



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARCH MEETING OF NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN NENAGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT CHAMBER AND via ZOOM AT 10.00 AM ON 19th MARCH 2026

Present in chamber	Cllr's Fiona Bonfield, Joe Hannigan, J.P. O'Meara, Pamela Quirke O'Meara, Michael O Meara, Louise Morgan Walsh and Phyll Bugler
Present via Zoom	Cllr. Séamus Morris
Apologies	Cllr. John Carroll, Mr. Liam Brett, Director of Services
Also Present	<p>Ms. Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator; Mr. Brian Beck, Director of Services; Mr. Kieran Malone, Senior Engineer; Mr. Barry Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Sinead Moriarty, Staff Officer</p> <p>Housing: Ms. Gillian Barry, Administrative Officer and Paul Keane, A/Senior Executive Engineer</p> <p>Fáilte Ireland: Ms. Marie Healy and Fiona Dunne</p> <p>Carmel Ormond, Destination Lough Derg Tourism Officer.</p>
Item 1. To note any Disclosures/ Conflicts of Interest	None
Item 2. To consider and adopt Minutes of the February Meeting held on 19th February 2026	<p>Moltóir: Cllr. Bonfield Cuiditheoir: Cllr. Quirke O'Meara</p> <p>and resolved that the minutes of the February Meeting held on 19th February 2026 be adopted.</p>
Item 3. To receive update from Housing	<p>The report from Housing was circulated.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield asked if there was any update from the Department on the thresholds, the types of houses on the Murroe Road scheme and the criteria for the possible affordable housing scheme in Nenagh.</p> <p>Cllr. Morris enquired about the purchase of property at St Joseph's Park/Flannan St area and the houses at the Abbey Court. He is very concerned about how the Nenagh WWTP is affecting the delivery of houses in Nenagh. The upgrade work was to be done by 2024, but it will now be 2029. People are struggling to get accommodation and are leaving the area. He indicated that he considered action should be taken against Uisce Éireann about the lack of progress on the capital work.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler also referred to the Nenagh WWTP and asked about tertiary treatment for removal of phosphorous and nitrates. She had thought there would be more independent living houses at</p>



	<p>Tyone. She also enquired about the numbers on the homeless list and associated timelines. She enquired about the difficulty getting RAS properties and requested that a column be added to the table to show estimated completion dates of schemes.</p> <p>Cllr. Morgan Walsh enquired about the housing scheme under construction on the Dromin Road. Cllr. M O' Meara asked about the Part 8 for Rathcabbin. Cllr. Hannigan said he is disappointed with the number of housing loans that have been approved and asked if the figure is so low does it show the scheme is not fit for purpose? He asked about the previous scheme where a one-off local authority house was provided on family-owned land.</p> <p>Cllr. Quirke O'Meara asked for the contact person to talk to for people wishing to downsize. She also asked if there were any plans to provide housing on council owned land in rural areas such as Templeberry.</p> <p>Ms. G. Barry explained that Housing is happy to approve applications for housing loans but there are strict criteria, e.g. 12 months savings, credit rating, income and employment. There is a decline in landlords wanting to rent under RAS, they must take a reduction in the market value of rent, but they are paid one month in advance. Housing contacted the Department about the threshold for social housing and were told that it is being reviewed. There have been 3 applications for affordable housing, and a decision will be made in relation to these at the end of the month.</p> <p>Mr. P. Keane informed members that a design team is being appointed for the Murroe Rd scheme in Newport, but the breakdown of property types has not been decided yet. The developer is working through an issue at the Abbey Court but at the moment there has been no formal approach to the Council in relation to taking properties. All housing projects in Nenagh will tie in with the work on the WWTP being progressed. There is a register of rural sites and the site in Templeberry has been looked at but there are constraints relating to the site. There is currently no housing land publicly available in Ballina. The focus now is on building social housing schemes and not one-off social houses.</p> <p>Mr. B. Beck acknowledged that there are concerns countywide in relation to Uisce Éireann services. Tipperary County Council works with Uisce Éireann, but schemes must be progressed through their asset management plan. He would not like the message going out that TCC has failed people, houses are being delivered.</p>
Item 4. To receive presentation from Fáilte Ireland	<p>A presentation was given by Ms. Marie Healy and Ms. Fiona Dunne from Fáilte Ireland on Ireland's Hidden Heartlands.</p> <p>The members thanked Fáilte Ireland for the presentation. Cllr. Hannigan thanked the executive for the work on tourism in the area. He said the tourist office in Nenagh is iconic and offers a</p>



	<p>lot of opportunity. Cllr. M. O'Meara said the Lorrha/Rathcabbin area has a lot to offer on monastic settlements, and it would be important to get this included in the promotion of the area.</p> <p>Cllr. Quirke O'Meara stated that the areas of Templeberry/Silvermines/Upperchurch have a lot to offer in relation to traditional pubs. She asked if any support could be given to people interested in providing accommodation for camping/campervans on their own land.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield said that Newport has good links with Limerick and the uplands offer a lot in relation to walking trails. Cllr. J.P. O'Meara agreed that the area has a lot to offer and that any support would be welcomed.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler stated that Brian Boru is a strong label to work with for the Ballina/Killaloe area. The Fáilte Ireland website offers great help to service providers. She expressed concerns about the requirement for planning permission for the provision of more than 4 rooms in a B&B. If more could be provided without planning permission it would make it a more profitable product. Cllr. Bugler acknowledged the help with festivals but said signage has to be improved. The ring of Lough Derg could be a very successful product; visitors would like to talk to the local people without worrying about traffic jams. It is also important that the routes in Tipperary for the Beara/Breffini way get off the ground.</p> <p>Ms. F. Dunne agreed with everything the members said and acknowledged the work done by local people in providing accommodation, facilities and festivals. It shows the importance of communities in providing smaller tourism initiatives. These appeal to a certain type of visitor, especially in the Hidden Heartlands area. It is however challenging. Previously the focus of Fáilte Ireland was on big bed nights but work is being undertaken at the moment on a strategy and how support can be given to the smaller festivals. This may be with marketing. There are good webinars available on investing and developing glamping facilities. Consultants have been engaged to look at accommodation.</p> <p>Ms. M. Healy welcomed the members comments and acknowledged the willingness to work together on both sides of the lake.</p> <p>Mr. B. Beck informed members that the need for planning permission for more than 4 beds in B&B's is being examined at national level at the moment.</p>
<p>Item 5. To consider and approve Schedule of Municipal</p>	<p>The schedule presented was the document that was discussed at the recent workshop.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield raised the issue of Ballymackeogh. Cllr. Quirke O'Meara supported this and enquired about the type of job that will be done on the Shallee Road to the Forge. Cllr. Morgan Walsh</p>



District Works 2026	<p>welcomed the crossing at Clare St. Cllr. J.P. O'Meara also welcomed this and the work on the Finnoe Rd. He thanked staff for the recent work at Ballygibbon. Cllr. Hannigan welcomed the work at Finnoe Road and Marian Avenue.</p> <p>Cllr. Bugler was concerned about the Quarry Lane scheme and said it is an important route. Cllr. M. O'Meara welcomed the work programme and acknowledged that a lot of progress has been made. He asked that the focus for active travel schemes go back to villages and not greenways and that work would start earlier in the year. This might help get additional money later in the year.</p> <p>Mr. B. Murphy stated that the work on the R499 will be a recycling job. There is a temptation to start roads programme earlier in the year but the routine maintenance that is carried out before the roads works programme is very important.</p> <p>Mr. B. Beck explained that the active travel team is down staff at the moment and this has affected the Quarry Lane project. Once staff become available this will be the first project progressed.</p> <p>Mr. K. Malone confirmed that contact has been made with the Department regarding the condition of the R503, including a cost estimate. It is concerning to drive it and significant money is required but it is not in the current allocation.</p> <p>Moltóir: Cllr. J.P. O'Meara Cuiditheoir: Cllr. Bonfield</p> <p>It was agreed that in accordance with Section 103 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. The Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) for the financial year ending 31st December 2026 as presented, without amendment be and is hereby adopted, andb. Where relevant, that any subsequent changes to the Schedule necessitated by either an inability to proceed with certain works or by emergency repairs elsewhere may be implemented subject to notification to the members as soon as may be and that the works so deferred may be considered for inclusion in the Schedule for the next financial year.
Item 6. To consider and approve allocation of funding under General Municipal Allocation 2026	<p>The schedule presented was the document that was discussed at the recent workshop.</p> <p>Moltóir: Cllr. M. O'Meara Cuiditheoir: Cllr. P. Quirke O'Meara</p> <p>and resolved that the proposed allocation for the General Municipal Allocation 2026 for the financial year ending 31st</p>



	<p>December 2026 be approved without amendment as per the schedule circulated.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce thanked the members for their support in approving the GMA and noted the approval of the GMA schedule allows Nenagh MD to support a lot of events and groups across the District.</p>																																																
<p>Item 7. To approve allocation of funding under the Festivals & Events Grant Scheme</p>	<p>Moltóir: Cllr. J.P. O'Meara Cuiditheoir: Cllr. Michael O'Meara</p> <p>It was resolved that, in accordance with the terms of the Festival & Events Grant Scheme, the payment of grants be made to the following: -</p> <p><u>Municipal:</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="523 840 1445 1330"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Festival/Event</th> <th>Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Spleodar Halloween Festival</td> <td>€12,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival</td> <td>€6,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Irish Youth Circus Gathering 2026</td> <td>€6,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ballyfest Lunasa</td> <td>€4,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Connect: A programme of five events</td> <td>€4,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Terryglass Heritage Fest</td> <td>€3,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Coming of Spring</td> <td>€7,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resonance Lough Derg</td> <td>€7,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St. Patricks Day Parade Nenagh</td> <td>€6,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Taste of Nenagh</td> <td>€5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feile Brian Boru</td> <td>€5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Killaloe Ballina Music Festival</td> <td>€5,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Community:</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="523 1431 1445 2002"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Festival/Event</th> <th>Recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ballina/Killaloe St. Patricks Day Parade</td> <td>€2,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Run with Dunne</td> <td>€1,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anzac Day Commemoration Ceremony</td> <td>€700</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Birdhill Tradfest</td> <td>€1,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lorrha & Dorrha Medieval Conference</td> <td>€1,100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ballingarry Summer Market</td> <td>€650</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carney Dancing Festival</td> <td>€1,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Munster Inter County Team Championship</td> <td>€1,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nenagh Classic Car Club Easter Egg Hunt</td> <td>€600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newport St. Patricks Day Parade</td> <td>€2,450</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of Festival/Event	Recommendation	Spleodar Halloween Festival	€12,500	Dromineer Nenagh Literary Festival	€6,000	Irish Youth Circus Gathering 2026	€6,500	Ballyfest Lunasa	€4,000	Connect: A programme of five events	€4,500	Terryglass Heritage Fest	€3,000	The Coming of Spring	€7,500	Resonance Lough Derg	€7,500	St. Patricks Day Parade Nenagh	€6,500	Taste of Nenagh	€5,000	Feile Brian Boru	€5,000	Killaloe Ballina Music Festival	€5,000	Name of Festival/Event	Recommendation	Ballina/Killaloe St. Patricks Day Parade	€2,100	Run with Dunne	€1,100	Anzac Day Commemoration Ceremony	€700	Birdhill Tradfest	€1,200	Lorrha & Dorrha Medieval Conference	€1,100	Ballingarry Summer Market	€650	Carney Dancing Festival	€1,000	Munster Inter County Team Championship	€1,500	Nenagh Classic Car Club Easter Egg Hunt	€600	Newport St. Patricks Day Parade	€2,450
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	International Nenagh Snooker Open	€1,100
	Tipperary Pride	€1,000
	Lorrha Lughnasa Heritage Festival	€2,000
Item 8. To approve allocation of funding under the Burial Ground Grant Scheme	Moltóir: Cllr. M. O'Meara Cuiditheoir: Cllr. L. Morgan Walsh	
	It was resolved that, in accordance with the terms of the Burial Ground Grant Scheme, the payment of grants be made to the following: -	
	Burial Ground Committee Name	Recommendation
	Aglish Burial Ground	€985.71
	Ardcrony New Cemetery	€985.71
	Ardcrony Old Graveyard	€985.71
	Ballina-Boher Church Graveyard	€985.71
	Ballinaclough Graveyard	€985.71
	Ballingarry Church of Ireland	€985.71
	Ballinahinch New Graveyard	€985.71
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	Ballinree Church Burial Ground	€985.71
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	Ballygibbon Burial Ground	€985.71
	Ballymackeogh Graveyard	€985.71
	Ballymackey Burial Ground	€985.71
	Ballymackey Church of Ireland Graveyard	€985.71
	Birdhill Graveyard	€985.71
	Bonaham Burial Ground	€985.71
	Borrisokane Old Church of Ireland	€985.71
	Burgess Graveyard	€985.71
	Carrig Burial Ground	€985.71
	Castletown Burial Ground	€985.71
	Cloughjordan Burial Ground	€985.71
	Cloughprior Burial Ground	€985.71
	Congor Graveyard	€985.71
	Cragg Burial Ground	€985.71
	Cuan Mhuire Burial Ground	€985.71
	Curreeny Burial Ground	€985.71
	Dromineer Graveyard	€985.71
	Finoe Graveyard	€985.71



Garrykennedy Graveyard	€985.71
Grawn Burial Ground	€985.71
Grennanstown Graveyard	€985.71
Kenyon Street Graveyard	€985.71
Kilbarron Church of Ireland Graveyard	€985.71
Kilbarron New Graveyard	€985.71
Kilbarron Old Graveyard	€985.71
Kilboy Burial Ground	€985.71
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Killenaive Graveyard	€985.71
Killodiernan Church of Ireland Graveyard	€985.71
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Killoscully Burial Ground	€985.71
Kilmastulla Graveyard	€985.71
Kilmore Burial Ground	€985.71
Kilnarath Graveyard	€985.71
Kilruane Burial Ground	€985.71
Knigh Burial Ground	€985.71
Kyle Burial Ground	€985.71
Lisboney Old Cemetery	€985.71
Lockeen Burial Ground	€985.71
Lockeen Church of Ireland Graveyard	€985.71
Lorrha St. Ruadhan's New Burial Ground	€985.71
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Modreeny Burial Ground	€985.71
Monsea Burial Ground	€985.71
Old Workhouse Graveyard	€985.71
Pallas Burial Ground	€985.71
Pike Burial Ground (Ballingarry)	€985.71
Rearcross Community Interdominational Burial Ground	€985.71
Rockvale Cemetery	€985.71
St. John's Newport C.O.I.	€985.71
St. Peter & Paul's Graveyard	€985.71
St. Ruadhans Church of Ireland	€985.71
Templederry Church of Ireland	€985.71
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<p>Item 9. To update members on projects & events</p>	<p><u>Newport Town Team/Newport Town Centre First Plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newport Town Centre First Plan was agreed at the May 2025 meeting of Nenagh MD. • Action Plan being drafted to progress implementation based on priorities and resources. • Meeting of Newport Town Team to be arranged in Q1 2026. <p><u>Nenagh Town Team/Town Centre First/THRIVE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Plan being drafted to progress implementation of Town Centre First Plan based on priorities and resources. • Next meeting of Nenagh Town Team is scheduled for 1st April 2026. • Logo for Nenagh.ie is in course of finalisation • Work progressing in Q1 2026 on website. <p><u>Rialto Digital & Enterprise Hub:</u> Work is progressing on exploring the potential funding sources based on proposed use of the Rialto.</p> <p><u>Nenagh Town Park Extension:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 is ongoing – ecologist reports/screening and civil/structural drawings completed. • Submission of options from landscaper has been received and is under consideration. • Aim is to submit for Planning (Part 8) Q1/Q2 2026. <p><u>Nenagh Historic and Cultural Quarter:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works have been completed on the conservation works to the windows of the Governor’s House funded under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and the GMA. The additional three windows that have been restored have been painted and re-installed. • The 3-storey Gaol Block has been approved for funding under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme. Grant is for €500,000. With matched funding this will allow an investment of €555,555 in this historic heritage building with a view to bringing it back into public use. Formal notification of approval has been received, and we are now preparing to go to tender. Part 8 planning is already in place. • We will continue to strive to source funding for the various proposals in relation to the Historic & Cultural Quarter as funding calls open up. A call for Cat 1 projects under RRDF is 						



now open – closing date for submissions is July 2026.
Submission of an application in respect of Nenagh is under consideration.

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 and the property owners.
- Agreement has been reached with the property owners and is now with the respective solicitors for the drawing up of contracts. These contracts will be subject to Part 8 planning being secured.
- The Design Team have been requested to progress the design and planning now that the site layout has been agreed.
- It is aimed to submit planning through Part 8 process in Q4 2026/Q1 2027.

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. Meetings have taken place with Clare with a view to progressing this project.

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.

Nenagh Roundabout Scheme 2026 -2031

- Seven tenders were received under the Nenagh Roundabout Scheme 2026 -2031 advertised in January 2026. Multiple tenders were received in respect of some of the roundabouts. Three of the seven tenders were successful for the following roundabouts – Borrisokane, Dromineer and Stereame on the R445.
- All successful Tenders have been notified and have paid their first year's sponsorship instalment. We are currently liaising with the sponsors regarding the signage to be erected.

Platforms for Growth- Dromineer:

- Work is progressing on site with substantial progress made in recent weeks on walls, roof and floor.
- Tenders have been awarded in relation to signage and access system.
- Fortnightly meetings are being held on site with consultants and contractors.

Casual Trading Bye-Laws:



- A total of 24 Casual Trading applications were received for 2026 covering Dromineer, Ballina, Garrykennedy, Castlelough, The Lookout, Clare Glens and Newport.
- Applicants have been notified of the decisions on their applications.
- 8 Casual Traders have been offered permits to trade at 7 locations (10 pitches) located in Ballina, Castlelough, Clare Glens, Dromineer, Garrykennedy, Newport and The Lookout.
- 7 Casual Traders have received their permits to trade; one Casual Trader has yet to confirm if they wish to take up the offer of a permit. A further application for a casual trading licence has been received and will be considered should the aforementioned Casual Trader not avail of same.
- 1 Event Licence was issued for St Patrick's Day, Nenagh.

Lands at Stereame:

Discussions are ongoing in conjunction with Housing Section on options to progress the provision of private housing in Stereame.

Designated Bathing Area - Dromineer:

This summer, Tipperary County Council is delighted to introduce brand-new part-time seasonal lifeguard positions in Dromineer on Lough Derg. Following a recruitment process, interviews will now be held and training arranged for successful candidates.

The bathing area—located to the left of the main harbour and marked by two low jetties set 75 metres apart—is backed by seating areas, a car park, and nearby toilets and showers, all positioned just behind the swimming zone.

This well-loved lakeside spot will now benefit from enhanced safety and supervision. A dedicated lifeguard hut will be installed for the summer season and removed again in September. There has been consultation with the local community on these arrangements.

A team of lifeguards will be on duty each day from 11am to 7pm. Full seven-day cover will operate throughout July and August, with potential weekend cover only on Saturdays and Sundays during June.

Nenagh Municipal District has worked with the Environment Section to arrange for the submission of the application to the EPA for official designation as a Bathing Place. Arrangements are being put in place for the sampling that is required – this has to be undertaken over a two-year period in order to achieve official designation. The designation will result in Dromineer being the only officially designated bathing area in Tipperary.

These new lifeguard roles will help ensure a safer, more enjoyable swimming experience for everyone visiting Dromineer this



summer and will link in with the new facilities being provided under the Platforms for Growth.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme:

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. Further information has been requested – this will be submitted this week. 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 was allocated under Measure 3 of the Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024. This is for Project Development Measure Funding for Newport.
- The project provides for 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 included the engagement of a multidisciplinary team to complete detailed design, planning, professional fees and a topographical survey.
- A Section 50 application has been approved by OPW to put bridge over the river.
- Planning was lodged to An Coimisiún Pleanála on the 30th October 2025. Four submissions were received by the closing date and TCC has submitted our observations on same.
- The case is due to be decided by the end of April 2026.

Participation Nation Outdoor Fund:

Funding was secured in 2025 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. Works commenced in early November on this project. The planting associated with the biodiversity measures has been completed. The surface of the basketball court has also been completed and the basketball hoop has been installed and is receiving a high level of usage. The remaining item (white lining) will be concluded in the coming weeks when weather permits.

Grant Schemes:

- The closing date for applications under the Festivals & Events Grant Scheme expired on Thursday 5th February 2026.
- The deadline for the Contributions to Residents Associations, Tidy Towns and Burial Grounds grants was last Friday 13th March 2026.



- Recommendations are being brought to the March meeting in respect of the following schemes: Festivals & Events and Burial Grounds.
- A review was completed in relation to the terms & conditions for the Contributions to Clubs & Organisations grant scheme and the closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 10th April 2026.
- It is anticipated that recommendations in respect of the remaining grant schemes will be brought to the April Meeting. All grant allocations are subject to compliance with the associated terms & conditions of the relevant scheme and budget availability.

Permits for use of Jetty in Ballina:

One application has been issued for use of the floating jetty in Ballina in 2025/26.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme:

In 2025 €500,000 was allocated to Tipperary County Council under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme. Details of locations in the Nenagh MD were previously advised to members. Works on the bus stops are being progressed.

Nenagh Parking Arrangements:

- The draft Bye-Laws and Nenagh Maps for the harmonisation of pay parking across the county were on public display in Nenagh MD up to 13th February 2026. The closing date for submissions was extended to 4.30 pm on Friday 13th March.
- Following requests from the Chamber of Commerce and the Nenagh Town Team signage has been erected in Nenagh to show the locations of car parks. We are now arranging to ensure that the locations are recorded on Google maps.

Shane MacGowan Trail:

- Nationwide visited the area to film in relation to the Shane MacGowan Trail. This programme was broadcast on 18th March.
- Provision of guided coach tours of the Trail is currently being discussed. A familiarisation tour is being organised for 28th March – if any members are interested in going on this please let me know. It will take approx. 4 hours.
- A group of 40 from the Basque region are visiting the area from 18th March in connection with Rugby and as part of a fund-raiser for Parkinsons. They are participating on a coach tour of the Trail today (19th March).

Nenagh Tourist Office:

- The documentary 'Nenagh – A Town With A Story To Tell' which was produced by Jack Spain in 2024 as part of Heritage Week was shown again at an evening viewing in the Tourist Office on Monday 16th March. Over 70 people attended.



- The documentary included interviews with a number of Nenagh residents who spoke of their memories of growing up in Nenagh. This was illustrated by the inclusion of vintage archival footage which covered the fair days in Nenagh, the open-air swimming pool which preceded the Leisure Centre, O'Connors Shopping Centre and an entrant on a competition on the Late Late Show for the worst singer in Ireland. The entrant, who was accompanied on the piano by Frank McNamara, only managed to come second!
- On St. Patrick's Day the documentary was shown on a loop throughout the day so that more people could enjoy it. A further viewing will take place after Easter and arrangements will be made thereafter for it to be made available on-line so that it can be enjoyed by the diaspora. Meanwhile consideration is being given to the production of a second chapter of same.
- On 19th March Nenagh Tourist Office will be the starting point for the visit of the visitors from the Basque Region and a presentation will be made there in relation to Shane MacGowan. The tour will also end here and arrangements have been made to provide some trad music to end the tour. The visitors will have the opportunity to meet Siobhan MacGowan, Shane's sister. Members are invited to attend at the Tourist Office at 3 p.m. to meet the group.

St Patrick's Day Nenagh

The parade was held on 17th March – this was a walking parade with a route from the Railway Station, up Kenyon St., onto Pearse St., up Kickham Street ending in Banba Square. The parade was led by Grand Marshal – Siobhan MacGowan. Local schools, clubs and organisations including sports clubs, Ormond Comhaltas, Nenagh Brass Band, Nenagh Kairali, Musical Theatre Academy, St. Mary's Convent Primary Band (which has recently re-formed) and many more participated and contributed to the celebrations. This was an amazing spectacle which showed the wide variety of activities on-going in the town and surrounding areas. The Parade was organised by a Committee led by Cllr. Louise Morgan Walsh and including Deirdre Keller, William Talbot and Frank McGrath from the Nenagh & District Chamber of Commerce.

Following the parade there was a music festival, display of vintage tractors/classic cars and other festivities in the area around Banba Square/Nenagh Courthouse/Nenagh Tourist Office/Nenagh Arts Centre. There were huge numbers in attendance making this the biggest St. Patrick's Day festival ever held in Nenagh. The festival was co-ordinated by Spain AV/Nenagh Live in conjunction with Nenagh Tourist Office. Performers included Trudi Lalor, Misneach Choir, Giggles Entertainment, Mickey Joe Harte, JPs Gigantic Video Disco, Ormond Comhaltas and Jack Spain. A market was also included in the offering with food stalls, artisan and artistic produce, a children's funfair, displays by a wood turner and



	<p>Nenagh Fire & Rescue Service who provided target practice for the young and the young at heart!</p> <p>Other Parades: Congratulations also to the parade committees in Newport and Ballina-Killaloe on the fantastic parades run by them which also had huge attendances and were brilliantly organised events displaying colour, passion and pride.</p> <p>Ms. R. Joyce specifically wished to bring members attention to the designation of Dromineer as a bathing area, the AGM of the Nenagh Tidy Towns groups and the work of local committees in organising St. Patrick's Day parades in Newport and Ballina. A lot of groups struggle with getting new volunteers but community involvement is important.</p> <p>Cllr. Morgan Walsh thanked Ms. R. Joyce for her guidance and support with the parade and Mr. Seamus O'Brien and Daniel Madden for their help preparing and cleaning up after.</p> <p>Cllr. Bonfield also thanked Mr. B. Murphy and staff for the help given at the parade in Newport. Cllrs. J.P. O'Meara and Bugler acknowledged the work done by groups for all events around St Patrick's Day.</p>
Item 10. To consider Notices of Motion	None
Item 11. To note Delegated Employees Orders	None
Item 12. To consider items of correspondence	None
Item 13. Votes of Sympathy/ Congratulations	Votes of Sympathy - None Votes of Congratulations - None
Item 12. Any other business.	<p>Cllr. Bonfield expressed her thanks for the provision of an outdoor staff member for Newport and Ballina.</p> <p>Cllr. Hannigan stated that the way active travel schemes are now designated does not make sense. Mr. K. Malone explained that the</p>



	larger active travel schemes are now with the NTA and TII and less in the control of the District.
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This concluded the business of the meeting, a true copy of which we hereby certify: -

Signed: 
Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Phyll Bugler

Date: 16/4/2026

Signed: 
Ms. Rosemary Joyce
District Administrator

Date: 16/4/2026

