

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, ON WEDNESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 2019, AT 10AM.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Browne, Collins, Foley, Galvin and Scanlan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Social Development Directorate (Mr. G. Daly), Senior Executive Engineer, West Division (Mr. B. Noonan), Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett), Executive Engineer, Roads (Mr. P. Valley), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan).

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Newcastle West held on 9th January, 2019.

Proposed by: Councillor Collins
Seconded by: Councillor Foley
And Resolved:

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

2. Deputation

The Cathaoirleach welcomed representatives from the Board of Management, Scoil Mhuire National School, Broadford. The deputation consisted of Ms. Belinda Murphy, Principal, Mr. David Browne, Chairperson, Board of Management and Ms. Marie O’Callaghan, Parents Representative.

Mr. Browne addressed the Meeting and welcomed the opportunity to outline to the Members the current situation with regard to traffic issues in the vicinity of the school. He stated that there was need for a pedestrian crossing, speed detectors and warning lights. He stated that there are currently 167 students enrolled at the school and noted that the school is located on a very busy road with an average of 1600 cars passing the school each day.

He said that a set down area was developed in 2007 in response to concerns regarding safety of pupils, pedestrians and motorists. He also noted that 91 of the 167 pupils walk to and from school. He mentioned that proposed upgrade roadworks on the R515 offers an ideal

opportunity to put warning lights, speed detectors and a pedestrian crossing in place for safety of the school community.

Ms. Murphy, Principal, also referred to safety and traffic issues at the school. She stated that the school has highlighted awareness of road and pedestrian safety and has educated the students on this matter.

Ms. O'Callaghan, Parents Representative, said that there is no safe, designated place for pedestrians to cross the road and access the school. She also stated that a pedestrian crossing is required.

The Members thanked the delegation and discussion took place on the need for traffic safety measures to be put in place outside schools.

The Cathaoirleach stated that further contact would be made with the school's representatives on the above matter.

3. Deputation

The Cathaoirleach welcomed representatives from the Board of Management, St. Fergus National School, Glin. The deputation consisted of Ms. Deirdre Kennelly, Principal and Mr. Tommy Barrett, Chairperson, Board of Management.

Mr. Barrett addressed the Meeting and welcomed the opportunity to outline to the Members the current situation with regard to traffic issues at the school and the funding required for the building of a new car park. He stated that there are 126 students enrolled at school, which is located on the R524 Glin to Abbeyfeale road. He also stated that there is a bus bay outside the school and cars frequently park in this area. He also mentioned that cars reverse out onto the main road while trying to leave the school.

Mr. Barrett outlined the proposals being progressed by the school which included the building of a new car park in order to improve safety. He noted the fund raising and grants available to the school but stated that a shortfall of approximately €24,120 remained for the required works. Mr. Barrett noted that planning permissions has been granted and he stated that the school are now seeking the Council's assistance to progress this project.

The Members thanked the delegation and discussion took place. It was noted that many schools are also experiencing issues with traffic outside schools and it was agreed that the Department of Education had a role in these matters and should provide assistance to schools with regard to pedestrian crossings and other safety measures.

The Cathaoirleach stated that further contact would be made with the school's representatives on the above matter.

It was agreed that costings for the requested safety measures at Scoil Mhuire, Broadford, St. Fergus Glin and Killoughteen National Schools would be sought and the Members advised on

same by the Senior Executive Engineer. Discussion also took place on the possibility of allocating the Municipal District GMA Local Roads funding to these projects for 2019.

4. Housing Development Directorate

To note progress report from the Housing Development Directorate.

Circulated, Housing Progress Report of the Director of Services, Housing Development, dated 1st February, 2019.

The Members agreed to discuss this matter at a Private Workshop following the Meeting.

5. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

On the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, it was agreed to allocate €1,500 to Reilig Ide Naofa, Abbeyfeale for the provision of a shed for the storage of equipment.

On the proposal of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, it was agreed to allocate €500 to Glin Men's Shed for equipment.

On the proposal of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, it was agreed to allocate €500 to Broadford Youth Choir.

On the proposal of Councillor Browne, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, it was agreed to allocate €1,500 to Broadford Development Association for car park upgrades.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Galvin, it was agreed to allocate €1,500 for drainage works at Tullyleague, Glin.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Galvin, it was agreed to allocate €750 to St. Kieran's Text Alert Scheme for the provision of signage.

QUESTIONS

6. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting when footpath renewal works will be undertaken fronting the business units along Scanlan's Lane, Newcastle West.

REPLY: Footpath upgrade works along Scanlan's Lane will be carried out within the next two weeks.

7. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the repair of the bridge at Coole, Athea.

REPLY: Repairs have been carried out to the parapet walls of the bridge.

8. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for the following information on Knights Court, Newcastle West:

(a) The programme of works to be completed at the estate and cost of these works

(b) What was the bond and how much has been claimed and how much is to be claimed

(c) An update on a turning table

(d) An update on the issue of water lodging on the existing roadway

(e) An update on plans for the remainder of site and whether the remaining portion of the site is in a flood zone

(f) Where will the rest of the money come from to complete the outstanding works at the estate and when will these works start and finish

REPLY:

- (a) A schedule of works has been issued to the bond company. These works when completed will complete the estate to a satisfactory standard for taking in charge. A copy of the schedule of works is attached.
- (b) There is a bond of €36,000 in place and the full amount of the bond has been claimed.
- (c) This is included in the snag list.
- (d) This is included in the snag list.
- (e) We are not aware of any plans for the remainder of the site, the lower half of the site is within a flood zone.
- (f) In previous years an allocation has been made from the Development Fund to assist with the taking in charge of estates. It is hoped that this money will be made available in 2019 and the shortfall will be made up from this allocation. We cannot provide a start and finish date until the funding is in place.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	<u>Road Markings & Traffic Signs</u>	
1	Road markings & Road Traffic Signage plus poles	1,000.00
2	Fingerpost signage	1,500.00
	<u>Footpaths</u>	
3	Kerb Joints to be filled with suitable material	500.00

4	Reinstate Footpaths	1,500.00
5	Repair Footpaths	1,500.00
6	Point Kerbs	500.00
	<u>Roads</u>	
7	Wearing Course including tack coating	
8	Wearing Course including tack coating	15,000.00
9	Replace existing gullies to correct standard.	4,000.00
10	Raise or lower manholes to suit wearing course	3,500.00
11	Install new gullies with connections.	1,200.00
	Clean out all gullies.	1,000.00
	<u>Sewers</u>	
12	Clean out sewers and CCTV Survey	2,500.00
	(Extra works may be required following survey)	
	<u>Green Areas & Landscaping</u>	
13	Trees and shrubbery need attention.	5,000.00
	<u>Watermains</u>	
14	Replace stopcocks with boundary boxes	5,000.00
	& reinstate footpaths.	
15	Hydrant marker plates	500.00
	<u>Security Fencing</u>	
16	Supply and erect security fencing including gate	3500.00
	<u>Public Lighting</u>	
17	Repair lighting	2,000.00
18	<u>Health & Safety</u>	5,000.00
	Subtotal:	54,700.00
	Contingences at 10%	5,470.00
	TOTAL	60,170.00

A brief discussion took place on the above including the bond available and the need for additional funding as significant works are to be carried out to the above housing estate. It was also noted that Irish Water may require a cctv survey on the sewer network at the estate.

9. Question submitted by Councillor F. Foley

I will ask at the next Meeting for refuse bins to be put in place at Collins' Park, Abbeyfeale.

REPLY: Refuse bins are normally placed on streets where there is a high volume of pedestrians such as the main thoroughfares within cities, towns and villages. They are not placed within individual housing estates.

Councillor Foley stated that there were two refuse bins within the estate but they had been removed and he had requests from residents to reinstate the bins. A brief discussion followed on this item and the Senior Executive Engineer stated that bins are not placed within individual housing estates.

10. Question submitted by Councillor F. Foley

I will ask at the next Meeting when will St. Ita's Road, Abbeyfeale, be resurfaced.

REPLY: This roadway is included within the 2019 Roadworks Programme for the Newcastle West Municipal District but is subject to Department funding for the programme. Should funding be made available, works will be carried out before the end of Summer 2019 or sooner.

Councillor Foley welcomed the reply and asked if the potholes on St. Ita's Road, Abbeyfeale could be filled in the interim.

11. Question submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the provision of speed ramps at Gortboy, Newcastle West, near the Courtenay Boys National School.

REPLY: In accordance with the Council's Traffic Calming policy, this area has been assessed and we are currently awaiting further information to progress this matter.

NOTICES OF MOTION

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that a traffic management plan be created for Collins Park, Abbeyfeale.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Galvin stated that it is difficult for emergency vehicles to gain access to Collins' Park, Abbeyfeale due to a narrow access entrance and asked if bollards could be installed on footpaths to prevent cars parking on them. He also requested that additional parking spaces be provided on part of the green area. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to investigate this matter.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Scanlan.

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that speed ramps be put in place at Maple Court estate, Abbeyfeale.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Galvin requested that speed ramps be put in place at Maple Court estate, Abbeyfeale.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Scanlan.

REPLY: The Council has a new policy for Traffic Calming in Urban Areas. The above mentioned request will be assessed with regard to the requirements of this policy.

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

*I will move at the next Meeting that a safety audit be carried out at Gortboy, Newcastle West with a view to providing pedestrian crossings as follows:
(a) between the Courtenay Boys National School and the junction of Sheahan's Road
(b) between the junction of Sheahan's Road and the junction of Station Road, Newcastle West.*

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Scanlan stated that it is difficult to get across the road at either side of the junction. In replying, the Senior Executive Engineer stated that all aspects of traffic movement and safety within the town will be reviewed as part of the Newcastle West Movement Plan and consultants have been appointed with regard to this project. The Members welcomed the provision of a plan for traffic movements within the town.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Galvin.

REPLY: Consultants have been appointed for the Newcastle West Movement Plan.

This plan will review all aspects of traffic movement and safety within the town.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that the RSA carry out a traffic safety audit along the R520 eastward bound approach to Ballynoe Cross.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Scanlan stated that there are a number of households in the area which are having difficulty getting out onto the R520.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Galvin.

A brief discussion followed and the Senior Executive Engineer stated that the RSA would not be in a position to carry out an audit. However the Council can assess the roadway in this area with regard to sightlines at the cross. Line marking along with the erection of signage with regard to speed limits on the roadway can also be considered where appropriate.

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will move at the next Meeting that the roadway leading to the GAA field in Knockaderry be taken in charge by Limerick City and County Council.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Collins stated that this is a private roadway which is in good condition and serves a very popular local GAA field.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Galvin.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council have a substantial road network which we endeavour to maintain and keep upgraded on an annual basis.

We are currently not in a position to take any further roads in charge.

Councillor Collins stated that he was not satisfied with the response and the roadway was in good condition and should be taken in charge. In replying, the Senior Executive Engineer stated that this matter will be discussed with the Senior Roads Engineer.

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will move at the next Meeting that the TII be requested to do a safety audit and put in lighting at Cregan's Cross on the N21 as you turn off for Knockaderry.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Collins stated there is a safety hazard at this location where a number of deaths have taken place. Councillor Scanlan also stated that lighting was required for Sweeps Cross.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Scanlan.

REPLY: This request will be forwarded to the TII for consideration.

18. Correspondence

A request to receive a deputation from the Sikh Community with regard to the work of local person Max Arthur McAuliffe on his work translating the Sikh Holy Scripts into English has been received. It was agreed at the Meeting that a deputation would attend the next Meeting of Newcastle West Municipal District.

The following items were also raised.

An update on drainage at Kilready, Castlemahon was sought and the Executive Engineer, Roads, stated that this item is on the Programme of Works for 2019.

A query was raised on the enforcement of the voluntary ban on election posters for this year's Local, European and any referenda within the Newcastle West District. Discussion took place on the Notice of Motion which was agreed at the February Meeting of the District and it was noted that the ban was voluntary. It was also noted that the item had been referred to the Environment SPC Meeting where it would be discussed by the Elected Members and the Sectoral Interests.

The roadway in front of the funeral parlour in Abbeyfeale was also raised and the narrowing of the footpath on the left hand side of the road at the Hill Road, Abbeyfeale. It was agreed that the Executive Engineer would follow up on this matter.

An update on Brewery Lane, Newcastle West was requested and the Senior Executive Engineer stated that this matter is ongoing and he is liaising with the stakeholders on this matter.

A query was raised on the emergency services gaining access to the Demesne and it was noted that the Gardai had been given additional access keys and signage erected advising of same. The keys allow opening of the barrier but the opening of gates into the park was also raised. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to have this matter investigated.

It was agreed to hold the March Meeting of the District on Wednesday, 6th March, 2019, at 10.00 a.m., at Áras William Smith OBrien.

It was also agreed to hold a Meeting of the Joint Policing Committee (JPC) Sub Committee on Wednesday, 6th March, 2019, at 9.15 a.m., at Áras William Smith OBrien.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated:
