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Limerick City and County Council,  
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Limerick City and County Council  
Municipal District of Newcastle West  
Meeting to be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021

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**Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin:**

I will ask at the next Meeting for (a) a detailed report on the 12 remaining houses at Cois na Feile, Abbeyfeale (b) a detailed update on each of the vacant houses in Abbeyfeale to include address, how long vacant and expected occupancy date (c) how many applicants are on the waiting list with any preference for Abbeyfeale (d) how many are on HAP

**Reply:**

- (a) The properties at 1-10 Cois na Feile, Abbeyfeale have been compulsorily acquired under the Derelict Act, 1990. The properties will vest into the name of Limerick City and County Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. Properties 11 and 12 Cois na Feile, Abbeyfeale are at the preliminary stages of being purchased by Limerick City and County Council.
- (b) The following is a list of vacant properties illustrating how long they have been vacant and the expected occupancy date. Please note that specific addresses of vacant properties cannot be provided based on security and insurance considerations along with privacy concerns and social intervention of subsequent tenants.

LCCC Stock in Abbeyfeale	Type	Level of Works	Update	Expected Completion	Vacant Since
Unit 1	4 bed	Category 4	Contractor delayed due to Covid-19	Early March	02/01/2017
Unit 2	3 bed	Category 4	Contractor delayed due to Covid-19	Early March	14/11/2016
Unit 3	3 bed	Category 1	Thermal Upgrade Contractor delayed due to Covid-19. Once completed Housing Maintenance Direct Labour to complete	Early May	13/07/2020
Unit 4	3 bed	Category 1	Assessment/Housing Maintenance Direct Labour	Early May	04/01/2021
Unit 5	3 bed	Category 2	Assessment/Pre tender stage	Early May	25/01/2021
Unit 6	2 bed	Category 1	Assessment/Pre tender stage – units being completed in batches	N/A	29/06/2020
Unit 7	2 bed	Category 3	Assessment/ Pre tender stage – units being completed in batches	N/A	29/04/2019
Unit 8	3 bed	Category 4	Assessment/ Pre tender stage – units being completed in batches	N/A	20/12/2017
Unit 9	5 bed	Not available	Assessment/Funding to be identified	N/A	20/11/2020

- (c) Limerick City and County Council have received 138 applications with a preference for Abbeyfeale.
- (d) There are currently 46 applications signed up to the housing assistance programme with properties in Abbeyfeale.

*Rob Louth*

A/Senior Executive Officer  
Housing Support Services

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**MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin**

I will ask at the next Meeting for a safety audit to be carried out on the bridge entering Athea village on the Abbeyfeale road.

**REPLY:**

A site inspection has carried out as requested. Repairs to the bridge will be progressed along with the erection of signage on the approach road to the bridge on the Athea side.

**Gerard O'Connor,  
Senior Executive Engineer,  
Newcastle West Municipal District,  
19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.**



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**Question submitted by Councillor Liam Galvin**

I will ask at the next Meeting for detailed updates on Wards Cross and Devon Road Cross to include (a) programme of works (b) start date (c) cost of works

**Reply:**

**(i) N21 Ward's Cross**

Since the previous update on the scheme, we have had two meetings with the TII Safety Engineer at which we requested an update on our submitted request for formal TII approval to proceed to preparation of tender documents and the allocation of funding. This has been followed up with emails and phone calls but despite our best efforts we do not have TII approval or funding to proceed.

Completion of the tender process is dependent on the TII approval and the completion of discussions with Irish Water and subsequent design of the necessary water main diversion.

We cannot include the information you requested in items a, b and c as we do not have TII approval to proceed with preparation of tender documents.

**(ii) N21 Devon Cross**

Similar to Ward's Cross, we are endeavouring to secure TII approval of the recommendation to create a staggered junction and for allocation of the necessary funding to allow Barry Transportation to proceed with the detail design process and preparation of tender documents.

As an interim measure, until such time that funding is available to construct the recommended option, funding has been secured to install signage on the R515, approaching the N21, to improve the visibility of the N21/R515 junction and the installation of signs will be undertaken by the area office.

Again, we cannot provide the specific information requested as this scheme has not received funding to proceed with the detailed design process.

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the 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Question Councillor J. Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) how much was spent on refurbishing 22 Cluain Arra, Newcastle West (b) was it part of a bundling works process (c) what standard checks were in place prior to it being handed over to the family that it was allocated to.

**REPLY:**

In relation to 22 Cluain Arra, the contract cost was €33,655 (€38,198). An extra €300 was spent on the rear garden. It was tendered as part of five properties (Tender 4 Lot 1). Prior to handover to housing allocations, D&D complete an inspection of the works carried out. If issues are found, a list of these issues are sent to the contractor who rectifies the items.

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Aoife Duke,

Director of Services,

Housing Development Directorate

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**Question Councillor J. Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting when and if a contract was entered upon for delivery of AHB units at Woodfield through Cluid & b) if a valid contract remains in place given the most recent grant of planning.

**REPLY:**

A contract was entered upon between the developer and Cluid for the turnkey acquisition of units at Woodfield in August 2020.

It is Limerick City and County Council's understanding that the contract is pursuant to the delivery of housing under the granted planning application reference 17375 and therefore remains valid. The matter is being reviewed at present in consultation with planning colleagues.

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**Question submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle**

I will ask at the next Meeting that the Council consider speed reduction ramps for the Glebe estate Monagea. The residents have signed a petition with over two thirds looking for a ramp to slow cars down coming into this estate. It is particularly dangerous with the number of small children playing in the estate. Could this be looked at as a priority as it is an accident waiting to happen.

**REPLY:**

A Speed Survey was carried out in this Estate over a one week period at end of October 2020.

The recorded speeds do not justify installation of Traffic Calming in accordance with Limerick City & County Council's Traffic Calming Policy.

While there is a very low number of speed violations, the 85<sup>th</sup> recorded speed is 23km/hr, significantly lower than the 30km/hr speed limit within this estate.

A further speed survey can be arranged to see if this situation has altered.

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I will ask at the next Meeting that the Council consider a speed reduction ramp towards the top of the Woodfield Drive estate, Newcastle West. I have previously drawn attention to this with the residents signing a petition, with over two thirds looking for a ramp to slow cars driving into the estate.

**REPLY:**

A site assessment will be carried out on this location with regard to the need for a speed reduction ramps. Following this, any works required will be in accordance with the Council's Traffic Calming Policy.

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Senior Executive Engineer,  
Newcastle West Municipal District,  
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I will ask at the next Meeting that the Council consider replacing the footpath from Heaphy's Garage on the N21 to the Brothers of Charity Newcastle West as the current footpath is a hazard for walkers.

**REPLY:**

A survey will be carried out on this area and following this, funding will be sought under the TII GeoApp to carry out necessary works.

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Senior Executive Engineer,  
Newcastle West Municipal District,  
19<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.**