

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2018, AT 9AM.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Browne, Collins, Foley, and Galvin.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Scanlan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

A/Director of Service, Capital Investment (Mr. J. Delaney), A/Senior Executive Officer, (Ms. M. Donoghue), Design and Delivery Services, Senior Architect, Social Development (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan).

1. Capital Investments Directorate

To consider the Chief Executive's Report prepared pursuant to Section 179(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2017, as amended, and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001-2018, as amended, in relation to the construction of 6 residential units at Colbert Terrace, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick. (Deferred from Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West held on 7th November, 2018).

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

The A/Director commenced by referring to the Chief Executive's Report in relation to the construction of 6 residential units at Colbert Terrace, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick. He stated that extensive consultation had taken place with both the Members and local residents regarding this proposal. Based on these discussions consideration is being given to reduce the construction of new residential units in Colbert's Terrace to four along with the refurbishment of one existing house fronting onto New Street, Abbeyfeale.

The Members acknowledged the work to date on this matter and welcomed the provision of new housing. However there was still concern on the density of houses in the area and the Members also referred to the existing derelict houses on Colbert Terrace. Discussion also took

place on the need for car parking in the area and for the housing scheme to be reduced to three to allow for the area designated to the fourth house to be used for parking. The need for parking for the Medical Centre in particular, the width of the roadway and the upgrading of public lightning and drainage.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Galvin and seconded by Councillor Foley that the following items be addressed:

- Provision of additional car parking spaces on Colbert Terrace as required by the Medical Centre
- The width of roadway to be 6 meters where possible
- The width of footpath to be considered
- The requirement for a Loading bay for businesses on Colbert Terrace
- The need for public lightning and drainage upgrades at Colbert Terrace

In response, the A/Director stated that these items can be addressed by the Council under the Roads Act 1994 and by the detailed design for the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan. The Meeting today was with regard to the proposed Part VIII for the construction of houses at Colbert Terrace. The Director also noted the funding sources for the proposed works and the requirement to ensure value for money and also stated that the derelict properties at Colbert Terrace are being dealt with under the appropriate legislation as they are not in Council ownership.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that the Chief Executive's Report be adopted subject to the following amendment:

- The provision of three no. three bedroomed houses instead of six at Colbert Terrace, Abbeyfeale along with the refurbishment of one existing house fronting onto New St., Abbeyfeale

A Vote was taken on the amendment as follows:

For: Councillor Browne
Councillor Foley
Councillor Galvin
Councillor Sheahan

Abstain: Councillor Collins

Against: None

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____