

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN ÁRAS SEÁN FINN, NEW LINE ROAD, RATHKEALE, CO. LIMERICK ON WEDNESDAY, 21st MARCH, 2018 AT 6.00 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor R. O'Donoghue, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Keary, Teskey, O'Brien, and Sheahan.

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), Executive Engineer, Operations & Maintenance Services (Mr. D. Flanagan), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Ciara McMahon.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 13th February, 2018.

Proposed by Councillor Keary;
Seconded by Councillor Sheahan;
And Resolved:

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

The following issue was raised by Members, after the adoption of the Minutes with the consent of the Cathaoirleach.

Members discussed, as per a previous Motion, the need to immediately commence harmonisation of housing rent payable by tenants between City and County. On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue it was agreed that this matter should be brought to the Full Council Meeting.

2. Flooding Issues In Foynes

The A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division gave a presentation on the flooding issues in Foynes. This presentation outlined the flooding issue in Foynes on the 11th November, 2017.

Members expressed their concerns for future flooding from the man made lake and enquired if an alarm system could be installed to prevent flooding re-occurring and protect the tourist facility in the town. In the report, it was confirmed by Shannon Foynes Port Company that they own and manage the lake and use it for fire-fighting at the Port. Members agreed that the Local Authority need to resolve the issue and requested this item remain on the Agenda and an update be provided for the next meeting.

3. Schedule of Municipal District Works for Adare-Rathkeale

Circulated, draft report of the Director, Regional Services, dated 9th March, 2018 outlining the Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW).

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

"That, Schedule of Municipal District Works for Adare-Rathkeale, as circulated, be adopted".

4. Sewerage Issues in Askeaton

Members discussed sewerage issues in residential & commercial properties in Askeaton. Councillor Sheahan informed Members that the EPA had investigated the matter and had responded saying they had found no evidence of same. It was proposed by Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor O'Brien that correspondence be issued to the three Limerick TD's requesting this matter be taken up with the Minister of DOEHLG. The Meeting Administrator informed members following communications with Irish Water a workshop to discuss the matter was being convened during May, 2018.

5. Disposal of Freehold Interest

Circulated, Report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Community Support Services, dated 19th February, 2018 outlining the proposal to dispose of Tenant Purchase Property at 18 Woodvale, Foynes, Co. Limerick.

Report, as circulated, was proposed by Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

6. Service Operations – Planning & Environmental Services

Taking-In-Charge of An Curran Estate, Pallaskenry

Circulated, report of the Staff Officer, Planning and Environmental Services dated 13th March, 2018 setting out the position in relation to the taking in charge of An Curran Estate, Pallaskenry.

Members expressed concerns this item continues to be an ongoing issues. Concerns were also expressed in relation to the the road in the estate that was constructed as it is not designed to take the weight of the vehicles travelling on it. Members requested the original snag list from a number of years ago be available for the next meeting.

7. Footpath from Kildimo to the Beer Garden Public House

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery dated 13th March, 2018, setting out the update on the footpath from Kildimo to the Beer Garden Public House.

Members expressed disappointment that a compulsory purchase order has not been sought to date to secure the ground needed to complete the project and requested the Department of the Council carrying out the negotiations attend the next meeting to discuss further. On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor O'Brien it was agreed that it was not possible to secure a compulsory purchase order by the next Meeting and the issue should be adjourned for one month.

8. Drainage Issues at Courtmatrix

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 15th March, 2108 regarding drainage issues at Courtmatrix.

Members noted the report and suggested monies be set aside for when the matter is resolved to enable the necessary works be carried out.

9. Flooding Issues in Askeaton

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 13th March, 2018 giving an update in relation to proposals to address the flooding issues in Askeaton.

Members expressed their disappointment that following promises from the Senior Minister with responsibility for costal erosion and flooding a number of years back that

funding would be provided to address the flooding issues at Askeaton. The matter has to date not been addressed.

Members also expressed their gratitude to the Roads Staff on their efficiency during the recent severe weather alert.

10. Pedestrian Controlled Crossing for Adare

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services dated 15th March, 2018 setting out an update in relation to pedestrian controlled crossing for Adare. The report was noted by Members.

11. Traffic Calming at Kilcornan

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services dated 15th March, 2018 giving an update in relation to proposed traffic calming measures at Kilcornan. The report was noted by Members.

QUESTIONS

12. Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will ask at the next Meeting what progress has been made by the Local Authority regarding the bridge at Main Street, Shanagolden.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council have inspected the bridge at Main Street, Shanagolden. The damage was caused to the existing surface water network by the laying of a water main. The area has been made safe by LC&CC road crews.

To determine the extent of the damage caused, A CCTV Survey was carried out under the road. This Survey will be passed to Central Services whom will assess the damage caused and arrange for a repair when funds become available.

13. Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will ask at the next meeting exactly what amount of money was spent by this Local Authority in fixing and maintaining County roads last year.

REPLY: In response to Cllr. Adam Teskey's query re spend on county roads throughout Limerick in 2017 not the following;

2017 spend on Local Roads : €12,739,929

2017 spend on Regional Roads : €4,127,429

Note that this excludes monies allocated to overhead charges, salaries, training and other non works budget allocations associated with the roads section of the operations and maintenance department.

NOTICES OF MOTION

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will move at the next meeting, that this district writes to the financial regulator to ask if something can be done to encourage financial institutions to recognise disability allowance as a means of income for determining ones repayment ability.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Teskey and seconded by Councillor Sheahan. In proposing the Motion Councillor Teskey highlighted the importance of the disability allowance being taken into consideration for a carers son or daughter.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will move at the next meeting, that this district carry out a survey on all local roads in our district to ascertain there current condition to identify exactly what level of funding is required in order for these roads to be properly fixed.

The survey has been completed and the cost estimate for re surfacing these roads is €1,792,047 for the AR01 maintenance area and €290,200 for the NCW 03 maintenance area.

Councillor Teskey questioned why the €25,000,000 revenue for motor tax that was collected in Limerick cannot be returned to Limerick to use better quality materials to

improve the road conditions. Members agreed that this money needs to be spent on Limerick roads and not given to other Counties. Pothole issues are now recorded on Sugar CRM and this will show where the funds are needed to be spent.

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan

I will move at the next meeting, in view of the number of vacant houses in Askeaton it would be helpful if we the members agreed that the Council prepare a plan for the future regeneration of Askeaton.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor Teskey. In proposing the Motion Councillor Sheahan questioned how the issue of buildings being declared derelict can be addressed.

All Members agreed a regeneration plan is needed for all the towns and villages in the County including Askeaton. Councillor O'Donoghue asked for a survey of all old structures in the towns and villages of the County be carried out and proposed this item be brought to full Council for approval. This item was seconded by Councillor Teskey.

17. Correspondence

Correspondence, as circulated, was noted.

A.O.B.

At the conclusion of the Meeting the Meetings Administrator read out an email received from Paschal Griffin, Senior Project Manager, Network Operations in relation to the Speed Limit Review.

It was agreed to hold the April Monthly Meeting on Tuesday 10th April, 2018 at 9.00 a.m.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed : _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____