

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, 9TH JULY, 2019 AT 9.00 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor K. Sheahan, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Keary, McMahon, O'Brien, O'Donoghue and Teskey.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, National and Regional Shared Services (Ms. C. Curley), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division (Mr. A. Finn), Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services (Mr. T. McKechnie), Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services (Ms. C. Power), Administrative Officer, Property Services (Ms. T. Knox), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach informed Members that a request had been received from the developer of a proposed project in Adare to address Members at the next Municipal District Meeting. It was agreed by all Members this request be submitted in writing to the Meetings Administrator of the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District for inclusion on the Agenda of the September Meeting.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (a)** Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 14th May, 2019.

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

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

- (b)** Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 11th June, 2019.

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

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

- (c) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 11th June, 2019.

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

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

It was agreed to convene the September District Monthly Meeting in Pallaskenry Community Centre, Main Street, Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday 10th September, 2019 following an invitation from the local Community Council. A deputation from Pallaskenry Community Council will provide a presentation to the Elected Members on the day.

2. Service Operations Directorate

(a) Disposal of Land at Derry Naintin, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick

Circulated, report of the Head of Property Services, dated 1st July, 2019 setting out the position in relation to the disposal of land at Derry Naintin, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.

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

"That the 1.40 acres of land at Derry Naintin, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick be disposed of to Mr. Michael Shiels".

(b) Disposal of Land at Carrigeen, Croom, Co. Limerick

Circulated, report of the Head of Property Services, dated 1st July, 2019 setting out the position in relation to the disposal of land at Carrigeen, Croom, Co. Limerick.

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

"That the 15.61 acres of land at Carrigeen, Croom, Co. Limerick be disposed of to Tower View Farm Limited (Mr. Bertie Reynolds)".

3. Speed Limit Review

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services dated 25th June, 2019 giving an update in relation to Special Speed Limit by-laws.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services informed Members that following previous discussions in relation to speed limits at Loughill, Foynes, Kilcornan and Adare, Limerick City and County Council had further engaged with TII regarding these proposed speed limit amendments.

Following further discussions, Members were satisfied with the TII's recommendations and the report, as circulated, was proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue and seconded by Councillor O'Brien

4. Design and Delivery Services

Kildimo Village to the Beer Garden Public House

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery dated 27th June, 2019 giving an update in relation to the footpath from Kildimo Village to the Beer Garden Public House. The report was noted by Members.

5. District Engineers Report

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 9th July, 2019 outlining details of works, projects & future projects planned for the District.

Members welcomed the District Engineers report. Following discussion in relation to various aspects of the report it was agreed a workshop would be held at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 19th July, 2019 to discuss Members views on village improvements in the District.

Councillor O'Brien requested an Engineer from the OPW dealing with flooding issues in the District, in particular Askeaton & Pallaskenry, attend the September Meeting to discuss same.

6. Parking and Access Issues in Adare

Councillor Collins welcomed the discussion in relation to parking and access issues in Adare. All Members were in agreement a Master Plan for the whole village was needed. Councillor Collins informed Members the Adare Community Trust Group in Adare were currently compiling a strategic plan for the village which is nearing publication. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the workshop scheduled for the 19th July, 2019.

7. French Group Encampment, Rathkeale

Councillor Sheahan informed Members of his visit to the site of the French Encampment outside Rathkeale in June with the Housing Executive Engineer. He spoke with the group leader who had informed him the group were currently travelling across Europe to preach to Traveller communities and their mission was to discourage excessive drinking and conflict. Councillor Sheahan concluded saying the group plan a further visit to Rathkeale in either December 2019 or March 2020.

Councillor Keary advised Members this group had arrived at the Rathkeale Site on the Saturday morning and there had been no delivery of toilet facilities or waste collection until the Monday morning. He also believed their arrival raised concern among the local community as they had not made the intention of their visit clear at the time. Councillor Sheahan informed Members when the group vacated the site it had been left as it had been found in the first instance and could see no reason why this group should not be welcomed back in to the area for future visits.

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

8. General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2018/2019

On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, it was agreed to allocate €900 to Cappagh GAA Club.

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

- Croom Civic Centre reduce to €4,000.

Councillor O'Brien felt the GMA money was being well spent in the Community, however, he advised Members a capital project should also be funded from the GMA on a yearly basis. Following a brief discussion the Director advised Members further discussions in relation to GMA should take place in a workshop format.

9. AOB

- Councillor O'Brien expressed his disappointment the signage for the viewing points on the Shannon Estuary Way had not been erected, as promised at previous Meetings. The Senior Executive Engineer advised Councillor O'Brien funding had been an issue and if current contractor prices were not competitive, works would have to be carried out by the outdoor staff of the Municipal District. Councillor Teskey queried if there was a staffing shortage in the area to carry out these type of works and requested a staff briefing be provided for the next Meeting.

- Councillor Sheahan expressed concern in relation to the ongoing sewerage issues in Askeaton. Members requested a list of Irish Water costs for water and sewerage connections for the September Meeting.
- Councillor Teskey requested the Ballywilliam Estate be re-instated on the District Meeting Agenda and an update provided for the next Meeting.
- Councillor O'Brien requested the current Greenway be extended to include the Ferry Bridge, Clarina and Ringmoylan. Councillor Keary also stated the Greenway in Rathkeale is currently unfit for tourism due to the uneven surface, lack of maintenance and lack of facilities on the trail. Members requested a presentation of the proposed Greenway upgrades for the next Meeting.
- All Members expressed concern at the quality of the grass cutting in the District and requested the Council provide proper experienced staff to carry out this works to an adequate standard.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated:
