

ONGOING ISSUES / QUERIES RAISED BY MEMBERS at November, 2018

Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

1.	The deputation from Adare United AFC recommended the provision of a cycle path around the pitch at Deerpark, Adare and queried if this could be progressed with the nearby planned Council's housing development.	Email sent to Directors of Social, Home, Community & Sport and Transportation & Travel & Environment. Further email sent, awaiting response.
2.	Members raised the issue of putting back the bottle bank in Ballingarry which had been removed to facilitate footpath works. It was noted that there may be issues in finding an agreed site for this bottle bank and Members asked that every effort be made to resolve this issue.	Environment Department confirmed difficulties in finding an agreed site for bottle bank, efforts ongoing and suggestions welcomed. Email sent to Executive Engineer, Operations & Maintenance Services requesting an update.
3.	On the proposal of Councillor Teskey, seconded by Councillor Keary the following Motion was agreed by Members. I move that a street scaping / public realm improvement plan for the town of Rathkeale be put in place, similar to what has happened in Patrickswell and Mungret. Given the improved economic situation and the fact that Rathkeale is the Municipal capital town, with the local area Council offices located there, I feel this would be a step in the right direction. It would be a proactive approach for us to have this plan 'shovel ready' if such funding were to be made available for projects like this in the future. Members also noted that the 'Love Your Street Initiative' should be implemented in Rathkeale.	Letter sent to the Director of Service, Economic Development in this regard.
4.	Following on from deputation from Ballysteen Tidy Towns Group, Members requested District staff cost the works required.	We are currently assessing the proposals from the committee deputation and will prepare a costing on viable proposals. Contact made with the landowner. Land take to be agreed. Negotiations are still ongoing with the landowner.

5.	Walkway on the Askeaton Bypass is covered in grass.	<p>A proposal for a permanent surface has been submitted to TII for approval.</p> <p>A further application for funding has been made to the Department of Rural and Community Development under the "Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2018". We are still awaiting a response.</p>
6.	Cllr. Teskey requested a survey should be carried out on all local roads to ascertain their current condition to identify level of funding required to properly fix roads.	<p>The survey has been completed and the cost estimate for re surfacing these roads is €1,792,047 for the AR01 maintenance area and €290,200 for the NCW03 maintenance area.</p> <p>Awaiting figures for AR02 & AR03. Approximately €2,000,000 for AR area</p>
7.	Cllr. Teskey highlighted the issue of repairs to the bridge in Shanagolden.	Awaiting Central Services to arrange repairs.
8.	Members requested an initiative whereby aluminium can crushers could be purchased by the Council to encourage recycling of aluminium cans.	Request will be raised at the Environment SPC. Awaiting response.
9.	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.	<p>Reply received from Managing Director, Shannon Group:</p> <p>Sorry I am unable to meet on the date suggested but I would be happy to meet a representation from the members on another date for an informal update.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Ray O'Driscoll Managing Director Commercial Properties</p>
10.	Councillor McMahon raised the serious issue of Ballyhahill residents being without water for 8 days. Councillor McMahon proposed to	Response from S.E.E Water Services:

write to Irish Water for the unacceptable lack of communication during the water outage. Councillor Keary expressed his disappointment that the Water Services Department in Limerick did not make contact with Councillors to inform them of the outages.

Ballyhahill is at the end of the Shannon Estuary network and is supplied via a number of booster pumps. Following a low reservoir alarm on 30/10, it was found that one of the booster pumps at Shanid was not operating and required repair. Alternative water was provided into the network via tankers and an Outage was notified on IW from 31/10 to 02/11 as some customers would be without water or with low pressure. Councillors would have been circulated regarding this outage. – see copy of email notification dated 01/11/2018 The situation was rectified and reservoir levels began to increase on 02/11.

On Saturday, 03/11, we received several calls from IW's engineer on-call (Maurice Hourigan) regarding water outages in Ballyhahill. We reviewed the situation with the booster pump and found it to be OK but it was established that we now had a significant mains burst near Ballyhahill village. Arrangements were made to adjust pressures etc. to allow for customers to have water at reduced pressure but some areas near to Gortadroma continued to be without water and deliveries were made of bottled water. Some houses west of the reservoir also received water as a local pump west of the reservoir had also failed. See copy of email notification dated 6/11/2018

As Water West staff were dealing with a higher priority water quality issue at the plant at Newcastle West over the weekend, the main was repaired on the morning of Monday, 5th November and a further outage was notified for replacement of the pump which was completed on 7th November, once a replacement pump had been received.

Maurice Hourigan may have been the contact in IW which Cllr. McMahon had been speaking to as she was mentioned by him over the weekend.

Reservoir levels have been back to normal since these incidents. We have asked Irish Water to prepare a model for this area and we understand that this is being put on a schedule for completion.

11.	<p>Councillor Sheahan proposed the following report be available for the December Monthly Meeting from both Irish Water and Limerick City and County Council Water Services Department:</p> <p>Report to identify where lead pipes are being used for drinking water in the area. This was seconded by Councillor Keary</p>	Email sent to IW
12.	<p>Councillor O'Brien expressed concern in relation to the LIS scheme for Pallaskenry. The money has to be spent by the end of the year and is concerned the quality of work will be effected due to the bad weather. The A/Senior Executive Engineer informed Councillor O'Brien the ideal time of year to carry out surface dressing is May to September and they are reluctant to carry out works outside of this period. Councillor O'Brien requested Limerick City and County Council correspond with the Department in relation to the deadline for both LIS and CIS schemes.</p>	<p>Reply received from A.O, Operations & Maintenance Services :</p> <p>There is no issue with CIS schemes, this money was allocated at the start of the year and schemes should have been completed over the summer period.</p> <p>The original LIS allocation €411K was notified earlier in the year. These schemes were all completed by the end of August 2018. A second allocation €273,349 was announced at the end of October and officially notified 09.11.2018. In respect of the latest (November Allocation) a decision was taken to prioritize commencement of schemes involving Restoration Improvement Works. Seasonally vulnerable schemes (surface dressing) are to be deferred until 2019 to avoid failures and works completed on these roads as soon as is practicable in 2019. We consulted with the Department who accept that it is our intention to finalise works on these schemes in 2019.</p>
13.	<p>Councillor Keary requested an update on the taking in charge of Marine Cove in Foynes for the December Monthly Meeting.</p>	<p>There was €38,350 funding provided for the completion of this estate.</p>