

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2018

Question submitted by Cmhlr. S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next Meeting what the value of the Mayoral Chain which was allegedly stolen is, and for an explanation as to why two very different values were printed in various media.

Reply

The Mayoral Chain was valued at €6,000. This figure was given to the press in a reply to a media query. I am not aware of a different value for the chain being given to any media outlet.

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

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Question submitted by Cmhr. S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next Meeting for a binding commitment from Limerick City and County Council as to when works will begin and be completed on the Ferrybridge in Castleconnell, due to the numerous false promises made to local representatives and the people of Castleconnell for over a year.

Reply

This wall at Ferrybridge, Castleconnell was originally weakened due to traffic travelling along the footpath close to the wall to avoid floodwaters on the road during the Shannon flooding event of 2015/2016. The wall subsequently collapsed into the woodland behind it during a subsequent weather event in February 2017. Limerick City and County Council placed fill material at the rear of the wall to support the footpath and erected hessian fencing to protect the public. The wall is located in an SAC and consequently permission is required from the National Parks & Wildlife Service before commencing any remedial works. The site is described as an Alder Carr Wetland. Currently an Appropriate Assessment is being prepared for the site. The design of the repair has been completed and the tender process will commence in March 2018. This site is subject to flooding throughout the year but the window in which remedial works could be carried out is May, June and July. It is during these months that Limerick City and County Council propose to commence works. Partial funding has been provided by the Physical Directorate and additional funding will be sought from the GMA.

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

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Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting :

- 1) how much the consultant engineers Mott McDonald were paid in 2016 to advance the road improvement scheme on the R445 from the Kilmurray Roundabout eastwards and to progress proposals to improve access and traffic safety in the area adjacent to the Gaelscoil?
- 2) why the Council failed to present Members with that draft scheme for discussion purposes early in 2017 and why no formal Part 8 planning submission was lodged in May 2017 as planned?

Reply

- 1) The consultants were paid €26,866 plus VAT in 2016 to advance the scheme development including a preliminary design, consultation with relevant stakeholders, screening reports, etc.
- 2) The scheme has been advanced to the point where a Part 8 could be submitted at relatively short notice. The Council did present the preliminary design to the Members at an early stage. The draft scheme includes a number of stakeholders and landowners and the Council obtained the consent of a number of these to submit the planning proposal but it did not obtain the consent of all landowners. However, these engagements are continuing and the Council is committed to progressing a scheme to improve road safety and connectivity on this section of the R445.

**Joe Delaney,
Senior Executive Officer,
Design and Delivery Services.**

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FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK.

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Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe.

I will ask at the next Meeting how many fines have been issued in relation to dog fouling in 2017 and how many have been paid?

Reply.

A total of five fines were issued for dog fouling offences in 2017. To date, none of these fines has been paid. However, further enforcement action is being taken in two cases.

Stephane Duclot.

**A/Senior Planner.
Planning & Environmental Services.**