



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JUNE MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 11.00 AM ON 19th JUNE 2025

Present in chamber	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Louise Morgan Walsh, J.P. O'Meara, Pamela Quirke O'Meara, Séamus Morris, and Phyll Bugler
Present via Zoom	Cllrs. Michael O Meara and Joe Hannigan
Also Present	<p>Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Liam Brett, Director of Services; Mr. Kieran Malone, Senior Engineer; Mr. Barry Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer</p> <p>Economic, Community & Rural Development: Ms. Mary Ryan Senior Enterprise Development Officer; Ms Mary McLoughney, A/Administrative Officer; Ms Mary Stephens, Assistant Staff Officer and Ms Lindsay Cleary, Integration Support Co-Ordinator</p> <p>Cultural Services/Libraries and Biodiversity: Ms. Melanie Scott, Arts Officer & Ms Ann Marie Fleming, Biodiversity Officer</p>
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of the May Meeting held on 15th May 2025	It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Bonfield and resolved that the minutes of the May Meeting held on 15 th May 2025 be adopted.
Item 3. To receive update from Economic, Community and Rural Development	<p>The report from Economic, Community and Rural Development was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler asked for further detail on the trip to Germany, the possibility of a meeting with Fáilte Ireland regarding the Hidden Heartlands, the brochure for the cycle routes and the ORIS funding for signage along Lough Derg. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara enquired about the area where the potential 25 jobs will be created and if it is possible to monitor when these jobs come to fruition.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan expressed concerns about the effect of AI on business and what supports can be given to them. Cllr. M. O'Meara acknowledged the work of LEO and the funding and advice that is given to the agricultural sector. Cllr. Carroll said there is a lot of funding available under the LEADER programme and a lot of project are eligible to apply for funding.</p>



	<p>Ms. M. Ryan said she will bring the tourism related queries to the Tourism Officer. 7 companies went on the trip to Germany and a lot of the were in the carpentry/joinery sector investing in new machinery and technologies. The grants where there was potential for 25 new jobs would be in the engineering, craft, carpentry and food sectors and these could be created over 3 years. There are digital supports to businesses for help with AI and the introduction of AI does not necessarily mean job losses but it may help business owners have more time to promote or progress the business. LEO works with the NTDC to help with farm diversification.</p>
Item 4. To receive update from Cultural Services/ Libraries and Biodiversity	<p>The report on Cultural Services/Libraries and Biodiversity was circulated to members.</p> <p>Ms. M. Scott specifically mentioned the success of the festivities that were held for the Bealtaine Festival. Cllr. Morgan Walsh complimented the music that took place in the hospital and the enjoyment the patients got from it. Cllr. Bonfield said there was also a great response to this in Newport. Cllr. Bugler thanked Ms. M. Scott for the support given to the festivals in Ballina.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield complimented the Biodiversity event that was held recently in the Abbey Court and said the communities really enjoyed it. Cllr. Bugler asked if groups could get in contact with the Biodiversity Officer if they had potential projects for Heritage Week. Cllr. M. O'Meara thanked Ms. Fleming for her help on the barn owl project.</p> <p>Ms. A.M. Fleming said that support will continue for the barn owl project and a Birdwatch Ireland seminar will be taking place in September. If any group have potential projects they should get in contact with her and she will give advice on the best approach.</p>
Item 5. To consider Chief Executive's Report on Part VIII for Newport Courthouse and Bridewell	<p>It was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Bugler and resolved that, pursuant to the requirements of Article 81 of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended, having considered the Chief Executive's Report dated 13th June 2025 the Members of Nenagh Municipal District hereby decide to proceed with the development of Newport Courthouse and Bridewell as outlined in Chief Executive's Report.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield stated that these were 2 beautiful buildings that can now be progressed to provide an additional resource for the community.</p>
Item 6. To receive update on Nenagh Integrated Urban Strategy/Town	<p>Ms. R. Joyce gave a presentation on the Nenagh Integrated Urban Strategy/Town Centre First Plan. She explained that the plan is not set in stone and will be adaptable. The projects will depend on the funding opportunities that arise. The team will be looking at identifying projects that can be delivered based on what issues were raised during the public consultation.</p>



Centre First Plan	<p>All the members complimented the presentation and report and acknowledged the work that was undertaken by Ms. R. Joyce. They stressed the importance that everyone continues to work together to make further progress. An area of concern is the nighttime offering and the problems caused by lack of transport. Other items referred to was the strength of local clubs and organisations, the pressures on business, the two projects for which RRDF funding had been secured (the Historic & Cultural Quarter and the Rialto) and the importance of progressing their delivery, the need to support local businesses and shop local, the contribution made by festivals and events, the legacy of Shane MacGowan and the appropriateness of the mural provided in his memory, the perception of Nenagh as a friendly welcoming town, the importance of the hinterland, the wide range and quality of shops, the deficit in terms of accommodation, Nenagh as a market town.</p> <p>Mr. L. Brett also acknowledged the work of the town team and Ms. R. Joyce for her work. He said it will be important for the community to support the plan going forward.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce thanked the members for their comments. She said that the updated website will be a help in providing information and promoting what the town had to offer. She confirmed that the issues in relation to hackneys particularly at nighttime has been raised at meetings with the Chamber.</p>
Item 7. To discuss proposal for Roundabout Scheme in Nenagh	<p>The proposal for the roundabout scheme and TCC policy was circulated to members.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce explained that the idea is that the scheme will be advertised to businesses and any money raised will be ring-fenced for maintenance or visual improvements to enhance the approach to the towns. If the members agree the suitable areas can be identified. It was proposed by Cllr. J Carroll, seconded by Cllr. L Morgan Walsh and agreed to proceed with the Roundabout Scheme.</p>
Item 8. To update members on projects & events	<p><u>Newport Town Park:</u> Awaiting submission of Final Account and completion of snag list.</p> <p><u>Newport Town Team/Newport Town Centre First Plan:</u> Newport Town Centre First Plan was agreed at the May meeting of Nenagh MD. The Plan will now form the basis for agreeing an Action Plan to progress implementation based on priorities and resources.</p> <p><u>Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First/THRIVE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A meeting with Nic de Jong consultant and the Town Team was held on 10th June at which the feedback from the public consultation process was outlined and discussed. An outline of this will be given at the June 2025 meeting.



- A discussion took place on the emerging projects based on the public consultation and members of the Town Team are currently making their submissions on same.



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- Discussions with Image ICT Solutions Ltd., T/A Storm Web Development are continuing in relation to the revamp of Nenagh.ie for Nenagh Town. There has been consultation with the Town Team on the logo to be used for the website and the process of gathering information has commenced.

Capacity Building – Town Teams:

- An event was held at the Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh on 12th June 2025 to which members of the Town Teams from Nenagh and Newport were invited.
- In addition to this, the invitation was extended to representatives from Tidy Towns Committees and Residents' Associations from both towns.
- Mary Reynolds, internationally acclaimed landscape designer, who launched her career at the Chelsea Flower Show in 2002, attended and gave a fascinating and thought-provoking presentation on shifting the environmental game in nature's favour based on the global movement founded by her called "We are the ARK".

Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub:

Work is progressing on exploring the potential funding sources based on proposed use of the Rialto.

Nenagh Town Park Extension

Following a tender process Lead Engineer, Ecologist and Landscaper are about to be appointed to prepare a concept design for the extension of Nenagh Town Park with a view to progressing to planning stage.

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. Terms & Conditions have been signed off and tender documentation is being drafted. The additional funding allocated through the GMA will enable the works to be completed.
- We will continue to strive to source funding for the various proposals in relation to the Historic & Cultural Quarter as funding calls open up.
- Following successful completion of an Expression of Interest application, work is now in progress on preparation of an application under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme in respect of the 3-storey Gaol Block with a view to securing



	<p>funding to allow this historic heritage building to be brought back into public use.</p> <p><u>Nenagh Centre of Excellence:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work has commenced on initial design and agreeing the red-line boundary for the development.• Discussions are on-going with the property owners.• It is aimed to submit planning through Part 8 process in Q4 2025/Q1 2026.• Meetings are being held fortnightly with the Integrated Design Team. <p><u>Nenagh Transport Hub:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p><u>Platforms for Growth- Dromineer:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contractors are on site. Foundations have been poured and site has been set up.• Fortnightly meetings are being held on site with consultants and contractors.• Proposals for Part 8 Changing Places Facility are currently on public display and submissions may be made up to 11th July 2025. It is aimed to bring the Part 8 before members at the July 2025 meeting so as to progress both parts of the facility as quickly as possible.• An assessment of the accessibility to and from the new facility has been undertaken. Approval in principle to funding for specified measures has been indicated by Fáilte Ireland. The works applied for include induction loop in the WAC, footpaths and associated works, bike stand, pedestrian crossings, street furniture/rest points and resurfacing of carpark with line markings, bays, etc. Funding provided for this will be to a maximum of €161,000. Discussions are currently on-going at District level on delivery of these measures. <p><u>Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ballina Access Promenade and Viewing Area – Project Complete and funding has been drawn down from the Department. Invitation has been issued to Minister Dara Calleary to officially open the project. We are currently trying to agree a date for same.• Newport Courthouse and Bridewell Complex – Report on Part 8 planning is on the agenda for the June meeting of Nenagh MD. Project Development Measures project is now complete and funding has been drawn down for same. <p><u>Casual Trading Bye-Laws</u></p> <p>The number of casual trading licences issued to date for Casual Trading for 2025 or part thereof remains at 12.</p>
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Expressions of Interests for Development Land at Lisbunny

The disposals to Banaghan & Co (Stationery) Ltd and Apex Aviation approved by members at the October plenary meeting are 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 – Castletlough Amenity Area Improvement Works. Three BBQ areas have been installed and we are awaiting installation of park benches.
- Measure One 2023 – Upper Lough Derg Tranquility Area (Mota & Skehanagh). Snagging works to be completed this week.
- 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 have been undertaken. Consultation with local stakeholders in advance of the planning application has commenced. The Design Team Planning Pack is currently under review by Nenagh MD and will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála on 2nd July.
- Clare Glens Project Development Measure – A Consultant and Ecologist have been appointed. A planning application has been submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

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. Survey works are now complete. Design Team has been appointed.

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 are currently being undertaken in conjunction with the other locations in Tipperary and works progressed thereafter. Meeting has been held with the Biodiversity Officer in relation to the siting of the biodiversity area.

Entente Florale Competition 2025

Meetings are on-going with the Department, mentors assigned to assist with the application, representatives of the Terryglass Improvement Association and staff of Tipperary County Council. A working group is progressing preparations for the adjudication which will take place in July. 15 applications have been approved to date from the owners of property in Terryglass under the Painting & Enhancement Scheme.

2025 Painting & Enhancement Scheme:

This scheme has been advertised and applications can now be submitted in respect of premises in Nenagh, Ballina, Newport, Borrisokane, Terryglass and Cloughjordan. Closing date is 22nd August and works must be completed by 10th October. Grant is up to 50% of costs to a max. of €500. To date three applications have been received for Newport and three for Nenagh.

Nenagh Tourist Office:

Nenagh Tourist Office co-ordinated two events for Biodiversity Week – firstly a Scavenger Hunt which was run over two days. The first saw a group of 36 from St. Cronan's and the second saw a group of adults and children identifying different types of plants in the Castle Grounds, the Castle Garden and the grounds of St. Mary's of the Rosary as well as learning about the types of birds to be found in the area. Each group received information leaflets and an assortment of seeds. On each day representatives from Nenagh & Environs Tidy Towns Committee, North Tipperary Development Company, Nenagh Tourist Office and Tipperary County Council collaborated to make the events as informative and entertaining as possible.

The second event was a Nature Poetry Competition for primary schools – Kilcommon, Silvermines, Birdhill, Kilkeary and Killadangan schools all participated. Winning entries from each school were presented with 'The Great Irish Biodiversity Book' by Éanna Ní Lamhna and a 'Love Tipperary' Gift Card. Prizes were sponsored by Nenagh Credit Union.

The Tourist Office also hosted the Cruinniú na n-Óg Unity Youth Work Hub organised by Silver Arch FRC. Such was the interest in and quality of the exhibition that it was agreed to continue the display for two weeks instead of the single day event originally intended.



Focus now moves to preparing for Heritage Week which will take place from 16th to 25th August. Planned events include:

- Foundations of a Mural – from blank canvas to finished product. Follow on screen in the Tourist Office the creation of the mural of Shane MacGowan over the nine days of production and the launch thereafter.
- Guided Tours of the Governor's House and Gatehouse.
- Walking Tour of Nenagh
- Guided Tours of Nenagh Courthouse
- Lecture in Nenagh Tourist Office on Michael Collins & the Foundation of An Garda Síochána 1922 (Dr. John Reynolds)
- Irish Legends – Story Time for Children in Nenagh Heritage Centre
- Lecture in Nenagh Tourist Office on the History of Nenagh Courthouse over 180 years (Michael Reynolds)
- The Foundations of Irish Cuisine – demonstration and talk by Peter Ward of Country Choice in Nenagh Heritage Centre
- The Influence of the Normans on Nenagh – talk by Kevin Whelan at Nenagh Castle
- 'The Big Dig' - Mobile Viking House Workshop at the Courthouse Carpark
- Melodies Beneath the Keep – Sunday lunchtime concert in the Castle Garden

Full details will be advertised and any queries can be referred to Nenagh Tourist Office.

Permits for use of Jetty in Ballina:

One application has been received to date from commercial operators interested in being allocated slots to use the floating jetty in Ballina.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme:

In total €500,000 has been allocated to Tipperary County Council under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme.

Nenagh MD, in conjunction with the Active Travel Team, have secured funding from the National Transport Authority for bus stops/bus shelters at the following locations:

- Portroe Eastbound,
- Portroe Westbound,
- Dromineer,
- Cloughjordan Northbound,
- Cloughjordan Southbound,
- Rearcross Eastbound,
- Rearcross Westbound,
- Ballina Northbound,
- Ballina Southbound,
- Kilcommon Westbound,
- Kilcommon Eastbound



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ballingarry N52 North and Southbound. <p><u>Grant Schemes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payments have been made to 62 of the 66 Burial Ground applicants, with the remainder awaiting documentation from the applicants.• Provisional approval has been granted to 32 Tidy Towns groups. We are waiting submission of reports and receipts so that payment can be made. Two have been paid to date.• Payments have been made to 36 of the 46 Residents Associations, with the remainder awaiting documentation from the applicants.• Payment has been made to 81 of the 89 applications received under the Contributions to Clubs and Organisations grant.• Grant offers have been made to 25 Festivals & Events applications. Three have been paid to date. We are awaiting some festivals/events to take place and submission of reports and receipts so that payment can be made. <p>Cllr. Quirke O'Meara welcomed the announcement in relation to the bus stops. Cllr. Morgan Walsh said a number of areas are looking for bus stops. She said that there is a stop on the Borrisokane Road on the Bus Éireann timetable, but no official bus stop is in place. Cllr. Hannigan also welcomed the news on the bus stops but does have concerns about the number of areas that the local link is to stop where there is no signage to indicate a stop.</p> <p>Mr. K. Malone explained that there are issues in relation to bus stops but Active Travel and the NTA are working together to address the issues.</p>
Item 9. To update members on the Works Programme.	<p>The update on Works Programme was circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr. Carroll stated that a better allocation is required for the CIS/LIS programme. Cllrs. Bugler and Hannigan agreed with this. They were advised that a discussion on this can take place at the roads funding workshop at the end of the month. Cllr. Hannigan also expressed concerns over the rating system that is used. A person on a small scheme could be down the list for a number of years as larger schemes perform better on the scoring system.</p> <p>Cllr. Morgan Walsh raised the issue of the speed limit review especially in relation to the change of speed limit on the Borrisokane Road, it is currently at 80kph and should be 50kph as it is very difficult for the residents of Drummin Village to exit the estate. Cllr. J.P. O'Meara agreed with this but voiced concerns over the fact that even though speed limits are reduced there is no enforcement.</p> <p>Mr. K. Malone explained that guidance on the next phase of the speed limit review was expected in June/July but nothing has been received to date. Any anomalies, like the speed limit on the</p>

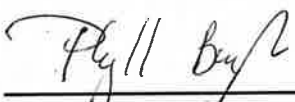


	<p>Borrisokane Road will be examined during the review. There is an issue with finding wording for the guidance document that will make sense in all areas. In relation to the CIS/LIS schemes, they are oversubscribed but no additional funding is available this year. The classification of roads is being examined by the SPC and this will have an effect on the operation of the CIS/LIS programme. All views of the members will be welcome for this review.</p>
Item 10. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters	<p>The checklist was circulated to members and noted.</p>
Item 11. To consider Notices of Motion	<p>Notice of Motion No: 2995 submitted by Cllr. Fiona Bonfield: I call on Tipperary County Council to carry out a speed survey in Newport Town immediately over a full week period and at different times during the days to see the serious speed violations that is happening in the Town. This I call on from many representations received and the need for raised tables/Crossings will be justified</p> <p>Notice of Motion No: 2995 was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Carroll.</p> <p>Response was given to Cllr. Bonfield as follows:</p> <p><i>The Council will carry out a speed survey in Newport Town at a number of locations during July 2025. The results of the survey will be shared with the enforcement authority and considered in the National Speed Limit Review.</i></p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield stated that she understood that there is an enforcement issue and she has contacted the Gardaí but there is a resource issue.</p>
Item 12. To note Delegated Employees Orders	<p>Noted.</p>
Item 13. To consider items of correspondence	<p>There were 2 items of correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email 12th June 2025 from Department of Defence to Deputy Alan Kelly regarding a meeting to discuss the Military Barracks• Email 12th June 2025 from Deputy Ryan O'Meara to Ms. R. Joyce regarding a meeting with Department of Defence to discuss the Military Barracks.



	It was agreed that Cllrs. Morgan Walsh, Morris and J.P. O'Meara would attend the meeting with the Department of Defence.
Item 14. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	<p>Votes of Sympathy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odhran Ducie, Coolbawn on the death of his father, Frank, R.I.P. • Noel Ryan, Newport, on the death of his father, Denis, R.I.P. • Cornelius Houlihan, Lorrha, on the death of his mother, Elizabeth, R.I.P. • Liam and Jenny Brett, Limerick, on the death of Jenny's mother, Jean, R.I.P. • Treacy Family, Nenagh, on the death of their father, Patrick F., R.I.P. • Powell Family, Nenagh, on the death of their sister, Úna, R.I.P. • Gemma McCormack, Tullamore, on the death of her husband, Joe, R.I.P. <p>Votes of Congratulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam O'Farrell, on captaining Tipperary U20's All Ireland final winning team. • Stephen Rosney on his performance on the Irish National Darts competitions.
Item 15. Any other business.	<p>It was agreed that the drainage committee meetings would be held on the day of the July meeting and if necessary the July meeting would be adjourned to allow sufficient time for the drainage committee meetings. The first meeting will take place from 1.30p.m. to 3.30p.m. and the second would be from 3.30p.m. to 5.30p.m.</p> <p>Cllr. J.P. O'Meara welcomed the work that had started by the artists on murals at St. Paul's Playground.</p>

This concluded the business of the meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify:-

Signed: 
Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Phyll Bugler

Date: 17/7/25

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 17/7/25

