

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST
MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 01st June 2016**

Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) for a detailed report/ discussion on the Great Southern Trail footpath in Abbeyfeale; (b) Investment in the crossings; (c) signage on the N21 and on the line itself; (d) update on the Website; (e) what Directorate does it come under and who has responsibility; (f) what grants have been drawn down; (g) what is the budget for maintenance.

REPLY:

Rural Recreation funding of €82,708 was approved in December 2014 to undertake remedial works on the Great Southern Trail (GST). These works included amongst others the improvement of crossings, signage, development of specific town land signage and seating. An alternative, less costly crossing option was trialled in 2015 but this did not prove suitable. Consultants were engaged during 2015 to develop designs and specifications for the improvement works identified. The crossings are currently being installed and other works related to signage will be undertaken following the completion of a Design Guide for the GST.

Rural Recreation funding was sought in 2015 for the footpath in Abbeyfeale but this funding was not allocated owing to the re-allocation of this funding to flood related emergency works.

The Great Southern Trail is currently under the responsibility of a number of different Directorates including both Economic Development and the Service Operations Directorate. A review of the necessary operational structures required to advance the development of the GST is underway.

The marketing of the Great Southern Trail will be undertaken following the necessary operational structure being put in place and a review of the website will be undertaken as part of this review.

The maintenance of the Great Southern Trail is undertaken through the Operations West Division and West Limerick Resources.

**Mary Hayes
Administrative Officer
Economic Development**

31st May 2016

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2016

Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on Knocknagorna Bridge (a) when works will commence; (b) what is the total budget allocation; (c) how long will it take to complete the works.

REPLY:

Punch Consulting Engineers have carried out a detailed survey on this bridge and the report on their recommendations is expected this week.

- (a) It is estimated that works on this bridge will commence in Quarter 3 of 2016.
- (b) The total budget allocation is €50,000
- (c) It is estimated that works should take 3 to 4 weeks to complete.

Brian Kennedy
Operations Manager South & West Divisions

26th May, 2016.

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Question submitted by Councillor Liam Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the proposed works for Castletown/Ballyagran villages arising from the Municipal District Meeting held in the hall in Castletown.

REPLY:

As part of this year's Newcastle West Schedule of Municipal District Works, the following works will be carried out

1. Surface Dressing-L1542 –at 2 locations in Ballyagran
2. GMA –footpaths at Ballyagran.

It is intended item 1 will be carried out during the Summer months and item 2 will be carried out in October/November.

Works to provide a footpath from the crossroads at Castletown to the Burial Ground have been estimated at approx. €70,000. There is currently no funding available to carry out this work.

Works to continue a footpath from Ballyagran village to St. Joseph's Foundation have been estimated at approx. €75,000. A submission for Development Funding has been made for this project.

Brian Kennedy
Operations Manager-South and West Divisions

26th May 2016

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Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting if road lining will be renewed in the Broadford village area.

REPLY:

Renewal of the road line markings will be carried out in Broadford village within the next two weeks.

**Brian Kennedy
Operations Manager South & West Divisions**

26th May, 2016.

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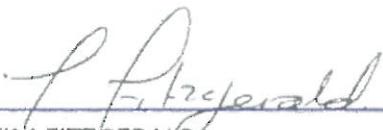
Question submitted by Councillor S. Browne

I will ask at the next Meeting when the remaining barriers will be installed on the left hand side of the New Barnagh Road going down hill.

REPLY:

I can confirm that all crash barriers required under the construction contract have been installed by the contractor.

Signed:


TIM FITZGERALD
SENIOR ENGINEER
REGIONAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE

27TH May 2016