

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, 10th APRIL, 2018 AT 9.00 A.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Keary, Teskey, McMahon, 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), Senior Executive Engineer, Mid West Road Design Office (Mr. G. Carey), Assistant Engineer, Mid West Road Design Office (Mr. R. Kennedy), Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery (Mr. K O'Gorman), Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development (Mr. B. Kennedy), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 21st March, 2018.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue;

Seconded by Councillor Keary;

And Resolved:

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

The following issues were raised by Members, after the adoption of the Minutes with the consent of the Cathaoirleach.

Councillor Teskey requested a reply to his Notice of Motion from the March Monthly Meeting:

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

Circulated, reply of the A/Senior Executive Engineer:

“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 NCW03 maintenance area.

Councillor O’Donoghue proposed that the Adare-Rathkeale District communicate with the DOEHLG requesting additional monies be available to carry out repairs on local roads which have been severely damaged as a result of the severe weather conditions. This was seconded by Councillor Sheahan.

Councillor O’Brien referred to the ongoing issue of the construction of a new slipway at Ringmoylan pier and informed Members that a grant had been received from the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine to carry out this work.

A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division confirmed to Members that funding of €112,500 had been received from the Department and added that an Engineering firm has been appointed to carry out works to the protection wall which will also include resurfacing of the pier and replacement bollards.

Councillor O’Brien expressed his hope the works would be complete before the Gander Race scheduled for the 15th July, 2018.

Councillor O’Brien also referred to the issue of repairs to damaged wall at Summerville, Pallaskenry raised at the March Meeting of the District. Members were all in agreement this work should not be the responsibility of the landowner to carry out necessary repairs as this is a shared boundary wall between the Council and landowner and requested a report on same for next Meeting.

Councillor Teskey was anxious more funding should be made available to farmers in West Limerick due to the fodder crisis and farmers should also be made aware they can contact their local representatives for assistance on this matter.

2. Operations & Maintenance Services

Footpath from Kildimo to the Beer Garden Public House

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery dated 3rd April, 2018, setting out the update on the footpath from Kildimo to the Beer Garden Public House.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Kieran O’Gorman, Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery to the meeting. Mr O’Gorman informed Members that discussions with the landowner are ongoing.

On the proposal of Councillor O’Donoghue, seconded by Councillor O’Brien, it was agreed an update would be given at the next meeting.

It was agreed Item 5 on the Agenda would be taken next.

5. General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2017

On the proposal of Councillor Teskey, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, the following allocations under the GMA 2017 for the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale were agreed from Mayor Keary's discretionary allocation:

- Meanus Community Alert € 2,000.00
- Lights for Ballyhahill Burial Ground € 1,066.90

3. Regional Services Directorate

Proposed Road Improvement Works at Banogue Village

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Ger Carey, Senior Executive Engineer and Mr. Ross Kennedy, Assistant Engineer, Mid West Road Design Office to the meeting. The Senior Executive Engineer, Road Design gave a presentation to Members on the proposed road improvement works for Banogue Village which will include lighting upgrade, pedestrian crossing, bus bays/shelters and footpaths. These improvements were welcomed by all Members.

4. Economic Development Directorate

Proposal to Lodge a Part VIII for the Redevelopment of the front Plaza to Adare Heritage Centre

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Brian Kennedy, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development to the Meeting.

The Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation to Members informing them of the proposal to redevelop the Adare Heritage Centre which will include removal of the boundary wall and provide additional outdoor dining space at the front of the premises. This redevelopment will in turn open up the street and make the centre more user-friendly. Members warmly welcomed the proposal. A discussion also took place at the lack of parking spaces in Adare village giving its strategic location as a gateway to the Kerry Region and asked that the parking issue be actively pursued by the Council.

6. General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2018

It was agreed by Members that the General Municipal Allocation 2018 workshop would be held on Tuesday 08th May, 2018 at the conclusion of the May Monthly Meeting.

7. Service Operations Directorate

Planning & Environmental Services

(a) Kilfergus, Glin

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Engineer, Planning and Environmental Services dated 28th March, 2018 setting out the position in relation to the taking in charge of Kilfergus, Glin.

Report, as circulated was proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue and seconded by Councillor Keary.

Director, Regional Services informed Members this report should be sent to the Municipal District of Newcastle West for a decision as although the public road is in the Adare-Rathkeale Operational Area the Housing Estate is in the Newcastle West Electoral Area.

(b) An Curran Estate, Pallaskenry

Circulated, report of the Staff Officer, Planning and Environmental Services dated 28th March, 2018 setting out an update in relation to the taking in charge of An Curran Estate, Pallaskenry.

Members requested an update for the next Meeting.

8. Operations & Maintenance Services

Traffic Calming at Kilcornan

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Service, dated 28th March, 2018 giving an update in relation to proposed traffic calming measures at Kilcornan. The report was noted by Members.

9. Flooding Issues in Askeaton

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 04th April, 2018 giving an update in relation to proposals to address the flooding issues in Askeaton.

Members expressed their disappointment at the length of time it is taking to resolve the flooding issues in Askeaton and requested the name of the person accountable for the next Meeting.

10. Drainage Issues at Courtmatrix

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 04th April 2018 giving an update in relation to proposals to address the drainage issues at Courtmatrix.

The A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division informed Members this issue is in the hands of the landowners Solicitors and to date no response has been forthcoming. On the proposal of Councillor Keary and seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue it was requested Limerick City and County Council should exercise their powers as an Authority under the Roads Act and carry out the works.

11. Pedestrian Controlled Crossing for Adare

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Operations & Maintenance Services dated 28th April, 2018 setting out an update in relation to pedestrian controlled crossing for Adare. The report was noted by Members and further update requested for the May Meeting.

12. Flooding Issues in Foynes

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 05th April, 2018 giving an update in relation to the flooding issues in Foynes.

Members were informed that a meeting had been arranged for the 11th April, 2018 with the Port Company in Foynes to discuss the matter. Members requested they be briefed on this matter at the May Meeting.

At the conclusion of the Agenda the following issues were raised by Members with the permission of the Cathaoirleach.

- Councillor O'Donoghue raised the issue of the proposed development of the new Coláiste Chiaráin Secondary School in Croom. He expressed his disappointment on the lack of progress to date and called on the contractor involved to "do the right thing".
- Councillor Sheahan enquired if a senior official from the Housing Department, preferably the Director of Services could attend the June Monthly Meeting for a briefing session to discuss current actions as regards social and Affordable Housing and also the various aspects of the Housing programme.
- Councillor Teskey expressed his thanks to all volunteers involved in the recent Team Limerick Cleanup (TLC). He also raised the issue of the alarming amount of household rubbish that is dumped on the roadsides and wondered if instead of a standard fine being issued could the perpetrators be persued through the judicial system.

The Director informed Members that the fines are set by the Court and convictions can only be brought if evidence of the illegal dumping is provided.

Members discussed the possibility of employing temporary Litter Wardens to focus their attention on dumping black spots and also wondered if a programme could be put in place whereby the onus is put on the vendor to clean up rubbish outside their premises. Members, following this discussion, requested a presentation be prepared by the Environment Department on littering in the City and County and be presented at the May Meeting of the District.

- Councillor O'Donoghue raised the issue of a collapsed fence around the water tower in Croom and asked for clarification on where responsibility lies for repairs of same.
- Councillor Keary raised concerns regarding an incident in Pallaskenry involving a sewer vent stack which collapsed narrowly missing an elderly woman. On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue it was requested the Water Services Department of Limerick City & County Council be made available to investigate emergency incidents like this.
- Councillor Keary raised the issue of recent works carried out by Gas Networks Ireland whereby water tables were left open causing severe flooding in Shanagolden Area. Members agreed a bond be put in place by Limerick City and County Council for future schemes which would make the Contractors liable for the cost of the works required to reinstate these roads.
- Councillor Teskey raised the issue of repairs to the Bridge in Shanagolden and requested this matter be resolved as a matter of urgency. The Executive Engineer,

Operations & Maintenance Services informed Members they are awaiting a report from RPS Consulting Engineers to progress this matter.

- Discussion took place on the attendance of the Gardai at Meetings. The Meetings Administrator confirmed the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District JPC Meetings are scheduled quarterly with the second quarterly Meeting scheduled for May 2018.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed : _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____