

**Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meeting of  
Nenagh Town Council held in the Civic Offices, Nenagh  
on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2007**

**Councillors Present:** Cllr. S. Morris            Cllr. T. Sheary  
                                 Cllr. T. Moylan        Cllr. S. Farrell  
                                 Cllr. T. Morgan       Cllr. J. O'Connor  
                                 Cllr. T. Mulqueen

**Also Present:** P. Heffernan, Town Manager  
                         J. McGrath, Town Clerk  
                         S. O'Callaghan  
                         K. Clifford

**Apologies:** Cllr. H. McGrath  
                         Cllr. V. O'Dowd  
                         M. Woulfe, Town Engineer

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

The Mayor proposed a vote of sympathy with the wife and family of the late Councillor Noel Clifford on recent death. All Members wished to be associated. The Town Manager also wished to be associated on his own behalf and that of the staff.

**1. Minutes of December Monthly Meeting**

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Sheary  
Seconded by Cllr. S. Morris  
and agreed that the minutes be adopted.

**2. Minutes of Adjourned December Monthly Meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2006**

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

**3. Minutes of Adjourned December Monthly Meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2007**

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

#### **4. Minutes of Adjourned December Monthly Meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2007**

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Sheary  
Seconded by Cllr. T. Mulqueen  
and agreed that the minutes be adopted.

#### **5. Minutes of Statutory Budget Meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2007**

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

The Mayor informed the Members that he intended to put forward a motion regarding the Differential Rents Scheme for the February Meeting. The Town Manager reminded the Members that the determination of a charge was an Executive Function and therefore the motion should be made around the concept of the differential. Cllr. Sheary said that tenants felt that the level of service was not being increased in line with the rents and the condition of some houses was unsatisfactory. He said that money would have to be provided to bring these houses up to standard. The Town Manager replied that the budget for housing repairs had been substantially increased over the last number of years and the Council was now allowed to spend monies received under Tenant Purchase Schemes on a Planned Maintenance Campaign.

#### **6. Minutes Action Plan**

##### ESB

The Town Manager informed the Members that a new maintenance contract had been entered into between the ESB and Local Authorities which would mean an improved service.

Cllr. Morgan expressed concern regarding the poor lighting in the area of the new public toilet. It was agreed to contact the ESB in this regard.

##### Flooding at Monaree

The Town Manager said that a report would be circulated on this matter.

#### **7. To note Manager's Order**

Noted

The Mayor asked for a start date for the Shamrock Court Remedial Works. The Town Clerk replied that these works were due to start in the next few weeks.

Cllr. Morris asked why names of tenants who had been allocated houses were not included on the details of Manager's Orders circulated to Members. The Town Clerk replied that this was a public document and it would be unfair to tenants to include their names on this. The Town Manager said that he would look at the procedure.

## **8. To note Planning Register**

Noted.

## **9. To consider Manager's Report on Submissions to Proposed Amendments to Draft Nenagh & Environs Development Plan**

The Mayor proposed that a special meeting be held to deal with this item. It was agreed to hold this meeting on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 p.m.

## **10. To discuss Community, Sport & Cultural Grant Scheme**

The Town Manager said that an issue had arisen regarding the upper limit of €100,000 for the scheme which may cause difficulties for new projects and advised the Members that they should consider adjusting the upper limit. He said that development levies were subject to indexation and it seemed only fair that this should be applied to grants also. He asked the Members for their agreement in principle, pending an overall review of the scheme, to exceed this limit. All Members were in support of this proposal.

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris

Seconded by Cllr. S. Farrell

and agreed that the upper limit for the Community, Sports & Cultural Grants Scheme be increased to €125,000 and indexed with effect from 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2007.

## **11. To discuss Traffic Calming Policy**

It was agreed to leave this item on the agenda for the February meeting due to the absence of the Town Engineer.

## **12. To discuss Draft Litter Management Plan**

It was agreed to leave this item on the agenda for the February meeting as the Members felt they needed more time to consider the document.

## **22. Notices of Motion**

Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Joe O'Connor

*"That this Council be informed if contact has taken place between the Solicitor acting on behalf of Nenagh Town Council and the Monaree Residents Association. If so what are the proposals being put forward to resolve the impasse regarding compensation due to the residents of this estate."*

The Town Manager replied that he had been in touch with the Solicitor who wanted to consult further with the residents. It was agreed to leave this motion on the agenda for the February meeting.

Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Joe O'Connor

*"That this Council instruct the Town Engineer to prepare a costing for works to upgrade a portion of the footpath at the Newport Road, Benedine, Nenagh and these costings be presented to Members before 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2006, this item to be on the Agenda of the next Council Meeting for discussion".*

It was agreed to leave this motion on the agenda due to the absence of the Town Engineer.

Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamie Morris

*"That this Town Council separates the Part VIII Process of the through road through Ormond Keep and the Affordable Housing Project in the same area and advertise them as separate Part VIII Processes".*

The Mayor asked the Town Manager for his opinion on the legal situation with regard to this motion. The Town Manager replied that any Member could bring a motion at any time however this may be inappropriate at times. He felt that the Part VIII process could be compromised if the Members were to make a decision on this motion before the period for submissions had expired. It was agreed to leave this motion on the agenda.

Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamie Morris

*"That this Town Council rejects the Part VIII Process to put a through road through Ormond Keep".*

In light of the Town Manager's advice on the previous motion it was agreed to defer this motion also.

Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Seamie Morris

*"That this Town Council supports the ongoing call from the family of the late Councillor Eddie Fullerton, Member of Bunrana Urban District Council and Donegal County Council, for a full independent public inquiry chaired by a person of international repute into the circumstances surrounding his murder and, furthermore, calls on the Irish Government to insist on full co-operation from the British Authorities to assist the Fullerton family in their quest for truth and justice".*

The Members unanimously supported this motion.

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

*"That Nenagh Town Council give a detailed report on the work of the authority implementing the provisions of the Barcelona Declaration in the period since its formal adoption by this authority. This report should include;*

- *Details on the consultation if any, with persons with a disability and disability organisations in implementing the declaration*

- *The range of measures proposed and developed*
- *The budget associated with these measures and the extent to which the annual funding from the National Disability Strategy has been utilised*
- *The progress made to date on implementation of the Barcelona Declaration*

It was agreed to leave this motion on the agenda in Cllr. O'Dowd's absence.

Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Hughie McGrath

*"That Nenagh Town Council look at St. Joseph's Park as soon as possible under the new Traffic Calming laws. Due to the large amount of cars and the road being so narrow, emergency vehicles could have problems getting around the estate. We also need to put signs at the entrance to the estate and re-paint the pedestrian crossing. The lighting on the New Line Road needs to be improved".*

It was agreed to leave this motion on the agenda in Cllr. McGrath's absence.

Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Hughie McGrath

*"That Nenagh Town Council by way of resolution adopt a proposal that the boundary of the town be altered, as per map to be agreed by Town Council".*

It was agreed to leave this motion on the agenda in Cllr. McGrath's absence.

### **13. To discuss Dromin Road Improvements**

The Town Manager informed the Members that work would commence in conjunction with the return of temporary staff to the County Council which should be in the next few weeks.

### **14. To discuss Town Centre Car Parking**

The Town Manager informed the Members that he was still awaiting the revised map from Iarnrod Eireann for the Railway Station Car Park.

Cllr. Morgan expressed concern regarding illegal dumping which was taking place at the St. John's Lane Car Park and also a light in the car park which needed to be repaired. It was agreed that the Litter Wardens would investigate the illegal dumping and the light would be reported to the ESB.

### **15. To discuss Nenagh Castle Project**

The Town Manager said that a letter had issued to the OPW requesting that they keep the Council informed regarding timescale and progress of the project.

### **16. To nominate representative to Nenagh Childcare Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris

Seconded by Cllr. J. O'Connor  
and agreed that Cllr. Sandra Farrell represent the Council on  
Nenagh Childcare Committee.

#### **17. To nominate representative to County Tipperary Joint Libraries Committee**

It was proposed by Cllr. J. O'Connor  
Seconded by Cllr. T. Moylan  
and agreed that Cllr. Tom Mulqueen represent the Council on  
County Tipperary Joint Libraries Committee.

#### **18. Correspondence**

The Town Manager drew the Members attention to correspondence from B&Q regarding the B&Q 'You Can Do It' Awards 2007.

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

The Mayor informed the Members that he had been in discussion with Bridget Orr, Nenagh Community Network in connection with the People of the Year Awards and they had looked at provisional dates of late March/early April. He said that he would have more details at the February meeting.

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

None.

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

None.

#### **22. Any Other Business**

Cllr. Morris referred to the transfer of the car park at Tyone from the County Council to the HSE and asked if leverage could be used to get the HSE to sell the plot of ground at Ashe Road to the Town Council. The Town Manager replied that this had been agreed at the December County Council Meeting. He said that there was a requirement on the HSE to provide further car parking to facilitate developments at the hospital and therefore they needed control of the car park. He said that a clause had been inserted in the contract that the land would continue to be used as a car park.

Cllr. Farrell expressed concern regarding dirt on the road at Tyone.

Cllr. Farrell said that St. Paul's Playground was locked at certain times and asked that the times be put on the gate. The Town Manager said that he would put it to the Committee.

Cllr. Morgan asked that the footpath on the Borrisokane Road be extended beyond Cluain Caoin. The Town Manager replied that there was a very obvious gap and this would be investigated.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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

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

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