

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JULY MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 10.00 AM ON 17th JULY 2025

Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, Joe Hannigan, J.P. O'Meara and
Phyll Bugler
Cllrs. Michael O Meara, Louise Morgan Walsh, Pamela Quirke O'Meara and Séamus Morris
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
Housing: Ms. Deirdre Flannery, A/Administrative Officer; Ms. Breda Ryan, A/Administrative Officer; Ms. Mairead O'Connor, Assistant Engineer; Ms Mary Devine, Assistant Engineer and Mr. Eoin Delaney, Assistant Engineer.
Planning: Ms. Teresa Kiely, Administrative Officer; Mr. Jonathan Flood, Senior Executive Planner; Mr. Fergal O'Donnell, Senior Executive Planner (via Zoom) and Mr. Shane Grogan, A/Senior Executive Officer, (via Zoom)
Tourism: Ms. Carmel Ormond, Destination Lough Derg
None
It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. J.P. O'Meara and resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 19 th June 2025 be adopted.
It was proposed by Cllr. J.P. O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. Carroll and resolved that the minutes of the June Meeting held on 19 th June 2025 be adopted.
The report from Housing was circulated to members. Cllr. Bugler asked about 2 bed properties in Ballina and possible development land at the back of Centra. Cllr. Bonfield enquired if
there is any update on the possible increase in the income threshold and about an affordable housing scheme for Nenagh. Cllr. Carroll asked if the intention was to increase the number of properties done under the energy efficiency scheme.
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Ms D. Flannery confirmed that she will speak to Housing Capital regarding the land in Ballina. No update has been received yet about a change to the income threshold, members will be notified if anything is received. Ms. B. Ryan explained that an expression of interest was open for an affordable housing scheme but none were received. It can be re-opened if anyone becomes aware of someone that maybe interested. Mr. E. Delaney confirmed that the allocation for the energy efficiency upgrades has been the same over the last number of years.

Item 5. To receive update Planning and Development

The report from Planning was circulated to members.

Cllr. Bonfield asked what will be done with the €1m allocated under the URDF for vacancy/dereliction. Cllr. Carroll enquired about the timeframe for the Review of the National Planning Framework. Cllr. Bugler requested clarification on when the properties that were not previously included for residential zoned tax are liable to pay to tax.

Cllr. Hannigan welcomed the progress on the Nenagh WWTP but asked what can be done to progress the smaller areas that require an upgrade. He expressed concerns about an issue that arose recently in relation to planning permission for a wind farm and the fact that the TCC decision was overturned by An Coimisiún Pleanála. This is difficult for the members and public to understand.

Cllr. Morris stated that the current population trends are out of date and population targets should be set, but the addition of IPAS in an area affects population trends. He welcomed the progress on the upgrade of the Nenagh WWTP and would be interested to look at the traffic management plan that will be in place during construction. It would be important that this traffic goes through Lisbonney. He believes contact should be made with the local TDs to get the investment into the smaller schemes that need upgrading rather than investing in pumping water from the Shannon to Dublin.

Mr. S. Grogan explained that the €1m funding allocated under URDF is to bring properties that are derelict back into use. None of this funding has been spent yet. At the moment there are 77 properties countywide on the list and any property that receives a derelict site notice will be added.

Mr. F. O'Donnell explained that the variation of the County Development Plan is to increase the land available for development. Further guidance is to be received, the population targets will determine the variations and when they are available a workshop will be held with members. At the moment as much information as possible is being gathered to ensure everything is ready to go once the guidelines have been received as the process is time bound. It was made clear in the submission that the

	blockages to development have to be addressed, there can't be
	growth without investment in infrastructure. The Office of Planning
	Regulator publishes leaflets explaining how An Coimisiún Pleanála
	make decisions. On the RZLT maps were published in February
	showing the scope. Properties added are liable for the tax after 3
	years from when added.
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Mr. J. Flood advised that the capacity limitations in the district are well documented with Uisce Éireann. Planning takes every opportunity to raise the issue and are currently talking to UÉ about Ballycommon. There are different rules under law for An Coimisiún Pleanála when they are involved in making a decision. In certain circumstances they can consider permissions which would constitute a material contravention. This would be documented in the inspector's report. There is a requirement on the planning permission for the upgrade to the Nenagh WWTP that the traffic management plan is to be agreed with the County Council.

Item 6. To consider Director of Services report and to approve Declaration of Public Roads

It was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Carroll and resolved that pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993, this Municipal District hereby agrees to declare the roads serving the areas known as:

- Mulcair View, Newport, Co. Tipperary.
- Stafford Street Enterprise Centre, Stafford Street, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.
- Castle Oak Crescent, Castle Oak Mews, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary

Item 7. To agree three priority National Roads items for this District, for inclusion on the agenda for the annual meeting with TII.

Mr. B. Murphy outlined that the 3 locations submitted previously were – Carrigahorig Village (flooding scheme and development work), the N52 on the Nenagh Bypass and the poor alignment on the N52 Borrisokane to Birr Road.

Cllr. Hannigan asked about the Borrisokane to Ballingarry section, it is the only section of the N52 that has not got work done. Cllrs. Carroll and M. O'Meara supported this. Cllr. M. O'Meara is concerned that the progress in Carrigahorig appears to have stalled.

The 3 priorities as outlined by Mr. B. Murphy were proposed by Cllr. Hannigan and seconded by Cllr. Bonfield.

Item 8. To receive presentation from Destination Lough Derg Tourism Officer

Ms. Carmel Ormond gave a presentation on her role as Destination Lough Derg Tourism Officer.

Cllr. Hannigan welcomed the presentation and complimented the work that is taking place and said it would be great if the service providers were given the same presentation. He referred to the various offerings available in the area. Cllrs. Carroll and Bonfield also welcomed the presentation and the coverage given on the Nationwide Programme. It highlighted the product available in the area. Cllr. M. O'Meara agreed that there was a lot on offer in the



area but asked about replacing the noticeboard in Lorrha and providing one in Rathcabbin. Cllr. J.P. O'Meara stated that the presentation showed a common-sense approach, and it was great to see a new generation of entrepreneurs in the sector.

Cllr. Bugler stated that it would have been good if an elected member was involved in the Nationwide programme and asked that this would be considered in future. She thinks that not enough providers are aware of what is on offer and asked if it would be possible to have another meeting with the accommodation providers. There may be providers that they are not aware of and it would be important that these are included. The visitor numbers from overseas does not seem to have increased and it would be important to get the breakdown of visitors. Cllr. Bugler would like to contact her outside of the meeting to discuss Quest and the possibility of offering more activities like a fishing festival and rowing competition. She also expressed concerns about the number of sunken boats at the jetty.

Ms. C. Ormond thanked the members for their comments. She explained that the accommodation providers are contacted 3 times by email and a follow up call to ask if they are interested in being contacted. If they don't agree or if a response is not received they can not be included in any of the listings due to GDPR. Fáílte Ireland will only advertise paid up members. It is a free service but the providers have to engage. Tourism Ireland are launching campaigns in France, Germany and Canada. At the moment there is not a collection of figures for specific areas. MRBI surveys are carried out which may give some information in relation to visitor figures. Data is also collected in the Tourist Office from visitors who call in. There is continuous contact with Quest and any new initiative including rowing would be welcome. She mentioned that two new brochures are being produced – one on cycleways and one on the Shane MacGowan trail.

Mr. L. Brett explained that the removal of sunken boats is the responsibility of the boat owner and not the local authority.

Item 9. To note Nenagh Town Centre First Plan

Ms. R. Joyce explained that a presentation was given on the Nenagh Town Centre First Plan at the last meeting and it was now before the members for noting. The Plan is a vision for Nenagh and will evolve over time. It is flexible and priorities can change. The objectives of the plan will be built into an action plan and will be priority based. Available funding will then be examined. The document reflects the input from the community and is a 15-year framework. Clirs. Bonfield and Bugler than ked Ms. Joyce and the Town Team for the work put into the plan.

Item 10.

Ms. R. Joyce explained that it was agreed at the Corporate Policy Group that a Civic Reception would be held for Nenagh Ormond



To discuss
arrangements
for Civic
Reception for
Nenagh Ormond
RFC

RFC. Discussions will take place with the club regarding the date but it will probably be the end of August/start of September. A video has been commissioned on the club and this will be shown on the night.

Item 11. To update members on projects & events

Newport Town Park:

Awaiting submission of Final Account and completion of snag list.

Newport Town Team/Newport Town Centre First Plan: 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.

Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First/THRIVE:

 Following on from the discussion at the June meeting the Nenagh Town Centre First Plan is an item on the agenda for the July meeting of Nenagh Municipal District.









 Discussions with Image ICT Solutions Ltd., T/A Storm Web Development are continuing in relation to the revamp of Nenagh.ie for Nenagh Town. The initial proposals for the logo to be used for the website have been rejected and alternative proposals have now been received which are under consideration. A set of photographs and videos have been provided to the consultants to help shape the development of the website.

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 have been appointed to prepare a concept design for the extension of Nenagh Town Park with a view to progressing to planning stage. The Ecologist is currently undertaking surveys as required.

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 funding to allow this historic heritage building to be brought back into public use. The closing date for submission is 25th July. The proposed works based on which the application is being made have already received Part 8 planning approval through the proposals developed with funding from RRDF Cat 2 for the Historic & Cultural Quarter.

Nenagh Centre of Excellence:

- Work has commenced on initial design and the red-line boundary for the development has been agreed with the design team.
- 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.

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:

- A ceremony to mark the commencement of construction will be held on 24th July 2025 on site in Dromineer.
- Contractors are on site. Progress has been made and work is ongoing on putting the structure in place.
- 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 25th July 2025. In order not to have delays which will impact on delivery of both aspects of the project it is suggested that a special meeting be held to consider the Part 8 this can be held via zoom if necessary.
- 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.



Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022

- Ballina Access Promenade and Viewing Area Project Complete and funding has been drawn down from the Department.
 Minister Dara Calleary has indicated his availability to officially open the project on 2nd September.
- Newport Courthouse and Bridewell Complex –Part 8 planning was approved at the June meeting of Nenagh MD. Project Development Measures project is now complete and funding has been drawn down for same.

Casual Trading Bye-Laws

The number of casual trading licences issued to date for Casual Trading for 2025 or part thereof remains at 12.

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 Castlelough Amenity Area Improvement Works. Three BBQ areas have been installed and we are awaiting finalisation of outstanding work.
- Measure One 2023 Upper Lough Derg Tranquility Area (Mota & Skehanagh). Works are now complete.
- Project Development Measures 2022 Garrykennedy Inner Harbour. Integrated Design Team led by DRA Consulting appointed. Planning application has been submitted in July to An Coimisiún Pleanála. This project is now complete as the planning application has been submitted. We await the outcome of same. Should planning approval be received funding will be sought for the works involved.
- Clare Glens Project Development Measure A planning application has been submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Four submissions were received following the public consultation period. This project is now complete as the planning application has been submitted and we await the outcome of same. Should planning approval be received funding will be sought for the work involved.

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 from 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 and are working on going to Planning in September. A Section 50 application has been made to OPW for approval to put bridge over the river.

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 will be progressed thereafter. Meeting has been held with the Biodiversity Officer in relation to the siting of the biodiversity area.

Entente Florale Europe Competition 2025

Judging took place on Friday 11th July in Terryglass. A judging panel consisting of Jarek Brzak (chair) from Czech Republic, Szilvia Spanyarné from Hungary and Ruediger Kirsten from Germany were given presentations and a tour of various points of interest in Terryglass. At each stop there was someone to provide background information. Two representatives from the Tidy Towns unit in the Department of Rural & Community Development and the Gaeltacht and the two mentors assigned, Dr. Christy Boylan and Bill Kearney, Secretary General of Entente Florale Europe were also present. Cathaoirleach of Nenagh MD, Cllr. Phyll Bugler was introduced to the judges and assisted in the raising of the Entente Florale flag on the green near the Heron Monument. On a gloriously sunny day Terryglass was sparkling and the judges were impressed. Judging was based on ten criteria:

- Planning and Development
- Sustainable Environment Climate Change Mitigation
- Built Environment
- Landscape
- Green Spaces
- Planting Permanent and Seasonal
- Environmental Education
- Effort and Involvement
- Tourism and Leisure
- Communications

The feedback from the judges was that evidence was demonstrated to show that all the criteria were met.

15 applications have been approved to date from the owners of property in Terryglass under the Painting & Enhancement Scheme and eight have been paid out to date.

The committee have been working on preparation for the Entente Florale event for approximately seven months and on the day everybody played their part. Well done to all. A particular word of thanks to Michael Houlihan for all the work done by him not just for this but all year round in maintaining the area.

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 fourteen applications have been received for locations other than Terryglass – three for Newport and eleven for Nenagh. 12 applications have been provisionally approved and two have been paid out. Remainder are awaiting submission of documentation on completion of the work.

Nenagh Tourist Office:

Nenagh Tourist Office is currently focusing on 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.

Engagement is currently ongoing with the Alzheimer's Society to host an exhibition in the Tourist Office later this year.

Permits for use of Jetty in Ballina:

One application has been issued for use of 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. Details of locations in the Nenagh MD were outlined last month.

Grant Schemes:

- 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 90 applications received under the Contributions to Clubs and Organisations grant.
 Recommendation to be considered at July MD meeting for one further application - €250 for Martin O' Meara VC Committee, Lorrha.
- 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.

Ms. R. Joyce informed members that there will be a ceremony in Dromineer on the 24th July for the new facility and the Part VIII for the changing places will be on public display until the 25th July. If members are agreeable a special meeting will be held on the 1st August to consider the Part VIII, members agreed to this. Paddy Matthews, Failte Ireland will attend the October meeting and if members have any specific queries they should email them before the meeting.

The official opening of the Ballina Viewing point by the Minister is scheduled for the 2nd September. The projects in Garrykennedy and Clare Glens have gone as far as possible for the moment but if planning permission is received on them, applications for funding can then be made.

It was a great day in Terryglass and a special mention has to go to Michael Houlihan on the work he has done in the area.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. Bugler and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the 2025 Contribution to Clubs/Organisations Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:-

Club/Organisation	Recommendation
Martin O'Meara VC Committee, Lorrha	€250.00

Item 12. To update members on the Works Programme.

The update on the Works Programme was circulated to members.

Mr. B. Murphy explained that the programme was progressing well. The big jobs remaining are the recycling jobs which will begin in August and a job in Kilkeary, where there will have to be a road closure for 3 days. The CIS and the LIS schemes have been completed but there is a backlog of 20 schemes and additional funding is required to do these schemes. The drainage, bridge and development levies jobs would be the next jobs to be progressed. The members complimented the work to date but they said it was important to get additional funding.

Item 13. To note Engineer's Checklist on roads matters

The checklist was circulated to members and noted.

Cllr. Carroll raised the issue of illegal parking by transient groups and how it is unacceptable. Legislation needs to help landowners, if this is allowed to carry on a lot of good work will be in jeopardy. Oireachtas members have to help residential and commercial property owners to get this addressed. At the moment there are 3 sites of illegal encampments. There has to be an environmental issue with these encampments, if a property owner has an issue with a septic tank it has to be rectified. He requested contact be made with TII in relation to the area at the attenuation pond and that the reply would be circulated to members.

Item 14. To consider Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion No: 3008 submitted by Cllrs. Michael O'Meara and Quirke O'Meara:

That this municipal district request the HSE to do a report on the current and proposed use of unoccupied Dispensary Buildings and public health facilities in the Nenagh Municipal area. Some of these health care facilities are abandoned and poorly maintained in our towns and villages. We need to consult with the planning department to formulate a policy on public owned buildings. Some of these buildings are zoned within the County Development Plan as public and amenity or other zoning matrixes which precludes them from being considered for much needed residential development.

Notice of Motion No: 3008 was proposed by Cllr. M. O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. Quirke O'Meara

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Item 15. To note Delegated Employees Orders	Noted.		
Item 16. To consider items of correspondence	None		
Item 17. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	Votes of Sympathy- None Votes of Congratulations - None		
Item 18. Any other business.	None		

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

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. Phyll Bugler

Date. _

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Signed:

Ms. Rosemary Joyce

District Administrator

Date: _____

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