

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN ÁRAS SEÁN FINN, NEW LINE ROAD, RATHKEALE, CO. LIMERICK ON TUESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2019 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), Head of Digital Strategy (Mr. M. Bilauca), A/Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Environmental Services (Ms. K. White), Staff Officer, Planning and Environmental Services (Mr. M. Scott), Senior Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services (Mr. H. McGrath), Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services (Mr. T. McKechnie), Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services (Ms. C. Power), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

At the outset of the Meeting, it was agreed that Item 2 on the Agenda would be taken first.

2. Deputation from Cardiac First Responder Group

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Kevin Cribbin and Professor Cathal O'Donnell to the Meeting.

Professor O'Donnell gave a presentation to Members outlining the role of the Cardiac First Responder (CFR) as well as the costs involved in the setting up of a CFR group. At present there is a group of 10 – 12 responders in Adare who are on call 24/7. Although they are connected to the National Ambulance Service, who cover insurance while on call and provide limited training, it is the responsibility of the responder group to organise and fund their own public liability insurance, training and equipment costs. The initial start-up cost is in excess of €5,000 with the ongoing cost not as significant.

Following discussion, all Members were in agreement the CFR scheme a worthy local initiative and agreed to support the group in any way possible going forward. The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Cribbin and Professor O'Donnell for their presentation and the Deputation left the Meeting at that point.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 8th January, 2019.

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

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

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 30th January, 2019.

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

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

The following issues were discussed following the adoption of the Minutes, with the consent of the Cathaoirleach.

Councillor O'Brien requested an update in relation to the issue of unfinished works on a drain outside the old Church in Kildimo. The A/Senior Executive Engineer informed Councillor O'Brien he has been in contact with Irish Water who had advised him there are currently four connections off the old main which will need to be transferred to the new main in approx. three to four weeks. Once this work is complete the old main will be removed and the necessary works required at the location will be completed.

Councillor Sheahan raised the issue of the need for a sewerage facility in Askeaton. Members have requested a report from Irish Water for the next Meeting outlining the location of the new treatment plant.

3. Christmas in Rathkeale Update

The A/Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Environmental Services gave Members an update on the monitoring of litter and fines issued in the District over the Christmas period. Following discussion, Members felt it would be more beneficial to arrange more than one litter pick per year to combat the casual littering and also felt there should be a litter warden present in the town in the evening time to prevent litter from shops and takeaways being dumped on the street in particular during the festive season.

With regard to the CCTV Members felt the CCTV in the District is not fit for purpose as live monitoring is not available in local Garda Stations. The Head of Digital Strategy informed Members due to GDPR guidelines to protect people's privacy and also due to legislation that is in place for the monitoring of cameras it is not possible to provide live monitoring in individual Garda Stations. Members were also informed the Gardaí have to follow protocol, however, downloaded footage can be provided to the Garda Districts on request.

4. Social Development Directorate

Ballywilliam Derelict Estate

Circulated, report of the Director of Services, Social Development Directorate, dated 5th February, 2019 setting out an update in relation to the Ballywilliam Estate, Rathkeale.

Councillor Keary enquired if there is currently a report available on the physical development of the site outlining what services are on site. The Director, National and Regional Shared Services Centre informed Members there is no report at present, however, Members can be updated on a monthly basis going forward.

5. Service Operations Directorate

Operations and Maintenance Services – Speed Limit Review

Circulated, report of the Senior Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services, dated 1st February, 2019 setting out details of the Speed Limit Review.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services advised Members they are seeking approval of the District for the Speed Limit Bye Laws for both National and Non-National roads and hope to present to the full Council Meeting in March. The report, as circulated was proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue and seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Keary, it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the business of the Meeting.

Following discussion in relation to speed limits on the National Roads, Councillor Keary proposed the speed limit be reduced to 50 kph going from Foynes port road into Foynes village. This was seconded by Councillor Sheahan. The Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services agreed to take Members queries and observations for National Roads back to Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

6. Disposal of Land

(a) Askeaton, Co. Limerick

Circulated, report of the Administrative Officer, Property Services dated 4th February, 2019 setting out the position in relation to the disposal of land by way lease at Askeaton, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan;
Seconded by Councillor Keary;
And Resolved:

“That the 0.02190 acres of land at Askeaton, Co. Limerick be disposed of to Askeaton Ballysteen Tennis Club, by way of lease, for a period of 25 years at an annual rent of €1”.

(b) 8 St. Mary’s Park, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services dated 1st February, 2019 setting out the position in relation to the disposal of Freehold Interest at 8 St. Mary’s Park, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan;
Seconded by Councillor Keary;
And Resolved:

“That the Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situated at 8 St. Mary’s Park, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick be disposed of to Annette Hogan, Administrator in the estate of James Hogan, deceased”.

7. Design and Delivery Services

Kildimo Village to the Beer Garden Public House

Circulated, report of the A/Director of Services, Capital Investment dated 6th February, 2019 setting out the update on the footpath from Kildimo to the Beer Garden Public House. Councillor O’Brien queried the figure €90,000 quoted on the report. The Director, National and Regional Shared Services Centre advised Members this figure was to enable works to be carried out and also included compensation to the landowner. Members expressed their disappointment at the long delay as well as the cost involved in completing this scheme.

8. Operations and Maintenance Services

Drainage Issues in Courtmatrix

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, dated 6th February, 2019 giving an update in relation to proposals to address the drainage issues at Courtmatrix. The report was noted by Members.

9. Flooding Issues in Askeaton

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, dated 6th February, 2019 giving an update in relation to proposals to address the flooding issues in Askeaton. The report was noted by Members.

10. Flooding Issues in Foynes

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, dated 6th February, 2019 giving an update in relation to the flooding issues in Foynes. The report was noted by Members.

11. Slí na Slainte, Askeaton

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, dated 6th February, 2019 giving an update in relation to the Slí na Slainte, Askeaton. The report was noted by Members.

12. Marine Cove, Foynes

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, dated 6th February, 2019 giving an update in relation to Marine Cove, Foynes. The report was noted by Members.

13. Taking-In-Charge of An Curran, Pallaskenry

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, dated 6th February, 2019 giving an update in relation to the Taking-in-charge of An Curran, Pallaskenry. The report was noted by Members.

14. General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2018/2019

On the proposal of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor McMahon, it was agreed to allocate the following:

- €1,500 for drainage works adjacent to Damien O'Brien's property Killeen.
- €7,560 for 70m of footpath at Main Street Pallaskenry near Anne O'Shea's shop.

On the proposal of Councillor Teskey, seconded by Councillor Keary, it was agreed to allocate the following:

- €1,000 to Limerick Celtics.
- €1,000 to Estuary R.F.C.
- €3,000 for the installation of chevrons beside Marty Roches property.
- €1,000 to Rathkeale Community Council.
- €1,000 for a defibrillator in Askeaton.
- €2,000 to Desmond Rowing Club.
- €3,300 for the installation of speed ramps in Fedamore.
- €15,000 to Rathkeale Roads for drainage and signage.

On the proposal of Councillor McMahon, seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue, it was agreed to allocate €2,000 to Shanagolden Community Council.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Teskey, it was agreed to allocate the following:

- €5,000 for the installation of a bus stop in Croom.
- €3,000 to Ballingarry GAA Club.
- €2,000 to Banogue Community Field.
- €5,000 to Ballyneety Community Hub.
- €5,000 to Croom Development Association (Civic Centre).
- €2,000 to Meanus Community Hall.
- €2,000 to Manister Community Hall.
- €2,000 to Granagh Community Council.
- €2,000 to Ballingarry Development Association.
- €1,000 to Ballingarry Community Park.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Keary, it was agreed to allocate €6,000 to Adare Community First Responders from 2019 GMA allocation.

QUESTIONS

15. Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will ask at the next Meeting how many fines/notices were issued in the District for litter offences during the month of January and breakdown of same per Municipal District.

Reply: While there were nine litter complaints investigated in the Adare/Rathkeale Municipal District in January, 2019, evidence was recovered in only one case and a spot fine was issued accordingly. Two other fines were also issued in the Adare/Rathkeale Municipal District during the month. Fines were also issued in the Limerick Metropolitan District (26), Newcastle West Municipal District (one) and Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District (one).

NOTICE OF MOTION

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will move at the next Meeting that this Authority appoint the relevant personnel to restore/replace or re-instate the iconic Chinaman landmark on the Main Street in Rathkeale.

This motion was proposed by Councillor Teskey and seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue.

17. Correspondence

Correspondence, as circulated, was noted by Members.

A request to receive a deputation from Adare Community Trust was received. It was agreed at the Meeting that the deputation would attend the March Monthly Meeting.

A request to receive a deputation from Coolanoran Residence Committee was also received. It was agreed at the Meeting that the deputation would attend the April Monthly Meeting.

18. A.O.B

- Councillor O'Donoghue asked if there was a legal time requirement to fill potholes reported around the District. The Director, National and Regional Shared Services Centre advised Councillor O'Donoghue there was no legal requirement.
- Councillor Teskey advised the cinema in Rathkeale town is for sale and asked the Council consider purchasing same for use as an innovation centre. Councillor Keary asked if a letter can be sent to Pat Daly and Mike Cantwell to see would the Council consider buying it for an innovation centre.
- Councillor O'Donoghue raised the issue of adequate staffing in the area with regard to the re-alignment of the new Operations District.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated:
