

**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, 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018 AT 11.00 A.M.**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Keary, McMahon, O'Brien, O'Dongohue and Sheahan.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director, National and Regional Shared Services Centre (Ms. C. Curley), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division (Mr. K. Murphy), Senior Executive Officer, Physical Development Directorate (Mr. G. Dillon), Director of Service, Housing Development Directorate (Ms. A. Duke), Senior Architect, Housing Development Directorate (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

At the outset of the Meeting it was proposed by Councillor McMahon and seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue to suspend the Meeting for one hour to conclude a workshop that had commenced at 9.00 a.m.

On resumption of the Meeting it was agreed that Item 3 should be taken first.

**3. Physical Development Directorate**

Circulated, report of the Director of Service, Physical Development Directorate dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2018 setting out details of the draft City and County of Limerick (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws 2018.

The Senior Executive Officer, Physical Development Directorate gave a brief outline on the contents of the report saying the Draft Bye-Laws are currently being updated to address the issue of illegal dumping of household waste and to ensure that waste is being properly disposed of in an effort to reduce contamination of recycling waste. It is proposed households will have to provide evidence of how they dispose of their waste if not using an authorised waste collector. Members were informed there are presently five Enforcement Officers employed by Limerick City and County Council to deal with the compliance of waste disposal. Once the Draft Bye-Laws have been approved by the Municipal District Members, they will then go through the public consultation process. On the proposal of Councillor O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Keary it was agreed this item should also go to the Full Council Meeting.

## **1. Minutes**

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan;  
Seconded by Councillor Keary;  
And Resolved:

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

- (b) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

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And Resolved:

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## **2. Housing Development Directorate**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Seamus Hanrahan, Senior Architect & Ms. Aoife Duke, Director of Service, Social Development Directorate to the Meeting.

The Senior Architect gave an updated presentation to Members on Limerick City and County Council’s Housing Delivery Programme. Following a discussion in relation to maintaining the Councils existing vacant houses, Councillor Keary requested a motion be put to the next Full Council Meeting to discuss the huge budget for buying one off houses and to request funds be reappropriated to bring long term voids back into stock. On the proposal of Councillor Teskey and seconded by Councillor O’Donoghue it was agreed a letter should be sent to the Minister of DHPLG to respond to the request for more funding.

The Director explained to Members that 50% of income received on housing rents goes back into maintenance of these properties. Costings and submissions have been made to the Department to address the voids issue and Limerick City and County Council is currently awaiting a response on this matter.

Councillor O’Donoghue expressed his concern in relation to the amount of new builds on the current Housing Delivery Programme. Councillor O’Donoghue suggested a different approach be taken for the County due to restrictions on new builds. He also suggested there should be less restrictions on listed buildings. On the proposal of Councillor

O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Sheahan it was proposed a letter be sent to Tom Cassidy asking that a more pragmatic approach be adopted with the owners of listed buildings which would include a relaxation of restrictions that are not iconic to the area in order to allow people to renovate same.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Keary it was agreed Tom Cassidy be invited to the September Monthly Meeting to discuss delisting of properties. Following this discussion The Senior Architect then proceeded to give an updated presentation on the Adare Public Land Activation Programme. He informed Members that a preferred developer had been notified and it is hoped to have a planning application submitted by the end of 2018 for this project. Members again expressed their concern about the number (5 no.) of proposed serviced sites. Councillor Sheahan told the meeting he would find it difficult to agree to the proposed sale of land at Adare when Councillors requests were not been entertained for additional serviced sites. On the proposal of Councillor Teskey, seconded by Councillor Keary it was agreed Members would take a 5 – 10 minute adjournment to have a discussion on the matter.

After 10 minutes Councillor Teskey officially reopened the meeting and read out the following statement;

“We as a group of 4 Councillors require that the proposed social housing development in Adare will incorporate 30 number of semi detached houses and 10 fully serviced affordable sites”.

Following this statement by Members The Director, National and Regional Shared Services Centre informed Members the programme would now have to go back to procurement and this could delay the whole programme by approx. 12 – 18 months. Councillor Keary expressed disappointment at progress on the whole matter to date saying this would delay progress and impact on the public sewer construction.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Senior Architect for his presentation.

#### **4. Service Operations Directorate - Planning and Environmental**

##### **(a) To note proposal on the Taking-In-Charge of Deel Manor, Askeaton**

The Cathaoirleach deferred Item 4 (a) until the September Meeting.

##### **(b) To note update on the Taking-In-Charge of An Curran, Pallaskenry**

The Cathaoirleach deferred Item 4 (b) until the September Meeting.

**5. Operations and Maintenance Services**

**Footpath from Kildimo to the Beer Garden Public House**

The Cathaoirleach deferred Item 5 until the September Meeting.

**6. Traffic Calming at Kilcornan**

The Cathaoirleach deferred Item 6 until the September Meeting.

**7. Drainage Issues in Courtmatrix**

The Cathaoirleach deferred Item 7 until the September Meeting.

**8. Pedestrian Controlled Crossing for Adare**

The Cathaoirleach deferred Item 8 until the September Meeting.

**9. Flooding Issues in Askeaton**

The Cathaoirleach deferred Item 9 until the September Meeting.

**10. Flooding Issues in Foynes**

Councillor Keary, following his attendance at the Foynes Port Workshop the previous day, requested the application which was lodged with An Bord Pleanála be reviewed and a submission be made for alternative arrangements for the Foynes Port Company using the lake for firefighting be decommissioned. A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division informed Members he had met with the Port Company who informed him that the lake is needed for firefighting capability. Councillor Keary suggested he liaise with Margaret O'Malley, Executive Planner and Donogh O'Donoghue, A/Senior Executive Planner to ensure this request is included as part of the submission being prepared to An Bord Pleanála.

**11. Correspondence**

The Cathaoirleach deferred this item until the September Meeting.

At the conclusion of the Agenda the following were raised by Members.

- Councillor Teskey requested to write to Irish Water to raise the serious issue of raw sewerage in Ballyhahill which needs to be resolved.
- On the proposal of Councillor O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, the following allocations under the GMA 2018 for the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale were agreed:
  - Granagh/Ballingarry Defibrillator € 1,000.00
  - Granagh Development Park, Liskenneth € 2,000.00
  - Castlerovers Carnane Fedamore Community Field € 3,000.00
- Councillor Kevin Sheahan raised the issue, which Councillor John Sheahan had raised at the Newcastle West Municipal District Meeting, that all party leaders before the next local election should agree Limerick City and County Council have one mayor. It was agreed it was appropriate this item go to the Full Council Meeting to brief fellow Councillors.
- Director, National and Regional Shared Services Centre informed Members the closing date for Urban Regeneration and Development Fund and Rural Regeneration and Development Fund is the end of September and staff will come out to talk to the District Members about the proposals.
- On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor Teskey it was agreed to write to Minister Michael Ring to update the Census from 2016.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_