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COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 2020.

Question submitted by Councillor Sharon Benson

I will ask at the next Meeting how many applications for the Bin Waiver Scheme were awarded across the City and County prior to the closing date for the 2020 Scheme.

REPLY:

There were 2,598, approved applications for the 2020 Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme up to closing date of January 31st 2020.

Gordon Daly

Director of Services

Community Development Directorate

3rd March 2020

COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 2020.

Question submitted by Councillor D. Mc Sweeney

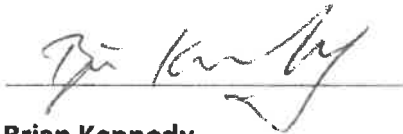
I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the progress being made in securing funding to complete Phase Two of Patrickswell Village Renewal Scheme.

Reply:

Extensive works have been undertaken in upgrading the public realm of Patrickswell in recent years utilising a combination of Hinterland Scheme, Town and Village Renewal Scheme, Development Contribution Scheme funding, and the Council's own revenue resources, totalling more than €777,000.

The total allocation received from the Town and Village Renewal Scheme was recouped under Phase 1 of the scheme, along with all the other sources outlined above.

The Council will continue its efforts to source substantial external funding for Phase 2 of the scheme, which cannot proceed until such time as the funding is identified and secured.



**Brian Kennedy,
Director of Service,
Physical Development Directorate,
17th June, 2020.**

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

Council Meeting to be held on Friday, 26th June, 2020

Question submitted by Councillor J. Costelloe

I will ask at the next Meeting what plans has Limerick City and County Council to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the murders of Michael O'Callaghan and George Clancy, Limerick's two murdered Mayors in 1921.

REPLY:

The programme for centenaries is agreed in association with the cross-party Elected Members group on an annual basis.

The programme is determined by the historic events pertaining to the given year, the level of demand for events and the budget available.

The programme for 2021 will be considered and agreed before the end of 2020.

**Damien Brady,
Limerick City and County Librarian.**

15th June, 2020.



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FULL MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 2020 AT 3PM AT LIMERICK RACECOURSE, PATRICKSWELL, CO. LIMERICK.

Question submitted by Councillor S. Keary

I will ask at the next Meeting for the following information in relation to the Great Southern Greenway Upgrade:

- a) When was the design for this project finalised.
- b) Why did work proceed to tender stage without consultation with the Elected Members as was agreed at the November Workshop in Newcastle West.
- c) Who prepared the Tender Documents.
- d) The names of the Contractors who tendered for the project.
- e) The value of the tenders submitted by all Contractors - not in relative order.
- f) The cost associated with the construction of an additional 800 metres of Greenway to divert away from the farm building on the Greenway at Coolybrown, Ardagh, which was granted planning permission by this Authority (1) Land procurement cost, (2) Greenway construction cost.
- g) Did this farm building receive grant-aid from the Department of Agriculture.
- h) Was there a requirement to apply for planning permission to construct this 800 metres additional section of trail.
- i) What design features are included in this project towards accommodating people with special needs who wish to use the Greenway.

REPLY

- (a) When was the design for this project finalised.

19th Nov 2019

- (b) Why did work proceed to tender stage without consultation with the Elected Members as was agreed at the November Workshop in Newcastle West.

The purpose of the workshop of 20th November was to brief the elected members on the final design. At the workshop the elected members were advised that the project was then proceeding to tender stage.

(c) Who prepared the Tender Documents.

Fehily Timoney Consulting Engineers

(d) The names of the Contractors who tendered for the project.

- *John Sisk & Sons (Holdings) Ltd*
- *Martin Cussen Construction*
- *MEIC Ltd*
- *Niaron Ltd*
- *Noel O' Regan & Sons Plant Hire*
- *P&D Lydon Plant Hire Ltd*
- *Roadbridge*
- *Shareridge Ltd.*

(e) The value of the tenders submitted by all Contractors - not in relative order.

- *€4,253,795.11*
- *€4,471,768.78*
- *€4,670,000*
- *€4,909,864.96*
- *€5,054,987.30*
- *€5,396,918.76*

NOTE: Only Six valid tenders. (Figures exclude VAT)

(f) The cost associated with the construction of an additional 800 metres of Greenway to divert away from the farm building on the Greenway at Coolybrown, Ardagh, which was granted planning permission by this Authority (1) Land procurement cost, (2) Greenway construction cost.

- 1.** *No cost*
- 2.** *Limerick City and County Council are carrying out this work by direct labour. The estimated cost is €120,000.*

(g) Did this farm building receive grant-aid from the Department of Agriculture.
Limerick City and County Council do not hold any records in relation to funding of this nature from the Department of Agriculture.

(h) Was there a requirement to apply for planning permission to construct this 800 metres additional section of trail.

The proposed works do not require Part 8 Planning consent.

(i) What design features are included in this project towards accommodating people with special needs who wish to use the Greenway.

A phased approach has been taken to the upgrade work on the greenway. Phase 1 improvement works will focus on the surfacing, farm crossings, drainage, gates and other ancillary works. Phase 2 and 3 works are currently being designed and will focus on access point upgrades, and cattle underpasses respectively. The following considerations have been

incorporated into the phase 1 improvement works to accommodate users with special needs.

- **Surfacing:** The existing gravel surfacing is in poor condition with local surface irregularities, standing water and low levels of grip in certain locations, it is not suitable for all users. A smooth open graded asphalt surfacing has been included in the phase 1 upgrade works for the greenway. This will provide a smooth level and consistent surface, which can be more easily maintained, will have improved drainage, and will provide a more consistent level of skid resistance. Surface irregularities and unevenness in the existing surfacing will be smoothed out before the new surfacing is applied. The installation of the new surfacing will be to a very high standard and in line with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland guidance on flexible pavement. This type of surface is a major part of the works and was selected with universal accessibility in mind.
- **Greenway Width:** The existing greenway width varies with some narrow sections with width as low as 1.8m, which is below the passing width recommended for wheelchair users. Under the phase 1 works the greenway will be widened to 3.0m. The 3.0m width is in line with the national guidance on cycleways and is in excess of the minimum clear passing width recommended by the Irish Wheelchair Association. The 3.0m width will increase the space available for all users, and allow sufficient space for all users to pass comfortably.
- **Greenway Gradients:** The overall gradient along the cycle route is an important design consideration. Steep uphill gradients can cause difficulties for many greenway users, while steep downhill gradients can generate high downhill speeds for cyclists increasing the potential to conflict with other users who may be struggling to climb the steep gradient in the opposite direction. In areas where the current greenway exceeds the national standards for gradients, works will be carried out to reduce the gradients, bringing them into line with the applicable standard.
- **Cross Fall:** The cross fall on the new greenway surface has been designed with a 2% gradient to prevent surface water pooling and improve drainage. Higher cross fall gradients are not recommended for wheelchair users. The 2% gradient has been selected to balance the drainage and universal access requirements.
- **Gates:** Several of the existing gates at public road junctions or private entrance crossings on the greenway do not allow for universal access. These gates are to be replaced. The proposed chicane gate arrangement is in line with national guidance and will provide for universal access for all users. The gates will have a permanently open section with a minimum clear width of 1.2m. The two leaves of the chicane gates have been spaced 5m apart, these will act as a speed control feature for cyclists while the 5m will still provide sufficient room for special needs users to navigate easily through them.

- **Farm Crossing Points:** A number of the existing farm crossing, have cattle grids, gates, or surface deterioration which makes access for users with special needs difficult. These will be upgraded, all greenway users will be able to traverse the farm crossings unobstructed. A textured concrete surfacing will be installed in some of these locations where considered appropriate to provide an additional level of grip, provide a more easily cleaned surface and prevent future surface deterioration from farm vehicles. The interface between the new asphalt surface and the concrete farm crossing will be flush finished so that there is no obstruction for users on the greenway. Some farm crossing points will receive further upgrade works by the installation of a cattle underpass during later phases.
- **Access Points:** Under the phase 1 works the following considerations have been included. At public road junctions colour contrast surfacing will be provided to demark the approaches to public roads. The approach to public roads junctions, bridge structures, farm crossings and private entrances will be excavated so that the new surfacing can be finished flush with the existing public road or bridge structures to remove obstructions or potential trip hazards which would otherwise be created by the level difference. Gates at road junctions, private entrances and trailheads will be upgrade as described above to improve accessibility of all users. Further upgrades to access points will be incorporated in later phases. One of the key considerations in the purchase of the Ardagh Stationhouse site has been to enable the Council in the near future provide level access to the Greenway from the village of Ardagh.

Gordon Daly
Director of Services
Community Development Directorate

23rd June, 2020

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COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 2020

Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting for a detailed breakdown of €175,000 allocated to meet Traveller needs during COVID-19 pandemic; has this money been spent and, if not, what are the plans for the rest of this funding.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council spent €175,000 during the recent pandemic to support members of the Travelling Community through the purchase of mobile homes, the provision of chemical toilets, the provision of signage in Traveller Specific Accommodation, preparing an area in Rathkeale in conjunction with the HSE to provide an isolation area in Rathkeale, if required, and the rehousing of families from Traveller Specific Accommodation to generic housing as requested by families.

Patricia Phillips,
Administrative Officer,
Housing Support Services Department.

24th June, 2020.

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE, 2020

Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the Council's allocations for Traveller-specific accommodation; how much of this funding has been spent in 2020 and what are the plans for expenditure for 2020.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council to date have currently spent over €770K in 2020 on Traveller Accommodation Capital Projects. There are currently four Traveller Capital Projects in progress at this time, which will be completed in the coming months. There are also plans for further Traveller Accommodation Capital Projects to commence in the last quarter of 2020.

Patricia Phillips,
Administrative Officer,
Housing Support Services Department.

24th June, 2020.



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Question submitted by Councillor B. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting if Limerick City and County Council will immediately establish a Working Group of all relevant stakeholders to design, deliver and roll out a marketing strategy advertising Limerick City and County as a Safe Destination for visitors.

REPLY:

As Ireland starts to open up for domestic travel, we need to make sure that residents of Limerick and the rest of Ireland look at Limerick with new eyes and discover all it has to offer, not just as a weekend visit but as a longer holiday destination.

Fáilte Ireland will drive the case for domestic tourism overall, highlighting safety and urging people to leave behind their lockdown mentality. Limerick City & County Council has been briefed and is fully on board with embracing this safety message.

To align with this, the council will run its own domestic marketing campaign to push the case for Limerick and showcase that the city and county is brimming with things to do to ensure the most memorable of holidays in Ireland.

A campaign strategy, creative concept and platform has already been identified and the campaign is set to be launched over the coming weeks.

Limerick City and County Council is a member of Fáilte Ireland's Gateway Steering Group which is an industry led forum set up to capitalise on Limerick's position on the Wild Atlantic Way. As part of the campaign Limerick City and County Council have been engaging with this forum and also local hotels and attractions to profile them as part of the campaign.

Gordon Daly
Director of Services
Community Development Directorate
24th June, 2020