

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, ON WEDNESDAY, 15TH JUNE, 2018, AT 9AM.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Foley, Sheahan and Galvin.

Apologies: Councillor Scanlan, Councillor Browne.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Senior Executive Officer, Design and Delivery Services (Mr. J. Delaney), Director, Physical Development Directorate (Mr. K. Lehane), Executive Engineer, Physical Development Directorate (Mr. J. O'Leary), Senior Executive Engineer, Physical Development Directorate (Ms. A. Goggin), Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett), Executive Engineer, Roads (Mr. P. Vallely), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan).

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach and Members extended their condolences and sympathy to family of Mr. Rory Kiely, former Senator and Cathaoirleach of Seanad Éireann, on his recent bereavement. As a mark of respect, the Meeting was adjourned for fifteen minutes.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Newcastle West held on 2nd May, 2018.

Proposed by: Councillor Foley
Seconded by: Councillor Galvin
And Resolved:

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

- (b) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West on the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan held on 9th May, 2018.

Proposed by: Councillor Galvin
Seconded by: Councillor Foley
And Resolved:

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

2. Physical Development Directorate

To receive presentation on the Limerick City and County Council Draft Noise Action Plan 2018.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Senior Executive Engineer, Physical Development Directorate, to the Meeting.

The Senior Executive Engineer gave a presentation to Members on the Draft Noise Action Plan 2018 which is currently on public display until 29th June, 2018. A final plan is to be submitted to the EPA in September, 2018 for review. She outlined the main points of the Plan and the reasoning for the inclusion of areas as hotspots for noise pollution.

The Senior Executive Engineer also outlined the possible solutions for areas experiencing noise pollution and also noted that funding would need to be sought from either the TII or Department of Transport for any necessary remedial measures.

The Members thanked the Senior Executive Engineer for the presentation. They noted the challenge of getting information to people and also queried the exclusion of some towns on the N21 from the plan in particular houses at the entrance or exit to towns. They stated that these towns should be included as noise pollution hotspots.

3. Physical Development Directorate

To receive update on the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAM).

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

The Executive Engineer gave a presentation to Members on the Flood Risk Management Plans – CFRAMS and advised the Members that Limerick City and County Council has received confirmation from the Office of Public Works in relation to the identification of projects to be delivered under the CFRAMS programme.

He noted that Limerick City and Environs Scheme, the Athea Scheme, the Castleconnell Scheme and the Rathkeale Scheme are included in the initial 50 new Flood Relief Schemes and a sum of almost €60m has been allocated to complete Flood Relief Works in these schemes.

The Executive Engineer also mentioned that the Flood Risk Management Plans will be placed before the Full Council for adoption at the July Meeting and the adoption of CFRAMS will facilitate further detailed design studies and assessments in relation to the development of appropriate flood mitigation and defences.

The Members welcomed the Flood Risk Management Plans, which included Newcastle West and Athea and also thanked the Senior Executive Engineer for his presentation. They stated that suggested flood protection proposals may needed to amended once a detailed design was completed on the selected areas.

4. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

On the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, it was agreed to allocate €300 to Nurture Africa subject to receipt of necessary supporting documentation.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Galvin, it was agreed to allocate €500 to Glin Development for a Fairy Walk at the Knights Walk.

On the proposal of Councillor Foley , seconded by Councillor Collins, it was agreed to allocate €750 to drainage works at Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale.

5. Service Operations Directorate

Taking in Charge of Estates – Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads

To consider the Taking in Charge of Estate Rathronan, Athea, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2017, and Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993.

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Planner, Planning and Environmental Services, dated 31st May , 2018.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Foley and resolved:

“That, Estate Rathronan, Athea, be taken in charge in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2017, and Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993”.

QUESTIONS

6. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting for a progress report on the traffic flow plan for Boherbui, Newcastle West.

REPLY: A brief is currently being finalised for the Newcastle West Integrated Movement Plan, which will take traffic flow on the Boherbui area into consideration.

This brief will be forwarded to consultants for tendering within the next two weeks.

7. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting when Road reinstatement works are likely to be undertaken in Ballyagran Village.

REPLY: Reinstatement works associated with the construction of the footpath to St. Joseph's Foundation, Ballyagran will be carried out before the end of August 2018.

Limerick City and County Council will carry out a condition survey of roads within 1 km of Ballyagran Village in late 2018 with a view to identifying sections of roads for inclusion in the 2019 Schedule of Municipal District Works.

8. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting when footpath safety measures will be undertaken at:

- (a) Upper Church Street, Newcastle West*
- (b) Lynch's Corner, The Square, Newcastle West*

REPLY: (a) Works will be carried out at Upper Church St., Newcastle West by the end of September.

(b) The brief for the Newcastle West Integrated Movement Plan is currently being finalised. This plan will consider locations such as Lynch's corner from a safety perspective.

9. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for the road to be repaired at Gleann Cryle, Abbeyfeale, and that work be carried out on the footpath that has collapsed next to it.

REPLY: Repair works noted above will be carried out within the next four weeks.

10. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the takeover of Brewery Lane, Newcastle West.

REPLY: The Senior Executive Engineer, Newcastle West Municipal District, has met with some of the stakeholders of Brewery Lane and discussions with a view to getting the lane reopened are ongoing.

Councillor Galvin requested an update on this matter for the July Municipal District Meeting.

11. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for a light to be placed on Pole No. 3 Convent Street, Abbeyfeale, as this pole is at the entrance to a private lane way where anti-social behaviour is occurring.

REPLY: There is an existing street light across from the entrance to this private laneway as well as existing street lights on both sides of the entrance. Therefore there is adequate public lighting in this area on the N21.

12. Question submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting if the dyke at Glenastar, Ardagh (near John Hough's Entrance) can be piped or filled to make the road edge safe for road users.

REPLY: An onsite inspection will be carried out within the coming week at this location.

13. Question submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting if the green area at Feohanagh side of Aglish graveyard can be hardcored as it is unsightly in bad weather.

REPLY: Works have been carried out on the grass verge and the road edge in recent weeks at this location.

Councillor Collins welcomed the works completed to date but stated that additional works were required.

14. Question submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting if speed ramps/rumble strips can be installed at Gortboy on approach from both sides to the Courtenay Boys School to slow down traffic.

REPLY: The Council has a new policy for Traffic Calming in Urban Areas. The above mentioned request will be assessed with regard to the requirements of this policy.

Councillor Collins requested that the process as outlined in the Traffic Calming in Urban Areas commence for this request.

NOTICES OF MOTION

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Municipal Meeting that an audit be undertaken on the serious matter of illegal dumping in the Glenagowen, Rooska and Keele areas to the West and North West of Newcastle West Town.

In the absence of Councillor Scanlan, it was agreed to defer this Notice of Motion to the July Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that our Local Authority reinstate a painting programme and/or supply paint for its tenanted properties within the Newcastle West Municipal District.

In the absence of Councillor Scanlan, it was agreed to defer this Notice of Motion to the July Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council consider a leasing agreement with the Abbeyfeale Anglers on the property/ground next to The Mart Bridge, Abbeyfeale.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Galvin stated that the Abbeyfeale Anglers were willing to develop this area and the group should attend a Meeting of the Municipal District in order to inform the Members of their proposals in due course.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Sheahan.

REPLY: The Council has had communications with Abbeyfeale Community Council who have submitted plans for the development of this piece of land. The Council will make contact with the Abbeyfeale Anglers Association in relation to their proposed use of the land.

The Council will review and consider both proposals. It would appear from information received that a joint venture involving both groups for the use of this land could be an option.

The Council will work with both groups over the coming weeks and, if appropriate, a licence agreement could be issued to allow for this land to be developed.

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that the TII stagger the Devon road junction on the N.21 as land available at this junction.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Galvin stated that land was available to stagger the junction and the landowner should be contacted in this regard.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Collins.

In response, the Executive Engineer stated that this matter is being discussed with the TII and a response is awaited.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will move at the next Meeting that CCTV or other measures be installed at Glin Pier to try and prevent illegal dumping.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Sheahan.

REPLY: Glin Pier will be assessed for suitability for CCTV cameras and illegal dumping at this location will be kept under review.

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will move at the next Meeting that a footpath be installed from the top cross at Ardagh along the R521 towards Shanagolden to give safe pedestrian access for residents accessing Ardagh Village.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Collins stated that a footpath was required in order for residents along this roadway to access Ardagh village safely.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Sheahan.

REPLY: In order to install a footpath in the area outlined above, consultation with adjoining landowners would be required along with a costing of the proposed works. Funding would also have to be sought as these works are not part of the proposed roadworks programme.

Prior to the conclusion of the Meeting, Councillor Galvin referred to the lease agreement the Council has entered into for apartments at Mountmahon, Abbeyfeale. He noted that these apartments are currently being allocated and he referred to the large number of people within the Abbeyfeale area seeking accommodation.

The following items were also raised.

The provision of a graveyard in Tournafulla was noted and Members asked if contact could be made again with the committee to progress this matter.

The Members also requested an update at the July Meeting with regard to Expressions of Interest for the proposed new graveyard in Abbeyfeale.

Members queried the current status of the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan and requested that they be kept informed of progress on this matter. The Senior Executive Officer stated that work is ongoing with the Physical Directorate and TII and that this matter will be progressed over the summer months.

The sewerage treatment plant in Tournafulla was also raised and the difficulty in obtaining planning permission in the village of Tournafulla due to lack of capacity at the plant for additional connections. The water leak at Bishop St. Newcastle West was also noted and the Members requested staff from the Water Services Section be asked to attend a Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West. This request is to be referred to Water Services.

The litter bin in Mountcollins Village at the Abbeyfeale side of the church was also noted along with the remedial works required on it.

It was agreed to hold the July Meeting of the District on Wednesday, 4th July, 2018, at 10.00 a.m., at Áras William Smith OBrien.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____