

**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, 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 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), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach and Members extended their good wishes to outgoing Councillor, Ciara McMahon.

Members also extended their well wishes to the member of staff in the Municipal District Office who has been ill recently. Members have requested a letter be sent to her wishing her a speedy recovery.

Councillor Teskey raised the issue of uncut grass in the District and asked the Executive for clarity on why it has not yet been cut. Councillor Keary stated hedgerows were also in need of cutting to ensure road users safety. The Director of Service advised Members a decision had been taken early in the year by the Environment Department to delay grass cutting to assist bee pollination and the contractor procured to carry out the grass cutting had subsequently withdrawn at the last minute which had caused further delay. With regard to the hedgerows the Senior Executive Engineer advised Members the obligation is on the landowner to ensure their hedges are cut back between September and March and to ensure they do not cause a danger to road users.

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

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

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

- (b) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

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

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

- (c) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Special Meeting of the Municipal Distirct of Adare-Rathkeale held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

Councillor Teskey requested that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Municipal District dated 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 be amended to read “Following discussion among Members, it was proposed by Councillor Teskey to proceed with the proposed Ballingarry Traffic Calming Scheme as presented by the Senior Executive Engineer and to allow for the temporary transfer of monies to the Slí na Slainte walkway in Askeaton. It was also agreed the Development Fund monies in the sum of €30,000 would be transferred back to Ballingarry Traffic Calming Scheme when the 2019 Development Fund monies are allocated. The Senior Executive Engineer assured Members the proposed Ballingarry Traffic Calming Scheme would receive full funding of €84,000, as discussed. This proposal was seconded by Councillor O’Donoghue”.

On the proposal of Councillor Teskey, seconded by Councillor O’Donoghue, the amendment was agreed.

Proposed by Councillor Teskey;  
Seconded by Councillor O’Donoghue;  
And Resolved:

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

Discussion ensued in relation to the Traffic Calming Measures in Ballingarry following the adoption of the Minutes, with the consent of the Cathaoirleach. Councillor Keary stated the people of Ballingarry want nothing less than speed ramps installed to slow traffic through the village. Councillor Sheahan felt the family of the road traffic fatality victim in Ballingarry be issued with a full report in relation to the proposed traffic calming scheme. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed a copy of the draft plans can be provided to the family should they so wish and also advised the overall plan for the village will be going for public consultation and any recommendations from the public will be taken into consideration.

## **2. Design and Delivery Services**

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

Circulated, report of the A/Director of Service, Capital Investment dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 setting out an update on the footpath from Kildimo Village to the Beer Garden Public House. The report was noted by Members.

## **3. Operations and Maintenance Services**

### **Drainage Issues in Courtmatrix**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 giving an update in relation to the proposals to address the drainage issues in Courtmatrix. The report was noted by Members.

## **4. Flooding Issues in Askeaton**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 giving an update in relation to proposals to address the flooding issues in Askeaton.

Both Councillor Sheahan and Councillor O'Brien expressed disappointment Askeaton had not been included in the allocation listing.

## **5. Flooding Issues in Foynes**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 giving an update in relation to proposals to address the flooding issues in Foynes.

Councillor Keary queried where responsibility for flooding would rest when the lake is decommissioned. The Senior Executive Engineer advised flooding will not re-occur when the proposed remedial works are complete in Foynes.

## **6. Slí na Slainte, Askeaton**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 giving an update in relation to the Slí na Slainte, Askeaton. All Members welcomed the progress.

## **7. Marine Cove, Foynes**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 giving an update in relation to the Marine Cove, Foynes. The report was noted by Members.

## **8. Economic Development Directorate**

### **Development Fund Allocations 2019**

The Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division advised Members the Development Fund 2019 would be allocated as follows:

New walkway from the Dunraven Arms hotel towards The Adare Manor	€20,000
Ballingarry footpaths and pedestrian crossings	€30,000
Junction improvements in Pallaskenry	€20,000
Pedestrian crossing at Rathkeale Library	€17,500
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Total:	€87,500

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

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

- €2,000 to Road Maintenance at Tom Wilmott's, Kilaheen.
- €1,000 to Cappagh Ladies GAA.
- €500 to Askeaton/Foynes Mud Rescue.
- €1,100 to Tree Cutting in Dromard.
- €2,000 to Raheen Residents Association.
- €1,000 to Rathkeale Boxing Club.

Councillor Teskey advised the €1,000 to Rathkeale Boxing Club is in lieu of €1,000 allocated in February, 2019 to Rathkeale Community Council for their Rathkeale Welcome Home Festival which did not go ahead.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue it was agreed to allocate €500 to the Rosie Moloney Memorial Trust.

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

- €1,500 to Pallaskenry National School.
- €3,000 to Driver Feedback Signs for Foynes.
- €1,000 to Cappagh U14 Feilé na nÓg.

- €2,500 to the Foynes Museum.

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

- €6,000 to Dernish Avenue Residents Association, Foynes.
- €1,500 to Station Road Residents Association, Askeaton.
- €4,000 to Askeaton Civic Trust.
- €1,500 to the Butterfly Club.
- €4,000 to Askeaton GAA.
- €2,000 to Askeaton/Ballysteen Tennis Club.

Councillor O'Donoghue made the following amendments to his GMA allocated in February, 2019:

- Ballingarry Development Association reduce to €1,000.

**10. Meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)**

Members expressed their disappointment with the response from the TII in relation to numerous attempts to facilitate a meeting with all Members to discuss the Adare/Limerick scheme.

Following discussion regarding correspondence from TII circulated to all Members inviting one Councillor from each Municipal District to attend a meeting at their offices Members were all in agreement that they were requesting to meet with TII as a Municipal District of six Councillors given the issues in need of discussion are mostly partial to the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District.

Members also insisted that while it had been agreed by party leaders one delegate attend for each Municipal District they were not present at this meeting to share their views on the subject.

**QUESTIONS**

**11. Question submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan**

**I will ask at the next meeting for an update on the recently advertised temporary employment for general operatives 2019.**

**REPLY:** The competition to establish a panel for General Operatives has now closed for applications, and a shortlisting process is underway.

**NOTICE OF MOTION****12. Notice of motion received from Councillor K. Sheahan**

**I will move at the next meeting, that this Committee call on the people of Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District to vote no in the forthcoming plebiscites for a directly-elected mayor.**

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Sheahan felt the manner in which the plebiscite had been announced was disappointing and not enough information was given to make a decision.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

**13. A.O.B**

- Councillor Sheahan proposed a letter be sent to the OPW querying when works will be complete at Desmond Castle, Askeaton to allow general public access to the site.
- Councillor Keary advised Crecora and Ballyneety would require light and walkway installation when completing the Town and Village Renewal Scheme application.
- Councillor Teskey asked when his previous motion in relation to the rising insurance costs would go before the full Council. The Director advised it would be at the July Meeting.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

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**Cathaoirleach**

Dated:

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