

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK ON TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 2020 AT 9.30 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), Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division (Mr. A. Finn), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach reminded all in attendance that due to current Covid 19 guidelines the Monthly Meeting would be concluded in one hour fifty five minutes.

Councillor O'Brien extended his congratulations to the Kildimo/Pallaskenry hurling team for their recent County title achievement.

Councillor Collins also extended her congratulations to the Adare Senior football team for their County title achievement.

Councillor Sheahan proposed a Civic Reception be held to honour Jack Brennan, Askeaton, for his achievement in the minor international show jumping competition. This was seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 8th September, 2020.

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

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

2. Planning and Environmental Services

Taking in Charge of Estates – Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Planner, Planning and Environmental Services dated 6th October, 2020 requesting approval for the taking in charge of Marine Cove, Foynes.

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

“That Marine Cove, Foynes be taken in charge in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.”

3. Operations and Maintenance Services

District Engineers Report

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 13th October, 2020 outlining details of works, projects and future projects planned for the District.

Following discussion the following issues were raised by Members:

- Councillor Sheahan requested a yellow box be installed outside the Catholic and Church of Ireland churches in Askeaton to facilitate the parking of a hearse during funerals in the town. The Senior Executive Engineer advised a yellow box would not be appropriate, however, a designated parking space for a hearse could be marked out at both locations.
- Councillor Keary queried if the amount of funding provided with the taking in charge of Marine Cove, Foynes will cover the cost of the culvert works required. The Senior Executive Engineer advised the funding of €270,000 received will not cover the full cost of the works and further funding had been secured from the climate change fund to complete the project.
- Discussion ensued in relation to the contactless water font due to be installed in front of the Adare Heritage Centre. Members queried the cost of the unit, if there would be a maintenance contract and if units would also be installed in all the villages in the District. The Senior Executive Engineer advised that Sinead McDonnell, Urban and Rural Community Development was responsible for the distribution of the water fonts. The units cost €4,000 per unit, the maintenance contract for the unit is with Ecofil and one water font provision was made available in each District. Other locations would be considered if more units become available.

- Councillor Sheahan asked the Senior Executive Engineer if he could recommend a location for a memorial which a group of people in Askeaton plan to erect in memory of a Franciscan bishop and priest who were executed in Kilmallock but brought back to the Askeaton Friary for burial. The Senior Executive Engineer advised Councillor Sheahan this matter be brought to the attention of the public realm consultant.
- Councillors Keary and Teskey raised the issue of the condition of the road on the N21 near Coolanoran filling station. The Senior Executive Engineer advised the Mid West Road Design Office are working on a Road Safety Design for this area and that Emergency Repairs would be carried out in the interim .
- Councillor O'Donoghue queried the timeframe for provision of the new carpark in Croom. The Senior Executive Engineer advised the works will commence if funding from the Town and Village Renewal Scheme is successful.
- Councillor Sheahan raised the issue of tarmac eroding around the manhole cover located across from the Church in Askeaton. The Senior Executive Engineer advised he would examine and revert in due course.
- Councillor O'Brien requested clarification regarding the old water fountain located beside the Catholic Church in Adare, which is due to be taken down and rebuilt. The Senior Executive Engineer advised Members the Executive Architect, Urban and Rural Community Development is currently managing this project. Discussion ensued and it was agreed a report outlining details of the restoration of the fountain would be available within the District Engineers Report for the November Meeting.

4. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

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

- €1,000 – The Irish Palatine Museum.
- €2,000 – Rathkeale Riverside Walkway.
- €1,000 – Rathkeale Steering Committee.

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

- €1,000 – Lime kiln restoration, Loughill.
- €1,000 – Askeaton/Ballysteen GAA Club.

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

- €1,500 – Kilcornan Burial Ground.
- €4,000 – Footpath repairs in Pallaskenry.
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On the proposal of Councillor O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, it was agreed to allocate the following:

- €3,000 – Manor Fields, Adare.
- €1,000 – Granagh National School Parents Association.
- €1,000 – Croom GAA Club.

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

- €1,000 – Rathkeale Steering Committee.
- €1,500 – Rathkeale Community Council Community Shop.
- €1,500 – Rathkeale Community Council Welcome Centre Tourist Office.
- €2,500 – Coolcappagh Community Development.
- €2,000 – Rathkeale Riverside Walkway.
- €4,000 – Foynes Aviation Museum.

QUESTIONS

5. Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update for the lights numbered 7, 8 and 9 as to when they will be fixed in St. Mary's Park, Rathkeale.

Reply: The above mentioned lights were found to have no ESB power supply. The public lighting section was required to apply for a new supply. The application & payments have been processed and we are waiting on the ESB to provide the new power supply on site. As soon as the new power supply is provided, the Council's public lighting maintenance contractor will make these lights operational.

6. Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will ask at the next Meeting for a comprehensive reply to the flooding issue I identified at Marine Cove in Foynes.

Reply: An inspection took place of the boundary between this property and the Council owned lands to the rear of this property. There is a large cattle grid that captures storm water directly above the property. There is a

bund with a fence on it extending over the lower half of the boundary, this bund and fence is no longer in existence on the upper half. There is evidence of recent garden terracing on the slope of the rear of the property and it appears that this terracing undermined the boundary. There is also evidence of pedestrian movement between the property and the roadway above. Limerick City and County Council will reinstate the bunding at the rear boundary of the property to stop the ingress of water from the upper roadway. The property owner is cautioned to not undertake any further works that might undermine this bund in the future.

NOTICES OF MOTION

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will move at the next Meeting that this District request the executive to explore the option of acquiring a suitable site to establish a state of the art fire training centre within the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Teskey stated the proposal to build a new fire training centre in Kilmallock Business Park had been openly rejected by the elected Members of the Cappamore-Kilmallock District. Councillor Teskey felt the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District should now be allowed to explore locations within it's District to facilitate the new centre. Discussion ensued and Councillor Teskey called for a Special Meeting to be held and a presentation given to Members by the Chief Fire Officer. The Director reminded Members due to current Covid 19 restrictions Meetings must be kept to a minimum.

This Motion was seconded by Councillor O'Brien and agreed.

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will move at the next Meeting that this District lobby TII in relation to upgrading and instating the necessary lay-by turning lanes at Blossom Hill Cross, Rathkeale for road safety reasons.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Teskey stated the installation of the turning lane for Killaheen was very successful and called on the Senior Executive Engineer to look at the possibility of installing something similar at Blossom Hill Cross, Rathkeale.

This Motion was seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan

I will move at the next Meeting that this committee would invite both Ministers for State, Deputy Collins and Deputy O'Donovan, to attend a Special Meeting to discuss and promote the policy to have a new sewerage scheme built in Askeaton.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Sheahan called on a Special Meeting to facilitate a time and date that would suit the Deputies. Councillor O'Donoghue requested Deputy Richard O'Donovan would also be invited.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue and agreed.

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan

I will move at the next Meeting that this committee would discuss the details of the erection of a Christmas crib in the lobby of our office in Rathkeale.

In proposing the Motion Councillor Sheahan requested the Meetings Administrator draft costings for a crib together with installation costs which Members would contribute towards from the General Municipal Allocation (GMA).

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

11. A.O.B

The Cathaoirleach advised that the deferred Meeting of the Joint Policing Subcommittee could go ahead virtually if Members were in agreement. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to defer the Meeting until February, 2021.

The Meetings Administrator advised Members a date must be decided for the Burial Ground Strategy Workshop. Members agreed to revert when a suitable date has been agreed.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated:
