

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE OCTOBER MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 10.00 AM ON 16th OCTOBER 2025

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Present in chamber	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, John Carroll, J.P. O'Meara, Phyll Bugler, Pamela Quirke O'Meara, Michael O Meara, Louise Morgan Walsh, Joe Hannigan and Séamus Morris
Also Present	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 Finance: Ms. Sarah O'Callaghan, Financial Management Accountant
Item 1.	None
To note any	n.
Disclosures/ Conflicts of	«
Interest	
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes	It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Morgan Walsh and resolved that the minutes of the September Meeting held on 18 th September be adopted.
of the September Meeting held on 18 th September 2025	Cllr. Carroll stated that the issue of illegal parking is not acceptable and referred to the position in relation to Tullaheady and Carrigatoher. The parking at the attenuation pond is an environmental issue, it needs to be addressed as it could lead to problems on the motorway. If a private residence had issues with a septic tank action would be taken against them. Cllr. Morris supported this and expressed concerns about the clean up costs that will be associated with both these sites and the possibility of getting these costs recouped through social welfare payments to the occupiers. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara also supported the concerns in relation to the illegal parking and especially the concerns in
e 185	relation to burning that is taking place on the sites. Ms. R. Joyce explained that the executive share the same concerns as the members. The legal advice given was that the matter should be dealt with through enforcement under Planning Legislation.
Item 3.	Ms. R. Joyce explained that the draft budgetary plan was
To consider and	circulated. The allocation of the GMA is based on the on the 2022 census and is in line with the allocation received for 2025. There
adopt Nenagh MD Draft	will be a workshop to discuss the allocation to individual projects
Budgetary Plan	in March.
for 2026	
	A number of the members raised concerns in relation to the housing budget and the difficulty in getting some repair work done. There is also concern that the Nenagh MD is not getting the same allocation of houses as other Districts and this is mainly due

×	to the issues with approval from Uisce Éi and wastewater systems in a number of raised concerns about Part Vs and the di developers to progress construction of he	areas. Members also fficulty in getting
22	Mr. L. Brett explained that Uisce Éireann approval in principle to connections in lin development of the Nenagh plant now the granted for the upgrade of the plant.	e with the timing of the
	Ms. R. Joyce told members that the draft relation to the services is for information the 2025 allocations and that the allocation principle in advance of the budget measurement of the housing budge around the provision of new housing deviated to the Housing and Planning section be a budget workshop with members late the budget areas further.	purposes only based on ion of the GMA is approval eting. The issues and et and the difficulties elopments will be fed as required. There will
	It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seco resolved that pursuant to the provisions Government Act 2001 as amended by Se Local Government Reform Act 2014 the I prepared in accordance with the provisio considered by the members be and is he amendment.	of Section 102 of Local ection 58(e)(c) of the Draft Budgetary Plan ns of the Act as
Item 4. To approve extinguishment of a section of a public right of way at Sragh, Capparoe	It was proposed by Cllr. Quirke O'Meara and seconded by Cllr. Carroll and resolved that having regard to the Director of Services Report to the Members and recommendation dated 10 October 2025, the Members of Nenagh Municipal District, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 73(2) of the Roads Act 1993, hereby make an Order Extinguishing the Public Right of Way on the L-60671-0 at Sragh, Capparoe, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. The length of road to be extinguished is 120.7m from "X" to "Y" marked in red as shown on the map that was on public display.	
Item 5. To agree date for the Nenagh Municipal District Awards	It was agreed to hold the Nenagh Munici Thursday 20 th November.	pal District Awards on
Item 6. To approve allocation under grant schemes	It was proposed by Cllr. Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Quirke O'Meara and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Contribution to Burial Grounds Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:	
9	Burial Ground Committee	Recommendation
. "	Ballinahinch New Graveyard	€668.55
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It was proposed by Cllr. Bonfield and seconded by Cllr. Carroll and resolved that in accordance with the terms of the Contribution to Clubs and Organisations Grant Scheme the payment of grants be made to the following:

Club/Organisation	Recommendation
Birdhill Folk Group	€300.00

Item 7. To update members on projects & events

Newport Town Park:

Awaiting final sign off.

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.
- Meeting of Newport Town Team to be arranged.

Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First/THRIVE:

- Copies of the Nenagh Town Centre First Plan are now available.
- Claim for THRIVE funding allocated for preparation of the TCF Plan submitted.
- Meeting of Nenagh Town Team to be arranged and action plan to be developed.
- Agreement reached with Nenagh Guardian to provide updates in relation to the Nenagh Town Team and the TCF Plan on a regular basis.









 Feedback given to Image ICT Solutions Ltd., T/A Storm Web Development on the revised proposals for logo for Nenagh.ie. Refinements received and currently being assessed.

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.
- Design on going first draft of ecologist reports/screening and civil/structural drawings completed.
- Landscaper to submit options.
- Aim is to submit for Planning by end of November 2025.

Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter

- Works are nearing completion on the conservation works to the windows of the Governor's House funded under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and the GMA. These are scheduled for completion before end of October. Windows were taken off-site for repair. They have now been returned on site and work is commencing on re-painting and reinstallation.
- Application has been submitted to the Department 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. Awaiting decision on same.
- 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:

- Work is progressing 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.

RRDF Call 4 - Category 2:

An allocation of €1 million has been awarded under RRDF Call 4 – Category 2 for a Town Centre Regeneration Project in Killaloe-Ballina. The lead authority for this is Clare County Council. The funding is for design and planning with a view to submitting a future application under Category 1 for funding to deliver the project. We will now liaise with Clare County Council to progress this.

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.

Works on Abbey Lane & Kenyon St:

- Works have commenced on the pedestrianisation on the top part of Abbey Lane. This is now closed to traffic.
- Installation of the new pedestrian crossing on Kenyon St. has also commenced.

Platforms for Growth- Dromineer:

- Work is progressing on site.
- Fortnightly meetings are being held on site with consultants and contractors.
- Provision of Changing Places Facility will be progressed.

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, first draft of car park design received and consultation on same has taken place with local community. Contractor to be appointed this month.

Casual Trading Bye-Laws

- Tipperary County Council (NMD) has recently advertised, inviting applications for Casual Trading Licences for 2025, or part thereof, in the designated areas Dromineer, Clare Glens, Garrykennedy, Castlelough, Ballina Riverside Park, Newport and the Lookout. Licences must be reapplied for on an annual basis. Closing date for receipt of completed applications is 4.30 p.m. on Friday 31st October 2025.
- To date for 2025 a total of 12 Casual Trading Licences have issued.

Expressions of Interests for Development Land at Lisbunny The disposals to Banaghan & Co (Stationery) Itd and Anex

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 2025. This will be revisited in 2026. The provision of facilities for lifeguards will also be 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 a small amount of outstanding work.
- Measure One 2023 Upper Lough Derg Tranquility Area (Mota & Skehanagh). Works are now complete.
- Project Development Measures 2022 Garrykennedy Inner Harbour. Planning application was submitted in July to An Coimisiún Pleanála. This project is now complete as the planning application has been submitted. On-site meeting with representatives of the Development Association took place at end of September. Four submissions were received following the public consultation period and we have now submitted our observations on these submissions to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

- 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 and we have now submitted our observations on these submissions to An Coimisiún Pleanála. 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 October. Draft planning pack circulated internally for comment and Design Team are currently reviewing comments received. 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 have been undertaken in conjunction with the other locations in Tipperary. The contract has now been awarded for the basketball courts and works will commence 20th October. Meeting has been held with the contractors in relation to the options for the biodiversity area which are based on planting of rain garden in which at least 70% of the planting is pollinator friendly.

Entente Florale Europe Competition 2025

The community of Terryglass is celebrating a remarkable achievement after being awarded a Gold Medal at the prestigious Entente Florale Europe Awards, held on Saturday 27th September in Velenje, Slovenia. The event marked the 50th anniversary of the competition, which honours towns and villages across Europe for excellence in environmental enhancement, sustainability, and community engagement. Terryglass was proudly nominated by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to represent Ireland in this year's competition. Terryglass impressed the international jury with its commitment to green spaces, biodiversity, and strong community spirit. Terryglass was

one of two participants from Ireland in the competition. Maynooth also represented Ireland in the towns category and also achieved gold medal status – Ireland therefore secured two of the five gold medals awarded. Gold medal status required achieving over 85% on the ten specified criteria. The award is a testament to the tireless work of the Terryglass Tidy Towns group, local volunteers, and residents who have worked together to enhance the village's natural beauty and sustainability.

15 applications were received under the Painting & Enhancement Scheme for Terryglass. 9 have been paid to date and documentation is awaited from the remainder.

2025 Painting & Enhancement Scheme:

45 applications have been received to date in respect of locations other than Terryglass. 45 have received provisional approval and 16 applicants have been paid to date. We are awaiting completion of works and submission of receipts and photographs from the remaining applicants.

Nenagh Tourist Office:

During Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival Nenagh Tourist Office hosted two workshops on Saturday 11th October.

Plans in relation to Christmas in the Historic & Cultural Quarter are currently being formalised. An application has been made to OPW for consent to use the Castle Grounds and Castle for 'Christmas at the Castle' which is scheduled for $12^{th}-14^{th}$ December and will include festive market, uplighting of trees and Castle, Santa's Grotto, musical entertainment, winter wonderland in the Castle Garden and much, much more. The turning on of the Christmas lights in Nenagh is proposed for Sunday 30^{th} November.

Permits for use of Jetty in Ballina:

One application has been issued for use of the floating jetty in Ballina in 2025.

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 previously advised. Works on the bus stops are being progressed. The installation of the shelters will not take place until after Christmas as the shelters have to come from abroad.

Grant Schemes:

- Payments have been made to 66 of the 67 Burial Ground applicants. There is one final application which will be brought before the October District Meeting.
- Provisional approval has been granted to 32 Tidy Towns groups. Eight have been paid to date, two are due to receive payment in the next payrun and we are waiting submission of

- reports and receipts so that payment can be made to the remainder.
- Payments have been made to 41 of the 46 Residents Associations and we are awaiting documentation from the remaining applicants.
- Payment has been made to 85 of the 91 applications received under the Contributions to Clubs and Organisations grant, one is due for consideration at the October District Meeting, and the remaining applicants are due to submit documentation.
- Grant offers have been made to 26 Festivals & Events applications. Fifteen 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. In October the very successful Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival was held. There was a high level of attendance at all events, and it drew large audiences from near and far as well as top quality presenters/entertainers. The Committee are to be commended for their continued commitment to providing an excellent festival. We now look forward to Spleodar which will take place in Nenagh from 28th October to 31st October with stories, workshops, parade, fireworks and much more.

Ms. R. Joyce congratulated Terryglass on their success at the Entente Florale Europe competition and thanked Cllr. Hannigan and Ms. Carmel Ormond, Lough Derg Tourism Officer for accompanying the group to Slovenia on behalf of Tipperary County Council. She also welcomed the announcement of €1m under RRDF for Ballina/Killaloe and congratulated the Dromineer and Nenagh Literary Festival on the great events held. A lot of events were sold out.

Cllr. Morris also congratulated the DNLF organisers and said it had grown into something incredible and that doesn't happen without hard work. He expressed concerns about the green algae on the lake, it is important to protect the lake and he would like to get the various interest groups together to help do that. Money is spent on services beside the lake like greenways and to bring water to Dublin. He is also concerned about the funding for projects, the money spent to get projects to a certain stage can be a waste if additional funding doesn't become available to complete it.

Cllr. Bugler asked what the €1m allocated to Ballina/Killaloe would be spent on. She stated Ballina is very lucky to get the new bridge but it is a bypass and Ballina has suffered since. A meeting needs to be held to help market Ballina and get business back into the area.

Cllr. Quirke O'Meara welcomed the funding for Ballina/Killaloe but said local businesses are suffering due to the changes in the area. While all developments are welcome the dynamic has changed and

businesses will need to be supported. She agreed with Clir. Morris that the water quality in the lake has to be managed.

Cllr. J.P. O'Meara said it was great to see the pedestrianisation of Abbey Lane and requested an update on the transport hub for Nenagh. He asked if it does go ahead could the existing bus stops be used as loading bays. Double parking and parking on double yellow lines on Mitchell Street and Summerhill is causing problems. Some of the furniture in the town park needs to be removed. He also said it is a priority to address parking needs in Ballina.

Cllr. Hannigan stated that the environment around and within the Shannon is very important. It is a slow flowing river and it is important to get all the relevant groups together. Cllr. Bonfield believes that the community in Ballina will work with the local authority and improve business in the area. The message has to go to Government that it is not acceptable to spend money bringing projects to a certain stage and then having to wait for further funding to complete the project.

Cllr. M. O'Meara informed members that areas north of Portumna by the River Shannon have been flooded. The river has been used by the state for a variety of reasons without proper care, the Just Transition Fund does not cover North Tipperary. The pipeline to Dublin will be difficult to stop, there were farmers in the area that had to draw water during the summer.

Cllr. Carroll agreed that it was important to have a meeting of the stakeholders of the River Shannon and Lough Derg. An EPA report has stated that the quality of drinking water has decreased. He does believe consultants have a role to play in the progression of projects. Cllr. Morgan Walsh welcomed the extension to Nenagh Town Park and asked about the possibility of the new development having a sensory garden element. She expressed concern about the condition of some of the existing wooden equipment and furniture.

Mr. L. Brett agreed that there has been huge change in Ballina and that contact can be made with Community & Economic Development and Tourism to work with the businesses in the area. He stated that there is a lot of ambitious projects in the District and some of them do not progress but it is important to remember what has been achieved.

Ms. R. Joyce explained that the money allocated to Ballina/Killaloe will not be for construction costs but to bring a project to planning/design stage. €1m is the maximum amount that can be allocated under this scheme. A lot of the projects are not dead in the water and she wouldn't agree that any money spent to date on them is a waste. The windows are being replaced in the Governor's House and even though it is not the main project it is important work to get done. Further allocations for projects is very

dependent on county and national selections. There is always a time lag between the planning and design stage of a project and the actual construction of it.

There would be interest in the possibility of a sensory garden element to the town park extension and she will talk to the project manager on this. While there is a deterioration in some of the existing equipment the grass and paths are well maintained. Instruction has been given to remove some of the equipment and consideration can be given to allocation of funding under GMA next year for its replacement.

Fines are issued to anyone parking in loading bays during the relevant times. The wardens do not issue a fine if someone is sitting in a car. They have been subject to abuse when enforcing parking bye-laws. The turnover of spaces in the town is important but she will speak to the wardens in relation to particular areas of concern raised by the members.

Contact will be made with LEO/Tourism and Community and Economic Development in relation to Ballina but it is important that businesses in the area work together.

Item 8. To update members on the Works Programme.

The Works Programme was circulated to members.

Mr. B Murphy informed members that the two remaining jobs on the roadworks programme were the R503 and Firmount. Once they are completed the focus will turn to climate change and drainage jobs. The weather has been very favourable this year and the programme is on time and within budget.

Cllr. Carroll raised the issue of jobs started under the tertiary roads allocation six months ago and it is still not completed, flooding at Ballywilliam across from the R445 where 3 culverts are blocked, the lights out at the Carrigahorig interchange, overhanging branches at the Church at Birdhill and the traffic islands at Coosane on the R445.

Cllr. Quirke O'Meara asked if interim work can be done at Coolmore/Rearcross/Newtown area before next year's road works programme. She said that there are overgrown trees at Tobar Mhuire that are causing a crack in the wall that need to be examined.

Cllr. Morgan Walsh stated that an 80kph speed limit at Drummin Village is very dangerous. She welcomed the new pedestrian crossing on Kenyon Street and said a crossing at Centra is badly needed.

Cllr. Bonfield acknowledged the money that is being spent on roads but was concerned that the Department has announced the review of the speed limits but have passed the implementation of

	it to the local authorities. She was very concerned about speeding in urban areas. There are 4 schools in the town of Newport and a
(40	lot of children walk to school, drivers have to improve driving habits but traffic calming measures/raised tables are required.
P-	Cllr. Bugler asked about a LCSS at Grange, Ballina, raised crossing on Main St, Ballina and at Ard Coillte.
¥	Mr. B. Murphy said he will meet onsite in relation to the issue at Ballywilliam. He explained that the agreed 3 year road programme is followed as much as possible. There will be some clarity on the need for a connection for the windfarm next week and this could have an effect on the R503. The work at Firmount is possible due to a lot of co-operation between different parties.
3	He acknowledged the concerns in relation to speeding in a number of areas. Speeding is problematic everywhere. If budgets are not available the work can't be done. Raised tables are difficult jobs due to services, drainage etc.
Item 9.	The checklist was circulated to members and noted.
To note Engineer's	Cllr. Hannigan asked for an audit on finger posts signs and said
Checklist on	some of the signs are missing at the entrance to Terryglass. Cllr.
roads matters	Morris raised the issue of signage at Kilruane Cross which has
To the second se	been on the checklist for some time. Cllr. Bugler said signs at Millennium Cross are missing and she had a notice of motion
	about the replacement of the green and white bollards at Burgess,
**	that is still outstanding. Cllr. M. O'Meara said there is a loose
	manhole cover at Clarke's Hall in Borrisokane, the disabled parking bay at Rathcabbin Church needs to be repainted and a
	raised crossing is required at Ballygraigue.
	Mr. L. Brett explained that the policy of raised tables that was agreed by the SPC and members is very useful however raised tables are very expensive and the funding for these will have to
	feed back into the budgetary process.
Item 10.	None.
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Motion	
Item 11.	None.
To note	8 2
Delegated Employees	
Orders	
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Item 12. To consider items of correspondence	There were 2 items of correspondence: • Letter of acknowledgement from Nenagh & District Chamber • Letter of acknowledgement from St. Mary's Secondary School
Item 13. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	 Votes of Sympathy - None Votes of Congratulations Terryglass Tidy Village on winning gold medal at Entente Florale Europe Competition 2025 James McLoughney on opening of his shop "Next Door" Florrie Purcell of The Scullery on being a Gold and Silver winner at the Blas na hÉireann Irish Food Awards 2025 Evie and Eliza Ward of NutShed, on being awarded a gold, silver and bronze winner at the Blas na hÉireann Irish Food Awards 2025 Nenagh Cricket Club on becoming Munster Cricket Union Division 2 League Champions 2025
Item 14. Any other business.	Cllr. Bonfield asked about the possibility of having an awareness campaign asking people to slow down and be aware of deer in an area. Cllr. Carroll stated that he will bring the issue of the availability of Gardaí to address speeding back to the full Council.

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

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Clir. Phyli Bugler

Signed:

Ms. Rosemary Joyce

District Administrator

Date: 20/11/202 4

Date: 20/11/2025