

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN ÁRAS SEÁN FINN, NEW LINE ROAD, RATHKEALE, CO. LIMERICK ON TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY, 2018 AT 9.00 A.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), A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division (Mr. K. Murphy), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), Assistant Staff Officer (Ms. E. Buckley).

At the outset of the Meeting Members welcomed Ms. Karen Butler to her new position as Meetings Administrator and thanked Mr. Tom O'Callaghan for his work.

Councillor O'Donoghue referred to yesterday's Special Meeting of Council where the proposed exit to Adare from the proposed new Limerick-Foynes Road was discussed. He thanked the other Members of Council for their support to the protection of the Lantern Lodge, seen as the original entrance to Adare.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 5th December, 2017.

Proposed by Councillor McMahon;

Seconded by Councillor O'Brien;

And Resolved:

"That the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read, adopted and signed".

With regard to the review of speed limits on Non National Roads and National Roads Members requested that a reminder letter be sent to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) requesting them to hold half day briefing sessions in Banogue, Kilcornan, Foynes, Kildimo and Loughill to highlight the proposed speed limits at these locations and to facilitate the consultation process.

Members complemented An Garda Síochána for the policing of Rathkeale over the Christmas period and requested that a letter be sent to them acknowledging their

efforts. Members pointed out the state of the unfinished housing estate in Ballingarry where 30 houses were derelict.

Members also thanked Council staff for their work over the Christmas period in responding to flooding and severe weather. Members discussed the excess surface water on county roads and on the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue requested a survey be completed on the road network.

2. General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2017

Members discussed the allocation of €50,000 under the 2015 General Municipal Allocation for the provision of a slipway at Ringmoylan Pier, Pallaskenry and noted the lack of progress in this regard.

Members requested to email the Meetings Administrator with their remaining GMA allocations in order for the 2017 allocation can be finalised.

3. Service Operations – Planning & Environmental Services

Taking-In-Charge of An Curran Estate, Pallaskenry

Circulated, report of the Staff Officer, Planning and Environmental Services dated 3rd January, 2018 setting out the position in relation to the taking in charge of An Curran Estate. The report was noted by Members.

4. Service Operations – Operations & Maintenance Services

Traffic Calming at Kilcornan

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Operations & Maintenance Services dated 18th December, 2017 giving an update in relation to proposed traffic calming measures at Kilcornan. The report was noted by Members.

5. Flooding Issues in Askeaton

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 21st December, 2017 setting out the position in relation to proposals to address flooding issues at Askeaton. Members noted the threat of flooding to the swimming pool at Askeaton and requested Council staff to investigate if water was rising from underground.

6. Footpath from Kildimo to the Beer Garden Public House

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery dated 22nd December, 2017 setting out the position in relation to the completion of the footpath at this location. The report was noted by Members.

7. Drainage Issues at Courtmatrix

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 28th December, 2017 setting out the position with regard to the ownership of a site at Courtmatrix and the Council's plans to progress works there. The Report was noted by Members.

8. Pedestrian Controlled Crossing for Adare

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Operations & Maintenance Services dated 18th December, 2017 setting out the position in relation to the request to install a pedestrian controlled crossing in Adare. Members welcomed the carrying out of traffic and pedestrian surveys in the near future.

9. Correspondence

Correspondence, as circulated, was noted by Members.

At the conclusion of the agenda and with the consent of the Cathaoirleach, the following items were raised by Members :

- Members pointed out that Public Lighting was not been fixed in the allocated time frame.
- Members expressed disappointment that a stretch of minor road of 200 metres from Wallace's Cross to Tinakilla was not salted during the severe frost despite the salting equipment being present near by.
- Councillor O'Brien noted damage to the tarmac at Ringmoylan Pier and requested that an emergency funding application be submitted to the Department.
- Councillor Teskey requested that the pedestrian access at Fairview to Main Street Rathkeale be closed off at night.
- Councillor Sheahan requested report on the provision of footpath from Adare to the GAA ground.
- Councillor Sheahan highlighted the need for more resources to be allocated to the Housing Section for the re-allocation of houses.
- Councillor O'Brien highlighted the need to salt minor roads with high volume usage such as the road to Pallaskenry school.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed : _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____