

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018

Question submitted by Councillor E. Hogan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update regarding what conversation has taken place with the Papal Nuncio regarding the possibility of Pope Francis including Limerick in the itinerary for his visit to Ireland in 2018.

REPLY

The Council has been in contact with the Apostolic Nuncio in relation to an invitation to Pope Francis to include Limerick in his itinerary during his visit to Ireland. The Apostolic Nuncio has confirmed that the invitation has been forwarded to the Holy Father. He has also confirmed that the letter inviting him to visit Limerick has been received by the Holy Father who has expressed his appreciation for this gracious gesture.



Christy O'Connor,  
Senior Executive Officer,  
Corporate Services.

**Limerick City and County Council**

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District**

**TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 15thJANUARY 2018**

Question submitted by Councillor C. Prendiville

**I will ask at the next Meeting has the Council any contracts with Aramark for food, property services, or other goods or services?**

**Reply to Question:**

I am not aware of any contracts between Limerick City & County Council and Aramark for food, property, or other goods or services.

**Sean Coughlan**

**A/Head of Finance**

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Prendiville

I will ask at the next Meeting if the minutes of meetings of the board and other bodies of Limerick 2030 DAC can be made available to Councillors.

REPLY

All non-commercial elements of Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC board minutes can be made available to the Councillors.

David Conway,  
CEO, Limerick 2030.

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**Question submitted by Councillor P. Keller**

I will ask at the next Meeting if the Council receives money for the use of the Peoples Park and other parks by private, for-profit festivals and events.

**REPLY**

Limerick City and County Council gets many requests from organisations to host events on their infrastructure throughout the city and county including in parks and road. The Council does not charge a fee for this service.

**Brian Kennedy,  
Senior Executive Officer,  
Economic Development Directorate.**

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Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting for a list of when the Chain of the Metropolitan Mayor was used for official events last year.

REPLY

The following is list of official events attended by the Mayor of the Metropolitan District of Limerick from January, 2017 to date :

DATE	EVENT
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Conferring Ceremony at University of Limerick.
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Mayoral Reception for Castletroy Ladies Golf Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Visit to Queens County, New York.
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Tree Planting Ceremony for National Tree Week in Scoil Mhathair De.
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Launch of Smarter Cities Challenge at Savoy Hotel
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Rotary Club of Limerick-Shannon President's Night
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Visit of Spanish Students to Mayor's Office.
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Visit of French Students on exchange with Laurel Hill Colaiste.
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Launch of the Seven Bridges Walk.
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Mayoral Reception for Paul Roche
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Conferring Ceremony in University of Limerick.
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Commemoration Service to mark UN Peacekeepers Day in St. Marys Cathedral.
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Opening of Gaelscoil, Shelbourne Road.
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Opening of new shop in Roches Street.
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Limerick Branch RBL "Night of Remembrance" Band Concert in St. Mary's Cathedral.
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Conferring Ceremony in University of Limerick.
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Mayoral Reception for Pike Rovers FC in Council Chamber, Merchants Quay.
7 <sup>th</sup> September	Launch of Science Foundation Ireland's new SFI Research Centres in Dublin Castle.
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Launch of Cork Womens Mini Marathon in Strand Hotel.
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Launch of Jazz Festival in Dolans.
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Coffee Morning for Post Polio Support Group in King Johns Castle.
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Launch of Beat on the Street.
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Limerick LIKE event in King Johns Castle.

22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Launch of Exhibition for Organisation of National Ex Servicemen and Women in Merchant's Quay.
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Mayoral Reception for Winners of National GO for Life Games.
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Mayoral Reception for Geraldines AFC.
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Mayoral Reception for Paul Kiely.
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Lunch – World Barbeque Championships.
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Opening of new premises for Headway at Upper William Street.
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Geraldines AFC Anniversary Dinner at Castletroy Park Hotel.
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Mayoral Reception for Cassandra Wilson
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Mayoral Reception – Limerick United FC / Winners of FAI Cup Final 1982
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Launch of 'The Curious Story of the Limerick' in the City Library.
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee Morning for Irish Cancer Society
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Presentation for Fairtrade in the Library, The Granary.
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Coffee Morning for Novas
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Launch of Remembrance Tree at Bedford Row
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Mayoral Reception for Limerick Theatre Makers
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Mayoral Reception for St. Patricks GAA Club

The chain is also worn at Meetings of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.



**Christy O'Connor,  
Senior Executive Officer,  
Corporate Services.**

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Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting for a list of events where the Chain of the Metropolitan Mayor had been used in events which were not official Council duties or events and the reason why the Chain of the Metropolitan Mayor was used at same.

REPLY

The Chain is worn by the Mayor of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on many occasions. However, a formal record would not be kept of any informal events and a decision on attendance, etc. is a matter for the Mayor during the normal course of his business as Mayor of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.



Christy O'Connor,  
Senior Executive Officer,  
Corporate Services.

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Question submitted by Councillor M. Hurley

I will ask at the next meeting for an update on the current status of any plans to address the road maintenance issues raised by residents of Ahane.

REPLY

This query refers to an issue raised by a resident of the LP1122 who lives on the Left Hand Side of road between the railway bridge and Ahane Church. There is an old masonry wall along this stretch of road that is maintained by the residents and the wall is kept in good condition. The boundary ditch opposite this wall is overgrown but also includes an old dry stone wall that is in poor condition. The length of this wall is 600 m approximately and a scheme is requested to remove the ditch and the remains of the existing wall and build a new masonry wall and foundation.

The budget required for such a scheme would be large and it would not be possible to draw from the funding sources available to the Roads Operations Section. Heritage or Conservation grants could be sought but the costs associated with this proposal is likely to be excessive. The views of the Conservation Officer would have to be sought as part of the consideration of any works.

**Gerard O'Connor,  
A/Senior Engineer,  
Operations and Maintenance Services.**

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Question submitted by Councillor M. Hurley

I will ask at the next meeting if the Council has given recent consideration to a pedestrian crossing being installed opposite entrance to Merchants' Quay. Many tour buses park in the area to the front of the Civic Offices and visitors frequently need to get safe access to local facilities for food/refreshments.

Reply:

The Council has applied for funding under the Low Cost Safety Scheme to install a pedestrian crossing at this location.

It is likely that grants for such works in 2018 will be notified to local authorities towards the end of January/early February.

The Council will carry out safety improvement works at this location should its application for funding be successful.



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Kieran Lehane,  
Director,  
Physical Development Directorate  
11<sup>th</sup> January, 2018