

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, ON WEDNESDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER, 2018, AT 10AM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Sheahan, Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Browne, Foley, Scanlan, Collins and Galvin.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Service Operations (Mr. G. Daly), Senior Executive Engineer, West Division (Mr. B. Noonan), Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett), Executive Engineer, Roads (Mr. P. Vallely), Administrative Officer, Property Services (Ms. T. Knox), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan).

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach on behalf of the Members and Staff wished to congratulate Limerick Senior Hurlers and their Management on winning the 2018 All Ireland Senior Hurling Final. The Members concurred with these sentiments and also congratulated Limerick City & County Council for the manner in which the towns were decorated in the lead up to the event, the big screens at the Gaelic Grounds and Newcastle West on the day of the final and the festivities, which were organised for the homecoming of the team. It was also stated that the Liam McCarthy Cup would be coming to Newcastle West in October and that an acknowledgement of the achievements of this team and other sporting persons by the Newcastle West Municipal District would take place later in the year.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Newcastle West held on 4th July, 2018.

Proposed by: Councillor Galvin

Seconded by: Councillor Collins

And Resolved:

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

2. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, report of Administrative Officer, Property Services, dated 17th July, 2018, concerning proposal to dispose of land at Castlevew, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, to Michael and Kathleen O'Brien.

Members noted the proposal.

- (b) Circulated, report of Head of Property Services, dated 16th August, 2018, concerning proposal to dispose of land at 13 Michael Hartnett Close, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, to Anita Lyons.

Members noted the proposal.

3. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Galvin, it was agreed to allocate €1,500.00 for drainage works at Crean, Newcastle West.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Galvin, it was agreed to allocate €1,000.00 for the provision a bus shelter in Newcastle West.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Galvin, it was agreed to allocate €1,500.00 to Kinard Burial Ground Committee, Glin, for the purchase of a lawnmower.

On the proposal of Councillor Scanlan, seconded by Councillor Galvin, it was agreed to allocate €1,500.00 for drainage works at Feenagh/Kilmeedy.

On the proposal of Councillor Scanlan, seconded by Councillor Collins, it was agreed to allocate €2,500.00 for the provision of a bus shelter in Newcastle West.

On the proposal of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Scanlan, it was agreed to allocate €5,535.00 to Newcastle West Defibrillator Group.

On the proposal of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Scanlan, it was agreed to allocate €2,500.00 for the provision of a bus shelter in Newcastle West.

On the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Foley, it was agreed to allocate €1,000.00 for the provision of a bus shelter in Newcastle West.

On the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Foley, it was agreed to allocate €1,500 for works at the entrance to Collins Park/Abbeyfeale RFC.

On the proposal of Councillor Browne, seconded by Councillor Galvin, it was agreed to allocate €1,000.00 for the provision of a bus shelter in Newcastle West.

On the proposal of Councillor Foley, seconded by Councillor Galvin, it was agreed to allocate €1,000.00 for the provision of a bus shelter in Newcastle West.

On the proposal of Councillor Foley, seconded by Councillor Galvin, it was agreed to allocate €1,500.00 to Abbeyfeale RFC.

A discussion took place on the Local Community Development Committees (LCDC) and Community Enhancement Schemes regarding the qualifying criteria for the allocation of funding and notification to the Members of those approved for funding. The short deadlines for the submission of applications to the Department of Rural and Community Development was also noted. Following discussion, the Director stated that a workshop would be organised with the Town and Village Renewal Section of the Social Directorate with regard the funding categories.

QUESTIONS

4. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting what is the remaining sewerage capacity in the Waste Water Treatment Plants in each of the following villages (a) Athea (b) Tournafulla (c) Mountcollins (d) Templeglantine (e) Abbeyfeale.

REPLY: Councillor Galvin's question was referred to Irish Water on localrepsupport@water.ie. See below the response received.

Mountcollins, Templeglantine and Tournafulla are all Certificate of Authorisation sites. The capacity and performance of the 500+ Certificate of Authorisation sites across the county are being assessed by Irish Water. Based on available information the loads and capacities of the 3 COA sites in question are shown below:

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)	Comment
Athea	Athea is a Wastewater Discharge Authorisation site. Athea WWTP receives a load of 490 PE and the WWTP is currently being upgraded from primary treatment to a 600 PE secondary treatment WWTP with the provision of a future extension to 900 PE. Based on the current loading the upgraded WWTP will have 110 PE space capacity when upgrade completed.
Tournafulla	Tournafulla is serviced by 2 no. separate WWTPs. WWTP No. 1 at the western end of the village and WWTP No. 2 at the eastern end of the village. Based on the 2016 Census the total connected residential population is 85 PE and the potential load including the school is higher. The design

	capacity of the individual WWTPs and load split between both is not known at this time. However based on effluent sampling results WWTP No. 1 may be overloaded.
Mountcollins	Mountcollins WWTP has a reported design capacity of 453 PE and receives a load of 300 PE leaving 153 PE spare capacity available.
Templeglantine	Templeglantine WWTP has a reported design capacity of 112 PE. Based on the 2016 Census the connected residential population is 67 PE.
Abbeyfeale	Abbeyfeale is a Wastewater Discharge Authorisation Site. The 2,860 PE design capacity Abbeyfeale Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) currently receives a load of 2,793 PE leaving 67 PE spare capacity available.

Please note anyone who wishes to enquire about the feasibility of connecting to the Irish Water networks can submit a pre-connection enquiry to Irish Water; on receipt of a submission, we will complete an assessment and issue a response. For more information, see www.water.ie/connections.

Councillor Galvin queried the above response and stated that difficulty had arisen in obtaining planning permission in the villages of Tournafulla and Mountcollins as there is no capacity in the existing waste water treatment plants to cater for additional connections. Following further discussion, it was agreed that a Meeting be requested with Irish Water regarding this matter.

5. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for a detailed report on upgrade works for Wards Cross and Devon Cross on the N21.


REPLY: Wards Cross has been identified as a HD15 site by the TII in 2018. HD15 is a Network Safety Ranking system, which is the process of using collision data to rank the safety of the national road network and to identify high collision locations. Currently the TII are completing works on HD15 sites identified in 2017 and will then commence works on the 2018 sites.

Devon Cross has been identified as a HD17 site by the TII following a road safety inspection on the N21. HD17 inspections are road safety inspections which are performed on existing national roads to identify safety issues and defects that require maintenance. This junction along with other hazards identified on the N21 and indeed on all other National roads within Limerick will be assessed for suitable improvement works over the next few months.


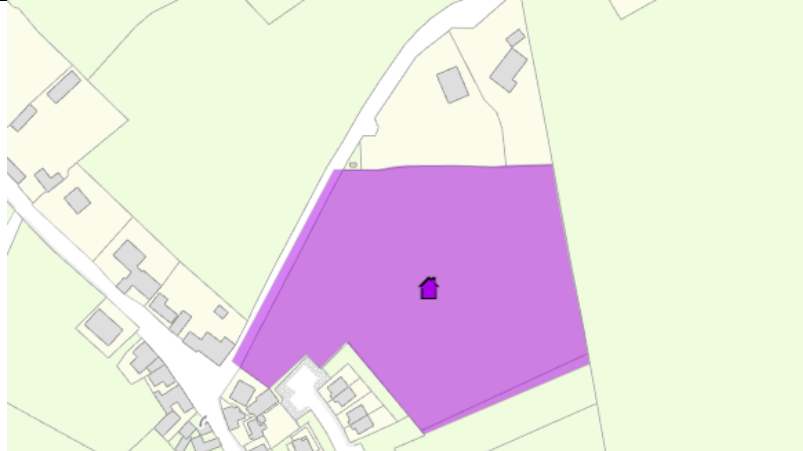
6. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

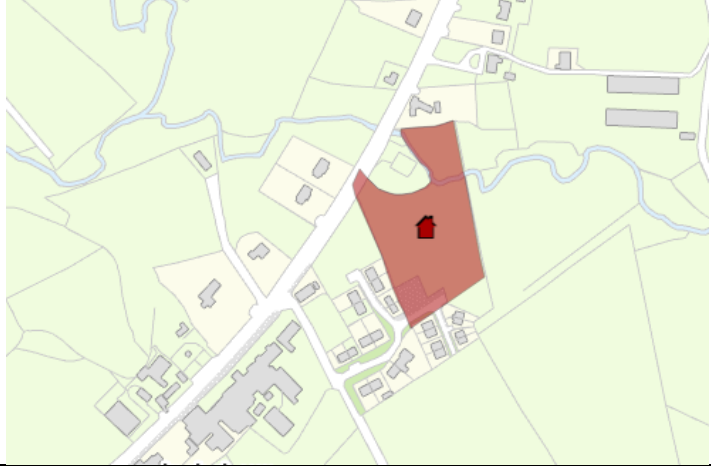
I will ask at the next Meeting for a breakdown of Council available lands for housing in the following villages along with maps outlining the lands available in these villages: (a) Athea (b) Tournafulla (c) Mountcollins (d) Templeglantine.

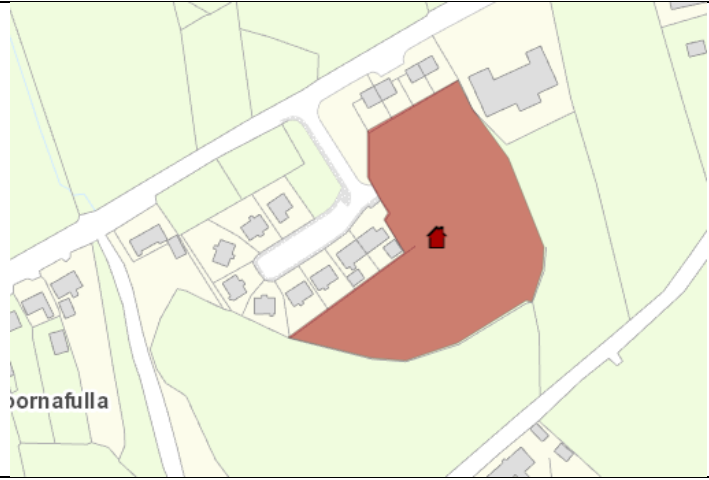
REPLY: Council Lands Available for Housing

<p>ATHEA (BESIDE GAELSIDE OFF THE R524)</p>	
<p>Site Area (hectares)</p>	<p>0.30</p>
<p>Population</p>	<p>369 (Census 2016)</p>
<p>Zoning</p>	<p>Council land-bank zoned 'Established Residential' under the Limerick County Development Plan 2010-2016 (As Extended)</p> <p>The County Development Plan identifies Athea on Tier 4 of the Settlement Hierarchy for County Limerick. The Development Plan sets out in Objective SS O4: Sequential growth of settlements that new developments shall be within or contiguous to the core identified for each settlement, thus avoiding “leap frogging” of development and shall be designed so as to consolidate existing villages/towns and provide for the organic and sequential growth of the settlement.</p>

	<p>In addition to the above, Objective SS O1: Scale of development within Tiers 2-6, sets out that the scale of new housing developments both individually and cumulatively shall be in proportion to the pattern and grain of existing development and to ensure that the expansion of towns and villages shall be in the form of a number of well integrated sites within and around the core area rather than focusing on rapid growth driven by one very large site. Specifically in</p>
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	Tiers 2 – 4: Generally no one proposal for residential development shall increase the existing housing stock by more than 10-15% within the lifetime of the plan.
ATHEA (BESIDE GRAVEYARD OFF THE R524)	
Site Area (hectares)	0.25
Population	369 (Census 2016)
Zoning	Council land-bank zoned 'Established Residential' under the Limerick County Development Plan 2010 - 2016 (As Extended) Policy as outlined above is relevant to this site in Athea also.
MOUNTCOLLINS	
Site Area (hectares)	1.49
Population	201 (Census 2016)
Zoning	The County Development Plan identifies Mountcollins on Tier 5 of the Settlement Hierarchy for County Limerick. The Development Plan sets out in Objective SS O4: Sequential growth of settlements that new developments shall be within or contiguous to the core identified for each settlement, thus avoiding “leap frogging” of development and shall be designed so as to consolidate existing villages/towns and provide for the organic and sequential growth of the settlement.

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TEMPLEGLANTINE	
Site Area (hectares)	1.3
Population	Not a defined Settlement for Census purposes – Estimated population 103
Zoning	<p>The County Development Plan identifies Templeglantine on Tier 6 of the Settlement Hierarchy for County Limerick.</p> <p>The Development Plan sets out in Objective SS O4: Sequential growth of settlements that new developments shall be within or contiguous to the core identified for each settlement, thus avoiding “leap frogging” of development and shall be designed so as to consolidate existing villages/towns and provide for the organic and sequential growth of the settlement.</p> <p>In addition to the above, Objective SS O1: Scale of development within Tiers 2-6, sets out that the scale of new housing developments both individually and cumulatively shall be in proportion to the pattern and grain of existing development and to ensure that the expansion of towns and villages shall be in the form of a number of well integrated sites within and around the core area rather than focusing on</p>

	<p>rapid growth driven by one very large site. Specifically in Tiers 6: Generally development shall be in the form of single units on infill or brownfield sites within the core centre, except where there is a public sewer and water supply with capacity, where up to 4 – 5 houses per application shall be considered. A limited increase beyond this may be permitted where demonstrated to be appropriate.</p>
TOURNAFULLA	
Site Area (hectares)	0.9
Population	144 (Census 2016)
Zoning	<p>The County Development Plan identifies Tournafulla on Tier 6 of the Settlement Hierarchy for County Limerick.</p> <p>The Development Plan sets out in Objective SS O4: Sequential growth of settlements that new developments shall be within or contiguous to the core identified for each settlement, thus avoiding “leap frogging” of development and shall be designed so as to consolidate existing villages/towns and provide for the organic and sequential growth of the settlement.</p> <p>In addition to the above, Objective SS O1: Scale of development within Tiers 2-6, sets out that the scale of new housing developments both individually and cumulatively shall be in proportion to the pattern and grain of existing development and to ensure that the expansion of towns and villages shall be in the form of a number of well integrated sites within and around the core area rather than focusing on rapid growth driven by one very large site. Specifically in Tiers 6: Generally development shall be in the form of single units on infill or brownfield sites within the core centre, except where there is a public sewer and water supply with capacity, where up to 4 – 5 houses per application shall be considered. A limited increase beyond this may be permitted where demonstrated to be appropriate.</p>

7. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting what is the current position with the Buy & Renew Scheme in terms of having works completed and a tenancy allocated at 15 Assumpta Park, Newcastle West.

REPLY: The Council are Sale Agreed in respect of the purchase of this property and Departmental funding is available under the Buy & Renew Scheme. There has been a delay in closing the sale as there are a couple of Title issues to be dealt with by the Vendor. It may take a couple of months for the sale to close and any subsequent work on the refurbishment of the property cannot take place until the house has been transferred to the Council.

8. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting when will the entrance off Bridge Street on the river front towards the Desmond Castle be reopened.

REPLY: The Council has purchased the building known as Fullers Folly at Bridge Street, Newcastle West and are currently seeking contractors to carry out upgrade works.

As part of the redevelopment of this area, the reopening of the entrance as noted above, could be considered. However, safety works, which would include the erection of railings along the river edge would be required prior to this access point being re-opened.

Councillor Scanlan asked when the entrance off Bridge Street could be reopened to accommodate members of the public, tourists and businesses. The costing for a safety railing and a boardwalk type pathway was also discussed.

9. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting for the removal of the loading bay fronting properties 23, 24 and 25 at Boherbui, Newcastle West.

REPLY: Consultation will have to take place with the existing business in this location with regard to the removal of the loading bay.

NOTICES OF MOTION

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that our Roads Section move to restore connectivity along the L21021 towards the Old Station House as well as at private lands at Barnagh, Newcastle West.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Scanlan stated that access needed to be re-established along the L21021 towards the Old Station House as well as at private lands at Barnagh, Newcastle West.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Browne.

REPLY: There will be investigations carried out on this matter.

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that safety measures be put in place along the L1302 on the right hand approach to the metal bridge leaving the N21 when travelling eastwards.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Scanlan stated that flooding on the L1302 had taken place over the winter months and asked if warning signs could be placed at this location.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Browne.

REPLY: This area has been investigated and safety measures such as the installation of delineators along the boundary of the ditch will be carried out within the next two weeks.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that funding be set aside at budget time for the provision of a public toilet in Abbeyfeale Town.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Galvin stated that the town is on the N.21 where there are a lot of passing tourists and members of the public shopping in the town. He referred to the building which had been built at the Abbeyfeale Town Park and asked if a similar building could be built for public toilets within the town centre. He also requested that a costing be carried out and funding be set aside for this project at budget time.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Foley.

REPLY: The provision of funding for a public toilet for Abbeyfeale can be considered as part of the budget process and this request will be forwarded to the Physical Department for discussion.

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor F. Foley

I will move at the next Meeting that as part of the proposed Traffic Management Plan for Abbeyfeale that funding be sought for a public toilet in the town.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Foley stated a public toilet is an important facility for the town. He stated that if existing properties are to be purchased in order to provide a new carpark within the town centre as part of the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan, then part of the building could be converted to a public toilet. He also stated that a structure similar to that in the Abbeyfeale Town Park could be built to accommodate a public toilet within the town centre.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Browne.

REPLY: The Traffic Management Plan for Abbeyfeale is a specific strategic road improvement plan for the town and public toilets are not included as part of this plan.

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will move at the next Meeting that an immediate plan be implemented by Irish Water to restore a full and safe drinking water supply to the residents of O'Connor Park, Ardagh.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Collins asked if a constant bottled supply of water could be supplied to the residents of O'Connor Park while the ongoing water quality issues continued. He also asked if a new pipeline could be laid from the Main Street in Ardagh to restore a drinking water supply to the residents of O'Connor Park, Ardagh.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Scanlan.

REPLY: The Notice of Motion as submitted by Councillor Michael Collins was referred to Irish Water at localrepsupport@water.ie. Please see response from Irish Water:

Irish Water & Limerick City & County Council have investigated this issue at length. The source of the hydrocarbons that are present at low levels in the water in O'Connor Park has not been found to date, however, it is suspected to be entering the pipework from contaminated ground, possibly within the Park itself. The water leaving Irish Water's treatment plant does not contain these hydrocarbons.

Further flushing of the mains and analysis of the water will be undertaken in the coming weeks.

Cllr. Collins stated that he was unhappy with the response and requested that a meeting be arranged with Irish Water regarding the water quality at O'Connor Park, Ardagh.

15. Correspondence

A written request has been received from the Principal of Killoughteen National School with regard to attending a Meeting to address the Members on parking issues at the school. The Members agreed to the attendance of a delegation at the October Meeting of the District.

The provision of a graveyard extension in Tournafulla and the provision of a new graveyard at Abbeyfeale was raised. Cllr. Sheahan also referred to the legal position with regard to his Notice of Motion on the Abbeyfeale graveyard which was raised at the July Meeting and in response, the Director stated that an update would be circulated to the Members.

The Members requested an update on Invasive Species as spraying season commenced in September and it was agreed to invite the Senior Executive Engineer, Physical Development, to the October Meeting of the Municipal District.

An update on the fire damaged building at Church Street, Newcastle West was also requested and this matter will be referred to the Senior Executive Engineer, Planning & Environmental Services.

The Presidential Election was highlighted and the Members queried if election posters could be kept outside the 50km speed limit in villages within the Municipal District of Newcastle West. It was noted that adherence to this request is voluntary and once all candidates have been declared contact could then be made with the relevant persons.

Updates on the progress of the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan and on housing maintenance matters was also requested by the Members.

Discussion took place on social housing and the proposed development of houses at Colbert's Terrace, Abbeyfeale. The Director stated that he would arrange a workshop with the new Housing Development Directorate for the Members.

The new cctv system for Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale, the provision of broadband within Newcastle West, the wifi for Europe scheme and the re-opening of Brewery Lane Newcastle West were also raised.

It was agreed to hold the October Meeting of the District on Wednesday, 3rd October, 2018, at 10.00 a.m., at Áras William Smith OBrien.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

_____ **Cathaoirleach**

Dated: