

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MARCH MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**  
**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2016**

**Question submitted by Councillor Cian Prendiville**

I will ask at the next meeting if there is a proposed timeline for the pedestrianisation of Limerick City Centre.

**REPLY:**

Throughout Limerick City Centre the Council seeks to achieve an appropriate balance between various traffic forms -pedestrian, cyclist, public transport and other vehicles- as required by each location.

The previously completed Howley's Quay is an example of a transformation which has increased the relative prominence of pedestrian movements vis-a-vis vehicular movements.

Later this year works will begin on Davis Street which -while maintaining two way vehicular movements-will also provide enhanced facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

This year the Council received notification of an ERDF grant of €4m towards the revitalisation of O'Connell Street area- with this money to be drawn down by the end of 2018. The Council will soon be seeking tender for Consultants to assist in the delivery of this project and will be engaging with sectoral interests to achieve the appropriate balance of treatments for the general O'Connell Street area.

The overall delivery of vehicular traffic management within Limerick City Centre will depend on the delivery of the Inner Orbital Route aspects of which remain to be delivered.



**Kieran Lehane,  
Director,  
Transport & Travel / Environment**

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**Question submitted by Councillor Paul Keller**

I will ask at the next meeting if there is a timeline for when the long expected community centre for the Garryowen area will be provided and are there any temporary measures planned in the interim, as the current space will not be available from the middle of this year?

**REPLY:**

Limerick City and County Council is very supportive of the community in Garryowen and its many supporters and advocates in developing a community facility. Towards this end, the Council via its Regeneration Programme, are in on-going discussions in order to find a suitable location that best suits the needs of the overall area of Garryowen. It is hoped to achieve progress in this matter during the Summer months.

Regarding Garryowen CDP, meetings have taken place and the Council is making efforts to assist in securing short-term accommodation to meet the needs of that programme.

**Pat Dowling,  
Director of Service,  
Home and Community.**

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**Question submitted by Councillor Cian Prendiville**

I will ask at the next meeting if there is a plan and timetable for moving the City Centre Library to a more high-street location?

**Reply**

Limerick City and County Council has recently been informed by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government that approval in principle has been granted for a new Central Library for Limerick under the new Library Capital Investment Programme 2016 – 2021.

This decision now enables the Council to proceed to consider a concept design for a new Library. When this process has been completed, the Council will then be in a position to consider an appropriate site and time frame for the new Library project.

**Damien Brady,  
Limerick City and County Librarian.**

## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2016

### Question submitted by Councillor Paul Keller

I will ask at the next meeting what events or festivals are planned for the Summer months to attract people into the city centre.

### REPLY:

#### **Limerick Film Festival**

April 2016

14th - 16th April

Now in its 7th year, the LIT founded three day event has grown in size and reputation attracting hundreds of filmmakers and visitors from home and abroad. Countries such as USA, Canada, Japan, Belgium, France, Israel and Spain will be represented.

#### **Eva International**

April - July 2016

Various venues in Limerick

EVA International is a wonderful cultural event that is unique to Limerick. It is Ireland's biennial of contemporary art and opens in less than 40 days. This year the work of 57 Irish and international artists will be exhibited in the 2016 edition, titled **Still (the) Barbarians**. Responding to the context of the centenary, **Still (the) Barbarians** is curated by Koyo Kouoh. She is Cameroonian-born and an independent exhibition maker and cultural producer, educated in banking administration and cultural management in Switzerland and France. The exhibitions will take place across Limerick including our own Limerick City Gallery of Art and Cleeve's Condensed Milk Factory. This is a very important exhibition that has shaped the Irish and international art world for almost 40 years and within the Limerick 2020 bid matches the ambition for Limerick to be a place of artistic excellence on an international scale.

#### **Live at the Castle**

Saturday 30th April

King John's Castle

Dolan's in association with Shannon Heritage are proud to announce The Coronas Live at King John's Castle who will be the first act to play the castle since The Frames played there in 2004.

#### **The Great Limerick Run 2016**

Sunday 1st May

The streets of Limerick will be alive to over 14,000 runners including a fully certified marathon, a half marathon and a 6 mile run/walk and relay marathon.

### **Summer Proms**

7th May

The University of Limerick Orchestra present their annual Summer Proms Concert under the baton of Conductor Liam Daly. The concert programme features Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite No. 1", from the current Junior Certificate music curriculum. This concert represents an excellent opportunity for students to hear this exciting piece performed live in advance of their exam. The orchestra will also perform Mendelssohn's evocative "Hebrides (Overture)" and Verdi's dramatic "La Forza Del Destino (Overture)". The second half of the concert celebrates the musical traditions of the island of Ireland. It includes a selection of Irish traditional dance music and Ulster Scots' music arranged for orchestra, and features special guest musicians from the Mid Ulster Pipes and Drums

### **Limerick Choral Union**

8th May

Commemorating 1916, Limerick Choral Union bring together the full forces of LCU Choir and Orchestra and an impressive line-up of soloists for their performance of Beethoven's life-affirming creation 'Missa Solemnis'. Coláiste Mhuire School Choir opens this concert with some well-loved melodies! Soloists include Cara O'Sullivan (Soprano); Sarah-Ellen Murphy (Alto); Lawrence Thackeray (Tenor); Jeffrey Ledwidge (Bass)

### **Limerick Sings International Choral Festival**

10th - 13th June

Various venues in Limerick

This will be the 4th International Choral Festival that invites choirs of all traditions and nationalities to come together for a weekend of festive non-competitive singing in St. Mary's Cathedral and Holy Trinity Abbey Church in Adare.

### **International Tag Rugby Festival PigNPorter**

July

This is Ireland's and the world's largest and best Tag Rugby Festival and is a three day event in Limerick

### **Sheila Deegan**

Arts and Culture Officer

Limerick 2020 Bid Team

Limerick City and County Council