

**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST
TO BE HELD ON 13th January, 2021**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Liam Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council call on the Minister for Housing to include derelict houses in the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme.

REPLY:

The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan is a Government backed mortgage scheme for first-time buyers available nationwide from local authorities. A Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan scheme provides up to 90% of the market value of the property. The maximum market value of the property that can be purchased or self-built, is €250,000 in Limerick.

One of key criteria of the Local Authority Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans Credit Policy 2018 made under the Housing (Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 25 of 2018), is that the property must, “be in good condition and have good marketable title”.

Where the property is sourced by the applicant on the open market, “Certificates of compliance with planning and building regulations are required on completion for all properties mortgaged and must be provided by suitably qualified architects, engineers or building surveyors. The form of compliance shall be those approved by the Royal Irish Architects Ireland (R.I.A.I), Engineers Ireland (E.I.) or the Society of Chartered Surveyors (S.C.S.)”.

The Motion is timely given the pressures on Home Loan applicants. It raises issues around Policy on Government backed Home Loan Schemes. The Motion warrants further in-depth discussion and, in this regard, and with the Members approval, it is recommended that it be referred to the Housing SPC.

**Aoife Duke, Director of Service, Housing Development
11th December, 2020**

**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST TO BE HELD ON Wednesday
the 13th of January**

Notice of Motion Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council support Corran Deel Voluntary Housing in their quest to buy lands and build 8-10 houses that are so badly needed not alone in Feenagh/Kilmeedy but in most villages

REPLY:

The Housing Development Directorate are positively working with Corran Deel Voluntary Housing at present to support a Capital Acquisition Scheme application in Feenagh prior to a formal application to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. An assessment involving demand and house type mix is currently being investigated with Corran Deel Voluntary Housing Association and the proposed scheme may be phased depending on the outcome of the assessment. This will be determined in the coming weeks.

Aoife Duke,
Director of Services,
Housing Development Directorate

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MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY, 2021

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor F. Foley

I will move at the next Meeting that funding be sought to narrow the wide footpath on Convent Road Abbeyfeale in the interest of safety.

REPLY:

This request has been forwarded to Design and Delivery for consideration under the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan.

**Gerard O'Connor,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Municipal District of Newcastle West
7th January, 2021.**

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST
MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY, 2021

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor F. Foley

I will move at the next Meeting that road works be carried out on the Knocknagorna Road where the bridge was repaired.

REPLY:

As an interim measure, tar patching will be carried out on this roadway.

Also the roadway will be considered for inclusion in the 2021 Roadworks Programme.

**Gerard O'Connor,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Municipal District of Newcastle West
7th January, 2021.**

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that a footpath extension be provided on the left hand side of the road along the R520 from Kerry Co-Op to the speed limit sign.

REPLY:

The provision of a footpath, drainage, public lighting and river embankment protection would involve significant expenditure and would also involve land acquisition at the above location.

An updated cost estimate based on the requirement for a detailed design along with a retaining wall with stone facing could incur expenditure in the region of €300,000 to complete the requested works.

Also this request would be subject to land acquisition and a source of funding needs to be identified for provision of this footpath over a distance of 500m serving 7 houses.

Liaison with Inland Fisheries Ireland and the OPW is also necessary due to the close proximity of the River Arra to the Regional Road R520.

Part 8 Planning is also required due to the extent of the works involved.

**Gerard O'Connor,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Municipal District of Newcastle West
7th January, 2021.**

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
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MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY, 2021

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that pedestrian crossings be provided at the North & Liscarroll Roads along the R522 at Dromcollogher in the interest of safety locally.

REPLY:

There has been a number of requests for Pedestrian Crossings throughout the Newcastle West Municipal District recently, namely Abbeyfeale Soccer Club, Sheehan's Road Newcastle West and now 2 for Dromcollogher.

With respect to Dromcollogher, a number of Pedestrian Crossings are identified as part of the Dromcollogher Draft Public Realm Plan.

The location of these proposed pedestrian crossings is an integral part of the Draft Plan which is likely to go to Public Consultation during 2021.

Construction of Pedestrian Crossings at this stage is premature pending an agreed Public Realm Plan.

In the interim, a source of funding needs to be identified for any proposed justified pedestrian crossings.

In addition, suitable locations needs to be assessed as expenditure is dependent on the amount of associated civil works required.

**Gerard O'Connor,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Municipal District of Newcastle West
25th January, 2021.**