

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, ON WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 2015, AT 10.00 a.m.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor J. Scanlan.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors, Collins, Foley, Galvin, Sheahan and Browne.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Travel & Transportation (Mr. P. Crowe), Senior Executive Engineer, West and South Division (Mr. B. Noonan), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox), Clerical Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. D. O'Kelly).

**1. Deputations**

**Deputation from Newcastle West Community Council**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Deputation from Newcastle West Community Council which comprised of Mr. Michael Finucane (Chairman), Mr. Seamus Hunt and Mr. Patrick Brennan.

Mr. Finucane thanked the Members for allowing them the opportunity to address the District Meeting. The Community Council thanked the Council for its assistance. It was noted that the official opening of the skate board park would take place shortly.

The following issues were raised by the Deputation:

- Provision of Bus Shelter on N21.
- Removal of rubbish at Dromindeel.
- Potholes on roadway at Dromindeel.
- Resurfacing area of St.Mary's Road.
- Traffic problems at junction of entrance to Beechwood and Meadow Court.
- Proposal to re-activate twinning with Pelplin near Gdansk.

The Cathaoirleach and Members thanked the Deputation for their presentation.

The Deputation then withdrew from the Meeting.

**Deputation from Abbeyfeale Community Development Association**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Deputation from Abbeyfeale Community

Development Association which comprised of Mr. Michael Lane (Secretary), Mr. Jim O'Connor (Chairman of Town Park), Mr. David Goode (Trader) and Mr. Paudie Fitzgerald (Trader).

Mr. Lane outlined the main issues affecting Abbeyfeale.

- Lack of signage for Public Car Park.
- Great Southern Trail no proper signage.
- Glor Theatre no signage.
- Need for footpath from Soccer Pitch to Railway Station.
- Develop riverside walk.
- River in need of remedial work.
- Pedestrian Crossing.
- Set down areas.
- Line car parking spaces.

Members thanked the Deputation for their presentation. The Deputation then withdrew from the Meeting.

On the proposal of Councillor Scanlan, seconded by Councillor Sheahan it was agreed to hold the remainder of the Meeting in committee.

Members discussed the issues raised by the Deputations and agreed that some of the issues were outside the remit of Limerick City and County Council. It was agreed that the Council would deal with the issues such as signage, repairs to potholes and removal of rubbish.

It was agreed to investigate the issue of loose stones on wall at Beechwood Nursing Home. In relation to bus shelter, the Council undertook to investigate the situation with regard to planning. It was also agreed to revert to Limerick City and County Council regarding re-activation of twinning.

The issue of traffic problems at junction of Beechwood and Meadow Court was discussed.

Discussion took place with regard to the Draft Enhancement Plan for Abbeyfeale. It was suggested that once the plan was agreed a presentation would be made to the Members of the District together with Council Management and Officials.

Members also discussed the lack of public toilets in Abbeyfeale.

On the proposal of Councillor Scanlan, seconded by Councillor Galvin it was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District would be held on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 10.00 a.m.

Signed:

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**Cathaoirleach**

Dated:

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