

**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, 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 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), Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division (Mr. A. Finn), Senior Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services (Mr. H. McGrath), Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division (Mr. J. O'Keeffe), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach welcomed the Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Aidan Finn to the District.

It was agreed that Item 2 on the Agenda would be taken first.

**2. Deputation from Adare Community Trust**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Tony Treacy, Director, Adare Community Trust, Mr. Dan Neville, Chairman, Adare Community Trust and Ms. Elaine Sparling, Director, The Manor Fields to the Meeting.

Mr. Neville, Chairman, Adare Community Trust addressed the Meeting outlining the background to the setting up of Adare Community Trust which represents all the different community groups in the town and highlighted the issue of the lack of parking spaces in Adare. Mr. Treacy, Director, Adare Community Trust also spoke of the main issue in Adare being lack of parking spaces telling Members that currently there are 1,463 people working from 90 businesses operating in the town while the population of the town stands at 1,200 and as a result parking in the village is a huge issue. Mr. Treacy, on behalf of Adare Community Trust, welcomed the new parking area across from the National School, but felt it is a little too far out of the town and asked Limerick City and County Council to consider additional parking spaces closer to the town centre. Mr. Treacy concluded saying Adare Community Trust would continue to encourage people to work, live and visit the town and they would endeavour to keep Adare a heritage town.

Ms. Sparling, The Manor Fields, then addressed the Meeting. She thanked Members for their support and briefed Members on the progress of the Manor Fields project to date and went on to say the facility, which will be operating ten years this summer, is a regional

facility for various sporting organisations. The opening of the astro pitch has been a runaway success and they are close to finalising funding for a new pavilion building and asked for the Members continuing support going forward.

Members congratulated Ms. Sparling for the fantastic facility they provide at Manor Fields and wished them continued success for the future. The Deputation withdrew from the Meeting.

### **1. Adoption of Minutes**

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 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 Joint Policing Sub Committee Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 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 welcomed the launch of the Shannon Estuary Way, however, he expressed concern in relation to a sign not fixed in position at Ballysteen Pier and requested an update for the April Meeting.

### **3. Social Development Directorate**

#### **Ballywilliam Derelict Estate**

The Director informed Members, since the last update the staff from the Urban and Rural Community Development Department have had a further two meetings with representatives of the owners of a significant number of properties in the estate. Ongoing discussions are taking place with the owners in relation to a site resolution plan for the estate.

Following discussion, Members asked what update there was on the infrastructure, services and water mains in this estate and whether or not the estate was suitable for taking in charge. Some Members were of the opinion a compulsory purchase order for the estate should be pursued to resolve the matter. The Director informed Members the Executive is working with the owners to resolve this issue and when a resolution is reached, they will bring it before the Members for discussion. Members also requested the Director, Social Development Directorate attend the April Monthly Meeting to discuss this item further.

#### **4. Housing Development Directorate**

##### **Housing Progress Report**

Circulated, report of the Senior Architect, Housing Development Directorate, dated 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 giving details of the number of casual vacancies/void houses and houses requiring major refurbishment within the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District.

Following discussion, Members noted there was no mention of the proposed housing development in Adare and requested a Senior Executive from the Housing Development Directorate attend the April Meeting with an updated report on this development.

#### **5. Service Operations Directorate**

##### **Draft Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale 2019**

Circulated, draft report of the Director of Services, National and Regional Shared Services, dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 outlining the Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW).

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

“That, Schedule of Municipal District Works for Adare-Rathkeale, as circulated, be adopted”.

#### **6. Design and Delivery Services**

##### **Kildimo Village to the Beer Garden Public House**

Circulated, report of the A/Director of Services, Capital Investment dated 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 setting out the update on the footpath from Kildimo to the Beer Garden Public House.

Members were all in agreement should the Compulsory Purchase Order be commenced it would progress the scheme to a conclusion.

## **7. Operations and Maintenance Services**

### **Drainage Issues in Courtmatrix**

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

## **8. Flooding Issues in Askeaton**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, dated 6th March, 2019 giving an update in relation to proposals to address the flooding issues in Askeaton. Members are disappointed with the lack of progress on this issue.

## **9. Flooding Issues in Foynes**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, dated 6th March, 2019 giving an update in relation to the flooding issues in Foynes. The report was noted by Members and a copy of the decision from An Bord Pleanála has been requested.

## **10. Slí na Slainte, Askeaton**

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

Members enquired if the remaining twenty per cent cost from the Councils own resources has been provided for. The Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division informed Members he would discuss the matter with TII in an effort to secure funding to progress this project.

## **11. Marine Cove, Foynes**

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

## **12. Taking-In-Charge of An Curran, Pallaskenry**

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Planner, Planning and Environmental Services, dated 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 setting out the position in relation to the taking in charge of An Curran, Pallaskenry.

Proposed by Councillor O'Brien;

Seconded by Councillor Sheahan;  
And Resolved:

“That, An Curran estate, Pallaskenry, 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”.

### **13. General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2018/2019**

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

- €2,500 to Rathkeale Boxing Club.
- €2,000 to Croagh Kilfinny Community Development Association.
- €1,000 to Kilfinny Community Council.
- €1,000 to Crecora GAA.

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

- €10,000 to Shanagolden Playground.
- € 8,000 to Rathkeale Boxing Club.
- €10,000 to Community Crisis Response Team.

On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor O’Donoghue, it was agreed to allocate €10,000 to Croagh Kilfinny Community Development Association.

On the proposal of Councillor O’Brien, seconded by Councillor O’Donoghue, it was agreed to allocate €17,923 for lights in Summerville Drive, Pallaskenry.

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

- €1,000 to Croagh Kilfinny Community Development Association.
- €3,000 to The Church of Ireland, Rathkeale.
- €2,000 to Shountrade National School.

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

#### **14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O’Brien**

**I will move at the next Meeting the Property Department of Limerick and City and County Council attend the March Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District Meeting to give**

**an adequate explanation as to its reason for the sale of all the Council land at Pallaskenry.**

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O'Brien asked if a portion of the lands behind Cluain Mhuire could be leased on a long term basis to Copsewood Gaels RFC.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Keary.

**15. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Brien**

**I will move at the next meeting and request Limerick City and County Council compulsorily purchase the necessary land to complete the Bolane to New Kildimo pathway.**

This Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Sheahan.

**16. Correspondence**

Correspondence, as circulated, was noted by Members.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_