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Adare Rathkeale Municipal District

District Engineer's Report



Rathkeale River Walk Works

Adare Rathkeale Municipal District Meeting

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1. Councillor Requested Reports

1.1 Ballydoole Drainage

Discussions have been held with the OPW in relation to this issue. We have been advised that maintenance works will take place in this area in the Summer months. We will advise the members of any details as we receive them.

Drainage/Embankments at Ballysteen have also been reported as a problem, we await identification of the area of concern, after which we will investigate further.

1.2 Footpath from Murphy's Cross to Manor Fields, Adare

Reply from MWRDO:

We will review the proposed footpath design that was developed for the N21 Adare Western Approach Scheme and see how the footpath will tie in with the existing road makeup.

One of the main constraints in advancing footpath works is the lack of existing drainage along the scheme and suitable outfalls to alleviate surface water runoff. For instance, there is a low point on the alignment just west of Carrabawn House B&B where surface water ponding is an ongoing issue and the area office have to clean out a soakaway on a regular basis to alleviate the issue.

1.3 Ballyneety Village

Reply from Metropolitan District:

The status of the works is as follows;

Footpath with associated drainage was installed from The Stroller pub to the speed limits on the Caherconlish Road. New road pavement was completed two weeks ago.

We are waiting on one public light to be installed outside the funeral home and road markings, all other works along this stretch are complete.

The footpath works on the R512 are complete. This links the existing footpath outside Bellewood estate to the Garda Station. A new drainage network was installed to cater for surface water runoff. New road pavement was completed last week.

Road markings will follow.

1.4 Kildimo Footpath to the Beergarden

Works being provided as part of the pavement improvement scheme:

We will be able to provide a 1.2m footpath from the existing footpath at the speed limit sign to the agricultural entrance, with a pinch point of 900mm at the existing lighting column. The proposed works will Not involve changes to the existing stone wall, fencing or lighting column at the back of the verge, which can be assessed as part of the overall plan for a footpath from Kildimo village to the Beer Garden.

2. Update on Schedule of MD Works

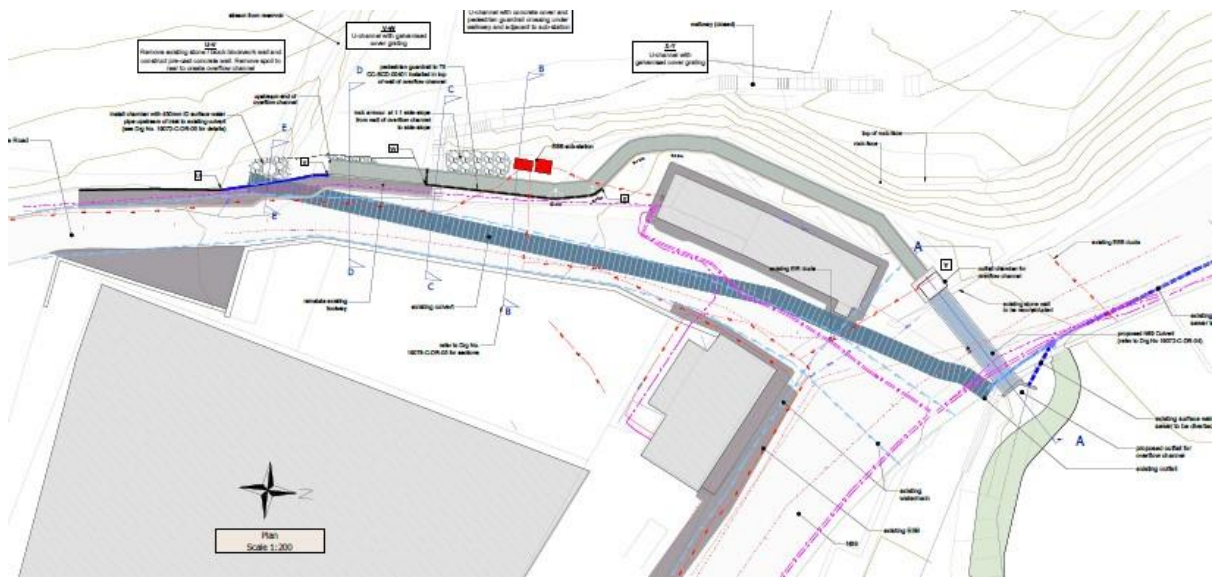
The Schedule of Municipal Works for 2021 is presented for your approval.

3 Village Updates

3.1 Foynes

Marine Cove Culvert

This project is currently advertised for Part 8 Planning Permission, it is anticipated that the Chief Executive’s report on same will be presented for your approval in the April MD Meeting.



Community Consultation

Discussions have been held with the Community Council in relation to requirements/aspirations for the village, these include improvements to footpaths, additional pedestrian crossings, improvements to the viewing area amongst other issues. The Community Council plan to do some landscape improvements to the viewing area, LCCC Parks Department have carried out improvements to the Recycling Area.

3.2 Croom

Croom Traffic Management Project

The works on the Main Street, High Street Junction are now complete, works are now also complete at the Main Street Pedestrian Crossing. An application for funding of the Main Street Carpark under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme was successful and works will commence there in the coming weeks. The Roundabout at the Garda Station was completed last week.



Croom Distributor Road

The Croom Distributor road is now open for access to the Coláiste Chiarán School. Works are continuing on the link to the Hospital Road. A temporary safe walking route has been placed along the old N20 from the Distributor road to the Village. Funding has been secured under Active travel for a permanent footpath link. Survey works in advance of this project have commenced.

Active Travel Projects

Further to the footpath link to the school referenced above, the footpath link to the GAA pitch will be completed as well as addressing the gap in the footpath to Towerfields.

Croom Future Development

A new Local Area Plan for Croom was agreed in 2020. Extensive Consultation has also been held with Croom community representatives, topics discussed included Town Centre Renewal, Parking, Proposed Extension to the Enterprise Centre and possible Public Realm Study. Improvements to public lighting in the Park and painting of the bridge parapets are currently being investigated.

3.3 Adare

Footpath Works along the N20

Options to complete the footpath from Manor Fields to Murphy's Cross are currently being explored (see Councillor Requested Reports).

Pope's Quay

Solicitors for Limerick City and County Council are currently finalising negotiations with the Dunraven Estate to secure ownership of the lands required for this development. LCCC will seek to incorporate this project into the proposed CFRAMS works in Adare.

Adare Fountain

Discussions are currently underway with the preferred tenderer for this project.

Adare Park

Update from Parks Department:

The park is receiving a major overhaul in terms of maintenance, pruning of shrubs, removal of some beds and planting new areas. We are also including flowers for the Park, tulips planted last November, roses also being planted in two areas that will mirror each other. We are looking at methods of creating a new archway of roses which can be used for wedding photographs.

We have identified and will be creating a natural play area for young children on the LHS. New seating will be installed beside the gazebo. The pavements at the entrance have also been powerwashed.

We have commenced site clearance works for the Sensory Garden down at the end of the park. Further clearance works will be carried out once the site dries up.

Adare Community Involvement

Numerous meetings have been held with community representatives in Adare. This forum has been very effective in identifying and prioritising works.

3.4 Rathkeale

Traffic Management

Drawings have been prepared for proposed extensions to lining for traffic management purposes along the Main Street. A powerpoint presentation was presented to the February meeting to go through these changes in detail. As requested, paper copies of this presentation have been distributed to the members.

Rathkeale Inner Relief Road

An application was made to the Department of Transport for funding to develop the proposed inner relief road through the Mart Site. This application was not successful. The project will be further reviewed with Physical Development Section.

Active Travel and TVRS Footpath links

Works have commenced on footpath links on the Riverside Walkway and from the Library to Coláiste na Trócaire. Active Travel funds will also be used to complete the Slí na Sláinte route along the Castlematrix Road



Rathkeale Riverside Walk Works

3.5 Ballingarry

The Mall TVR Project

Michael Healy and Partners Consultants have selected a preferred tenderer for the construction of this project, this will commence shortly.

Road and Footpath Reconstruction Rylanes to the Grotto

Footpaths and resurfacing works were completed last year. A raised table junction at Rylands was completed last week.

Active Travel Funding

Active Travel funding will be used to complete footpath links to the playground on the Upper and Lower roads, as well as addressing structural stability issues on the adjoining graveyard wall. Footpath improvements will also be carried out on the Bruff Approach road.

3.6 Askeaton

Askeaton Town Centre TVR Project

A Consultant has been appointed to conduct a Public Realm Study in Askeaton. The results from this study will determine the Town Centre Improvement works in the town. Initial meetings have been held with this consultant, with a further meeting held on site just before Christmas.

A Tender process for the appointment of Consultants to Design and Construct the Undergrounding of Services in Prominent areas of the town as well as enhancing Public Lighting was undertaken during the month of January and a Consultant has been appointed. Preliminary Design is expected within a month, after which Ministerial Consent will be required for Archaeology. It is expected that Construction works will be carried out in the summer months.

Askeaton Riverside Looped Walk

An application will be made this year under ORIS to fund the River Walk extension to the Slí na Sláinte and to loop this to existing footpaths on the Quay.

Active Travel Project

The Active Travel Grant will be used to widen and improve the footpath link between Twohigs and the Soccer Club.

3.7 Shanagolden

Shanagolden Low Cost Safety Works

This project is now largely complete, meetings are currently being held with Bus Eireann to establish the best location for the Bus Stop.

3.8 Fedamore

LCCC has made an application for traffic calming funding in the village of Fedamore under the Low Cost Safety Scheme. This was unsuccessful.

3.9 Pallaskenry

Active Travel funding was received to extend the footpath past the GAA pitch to the proposed Eco Park.

3.10 Kildimo

Active Travel

Active Travel funding was received to extend the footpath from the GAA Pitch to Old Kildimo and connect the houses to the west of Old Kildimo.

Road Improvements

Road Improvement works, managed by MWRDO, currently underway between Kildimo and Boolane Bends

3.11 Banogue

Traffic Management works, managed by MWRDO, currently under construction.

4 GMA Updates

Cllr Bridie Collins	€45,000
Nominations 2021	
Rathkeale Welcome Centre	400
Ballyneety Christmas Lights	400
Shannon Dragons	3,000
Ballysteen Library	3,000
Christmas Crib in the Adare-Rathkeale MD Office	300
TOTAL	€7,100

Cllr Stephen Keary	€45,000
Nominations 2021	
Public Lighting in Coolcappagh Village	2,000
Christmas Crib in the Adare-Rathkeale MD Office	300
TOTAL	€2,300

Cllr Emmett O'Brien	€45,000
Nominations 2021	
Kildimo/Pallaskenry GAA Club.	7,000
Christmas Crib in the Adare-Rathkeale MD Office	300
TOTAL	€7,300

Cllr John O'Donoghue	€45,000
Nominations 2021	
Christmas Crib in the Adare-Rathkeale MD Office	300
TOTAL	€300

Cllr Kevin Sheahan	€45,000
Nominations 2021	
Paddy Cronin Researcher and Author	4,000
Christmas Crib in the Adare-Rathkeale MD Office	500
TOTAL	€4,500

Cllr Adam Teskey	€45,000
Nominations 2021	
Rathkeale Soccer Club	5,000
Deel Boat Club	3,000
Knockfierna Heritage Centre	2,000
Limerick Celtics Basketball Club	1,000
Ballyhahill Development Association	3,500
Public Lighting in Rathkeale	2,000
Rathkeale Church of Ireland roof repairs	1,000
Loughill Burial Ground Committee	5,000
Kildimo/Pallaskenry GAA Club	1,000
Christmas Crib in the Adare-Rathkeale MD Office	300
TOTAL	€23,800