

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 2015, AT 10:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor M. Collins, An Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Browne, Foley, Galvin, Scanlan and Sheahan.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Services (Mr. G. Daly), Senior Executive Engineer, West and South Division (Mr. B. Noonan), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox), Administrative Officer, Home and Community (Mr. D. McGuigan), Senior Staff Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett), Clerical Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. D. O'Kelly).

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, seconded by Councillor Galvin it was agreed to defer Items 4 and 11 and discuss in committee at the end of the Meeting.

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Newcastle West held on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

Proposed by Councillor Galvin;  
Seconded by Councillor Scanlan;  
And Resolved:

“That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed.”

The Meetings Administrator in response to a query raised stated that the issue of how funds would be distributed for Christmas lights would be clarified in the Minutes of the full Council Meeting.

**2. Home and Community**

Circulated, Report of the Director, Home and Community in relation to Local Economic and Community Plan Socio-Economic Statement and High Level Goals dated September, 2015.

The Administrative Officer, Home and Community stated that the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Socio Economic Statement and High Level Goals were on the agenda for noting.

He informed Members that this was step 2 of a 3 step process in developing the LECP. The Draft Socio Economic Statement and High Level Goals went to public consultation and 18 submissions had been received. Following a review of the submissions the Draft was amended. He outlined that the main changes to the Socio Economic Statement and

High Level Goals document were at Sections 1.4.2 (pages 11 to 21 inclusive) which covered the policy context within which the LECP would operate and an additional 2 High Level Goals (numbers (VIII) and (IX)) on page 28.

The next step in the process was the writing of the LECP, which would involve a consultation with Members at Municipal District level.

The approval of the completed LECP was a reserved function of the full Council and the timeline for approval was January 2016.

Members thanked him for his presentation and requested that a briefing session be held for the Members of the Newcastle West District. He stated that he took their comments on board and agreed to arrange a briefing session for Members.

### **3. Travel and Transportation/Environment**

#### **Tidy Town Competitions Results 2015**

The Director of Services outlined the results of towns and villages in Limerick in the Tidy Towns Competition and commended the local groups for their hard work and achievements in increasing the scores from the previous year. It was agreed to write to the Committees and express the congratulations of Members on their wonderful achievements. It was also proposed to hold a Municipal Reception to honour the Tidy Towns Committees in the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

## **QUESTIONS**

### **5. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan**

*I will ask at the next Meeting when the dropped verge, on the Buckley Terrace side of Dromcollogher Garda Station, will be filled in.*

**REPLY:** Interim works will be completed on the above within the next 4 weeks. The roadway will also be considered for reconstruction works within the next Roads Programme.

### **6. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin**

*I will ask at the next Meeting if safety barriers could be provided at Springmount, Abbeyfeale, on the Ballaugh Road.*

**REPLY:** A number of safety barriers have been erected at this location. Further barriers will be considered later this year dependent on the availability of funding.

### **7. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin**

*I will ask at the next Meeting for a flooding update after the flooding events on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 and Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at the following locations:*

- (1) Church Road, Templeglantine.***
- (2) Between the Old Creamery (Condons) and the Railway Bridge, Templeglantine.***
- (3) The Hill Road Abbeyfeale, (Nolans) down from the junction.***
- (4) The Hill Road, Abbeyfeale, above Fitzgeralds farmhouse, where the water came out on the public road that evening.***
- (5) The Funeral Home, Abbeyfeale.***
- (6) Doody's Cross, Ballaugh, Abbeyfeale.***
- (7) Reidy's Shop, Athea.***
- (8) Update on flood relief works to be carried out in Glenashrone, from below Patrick Collins's house to Dalton's Cross.***

**REPLY:**

- (1) Works such as gully and pipe cleaning have been carried out and a meeting is to be held with the landowners on the road shortly to discuss the matter further.
- (2) Works such as dyke cleaning and a new road crossing are currently being carried out.
- (3) Works such as gully cleaning to be carried out and pipe has also been diverted in this location.
- (4) Works including a new road crossing have been completed at this location.
- (5) Works including dyke cleaning are to be carried out shortly.
- (6) Works including a new road crossing are being carried out.
- (7) Meeting to be arranged with property owner and a new road crossing to be installed.
- (8) Works completed at this location.

**8. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin**

***I will ask at the next Meeting if a safety railing could be placed at the entrance/exit to the pedestrian entrance at St. Ita's Terrace, Abbeyfeale, coming out on to the Grove Road, opposite the old entrance to the Rugby Club.***

**REPLY:**

Meeting to be arranged on site with relevant persons by Roads Engineer in order to investigate this matter.

A discussion ensued regarding Standing Orders and in particular regarding the procedure for dealing with Questions.

On the proposal of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Galvin it was agreed to have a five minute adjournment.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Browne**

*I will move at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West that Limerick City and County Council upgrade the road surface in Mountcollins Village as it is in a dreadful condition. Blocked water gullies also need to be addressed.*

On the proposal of Councillor Browne and seconded by Councillor Foley it was stated that works on the gullies and road resurfacing in Mountcollins was urgently required. Members sought clarification of where Mountcollins was on the Roads Programme list.

**REPLY:** The gullies will be cleaned out within the next 3 weeks. The roadway will also be considered for reconstruction works within the next Roads Programme.

### **10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Browne**

*I will move at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West that the River Galey be dredged immediately from the back of the National School to the end of Hillside Drive as properties in Athea experienced flooding on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September.*

A discussion took place in relation to the need for the river to be dredged. On the proposal of Councillor Browne, seconded by Councillor Sheahan it was suggested that large boulders be put in place to protect the School playground from erosion. It was agreed that contact would be made again with the Office of Public Works in relation to the matter.

**REPLY:** A number of options to combat flooding in Athea form part of the Shannon CFRAM study which is currently being finalised. This study is on public display at the Newcastle West Office on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October from 2 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. The dredging of rivers is not under the jurisdiction of the Council and therefore the Council are not in a position to carry out works in this case.

As agreed at the beginning of the Meeting, the following items were taken in committee:

**11. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Collins**

*I will move at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West that an allocation of €10,000 be allocated from the General Municipal Allocation towards the provision of new Christmas lights for Newcastle West town.*

On the proposal of Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor Galvin it was agreed to allocate €10,000 from the General Municipal Allocation towards the provision of new Christmas lights for Newcastle West town. The Director of Service confirmed that this allocation was in addition to a further €10,000 which had been allocated from Council funds.

**4. General Municipal Allocation 2015**

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor Foley it was agreed to allocate €10,000 to Athea Community Council for Carnegie Library project.

On the proposal of Councillor Foley and seconded by Councillor Galvin it was agreed to allocate €15,000 to the Town Park Abbeyfeale.

**Request To Receive Deputation**

On the proposal of Councillor Foley and seconded by Councillor Browne it was agreed to receive a deputation from Broadford Development Association at the next Meeting of the Municipal District.

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at 10.00 a.m. at Áras William Smith O'Brien, Newcastle West.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_