

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK ON TUESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 2020 AT 10.15 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), Director, Housing Development (Ms. A. Duke), A/Senior Executive Planner, Housing Development (Ms. S. Newell) , Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

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

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 10th November, 2020.

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

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

2. Housing Development Directorate

The Cathaoirleach welcomed The Director, Housing Development and the Acting Senior Executive Planner, Housing Development to the Meeting.

The Director, Housing Development gave a presentation to Members in relation to housing demand in the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District. Following the presentation discussion ensued in relation to bringing derelict buildings back into use in the District and the Director assured Members that Limerick City and County Council are actively pursuing the matter at the present time.

3. Community Development Directorate

Adare Heritage Centre

Circulated, report of the Director of Services, Community Development Directorate dated 27th November, 2020 giving an update on the Adare Heritage Centre.

Discussion ensued in relation to an overall master plan for Adare to include for provision of additional parking in the village following which Councillor Teskey proposed the footpath from the village to Murphy's cross be extended. This was seconded by Councillor Keary and agreed. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to seek funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland for the provision of a footpath at this location.

4. Operations and Maintenance Services

District Engineers Report

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 9th December, 2020 outlining details of works, projects and future projects planned for the District.

Following discussion the following issues were raised by Members:

- Councillor Teskey requested a hard copy of the proposed Traffic Management Plan for Rathkeale. Councillor Keary requested a power point presentation on the proposed plan also be provided. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to provide both for the next Municipal District Meeting.
- Councillor Teskey requested the public car park in Rathkeale be upgraded due to the reduction of parking spaces proposed in the Traffic Management Plan for the town and also requested an upgrade to signage in the town to advised road users of same. The Senior Executive Engineer advised these requests are not included in the proposed plan for the town at the present time as funding has not been provided, however, he agreed road lining to indicate parking could be looked at.
- Councillor Teskey proposed the Council enter into negotiations with the owners of the old filling station in the square in Rathkeale with a view to purchasing the property for a nominal fee with the Council in turn providing additional car parking spaces on this site. This was seconded by Councillor Keary and agreed.
- Councillor Teskey proposed the Council write to Irish Water to request taking ownership of the lands by the riverside walk in Rathkeale with a view to providing a playground adjacent to the Greenway. This was seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue and agreed.

- Councillor Keary raised the issue of the loss of vital car parking spaces outside The Old Stand Bar & Restaurant as a result of the low cost safety works carried out in Shanagolden. The Senior Executive Engineer advised he had met with the owners of The Old Stand and agreed to do what can be done to maximise parking in that area.
- Councillor Sheahan requested the Environment Department nominate a member of staff to attend the January District Meeting to discuss illegal dumping of waste in private properties in Askeaton town.
- Councillor Sheahan also request a report from the Environmental Department on the protocol used to remove stray horses in the District.

5. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

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

- €5,500 for Coolcappagh Drainage Works.
- €440 for Rathkeale Riverside Walkway.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, it was agreed to allocate €2,500 to Pallaskenry Community Council for the Pallaskenry Community Development Association.

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QUESTION

6. Question submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on when Reilig Mhuire Burial Ground in Askeaton is going to be extended.

Reply: We are currently in the process of completing tender documentation for the new extension to Reilig Mhuire Burial Ground in Askeaton. Subject to the successful appointment of a contractor, the works should be completed by the middle of 2021.

NOTICES OF MOTION

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will move at the next Meeting for a new post and rail fence to be erected in St. Mary's Park, Rathkeale.

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

Reply: An inspection will be undertaken on this fence and required repairs will be costed.

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan

I will move at the next Meeting to call on Limerick City and County Council to provide a fully equipped modern library in Askeaton.

This Motion was proposed by Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

Reply: All options for an enhanced library service in Askeaton will be considered in the context of the draft Library Development Plan which will be brought before the elected members for consideration in Spring 2021.

11. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

Meeting Adjournment

As the time had reached 12.10 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.

The Cathaoirleach wished all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____