

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, ON WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, AT 10:00 A.M.**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Browne, Foley, Galvin, Scanlan.

Apology for his inability to attend was received from Councillor Sheahan.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Services (Mr. G. Daly), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox), Senior Executive Engineer, West Division (Mr. R. Noonan), 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 the Cathaoirleach and the Director of Services welcomed Mr. Roger Noonan who had recently taken over the position of Senior Executive Engineer, West Division.

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Newcastle West held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016.

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

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

With the Cathaoirleach's permission, the following items were raised:

- Revenue from sale of graves to be provided for the full Newcastle West Area.
- Bus parking in Newcastle West.
- Proposed Meeting with the Transport Infrastructure of Ireland.
- List of Roads damaged as a result of flooding.
- Issue of double yellow lines at Cedarville Estate, Abbeyfeale.

**2. Schedule of Works for the Municipal District**

Circulated, report of Director of Services, dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, setting out details of the Draft Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

Members thanked the Roads Engineer for work that had gone into compiling the Schedule of Works. They welcomed the proposals in the Scheme but pointed out that Mountcollins was in urgent need of resurfacing. It was stated that Mountcollins was on the list for 2016-2018 which

would commence the following year.

Proposed by Councillor Foley;  
Seconded by Councillor Galvin;

“That, the Schedule of Works, as presented, be approved”.

### QUESTIONS

**3. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan**

*I will ask at the next Meeting what is the combined total of the Net Annual Value of the Rateable Premises within the Desmond Business Park.*

**REPLY:** The Net Effective Valuation (NEV) of Rateable Premises within the Desmond Business Park is €224,200. In order to get the Annual Commercial Rates for these premises the NEV would be multiplied by the Annual Rate of Valuation (ARV)

**4. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan**

*I will ask at the next Meeting when black and amber markings will be placed (a) on the Courtney Footbridge and (b) will be restored and renewed at the Beechwood Road Junction with the R522.*

**REPLY:** Black and ambers strips have been ordered and will be installed at the above mentioned locations within the next 3 weeks.

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

*I will ask at the next Meeting when completion to footpath renewal work is planned for Church Street, Dromcollogher.*

**REPLY:** These footpath works are included in the programme of works for 2016 and will be completed before the end of this year.

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

*I will ask at the next Meeting when the trees in the Square and Mountmahon, Abbeyfeale, which have failed will be replaced.*

**REPLY:** An inspection is being carried out at these locations in relation to the trees. Inspection report to be submitted to the Environment Department on completion.

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

*I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the Traffic Management Plan for Abbeyfeale town.*

**REPLY:** Consultants have been appointed to the scheme (Malachy Walsh and Partners) and preliminary design/consideration is underway involving the relevant council departments and Transport Infrastructure Ireland. Public/Business Consultation will commence in due course.

8. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

*I will ask at the next Meeting when the village of Mountcollins will be resurfaced, as it is in a dreadful condition.*

**REPLY:** This roadway is included in the Roads Programme of Works and is due for resurfacing in 2017, subject to Department funding. In the interim the roadway will be patched.

9. Question submitted by Councillor F. Foley

*I will ask at the next Meeting if there is any update regarding the upgrading of the traffic calming on the Killarney Road in Abbeyfeale.*

**REPLY:** The request to look at upgrading the traffic calming on the Killarney Road exit from Abbeyfeale was tabled to the TII when previously raised by the Newcastle West District Meeting. No formal response has come from the TII at this stage.

10. Question submitted by Councillor F. Foley

*I will ask at the next Meeting if funding has been sought for the upgrading of the road surface from Mountmahon to the Garda Station in Abbeyfeale.*

**REPLY:** As this is a National Road, additional funding can be sought from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (formerly the NRA) under their GeoApp system based on submissions prepared through area maintenance staff.

### NOTICES OF MOTION

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

*I will move at the next Meeting that the Council move to take in charge the road infrastructure servicing the various Business Units within the Desmond Business Park at Gortboy, Newcastle West.*

In proposing the Motion Councillor Scanlan stated that the road was in a serious condition and that it needed to be addressed.

Councillor Foley seconded the Motion.

**REPLY:** In line with the Council's Taking in Charge Policy, a joint application by all of the owners of the premises along this roadway would have to be made in order to begin the taking in charge of this roadway. The submission along with the necessary supporting documentation should be made to the Council's Planning and Economic Development Department.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

*I will move at the next Meeting that speed indication signage be put in place on the Kilready approach towards Castlemahon school in the interest of safety.*

**REPLY:** A meeting is to be arranged on site with regard to this matter.

**13. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin**

*I will move at the next Meeting that urgent and immediate action be taken to help the farming community with the issues on the River Feale at the back of the town park, Abbeyfeale.*

In proposing the Motion Councillor Galvin highlighted the damage that had been done to farm land and asked for the Council to liaise with the appropriate authority to ascertain if/when farmers could carry out a programme of works in the river. Following general discussion the Director of Services suggested that a representative from the Office of Public Works be invited to attend a Meeting of the District.

Councillor Foley seconded the Motion.

**REPLY:** The Council has referred the issue, in relation to securing the water supply for Abbeyfeale, to Irish Water and the issue has been reviewed by the Irish Water hydrogeologist. A number of options are currently under review including the option of boreholes on the existing site. The Members will be updated as information becomes available.

The Council does not have responsibility to attempt to correct for the natural occurring rerouting of the river and the matter should be referred to the Office of Public Works for their response.

**14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin**

*I will move at the next Meeting that a large sign displaying the rules for the playground in Abbeyfeale be erected, to prevent antisocial behaviour.*

Councillor Galvin in proposing the Motion stated that the community in Abbeyfeale had been very proud of the playground which had been opened a number of years ago. Unfortunately, in recent times vandalism had taken place within the playground and it needed to be addressed. The erection of a sign with rules for the playground would assist and it was also stated that a contact number for An Garda Síochána should be placed on the sign. It was also suggested that the matter of vandalism be brought to the next meeting of the Joint Policing Committee.

Councillor Foley seconded the Motion.

**REPLY:** The Parks and Landscaping Department will arrange for a playground rules sign to be erected.

It was agreed to hold the May Meeting on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach**

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