

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK, ON MONDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 2018, AT 3PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor S. Keary, Mayor.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Browne, Butler, Collins (J), Collins (M), Costelloe, Crowley, Daly, Donegan, Foley, Galvin, Gilligan, Gleeson, Hogan, Hourigan, Hurley, Keller, Leddin, Loftus, Lynch, McCreesh, Mitchell, O'Brien, Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh, O'Donnell, O'Donoghue, O'Hanlon, Pond, Prendiville, Ryan, Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (K), Sheahan (M), Sheehy, Teefy.

An apology for her inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor McMahon.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive (Mr. C. Murray), Deputy Chief Executive and Director, Economic Development (Mr. P. Daly), A/Director, Support Services – Finance, Corporate, Human Resources and ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), Director, Physical Development (Mr. K. Lehane), Director, Regional and Cultural Services (Ms. C. Curley), A/Director, Social Development (Mr. S. Hanrahan), A/Director, Service Operations and Business Improvement (Mr. J. Delaney), Meetings Administrator (Mr. C. O'Connor), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Mr. J. Clune).

Votes of Sympathy

At the outset and with the permission of the Mayor, a Vote of Sympathy was extended to the family of the late Dolores O'Riordan, lead singer with the Cranberries, and it was agreed to adjourn the Meeting for 10 minutes as a mark of respect. Members expressed their shock and sadness at her sudden and untimely passing and remembered her as a proud Limerick woman from Ballybricken who had never forgotten her roots when reaching international fame as lead singer with The Cranberries. Members noted that while everyone was saddened following Dolores' sudden death, the outpouring of sympathy and support for her family since her passing reflected her popularity and her appeal to everyone. The Members spoke of how her music both inspired a generation who grew up in the 90s and also continued to be popular in the present day.

Members also paid tribute to a friend and colleague, Michael (Mike) Collopy, RIP. They expressed sympathy, on behalf of the Council, to Michael's wife, Helen, and sons Michael and Byran, on his sudden and untimely passing.

Members also extended sympathy to the family of Mary Lane, RIP, and recalled her as a dedicated School Warden.

On resumption, the Meeting proceeded with the Agenda.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copies of draft Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 27th November, 2017.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 4th December, 2017.
- (c) Special Meeting of the Council held on 8th January, 2018.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);

Seconded by Councillor Hourigan;

And Resolved:

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

Recent Adverse Weather

With the permission of the Mayor, Members raised concerns regarding the impact the recent unprecedented adverse weather was having on the roads network. They expressed disappointment at the inadequate roads funds allocations for 2018 and expressed concern at the current condition of many roads throughout the county following recent adverse weather conditions. In this regard, they highlighted the urgent need for additional road funding in order to allow the Council carry out necessary essential roads maintenance. Tribute was paid to the Council staff who were working during the inclement weather to ensure as many roads as possible were passable and roads were subsequently repaired. However, Members expressed concern at the damage to motorists' cars which occurred on some of these substandard roads.

The Chief Executive noted the Members' comments and stated that, as well as the recent adverse weather conditions, a lack of investment over the last ten years, due to cuts in capital budgets, had contributed to these issues with the road network.

Following further discussion, it was agreed to write to the relevant Minister requesting that additional funding be provided in 2018 to allow the Council carry out necessary essential road maintenance.

2. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 7th December, 2017, concerning disposal of the freehold interest in property at 18 Sycamore Avenue, Rathbane, Limerick (Folio LK3402L).

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of the freehold interest in property at 18, Sycamore Avenue, Rathbane, Limerick (Folio LK3402L), to Jean Thompson and Elaine Holland (personal representatives of Patrick O’Donovan), for the sum of €167.00, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 7th December, 2017.”

- (b) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 3rd January, 2018, concerning disposal of property at Ballynamucky, Ballingarry, Co. Limerick, together with Memorandum to the Chief Executive from Community Support Services dated 3rd January, 2018, setting out the background to this disposal.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at Ballynamucky, Ballingarry, Co. Limerick, to Jeremiah Storin, for the sum of €95.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 3rd January, 2018.”

- (c) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 4th January, 2018, concerning disposal of land at 5 Byrne Avenue, Prospect, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of land and dwelling at 5 Byrne Avenue, Prospect, Limerick, to Bernard O’Donovan, 33 Byrne Avenue, Prospect, Limerick, the disposal to be made in consideration of Bernard O’Donovan transferring the ownership of the property at 33 Byrne Avenue, Prospect, Limerick, to Limerick City and County Council, subject to (i) the disposal to be by way of exchange of the above properties to Limerick City and County Council (subject to necessary conveyancing requirements); (ii) Limerick City and County Council to acquire the property free of any existing mortgage(s) or burden(s) and any existing mortgages or burdens on the property at 33 Byrne Avenue, Prospect, Limerick, to be transferred to the property at 5 Byrne Avenue, Prospect, Limerick; particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 4th January, 2018.”

3. Support Services Directorate

(a) Chief Executive's Report

Circulated, Chief Executive's Reports for the months of November and December 2017.

The Chief Executive's Reports were noted by the Members who welcomed the updates and achievements as outlined. Some Members expressed concern that the acquisition of the former Salesian Secondary School and Convent Site at Fernbank, North Circular Road, Limerick, was not included in the Chief Executive's Report and had not been communicated to them as Elected Members. The Chief Executive acknowledged the issues raised regarding communication and advised that the property was purchased by Limerick City and County Council at the end of December in accordance with normal protocols for acquisition of property.

(b) Electoral Amendment (Dáil Constituencies) Act, 2017 – Revision of Dáil Constituencies

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 15th January, 2018, enclosing report on the Proposed Changes to Dáil Constituencies based on the Constituency Commission Report 2017, together with copy of Circular Letter F. 14/17 dated 27th December, 2017, outlining details of the changes.

The position was noted by the Council.

Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees – Invitation for Submissions

With the permission of the Mayor, the Meetings Administrator stated that he had circulated correspondence from the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees dated 17th January, 2018, which had been received following the issue of the agenda. He advised the Members that the Minister for Local Government and Electoral Reform had established two Committees to review local electoral areas and to report to him within six months. The Terms of Reference were included and the Committees were inviting submissions by 19th February, 2018.

The position was noted by the Council.

(c) Cultural Strategic Policy Committee

(i) Sectoral Nomination

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 15th January, 2018, seeking the Council's approval of Sectoral Nomination to the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Hogan;
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the appointment of Ms. Louise Donlon, Theatre Director, Lime Tree Theatre, Limerick, to the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee representing the Business/Commercial Sector.”

(ii) Culture and Arts Sector Open Call Nominations

Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee dated 17th January, 2018, seeking the Council’s approval of Cultural and Arts Sector Open Call Nominations to the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Hogan;
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the appointment of the following Culture and Arts Sector Open Call Nominees to the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee: (i) Keith Bogue; (ii) Maggie Brown; (iii) Gerard Keenan; (iv) Eleanor McSherry.”

(d) Statutory Audit Report 2016

Circulated, (i) Audit Committee’s report dated 15th January, 2018, on the Statutory Audit Report for year ended 31st December, 2016, for Limerick City and County Council; (ii) Limerick City and County Council Audited Annual Financial Statement for the Year ended 31st December, 2016; and (iii) Statutory Audit Report for the year 2016 dated 26th October, 2017.

The Audit Committee’s report stated that the Local Government Audit Service had produced a Statutory Audit Report for the year ended 31st December, 2016, in respect of Limerick City and County Council. In accordance with Section 121(3) of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended by Section 60 of the Local Government Act, 2014), the Audit Committee was required to review the report, assess any action taken by the Chief Executive in response to the report, and bring its findings to the Council. At a meeting held on 14th December, 2017, the Audit Committee had met with the Local Government Auditor and reviewed the Statutory Audit Report for the year ended 31st December, 2016.

The position was noted by the Council.

(e) Twinning Visit to Hohenlohe

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 15th January, 2018, seeking the approval of the Council to proposed twinning visit by a delegation from the Council to Hohenlohe, Germany, and setting out the background to the visit.

It was agreed that Members should be contacted to ascertain who wished to travel on the delegation to Hohenlohe and that those Members wishing to travel should be accommodated.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);

Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);

And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to a twinning visit to Hohenlohe, Germany, by a delegation from the Council, under Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.”

Proposed Visit to New York:

With the permission of the Mayor, the Meetings Administrator referred to the approval given at the Adjourned Meeting of the Council held on 28th September, 2017, to proposed visit to New York by the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, and 2 Members. On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed that an additional Member would travel, bringing the number of Members travelling with the Mayor to 3.

(f) Adare / Buckow (Germany) Twinning Project

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Office, Corporate Services, dated 12th January, 2018. setting out the background to request for financial assistance towards a twinning initiative with Buckow, Germany, from Adare Community Council.

The report stated that Adare Community Council had set up a twinning arrangement with Buckow in Germany and its main objective was a mutual desire to broaden respective horizons and to enhance the lives of both communities. Two members of the Adare Community Council had visited Buckow in July 2016 to represent the Community Council at a festival and, in October 2016, a delegation of five people from Buckow had visited Adare to unveil the twinning. The total cost incurred by the Adare Community Council for these twinning activities was €630.83 and it was recommended that the Council would fund 50% of this expenditure. The Council’s approval for the provision of financial assistance in the amount of €315.42 towards the cost of this twinning initiative was required.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue;
 Seconded by Councillor Hogan;
 And Resolved:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the provision of financial assistance in the amount of €315.42 to Adare Community Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended."

(g) Visit to Lisbon, Portugal

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, dated 15th January, 2018, seeking retrospective approval of the Council to visit by the Deputy Mayor of the City and County of Limerick to Lisbon, Portugal, and setting out the background to the visit.

Proposed by Councillor O'Hanlon;
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

"That, retrospective approval of the Council be and is hereby given to visit by the Deputy Mayor of the City and County of Limerick to Lisbon, Portugal, under Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended."

(h) Strategic Policy Committee Reports

- (i) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee dated 12th December, 2017, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 11th December, 2017.

Councillor O'Donnell, Chairperson of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at the Meeting.

The report was noted by the Council.

- (ii) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee dated 9th January, 2018, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 4th December, 2017.

Councillor Crowley, Chairperson of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at the Meeting and outlined the following Recommendation which was agreed at the SPC Meeting:

Recommendation

“That, Limerick City and County Council support Limerick Food Companies and Producers by ensuring that all local produce be featured prominently in any food festival / event that the Council supports, either by way of financial contribution or by the making of facilities available to event organisers.”

On the proposal of Councillor Crowley, seconded by Councillor Hogan, the Recommendation was agreed.

- (iii) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee dated 10th January, 2017, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 11th December, 2017, together with Background Report in relation to Recommendation No. 1.

Councillor Scanlan, Chair of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at the Meeting and outlined the following Recommendations which were agreed at the SPC Meeting:

(a) Recommendation No. 1

“That, the Council write to the Minister for the Environment urging the Government to implement in full the recommendations of the 2011 Government Review of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in particular the concerns raised over the low level of prosecutions, the immunity of the EPA from prosecution, and the need to make it accountable to the Ombudsman.”

On the proposal of Councillor Scanlan, seconded by Councillor McCreesh, Recommendation No. 1 was agreed.

(b) Recommendation No. 2

“That, the Council will not allow any public park in the Metropolitan District to be closed, in its entirety, to the public in order to benefit private, profit-making events.”

The Meetings Administrator stated that, following discussion at the Corporate Policy Group Meeting on 15th January, 2018, and the Party Leaders’ Meeting held earlier in the day, there was a concern that this Recommendation could prohibit the use of a public park in the Metropolitan District, even if such usage would be of benefit to the Council or the general public. An amended wording in relation to Recommendation No. 2 was suggested as follows:

“That, the Council will not allow any public park to be closed, in its entirety, in order to benefit private, profit-making events, without prior agreement at Municipal/Metropolitan District level as appropriate.”

It was agreed that the amended wording would be referred back to the next Environment Strategic Policy Committee Meeting for consideration.

(iv) Circulated, Reports of the Chairperson of the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee dated 18th December, 2017, in relation to Meetings of the Committee held of 12th December, 2017, and 16th January, 2018, respectively.

Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh, Chairperson of the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee, presented an overview of matters discussed at both Meetings and outlined the following Recommendations which were agreed at the SPC Meetings:

- **Recommendation from Cultural Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 12th December, 2017**

Included under Item No. 4 on the Agenda – Limerick Cultural Strategy: Open Call Bursary Schemes.

It was noted that this Recommendation would be dealt with under Item No. 4 on the Agenda

- **Recommendation from Cultural Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 16th January, 2018**

Included under Item No. 3 (c) (ii) on the Agenda – Culture and Arts Sector Open Call Nominations to the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee.

It was noted that Recommendation had already been dealt with under Item No. 3 (c) (ii) on the Agenda.

4. Regional Services

Limerick Cultural Strategy: Open Call Bursary Schemes

(a) Bursary Schemes for Theatre and Short Film

Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee dated 12th January, 2018, setting out details of Bursary Schemes for Theatre and Short Film.

In relation to the Theatre Bursary, the Meetings Administrator pointed out that there were **4** Bursaries totalling €15,000 and not 3 as inadvertently stated on Page 1 of the report.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 Seconded by Councillor Crowley;
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the Bursary Schemes for Theatre (4 Bursaries totalling €15,000) and Short Film (2 Bursaries totalling €16,000).”

(b) Strategic Fund Scheme for Arts and Culture

Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee dated 11th January, 2018, setting out details of the Strategic Fund Scheme for Arts and Culture.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Crowley;
And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the Strategic Fund Scheme for Arts and Culture, as circulated.”

5. Conferences

(i) Participation by Members at Conferences

Details of the following Conferences had been circulated electronically to the Members: (a) Sustainable Quality and Standards for Community, Voluntary and Disability Organisations, held in Limerick on 1st December, 2017; (b) The Finance Act, held in Carlingford, Co. Louth, from 5th to 7th January, 2018; (c) Entitlement to Health Services held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, from 19th to 21st January, 2018; (d) EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020, to be held in Carlingford, Co. Louth, from 2nd to 4th February, 2018; (e) Health and Safety for your Council, the Workplace and your Constituents, to be held in Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow, from 9th to 11th February, 2018; (f) Nursing Homes Support Scheme, to be held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, from 16th to 18th February, 2018.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor Collins (M), the Council approved the attendance of the following Members:

Limerick: Councillor Hurley.

Carlingford, Co. Louth (5th – 7th January, 2018): Councillors Butler, Leddin and Sheahan (M).

(ii) Reports on Conference/Seminar/Meeting/Event

Circulated, reports by Members who had participated at Conference / Seminar / Meeting / Event.

The reports were noted by the Members.

QUESTIONS

Replies to the following Questions on the Agenda were circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting and the Questions were therefore considered as having been dealt with:

6. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting if the Council has been monitoring the response for Limerick City and County on www.vacanthomes.ie and what is the level of response to date.

REPLY: The www.vacanthomes.ie website's administrative team has brought nine reported vacant homes to the attention of the Urban and Village Renewal Department for the period Q3-Q4 2017. These properties are now being monitored by the Vacant Homes Officers in their respective areas.

7. Question submitted by Cmhlr. S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next Meeting if Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh has a plan in place should hotels, currently being highly paid to house Limerick's homeless, decide to evict them.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council has made significant progress in addressing the reliance and use of B&B/hotel accommodation for homeless families and individuals in 2017. Our records would demonstrate that families are the primary users of hotel/B&B accommodation in emergency situations. The Department of Social Protection fund emergency B&B /hotel accommodation in Limerick via the Homeless Action Team Office of Limerick City and County Council.

At its peak in 2017, there were in excess of 70 families who were supported by the Homeless Action Office of Limerick City and County Council in emergency accommodation. This support was provided via emergency accommodation, transitional accommodation and B&B/hotel. Limerick City and County Council initiated a strategy in 2017 in an effort to address this issue. The Council's strategy consisted of a multi-faceted approach incorporating the allocation of Council housing stock, the provision of supported tenancies, the provision of family hubs by the Council, the continuing support by the Council of Approved Housing Bodies in leasing and acquisition of properties, and the further development of the social rental model. At the end of December 2017, there were 5 families who continued to require emergency B&B/hotel accommodation. This represents a 93% reduction in the use of B&B/hotel as emergency accommodation for families in 2017 from its peak. The Council's strategy in this regard is ongoing and will continue throughout 2018.

The Childers Road Family Initiative opened in December, operated on behalf of Limerick City and County Council by our partners, Focus Ireland. This initiative can provide accommodation in self-contained units for up to 30 families. A further 4 families can be accommodated in a family hub at Phoenix Lodge, which was also completed in December 2017. These facilities, in conjunction with the Twin Oaks Family Hub operated on behalf of Limerick City and County Council by Mid West Simon and opened in September 2017, bring the number of transitional family accommodation units available to the Council to 44 in Limerick. In addition to this, Limerick City and County Council made a significant number of social housing allocations in 2017 which enabled families to be removed from homelessness and into long-term, sustainable social housing tenancies. A number of these tenancies are supported by our partners, Sophia Housing and the Peter McVerry Trust. This model enables the Council to continue to provide the necessary ongoing support to families who may require same. This occurred in addition to significant work with homeless families and individuals undertaken by a number of non-governmental organisations, such as Novas, DePaul, Respond, Associated Charities Trust and Extern, in partnership with the Council.

8. Question submitted by Cmhrl. S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on proposals to establish a Garda Kiosk in Limerick City Centre.

REPLY: This matter was considered previously at a Meeting of the Joint Policing Committee where it was pointed out that there were no proposals for the provision of a Garda Kiosk in the City Centre. It was pointed out at that Meeting by the Garda Superintendent that Henry Street Station was adjacent to the City Centre and that there were Garda patrols around that area on a daily/nightly basis.

9. Question submitted by Councillor C. Prendiville

I will ask at the next Meeting if a Finance Service Level Agreement has been agreed with the Limerick Public Participation Network and, if not, what are the remaining issues that need to be resolved.

REPLY: A Finance Service Level Agreement between Limerick City and County Council and the Limerick Public Participation Network for 2018 has not been agreed at this time. A number of issues are outstanding which require further examination prior to finalisation and the matter will be clarified further in the near future.

10. Question submitted by Councillor C. Prendiville

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on proposals for the Council to bring into public ownership vacant Georgian buildings in the City Centre and redevelop them. There have been proposals at least for one 'demonstration block,' is there a timeline for this.

REPLY: It is the aim of the Urban and Village Renewal Department to assist owners to bring derelict and vacant properties back into beneficial use. An intensive Targeted Vacancy Initiative is being carried out in two demonstration blocks in the Georgian area of the City to facilitate this aim. The Urban and Village Renewal Department is in regular communication with property owners in these demonstration blocks to help them activate their respective properties to reduce vacancy and dereliction.

NOTICES OF MOTION

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor V. Crowley (to be referred to Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting that this Local Authority will no longer approve planning on sites where there is a live infestation of Japanese Knotweed.

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Loftus (to be referred to Environment Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council initiate Environmental Awareness classes and lectures in all Primary and Secondary Schools throughout the City and County.

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

It was also agreed that Councillor Loftus, as the proposer of the Motion, would be entitled to attend at the SPC meeting when this Motion was being considered.

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Cmhr. S. Ó Ceallaigh (to be referred to Cultural Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council establishes a cross-party committee to organise and deliver centenary events from 2019-2021, as it did for the 2016 centenary events.

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee.

14. Correspondence

The Correspondence circulated with the agenda was taken as read.

At the conclusion of the Meeting and with the permission of the Mayor, the following matters were raised:

Civic Reception – Mid West School for the Deaf

Reference was made to the great contribution of the Mid West School for the Deaf in establishing the Irish Sign Language as an official national language and it was considered that the School should be accorded a Civic Reception in recognition of its work.

Proposed by Councillor McCreesh;
Seconded by Cmhlr. Ó Ceallaigh;
And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given, in accordance with Section 74 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, to the grant of a Civic Reception to the Mid West School for the Deaf in recognition of the School’s contribution to the establishment of Irish Sign Language as an official national language.”

Civic Reception – Denis Allen

Reference was made to the outstanding contribution of well-known Limerick singer-songwriter, Denis Allen, to the music industry, especially in Limerick, and particular mention was made of his enduring song ‘*Limerick You’re a Lady.*’ It was considered that a Civic Reception should be accorded to him in recognition of his work.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor Collins (M);
And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given, in accordance with Section 74 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, to the grant of a Civic Reception to Denis Allen in recognition of his total commitment for decades to music in Limerick and to especially mark his major contribution in providing Limerick’s enduring anthem *Limerick You’re a Lady.*”

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDERS:

The Register of Orders made by the Chief Executive up to the date of the Meeting was available on Alfresco for inspection by the Members.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Register of Decisions on Applications under the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) was also available on Alfresco for inspection by the Members.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____