

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING 'IN COMMITTEE' OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN THE TRAINING ROOM, LOWER GROUND FLOOR, COUNCIL OFFICES, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK ON TUESDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017 AT 6.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor R. O'Donoghue, An Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Keary, McMahon, O'Brien, Sheahan and Teskey.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director, Regional Services (Ms. C. Curley), Senior Resident Engineer, Mid West National Road Design Office (Mr. G. Carey), Senior Executive Officer, Design and Delivery Services (Mr. J. Delaney), Meetings Administrator (Mr. T. O'Callaghan).

**IRISH WATER REPRESENTATIVES:**

Mr. John O'Shaughnessy, South Regional Connections and Developer Services Manager, Jana Goold, Design Engineer, South Regional Connections and Developer Services.

**1. Foul Sewer in Adare**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. John O'Shaughnessy and Jana Goold from Irish Water to the Meeting.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy reviewed, with the aid of a presentation, Irish Water's involvement in proposals to extend a sewer line along a portion of the Rathkeale Road, exiting Adare. He noted that a segment of this line could be used to service the Council lands in Adare but that these lands could also be serviced by the lowering of the Deerpark pumping station and this option would not require a pipe along the roadway. He stressed that Irish Water's role was to provide services in accordance with the requirements of the customer and with the customer carrying the cost.

Members discussed the benefits and options for servicing the lands zoned as 'residential various phases' on the other side of the road opposite the Council lands and it was noted that a wayleave ran at the back of the existing houses at this location and that another pumping station would probably be required to service this land, via any network installed on the Council lands, and a more extensive survey in this regard would be required. Members stressed the need for serviced sites and housing to accommodate the needs of young people from Adare and it was noted that, in addition to the social housing proposed for the Council lands, there was potential for in excess of 200 private residential units at that location.

The Director, Regional Services pointed out that the issue being brought before the Members in relation to the approved overlay works and the implications of laying an adjacent sewer line were whether the Council should; do nothing; lay the sewer line along the full length of the overlay works during which traffic through Adare would be diverted due to the extent of rock to be excavated or; lay the sewer line along the road up to the Council lands with single lane closure; or explore the alternative options to service the Council lands and if that alternative was deemed more favourable proceed accordingly and let the overlay works proceed. She pointed out that any option chosen to service the Council lands would have to be marketable.

A Motion was proposed by Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Teskey that the Council should make affordable sites available in Adare to people from Adare.

The Director, Regional Services noted that the disposal of land was a matter for the elected Council to decide and that a policy in this regard should be considered by the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee (SPC).

Members noted the position in relation to the extent of hard rock and the related requirement for full width road closure in Adare and accepted that the provision of a sewer along the N21 at this point in time was not recommended. Following discussion it was agreed that the Council would proceed and work with Irish Water to ascertain the most suitable route for servicing the Council lands in Adare and once determined the Council would proceed with the overlay project, subject to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) approval. Members requested to be kept informed of developments in this regard.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_