

It was proposed by: Cllr. H. McGrath

Seconded by: Cllr. V. O'Dowd

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 Estates known as Hawthorns and Ormond Court, to be public and take in charge all open spaces, car parks, sewers, watermains and drains within the developments."

The Members welcomed this. Cllr. McGee asked for an update on the taking in charge of Bruach Tailte. The Town Clerk replied that reports were being completed and he would have an up to date report for the next meeting.

**6. To discuss "Bop while you Shop" Festival**

Cllr. McGrath said that he and the committee which had organised the last two St. Patrick's Day Parades were organising a one day music festival on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> August to try to help the shopkeepers by bringing people into town. He said he still had some of his Mayor's fund left and he was putting this towards the cost of the festival. It was proposed to close off Pearse Street from the Market Cross to the junction with Kickham Street for the day. Tipp FM would provide their outside broadcast unit free of charge for the day. He said a meeting would be held in the Ormond Hotel on the following night and all were welcome. Cllrs. Moylan, Delaney and O'Dowd congratulated Cllr. McGrath and the committee on this initiative and hoped the Chamber of Commerce would offer some incentives also.

Cllr. Moylan referred to a butcher who had a casual trading licence for St. John's Lane Car Park and said other businesses in the town were put out. He felt that the bye-laws should be reviewed. The Town Clerk replied that the bye-laws did not state what could or could not be sold.

Cllr. O'Dowd asked if there was a requirement to have a licence to cut down mature trees. Cllr. Moylan asked if the trees had been listed in the Development Plan. Cllr. O'Dowd asked people to think twice before cutting down mature trees.

**7. Correspondence**

Cllr. McGrath referred to correspondence received regarding the railings at Courthouse and said that his proposal was not to take down the railings but to move them to expose the steps of the Courthouse. He asked that a design be drawn up for the whole square. The Town Clerk replied that it was intended to look at this before the end of the year and plans would be drawn up for consultation.

Cllr. Moran asked that a letter be sent to Pat Rabbitte, T.D., Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources requesting that a gas main be brought to Nenagh.

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It was proposed by: Cllr. J. Moran  
Seconded by: Cllr. C. Delaney  
and agreed that the meeting be adjourned to commence the Annual Meeting.

The meeting resumed following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

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## **8. Town Mayor's Business**

Cllr. Moylan brought the following items that had been raised at the JPC meeting to the Town Engineer's attention and asked him to investigate: -

- Safety concerns regarding the uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at Clare Street.
- Possibility of erecting barriers at the pedestrian crossing at St. Mary's Secondary School.
- Possibility of installing a set down area at the C.B.S.

Cllr. McGrath said that the pedestrian crossing at St. Mary's had been moved before and there was a dip left in footpath where it had been. He asked that this be raised. Cllr. Morgan said that there was also a problem with parking at the Boys National School. Cllr. Moylan agreed with this stating that the traffic wardens had been sent down there before and maybe they should be sent again. Cllr. McGee asked if it would be possible to erect barriers. The Town Clerk replied that budgets would have to be looked at. Cllr. McGee asked that Teenage Bullying at Lunch Time be placed on the agenda for the next JPC meeting.

Cllr. McGee asked if the Smart Telecom phone box at Pearse Street could be removed as it was in a bad condition and never used.

## **9. Town Manager's Business**

None.

## **10. Town Clerk's Business**

The Town Clerk informed the Members that works on the biomass boiler at the Leisure Centre were almost complete and it should be up and running in the next week or two. He said a visit would be arranged for the Members. Cllr. Morgan said that better signage was needed for the Leisure Centre. Cllr. Moylan agreed. The Town

Manager said that this issue would be looked at as part of the Town Park and Leisure Centre Improvements Project.

**11. Town Engineer's Business**

The Town Engineer advised the Members that all resources were tied up on the Limerick Road at present. Cllr. Moylan complimented the Town Engineer and his staff on the work. Cllr. Morgan agreed and asked if the footpath opposite the Civic Offices was a proper footpath or not. The Town Engineer replied that the path was incomplete and would remain so until land could be acquired. He said that there were crossings at either side and it was proposed to put up a sign advising people to cross.

Cllr. McGrath also complimented the work and asked when works at Springfort Cross would commence. The Town Engineer replied that this would start when the current job was completed.

Cllr. McGee asked if a bin could be placed in Yewston. The Town Clerk replied that the experience with bins was that they were used for domestic rubbish.

**12. To consider Notices of Motion**

None

**13. Any Other Business**

None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_