

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH MAY, 2018, AT 12AM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Collins, Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Browne, Foley, Sheahan, Scanlan and Galvin.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Senior Executive Officer, Design and Delivery Services (Mr. J. Delaney), Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery (Mr. K. O’Gorman), Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan).

1. Service Operations Directorate – Planning & Environment

To consider the Chief Executive’s Report prepared pursuant to Section 179(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 -2017, as amended, and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 - 2018, as amended, in relation to Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan.

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Meeting including the representatives from the business community in Abbeyfeale.

The Members, in welcoming the Plan, thanked staff particularly K. O’Gorman, for his work on the plan and also noted the availability of staff to discuss the proposed plan during the Part VIII process.

Overall, the Members supported the plan and also referred to the community involvement and feedback given during the public display period. It was noted that the plan will address ongoing traffic issues within the town and its adoption was a historic day for Abbeyfeale.

It was agreed that the following amendments be included in the plan, which were proposed by Councillor Galvin and seconded by Councillor Collins.

- (a)** That a detailed working model of the proposed traffic lights be presented to the Councillors prior to the installation of any traffic lights.
- (b)** That a commitment be given in the event of the lights not working or causing traffic problems once installed, that the lights will be removed and parking spaces put back in their place.

- (c) That a loading bay be provided on Colbert Street to aid the businesses who require articulated lorry deliveries in that area.
- (d) That an agreed junction layout be put in place at the Tesco junction and road layout for Colbert Street.
- (e) In order to ensure additional parking spaces, Riordan's Bar should be purchased so that spaces can be developed. Consideration is also to be given if other adjoining properties become available for the development of parking spaces.
- (f) New parking spaces are to be provided before any parking is removed from Main Street.
- (g) That two set down areas to be placed at Batt Harnett's.
- (h) That connecting the Hill Road to the N21 be actively pursued should property become available for sale.
- (i) That a pedestrian crossing be put in place near the library.

A further amendment was made to the plan, which was proposed by Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor Collins:

- (j) That the recognised transition area from Fr. Casey's Close to Goods Pharmacy on the Main Street, be hatched as a zone to be redesigned in detailed design stage, to provide additional car spaces if within technical and safety compliance.

The Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan, along with the above mentioned amendments was proposed by Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Browne and resolved.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____