

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, 8TH MAY, 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), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), Executive Engineer, Operations & Maintenance Services (Mr. D. Flanagan), Senior Executive Engineer, Mid West Road Design Office (Mr. G. Carey), Senior Executive Engineer, Mid West Road Design Office (Mr. C. Hegarty), PMCE Consultants (Mr. A. Gleeson), A/Director of Services, Social Development Directorate, (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Executive Planner, Social Development Directorate, (Ms. S. Newell), 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 10th April, 2018.

Proposed by Councillor McMahon;

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 Sheahan raised the issue of the lack of a modern sewerage facility in Askeaton and added that the proposed Askeaton sewerage scheme is not on the current Irish Water list of capital projects which is due to expire in 2021. On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Keary it was agreed to correspond with the HSE and the EPA to request Askeaton be treated as a priority case for the installation of a sewerage scheme.

Councillor Teskey raised the issue of the problem of sewerage backing up in the village of Ballyhahill and requested this item go on the Agenda for the next scheduled workshop of Members with Irish Water to take place in County Hall, Dooradoyle on the 28th May, 2018.

Councillor Teskey thanked the A/Senior Executive Engineer for providing figures for the level of funding required to maintain the road conditions in the Adare-Rathkeale area. He also asked if it was possible to write to the Department of DOEHLG to request additional money be made available to maintain road as Local Authorities have a duty to maintain roads to a proper standard.

2. Service Operations Directorate – Planning and Environmental Services

Litter Control in Limerick City and County

It was agreed this item would be deferred until the June Monthly Meeting.

3. Regional Services Directorate – Mid West Road Design Office

(a) Proposed Road Improvement Works at Court Cross

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Ciaran Hegarty, Senior Executive Engineer, Mid West Road Design Office and Mr. Aly Gleeson, PMCE Consultants to the meeting.

The Senior Executive Engineer gave a presentation to Members on the proposed road improvement works at Court Cross on the N69 near Kildimo.

Following a discussion Members expressed their disappointment that the junction at the Bog Road Cross, also on the N69, was not included in the proposed road improvement works. The Senior Executive Engineer informed Members funding is directed by the TII who are only addressing Court Cross on this occasion as their statistics identify the number of collisions at this location to be double the national average. Members expressed concerns that the statistics should not have to go above the national average before improvement work at any location is considered. The Senior Executive Engineer advised Members he would convey their concerns back to the TII.

(b) Adare Overlay Project Update

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Ger Carey, Senior Executive Engineer, Mid West Road Design Office to the meeting.

Members were informed that following discussions with TII regarding the Adare Overlay it is now envisaged that work on the attenuation tanks and car park will commence in July with the overlay to follow when the Foynes Limerick road is completed. The construction of a sewer to service this land will be carried out by the Housing Department as part of the public land activation plan for Adare and will open up this land for housing construction. Councillor Keary welcomed this development saying a common sense approach was being taken in this project and would save the tax payer a considerable amount of money. All Members were happy at the progress on this matter.

Senior Executive Engineer, Mid West Road Design Office also informed Members that he was hopeful funding would be made available by TII in the meantime to address the poor condition of parts of the N21 between Murphys Cross and Adare Village.

4. Social Development Directorate

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Seamus Hanrahan, A/Director of Services, & Ms. Sarah Newell, Executive Planner, Social Development Directorate to the meeting.

The A/Director of Services proceeded with a presentation on the Directorates current work including Housing Delivery Programme followed by the Public Land Activation Plan for Adare. The A/Director of Services also informed Members the current numbers on the Housing waiting list stands at 3119 which represents a reduction of 39% on the September 2015 to March 2018 figures and went on to say as at 26th April 2018 242 social housing units have been completed to date by Limerick City and County Council and it is envisaged 312 units in total will be delivered by 31st December 2018.

Following this discussion, Councillor Sheahan questioned how many apprentices are currently employed by Limerick City and County Council and proposed a policy be introduced by Central Government to make it attractive to developers to recruit apprentices on exit from education. This was seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue.

The Executive Planner gave a presentation on the Adare Public Land Activation Programme. Members expressed concerns at the slow progress of the project to date and were of the belief that a far more significant number of serviced sites had been mentioned at the initial presentation on the project to the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District in September 2017.

Councillor Sheahan was concerned that a condition to the development of this land at Adare for housing provision would allow for some serviced sites to be provided to local people who can't afford the high cost of building sites in the area.

5. Support Services Directorate – Corporate Services

Annual Meeting of the Municipal District

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale would be held on 26th June, 2018 at 1.30 p.m. with the June Monthly Meeting to commence at the conclusion of same.

6. Service Operations Directorate – Operations and Maintenance Services

Footpath from Kildimo to the Beer Garden Public House

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery, dated 26th April, 2018 setting out the update on the footpath from Kildimo to the Beer Garden Public House. The report was noted by Members.

7. Traffic Calming at Kilcornan

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services, dated 26th April, 2018 setting out the update on the proposed traffic calming measures at Kilcornan. The report was noted by Members.

Councillor O'Brien requested a time scale of when the project will be completed for the next meeting.

8. Drainage Issues in Courtmatrix

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, dated 30th April, 2018 giving an update in relation to proposals to address the drainage issues at Courtmatrix. The report was noted by Members.

Councillor Keary requested Limerick City and County Council proceed to take legal action and provide an update for the next meeting.

9. Pedestrian Controlled Crossing for Adare

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services, dated 25th April, 2018 setting out an update in relation to pedestrian controlled crossing for Adare. This report was noted by Members.

10. Flooding Issues in Askeaton

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, dated 3rd May, 2018 giving an update in relation to proposals to address the flooding issues in Askeaton. The report was noted by Members.

11. Flooding Issues in Foynes

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, dated 30th April, 2018 giving an update in relation to the flooding issues in Foynes. The report was noted by Members.

On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor Teskey it was agreed a presentation should be made at the next meeting with a fully mapped out proposal showing the location of the lake and the museum.

12. Service Operations Directorate – Planning and Environmental

(a) Deel Manor, Askeaton

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Engineer, Planning and Environmental Services dated 24th April, 2018 setting out the position in relation to the taking in charge of Deel Manor, Askeaton.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue, it was agreed this item should be deferred to the next meeting for an update as to why an estate is being taken in charge when the road network in the estate is not complete and there is also only a temporary sewerage facility on site.

(b) An Curran, Pallaskenry

Circulated, report of the Staff Officer, Planning and Environmental Services, dated 20th April, 2018 setting out an update in relation to the taking in charge of An Curran, Pallaskenry. The report was noted by Members.

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

- On the proposal of Councillor O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Sheahan it was requested traffic counters be placed on the roadway from Lees Cross to Kilatal Road.

- Councillor O'Brien enquired if the L1241 road from Hegarty's Cross to the Community College could be upgraded to a Regional Road.
- Councillor Sheahan raised the issue of the Slí na Sláinte walkway in Askeaton. There are two to three inches of grass growing on it and as a result people are walking outside of it which runs a high risk of an accident. Councillor Sheahan is appealing to the TII to provide funding for Limerick City and County Council to carry out the works.
- Councillor O'Donoghue complimented Limerick City & County Council for the success of Riverfest 2018 and also requested a thank you be sent to West Limerick Vintage Club who helped raise much needed funds for The Butterfly Club.
- The Meetings Administrator requested for a time to be agreed for the JPC Subcommittee Meeting, which is due to be held on the 15th May, 2018. All Councillors agreed on 4:30 p.m.
- The Meeting Administrator informed Members Theresa Wallace from Askeaton Community Council requested a meeting with the Councillors. Members agreed to wait until after the quarterly JPC Meeting had taken place then request Ms. Wallace to submit her delegation questions for a meeting with the elected Members. It was agreed once this was done Ms. Wallace would be contacted with a date and time to attend the July Meeting.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed : _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____