

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF  
NENAGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, NENAGH,  
ON WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2011**

**Councillors Present:** Cllr. S. Morris                      Cllr. T. Morgan  
   Cllr. T. Moylan                      Cllr. L. McGee  
   Cllr. C. Delaney                      Cllr. H. McGrath

**Also Present:**                      M. O'Connor, Town Manager  
   D. Purcell, Town Clerk  
   K. Callanan, Town Engineer  
   B. Beck, Senior Planner  
   N. O'Connell, Senior Executive Planner  
   P. MacDonald, Archaeologist  
   K. Clifford

**Apologies:**                      Cllr. V. O'Dowd  
   Cllr. J. Moran  
   Cllr. T. Mulqueen

**Deputy Mayor, Cllr. C. Delaney presided**

Cllr. Delaney welcomed all and called on Senior Planner to make a presentation to the Members.

Mr. Brian Beck, Senior Planner outlined the stages and relevant dates of the Development Plan process. He stated that he would hope that the public would now get involved and make submissions which would give the Council some guidance for to develop the town. He advised the Members to be aware of their responsibilities in making this policy document in accordance with The Planning & Development Act and consistent with National & Regional Planning Guidelines. He stated that the Public Realm Plan was a key document included in the Plan.

Cllr. Delaney thanked the Planners and the Executive for compiling the documents and stated that this was an exciting time for the town to shape its future.

Town Manager clarified the maps that were on display were requested by the Members at a previous Workshop showing old environs boundaries. He further advised that the maps now showed amendments on approach roads, i.e. a link from the Borrisokane to the Dublin Road and from the Dublin Road to the Thurles Road at the hospital, as previously requested by the Members at the Planning Workshop.

Cllr. Moylan referred to the tight timeframe involved in the stages of the Development Plan and queried whether it was possible for the Manager's Report to the Members to be brought forward from September. He felt that in doing this more time would be available come year end before the adoption of the Plan. Senior Planner outlined that there was a 99 week time frame involved from start to finish which was set out in legislation and each stage had a set period of time.

Cllr. Moylan felt that the plan showed a vision for Nenagh which would attract investment and give protection and survival for the town centre. He requested that the development of amenity space be

strengthened with regard to the Town Park which would give commitment to having a Town Park within the lifetime of the Plan.

Cllr. Moylan stated that he welcomed the part with regard to local employment but felt that this should also be strengthened or expanded upon in the Plan. He stated that the Council doesn't create jobs but creates the infrastructure. He felt that our development charges and our parking arrangements within the town were deterring this and need to be reviewed.

He referred to the town centre and felt that Objectives 4 & 5 of the Draft Plan need to be strengthened and intertwined with the Public Realm Plan for the Town Centre and its revitalisation. Cllr. Moylan stated that included in the Plan should be a clear strategy with regard to having no more major retail outlets on the outskirts of the town which was devastating the town centre. He requested that the Council commit to a new Traffic Management Plan with radical plans for the town centre stating that the last Traffic Management Plan was in 2001 and was now outdated.

Cllr. Morris thanked all involved in producing the document and stated that the fact that the Council did not have to dezone lands showed that it carried out its business in a reasonable manner. He urged people to become involved in the plan and to engage with making submissions on same.

Cllr. McGrath welcomed the document and stated that the Council was obliged to sell the town as a market town and a fair town and to create a market core in the town centre. He felt that the Quintin's Way market could be extended to Pearse Street and concurred with Cllr. Moylan with regard to the requirement for a new Traffic Management Plan. He referred to peripheral developments and queried whether developers would be still tied in to Masterplans as in the previous Development Plans. He requested that streetscape housing be omitted.

Senior Planner confirmed that Master Plans were omitted from the document leaving developers with a blank canvas for submission to planning. With regard to how housing estates should be developed he stated that regulation was laid down in the Department's document, Sustainable Urban Guidelines and which superseded anything the Council could do.

Cllr. McGrath referred to lands in the Co. Council area, i.e. environs and which was zoned as low density and looked for clarification on same. Senior Planner confirmed that the land in question was in the County Council area and can only be zoned by the County Council.

Cllr. McGrath felt that the document as presented and the previous Development Plan were named Nenagh Town and Environs and at the same time the Members did not have any say in the environs zoning. He further stated that the document should be named Nenagh Town Development Plan.

Senior Planner confirmed that this was the case and the same applied in Templemore and Thurles Town Councils with regard to development plans. He further advised that the only way this would be overcome was to apply to extend the town boundary. He stated that the Town Council Members could request County Councillors to take whatever action they thought necessary at their Council Meeting.

Cllrs. Morris and Moylan concurred with Cllr. McGrath. Cllr. Morris stated that the parcel of land in question was strategically important insofar as the owner has offered amenity lands to the community for a playing field in the area and stated that he would be looking for a debate on same at the forthcoming County Council meeting.

Senior Planner advised the Members that they could request the County Council to zone that parcel of land accompanied by the map in question showing the area involved and stated that this was a legitimate way to do this. He further stated that it would have been inappropriate to display maps just showing Nenagh or just showing environs.

Town Manager reiterated the case with regard to zoning responsibilities by the Town Council and the County Council. He further advised that the Council would be strongly opposing any change to the zoning to the land in question as set out in the current guidelines.

The meeting was adjourned to allow the Members to discuss the issue in committee.

Following discussion Cllr. Moylan stated that the Members were in agreement to go to public display and to adopt the map as presented by the Executive.

**It was proposed by:** Cllr. S. Morris

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Tom Moylan

And agreed to proceed with public consultation in accordance with Section 12, Planning & Development Act, 2000

Furthermore,

**It was proposed by:** Cllr. T. Moylan

**Seconded by :** Cllr. H. McGrath

And agreed that the following resolution be brought to County Council Meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2011

*“That Nenagh Town Council propose to put on Public Display Zoning Map No. 1 & Objectives Map as part of the Public Consultation process for the Nenagh Town & Environs Draft Development Plan 2013-2019. These maps are in line with the maps adopted by Nenagh Town Council under Variation No. 1 on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2011 and by North Tipperary County Council County Development Plan 2010. We recommend that North Tipperary County Council approve these maps to be put on public display as part of Public Consultation Period for Nenagh Town & Environs Draft Development Plan 2013-2019”.*

Town Clerk informed the Members that the official opening of the Town Hall would now take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 and all of the Members would be invited to same. It was agreed to hold the November Monthly Meeting on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 at 7.00 p.m. and to hold the December Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

It was agreed to hold a Budget Workshop on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 at 7.00 p.m. and the Statutory Budget Meeting on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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

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