

LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL

Meeting of the Metropolitan District to be held on Monday 16th February 2015

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Daniel Butler

Question:

I will move at the next meeting of Limerick Metropolitan District that Limerick City and County Council that the grass cutting schedules for the 3 electoral areas of the Metropolitan District of Limerick be presented to Members before the season begins so that Members can ensure the schedule is effective.

Reply:

The Council's grass cutting contract is currently out to tender. Tenders will be returned and analysed over the coming weeks and the Council expects to commence grass cutting in late March/early April.

Grass cutting has not been tendered on the basis of the electoral areas of the metropolitan district and tenderers are not required to produce any such schedule.

It is a requirement of the grass cutting contract that all areas will be cut once every two weeks.

Signed: _____



**Kieran Lehane,
Director,
Environment & Water Services**

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 2015

Question/Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Daniel Butler

"I will move at the next meeting that the Council put a yellow box junction at the entrance of The Grange, Raheen and Church Road entering the R510 to allow local traffic drive on to this busy road safely".

REPLY

The R510 is a busy regional road, particularly at School opening and closing times. During these peak times it can be difficult for traffic trying to exit from The Grange, particularly if they wish to turn right to get onto the main road.

The Council is in agreement with the proposal for a Yellow Box at this location and will consult with An Garda Síochána in this regard. If a favourable response is received then arrangements will be made to have Traffic Sign No. RRM 020 (Yellow Box) placed at the entrance to The Grange.

Signed:



**DIRECTOR,
TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION**

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Joe Crowley

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council immediately tackle all the hedging issues on the North Circular Road and other areas throughout the North Side. Many of the hedges are forcing pedestrians to walk on the roadways and if these cannot be addressed directly, because they are on private property, the appropriate enforcement should be issued to the owners to carry out the works .

In addition, there are many trees that need to be removed due to damage and also height issues in many places, photographs of such trees can be provided. There is a huge decline in local amenity areas and the Council should draw up and implement an immediate action plan to improve the overall appearance of these areas.

Reply

Limerick City and County Council have a policy of writing to property owners in relation to hedges that protrude onto footpaths to request that they cut back any hedging that causes a health and safety issue. We will continue to communicate with property owners and take enforcement measures as necessary.

Any dangerous trees that are notified to Limerick City and County Council will be inspected and dealt with appropriately.

**Kieran Lehane,
Director
Environment and Water Services**

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Joe Crowley

I will move at the next meeting that the Council provide a "Prayer Garden" in the City as a place where people experiencing tragic loss or those who are in despair can come to visit in privacy. With suicide so prevalent in Limerick, this would be a location not only for victims but may indeed provide a Sanctuary for those who may be in peril themselves. I feel that a City Centre site is crucial, suitable and necessary and suggest the old Graveyard in Michael Street. Once we can secure this or a alternative site, we can see about developing it.

Reply:

Michael Street graveyard is not in the ownership of Limerick City and County Council. An assessment of this site or alternative sites can be undertaken subject to funding made available and consent of the relevant landowner(s). Any such proposal will have to be assessed to ascertain if planning permission is required.

Pat Fitzgerald
Senior Executive Officer
Economic Development & Planning

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John Gilligan

I will move at the next meeting that this Council remove, or have removed, the rubbish dump which lies between the Castle Wall and the river.

Reply

This area, adjacent to the river bank, is in the care of Waterways Ireland. The Council will liaise with them in relation to cleaning up this area.

**Kieran Lehane,
Director
Environment and Water Services**

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METROPOLITAN MEETING TO BE HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2015

Notice of Motion submitted by Comhairleoir Séighin Ó Ceallaigh

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council hold an ‘Oíche Gaeilge’ or ‘Irish Language Night’, in City Hall between 1st and 16th March 2015 as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge with refreshments and food provided for anyone who wishes to come to the event to speak in Irish with other Irish speakers and that a similar event be held annually during Seachtain na Gaeilge. The event should be open to all, whether fluent speakers or beginners, wishing to improve their Irish.

REPLY

Limerick City and County Council is in the process of organising an ‘Oíche Gaeilge’ which will be held in Merchant’s Quay. A tentative date for this event is Thursday 12th March 2015. The date and time will be confirmed to all Elected Members in due course.

**PAT DOWLING
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE
CORPORATE SERVICES,
HUMAN RESOURCES AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT**

Limerick City and County Council
Meeting of Metropolitan District
Monday, 16th February, 2015

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John Gilligan

I will move at the next meeting that this Council resolve to work in a positive manner with the community centre in Caherdavin to operate a viable library in their building and that a review of this process take place in the Autumn of this year.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Cian Prendiville

I will move at the next meeting that the Metropolitan District of Limerick supports the Caherdavin Residents Association's request to keep the Caherdavin Library open for a 6 month trial. Over that 6 months the library can be housed on the ground floor of the community centre, if needs be. This trial period can give space for the library to develop a clear and important role within the Limerick Library Services, or at least develop with the community proposals for alternative services. At the end of this trial period, a review should take place with the community, and the councillors to take a final decision on this matter.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Frankie Daly

I will move at the next meeting that the Metropolitan District of Limerick supports the Caherdavin Residents Association's request to keep the Caherdavin Library open for a 6 month trial. Over that 6 months the library can be housed on the ground floor of the community centre, to avoid breaching health and safety concerns as expressed by library services. This trial period can give space for the library to develop a clear and important role within the Limerick Library Services, or at least develop with the community proposals for alternative services. At the end of this trial period, a review should take place with the community, and the councillors to take a final decision on this matter."

Reply:

The part-time Library Centre at Caherdavin, which was opened 9½ hours per week, offered a very limited service to the public. It was located in a small single room at 2nd floor level in Caherdavin Community Centre. Due to limited space, it could only carry a very narrow range of stock. It had no space for IT Services such as Public Internet.

It presented particular challenges in terms of public access. The only access point to the Library Centre was via a long steep stairs. There was no separate fire escape or emergency exit. It did not meet current Health and Safety Standards.

It was not suitable in terms of range of service or accessibility for local schools and the 400 pupils at both the local boys and girls schools are served by the Schools Mobile Library Service.

In June 2007, an 8,000sq foot state of the Art Library had opened at Watch House Cross, with a host of new innovative services e.g Arts & Crafts area, Music Laboratory, Language Laboratory, Story time space, PC Suite, Exhibition Area and Community Rooms. The opening of Watch House Cross Library has proved hugely successful with over 3,500 members registered, ongoing PC classes for adults and community rooms booked out. In addition the Library at Watch House Cross is opened 41 hours per week over 5 days including 2 late nights, lunchtime and every Saturday.

It was initially proposed in March 2008 to close Caherdavin part time Library Centre due to low levels of use and very limited facilities. However, a period of time was granted to measure the viability of the service going forward. Over the past 7 years, the level of use by the public has been extremely low and year on year has continually declined to a handful of readers. Watch House Cross Library, located 1 mile from Caherdavin has over 400 registered readers with a Caherdavin address. The Granary Library, located 2 miles from Caherdavin has over 270 registered readers with a Caherdavin address. Dooradoyle Library, located 4 miles from Caherdavin has over 110 registered readers with a Caherdavin address.

The proposed ground floor space in the community centre is less than 800 sq. feet and would not meet the standards required for a modern Library.

In light of the above issues, the part-time Library Centre at Caherdavin was not fit for purpose and given the fact that there are 4 alternative Library Services in place namely Watch House Cross, The Granary, Dooradoyle and a dedicated schools service, it was decided to close Caherdavin part-time Library Centre on Friday 13th February, 2015.

Signed

Damien Brady

Limerick City & County Librarian