

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, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2020 AT 9.00 A.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Collins, Keary, O'Brien 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), A/Director, Capital Investment Directorate (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Project Manager, Design and Delivery (Mr. B. Lynch), Executive Architect, Design and Delivery (Ms. C. Reidy), A/Senior Executive Planner, Strategic and Forward Planning (Ms. K. Burke), A/Senior Planner, Planning and Environmental Services (Mr. S. Duclot), Executive Planner, Planning and Environmental Services (Ms. M. O'Malley), Director, Housing Development (Ms. A. Duke), Executive Planner, Housing Development (Ms. S. Newell), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

At the outset of the Meeting, it was agreed Item 3 would be taken first followed by Item 2.

3. Economic Development Directorate

(a) Adare Local Area Plan 2015 – 2021

Circulated, report of the A/Director of Services, Economic Development Directorate dated 3rd February, 2020 to consider to resolve to extend the life of the Adare Local Area Plan 2015 – 2021.

Following discussion all Members were in agreement the Adare and Askeaton Local Area Plans be extended. Councillor Collins requested new Local Area Plan for Adare be adopted within 4 years.

Proposed by Councillor Collins;
Seconded by Councillor Sheahan;
And Resolved:

“To extend the life of the Adare Local Area Plan 2015 – 2021 by a further 5 years from today’s date, in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Amended)”.

(b) Askeaton Local Area Plan 2015 – 2021

Circulated, report of the A/Director of Services, Economic Development Directorate dated 3rd February, 2020 to consider to resolve to extend the life of the Askeaton Local Area Plan 2015 – 2021.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan;
Seconded by Councillor Collins;
And Resolved:

“To extend the life of the Askeaton Local Area Plan 2015 – 2021 by a further 5 years from today’s date, in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (Amended).

2. Capital Investment Directorate

Part 8 Procedure – Deerpark and Rathkeale Road, Adare, Co. Limerick

Circulated, report of A/Director of Services, Capital Investment Directorate dated 28th January, 2020 for the construction of 31 residential units and 8 plots for affordable housing at Deerpark and Rathkeale Road, Adare, Co. Limerick. The report has been prepared in accordance with Section 179(3) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Following discussion, Members expressed concern in relation to the disposal of the 8 affordable sites and requested a draft list of conditions be provided on how the sale of these sites will be progressed. They have also requested safeguards be put in place for any potential subcontractors that may be engaged to work on the project prior to the contract being awarded. The A/Director, Capital Investment Directorate advised Members the Housing Development Directorate were currently engaging with the O’Cualann housing body to assist in developing the sites and also will endeavour to do everything possible to safeguard subcontractors who work on the proposed scheme. Councillor Collins advised she was happy to proceed with the proposal on condition that one of the proposed three bedroom properties be converted to a four bedroom property.

Proposed by Councillor Collins;
Seconded by Councillor Sheahan;
And Resolved;

“That the Part 8 report, as circulated, be adopted in accordance with Section 179 (4) (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)”.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 14th January, 2020.

Proposed by Councillor Teskey;

Seconded by Councillor Keary;

And Resolved:

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

4. Disposal of Land

Circulated, report of the Head of Property Services, dated 20th January, 2020 setting out proposal to dispose of land at Ballinveala, Crecora, Co. Limerick comprising of a derelict property on site which extends to 0.578 acres to Mr. Richard Quinn.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

Discussion ensued in relation to lands required for a Machinery Yard in Croom. The Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division advised Members he was looking at an overall strategy for depots, one in Croom town centre and also one in Askeaton. Members enquired if Shannon Properties could be approached in relation to a partnership or selling a portion of the land to the Council. The Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division informed Members he has been in discussions with Shannon Properties, who have made the decision to go into partnership with another body and will have to wait to speak with the new partners in relation to taking a site.

5. Housing Development Directorate

Housing Progress Report

Circulated, report of the Director of Service, Housing Development, dated 31st January, 2020 giving details of the number of casual vacancies/void houses and houses requiring major refurbishment within the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District.

The Director, Housing Development gave a presentation to Members on the 5 Year Plan in relation to the housing demand in the Adare-Rathkale District and informed Members Housing Development are calling on people who are looking for sites to be developed or property owners who are looking to downsize to make contact with them to discuss. Discussion ensued in relation to the derelict site in Ballywilliam, Rathkeale and Members requested costings be provided to bring this estate to completion. Members were informed that when the dereliction process is complete the Council can then look at options for the estate. Councillor Teskey requested a process be put in place for Councillors to make representations in relation to Housing queries. The Director, Housing

Development agreed to examine this request and revert to the elected Members in due course.

6. Operations and Maintenance Services

District Engineers Report

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 11th February, 2020 outlining details of works, projects and future projects planned for the District.

Following discussion, the following issues were raised by Members:

- Councillor Teskey stated lighting is needed in Castlematrix as it is extremely dangerous. The Senior Executive Engineer advised footpaths are required, subject to funding and driver feedback signs and public lighting would also be considered, if funding becomes available.
- Councillor Keary requested an update in relation to works at Rylands estate in Ballingarry. The Senior Executive Engineer advised kerb widening has been completed. Further works including a raised junction, resurfacing from Rylands to the Grotto and road markings to indicate a one way system are proposed to be undertaken as part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

The Senior Executive Engineer informed Members the first draft of the Adare-Rathkeale 5 Year Plan has been completed and a workshop to discuss the plan will be convened before the March Monthly District Meeting. It was agreed by Members the workshop would take place on 3rd March, 2020.

7. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

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

- €1,170 for signage at Ballyvoureen, Kildimo.
- €2,500 for Pallaskenry Community Council for the Pallaskenry Community Development Association.
- €2,000 for Ringmoylan Pier security gate.

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

- €4,000 for Askeaton Tennis Club.
- €1,500 for Dernish Avenue Residents Association, Foynes.

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

- €5,000 for Croom Park.
- €2,000 for Ballyneety Community Development Association.
- €2,000 for Croom United.
- €1,000 for Scouts Den, Croom.
- €3,000 for Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club.

QUESTION

8. Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will ask at the next Meeting what involvement does the Local Authority have in relation to the overseeing of the reflective green bollards at junctions and how often is there a survey carried out in relation to same being in existence.

REPLY: When missing bollards are brought to the attention of LCCC, LCCC replace them as soon as possible.
 If they are situated on National Roads, LCCC inform the TII, who in turn notify their maintenance contractor.
 There are green bollards missing at the main junction with Rathkeale on the N21, this was notified to the TII last week.
 If there are any other junctions that the Councillor is aware of that these bollards are missing we will rectify as soon as possible.
 Note: Our Engineers and Senior Supervisors are constantly checking regulatory signage for replacement/improvement and we have a funding allocation for same.
 Please let us know as soon as possible of any issues and we will rectify them as soon as possible.

NOTICE OF MOTION

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will move at the next Meeting that this District work in conjunction with relevant partners to restore/fix or replace the two lights at Colaiste na Trócaire, Rathkeale.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Teskey requested the lights be fixed or replaced in the interest of students and the public's safety. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Sheahan.

REPLY: The public lighting section will assess the current lighting levels at Colasite na Trócaire Rathkeale and arrange to meet on site with Councillor A. Teskey.

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will move at the next Meeting that this District requests a full break down and analysis of how the calculated cost of €70,000 was spent on the recent so called Limerick brand. How was this funded and where exactly did the monies come from to support same.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Teskey advised that while he was supportive of Limerick as a brand he had an issue with the money spent on the branding being allocated to a London based company instead of local enterprise and also the Limerick College of Art & Design. The Director, National and Regional Shared Services informed Members that the Limerick College of Art & Design had been consulted and involved in the creation of the design. Councillor Sheahan agreed to second this Motion provided the term “so called” was removed. Councillor Teskey was in agreement.

REPLY: In May 2018, Limerick City and County Council sought to develop and deliver a compelling and coherent brand identity for Limerick to enhance the competitiveness and attractiveness of the region.

The purpose of developing a competitive brand identity is to support the development of Limerick as a vibrant economic and visitor destination, as well as a unifying stimulus for all City and County stakeholders. It will communicate Limerick as a contemporary international location to live, work, invest, study and visit.

The tender to design and create a new Brand identity for Limerick was awarded to M&C Saatchi following a competitive process. A sum of €70,000 was allocated to the project and noted in the tender.

The actual spend for the creation of the new Limerick Brand identity came in at €73,968.68 when VAT is included.

The spend was budgeted for in the 2018 Marketing and Communications revenue code and allocated accordingly.

11. Correspondence

Correspondence, as circulated, was noted by Members.

12. A.O.B

Councillor Sheahan advised on missing signage at Ballysteen and asked for an update on the matter. The Senior Executive Engineer informed Councillor Sheahan replacement signage will be erected.

Councillor Keary proposed a submission be made to An Bord Pleanala on the Limerick – Foynes Road Scheme to include the construction of a pumped sewerage main to Bunlicky, Mungret incorporating the towns of Foynes, Askeaton and Shanagolden. This was seconded by Councillor Sheahan.

All Members and Council Executives congratulated and paid tribute to Councillor Richard O’Donoghue on his recently success in the General Election and wished him well in his new role.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated:
