

**Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meeting of
Nenagh Town Council held in the Civic Offices, Nenagh
on Monday, 26th March, 2007**

Councillors Present: Cllr. T. Moylan Cllr. S. Morris
 Cllr. S. Farrell Cllr. V. O'Dowd
 Cllr. T. Morgan Cllr. H. McGrath
 Cllr. J. O'Connor

Also Present: P. Heffernan, Town Manager
 S. O' Callaghan, A/Town Clerk
 M. Woulfe, Town Engineer
 K. Clifford
 A. Melia

Apologies: Cllr. T. Mulqueen
 J. McGrath, Town Clerk

The Mayor, Cllr. T. Moylan presided.

Mayor welcomed David Leahy, Chief Executive Officer, VEC & Michael McNulty, Principal of Nenagh Vocational School who made a presentation regarding the use of facilities at Nenagh Vocational School. Town Manager wished to be associated with the Members in thanking them for their presentation & congratulated the VEC on the openness of the project & the proposed facilities that would be available to the community. He stated that the Town Council would have to meet with the other beneficiaries i.e. soccer club, basketball club, boxing club etc. and try to make this achievable & hoped that the Council would look at this project with an open mind & in a supportive manner.

Mayor sought to suspend Standing Orders to discuss recent announcement of proposed job losses at the Proctor & Gamble plant in Nenagh. Cllr. Sheary seconded this proposal. Cllr. McGrath expressed a desire that Item No. 7 on the Agenda "To discuss St. Josephs Park" should get priority. Cllr. O'Connor agreed with Cllr. McGrath. Mayor agreed to discuss this topic after discussion on Proctor & Gamble.

Mayor read out a statement regarding Proctor & Gamble (copy of same attached). All Members expressed their concern regarding the proposed job losses & agreed to meet with representatives from I.D.A, Shannon Development, Community Enterprise Board, Mindy Thompson, Plant Manager, Proctor & Gamble, and Workers Representatives with a view to stabilising the remaining jobs & to the discuss the future of attracting industry to North Tipperary.

Town Manager advised the Members that representatives from the I.D.A. attended County Council meeting earlier that day and admitted that no foreign direct investment had taken place in the County over the past twenty two years and that the policy of the IDA was to concentrate development on the hubs/gateways as established under National Development Plan. He felt that Nenagh should be seeking hub status with other towns.

Mayor agreed to circulate correspondence received from Proctor & Gamble and would make contact with them with a view to setting up a suitable date for a forthcoming meeting.

Cllr. Morris proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of Dolores Cahalan on their recent loss. All Members wished to be associated with same.

Item No. 7 - To discuss St. Josephs Park

Town Manager advised the Members that an undertaking had been given to serve a Derelict Site Notice under the Waste Management Act on the owner of No. 69 St. Josephs Park. However due to unforeseen circumstances this did not take place, unfortunately in the mean time the premises had been burnt. Since then the property has been re-inspected and designated as a “dangerous structure” under the Local Government Sanitary Services Act, 1964. He informed the Members that the property would be boarded up & made safe the next day.

Cllr. McGrath expressed his concern at the dereliction of this house & the dangerous condition of the building & requested a cast iron guarantee that the house would be boarded up tomorrow. Town Manager stressed that he already had agreed to this.

Cllr. Sheary expressed concern for the owner of the adjoining property which had previously qualified for a works in lieu scheme and had not taken place as the contractor had withdrawn. He highlighted the fact that both properties had become less valuable & urged the Council to take whatever steps that were necessary to get a contractor on site & get necessary works underway.

Cllr. O’ Connor proposed to adjourn the business of the meeting until Wednesday Night and in the mean time requested that this house be made safe. Cllr. McGrath seconded this proposal. Cllr. Morris agreed with this proposal.

Cllr. Morris expressed his concern regarding public lighting in St. Josephs Park & other areas in the town. He referred to previous meeting where it had been agreed to instruct the E.S.B. to designate St. Josephs Park as a high priority & to complete works there before attending any other areas.

Town Manager advised Members that Nenagh Town Council has no responsibility or control over the E.S.B. when they would be carrying out work.

He also advised the Members that in relation to purchasing 69 St. Josephs Park, the process had commenced four months ago and had been ongoing since then, but still had not acquired it. The problem now, is that the premises is no longer there & other issues have now to be re-thought and he felt that there was no point in the Members adjourning the meeting over this matter.

Town Engineer advised Members that he met with E.S.B. last Wednesday and would like to re-emphasise that the E.S.B. had been given a vast amount of money from North Tipperary & the three Town Councils. He stated that for many years the lack of funding had been an obstacle for necessary works to be carried out and now a large amount of money was at their

disposal & a whole raft of problems had become an issue. He agreed that Nenagh had been abandoned over the past 4-6 weeks but had been given an ultimatum that works would be underway within the next 2-3 weeks. He stated that he had given the E.S.B. written instruction to abandon all other works & complete St. Josephs Park. He further stated that another meeting has been arranged for next Wednesday night where he will accompany ESB officials on an inspection of public lighting in St. Joseph's Park and other areas in the town.

Cllr. McGrath stated that he was not leaving the meeting because of public lighting issues purely for the reason of the conditions of the derelict house.

Meeting was then adjourned until Wednesday night, 28th March, 7.00 p.m.

Mayor: _____

Town Clerk: _____

Date: _____