

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MERCHANT'S QUAY, LIMERICK, ON MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 2018 AT 9.45 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Daniel Butler, Mayor.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Cahillane, Collins, Costelloe, Daly, Gilligan, Hogan, Hourigan, Hurley, Keller, Leddin, Loftus, McCreesh, Ó Ceallaigh, O'Dea, O'Hanlon, Pond, Secas and Sheahan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Service Operations (Mr. K. Lehane), Meetings Administrator (Mr. J. Clune), A/Director, Capital Investment (Mr. J. Delaney), Acting Senior Planner (Ms. M. Woods), Acting Senior Executive Officer (Mr. D. McGuigan), Senior Engineer, (Mr. H. McGrath), Senior Executive Engineer, (Mr. T. McKechnie), Executive Engineer (Ms. C. Power), Acting Senior Executive Officer (Ms. M. Donoghue), A/Senior Executive Planner (Ms. K. Burke), Senior Architect (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Arts Officer (Ms. S. Deegan), Chief Fire Officer (Mr. M. Ryan), Administrative Officer (Ms. F. McCormack), Staff Officer (Mr. J. Cregan), Clerical Assistant, (Ms. A .O'Halloran).

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 19th November, 2018.**

Proposed by Councillor; Hurley
Seconded by Councillor; Leddin
And Resolved:

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

- (b) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Special Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 30th November, 2018.**

Proposed by Councillor; McCreesh
Seconded by Councillor; Hourigan
And Resolved:

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

Members congratulated St Marys Cathedral on the concert which was held recently to mark their 850th birthday celebrations and requested a letter to issue to acknowledge the positive contribution that the Cathedral makes to the City.

Cllr Leddin referred to the CPO legislation and the use of this legislation by the Urban & Rural Community Development team. Cllr Leddin requested an update on the CPO process

to date. It was agreed that an invitation would be issued to the Urban & Rural Community Development team to attend the next Meeting.

2. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, report of the Acting Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services dated 19th November, 2018 setting out proposals to dispose of the Freehold Interest of a dwelling house situate at 3 Beechgrove Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

Circulated, report of Head of Property Services dated 5th December, 2018 in relation to disposal of land being acquired by the Council which are identified for Demolition under provisions of the Limerick Framework Implementation Plan, as adopted in February 2014.

- (b) Disposal of 9 Rose Court, Keyes Park Limerick in exchange for 32 Rose Court, Keyes Park, Limerick.
- (c) Disposal of 2 Galvone View, Limerick in exchange for 142 Oisin Drive, O'Malley Park, Limerick.
- (d) Disposal of 3 Galvone View, Limerick in exchange for 207 Valley View, O'Malley Park, Limerick.
- (e) Disposal of 4 Galvone View, Limerick in exchange for 205 Valley View, O'Malley Park, Limerick.
- (f) Disposal of 5 Galvone View, Limerick in exchange for 206 Valley View, O'Malley Park, Limerick.
- (f) Disposal of 6 Galvone View, Limerick in exchange for 204 Valley View, O'Malley Park, Limerick.
- (h) Disposal of 27 Lord Edward Street, Limerick in exchange for 140 Oisin Drive, O'Malley Park, Limerick.

The report, as circulated, was noted by members.

3. Capital Investment Directorate

Part 8 Procedure – Gough Place, Rosbrien Road,

Circulated, Report of the Chief Executive pursuant to Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) in relation to the construction of 17 residential units at Gough Place, Rosbrien Road, Limerick.

On the proposal of Councillor Leddin, seconded by Councillor McCreesh it was agreed to defer this Item to the January Meeting of the District.

4. Economic Development Directorate

Castletroy Local Area Plan 2019-2025

Circulated copy of Chief Executive's Report dated 19th November, 2018 in relation to the proposed Castletroy Local Area Plan 2019-2025 for consideration by Members.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan to adopt the Castletroy Local Area Plan 2019-2025, the proposal to adopt was seconded by Councillor Hurley. Councillor Ó Ceallaigh proposed to reject the Castletroy Local Area Plan 2019-2025. The proposal to reject the Plan was seconded by Councillor Costello. Councillor Ó Ceallaigh cited reasons in relation to the Northern Distributor Road for the rejection of this Plan. Ms Woods indicated to Members that sufficient reasons would have to be provided if Members were to reject the Plan. Ms Woods confirmed to the Members that the Northern Distributor Road was outside the bounds of the Plan.

The Acting Senior Planner outlined the public consultation process and acknowledged the engagement of the Elected Members to date. Ms Woods assured the Members that the Plan allowed for sufficient growth within the lifetime of the plan. However, the plan will be reviewed again within the next two years and confirmed that the Plan is in line with the requirement of the Core Strategy.

A Vote was taken on the proposal to adopt the Castletroy Local Area Plan 2019-2025 which resulted as follows:

For: 14

Councillors Cahillane, Collins, Gilligan, Hogan, Hourigan, Hurley, Keller, Leddin, Loftus, O'Dea, O'Hanlon, Pond, Secas and Sheahan.

Against: 3

Councillor Costello, Ó Ceallaigh and McCreesh.

The Meetings Administrator declared that the proposal to adopt the Castletroy Local Area Plan 2019-2025 Plan as presented was carried.

5. Physical Development Directorate

Draft City and County of Limerick (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws, 2018

Circulated, report of the Director of Service, Physical Development Directorate, dated 28th November, 2019 outlining details of the Public Consultation Report in relation to the Draft City and County of Limerick (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws, 2018.

The report was noted by Members and a discussion took place which Members raised a number of queries including the pay by weight option and the incentives to reduce waste. A/Senior Executive Officer, Physical Development confirmed that the flat rate pricing will be phased out and the pay by weight or pay by lift option will be used. Mr McGuigan stated that the public

consultation report was for noting at the Metropolitan meeting and the new Bye-Laws will be on the Agenda at the January 2019 full Council meeting.

6. Service Operations Directorate - Planning and Environmental Services

(a) Taking in Charge of Estates – Declaration of Road to be Public Roads

Heron Court, North Circular Road

Circulated, report of the Acting Senior Planner, Planning and Environmental Services dated 28th November, 2018 seeking the District's approval to the taking in charge of estate at Heron Court, North Circular Road.

Proposed by Cllr. O'Hanlon
Seconded by Cllr. Hourigan
And resolved:

"That the estate at Heron Court, North Circular Road be taken in charge in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993".

Operations and Maintenance Services

(b) Special Speed Limit Bye- Laws

Senior Executive Engineer, Operations & Maintenance Services confirmed to Members that a Speed Limit Review process was embarked upon in 2016 where the intention to carry out review was advertised and a request for submissions was made. The submissions received and submissions held on file since the last Speed Limit Review were considered. Mr McKechnie outlined the Report and submissions received following the public consultation period and the response to each submission.

The Members discussed the report and raised the following issues;

- Speed limit and weight restrictions on the Rosbrien Road (Back of Peony Court). It was noted that the Physical Development Directorate has corresponded with Bus Eireann in this regard.
- Interchange of Southern Ring Road – closed access to Maldron Hotel forcing traffic onto the Greenfields Road, clarification on the possibility of reopening the junction.
- Members requested that the speed limit on the Mountshannon Road to be reviewed again.
- Drombanna/Ahane – As a result of ribbon development on this road Members requested that the speed limit for an urban road be applied
- Members requested that there be no changes on the N69 until the new road is operational
- Members requested that the speed of the Condell Road be increased to 60kph
- Members requested more signage and indicator signs be installed in 50kph / 60kph zones.

- Members referred to the N69 in particular on approach to Clarina and reduction of speed from 80kph to 60kph.

Senior Executive Engineer, T. McKechnie thanked the Members for their comments and input. Mr. McKechnie stated that he would review the submissions and Members comments. This item will be placed on the Agenda of the full Council Meeting in Q1 2019.

7. Social Development Directorate – Culture and Arts

Presentation by Culture & Arts Officer – General Municipal Allocation

Culture & Arts Officer, Ms Sheila Deegan provided the Members with an update on the GMA funding and highlighted the following;

In 2018 the Metropolitan District allocated €30k to the St Patricks Day Festival and €30k to Riverfest from the GMA fund. Ms Deegan provided the Members with a breakdown of the expenditure for

- St Patrick's Day Festival
- Riverfest
- 48th Limerick International Band Championship

Ms Deegan listed the additional Festival Programming through external partnership which was successful and added greatly to the Festival offerings.

Ms Deegan outlined the detailed expenditure for the Riverfest which was a total of €285,241 and a more detailed breakdown of the €30k allocated from the GMA fund. Ms Deegan confirmed to the Members that the Riverfest audience increased by +18% hitting an audience of 100,000 attendees. Ms Deegan emphasised to Members the economic impact of the GMA funding and also the figures on various social media platforms;

Ms Deegan provided the Members with an overview of the plans for Riverfest 2019

Members thanked Ms Deegan for the comprehensive report on the activities to date. Members discussed the positive impact of Riverfest and St Patricks Day Parade. Members also referred to the possibility of funding to be provided from the Commercial Sector and Failte Ireland. Members highlighted the competing demands from their discretionary GMA allocation to be used and to fund other projects and events in the City. The suggested theme of the St Patricks Day Parade 2019 was discussed and the additional €30,000 funding that was provided for the festival in 2018. Members requested greater detail and a further breakdown on the expenditure of the additional funding. Members also discussed the 100th year anniversary of the Limerick Soviet and the importance of marking this event.

Cllr M Sheahan referred to the cost of the Food stalls at the Riverfest and stated that local stalls were not in position to pay the cost. Ms Deegan confirmed that she will review this in advance of Riverfest 2019.

Suspension of Standing Orders

It was proposed by Cllr J Leddin and seconded by Cllr J O'Dea to suspend Standing Orders in order to complete the Agenda.

QUESTIONS

8. Question submitted by Councillor J.Leddin

I will ask at the next meeting for the current status of the Limerick cycling strategy and the proposed new route network including the route from Mary Immaculate College to Bishops Quay via Henry Street.

REPLY: I wish to advise that the Limerick Metropolitan Cycle Networks Study, our current Strategy on Cycling in the Metropolitan Area will be updated and incorporated into the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy that commenced in November 2018.

The proposed route from Mary Immaculate College to Henry Street forms part of the proposed Raheen Network connecting Raheen to the City Centre via the South Circular Road. This proposed route has been submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for consideration for funding to develop its design. It will also forms part of the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy.

9. Questions submitted by Councillor P.Keller

I will ask at the next meeting :-

- 1. Define the term "Rapid Build"**
- 2. What is the difference in time scale between Rapid Build construction and conventional standard construction?**
- 3. What is the approximate % construction cost difference (if any), between the Rapid Builds construction methods and conventional construction methods?**
- 4. At what stage are the plans for the introduction of the Rapid Build programs?**
- 5. Please indicate the exact areas considered suitable for construction using the Rapid Build program and approximately how many units will be constructed by Rapid Build in the next 3 years.**
- 6. Has the tendering process for Rapid Build companies began yet?**
- 7. Is there any compulsion or mandatory obligation on the tendering Rapid Build companies to employ local labour?**
- 8. Will preference be given to Irish bidders?**

REPLY: 1. "Rapid delivery Housing comprises the delivery of housing developments within a programme which shows overall time savings, demonstrated by a combination of savings across contract stages, including appropriate and efficient detailed design and time efficient construction, resulting in significant reduction compared to traditional build programme."- extract from the Office of Government Procurement Framework Information Document.

2. The timescale for Stage 1 and 2 are comparable for Rapid Build and Conventional construction. The main time saving is at Stage 3 and 4 (site stage). On a current

Limerick City and County Council project being delivered through Rapid Build, a site stage duration of 9 months is programmed and on a conventional project the time period would be 15 months.

3. The primary efficiency with Rapid Build Construction is on the time for delivery of projects on site. The cost difference between rapid build and conventional construction is not significant.
4. Limerick City and County Council has signed contracts for a Rapid Build Project in Patrickswell, Co. Limerick. Therefore, the Rapid Build Programme is underway.
5. At present, Limerick City and County Council has identified 3 no. projects as suitable to utilise the Rapid Build programme, which would provide 52 houses. Limerick City and County Council has several sites which have low levels of complexity i.e. regular, flat, serviced sites. This type of site is most suitable for rapid build as they allow for repetition of building types.
6. The framework Panel for Rapid Build contractors was established by the Office of Government Procurement on 6th January 2017 with 12 Framework Members. Limerick City and County Council has utilised this Framework Panel.
7. No, however, the Office of Government Procurement has recently issued guidelines on social procurement. Limerick City and County Council has utilised social procurement on regeneration construction projects.
8. The 12 no. Framework Members of the established Framework panel comprise 10 no. Irish companies, 1 no. Northern Irish company and 1 no. English company.

10. Questions submitted by Councillor P.Keller

I will ask at the next meeting:-

- 1. *Has there been any progress or forward movement with regard to planning permission for the former Parkway Valley/Horizon Mall.***
- 2. *When will Derelict Site charges apply to the above.***
- 3. *When will the new 7% rate apply to the above mentioned.***
- 4. *Can this Council demand/impose conditions on the present owners under the Derelict Site Act 1990? Repair fencing, planting rapidly growing trees to block out view of mass concrete etc.***

REPLY:

1. There has been no new planning application submitted on this site.
2. 1st January 2019.
3. 1st January 2019.
4. Yes Limerick City and County Council can issue a Section 11 under the Derelict Site Act 1990 requesting the present owners to carry out certain remedial measures in order to prevent land becoming or continuing to be a Derelict Site.

11. Question submitted by Councillor S.Lynch

I will ask at the next meeting how many rough sleepers do we have on our streets compared to last year

REPLY: Limerick currently does not have known bedded down rough sleepers. Temporary Emergency Provision (TEP) has adequately accommodated those at risk of rough sleeping.

2019 will see the introduction of a new Housing First Programme which will specifically target those at risk of rough sleeping and provide accommodation with wrap around supports from the Local Authority, the AHB sector.

12. Question submitted by Councillor S. Lynch

I will ask at the next meeting can the idea of a night shelter between the months of November and March be re visited once again.

REPLY: Currently Limerick City & County Council provide a Temporary Emergency Provision (TEP) Service which delivers accommodation to those who find themselves homeless. The accommodation is currently provided all year round and has capacity to meet the needs of both male and female service users avoiding the need for rough sleeping for those who avail of accommodation. Strategically, we are working with all service users to remove the need for such a facility going forward, however, TEP Provision currently form a vital part of homeless infrastructure in Limerick.

13. Question submitted by Councillor M. Mc Creesh

I will ask at the next meeting, in the Service Delivery Plan 2019 under the National Regional Shared Services Directorate, outlining the service delivery objective for the principal service of Building Control, the performance standard for 'Risk based programme of Building Control Inspections' states % of new builds inspected equal to or greater than national target of 12-15% of commencement notices received'.

1. *Can the number of inspectors used to perform these inspections be provided for 2016, 2017 and 2018.*
2. *Can the actual number of inspections be provided for the same years?*
3. *Can the total number of commencement notices received for each year be provided?*
4. *What is the proposed number of inspections budgeted for this service in 2019?*

REPLY:

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of Inspectors	1pt time	1 pt time	1 WTE	1 WTE
Numbers of Buildings inspected	60	61	82	
Number of valid Commencement Notices	369	438	426 (to 12/12/18)	

received				
Number of new buildings notified to the local authority	435	479	619 (to 12/12/18)	
National Target 12-15%- Actual Performance	13.8%	12.7%	13.2%	

14. Question submitted by Cmhrl. S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting how many Council built houses were built in 2018 and how many houses were knocked in 2018

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council built 45 houses in 2018 as at 12th December 2018. A further 19 are nearing completion.
2 No. Houses were demolished in 2018.

15. Question submitted by Cmhrl. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting if there has been any further consideration by TII in relation to adding Castleconnell to signage on the M7 at junction 27 at Birdhill.

REPLY: The addition of Castleconnell as a destination to be signed at Junction 27 (Birdhill) to Southbound traffic on the M7 would necessitate the modification of approximately 13 signs on the M7 itself, the R454 Link road to Birdhill and on the R445 Old Dublin road. If any sign faces need to be increased in size, then there could also be additional cost implications, should the existing posts or foundations need to be upgraded. The cost of the changes to the signage and the associated traffic management costs, particularly on high-speed roads, would be prohibitive and unlikely to be funded by TII.

16. Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next meeting what plans are in place for the construction of a pedestrian tunnel at the dangerous railway bridge in Rhebogue.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council and Irish Rail previously carried out a preliminary study, in advance of the Smarter Travel works in Rhebogue, to look at the feasibility of providing a pedestrian walkway to the side of the existing railway bridge.

From a preliminary examination, the provision of a pedestrian walkway is feasible, however the estimated cost is in the order of €400,000 to €500,000 and some additional land would have to be acquired to facilitate the proposal.

Further examination did not proceed at the time due to funding constraints, and other traffic calming works were provided in the Rhebogue area. The Council proposes to examine the provision of a pedestrian walkway now, under the

Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy and we will seek grant funding for this work if a feasible solution is identified.

17. Question submitted by Councillor J. Costello

I will ask at the next meeting how many people will remain in emergency accommodation this Christmas.

REPLY:

Date	7th December 2018	
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	31
St Patricks Hostel	Higher threshold accommodation for single males	47
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	22
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	15
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	20
TEP 2 (Phoenix Lodge)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	8
Total		143

Families			
Location	Description	Beds Used	
		Adults	Children
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	12
		Families 6	
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	53	78
		Families 38	

Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	13	18
		Families	10
Totals	Families	Adults	Children
	54	72	108

NOTICES OF MOTION

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Gilligan

I will move at the next meeting that this Council request the Minister to ban all domestic single use batteries and replace them with rechargeable ones.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Gilligan and seconded by Councillor Loftus.

Reply:

Irish legislation on batteries is based on the EU Batteries Directive, which intends to contribute to the protection, preservation and improvement of the quality of the environment by minimising the negative impact of batteries and accumulators (rechargeable batteries) and waste batteries and accumulators. It also ensures the smooth functioning of the internal market by harmonising requirements as regards the placing on the market of batteries and accumulators.

To achieve these objectives, the legislation prohibits the marketing of batteries containing some hazardous substances, defines measures to establish schemes aiming at high level of collection and recycling, and fixes targets for collection and recycling activities. The Directive also sets out provisions on labelling of batteries and their ability to be removed from equipment.

It also aims to improve the environmental performance of all operators involved in the life cycle of batteries and accumulators, e.g. producers, distributors and end-users and, in particular, those operators directly involved in the treatment and recycling of waste batteries and accumulators. Producers of batteries and accumulators, and producers of other products incorporating a battery or accumulator, are given responsibility for the waste management of batteries and accumulators that they place on the market.

Article 6 of the Batteries Directive explicitly prohibits Member States from impeding, prohibiting, or restricting the placing on the market in their territory of batteries and accumulators that meet the requirements of the Directive. Therefore, it is not legally possible for a Member State to unilaterally place any further barriers or bans on the marketing of batteries that meet the requirements of the Directive.

The Batteries Directive is currently being reviewed, as the Commission assesses whether the Directive continues to meet its objectives and contributes to the general objectives of EU environmental policy. For its part, Ireland has exceeded the collection, recycling and recovery targets laid down by the Directive, with a 52% collection rate for portable batteries achieved in 2017. This compares favourably with the collection target, which was set at 45%.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Gilligan (to be referred to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next meeting that this Council immediately re-act local bye-laws making all refuse collectors charge customers on a pay by weight basis.

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will move at the next meeting that the Council lodge a Part 8 planning application as soon as possible for the proposed road widening scheme to upgrade Lower Golf Links Road near O'Sheas pub now that the topographical and hydrographic surveys have been completed and consultants have been appointed.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Secas and seconded by Councillor Leddin

Reply:

The Council has appointed consultants for the upgrade of the Golf Links Road, which involves road works on Golf Links Road and Old Ballysimon Road. Surveys and investigations are ongoing and the Consultants are preparing a flood study report and undertaking a conservation study on the existing bridge, which is a protected structure. The project is a priority and it is scheduled to submit Part 8 in Q1 2019.

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin (to be referred to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick Metropolitan Council re-evaluate the housing strategy for Ballinacurra Weston and Prospect so that clarity can be provided to residents in terms of housing upgrades, new builds, new road and demolitions.

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council seek funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland to carry out road improvements to include street lighting, footpaths, and other safety measures and also to improve sight lines for vehicles entering and exiting onto N24.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Pond and seconded by Councillor O'Hanlon

A/Senior Executive Officer, Physical Development confirmed that Limerick City & County Council will arrange to contact Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to discuss these representations. Mr Mc Guigan stated that he will ask them to work with the Roads Engineers of Limerick City and County Council, to examine the issues raised, and to establish what remedial measures are warranted and can be funded by TII at this time. Mr McGuigan confirmed that he will revert to the Members in the District with the response from TII.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. Butler

I call on my fellow Metropolitan Councillors to join me in calling for the national core responders

initiative to be implemented in Limerick Fire and Rescue who are currently fully trained in this.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Hogan.

Reply:

The Fire Service has statutory responsibility for dealing with fires and rescues and any additional work taken on cannot take from this statutory responsibility.

The statutory responsibility for responding to Cardiac Emergencies and other medical emergencies lies with the Health Service Executive (HSE). Currently, if requested by the HSE, the Fire Service will assist (when available) with medical emergencies and has done so on a number of occasions in Limerick. The HSE has not requested the Council to consider the introduction of such a service. To implement such arrangements matters such as staffing, equipment, training, policies, procedures, medical insurance, governance, etc. would have to be considered and agreed prior to any roll out of an automatic response from the Fire Service to medical calls. Undoubtedly if the Fire Service were to formally take on such a role it would entail additional costs. No budgetary provision has been made for the provision of such a service in 2019. I recommend that the Council await a formal request from the HSE to consider the provision of such a service before making a decision on this matter.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council priorities the process of delivering a new Greenway in Castletroy linking Castletroy College to the Gael Scoil and on to Castletroy Shopping Centre so that school children can cycle and walk between schools safely. In addition to this I would ask that the proposed roundabout on the R445 giving improved access to the Gael Scoil be prioritized.

On the proposal of Councillor Pond and seconded by Councillor Secas

A/Senior Executive Officer, Physical Development advised that following representations from the Members, a team has been appointed to look at the provision of a Greenway linking Castletroy College, Castletroy Gael Scoil and Castletroy Town Centre as set out in the Castletroy Development Plan. Funding for the plan for the proposed Greenway is being provided by the National Transport Authority. Mr McGuigan Preliminary plans are now being prepared and consultation and discussion will be arranged with the District Members in January 2019.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Cahillane

I will move at the next meeting if the Council can, as a matter of urgency, write to the Minister for Health, Simon Harris and the HSE Director General, John Connaghan and request that they grant the right of ambulance staff (including paramedics, advanced paramedics and emergency medical technicians) to be represented by the trade union of their choice.

This is relevant to us and our constituents as a majority of EMTs and paramedics in Limerick are members of the National Ambulance Service Representative Association (NASRA) and Psychiatric Nurses Association (PNA) and have been denied recognition by the HSE. A one day

national strike of ambulance staff is to take place on Wednesday 19th December and already some SIPTU members of staff have declared that they will not cross the pickets.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Cahillane, seconded by Councillor Keller.

On the proposal of Councillor Hourigan and seconded by Councillor Hogan the Motion was adopted subject to obtaining legal advice.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Cmhlr. S. Ó Ceallaigh (to be referred to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next meeting that Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Lunimnigh investigate the possibility of developing a pilot project for a modular home Council development in the Metropolitan District.

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick Metropolitan Council call on the Minister for Finance to introduce interest rate caps so as to prevent credit finance companies taking advantage of vulnerable people looking to access short term loans with exorbitant interest rates in excess of 60%.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Leddin and seconded by Councillor Ó Ceallaigh.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

MAYOR

Dated:
