

The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

Re: Summary of Fire Service activities in Rathkeale during the Christmas period.

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

The Fire Service attended 6 incidents between 20th December 2015 and 1st January 2016 in the Rathkeale area.

These incidents were as follows:

1. Single vehicle road traffic accident.
2. Traffic hazard, pole broken and leaning onto road.
3. Trees down
4. Tree down on cables
5. Three vehicle Road Traffic Accident
6. Three vehicle Road Traffic Accident

Please note that none of the above had anything to do with unauthorised parking of caravans.

If you require any further information, please contact me.

Regards
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February, 2016.

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Re: Parking of caravans on lands at Enniscoush, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.

4th February, 2016.

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Caravans were moved onto this site on dates between the 14th and 18th December, 2015. Enforcement notices were served in respect of the unauthorised caravans following that date with the last one being served by hand on December 23rd.

The first court following the Christmas period took place in Newcastle West and we made applications to the court for short service of the summons to enforce. As you may be aware, defendants are normally entitled to 21 days notice unless there are special circumstances. The court also took the unusual decision to hear the matters as quickly as possible by agreeing to move the case to Limerick City on Tuesday 12th January, 2016 as the next available court in Newcastle West wasn't until 23rd January, 2016.

Michael O'Donnell appeared on behalf of Alfie and Margaret Boswell who are the primary occupants and they are renovating the house in question. He asked for 4 weeks for his clients to be allowed move from the site but we informed him of the ongoing complaints in the area and that we wished them to cease the occupancy immediately. The court agreed that the matter was urgent and indicated that the caravans were to be moved and any remaining caravan could not be occupied. Judge Larkin asked for undertakings from the Boswells.

Mr Boswell gave the required undertaking that he would be moved off site by 2nd February, 2016. His wife gave a similar undertaking.

The cases are adjourned to Newcastle West on 2nd February, 2016 with all caravans bar the personal caravan of Alfie Boswell to be off site and that caravan is to be unoccupied.

The case was heard again on Tuesday 2nd February, 2016. All caravans have been removed from the site. It was agreed to adjourn the case for 12 months with liberty to re-enter the case at any court in the County with 24 hours notice should any unauthorised use re-occur on the site.

Michael O'Brien
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Economic Development & Planning.