

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, ON WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY 2016, AT 10:00 A.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Browne, Foley, Galvin, Scanlan.

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Sheahan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Services (Mr. G. Daly), Operations Manager, West and South Division (Mr. B. Kennedy), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox), Executive Engineer, Roads (Mr. P. Vallely), Senior Staff Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett), Clerical Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. D. O'Kelly).

At the outset and with the Cathaoirleach's permission, it was agreed take Item No. 2 CCTV Presentation.

2. CCTV PRESENTATION

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. John O' Riordan and Mr. Noel O'Connell from J & N Security Consultants Ltd. who gave a presentation on CCTV Systems under the following headings:

- Town Centre Projects completed.
- Town Centre Projects in progress.
- Types of CCTV Systems.
- Stages of consultation, surveys, tenders preparation and contracts.

Mr. O'Riordan in giving the presentation stated that the company had dealings with several local authorities and had successfully installed systems in towns of similar size to Newcastle West. He outlined the various types of systems and the process involved from initial consultation to installation. He stated that the initial cost of a survey was in the region of €1,700.00 to €1,800.00. He stated that the overall cost could be in the region of €60,000 for completed system.

Members thanked them for the presentation and it was suggested that contact would be made with other local authorities that had similar systems in place. Mr. O'Riordan agreed to forward names of relevant contacts to the Administrative Officer Corporate. It was agreed that it would be of benefit to have initial assessment done as this would help to move the discussion forward.

Following general discussion, the Director of Services stated that it would be important to get an initial study done to identify the need for CCTV Systems and that it may be possible to provide funding under the General Municipal Allocation Special Projects Fund.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Newcastle West held on 27th January, 2016.

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

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

Arising from the Minutes, Councillor Collins stated that at the last meeting a reply to question in relation to resurfacing at Barnagh seemed satisfactory but that further information had been brought to his attention and it was agreed that the matter would be further investigated.

Councillor Scanlan stated that Roads staff and outside workers needed to be commended on the excellent work being carried out in atrocious weather conditions. He stated that the Council should be asked to consider borrowing funds to bring the roads up to proper standards.

Councillor Galvin stated that an item on installation of double yellow lines at Cedarville Estate, Abbeyfeale should have been on the Agenda as requested by him and asked that it be noted on the Minutes. He asked that the matter be brought to the next Meeting of the District. The Roads Engineer stated that he had a meeting the following day with the local priest and had some drawings prepared.

QUESTIONS

3. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) for an update on the purchase of a new graveyard in Abbeyfeale; (b) for the perimeter fence to be repaired at the graveyard (Hill Road).

REPLY:

(a) The Council has been trying to establish a suitable site for many years and below are the details of attempts to procure a suitable site:

- Site adjacent to existing Abbeyfeale Burial Ground – Report in May 2005 stated site is not suitable – poor drainage.
- Council advertised in October 2006 for a suitable site for cemetery in Abbeyfeale – one response received.
Heffernan Field, Clash Road, Abbeyfeale – poor drainage site not considered suitable.
- Twohig’s site, Mountmahon, Abbeyfeale – site suitability test carried out in March 2015 – site not suitable due to elevated water table.

The Council will ensure that this matter is prioritised and will update the Meeting as soon as possible.

Funding for a new cemetery in Abbeyfeale would cost several hundred thousand euro and funding would need to be provided for this development.

(b) The Council will arrange to repair the perimeter fence as soon as possible.

4. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting for (a) the cost of a single/double burial space at Calvary Cemetery, Newcastle West; (b) the cost of single/double burial space in the other council controlled cemeteries within the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

REPLY: Grave space charges are as follows:

Single Grave €750 at time of need.

Single Grave €1,000 reserved.

The charges for double graves are as follows:

Double Grave €1,750 at time of need.

Double Grave €2,000 reserved.

These charges apply to all Council controlled cemeteries within the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

NOTICE OF MOTION

5. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that the landowner at Cratloe West, Abbeyfeale, be contacted and asked if the local authority may remove a ditch at this dangerous bend, opposite the homes of Cusack's and Barry's, in the interest of safety.

Councillor Galvin, in proposing the Motion, stated that accidents regularly occur at this bend. He stated that in order for this project to take place the landowner needed to be contacted and the road widened.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Browne.

REPLY: The Roads Engineer will arrange a meeting with the relevant landowners with regard to the above matter within the next week. Any solutions will be subject to the availability of funding.

It was agreed to hold a Municipal Reception for members of Tidy Town Committees on Thursday, 3rd March, 2016.

It was agreed to hold the March Meeting of the Municipal District on Wednesday, 2nd March, 2016.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____