

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MERCHANT'S QUAY, LIMERICK, ON MONDAY, 20TH MAY, 2019

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Daniel Butler, Mayor.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Apologies for her inability to attend were received from Councillor Cahillane.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Service Operations (Mr. K. Lehane), Acting Director of Service, Capital Investment (Mr. J. Delaney), Meetings Administrator (Mr. J. Clune), Head of Property Services, (Ms. J. Leahy), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. F. McCormack).

Proposed by Cllr Costelloe and agreed that a minute's silence to mark the recent passing of Joseph Duffy, RIP.

Proposed by Cllr O'Dea and seconded by Cllr Hurley tribute paid to Janesboro FC in their victory in winning the Oscar Trainer Trophy in Kilkenny.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 15th April, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor; Sheahan (M)

Seconded by Councillor; Lynch

And Resolved:

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

2. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, report of the Acting Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services dated 15th April, 2019 setting out proposals to dispose of the Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 3 Mitchell Street, 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.

- (b) Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 29th April, 2019 setting out proposals to dispose of the Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 23 Coolraine Estate, Mayorstone, 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.

QUESTIONS

3. Question submitted by CmhIr S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting when is it planned for the Sub Committee, established last year to work on issues of Animal Control and Welfare, to meet for the first time.

REPLY: The Horse Control Committee was established in 2015 as a result of concerns regarding the increases in horse seizures and the escalating costs of providing control of horses services.

It provides an informal forum for Members to discuss relevant issues in relation to the control of horses in the Metropolitan District.

To ensure broad representation in the Horse Control Committee, the Committee reflects a geographical spread across the Electoral Areas of the Metropolitan District, and includes Members of all political allegiances. Accordingly, all the Members of the Metropolitan District were given the opportunity to nominate themselves to participate in the Committee on this basis.

The Committee has met on a number of occasions since its establishment in 2015, and has undertaken research trips to the Tralee Horse Project (2017) and the Clondalkin Equine Club (2018).

As the members of the Committee have been drawn from the Members of the Metropolitan District Council, it is proposed place an item on the agenda of the first meeting of the new Metropolitan District to seek nominations for the Committee.

Arrangements will then be made to convene a meeting, at which members will be updated on the learnings from the Clondalkin study visit.

4. Question submitted by CmhIr S. Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting how many public houses have been built in each of the three LEAs in the Metropolitan District so far this year, how many have been refurbished in each LEA and how many are vacant in each LEA.

REPLY: The LEA breakdown of built, refurbishment and vacant houses in the Metropolitan District is as follows:

Built

Limerick City East	5 (3 Part V)
Limerick City North	0
Limerick City West	0

So far this year, Limerick City and County Council have completed 1 no. housing scheme in Rathbane Road, Metropolitan District of Limerick, providing 2 no. new houses.

Sycamore Avenue, Metropolitan District of Limerick, is on schedule to complete by June 2019 providing 5 no. new houses.

Refurbished

Limerick City East	0
Limerick City North	20
Limerick City West	0

Vacant

Casual – 81

Limerick City East	35
Limerick City North	28
Limerick City West	18

Major Refurb – 70

Limerick City East	25
Limerick City North	22
Limerick City West	23

A report of the Voids Programme will issue to members in the coming month.

5. Question submitted by Councillor M. McCreesh

I will ask at the next meeting, based on the number of commencement notices submitted for housing developments for the period 01/01/2018 to date:

List the number of housing developments that required a Part V condition to be inserted into the planning permission followed by a Part V Legal Agreement to be signed and sealed by Limerick City and County Council and the Developer prior to commencement. List the total number of units for social and affordable housing that have been agreed. List the number of Part V units that have been delivered and allocated for each development. List the number of Part V units agreed for each development that have been renegotiated to be delivered in a different manner by the developer.

REPLY: Commencement notices for 18 housing developments were submitted from 01/01/2018 to date. 2 of these received Part V exemption certificates as they were for housing developments of 9 or less units.

The total number of Part V agreements signed and sealed from 01/01/2018 to date is 11 agreements providing for 28 social units.

15 Part V units have been delivered and allocated since 01/01/2018 to date with another 25 under construction.

3 of the 15 units allocated for social units during this time period were off site houses.

6. Question submitted by Councillor M. McCreesh

I will ask at the next meeting can an update be provided on the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan

Area Transport Strategy Study. Councillors were promised the opportunity to provide input to the consultation process on behalf of constituents.

REPLY: The National Transport Authority (NTA), in partnership with Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) and Clare County Council (CCC), has commenced work to develop a new Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (MATS) for the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area.

The LSMATS will set out a series of actions and measures, covering infrastructural, operational and policy elements to be implemented in the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area over the next 20 years and will outline a framework to deliver the projects in a phased manner. The strategy will take account of current and predicted population, National Planning Framework objectives, national transport policies, existing plans and strategies in the region and existing transport assets.

Progress to date has included the collation of data in relation to land use forecasts and demand analysis modelling. Analysis is currently under way and a Baseline Report is being drafted.

The next step is review of the Baseline Report and the Demand Analysis Report by LCCC and CCC and feedback to the NTA.

Once the review of baseline and demand analysis is complete, development of transport options will commence. Stakeholder and Public consultation will commence in June/July 2019 where organisations and the wider public will have an opportunity to feed into the strategy.

7. Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next meeting what is the status of the Chas Flats on Mary Street, St. Anne's Court and the Units on Convent Street.

REPLY: The response from Design and Delivery regarding Chas Flats is:

Procurement for a contractor for CHAS Flats has completed. Contract signing for the works is imminent, with initial scoping of works being carried out by the intended contractor already underway.

The response from Property Services regarding St. Anne's Court is:

Limerick City and County Council has agreed the purchase of St. Anne's Court Bungalows from Saint Vincent de Paul. It is expected that this purchase will close before the end of June 2019.

The response from Housing Development regarding Convent Street is:

Surveys have been carried out at the Convent Street Homes and we are awaiting reports in relation to this work. Works required must then be specified and costed. Tender of works must then take place. Our representative Brendan Moore will work with residents in relation to this matter keeping them informed by way of

regular updates.

NOTICES OF MOTION

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I am asking the Council, as a matter of urgency, to write to the Minister for Health, Simon Harris urging him to alleviate the stress of the trolley crisis and to fast track the necessary funding and expertise to deal with this horrendous situation.

In proposing the motion, Cllr Costelloe referred to the fear that is experienced by people who are admitted to hospital. Cllr Costelloe is calling on radical intervention by the Government to deal with this crisis and to reopen St Johns, Nenagh and Ennis General Hospital to alleviate the situation. In seconding the motion, Cllr McCreesh referred to the deplorable conditions that patients have to endure.

9. Correspondence

Correspondence was taken as read.

The Mayor and Members paid tribute to the Councillors who were retiring and to those who were not standing for re-election and wished them well in the future.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

MAYOR

Dated:
