

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, 7TH JULY, 2020 AT 9.00 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor A. Teskey, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Collins, Keary, O'Brien, O'Donoghue and Sheahan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, National and Regional Shared Services (Ms. C. Curley), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division (Mr. J. O'Keeffe), Administrative Officer, Planning and Environmental Services (Ms. K. White), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

APOLOGIES:

Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division (Mr. A. Finn)

At the outset of the Meeting, Councillor Sheahan advised Members that at the June Municipal District Meeting he had proposed Members would consider providing a Crib for the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District office at Christmas, from the annual GMA allocation, and as there was no seconder at the time he was now asking if his proposal would be seconded. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (a)** Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 9th June, 2020.

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 9th June, 2020.

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”.

2. Operations and Maintenance Services

District Engineers Report

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 7th July, 2020 outlining details of works, projects and future projects planned for the District.

Following discussion, the following issues were raised by Members:

- Councillor Keary requested an update in relation to the proposed drainage works in Castlematrix and also requested a timeframe for the carrying out of these works. The Executive Engineer advised Councillor Keary discussions were ongoing with the landowner in relation to two proposed options. The Grant in relation to these works has to be drawn down by 1st December, 2020 and he advised it is hoped to carry out the proposed works before the end of July, 2020.
- Councillor Keary advised in relation to the upgrade works at Main Street in Croom that the whole road system needs to be thought out before works go ahead due to HGV movement in the town. The Executive Engineer informed Members that Development Fund monies have been approved for upgrade to Main Street in Croom and that the works will not change the HGV movement at the junction.
- Councillor O’Brien raised the issue of a Government policy regarding reclaimed land on the Rivers Deel and Maigne. Councillor O’Brien agreed to word a Motion on this matter for the next full Council Meeting.
- The Executive Engineer informed Members the Development Funding budget is €70,000 not €60,000 as advised in the last Meeting and would be distributed as follows: Carpark Croom €30,000, Footpath Slí na Slainte Rathkeale €20,000 and Footpath Shanagolden €20,000. Members agreed to this distribution.

It was agreed Item 4 and Item 5 on the Agenda would be taken next.

4. Planning and Environment Department

Oil Spill on the N69

Circulated, report of the Executive Engineer, Planning and Environmental Services Department dated 26th June, 2020 outlining details of the recent oil spill on the N69.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

5. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

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

- €20,000 for the Dunraven fountain in Adare.
- €10,197 for Slí na Slainte, Croagh.
- €500 for Rathkeale tidy towns.

On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor Collins, it was agreed to allocate €1,100 for signage and road maintenance.

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

- €3,000 to Ballysteen Carnegie Library.
- €2,000 to Banogue GAA community field.
- €2,000 to Castlerovers FC.

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

- €500 to Limerick frontline workers c/o Rathkeale Community Council.
- €1,000 to Rathkeale tidy towns.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Teskey, it was agreed to allocate €4,000 to Askeaton GAA club.

It was agreed Item 3 on the Agenda would be taken next.

3. Digital Services

The A/Head of Digital Services, Mr. M. Bilauca, attended the Meeting via teleconference call.

Members expressed concern and frustration at the poor quality of CCTV footage and camera operational issues in the Adare-Rathkeale District following discussion with Gardaí.

Discussion ensued and it was agreed the A/Head of Digital Services would prepare a report outlining the working condition of each of the CCTV cameras in the District and also would include a map showing the locations of these cameras. The report will be presented to Members at the September Municipal District Meeting.

It was agreed Item 7 and 8 on the Agenda would be taken next.

NOTICES OF MOTION

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan

I will move at the next Meeting to call on my colleagues of the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District to ask the Executive of Limerick City and County Council to prepare a plan similar to a regeneration plan for the oldest part of Askeaton town.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Sheahan advised there are a network of small narrow streets in the town and would like to see a structural plan put in place to restore and develop the oldest part of the town.

This Motion was seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

Reply: Limerick City and County Council are committed to working with the elected members and the local community on the regeneration of Askeaton and harnessing the potential of this historic town. The regeneration plan requested will be achieved through the following:

1. The council will commence preparation of a public realm plan for Askeaton in 2020. The plan will identify the needs and opportunities for public spaces and streetscap enhancement. It will be used as a key tool to guide and prompt future public and private investment in the town.
2. The Council have submitted a successful application under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) for dealing with dereliction in 5 towns in County Limerick. Askeaton is one of the selected towns. This will enable the Council build on existing progress in tackling dereliction including in the oldest part of the town.

The above priorities have also been identified as part of an Askeaton Community Survey/Plan completed this year funded by Limerick City and County Council.

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will move at the next Meeting that the Local Authority upgrade, resurface and renew boundary fencing etc along the river bank by the Slí na Sláinte walk in Rathkeale as part of the recent investment into the Greenway.

This Motion was seconded by Councillor Sheahan.

Reply: The proposed upgrade works to the Slí na Sláinte in Rathkeale do not form part of the current contract for enhancement of the Great Southern

Greenway. This project will be considered for a funding application under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) which is currently open.

Councillor Teskey expressed his disappointment at the reply from the Director of Services. Discussion ensued and it was agreed a workshop would be convened to discuss the matter further. It was further agreed that costings would be put together for the upgrade work with a view to the Members making a contribution under GMA.

It was agreed Item 6 on the Agenda would be taken next.

6. Question submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan

I will ask at the next Meeting that the relevant staff in Headquarters attend the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District Meeting of the 7th of July, 2020 to discuss the deliberate pollution of the River Deel with domestic waste.

Councillor Sheahan informed the Administrative Officer, Planning and Environmental Services there is raw sewerage going into the River Deel and is disappointed with the lack of response from Irish Water in relation to the problem. The Administrative Officer, Planning and Environmental Services agreed to follow up on this matter. Discussion ensued in relation to illegal dumping in the District and the Administrative Officer advised Members the Environmental team are actively following up on all dumping cases if the sources of the dumping can be identified.

9. A.O.B

Councillor Sheahan proposed Members discuss the option of setting a new date for future Municipal District Monthly Meetings. Members and the Executive to discuss and revert with a suitable date for all involved.

The Meetings Administrator informed Members of a date for a workshop in relation to the burial ground strategy would need to be agreed. Members requested this workshop along with the workshop for the Great Southern Greenway be convened for Thursday 16th July, 2020 at 9.00 a.m. subject to the availability of Gordon Daly, Director of Service.

Councillor Teskey proposed a Civic Reception be held in September or October for Emmett McNamara to honour his success in the Epsom Derby on the 4th July, 2020. This was seconded by Councillor Collins and agreed.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____