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**Limerick** City  
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## **Adare Rathkeale Municipal District**

### **District Engineer's Report**



**Tree Lopping Advance Surface Dressing Works**

## **Adare Rathkeale Municipal District Meeting**

**May 11th 2021**

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## **1. Councillor Requested Reports**

### **1.1 Footpath from Murphy's Cross to Manor Fields, Adare**

Funding application submitted via TII Geo App Portal for this footpath

### **1.2 Local Improvement Schemes- Awaiting Department allocations**

To be eligible, the road on which works are to be carried out must be in private ownership and must meet one of the following criteria.:

- Provide access to parcels of land of which at least two are owned or occupied by different persons, or
- Provide access for harvesting purposes (including turf or seaweed) for two or more persons, or
- Shall, in the opinion of the road authority, be used by the public – definition of such road is a road which may connect two public roads or give access to a beach or commonage, and thus serve the local community.

A Local Contribution of 10% or 15% of the cost of the project (including VAT) is payable by the applicant, i.e. 10% up to and including 5 residences and 15% for 6 or more residences (capped at €1,200 per household).

### **1.3 Community Involvement Schemes- €320,000 Countywide allocation Awaiting details of Schemes in MD.**

Communities/groups Improve public roads on which the Council is not in a position to carry out regular maintenance work.

Generally the roads in question will be low traffic volume minor roads and cul-de-sac roads.

The emphasis of the scheme will primarily be on local communities/groups contributing to the cost of works (min 15%).

### **1.4 Patching Schedule**

1 Full time Velocity Patcher assigned to Adare Rathkeale District rotated between Senior Supervisor Districts

A second velocity patcher currently assigned temporarily to District in preparation for Surface Dressing Season

### **1.5 Ministerial response in relation to Ballydoole**



**Óifig on Aire Stáit**  
Office of the Minister of State

**Our Ref : C/ CE - 2021/218**

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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Dear Aidan,

As a follow up to your correspondence with Mr. Emmet O'Brien in relation to Ballydoole I can confirm that:

OPW has undertaken consistent and regular maintenance works to the Ringmoylan Mellon CDS at Ballydoole over the last number of years. Most recently, OPW carried out significant works to improve flow conveyance, along the main channel (reference: C1, see image below), including vegetation management, channel cleaning and the construction of two new bridges at Ballydoole. OPW are committed to continued maintenance of the channels and infrastructure going forward as part of the OPW Annual Maintenance Programme.



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The 2021 programme of works includes for further works on the drainage channels and infrastructure in the Ballydoole area. Particular works planned for this year include maintenance to the back drain (D2) and inspections of the existing sluice structure once a drop in water levels allow. OPW will also investigate if there is any opportunity to further improve the performance of the scheme through implementation of linkages or disconnects between various polders (or drainage areas).

To note, Ballydoole is north of Pallskenry, is made up of a number of polders drained by the Ringmoylan Mellon CDS. The polders at Ballydoole are in their most part made up of reclaimed lands and Ballydoole is at or below sea level Behind Embankment E2.

It should also be noted that the area is designated a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and bounds a Special Protection Area (SPA). Therefore it is required that any maintenance or construction works proposed in the area comply with all relevant legislation regarding same.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick O'Donovan,  
Minister of State at the Office of Public Works and Flood Relief

## 2. Update on Schedule of MD Works

<b>ADARE RATHKEALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT Road Works Scheme 2021</b>	
<b>Work Category</b>	<b>€</b>
Restoration Improvement (RI) -Road Reconstruction	€1,947,561
Restoration Maintenance (RM) –Surface Dressing	€397,114
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM – Surface Dressing	€283,089
Drainage Grant	€200,000
General Maintenance (GM)	€824,738
General Maintenance Safety (GMS)	€91,637
Tar Patching (TP)	€365,543
Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)	€50,000
General Municipal Allocation (GMA)	€ 270,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	€185,000
N69 Kilcornan Traffic Calming	€100,000
N69 Court Cross	€275,000
M20 Limerick to Cork	€5,000,000
Foynes to Limerick	€2,000,000
Sustainable Travel Measures Grant ( Active Travel)	€1,200,000
<b>Total Defined MD Spending</b>	<b>€ 13,189,682</b>

<b>Regional Roads Road Reconstruction Allocation € 593,261.58</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Status</b>
R518	Ballingarry Main Street Overlay	400	Commenced
R521	Shanagolden N69 Overlay	130	Completed

R512	Ballyneety Overlay	230	Scheduled
R521	Moig Road Edge Stabilising	50	Scheduled
R521	Shanid Lower Edge Stabilising	50	Scheduled

<b>Local Roads Road Reconstruction Allocation € 1,354,300.00</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Status</b>
L1423	Kildimo School to N69 Overlay	215	Scheduled
L6106	Loghill Middle Rd	1074	Partially Completed
L6010	Shanpallas	1100	Scheduled
L8032	Hollywood Road	1450	Partially Completed
L1423	Clorhane	200	Scheduled
L6083	Park	300	Partially complete
L6019	Cragmore Askeaton	1000	Partially complete
L6135	Curraghchase	1430	Partially Completed
L6117	Shanid Gardens Rd	400	Scheduled
L1210	Ballygrennan - Bridge towards Lees X	700	Scheduled
L8002	Attyflin	1000	Scheduled
L1207	Kilfinny to Nevilles	400	Scheduled
L1142	Poulatoon	670	Scheduled
L8014	Monaster Abbey Rd	600	Scheduled
L8003	Creora to Equestrian Centre	800	Scheduled



Regional Roads Surface Dressing Allocation € 255,132.00			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Status
R521	Grouse Lodge towards Kate Daly	2300	Scheduled
R518	Mullins Cross to Dromard	2410	Scheduled
R512	Rockstown to Grange	2250	Scheduled

Local Roads Surface Dressing Allocation € 141,982.13			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Status
L1237	Kilcool to the Thatch	2100	Scheduled
L8034	Tuogh East to Adare/Kildimo Rd Jn	700	Scheduled
L6117	Mountdavid Rd	1451	Scheduled
L8006	Ballyregan	1442	Scheduled
L1410	Manister to Croom	340	Scheduled

Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Local Roads Surface Dressing Allocation € 283,089.25			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Status
L6005	Ballyengland Lower	1540	Scheduled
L1236	Askeaton Ballycullen jn towards Newbridge	410	Scheduled
L8029	Cappagh to Knockdromin Railway	1650	Scheduled
L6176	Cappagh Cross to Reservoir	900	Scheduled

L1222	Thatch to Ardgoul	900	Scheduled
L8003	Ballycahane to Equestrian Centre	2340	Scheduled
L1207	Kilfinny to Nevilles	700	Scheduled
L1410	Manister to Croom	2000	Scheduled
L5086	Ballybricken	1400	Scheduled

<b>Drainage Works</b>			
<b>Allocation € 200,000</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Status</b>
L6110	L6110 Kiltteery	120	Scheduled
L6113	L6113 Knocknabooly West	100	Scheduled
L6110	L6110 Kiltteery	60	Scheduled
L1224	L1224 Dromin - Gullies above Scanlons House	130	Scheduled
L1219	L1219 Curraghdeely		Scheduled
L1409	L1409 - Across L8006 Jn	250	Scheduled
R523	R523 Courtmatrix	200	Substantially Complete
L6035	L6035 Woodstock Road	100	Scheduled
R518	Dromard - 320m of 300mm storm drainage along R518 on southbound lane outfalling to existing drain in field - some works to field drain - Extends along all houses on southbound lane side of road	320	Scheduled
L8017	L8017 Banogue	100	Complete

<b>Bridges</b>			
<b>Allocation € 185,000.00</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Status</b>
L6035	Fortwilliam Ballingarry		Scheduled
L6150	Ballingarry		Scheduled
L12341	Glenbane West		Scheduled

<b>Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes (LCSI)</b>			
<b>Allocation € 50,000.00</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Status</b>
L6070	Kilcolman		Scheduled

<b>Active Travel Measures</b>			
<b>Allocation € 1,200,000</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
	Croom Village Pedestrian Improvement Works		Scheduled
	Rathkeale Pedestrian Improvement Works		Commenced
	Ballingarry Village Pedestrian Improvement Works		Commenced
	Kildimo Pedestrian Connection Works		Tender Stage
	Askeaton Village Pedestrian Improvement Works		Awaiting Contractor
	Pallaskenry Pedestrian Improvement Works		Tender Stage



### 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. The Roundabout at the Garda Station was completed last month.



#### **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 now completed.

#### **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. Tenders received for GAA field footpath with Contractor to be appointed.

#### **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.

### **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**

Contractor on site.

#### **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 paviments 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 substantially completed on footpath links on the Riverside Walkway and on going from the Library to Whites Garage. 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.

## **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 Croom 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**

The River Walk extension to the Slí na Sláinte and to loop this to existing footpaths on the Quay will be progressed under Active Travel Funding.

#### **Active Travel Project**

The Active Travel Grant will be used to widen and improve the footpath link between Twohigs and the Soccer Club. A Contractor has been appointed and is due on site.

### **3.7 Shanagolden**

#### **Shanagolden Low Cost Safety Works**

This project is now largely complete. A turning area for Bus Eireann has been agreed and works will be carried out shortly.

### **3.8 Pallaskenry**

Active Travel funding received for footpath works.

### **3.9 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. Tender documents being prepared.

#### **Road Improvements**

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

### **3.10 Banogue**

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

**4 GMA Updates**

<b>Cllr Bridie Collins</b>	<b>€ 45,000</b>
<b>Nominations 2021</b>	
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
Foynes GAA Club	3,000
Mount Earl Junction, Adare	3,000
Abha Bhan Parish Park, Loughill	4,000
Ballingarry Community Park	3,000
Pallaskenry National School	2,000
Creora/Manister GAA Club	1,000
Adare Park Fence Replacement	6,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 29,100</b>

<b>Cllr Stephen Keary</b>	<b>€ 45,000</b>
<b>Nominations 2021</b>	
Public Lighting in Coolcappagh Village	2,000
Christmas Crib in the Adare-Rathkeale MD Office	300
Creora/Manister GAA Club	4,000
Askeaton Community Council	4,500
Abha Bhan Parish Park	3,000
Foynes Community Council	3,000
Gerald Griffin GAA Club	2,000
Rathkeale Community Council	1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 20,300</b>

<b>ClIr Kevin Sheahan</b>	<b>€45,000</b>
<b>Nominations 2021</b>	
Paddy Cronin Researcher and Author	4,000
Christmas Crib in the Adare-Rathkeale MD Office	500
Reilig Mhuire Burial Ground, Askeaton	1,000
Spiritual Garden of Remembrance, Clonreask	3,000
Askeaton/Ballysteen Tennis Club	4,000
Foynes GAA Club	3,000
Church of Ireland, Askeaton	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 16,500</b>

<b>ClIr Emmett O'Brien</b>	<b>€ 45,000</b>
<b>Nominations 2021</b>	
Kildimo/Pallaskenry GAA Club.	7,000
Christmas Crib in the Adare-Rathkeale MD Office	300
St. Senan's GAA Club	1,000
Pallaskenry National School	2,500
Road Markings, Ringmoylan	1,000
Captain Thomas Keane Memorial Cup	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 12,800</b>

<b>ClIr John O'Donoghue</b>	<b>€ 45,000</b>
<b>Nominations 2021</b>	
Fedamore GAA Club	3,000
Christmas Crib in the Adare-Rathkeale MD Office	300
Ballingarry Community Park Group	1,700
Croom Development Association	10,000
Ballingarry Development Association	2,000
Banogue GAA Club	2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 19,000</b>

<b>Cllr Adam Teskey</b>	<b>€45,000</b>
<b>Nominations 2021</b>	
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
Church of Ireland Rathkeale Roof Repairs	5,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 29,000</b>