



**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 10.30 AM ON 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

<b>Present in chamber</b>	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Michael O Meara, John Carroll, Phyll Bugler, Joe Hannigan, Louise Morgan Walsh, J.P. O'Meara, Séamus Morris and Pamela Quirke O'Meara
<b>Apologies</b>	Barry Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer
<b>Also Present</b>	<p>Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Liam Brett, Director of Services; Mr. Kieran Malone, Senior Engineer; Mr. Paul Keane, Executive Engineer; Mr. Philip McGrath, Executive Engineer, Mr. Paul Crowe, Project Manager and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer</p> <p><b>Economic, Community &amp; Rural Development:</b> Ms. Mary Ryan, Senior Enterprise Development Officer; Ms. Mary McLoughney, A/Administrative Officer; Ms. Lindsay Cleary, Integration Support Co-Ordinator; Ms. Mary Stephens, Assistant Staff Officer; Ms. Orla McNamara, Integration Support Worker</p> <p><b>Cultural Services/Libraries &amp; Biodiversity:</b> Mr. Pat Bracken, Senior Executive Librarian and Ann-Marie Keaveney, Creative Communities Engagement Officer</p>
<b>Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest</b>	None
<b>Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of the January Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	It was proposed by Cllr. S. Morris and seconded by Cllr. J. Carroll and resolved that the minutes of the January Meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 be adopted.
<b>Item 3. To receive update from Economic, Community &amp; Rural Development</b>	<p>The update from Economic, Community and Rural Development was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler expressed concern about the survival of small businesses and the effect online shopping is having. She said it was a pity that the online trading voucher is no longer available. A lot of businesses want to upgrade their websites. A discussion is also required on how to get ready for additional tariffs.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield attended the workshop for Tidy Towns in Thurles on dementia friendly communities and said it is a very welcome initiative. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara stated that local businesses are finding it very difficult at the moment. She knows of coffee shops that had to continue paying staff while they were closed for the snow and storm. The grants offered are great but a quicker fix is</p>










	<p>required for the businesses. It is great if staff can avail of the opportunity to attend training but it is difficult for small businesses to release them.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan said it is important that people know the offerings that are available to businesses. Tipperary County Council has people within their workforce that can help. The "Grow Digital Voucher" is a very good initiative. While online shopping is a threat it is very difficult to get a better service than physically going into a shop. He also enquired about the role of LEO in energy efficiency supports.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris thought that while online shopping can be a threat there can also be opportunities. It may be worthwhile producing a booklet to show the success people have had with an online business. He asked if it was possible to do an analysis of what is available in relation to mental health services. There is a deficit of facilities and services.</p> <p>Cllr. Morgan Walsh knows new businesses that are starting and would like any relevant information to be sent to them. She believes there is a great offering in the local area, both in person and online and would love to see one evening late opening encouraged. She agrees with Cllr. Morris in relation to the services on offer for mental health issues. Cllr. M. O'Meara welcomed the funding of €75,000 for Healthy Tipperary but enquired about the inclusion of Borrisokane. People are fearful of AI and it would be beneficial if there were proposals to help people engage/embrace it.</p> <p>Ms. M. Ryan informed members that the scope of supports has widened to now include more retail/hospitality. There is an energy efficiency grant of €10,000 available. A green consultant will work with the business and will provide a report and give recommendations. This will then form part of the grant application. 94 businesses are trading in online vouchers. IT support is given through the "Grown Digital Voucher". This would not be for setting up a website but would support an e-commerce element e.g. accounts package. 1700 people took part in training courses last year, and with these training options and mentors work can be undertaken with businesses to see what can be improved. If members are aware of any business requiring support it would be better if they contacted LEO directly as every business would have different needs and requirements.</p> <p>No notification has been received yet in relation to additional tariffs or a support grant for businesses affected by the recent weather events. A list of training courses is available online and if a person is unemployed there is no charge to take part in the 'Start Your Own Business Course'. Some of the courses on offer would deal with AI. The normal timetable for courses is January to</p>
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	<p>April with a break for the summer months. Most courses are available online to help with the issue of staff having to get time off. The link to the online training courses can be shared with members. Currently an information leaflet is being updated and when this is finalised it can be circulated.</p> <p>Ms. L. Cleary explained to members that mapping of free mental health services is being undertaken by the integration team. An event is planned later in the year for the older Ukrainian community but the team will go back to age friendly and active retirement groups.</p>
<b>Item 4. To receive update from Cultural Services/ Libraries &amp; Biodiversity</b>	<p>The update from Cultural Services/Libraries and Biodiversity was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Quirke O'Meara commended the library service; the ETB are running an outdoor education programme with Templemore Library at the moment. It helps with people's mental health and the library service and staff have been very supportive. It would be great to extend it to other libraries once the pilot in Templemore has been completed.</p> <p>Cllr. Morgan Walsh asked about the possibility of extending the opening hours of the library to facilitate young students with afterschool study. Some of these are 17 so they are unable to access the "My Open Library" service.</p> <p>Cllr. M. O'Meara stated that there are economic and environmental repercussions if biodiversity is not considered. He thanked the Biodiversity Officer, Ann Marie Fleming for her help with the work on the barn owl project. There are now 30 barn owl boxes in his area and if you put up these boxes the barn owls will come.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Hannigan informed members that local artists rented a business premises before Christmas to sell their products. He enquired if there was a role for the Arts Office to play in providing a space to sell or display artists products and if there was any support to musicians for making records.</p> <p>Mr. P. Bracken said it was a privilege to attend the District meeting to discuss the library service. Having an online presence has been a great advantage to the library. A lot of local material has been added to the Tipperary Studies and people are leaving material in all the time. He will pass on the kind words about the Biodiversity Officer and about the library to the staff. The library service would be interested in an integrated approach with the ETB and would be willing to promote the services more. "My Open Library" is a great initiative and he understands the needs of 2<sup>nd</sup> level students. He will bring back the request to extend the service. Artists can book a space in the library to exhibit their work.</p>



	<p>Ms. A.M. Keaveney informed members that the Arts Officer is aware of the issues facing the artists in relation to space and she is looking into it. There is a Tipperary Artist Reward Scheme and she will send on details. Creative Ireland supported 16 projects for well-being and mental health.</p>
<p><b>Item 5.</b> <b>To consider the report on the proposed taking in charge of Ballina Quay, Ballina, Co. Tipperary</b></p>	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. Carroll and resolved "that pursuant to the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, and being satisfied that the roads are of public utility, and having considered the financial implications for the local authority and any submissions made, it is hereby ordered that the road serving the housing estate known as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ballina Quay, Ballina, Co. Tipperary</b></li> </ul> <p>be declared a public road. In addition, any open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections within the attendant grounds of the development are taken in charge, as outlined in red on the attached map, which was on public display during the prescribed period and the Director of Services Report to Members for the Nenagh Municipal District February 2025 Meeting"</p>
<p><b>Item 6.</b> <b>To update members on projects &amp; events</b></p>	<p><b><u>Newport Town Park:</u></b> Awaiting submission of Final Account and completion of snag list.</p> <p><b><u>Newport Town Team/Newport Town Centre First Plan:</u></b> Awaiting date from consultants to meet with Town Team on submissions on Newport Town Centre First Plan.</p> <p><b><u>Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First/THRIVE:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Team met with Nic de Jong and Samuel McKeever of Nicholas de Jong Associates on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in relation to the preparation of the Integrated Urban Strategy.</li> <li>• Approach to public consultation was agreed – this will include issue of a survey monkey during February and drop in public consultation evening in March.</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">        </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting has been held with Image ICT Solutions Ltd., T/A Storm Web Development to discuss the approach to the revamp of Nenagh.ie for Nenagh Town. This is being progressed in conjunction with the consultants.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Rialto Digital &amp; Enterprise Hub:</u></b> Work is progressing on exploring the potential funding sources based on proposed use of the Rialto.</p>



**Nenagh Town Park Extension**

Tender documents and Brief for the extension of the Town Park into the lands across the river at Riverston are currently under review.

**Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter**

- Grant funding of €37,500 has been secured for conservation works to the windows and doors of the Governor's House under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme. We are awaiting receipt of the Terms & Conditions prior to progressing works.
- We will continue to strive to source funding for the various proposals in relation to the Historic & Cultural Quarter as funding calls open up.

**Nenagh Centre of Excellence:**

- Phase 2 Stakeholder Engagement is now ongoing. This includes discussions with relevant staff within Tipperary County Council.
- Site layout and configuration is under consideration.

**Nenagh Transport Hub:**

Engagement with NTA on the development of a Transport Hub and the proposed relocation of the bus stops to the Railway Station is on-going.

**Platforms for Growth- Dromineer:**

- Progress meetings are taking place on an ongoing basis with Fáilte Ireland who are funding the project and with the consultants Ailtiri Architects.
- It is intended to advertise the Part VIII for the Changing Places facility shortly.
- Because of the severe weather conditions and the impact on sub-contractors inputting into the tenders of principal contractors the closing date for receipt of tenders was extended by one week to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The tender deadline has now passed and tender evaluation is currently ongoing. It is anticipated that the contractor will be appointed shortly.
- An assessment of the accessibility to and from the new facility has been undertaken. Separate funding has been applied for in respect of these measures.

**Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022**

- Ballina Access Promenade and Viewing Area – Contractor: Nevilles Civils Works The programme is still on course for completion Q1 2025.
- Newport Courthouse and Bridewell Complex – Consultants: Integrated Design Team led by Robin Lee Architects. The design for Part VIII is being finalised and will be advertised in Q1 2025. Surveys and site investigations have been completed.



#### **Casual Trading Bye-Laws**

- To date for 2025 or part thereof, Nenagh Municipal District has received 14 applications for casual trading licences. Of these 14 applications received, a total of 11 licences have issued for the designated areas of Dromineer, Garrykennedy, The Lookout, Ballina Riverside Park and Castlelough.
- Of the 3 remaining applications, 1 Casual Trader, though approved, decided not to proceed with his application. The remaining 2 applications have been assessed and once the outstanding requirements are met, the casual trading licences will then issue.

#### **Expressions of Interests for Development Land at Lisbunny**

The disposal of 9.86 acres with the further purchase option on an additional 4.60 acres to Apex Aviation was approved by members at the October plenary meeting. The further disposal of 3.86 acres to Banaghan & Co (Stationary) Ltd was also agreed at the October meeting. These disposals are now being progressed by the Central Property Unit. It is the Council's intention to upgrade the roadway within this development.

#### **Designated Bathing Area**

The application has been submitted to the EPA for the designation of the bathing area in Dromineer. Interviews for lifeguards were held but unfortunately there wasn't sufficient numbers to provide a lifeguard service in 2024. This is being revisited in 2025. The provision of facilities for lifeguards is currently being progressed.

#### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:**

- Measure One 2023 – Castlelough Amenity Area Improvement Works. Contractor appointed for installation of BBQ areas. Works due to be completed Q1 2025.
- Measure One 2023 – Upper Lough Derg Tranquility Area (Mota & Skehanagh). Construction works to completed by end Q1 2025.
- Project Development Measures 2022 – Garrykennedy Inner Harbour. Integrated Design Team led by DRA Consulting appointed. Ecologist appointed for completion of Ecological Impact Assessment. Consultant also appointed for completion of Archaeological Impact Assessment. Surveys being undertaken. Consultation with local stakeholders in advance of the planning application has commenced. Planning will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála by the end of Q1 2025.
- Clare Glens Project Development Measure – A Consultant and Ecologist have been appointed. A planning application to An Bord Pleanála is currently being compiled with the intention to submit same to An Bord Pleanála by the end of Q1 2025.

#### **Measure 3 of the Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024**

An amount of €45,000 has been allocated under Measure 3 of the Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024. This is for Project



Development Measure Funding for Newport. The project will examine the development of a connection of the historic Ball Alley site with the town centre and ancillary public realm and amenity works through the provision of a footbridge. Project elements include the engagement of a multidisciplinary team to complete detailed design, planning, professional fees and a topographical survey. Procurement documents are currently being compiled for procurement of consultants to bring this to planning stage. This will be progressed in Q1 2025.

**Participation Nation Outdoor Fund**

Funding has been secured under the Participation Nation Outdoor Fund in conjunction with Sports Partnership for the installation of 3x3 Basketball Court and biodiversity measures at St. Paul's Playground, Nenagh. This is one of three projects funded in Tipperary under this programme. Tender processes will be undertaken in Q1 2025 and works progressed thereafter.

**Entente Florale Competition 2025**

Preliminary on-line meeting has taken place with the Department, mentors assigned to assist with the application, representatives of the Terryglass Improvement Association and staff of Tipperary County Council. A meeting on site took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025. A working group has been put in place to progress preparations for the adjudication which will take place in June/July. Next meeting of the working group is scheduled to take place in Terryglass on 6<sup>th</sup> March. A public meeting will be held in April in relation to the competition. Applications have been invited from the owners of property in Terryglass to apply for assistance under a Painting & Enhancement Scheme in order to encourage property owners to have their premises looking well for judging.

**Applications for Grant Funding:**

The closing date for applications under the 2025 Festivals & Events Grant Scheme was Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025. An Assessment Panel has been put in place to consider the applications.

The schemes for Contributions to Clubs & Organisations and the Contributions to Residents' Associations for 2025 were advertised on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Application forms were sent to previous recipients of both grant schemes. The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Early submission of applications would be appreciated.

The Tidy Towns and Burial Ground grant applications have been issued by the Environment Section and Nenagh MD has started receiving completed application forms for same. The closing date for receipt of applications under these schemes is also Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025.





**St. Patrick's Day, Nenagh:**

A Committee has been established in Nenagh to re-introduce the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 17<sup>th</sup> March. A walking parade will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> March starting at 1 p.m. sharp from the Railway Station. The route of the parade will be up Kenyon St., onto Pearse St., up Kickham Street ending in Banba Square. Local schools, clubs and organisations have been invited to participate.

Following the parade there will be a music festival, display of vintage tractors and other festivities in the area around Banba Square/Nenagh Courthouse/Nenagh Tourist Office/Nenagh Arts Centre. All are welcome.

Mr. P. Crowe informed members that the draft preferred tender has been identified for the Platforms for Growth project in Dromineer and some queries have gone back to them. Once clarification has been received the tender recommendation will go to the Director to approve, the letter of intent will then issue and there will be a waiting period of 2 weeks during which time further queries will be addressed. The contract will then be signed with the expectation that the contractor will be onsite by the end of March. Construction stage is expected to take 9 months and the project should be completed by the end of the year.

Funding of €12.7m has been allocated to the SECOE project for design/planning and detailed design. A very competent Integrated Design Team is in place and they are working on the preliminary design. Due to the nature of this project there is many moving parts and consistent engagement with stakeholders and landowners. He does believe that discussions are close to finalising the acquisition of a site for the project. At the moment the programme is scheduled to go for planning later in the year and for a contractor to be appointed in 2026. There is a timeframe of 12 to 18 months for construction but this will be determined by the detailed design. The location of the building is vital but all stakeholders are excited by this project.

There is an Integrated Design Team in place to bring the Garrykennedy Inner Harbour to design stage. The design is being compiled at the moment and consultation is taking place with all the stakeholders. This design will include changing places and it is expected that planning will be submitted by the end of March.

Ms. R. Joyce informed members that funding of €37,000 has been secured for work on the Governor's House. She encouraged groups to submit applications for the grants schemes as early as possible. She extended good wishes to Cllr. Morgan Walsh and the Chamber of Commerce on the return of the St Patrick's Day parade. The Ballina Twinning Committee has been invited to Basse Goulaine and the proposal would be that Cllr. Bugler would represent the members. The Press Photographers exhibition will be returning to the Civic Offices again this year and it is hoped that the exhibition that is currently in the library from the Lough





	<p>Derg Sub Aqua club would be displayed in the concourse. There has also been a request received from a developer to attend in committee prior to the March meeting, this was agreed by the members.</p> <p>Cllr. Morgan Walsh welcomed the work in Dromineer but had concerns over the fact that planning permission was granted 2 years ago and construction is only starting now. If the project will not be complete by the summer she asked if it would be possible to push back the start date until after the summer. A workshop with business owners in the area would be very useful. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara supported this.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield stated that there are not many changing places facilities in the county and this investment in the area is very important. Cllr. Morris agreed that it would be great if a meeting could be held with the locals and business owners in the area. This project will bring a great facility to the area that can be used all year round. It is important to use the money that has been allocated to the project but he is asking people to be patient in relation to the construction of the facility. Cllr. Morris said SECOE has an extraordinary programme but he will not get too excited until we own the land required. A boat owner made contact with him about the work on Garrykennedy inner harbour as they had not heard anything about the proposed work, he will put them in contact with the project manager.</p> <p>Mr. P. Crowe explained that part of the reason for the delay was the need to include changing places but it is now included and the project is a very strong offering. The existing toilets in Dromineer were always open from St. Patrick's day to the bank holiday in October. He is looking at upgrading the portaloos but there would be concerns around power/maintenance/contractor obligations. He would welcome a meeting with the locals, however would be very against pushing out the start of construction, Fáilte Ireland would also be against this. Mr. P. Crowe believes that the site acquisition for SECOE is very close and it is a very critical time for the project. This part of the project does take time but the location of the building is vital.</p>
<b>Item 7 To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters</b>	<p>The Engineer's checklist was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler raised the issue of a pothole at a joining on the bridge in Ballina, it decomposes very quickly and it may be necessary to use more tarmac. She also asked about a stop sign at the Curravilla Road, signs which were removed at the Millennium Cross and need to be replaced, slow signs at Birdhill National school and the footpath at the Church of Ireland, Templeberry. The first 2 items on the checklist for the Portroe Road could be the same issue. She enquired about when the toilets in Ballina would be re-opened. She also said there is ash die-back in Ashgrove</p>



Meadows and asked would it be possible to get another survey on the trees in Ard Coillte.

Cllr. Morris enquired about the lights at the pedestrian crossing on the Borrisokane Road, the sequencing of the lights at Tyone and if there was any update on Uisce Éireann getting a generator for Coolbawn WTP. Cllr. Morgan Walsh also enquired about the work on the pedestrian lights on the Borrisokane Road and if it would be possible to enforce the double yellow lines at the hospital around Ard Cruidin.

Cllr. Hannigan asked about the possibility of pushing the date of the 1<sup>st</sup> March to allow landowners deal with damaged roadside trees. He also said the centreline marking on the R493 needs to be re-instated and that an audit of all directional signage should be undertaken. He referred to the pinch point at Firmount and the condition of the beech trees in Borrisokane. He asked about the possibility of individual local authorities having discretion in the reduction of the speed limit from 100kmph to 80kmph and said there is a worry that the reduction will lead to driver frustration and cause more accidents.

Cllr. Carroll stated that the residents on the R445 are concerned about the possible reduction in the speed limit and the fact that this could lead to excessive overtaking. There are no centre lines/cats' eyes on the R494 and it is a poorly aligned road. The open river at Hogan's Pass is dangerous and Ballyrusheen Junction and Derrybeg onto the R494 need to be looked at. There are large trees at Roulagh/Ard Coillte, they are on an embankment and would be outside of the remit of any landowner. Lighting is impacted.

Cllr. O'Meara thanked Mr. P. McGrath for the work that was done at Walshpark Cross however additional signage may be required. He requested an update on the speed survey at Ballygraique and the lights at Riverstown. He also enquired about the need for permits to take down trees damaged in the storm saying it is difficult to get tree surgeons at the moment and if a farmer has to do the work themselves would the Council be in a position to help with closing off the road or traffic management.

Cllr. Quirke O'Meara raised the issue of the 2 lights that are not working in Kilcommon since October, this was reported on the app as urgent but now there are 3 not working. She asked how much the Latteragh realignment will cost and if any additional funding will be allocated for the area. She asked could the Council get information on the loss of trees and stressed it will be important to replace them. Some of the new speed limit signage has been placed on roads that are private. Cllr. J.P. O'Meara queried if it was possible to inform the public of what to do if they find rubbish dumped in an area. He would have concerns over the possible



reduction of the speed limit on the old N7 to 80kmph and asked if it would be possible to get a copy of the PSI ratings. Cllr. Bonfield said the issue in relation to dumping can be discussed with Environment when they attend the District meeting. She asked if the €500,000 allocation for the R503 is enough to complete the job and if this could be kept on the agenda with TII. Cllr. Bonfield enquired if there is engagement with the Gardaí in relation to speeding and with Coillte, as they cause a lot of damage to the roads when carrying out work.

Mr. P. Keane explained that the repairs on the pothole on the bridge in Ballina is only temporary but a more permanent repair will be completed when the new crossing is open, at the moment it is difficult as 7,000 cars are using the bridge a day. The ESB is to energise the pedestrian crossing on the Borrisokane Road, this was delayed due to the storms. Further engagement will take place with the contractor in Tyone. It may be possible for the traffic warden to look at the parking on the double yellow lines at Ard Cruidin/hospital. The signage at Curravilla Road and the Millennium Cross will be examined. Under the Roads Act the responsibility for trees is with the landowner. The Department of Agriculture and the Tree Council of Ireland will have guidance on what to do. Everything should be recorded and there should be engagement with a professional. Any professional tree surgeon or contractor would undertake the traffic management.

When a road is being done the signage in the area is reviewed. Phase 2 of the review of the speed limits is being undertaken now and the old N7 will form part of that review. The middle white line between Ballina and Portroe is in place along with a lot of warning signs but the area can be reviewed for cats' eyes. There are a number of issues at Hogan's Pass with the proximity of the river to the road and discussions are ongoing with a landowner. The upgrade of the sewerage system in Ballina has been completed and the toilets will be open from St. Patrick's Day on. Access will be by the Waterways Ireland card and signs can be put in place to show where these cards are available to buy. Ard Coillte is not taken in charge and the trees are the developer/residents' responsibility but he will meet with the residents.

If the location is given of the new signage on a private road it can be looked at. The work on the R503 is embankment stabilisation work and he would be very interested in meeting with Coillte again.

Mr. P. McGrath stated that if the centre line on the Puckane road is faded it can be looked at but if the road is too narrow in places a centre line won't be added. The road surface at the Church of Ireland in Templeberry is being rebuilt instead of the footpath. If Cllr. Hannigan gives the details of the directional signage he is concerned about they can be looked at. A few signs need to be put



	<p>back after the work in Walshpark. Clarification is required from Roads in relation to the lights at Riverstown and it is important to report any street lights that are out on the app. The scheme at Firmount is being worked on at the minute.</p> <p>Mr. K. Malone stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the new speed limit signage is in place and the Districts will examine urban areas when guidance is received. If the speed limit on the old N7 has to reduce to 80kmph it will be for a good reason. Approximately 3,500 signs were put in place and it could be likely that some were put in the wrong place. Any discrepancies will be rectified as soon as possible. A new contractor for the street lighting was put in place in the summer and there was a backlog of repairs. The ESB are now back on general repair work after the storm so this should help clear the backlog. An allocation of €6,000,000 has been received for the work in Latteragh in 2025. The main contract will be going to tender and it will be important for the contractors to have a relationship with the landowners.</p> <p>It would be possible to collate the information on the trees and contact can be made with Coillte and the ESB. The issue in relation to private landowners having to remove damaged trees along the roadside and the safety concerns in relation to this is a national issue. The resources are not available in TCC to undertake traffic management for landowners but they could apply for a road closure. He will have to check if it is possible to give the PSI rating to the members.</p> <p>Mr. L. Brett explained that there has been an increase in the roads allocations of 8.9% over the last 3 years. Even though inflation has also gone up the increase in the allocation is a step in the right direction.</p>
<b>Item 8. To consider Notices of Motion</b>	<p><b>Notice of Motion No: 2933 submitted by Cllr. Bugler</b></p> <p>I request Tipperary county council to write to TII to install bus stop on R494 in the vicinity of Ballina GAA grounds. Many people use the bus and currently the only bus stop is at other side of the town.</p> <p>Notice of motion 2933 was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. Bugler as follows:</p> <p><i>Tipperary County Council has been liaising with the NTA bus team in relation to bus stop improvements across the County and the possibility of additional stops on the 323 bus service that connects with Ballina and has identified the need for an additional stop to cater for the north end of Ballina Town. Tipperary County Council</i></p>



	<p><i>will seek an update from the NTA on planned upgraded on the 323 bus service.</i></p> <p><b>Notice of Motion No: 2934 submitted by Cllr. Bugler</b> I request Tipperary County Council to Take In Charge the verges and green spaces in Cullenagh estate, Ballina as was agreed back in 2015 when roads, footpaths, water infrastructure was taken in charge.</p> <p>Notice of motion 2934 was proposed by Cllr. Bugler and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. Bugler as follows:</p> <p><i>On the 23 October 2015, the Council took in charge the open spaces, car parks, sewers, water mains and service connections within the Cullenagh Estate development, as per the map which was on public display during the prescribed period and as outlined in the Director of Service Report to Members for the October 2015 Municipal District Meeting.</i></p>
<b>Item 9. To note Delegated Employees Orders</b>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris asked if there was a stipulation on those that received a Casual Trading license to fulfil the trading bay for a certain amount of time.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce explained that business can be very weather dependent but that the use of casual trading bays will be monitored. The licensee has to met the terms of the scheme.</p>
<b>Item 10. To consider items of correspondence</b>	<p>None</p>
<b>Item 11. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations</b>	<p>Votes of Sympathy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margaret Gleeson, Silvermines on the death of her husband, Liam, R.I.P.</li> <li>• Jimmy Maher, Portroe on the death of his wife, Mary B. R.I.P.</li> <li>• Josie Fogarty, Newtown on the death of her son, James, R.I.P.</li> <li>• Michael O'Brien, Ballygibbon on the death of his wife, Susan, R.I.P.</li> <li>• Donal Kennedy, Latteragh on the death of his mother, Hannah, R.I.P.</li> <li>• Walsh Family, Ennis/Roscrea on the death of their uncle, Most Reverend Willie Walsh</li> </ul> <p>Votes of Congratulations: None</p>



<b>Item 12.</b> <b>Any other business.</b>	Cllr. M. O'Meara raised the issue of clothes banks. Cllr. Bonfield explained that this is a query for Environment and an email was circulated to members from the Environment Section. Ms. R. Joyce said contact will be made with Environment in relation this.
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This concluded the business of the meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify:-

Signed: Fiona Bonfield  
Cathaoirleach  
Cllr. F. Bonfield

Date: 20/3/2025

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