

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 15TH JUNE, 2015

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. McCreesh

"I will move at the next meeting that this Council carry out a survey of traffic flow on The Dock Road to determine the reason for the recent congestion that is occurring as the traffic approaches the roundabouts for the main routes out of the City".

REPLY

Limerick City and County Council Travel & Transportation Department carried out preliminary investigations of traffic flow and journey times on the Dock Road R510 between its intersection with the N18 (J2) Bunlickey Roundabout Interchange and the Shannon Bridge Roundabout R527 during the periods 8.00am to 9.00am and 5.00pm and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday in May 2015. The route distance is 3.5km and the speed limit is 50km/h inbound from Bawneys bridge and 60km/h outbound from Bawneys bridge. Summary analysis of the investigation is outlined below:

- The average outbound journey time between 5.00pm and 6.00pm is 8mins.
- The average inbound journey time between 8.00am and 9.00am is 9mins.

Peak hourly traffic flows at Bawneys Bridge is 1400 vehicles per hour in the morning period and 1200 in the evening period.

Morning inbound traffic establishes sporadic vehicle queues from between 8.25am to 9.00am, Evening outbound traffic can sometimes establish a persistent queue from 5.30pm. to 6.10pm

Analysis of the outbound flow patterns and queues indicate merging difficulties some times for outbound traffic entering the Bunlickey Roundabout. This roundabout can for periods become dominated by traffic from Raheen using the roundabout to access the N18 dual carriageway at Junction 2.

Summary.

Currently journey times on this route are not considered excessive during these rush hour periods . Some outbound queuing occurs in the evenings for vehicles traversing the Bunlickey roundabout. However this queuing does not warrant any special control provisions at this time. Poor lane discipline can account for reduced " gap acceptance" being available for the outbound traffic .

The Bunlickey Roundabouts are not in the charge of Limerick City and County Council. This interchange is in the charge of the Limerick Tunnel concessioner (Direct Route) until 2041. Any new or altered traffic management provisions at this location would require the approval of the National Transport Authority.

Signed:



**A/DIRECTOR,
TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION**

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Joe Leddin

"I will move at the next meeting that Limerick Smarter Travel consider the expansion of the successful public bike scheme to the suburbs to include areas such as Raheen, Dooradoyle, Castletroy, Ennis Road & Mayorstone"

Reply

The Public Bike Scheme is funded and managed by the National Transport Authority (NTA). Limerick City and County Council has assisted the NTA in the roll-out of this facility.

The sponsorship of the bikes and the contract for the maintenance of the facility is a matter for the NTA.

Signed:



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Metropolitan District Meeting 15th June 2015

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Michael Hourigan

I move at the next meeting that a strategic plan be developed in conjunction with the community to develop the LPYMA ground into an amenity that will benefit the whole community and address ongoing issues such as antisocial behaviour. This under-utilised resource to be maintained and secured while a long term plan is brought forward.

Reply:

The LPYMA grounds are currently being used by Shelbourne AFC. A number of other sporting bodies have expressed an interest in these lands. The Council will look at a long term plan for the facility and in this regard will address the issues preventing its development which includes access to the facility. We have been in touch with the Gardai regarding recent anti-social activity at the grounds and they are monitoring the area.

Pat Daly
Director of Service

12th June 2015

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Michael Hourigan

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council adopt the recommendations outlined in the Natura Westfields Management Plan. As required under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) that these wetlands be protected for the wild life, before this amenity is lost to the city and local community.

Reply:

The Westfield Wetlands are part of the lower River Shannon Special Area Of Conservation (SAC).

The Natura Report for Westfields was prepared in 2001 and the main recommendations at the time were as follows:

- Create open water bodies in the central and western sections.
- Excavate sediment from parts of the water body in the eastern section.
- Replace the existing water intake from the river with a sluice system.
- Open channels between the four sections of the wetland.
- Remove Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*).
- Employ a manager/guide.

Certain works were carried out a number of years ago. It would be necessary for the Council to cost the implementation of these recommendations. No provision has been made in the 2015 budget for any works in Wetlands other than routine maintenance.

The full implementation of the works as outlined above will require a significant specific resource provision by the Council in its budget for 2016.



**Kieran Lehane,
Director,
Environment & Water Services**

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Elena Secas

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City & County Council, in consultation with the Water Authority, extends the sewerage network out towards Ballyclough. This area is only a few kilometres from Limerick's Main Drainage and this extension will provide it with a realistic and sustainable alternative to septic tanks.

REPLY:

The Notice of Motion as submitted by Councillor Elena Secas should be referred directly to Irish Water for response if the notice of Motion is adopted by Council.

Councillor Elena Secas has been contacted and advised of the telephone number and email address designated by Irish Water for dealing with public representatives. Telephone number 1890178178 and email address localrepsupport@water.ie.

for 
Kieran Lehane,
Director of Services

Limerick City and County Council

Metropolitan District Meeting to be held on Monday 15th June 2015

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Elena Secas

I will move at the next Meeting that, starting with this year, Limerick City and County Council issues an annual report on:

- how much Local Property Tax was collected in Limerick City,
- what percentage of the revenue raised was used to fund the provision of services by Limerick City and County Council
- what projects and in what areas of Limerick have been funded from the LPT.

Reply:

As the collection of the Local Property Tax is now a Revenue Commission function, it is not possible to give information on the actual amount collected. However, as per Circular Fin17/2014, (copy of circular included in Budget Book 2015) an amount of €14,139,276 has been included in the Budget for the 2015 LPT allocation for Limerick City and County Council.

This amount equates to approximately 9% of the Council's total Revenue Income. As the LPT funds are consolidated into the Council's general funding it is not allocated to specific projects but used to part fund Council activities for the year.

Tom Gilligan
Head of Finance