

**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, 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2020 AT 9.00 A.M.**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Collins, Keary, 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), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Meeting following the deferral of previous Meetings due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020.

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.

Members expressed concern in relation to the GDPR guidelines involved in the use of CCTV camera's in the County. Discussion ensued and it was agreed Mihai Bilauca, A/Head of Digital Strategy would be invited to attend the July Monthly Meeting to address all Members concerns.

Following new conditions for Local Improvement Scheme applicants, Councillor O'Brien queried if the current list of applicants was available for viewing by the Elected Members. The Senior Executive Engineer informed Councillor O'Brien the list could be accessed through Tom Hernon, Central Services, HQ to ascertain how many schemes are proposed for completion in 2021.

Councillor Collins requested an update regarding training with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for Elected Members which had been requested at the March Monthly Meeting. The Senior Executive Engineer advised due to the Covid 19 restrictions TII were not in a position to offer any training up until now, however, virtual training may be an option going forward. It was agreed the Senior Executive Engineer would make contact with the TII representative and revert to Members in due course.

## **2. Operations and Maintenance Services**

### **District Engineers Report**

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

Following discussion, the following issues were raised by Members:

- Councillor Teskey raised the issue of the incomplete works on the pedestrian crossing outside the Rathkeale Area Office. The Senior Executive Engineer advised Councillor Teskey the works would be complete as soon as possible.
- Councillor Keary queried the one way system planned for the bridge in the town of Askeaton. Councillor Keary felt the one way system would generate more traffic onto the N69 and traffic lights would be more beneficial due to the low volume of traffic through the town. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to look at all suggestions for the proposed one way system and revert to Members in due course.
- Councillor Teskey raised the issue of the condition of the riverbank walkway in Adare. The Senior Executive Engineer informed Councillor Teskey that this matter was under the control of Carmel Lynch, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services.
- Councillor Collins asked if a yellow box could be installed outside the Adare Manor entrance on the N21. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to consider this request.
- Councillor Keary requested an update on representations made in relation to the walls which are collapsing across from the Mall in Ballingarry. The Senior Executive Engineer advised he is aware of this issue and it will be dealt with in due course.
- Councillor O'Brien queried if contact was made with residents in the Glenameade, Kildimo area following a recent oil spill on the N69. Councillor O'Brien advised some residents in that area have fresh water wells and asked the

Environment Department make contact with them due to the possibility of potential oil pollution to their water supply. The Senior Executive Engineer informed Councillor O'Brien a report from Environment would be requested for the next Meeting.

### **3. Schedule of Municipal District Works for Adare-Rathkeale**

Circulated, report of the Director of Services, dated 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 outlining the Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMWD).

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

"That, the Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District, as circulated, be adopted".

### **4. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)**

Circulated, GMA nominations secured by email since March, 2020.

#### **Councillor Collins**

Abha Bhan Parish Park	€2,000
Manor Fields Recreational Facility	€5,000
Tom Madigan Community Field	€3,000

#### **Councillor Keary**

Gerald Griffins GAA Club	€2,000
Ballingarry Community Park	€2,000
Abha Bhan Parish Park Ltd	€2,000

#### **Councillor O'Brien**

Kilcornan National School	€2,500
Pallaskenry National School	€2,500
Kildimo National School	€2,500
Killuragh Burial Ground	€4,000
Ballysteen Carnegie Library	€3,000

#### **Councillor O'Donoghue**

Ballingarry Town Park	€1,000
Ballingarry Development Association	€1,000

### **Councillor Teskey**

Coolcappagh Community Hall                      €3,000

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

“That, the GMA nominations secured by email since March, 2020, as circulated, be agreed”.

On the proposal of Councillor O’Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Teskey, it was agreed to allocate the following:

- €2,000 for Banogue GAA walkway.
- €3,000 for Ballysteen Carnegie Library.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Teskey, it was agreed to allocate €2,000 to Abha Bhan Parish Park Ltd.

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

- €3,000 to Ballysteen Carnegie Library.
- €5,000 to Pallakenry GAA Club.

Councillor Sheahan advised the GMA monies which have been proposed for Ballysteen Carnegie Library will not be enough to cover the cost of the works due to be carried out as the committees loan application was refused. On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor O’Brien it was agreed to cover the additional cost using GMA monies in 2021.

### **5.     A.O.B**

Councillor Collins raised the issue of a full time street cleaner needed for Adare Village following the retirement of the previous street cleaner. Councillor Collins informed Members the Adare Tidy Towns were doing voluntary work to keep the village clean, however, a full time street cleaner is required. The Senior Executive Engineer advised the previous street cleaner was not based in Adare full time and he was not in a position to have a full time street cleaner in Adare, however, he agreed the roads crew would give as good a service as possible.

Councillor Teskey proposed a letter be sent from the District to the Bank of Ireland asking what the current status for the reopening schedule of all branches in the District. This was seconded by Councillor Sheahan and agreed.

Councillor Keary advised he has serious reservations about the condition of some parts of the Great Southern Greenway and would like an update on where the monies committed to the project are being spent.

This concluded the Meeting.

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

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