

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN PALLASKENRY COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIN STREET, PALLASKENRY, CO. LIMERICK ON TUESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 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), Director, Community Development Directorate (Mr. G. Daly), A/Senior Executive Officer, Community Development Directorate (Ms. M. O'Donoghue), Technician, Economic Development Directorate (Mr. J. O'Connor), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the local community of Pallaskenry. It was agreed Item 2 on the Agenda would be taken first.

**2. Deputation from Pallaskenry Community Development Association**

Mr. Jim McMahon, Chairman and Mr. Ger O'Sullivan, Member of Pallaskenry Community Development Association addressed the Meeting. Mr. McMahon welcomed the Councillors to Pallaskenry and thanked them for all the work they have done for Pallaskenry village over the years. He informed Members the Pallaskenry Community Development Association are a sub-committee of Pallaskenry Community Council and set out their proposal to acquire 40 acres of land in Pallaskenry from Limerick City and County Council on a 999 year lease for civic, sporting and recreational amenities for the community of Pallaskenry village as well as neighbouring parishes. It is proposed to develop the site into a Slí na Sláinte walking loop, community sports field with an all weather pitch, running tracks, hard surface courts and a biodiversity nature park with walking tracks and trails. Mr. O'Sullivan advised Members they were making the presentation and seeking the support of all Councillors to assist them to secure the land.

All Members were fully supportive of the project and wished them well with their fundraising which will support the cost of the project. The Deputation then withdrew from the Meeting.

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

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

Proposed by Councillor O'Brien;  
 Seconded by Councillor Teskey;  
 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 expressed his disappointment the signage for the Shannon Estuary Way have not yet been erected. The Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division advised Councillor O'Brien he would investigate the matter and revert.

Councillor Sheahan raised the issue of improvement works at the entrance to Pallaskenry village and asked these work be completed without necessitating the removal of the mature tree adjacent to the works. The Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division advised Councillor Sheahan that he is currently looking at a design for the junction, however, as the tree is on private property it would remain the responsibility of the landowner.

Councillor O'Brien asked if the safety barrier on the footpath in front of the National School at Nashes Cross junction will be reinstated. The Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division advised the works are in the final stages and will be completed by the end of the week with the safety barrier reinstated.

### **3. Community Development Directorate**

#### **Great Southern Greenway**

The Director, Community Development Directorate gave a presentation to Members. In his presentation, he outlined details of funding to date as well as funding applied for. He also informed Members the project is currently in Phase III and provided before and after photographs of the completed Phases I and II. Following discussion in relation to the maintenance, upkeep and extension of the Greenway, the Director, Community Development Directorate agreed to take all Members comments for the Adare-Rathkeale Greenway into consideration for all future works to be carried out on the trail. Following further discussion, it was agreed a visit to the Waterford Greenway would be beneficial for the elected Members to see for themselves what is achievable on the Limerick trail. Councillor O'Donoghue felt Members should view the Limerick prior to the Waterford visit, however, the Director, National and Regional Shared Services

suggested they travel to Waterford initially to see the standard of this complete Greenway. Members were in agreement and the Director, Community Development Directorate agreed to make the necessary arrangements with Waterford County Council.

**4. Service Operations Directorate**

**(a) Disposal of Land at Askeaton, Co. Limerick to Irish Water**

Circulated, report of the Head of Property Services, dated 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 setting out the position in relation to the disposal of land at Askeaton, Co. Limerick.

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

“That the 0.0558 Hectares of land at Askeaton, Co. Limerick be disposed of to Irish Water”.

**(b) Disposal of freehold interest in property at 1 St. Mary's Terrace, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick**

Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services, dated 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 setting out the position in relation to the disposal of Freehold Interest in property at 1 St. Mary's Terrace, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.

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

“That the Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situated at 1 St. Mary's Terrace, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick (Folio LK3784L) be disposed of to John Lynch”.

It was agreed Item 13 on the Agenda would be taken next.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey**

**I will move at the next Meeting that this District liaise immediately with the Office of Public Works to establish extensive cleaning of the River Deel and to establish the amount of fish in its waters.**

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Teskey remarked on the amount of rushes growing in the River Deel and requested the Senior Executive Engineer liaise with the Office of Public Works to have the river cleaned.

This Motion was seconded by Councillor Sheahan.

**Reply:** The District Engineer has liaised with the OPW on this and other issues, and will seek a specific report on their efforts in this area. Please note the fish counting is not an issue for the OPW.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division, advised Members he spoke with the OPW and the response is contained within the District Engineers Report.

It was agreed Item 12 on the Agenda would be taken next.

**12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey and Councillor E. O'Brien**

**We will move at the next Meeting that this District carry out a survey with a view to upgrade and develop Popes Quay in Adare in order to help and encourage more use of the river and its surrounds.**

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O'Brien noted there is a huge build-up of silt, reeds, rubbish and weeds along the Quay which is in need of cleaning. He also suggested a Pontoon is needed and requested if it could be looked at as part of a Master Plan for Adare to link in with the Shannon Estuary Way. Councillor Collins advised Members the Adare Community Trust have been researching the ownership as well as the name of the Quay and added there were discussions taking place to rename the Quay, Adare Quay, as it cannot be established where the name Popes Quay originated from. The Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division advised Members the name of the Quay should not be changed as this is a historical name.

This Motion was seconded by Councillor Collins.

**Reply:** The District Engineer is liaising with the Adare Community Trust on this project.

**5. Design and Delivery Services**

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

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery dated 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 giving an update in relation to the footpath from Kildimo Village to the Beer Garden Public House.

Members expressed their disappointment at the reply received from Design and Delivery Department on this matter and requested a representative from the Department attend the next Meeting to discuss the matter further.

## **6. Operations and Maintenance Services**

### **District Engineers Report**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 outlining details of works, projects & future projects planned for the District.

Following discussion, the following issues were raised in relation to the Report:

- Councillor Sheahan advised public lighting or reflective path verges are needed for the Slí na Sláinte in Askeaton.
- Councillor O'Donoghue raise concerns in relation to reduced car park spaces due to new road markings in Rylands, Ballingarry.
- Councillor O'Donoghue also raise the issue of signage and road markings on the road coming from Knockaderry to Ballingarry.
- In relation to the Parking in Adare, Councillor Keary noted a parking survey had previously been carried out in Adare.
- Councillor O'Brien requested works on the L1241, which are due to be out mid-September, should be carried out as soon as possible.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division noted and agreed to consider all Members comments. He also advised in relation to the parking in Adare, the new parking survey had broken down the village into eight parking zones and the survey had been carried out to establish how many parking spaces were available in each zone and also what time of the day these spaces were being occupied. The new parking survey to be made available for the next Meeting.

It was agreed to take Item 14 on the Agenda next.

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

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

**I will move at the next Meeting that the Adare-Rathkeale area approves of traffic calming measures on Main Street, Pallaskenry.**

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O'Brien advised there is a heavy volume of traffic on Main Street, Pallaskenry due to two schools and one college in the village, therefore, the traffic count needs to be carried out during school times.

This Motion was seconded by Councillor Keary.

**Reply:** The Municipal District will carry out a traffic survey in this area to determine if further traffic calming measures are required.

## **7. Housing Development Directorate**

### **Housing Progress Report**

Circulated, report of the Director of Service, Housing Development Directorate, dated August, 2019 giving details of the number of casual vacancies/void houses and houses requiring major refurbishment within the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District.

This report was noted by Members.

Councillor Sheahan requested a copy of the proposed draft design for lands purchased by Limerick City & County Council at Church Street, Askeaton be available for the next Meeting. He also suggested a horseshoe scheme similar to Foynes be considered when designing. Councillor Keary requested a representative from Housing attend the next Meeting to deliver an updated progress report to Member.

## **8. The 2026 Ryder Cup, Adare**

Councillor Sheahan proposed a letter be issued from all Members to congratulate JP McManus and his team on securing the Ryder Cup for Adare in 2026 as well as the Pro Am in 2020. He also indicated to ask if there is anything the Elected Members can do to help they should be contacted and will assist in whatever way they can.

This was seconded by Councillor Collins.

Councillor Sheahan also proposed a letter be issued from all Members to congratulate Sinead Flanagan on winning the Rose of Tralee 2019 and to wish her every success for the future.

This was also seconded by Councillor Collins.

**QUESTIONS**

**9. Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey**

**I will ask at the next Meeting, following on from the Districts Meeting with the Adare Community Trust, what is the update in relation to the parking extension.**

**Reply:** Limerick City and County Council are carrying out a baseline survey of parking practices in the village.

**10. Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey**

**I will ask at the next Meeting for a comprehensive update on the current position of the Adare Bypass.**

**Reply:** We are currently working on the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, Drawings and Schedules for the Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass) and aiming to have this documentation submitted to An Bord Pleanála in October 2019.

**11. Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey**

**I will ask at the next Meeting to know are the legal cases surrounding the recording through the Councils CCTV deemed legal and are the cameras currently recording 24 hours a day.**

**Reply:** The CCTV cameras are recording 24 hours/day. The Smart CCTV project Wave 1 is in transition (test) status. The project will be maintained in this status until any recommendations in relation to GDPR that will come from the Data Protection Commissioner audit are fully implemented and until any technical issues including issues that may arise from Wave 2 of the project are ironed out.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Pallaskenry community for their hospitality.

This concluded the Meeting.

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

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