

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY MEETING OF THE**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018**

**Question submitted by Councillor Galvin**

I will ask at the next Meeting:

- A. What state agencies are responsible for the River Feale flowing at the back of New St. Abbeyfeale?
- B. Who is responsible for dredging that river at the same location?
- C. Who completed and paid for the repair works at Dan Murphy's property (RIP) near the bridge on the Alaghaun river Abbeyfeale approximately four years ago and at what cost?
- D. What state agencies are responsible for the Alaghaun river at that location?
- E. Why/how was the Roche property granted planning permission without a condition of planning that a properly designed/engineered wall be put in place along the river bank?
- F. Can the recent report and design of works carried out at the affected properties on New St be made available to the Councillors?
- G. Can the River Feale be dredged immediately along the affected properties on New Street?

**Reply**

A.

**What state agencies are responsible for the River Feale flowing at the back of New St. Abbeyfeale?**

In terms of the erosion that is occurring at this location, the Office of Public Works has advised the Council that no state agency has legal responsibility for this part of the river.

B.

**Who is responsible for dredging that river at the same location?**

The responsibility for the condition of the channel and riverbanks typically rests with the riparian owner.

C.

**Who completed and paid for the repair works at Dan Murphy's property (RIP) near the bridge on the Alaghaun River, Abbeyfeale approximately four years ago and at what cost?**

I have been informed that the works on the bridge in Abbeyfeale on the Allaghaun River were carried out in 2010 and follow up works were carried out in 2011.

The works were repair works to the bridge and in-stream works to prevent the bridge supports from being undercut. In addition the traffic flow system over the bridge was modified in the interest of safety.

The works were carried out as part of the Roads Work Programme and I have requested that relevant files be examined to determine the cost of the works.

D.

**What state agencies are responsible for the Alaghaun River at that location?**

I understand that no state agency has legal responsibility for this part of the river

E.

**Why/how was the Roche property granted planning permission without a condition of planning that a properly designed/engineered wall be put in place along the river bank?**

I have referred this Question to our Planning and Environmental Services section who will reply directly on the matter.

F.


**Can the recent report and design of works carried out at the affected properties on New St. be made available to the Councillors?**

I attach herewith, for your information and consideration, copy of the Engineering Report from Dennany Reidy Associates Consulting Civil & Structural Engineers.

G.

**Can the River Feale be dredged immediately along the affected properties on New Street?**

Neither the Office of Public Works (OPW) nor Limerick City & County Council have a statutory responsibility in relation to the drainage/dredging of the River Feale at this location. The issue of drainage/dredging is a matter for the riparian land owner.



**Kieran Lehane**  
**Director**  
**Physical Development**  
**09/01/2018**

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Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting if any state agencies had ownership at any time of the Roche site at New St. Abbeyfeale.

REPLY:

In 1970 land of approximately 1/10th of an acre (Folio numbers 26062 and 18970F) at New Street, Abbeyfeale was purchased by Limerick County Council.

On 25<sup>th</sup> January 1999 a S183 Disposal Notice was approved by Limerick County Council and the land in question was consequently disposed of to Nautic Building Company Ltd, completed in April 1999.

Jayne Leahy  
Head of Property Services  
Dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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I will ask at the next Meeting for a second costing to be carried out to do the necessary works on the river bank at New St. Abbeyfeale.

**Reply**

The Engineering Report in relation to the property at 5 Riverbrook, New Street, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick was carried out by Dennany Reidy Associates Consulting Civil & Structural Engineers.

This report costed the works required to safeguard this property at €454,861.10. In addition there will be the costs of professional fees incurred.

The Council is satisfied that this report and estimated cost of works offer a realistic appraisal of the likely cost of the works of repair.

The Council is also satisfied that commissioning a second report would not result in a situation whereby the final report from another appropriately qualified consultancy firm would significantly differ from the original Dennany Reidy Associates report.

Members must also have regard to the fact that commissioning a second report is likely to require expenditure in the region of €20,000. This financial resource has not been provided in the 2018 Budget and the Members would be required to identify a source of funding if they considered it necessary to commission a second report.



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**Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on necessary traffic flow safety measures along Boherbui Newcastle West between the Secondary School and Church entrances.

**REPLY:**

Funding has been allocated from the Development Fund to appoint consultants to conduct a Transport Study for Newcastle West. The Boherbui area will form part of this study.

**Ben Noonan**  
**Senior Executive Engineer**  
**Newcastle West Municipal District**

**5<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

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I will ask at the next Meeting when safety bollards will be put in place at (a) Lynch's Corner with The Square, Newcastle West (b) opposite Dick Darby's at Church Street, Newcastle West

**REPLY:**

- (a) The request for the installation of bollards at Lynch's corner is being reviewed at present.
- (b) A bollard will be erected adjacent to the pedestrian crossing opposite Dick Darby's at Church St. Newcastle West.

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I will ask at the next Meeting when footpath renewal works are likely to be carried out between the Village Store and the Bar at Castlemahon

**REPLY:**

Footpath renewal works at this location will be considered under the GMA Roads Allocation 2018.

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**Senior Executive Engineer**  
**Newcastle West Municipal District**

**5<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**