

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK ON TUESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 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), Senior Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services (Mr. H. McGrath), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division (Mr. A. Finn), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 13th October, 2020.

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

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

- (b) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Budgetary Plan 2021 Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 21st October, 2020.

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

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

Following the adoption of the Minutes the following items were discussed by Members.

Councillor O'Brien advised Members of the upcoming 100th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and proposed the Chairman of the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District liaise with the Mayor to commemorate this event. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Sheahan and agreed.

Councillor Sheahan proposed a representative of Irish Water be in attendance for the December Adare Rathkeale District meeting to discuss the provision of a sewerage scheme for Askeaton town. This was seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

Members requested an update for the December District meeting in relation to the IDA lands in Askeaton, Co. Limerick. Councillor Keary proposed the site be declared a derelict site and a compulsory purchase order placed on it to ensure future development of the site goes ahead. This was seconded by Councillor Sheahan and agreed.

2. Operations and Maintenance Services

Local Improvement Scheme Grant

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Hugh McGrath, Senior Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services to the Meeting.

The Senior Engineer updated Members on the new qualifying criteria for the Local Improvement Scheme Grant which are set out by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Discussion ensued following this update and the below items were raised by Members:

- Councillor O'Brien proposed that "whatever money pledged by the State for Local Improvement Schemes, Limerick City and County Council match this money to expedite the list of applicants currently waiting to avail of this scheme". This was seconded by Councillor Sheahan and agreed.
- Councillor Keary proposed that any private road done under the LIS scheme be taken in charge by Limerick City and County Council and maintained on an annual basis. The Senior Engineer advised as per Department guidelines a private road cannot be taken in charge under this scheme. However, there is a provision under legislation which allows for landowners to apply for the road to be resurfaced when required.
- Members called on a workshop for Full Council to discuss the LIS scheme further. This was agreed by the Senior Engineer.

3. Operations and Maintenance Services

District Engineers Report

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 10th November, 2020 outlining details of works, projects and future projects planned for the District.

Following discussion the following issues were raised by Members:

- Councillor Keary asked if the Senior Executive Engineer consulted with members of the public prior to meeting with the Gardaí in relation on the installation of double yellow lines in the town of Rathkeale. The Senior Executive Engineer advised a public consultation process is not required. Drawings of the proposed changes were requested by Members for the December District Meeting.
- Councillor O'Brien queried why a contactless water fountain is being installed at the Adare Heritage Centre so close to the water fountain beside the Catholic Church which is due to be renovated. The Senior Executive Engineer advised the water for the contactless water fountain would be coming from the Heritage Centres potable water system. The water from the fountain beside the Church while initially potable would be recycled water through the fountain and therefore would not be potable.
- Members requested an update in relation to Adare Heritage Centre for the December District Meeting.

4. Sale of Council Lands in Pallaskenry

It was agreed Item 10, Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan would be taken in conjunction with this item.

Circulated, report of the Executive Architect, Urban and Rural Community Development dated 9th November, 2020 giving an update in relation to the sale of Council lands in Pallaskenry.

Councillor O'Brien expressed his disappointment that the site which Pallaskenry Development Association have earmarked for a proposed all-weather training pitch is now the site which the Council require for housing development. Discussion ensued and Councillor Sheahan proposed that the map, as presented, be revised to show the original plot of ground being returned to the Pallaskenry Development Association to give the community what they had requested. This was seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

Councillor Keary proposed a Special Meeting be convened to discuss the Pallaskenry matter further with members from the Property, Housing and Environment sections in attendance. This was seconded by Councillor O'Brien and agreed. Cllr O'Brien also requested that the meeting be held in the Salesian Secondary College concert hall in Pallaskenry.

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that lands and funding have been provided for the walkway/eco park and works should proceed for this aspect of the project at the present time. Members were in agreement these works should commence, however,

Councillor O'Brien noted that the Special Meeting should also go ahead as he wanted the people of Pallaskenry to be kept informed on the matter.

5. Corporate Policy Group

Members were requested to nominate a representative from the District to the Corporate Policy Group.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Teskey it was agreed Councillor O'Brien be elected as the representative from the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District to the Corporate Policy Group.

6. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

On the proposal of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue, it was agreed to allocate €800 for the Rathkeale Steering Committee .

On the proposal of Councillor Teksey, seconded by Councillor Keary, it was agreed to allocate €1,500 for lights at Coláiste na Trócaire, Rathkeale.

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

- €2,000 for Croom United Soccer Club.
- €1,000 for Rathkeale Steering Committee.

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

- €1,500 for Shanagolden Community Council.
- €1,000 for Croagh National School.
- €1,000 for Pallaskenry National School.

Councillor Sheahan requested the costing for the proposed Christmas crib for the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District office. The Meetings Administrator advised Members the crib would cost €2,000. Councillor Sheahan informed Members that he would contribute the full €2,000 from his 2020 GMA allocation if other Members did not have GMA funding available.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Teskey, it was agreed to allocate €2,000 for Christmas Crib in the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District Office.

QUESTIONS

7. Question submitted by Councillor J. O'Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on property marking machines as mentioned at the last JPC Meeting and in the local press.

REPLY: James O'Neill from the Property Marking Programme has advised there is no further update at this time.

8. Question submitted by Councillor J. O'Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the progress on traffic calming in Banogue Village, Fedamore Village and the L1419 from the roundabout at the N20 towards Ballingarry.

REPLY: In relation to traffic calming in Banogue Village, the MWRDO have received TII Approval for the preferred tenderer and are currently in the process of awarding the contract.

In relation to traffic calming in Fedamore Village, an application has been made for a Low Cost Safety Scheme in Fedamore. This incorporates raised tables and driver feedback signs.

In relation to the L1419, a speed survey will be carried out on this road in the coming weeks and, should the survey prove a warrant, traffic calming designs will be considered.

13. Correspondence

Correspondence, as circulated, was noted by Members.

Consideration of Amendment to Standing Order

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting Members were asked to consider the circulated amendment to Standing Orders to allow for online meetings, if required in future.

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

“To amend Standing Orders to allow for remote meetings in light of Local Government Circular LG 07-2020 ‘Guidelines for Supplementary Standing Orders regulating the proceedings in relation to remote meetings of the Council’ and ‘S.I. No. 445/2020 – ‘Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 (Section 29) (Local Authorities) (Designation) Order 2020”.

Meeting Adjournment

As the time had reached 11.25 a.m., i.e. one hour and fifty-five minutes since the start of the Meeting, the Elected Members agreed to adjourn the Meeting having regard for Covid 19 guidelines on the duration of Meetings.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated:
