

**ONGOING ISSUES / QUERIES RAISED BY MEMBERS at April, 2018**

**Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale**

1.	The deputation from Adare United AFC recommended the provision of a cycle path around the pitch at Deerpark, Adare and queried if this could be progressed with the nearby planned Council's housing development.	Email sent to Directors of Social, Home, Community & Sport and Transportation & Travel & Environment.
2.	Members raised the issue of putting back the bottle bank in Ballingarry which had been removed to facilitate footpath works. It was noted that there may be issues in finding an agreed site for this bottle bank and Members asked that every effort be made to resolve this issue.	Environment Department confirmed difficulties in finding an agreed site for bottle bank, efforts ongoing and suggestions welcomed.  Email sent to Executive Engineer, Operations & Maintenance Services requesting an update.
3.	Issue of two macadam footpaths exiting Askeaton to the East in poor condition and should be replaced with concrete.	€35,000 spent in 2017 in Askeaton Town. 110m of path replaced on west bound section.
4.	On the proposal of Councillor Teskey, seconded by Councillor Keary the following Motion was agreed by Members. I move that a street scaping / public realm improvement plan for the town of Rathkeale be put in place, similar to what has happened in Patrickswell and Mungret. Given the improved economic situation and the fact that Rathkeale is the Municipal capital town, with the local area Council offices located there, I feel this would be a step in the right direction. It would be a proactive approach for us to have this plan 'shovel ready' if such funding were to be made available for projects like this in the future. Members also noted that the 'Love Your Street Initiative' should be implemented in Rathkeale.	Letter sent to the Director of Service, Economic Development in this regard.
5.	N21 near Reens Pike – Members requested an update on the study under way to review the junctions at this location.	Email sent to Tim Fitzgerald

6.	Councillor O'Donoghue raised concerns in relation to the safety of the junction at Nevilles Cross where there was poor sight lines and the extension to the adjacent Public House had increased traffic volumes. The A/Senior Executive Engineer undertook to review this location.	Tree removed to improve sightlines and road improvements carried out in 2017.
7.	CCTV cameras requested for graveyard in Rathkeale in relation to unauthorised dumping.	<p>Email sent to Senior Executive Engineer, Operations &amp; Maintenance Services for reply.</p> <p>A county-wide CCTV programme was commenced in late 2017 comprising of the installation of CCTV cameras in 14 towns including Rathkeale. Subject to funding, a Phase 2 programme is planned where the intention is to include additional cameras. The request for CCTV in Rathkeale Burial Ground will be considered by the CCTV Steering Board among other competing requests.</p>
8.	Provision of footpath from Adare to the GAA ground.	<p>There is a planning application being processed at present on the Blackabbey Road in Adare which proposes to re-align the road and incorporate a new footpath on both sides of the Road.</p> <p>This application will require to be finalised before we proceed any further with the proposed Footpath.</p> <p>The Planning Application will involve construction a public footpath from the Deerpark Junction toward the GAA Pitch for an approximate length of 170 meters.</p> <p>The Council would like to continue from this termination point toward the GAA Pitch for an additional 400 meters, subject to funding.</p> <p>This work would require specific funding for the purchase of private land and new boundary wall construction to facilitate this new footpath.</p> <p>Engineering firm to be appointed to carry out a detailed design of the path so that there will be consistency in future proposals.</p>
9.	Elected Members agreed a Motion calling on the Finance Department to provide a budget for the District for Civic events.	Email sent to A/Head of Finance.

10.	Elected Members agreed a Motion calling on portion of the tourism budget to go towards street cleaning in towns in the District.	The budget was increased in 2018 for Payroll only.
11.	Elected Members agreed a Motion calling on the Finance Department to provide a budget for tourism in Askeaton to go towards maintenance of the Friary and other locations of tourist interest in Askeaton.	Email sent to A/Head of Finance.
12.	Members sought an update from Irish Water regarding the provision of a new Sewerage Treatment Plant in Askeaton.	<p>In response to your query regarding the provision of a new Sewerage Treatment Plant in Askeaton, Co Limerick.</p> <p>Askeaton WWTP has advanced to detailed design, planning and procurement stages. As previously stated, funding for the construction of this project is outside the '17-'21 Investment Plan and progression to construction is not guaranteed.</p> <p>I hope the above information was helpful, please don't hesitate contact us regarding any further query's.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,  <b>Declan Curran</b>  <i>Local Representative Support Desk</i>  W: <a href="http://www.water.ie">www.water.ie</a></p>
13.	Members noted the ongoing issue of sediment lodging in a low point in the water pipes servicing Ballyhahill Village and requested that a scour valve be installed at that location and the sediment removed at frequent intervals.	<p>Thank you for your email on behalf of the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District.</p> <p>An investment proposal has been submitted by LCCC which is currently under review by Irish Water. The work will be considered by Irish Water Asset Strategy in the context of other priorities. Irish Water apologises for any inconvenience in the meantime. If there are any operational difficulties in the interim, please contact Irish Water's 24-hour operational line at 1850 278 278.</p> <p>I trust you find the above information helpful. Thank you for contacting Irish Water.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p>

		<p><b>Clodagh Florish</b>  <i>Local Representative Support Desk</i>  W: <a href="http://www.water.ie">www.water.ie</a></p>
14.	<p>Cllr. Sheahan noted the presence of a scum of sewage on the river Deel at Askeaton on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 and that a manhole outside a public house in Askeaton had been oozing sewage, resulting in the closure of the public house. It was agreed that this issue and its associated health hazards be brought to the attention of Irish Water.</p>	<p>Thank you for your email in relation to the manhole in Askeaton.</p> <p>The local authority have investigated on Saturday and the main sewer was clear and there was no issue found.</p> <p>I trust you will find this information helpful, thank you for contacting Irish Water.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,  <b>Clodagh Florish</b>  <i>Local Representative Support Desk</i>  W: <a href="http://www.water.ie">www.water.ie</a></p>
15.	<p>Members requested that Irish Water be written to requesting them to test the quality of the water at Inniscouch, Rathkeale.</p>	<p>I have looked into the below query and I can see that my colleague was in contact Ms. Naughton on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July and gave the below update to her.</p> <p>The foreman has confirmed 2 weeks ago that the chlorine levels has returned to a normal level indicating there is now no leaks or contamination by a untreated source. We have also reassured the customer that the water is safe to drink and is fully in compliance with EU standards.</p> <p>I trust you find the above information helpful. Thank you for contacting Irish Water.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,  <b>Clodagh Florish</b>  <i>Local Representative Support Desk</i>  W: <a href="http://www.water.ie">www.water.ie</a></p>
16.	<p>Members requested that Irish Water be written to regarding ongoing sewage odours on the main street in Askeaton Town.</p>	<p>Reply dated 28/09/2017</p> <p>Thank you for your recent email regarding the malodour issue in Askeaton Town, Co. Limerick.</p> <p>I have raised this issue with the local waste water department who will investigate this matter as soon as possible. Your Irish Water reference</p>

<p>17.</p>	<p>A subsequent email was sent clarifying that odour occurs on Main Street, Upper Church Street occasionally, The Big Square and Deel Manor Estate. Irish Water was informed that a number of old vent pipes in the town have rotted and were not replaced and this is contributing to the problem.</p>	<p>number for this issue is 5446186296, which you can keep for your own records. A member of our team will be in contact with you once an update is available.</p> <p>I trust you find the above information helpful. Thank you for contacting Irish Water.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,  <b>Clodagh Florish</b>  <i>Local Representative Support Desk</i>  W: <a href="http://www.water.ie">www.water.ie</a></p> <p>Reply dated 05/10/2017  Thank you for your email regarding malodour issue in Askeaton Town, Co. Limerick. Please accept my apologies for the delay in response to your email.</p> <p>I have added the below information to the investigation and requested an update on your behalf. As soon as we receive an update, a member of our team will contact you.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued patience.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,  <b>Jade Atkinson</b>  <i>Local Representative Support Desk</i>  W: <a href="http://www.water.ie">www.water.ie</a></p> <p>Reply dated 9/10/2017  Thank you for your recent email to Irish Water on behalf of the Members of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale regarding ongoing sewerage odours.</p> <p>We have received an update from the local waste water department advising that investigative works were carried out in Askeaton last week. However, we were unable to locate any issues or the source of the odour.</p> <p>There was no odour present on the day of the investigation, however Irish Water will continue to monitor the issue.</p> <p>I trust you find the above information helpful. Thank you for contacting Irish Water.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,  <b>Rebecca Minihane</b>  <i>Local Representative Support Desk</i>  W: <a href="http://www.water.ie">www.water.ie</a></p>
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<p>18.</p>	<p>At the October, 2017 District Meeting, Cllr. Sheahan noted the ongoing need for a new sewerage treatment plant in Askeaton, with separate sewage and storm water piping systems. He highlighted persistent problem with sewage odours in Askeaton in Upper Main Street, Church Street and Deel Manor Estate and the fact that metal ventilation pipes, on the existing sewerage system, had corroded and not been replaced.</p> <p>On the proposal of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Sheahan it was agreed that Irish Water should be invited to the next District Meeting to discuss this issue. Members also requested that the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division examine the corroded vent pipes and engage with Irish Water in relation to same and highlighted the need for private houses to ensure that their sewerage connections were properly vented.</p>	<p>Email sent to Irish Water requesting their attendance at the next Meeting of the District.</p> <p>The A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division contacted the SEE in Water Services and we have agreed to meet next week to look at the vent pipe locations and check the sewer network drawings. The current odour problems are emanating from the Deel Manor Estate, I understand there was an issue with the onsite treatment plant that is currently being addressed.</p>
<p>19.</p>	<p>Cllr. Keary requested an update on the pedestrian crossing in Adare.</p>	<p>Central Services, has spoken informally to TII about the introduction of a signalised crossing at Adare and they have advised that they have changed zebra crossings to signals at other locations on the national road network over the last few years and that their analysis post installation has indicated a reduction in the road capacity. It should be noted that they are not formally refusing to consider the Council's request for a signalised crossing, but they will need further information. Central Services intend to progress with traffic and pedestrian counts when resources permit and prepare a feasibility report for submission to TII.</p> <p>Survey complete – awaiting report from Central Services.</p>
<p>20.</p>	<p>Following on from deputation from Ballysteen Tidy Towns Group, Members requested District staff cost the works required.</p>	<p>We are currently assessing the proposals from the committee deputation and will prepare a costing on viable proposals.</p>

		Contact made with the landowner. Land take to be agreed.
21.	Motion submitted by Cllr. Teskey requesting that an island be put in place for the crossing on the road from the N21 onto the L1427, the junction is located at the Limerick side of the Lantern Roundabout in Adare.	Letter written to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in this regard.
22.	Councillor Teskey noted that the Ballyahill Development Association had engaged with GAS Networks Ireland in relation to filling in a roadside dyke on the Loughill Road and requested that the Council provide any assistance possible in this regard.	<p>The A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division spoke to GNI and looked at this proposal on site and there is a considerable amount of work involved. The adjacent landowner needs to be consulted as this will have an impact on his boundary hedge. I have contacted Cllr Teskey regarding this and am awaiting a response.</p> <p>Proposal agreed with Ballyahill Development Association.</p> <p>Contribution paid by GNI.</p>
23.	Walkway on the Askeaton Bypass is covered in grass.	<p>The existing gravel walkway is becoming overgrown with grass and difficult to walk on despite having been cleared earlier in the year. The council will clear it again once all the leaves have fallen from the overhanging trees. Declan Flanagan will cost a proposal to provide a macadam surface that will require less maintenance and easier to clean with a sweeper.</p> <p>A proposal for a permanent surface has been submitted to TII for approval.</p>
24.	Members discussed their ongoing concerns at the lack of adequate waste water treatment facilities at Askeaton, Co. Limerick and expressed surprise that the EPA's recent report, highlighting the discharge of untreated sewage at various locations, had not made reference to Askeaton. Members also pointed out that the licence granted by the EPA for the treatment plant at Askeaton required the	Letter written to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in this regard.

	construction of a new plant etc. by 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2014.	
25.	<p>On the proposal of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Sheahan the following Motion was agreed by Members.</p> <p>"In light of the recent EPA report, this District calls on Irish Water to prioritise waste water treatment facilities for Foynes, Askeaton and Shanagolden to prevent waste water flowing into the Shannon Estuary and to provide proper backup facilities for pumping stations in the event of a power outage".</p>	Letter written to Irish Water in this regard.
26.	Cllr. Keary sought an update on why the number of social housing units proposed for Adare had been reduced from 30 to 20.	<p>The number of social units remains at 30.</p> <p>Regards, Seamus</p> <p>Seamus Hanrahan MRIAI A/Director of Services Social Development</p>
27.	Members discussed the issue of traffic calming in Kilcornan and agreed that the District should write to Deputy Tom Neville to acknowledge and thank him for his continued interest and support in progressing these works.	Letter written to Deputy Neville in this regard.
28.	Cllr. Sheahan highlighted the need for more resources to be allocated to the Housing Section for the re-allocation of houses.	Email sent to Senior Executive Officer, Community Support Services.
29.	Cllr. Teskey requested a survey should be carried out on all local roads to ascertain their current condition to identify level of funding required to properly fix roads.	<p>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.</p> <p>Awaiting figures for AR02 &amp; AR03. Approximately €2,000,000 for AR area</p>

<p>30.</p>	<p>On the proposal of Cllr. Keary, seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue it was agreed Irish Water should be contacted to repair three venting stacks in Pallaskenry.</p>	<p>Email sent to Irish Water</p> <p>Reply: Karen,</p> <p>Thank you for that. I have forwarded the query to the IW Local Rep Support Desk at <a href="mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie">localrepsupport@water.ie</a> . In future, similar queries can be sent by you to that email address to ensure that they are logged and processed correctly.</p> <p>The Local Rep Support Desk will issue the response to the query.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Anna</p> <p><b>Anna Brosnan</b> <i>Asset Operations Wastewater Lead - Southern Region</i></p> <p><b>Uisce Éireann</b> Oifig Luimnigh <b>Irish Water</b> Limerick Office</p> <p><b>M:</b> <a href="tel:+353877461904">+353 87 746 1904</a> <b>E:</b> <a href="mailto:abrosnan@water.ie">abrosnan@water.ie</a> <a href="http://www.water.ie">www.water.ie</a></p>
<p>31.</p>	<p>Cllr. O'Brien raised the issue of damaged wall at Summerville, Pallaskenry. Members believe it should not be the responsibility of the landowner to carry out repair works. Report requested for next meeting.</p>	<p>A number of meetings were held with the landowner that bounds the road at Summerville, Pallaskenry. I informed him that Limerick City and County Council were not responsible for maintaining the existing stone wall. A large proportion of the wall had already been rebuilt at various stages over many years incorporating drainage and weep-holes to relieve the water pressure behind the wall. The sections of wall now showing signs of failure are the remaining sections of the original wall without drainage.</p> <p>I advised the landowner that the most probable reason that the council would replace this wall would be as part of an overall road widening scheme to improve visibility and provide</p>

		footpaths, cycle lane, public lighting, etc. But there are no plans for such a scheme in the short term. Subsequently, the landowner has agreed to repair the remaining sections of the original wall at his own cost.
32.	Cllr. Sheahan requested a senior official from the Housing Department attend the June Monthly Meeting for a briefing session on various aspects of Housing issues.	Email sent to A/Director of Services, Social Development Directorate.
33.	Cllr. Teskey highlighted the alarming amount of littering and litter black-spots in Limerick City And County.	Email sent to Senior Executive Engineer, Planning & Environmental Services.  Presentation will be made at the May Meeting.
34.	Cllr. O'Donoghue raised the issue of a collapsed fence around the water tower in Croom & requested clarification on who is responsible for fixing it.	Email received from Executive Engineer, Housing – A contractor has been selected with works to commence 30th April, 2018.
35.	Cllr. Teskey highlighted the issue of repairs to the bridge in Shanagolden.	2nd CCTV survey carried out last March. Report gone to Central Services to arrange repairs.