

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN ÁRAS SEÁN FINN, NEW LINE ROAD, RATHKEALE, CO. LIMERICK ON TUESDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018 AT 9.00 A.M.**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Keary, McMahon, O'Brien, O'Donoghue 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), A/Director, Social Development (Ms. P. Liddy), A/Director, Capital Investment (Mr. J. Delaney), Senior Architect, Social Development (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Director, Housing Development (Ms. A. Duke), Head of Property Services (Ms. J. Leahy), Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services (Mr. T. McKechnie), Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services (Ms. A. O'Sullivan), Architectural Conservation Officer, Planning and Environmental Services (Mr. T. Cassidy), 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 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

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

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

The following issue was raised by Members, after the adoption of the Minutes with the consent of the Cathaoirleach.

Councillor O'Brien raised the issue of the number of depressions on the road coming into Kildimo from Court Cross. A/Senior Executive Engineer informed Councillor O'Brien this is a common occurrence due to the dry weather and the issue has been raised with the TII. Councillor O'Brien requested an update from the TII for the October Monthly Meeting.

Regarding Item 2 in the Minutes, Councillor Keary enquired if there was any programme in place for money to be reappropriated to return voids back into stock. The Senior Architect

informed Members there is a programme in place and to date some voids have been occupied while others are in the process of being allocated or waiting to be returned to stock. He also informed Members they are waiting to hear from the Department with regard to funding for derelict houses. Members requested a breakdown for the Adare-Rathkeale area in relation to voids and also how involved this Local Authority is with obtaining funding from the Department.

## **2. Social Development Directorate**

### **Redevelopment of The Plaza at the front of the Adare Heritage Centre, Adare Village**

Circulated, report of the Deputy Chief Executive, dated 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2018, setting out details of the proposed redevelopment of The Plaza at the front of Adare Heritage Centre, Adare Village.

Following a discussion Members welcome the immediate plans for The Plaza redevelopment, however, they unanimously agreed that a masterplan is need for Adare to address parking issues in the village. Report, as circulated was proposed by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue.

## **3. Disposal of Land at Adare**

Circulated, report of the Head of Property Services, dated 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 outlining the proposal to dispose of circa. 6.36 hectares of land at Adare, Co. Limerick. The report was noted by Members.

## **4. Service Operations Directorate – Planning and Environmental Services**

### **Proposal on Taking-In-Charge of Deel Manor, Askeaton**

Circulated, report of the Staff Officer, Planning and Environmental Services dated 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 setting out the position in relation to the taking in charge of Deel Manor, Askeaton. The report was noted by Members.

### **Update on Taking-In of An Curran, Pallaskenry**

Circulated, report of the Staff Officer, Planning and Environmental Services dated 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 setting out the position in relation to the taking in charge of An Curran, Pallaskenry. The report was noted by Members.

**5. Service Operations Directorate – Operations and Maintenance Services**

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

Circulate, report of the A/Director of Service, Capital Investment Directorate dated 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 giving an update in relation to the footpath from Kildimo to The Beer Garden Public House.

Members expressed anger and concern at the response to this matter adding that it would not require a lot of funding to rectify the situation given this is a strip of roadway regularly used by pedestrians. Members requested the A/Director of Service attend the October Monthly Meeting to discuss this matter.

**6. Traffic Calming at Kilcornan**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 giving an update in relation to traffic calming at Kilcornan.

Members welcomed the scheme saying this matter has been raised by Members over a number of years, however, they felt they could not agree for the traffic calming scheme to go ahead until a phase II of works is agreed for the location which would provide for a speed reduction at the Church, a footpath from the school to the Church and a right turn lane into the school.

**7. Pedestrian Controlled Crossing for Adare**

Circulated, report of the Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services dated 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 setting out the position in relation to the pedestrian controlled crossing for Adare.

Members thanked the Executive Engineer for the report. Following discussion on this report, Members were not happy with the recommendation that the controlled pedestrian crossing installation be deferred until the bypass of Adare is complete and all were in agreement a masterplan was needed for Adare to address pedestrian and traffic issues in unison.

This was proposed by Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor Keary.

## **8. Drainage Issues in Courtmatrix**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 giving an update in relation to drainage issues at Courtmatrix. Councillor Keary, following discussion, requested a timeline for the programme of works required at Courtmatrix. A/Senior Executive Engineer informed Councillor Keary when legal issues are resolved Limerick City and County Council will carry out the required works at the location by direct labour and added the works would be completed in a matter of weeks.

## **9. Flooding Issues in Askeaton**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 giving an update in relation to proposals to address flooding issues at Askeaton.

All Members were in agreement a proper sewerage system is urgently required for Askeaton. Following discussion Councillor Sheahan proposed a vote to abolish Irish Water and to give back control of water and waste water to Limerick City and County Council. This was seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue. In the absence of agreement, the Cathaoirleach directed that a vote be taken on the proposal. The result of the voting was as follows:

### **For**

Councillors McMahon, O'Donoghue, Sheahan **(3)**

### **Against**

Councillors Keary, O'Brien, Teskey **(3)**

Following the casting vote by the Cathaoirleach, the vote was defeated.

## **10. Flooding Issues in Foynes**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 giving an update in relation to flooding issues in Foynes.

Members note the report, as circulated, and requested an update report for the October Monthly Meeting.

## **11. Planning and Environmental Services**

### **To Discuss the De-Listing of Listed Properties**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Tom Cassidy, Architectural Conservation Officer to the Meeting.

Members expressed the following concerns in relation to listed buildings:

- The cost of conservation is stopping developments happening.
- Insurance companies will not insure part of a house that is listed.
- Planning applications are being refused because of listed buildings.

Councillor Sheahan proposed a survey be carried out to indicate how many listed properties have fire insurance in place, this was seconded by Councillor Teskey. Members requested a further meeting with the Architectural Conservation Officer and requested a list of all listed properties in the Adare-Rathkeale area be made available at the Meeting. Mr. Cassidy agreed to return for a follow up Meeting in early December.

## **12. October Municipal District Monthly Meeting**

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor McMahon it was agreed to hold the October Municipal District Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 at 4.30 p.m.

## **13. Correspondence**

Correspondence was noted.

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

## **14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A.Teskey**

**I will move at the next meeting that this Local Authority consider the installation of a pedestrian foot bridge adjacent to the Christopher Lynch bridge over the River Deel.**

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Teskey and seconded by Councillor Sheahan.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Teskey expressed his concern for members of the public using the bridge in Rathkeale. He noted the major success of footbridges recently erected in Newcastle West and Kilmallock. The Director informed Members this motion would be raised with Central Services.

### **15. Notice of Motion submitted by councillor A. Teskey**

**I will move at the next meeting that this Local Authority carry out a survey and overall design/master plan for Shanagolden Village to incorporate traffic calming measures on the R521 Newcastle West to Shanagolden road.**

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Teskey and seconded by Councillor Sheahan.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Teskey noted there is an ongoing issue with children having to cross the road to get to the school and church and measures need to be taken for traffic calming.

### **General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2018**

At the conclusion of the Agenda the Members discussed allocations under the GMA 2018.

- €3,000 to Askeaton Tennis Club - €1,500 from Councillor Sheahan and €1,500 from Councillor McMahon from 2017
- €1,000 for Civic Receptions from Councillor Teskey
- €10,900 to roads maintenance from Councillor Teskey
- €4,000 for driver feedback lights in Coolcappagh from Councillor Keary
- €5,600 for bollards in Adare excluding labour from Councillor O'Brien
- €3,000 for Croom Civic Centre from Councillor O'Donoghue

The following issues were raised by Members with the permission of the Cathaoirleach.

- Councillor Sheahan requested a deputation from Askeaton Community Council attend the October Monthly Meeting to discuss policing issues in Askeaton with An Garda Síochána.
- Councillor Teskey requested a Civic Reception for the following people:
  - Martina McMahon – 2018 World Handball Champion
  - Patrick O'Dwyer – Ireland and UK Strongest Man
  - James Chawke – Junior Manx Grand Prix Champion
- Councillor Sheahan highlighted the issue of funding civic receptions out of the limited office budget and suggested €5,000 per district per year should be provided in the estimates. Councillor Keary proposed a Motion should go to the full Council Meeting, this was seconded by Councillor Teskey.

- Councillor O'Donoghue thanked the other Members for their help completing the slipway in Croom.
- Councillor O'Brien noted the budget for repairs to bridges went to the West side of the Adare-Rathkeale area. He noted the bridges on the East side of the area also need to be repaired.
- The Meetings Administrator informed Members a date needs to be agreed for a JPC Meeting. Councillor Keary requested the Chief Superintendent should attend the next JPC Meeting. The Director informed Members the Chief Superintendent will only attend Meetings centrally.
- Councillor Sheahan proposed the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Shannon Development Group should be encouraged to attend the October Monthly Meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Teskey.
- Councillor Keary raised the issue of signage for HGV's in Ballingarry at Lee's Cross. The A/Senior Executive Engineer noted there is a sign at this junction and will check for signage at the other end.

This concluded the Meeting.

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

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