

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE**  
**MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY,**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017**

**Question submitted by Councillor Kevin Sheahan**

I will ask at the next Meeting, regarding Adare's good news now that the street cleaning programme has been re-established, from where and from what fund are the monies being provided from.

**REPLY:**

No additional funding has been received; partial restoration of the street cleaning in Adare will be carried out on Saturday and Sunday mornings during the peak summer months of July and August. Funding is provided through Local Roads General Maintenance.

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**I will ask at the next Meeting for a progress report on the proposal to have a footpath constructed from Adare village to the GAA Pitch.**

**REPLY:**

Planning permission for a housing development on the Blackabbey road is still currently being applied for. The new development if granted will provide a section of footpath towards the GAA pitch.

We are currently procuring a consultant to examine the feasibility of the extension of the footpath to the GAA Field.

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**Question submitted by Councillor Richard O'Donoghue**

**I will ask at the next Meeting for an explanation for the delay in bringing Part VIII in relation to the ring-road at Croom in front of Local Area Councillors for discussion.**

**REPLY:**

The Council has been in discussion with the landowner regarding obtaining consent to lodge the Part 8 application. The landowner has indicated that he is unwilling to provide consent until his design team has resolved matters relating to flood levels in the vicinity. Following a telephone conversation with the design team I understand that they are working on the report and the delay in responding is due to their workload. The design team has confirmed that they will revert to the Council immediately when the report is completed. Any issues arising will be discussed on receipt of the report and will be actively worked on. The Part 8 application will be lodged as soon as the landowner's consent is obtained.

**Kieran O'Gorman,  
Senior Executive Engineer,  
Design & Delivery.**

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**Question submitted by Councillor Adam Teskey**

I will ask at the next Meeting how many landowners of roadside holdings have been written to asking them to cut or maintain their hedgerows.

**REPLY:**

270 land owners have been written to advising them to cut and maintain hedging in 2016.

Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976 and 2000 states "It shall be an offence for a person to cut, grub, burn or otherwise destroy, during the period beginning on the 1st day of March and ending on the 31st day of August in any year"

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I will ask at the next Meeting, currently what is the allocated budget for street cleaning in our district and what is the estimated over or under spend within it.

**REPLY:**

The annual street cleaning budget for the Operational Division of Adare-Rathkeale is €119,600. The estimated annual cost of street cleaning is €254,000. The significant balance of €134,400 is subsidised through Local Roads General Maintenance.

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**I will ask at the next Meeting if the Council proposes to cut hedgerows along local routes with an emphasis on rural cross roads.**

**REPLY:**

Limerick City and County Council has a Contractor in place since the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 cutting junctions off Local & Regional Roads and around permanent road signs.

Outside of these criteria, the maintaining and cutting of hedges is the responsibility of the land owner.

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**I will ask at the next Meeting for a progress report or lack of on the issues pertaining to the Askeaton Sewerage Scheme.**

**REPLY:**

Dear Councillors,

Thank you for your email regarding a sewerage treatment plant in Askeaton.

Your query has been forwarded to the relevant department for investigation. A member of their team will investigate as soon as possible and once we receive any updates we will contact you again straight away. The Irish Water Reference number for this issue is 11843, which you can keep for your own records.

Thank you for contacting Irish Water, a member of our team will be in contact with you again shortly.

Yours sincerely,

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*Local Representative Support Desk,*  
Irish Water,  
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