

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, 26TH JUNE, 2018 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor A. Teskey, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Keary, O'Donoghue, McMahon and Sheahan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Regional Services (Ms. C. Curley), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), Director, Physical Development Directorate (Mr. K. Lehane), Administrative Officer, Planning and Environmental Services (Ms. K. White), Staff Officer, Planning and Environmental Services (Mr. M. Scott), Executive Engineer, Physical Development Directorate (Mr. J. O'Leary), Executive Scientist, Physical Development Directorate (Mr. S. Jennings), Assistant Planner, Planning and Environmental Services (Mr. S. Martin), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

APOLOGIES:

Councillor O'Brien.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 8th May, 2018.

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

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

- (b) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Joint Policing Sub Committee of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 15th May, 2018.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue;
Seconded by Councillor McMahon;
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 Keary requested an update on the Housing Delivery Programme and Public Land Activation Plan for Adare. Councillor Keary felt the number of planned serviced sites for Adare is not adequate and felt Members needed more clarity on the matter. Councillor Sheahan also expressed his concern at the lack of affordable serviced sites in Adare and felt the Councillors concerns were being ignored. It was agreed this item would remain on the Agenda for the July Meeting.

Councillor O'Donoghue requested a copy of the proposed road improvement works at Banogue Village and also requested an update on the Lantern Lodge Intersection from the Mid West Road Design Office.

Councillor Keary expressed concern at the number of recurring items on the monthly Agenda that are still unresolved, many of which pertain to Irish Water. Members requested officials from Irish Water be asked to attend the next Municipal District Meeting as the workshop meetings held prior to the full Council Meetings do not suit the Members schedules. The Director of Service informed Members that Irish Water is a separate entity who set their meeting times and venues.

2. Service Operations Directorate – Planning and Environmental Services

Litter Control in Limerick City and County

The Administrative Officer, Planning and Environmental Services gave a presentation to Members outlining the process for dealing with illegal dumping. Councillors were informed that during 2017 there were 53 prosecutions in Limerick City and County, 11 of which were in the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District. To date in 2018 there are 25 prosecutions in progress.

Members discussed the possibility of introducing a new initiative as well as Team Limerick Clean Up, a reward scheme for people who recycle and also asked for more cameras to be installed in litter blackspots. Members were informed there is currently no budget for the installation of additional cameras. Councillor Sheahan expressed concern at the waste problem and enquired if it was possible to purchase aluminium can crushing machines for the area. On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Teskey it was agreed this request be forwarded for the Environment Department for the inclusion on the Agenda of the next Environmental SPC Meeting.

3. Physical Development Directorate

Flood Risk Management Plans – CFRAMS

Circulated, report of the Director of Services, Physical Development Directorate dated 11th June, 2018 setting out details of the Flood Risk Management Plans – CFRAMS.

The Executive Engineer, Physical Development Directorate gave a presentation to Members outlining the areas of Limerick City and County that have been affected by flooding and those areas most likely to be affected into the future. Members were informed that €60 million has been allocated to provide for infrastructure which will prevent flooding in Limerick City & Environs, Castleconnell, Athea and Rathkeale. This funding will advance these schemes to the detailed design and construction phases.

Councillor Sheahan expressed his concern that Askeaton was not on the current list for flood relief works given it is subject to tidal flooding which causes extensive damage to businesses and domestic houses in the town. Councillor Sheahan asked Askeaton be recognised and placed on a priority list.

4. Draft Noise Action Plan

Circulated, presentation of the Executive Scientist, Physical Development Directorate, setting out details of the Draft Noise Action Plan 2018 – 2023.

The presentation outlined the effects road traffic noise has on peoples health and the measures that can be taken to prevent, reduce and preserve it. Members were informed these plans are currently on display to the public until the 29th June, 2018 with the final plan being submitted to the EPA, for review, in September 2018.

Members felt this presentation should have been brought up to the May Monthly Meeting. The Executive Scientist informed Members the presentation was initially to be brought to the May Full Council Meeting, however, it was decided to present it to the Municipal District Members for their observations. Members thanked the Executive Scientist for his presentation.

5. Service Operations Directorate – Planning and Environmental Services

(a) Taking-In-Charge of Deel Manor, Askeaton

Circulated, report of the Staff Officer, Planning and Environmental Services dated 20th June, 2018 setting out the position in relation to the taking in charge of Deel Manor, Askeaton.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Assistant Planner, Planning and Environmental Services to the Meeting to discuss how the roads and services in the estate could be taken into charge when some of these services are not constructed yet. He informed Members the Developer did not have the funds to complete the estate. On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor McMahon it was agreed the estate would be taken in charge if the undeveloped site was removed from the map and proposed serviced sites be considered for this parcel of land.

(b) Taking-In-Charge of An Curran, Pallaskenry

Circulated, report of the Staff Officer, Planning and Environmental Services dated 31st May, 2018 giving an update in relation to the taking in charge of An Curran, Pallaskenry. The report was noted by Members.

6. General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2018

On the proposal of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor Keary it was agreed to allocate the following:

€1,000 to Ballysteen Community Council
€4,000 for ramps at Holycross, Rathkeale
€2,000 to the Christmas lights in Askeaton
€3,000 to the Ballingarry GAA Club for new stand.

7. 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 18th June, 2018 setting out the update on the footpath from Kildimo to the Beer Garden Public House. The report was noted by Members.

8. Traffic Calming at Kilcornan

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services, dated 1st June, 2018 setting out the update on the proposed traffic calming measures at Kilcornan. The report was noted by Members.

9. Drainage Issues at Courtmatrix

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, dated 20th June, 2018 giving an update in relation to proposals to address the drainage issues at Courtmatrix.

The A/Senior Executive Engineer informed Members that Leahy Solicitors have been instructed to exercise its statutory powers as the landowner has disengaged with her own solicitor. Update to be provided by the Executive for the July Meeting.

10. Pedestrian Controlled Crossing for Adare

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services, dated 12th June, 2018 setting out an update in relation to pedestrian controlled crossing for Adare. This report was noted by Members.

11. Flooding Issues in Askeaton

No update to note.

12. Flooding Issues in Foynes

A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division informed Members as Foynes was not included in the CFRAMS plans an application will now be forwarded to the OPW to request funding for culvert improvements. Members were of the belief that Limerick City and County Council should not be at a loss if future flooding occurs in Foynes and agreed mitigation measures should be put in place to safeguard the lake. On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor Teskey it was agreed further investigation is required at the location.

13. Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan

I will move at the next Meeting, that the owners of the development site at Toomdeely, Askeaton be invited to attend the July Meeting of the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District to discuss why:

- (a) The commitment to allocate 20 – 40 acres of land to be made available for indigenous small enterprises has not taken place.**

(b) There is no evidence of any success in attracting any foreign direct investment to this site.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor Keary. In proposing the Motion Councillor Sheahan requested Mr. O'Driscoll, Shannon Properties, who is the owner of the site should attend the next Meeting to address their concerns.

14. Correspondence

Correspondence, as circulated, was noted by Members.

At the conclusion of the Agenda, and with the consent of the Cathaoirleach, the following points were raised by Members;

- On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Keary it was requested speed ramp be installed in the town of Askeaton to reduce the speed cars travel through the town.
- Councillor Sheahan raised the issue of resurfacing the grass on the Slí na Sláinte path in Askeaton with tarmac. A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, informed Councillor Sheahan the TII have applied for funding for same.
- Councillor Sheahan raised concerns at the progress of repair works being carried out on Desmond Castle in Askeaton. Councillor Sheahan proposed we write to the OPW requesting they take on extra qualified stone masons to complete the works. This proposal was seconded by Councillor McMahan. Councillor McMahan also added the OPW should include apprentice stone masons when recruiting.
- Councillor McMahan requested a street cleaner be appointed every fortnight to Ballystein.
- Councillor McMahan proposed road repairs be carried out in Mohernagh, Ballyhahill. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Sheahan.
- Councillor Keary raised the issue of a site location for a new sewerage treatment plant in Askeaton. On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor Teskey it was agreed Members should be made aware of the selected site at the next Meeting.
- The Director, Regional Services, informed Members Ned Gleeson from Adare Heritage Centre would like to address Members at the July Meeting. It was agreed Mr. Gleeson would be taken at 9.00 a.m.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed : _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____