

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK
MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 2014

Question/Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Joe Crowley

"I will move at the next Meeting, in relation to the riverbank at Westfield Park and the breach that occurred resulting in flooding just short of the houses in Westfield Park and damage to the riverside path and the closing of part of same path, that Limerick City and Council put plans in place immediately to make safe this amenity, reopen the path to the public and allow for an increase in the water flow between the River Shannon and Westfield Lake and visa versa."

REPLY

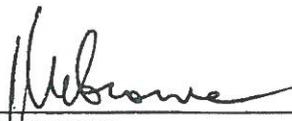
The breach of the Riverside Embankment that occurred along the Condell Road occurred as a result of over topping of the Embankment by flood water from the river during the high tide of Saturday 1st February 2014. The water overtipping the embankment washed away some of the riverside path as well as the inside of the embankment.

The riverside path along this embankment at this location is not currently suitable for pedestrians as it is dangerous and remains closed. Pedestrians can use the new footpath that runs along the Condell Road to get around this closure.

The City and County Council has made an application for funding to Government to carry out extensive repairs to this embankment including raising the height of the embankment. This funding application has not yet been approved by Government. As part of constructing the new embankment a new footpath can be constructed along the riverside as part of the scheme.

Limerick City and County Council are not aware of any problems with the flow of water between Westfields and the River Shannon, however arrangements have been made to carry out inspections on the pipe and valves controlling this flow.

SIGNED:



DIRECTOR,
TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

Economic Development and Planning.

Date: 17th October 2014.

NOTICE OF MOTION

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council carry out the necessary refurbishment works to Mungret College to enable local community groups and voluntary organisations to benefit through the use of this building for the common good.

Signed: Councillor Joe Leddin

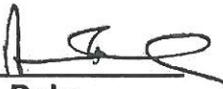
REPLY:

Contracts for the acquisition for Mungret College and lands have been signed by the Council, the deposit paid and the signed contracts returned to the solicitor for the Receiver. The Council is awaiting confirmation of signature from their side. It is expected that the Council will have possession by early November 2014.

The Mungret College building needs extensive remedial works and refurbishments in order to be ready for future use. In this regard the Council has engaged Conservation Architects and Quantity Surveyors to identify and cost the necessary works.

The Council is aware through Councillors, Community Groups, Sporting bodies, etc. that there is a strong demand for community/sporting facilities in the Mungret/Southern Environs area. It is anticipated that much of this demand will be satisfied through the development of the buildings and lands of the college.

In that regard a comprehensive master plan for the building and lands is to be drawn up. The initial phase of such a plan has commenced with the commencement of a Traffic Study for the area.

Signed: 

P. Daly,
Director of Services,
Economic Development and Planning

LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL

October Meeting of the Municipal District of Limerick to be held on **Monday, 20th October, 2014.**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Joe Crowley

I will move at the next meeting of Limerick Metropolitan District that Limerick City and County Council will connect any houses on the Old Clonmacken Road, not already connected, to the main sewerage system and in addition, that the connection to "Knocklyon" be completely overhauled and an adequate sewerage system be incorporated to a health and safety specification".

Reply:

1 A connection to the public sewer may only be made following approval of an application for such to Irish Water. Application forms for new connections are available at Council Offices.

2 The Knocklyon sewerage system is the subject of ongoing negotiations between the Planning Office and the insurance company holding the bond for that development with a view to remediating the system to a standard needed to facilitate its taking in charge by Irish Water.

Signed: _____



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

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

Environmental and Water Services

17th October, 2014.

Notice of Motion submitted by Council Michael Hourigan

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council carry out works to clear reeds in the wetland area adjacent to the Condell Road, in particular, the viewing stand as this amenity is in severe danger of being lost without maintenance work.

Reply:

The Council is not in a position to carry out works to clear reeds in the wetland area of Westfields at this time as the expenditure involved would not represent value for money at this stage. The reed growth is the evolution of a natural habitat and the water levels have not altered sufficiently to warrant the extremely expensive procedure of reed removal. We will undertake to monitor the water levels to assess the visibility of water in the area on an ongoing basis."

Signed: _____ 

Kieran Lehane
Director of Service
Environment & Water Services

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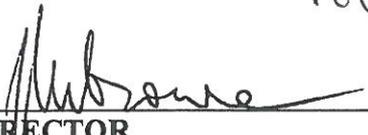
Question/Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Malachy Macreesh

"I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council give consideration to the request by residents of Little Gerard Griffin Street to have the ability to park on the street outside their homes whether by a permit system or more permanent designed parking."

REPLY

These are City Council Houses that were built by Limerick City Council and no provision was made for Off-Street Parking with this development. Current parking regulations prohibit vehicle parking because of road width. No Disc Parking operates on Little Gerald Griffin Street, therefore, the provision of Resident Parking Permits is not applicable to this street. The Limerick City & County Council Traffic Department have examined the site and can move to allow On-Street Parking on one side of the street between 18.30p.m. and 08.00a.m. hrs daily enabled by single yellow line provisions. To advise this a member of staff can meet with the residents.

SIGNED:



DIRECTOR,
TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

*relevant ^{and} staff to meet with
Councillors*

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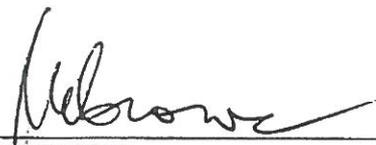
"I will move at the next Meeting that an immediate response is required from Limerick City and County Council to the request to re-paint the markings on the pedestrian and controlled crossings on Fr. Russell Road and St. Nessian Road in the vicinity of St. Pauls Church and School."

REPLY

Arrangements have been made to replace the lining at the pedestrian crossings at St Pauls School on St. Nessian Road and the top of Fr Russell Road.

This work will be undertaken within the next two weeks.

Signed:



DIRECTOR,
TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

Environmental and Water Services

17th October, 2014.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Maria Byrne

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council put in place immediately a dog fouling campaign and enhance this with the placing of dog fouling bins in areas where there are no litter bins which can also be used to dispose of dog litter.

REPLY:

The problem of dog fouling is an on-going issue throughout the city and county. While there has been a significant increase in the number of dog owners cleaning up after their dogs over the last 2 to 3 years, there are still quite a number of owners who do not. This is an area that has been targeted by the Councils Litter Team over the last year or so with greater resources put in to the creation of awareness amongst the public of the nuisance caused by dog litter and the resultant health risks.

In recent times a Dog Fouling Awareness Campaign commenced Monday 13th October and is being carried out in conjunction with the Gardai. Staff from the Environment Department and Environmental Inspectors/Wardens together with Gardai have been out and about meeting with dog owners to raise awareness about the need to carry a bag and pick up after their dog. The Council has also circulated press release and highlighted the issue on local radio interviews as part of the campaign.

The Environment Dept will extend the campaign to other areas in the County over the coming months. The main feature of the campaign is in increasing the level of awareness amongst the dog owning public to be responsible dog owners and clean up that dog litter.

The "Any Bag Any Bin" campaign has been quite effective in the City area and will be rolled out throughout the county in the coming months. It is also proposed to extend the Dog Litter and Dog Control Byelaws 2012 to cover the whole county. These byelaws provide that " Article 5.(1) any person having charge of a dog shall at all times while exercising the dog in any public place carry suitable receptacles to remove and dispose of dog droppings immediately after the dog has deposited them. This receptacle must be available for inspection by an authorised officer on request. Plastic bags, paper bags or acceptable pooper scoopers are examples of proper receptacles".

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Notice of Motion submitted by Cmhlr. Séighin ÓCeallaigh

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council provide a list of Council houses in the Metropolitan District, both vacant and boarded up, and the estimated time for re-letting of these properties.

REPLY:

The information as requested will be collated and provided to Cmhlr. Séighin Ó Ceallaigh in due course.

Signed: Caroline Curley
Caroline Curley
Director of Service
Home & Social Development

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meeting of 20th October, 2014

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gerry O'Dea

That Limerick City and County Council address the long term future and plans for our municipal golf course at Rathbane.

Response

Rathbane Golf Course is a public 18 hole park land course located in the southern outskirts of Limerick. The course is a Municipal facility and is owned by Limerick City and County Council. Associated with the course is a strong members club, Rathbane Golf Club. It is affiliated with the Golfing Union of Ireland and the Irish Ladies Golf Union Ltd. It is one of the few golf courses that offers golf at affordable prices, a place to play the game and enjoy the game at a reasonable cost.

Rathbane Golf Course first opened to the public in 1998 and since then has undergone a number of refurbishments. A significant upgrade of the course was undertaken in 2010/2011. This upgrade included the construction of 18 new tee complexes, a new 9th hole featuring a new lake, a new practice area that included a new practice putting green, an irrigation system and a new short game area incorporating bunkers. In 2013 additional funding was received from the Department of Trade Tourism and Sport towards the upgrade of the sewerage system at the course and minor works to the clubhouse.

Mack Trading International Ltd. is the current operator of the Golf Course on behalf of Limerick City and County Council. In August 2014, Limerick City & County Council was informed by Mack Trading Ltd. that it would no longer be operating the golf course with effect from 30th September, 2014. Following a number of meetings between Mack Trading and staff from this local authority, Mack Trading have agreed to continue to operate the golf course on a short-term basis. It is proposed that a tender for an operator to manage the course from 2015 will be issued shortly.

Limerick City and County Council is proud of the facility at Rathbane and is committed to the 'public, socially inclusive' nature of the golf course which attracts golfers from the city and county and the wider Mid-West region. The long term future of the course requires an equity investment of approximately €400,000. Discussions have taken place recently with the members of Rathbane Golf Club regarding works that would enhance the clubhouse and the purchase of equipment necessary to maintain the golf course to an acceptable standard. The investment required may be considered as a special project to be funded under the general Municipal Allocation.


Josephine Cotter-Coughlan,
Director of Service,
Community, Leisure and Emergency Services.