

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST

MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER, 2020

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that that a delivery bay be provided along Lower Bridge Street, Newcastle West.

REPLY:

There is a loading bay at Bridge St. Newcastle West along with disc parking spaces and a disabled parking space.

A loading bay can only be used by a commercially insured vehicle while in the process of loading or unloading. There are also other loading bays in the vicinity of Bridge St. at Upper and Lower Maiden St., the Square and South Quay.

The Council are satisfied that no further loading bays are required along Lower Bridge Street, Newcastle West.

**Gerard O'Connor,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Municipal District of Newcastle West
30th October, 2020**

MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST TO BE HELD ON Wednesday,
4th November 2020.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J Scanlon

I will move at the next Meeting that our Authority work with the appropriate approved housing bodies to secure delivery of renewable derelict sites in order to improve the level of housing delivery within this Municipal District.

REPLY:

The property and community facilities department who manage actions taken in relation to derelict sites do not work directly with Approved Housing Bodies. The Housing Development Directorate liaise directly with Approved Housing Bodies regarding the acquisition of houses that are vacant and generally in need of some level of refurbishment works.

Subject to the normal assessment criteria such as housing need, appropriate balance of housing in the area, purchase price and cost of works, etc. Limerick City and County Council work with the Approved Housing Body to support a funding application to the Department of Housing to allow the project to proceed.

Aoife Duke,

Director of Services,

Housing Development Directorate



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council take in charge the Rays estate,
Mountcollins, Co. Limerick.

REPLY:

The process for the taking in charge of this estate will be commenced. This will
involve obtaining reports from our Roads, Water Services and Parks Sections
including a schedule of works required in order to have this estate completed to a
taking in charge standard. The completion of these works will be dependent on
available funding.

Signed: Stephane Duclot,
A/Senior Planner, Planning and Environmental Services
28th October, 2020

MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST TO BE HELD ON Wednesday,
4th November 2020.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that a discussion be held in relation to heating systems recently installed in our housing stock

REPLY:

- A) The heating system used in New Build units is an air to water heat pump. Combined with full fill cavities and floor insulation, it is considered to be an effective economic solution to heating costs.

In relation to refurb, where possible a heat pump will be installed, however, this will only occur where floors are being removed and a cavity exists. This is to allow the installation of correct levels of insulation. In other refurb units, the existing gas system is being upgraded to a combi boiler.

- B) The ongoing energy efficiency upgrade programme has seen the introduction of air source type heat pumps used to provide heating in 70 homes in areas where piped natural gas is not available. These heating systems do not use traditional fossil fuels to run and so are much more environmentally friendly. They use the same principle as the domestic fridge in reverse, extracting energy from the air and using this energy, with compressed refrigerant gas, to generate heat inside the home. Even if the air outside is very cold, heat pumps can still be effective. Proof of this is the fact that 20% of Swedish homes are heated by heat pumps. The systems work best with highly insulated homes where heat loss is minimised. When combined with electricity producing photovoltaic solar panels, the cost of running an air source heat pump is further reduced.

There are two types of air source heating deployed on this project. Air to air heat pumps provide space heating only and are more suited to smaller homes, typically less than 100m². Air to water heat pumps provide both space and hot water and are suitable for larger homes. Both systems incorporate an external fan and compressor unit, which is usually placed at the rear of the property and looks like an air conditioning unit.

The heat pumps provided on this project are sourced from Mitsubishi Electric who are a global market leading environmental technologies manufacturer. The efficiency of heat pumps varies between 300% and 400% as opposed to conventional heating systems, which operate at 75% to 92% efficiency. This means significant savings can be made on fuel bills.

Full training on the use of the new systems will be provided to all residents during testing and commission of the systems. In addition full maintenance back up will be provided by Operations & Maintenance staff and their supporting contractors

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