

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE
MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
14TH OCTOBER 2015

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Kevin Sheahan

I will move at the next Meeting for an update on the proposals to address the flooding issues in Foynes, Askeaton and Ballysteen.

REPLY:

MHL Consulting Engineers have recently been appointed to assess and recommend flood alleviation measures for Askeaton. Design works will be on-going over the coming months.

In relation to Foynes, tenders are currently being assessed. It is expected that a contractor will be recommended shortly. Construction should commence soon thereafter subject to funding being made available from the OPW.

In relation to other areas, including Ballysteen, any funding for these areas will have to await national priorities following the CFRAMS studies by the OPW.

Flood alleviation drainage works are currently being undertaken in Moig, Ballysteen this week and should be completed shortly.

Brian Kennedy,
Operations Manager South and West Divisions
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I will move at the next Meeting for an update on the provision of a new Sewerage Treatment Plant in Askeaton.

REPLY:

Consulting Engineers have been appointed by Irish Water to advance the design of Askeaton Sewerage Scheme and initial meetings have already taken place to consider the progress of the project.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Hegarty Local Representative Support Desk
Irish Water.
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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Richard O'Donoghue

I will move at the next Meeting that traffic-calming measures be installed in the vicinity of Shanagolden National School, in the interest of public safety.

REPLY:

As outlined in the May Meeting of the District the Senior Executive Engineer and Area Technician met with members of the Shanagolden NS Parents' Council Safety Committee in February. Since that meeting the Senior Executive Engineer met again with members of the committee and the school principal.

Line markings as agreed were completed at this time. The committee proposed to prepare a plan for access to the school in the interests of health and safety. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed that Limerick City and County Council would carry out a survey to determine the feasibility of constructing a footpath from the school to the junction with the L1223. The Area Technician has been liaising with the Parents' Council Safety Committee's Engineer in relation to this.

Ben Noonan,
A/ Senior Executive Engineer,
West Division Operations.
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I will move at the next Meeting that adequate resources and staffing be provided to the Adare-Rathkeale District Office to enable that office to deal efficiently with Councillor representations.

REPLY:

A new Grade II Technician and an Assistant Engineer were recently recruited for the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District and we are currently endeavouring to work through the backlog of Councillors requests for service within current budgets. We are also currently looking at recruiting an Executive Engineer.

**Brian Kennedy,
Operations Manager South and West Divisions
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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Emmett O'Brien

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council immediately take such necessary measures to provide adequate parking in Adare town.

REPLY:

The Adare Local Area Plan has an objective to facilitate the provision of additional car parking. Such Area and Development Plan objectives are advanced as funding or other resource opportunities become available.

**Donal Brennan,
Senior Engineer.**

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Tom Neville

I will move at the next Meeting that the pebbles in front of the houses at Friary Court, Askeaton be replaced by a permanent surface.

REPLY:

The layout of the estate is such that the public footpaths serving the houses are offset by 1.2 metres from the front of the houses. This 1.2 metre strip is surfaced with pebbles and extends all round the rectangle serving houses 1 to 12.

The removal of the pebbles would have a negative impact on the visual amenity of the estate.

However, more importantly it would also permit public access along the front of each house and therefore lead to pedestrian access right along the front of the houses all of which have bedrooms at the front. This will increase noise levels in the bedrooms and may lead to antisocial behaviour, nuisance and disturbance to tenants sleeping in the front rooms.

When surveying the estate I met with two residents, one of whom was in favour of removing the pebbles and the other was opposed to their removal.

For all of the above reasons I recommend that the pebbles be retained.

**Michael O'Brien,
Executive Engineer.**