

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2021**

**Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin**

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) how many littering fines were issued in the past 12 months for the Newcastle West District (b) how many dog fouling fines were issued in the past 12 months for the Newcastle West District (c) how many Litter Wardens have we in this District (d) how many dog warden have we in this District (e) how many dog licences were issued in this District for 2020 and for 2021 to date (f) what revenue was collected from each of the above for 2020

**REPLY:**

- (a) 12 littering fines were issued in the past 12 months for the Newcastle West District.
- (b) No dog fouling fines were issued in the past 12 months for the Newcastle West District.
- (c) There is 1 Litter Warden for the District.
- (d) There are 2 Dog Wardens for the District.

With regard to items (e) and (f), it is unfortunately not possible to break down the licence numbers and payments by Municipal District. The following are the County wide figures for 2020 and 2021.

2020 – 8424 licences issued and €188,860 income collected.

2021 – 2566 licences issued and €59,480 income collected to date.

The following are the estimated figures for the Newcastle West Municipal District based on population figures.

2020 - 1264 Licences issued and €28,329 income collected.

2021 - 385 licences issued to date and €4,249 income collected to date.

In litter fines, €300 was collected and there was no money collected in dog fouling fines.

**S. O'Doherty,**  
**Administrative Officer,**

**Planning and Environmental Services.**

**30<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.**

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the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2021**

**Question submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle**

I will ask at the next Meeting that this Council does all it can to put resources into reducing waiting time for housing grants applications and to fast track the assessment and approval of grants in emergency situations such as leaking roofs. Essential repairs have to be made priority.

**REPLY:**

As applications for Private housing grants are received, it is considered appropriate for the emergency nature of the works to be highlighted e.g. where it is deemed that the house cannot be lived in or is causing severe concern. We will endeavor to process the application as a priority.

Irrespective of the circumstances, all documentation must be included with the application in order to satisfy Department of Housing audit requirements. Currently Level 5 restrictions mean that inspections have reduced. However, with external inspections, works are progressing on private homes classed as emergency.

As applications are received they are checked and registered on the system. An acknowledgement letter is sent to each applicant.

*Aoife Duke*

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Aoife Duke,  
Director of Services,  
Housing Development Directorate

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**Question submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle**

I will ask at the next Meeting how many litter fines were issued for illegal dumping in the Newcastle West Municipal District in (a) 2018 (b) 2019 (c) 2020

**REPLY:**

- (a) Eight
- (b) Seven
- (c) Sixteen

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**Question submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle**

I will ask at the next Meeting that the Council consider a pedestrian crossing for the school and Hall in Castlemahon. The school has a multi million euro extension for completion by September and there is also a new school/community field being developed. There is excessive speed in this location and it is difficult to cross the road.

**REPLY:**

The completion of a speed survey and a pedestrian count survey will be required at the above location with regard to the provision of a pedestrian crossing. These surveys will be carried out within the next few weeks.

**J. Sheehan,  
Senior Executive Engineer,  
Municipal District of Newcastle West.  
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**Question submitted by Councillor J. Sheahan**

I will ask at the next Meeting when full road restoration from Tinakilla Cross Ballyhahill to Wallace's Cross Tullyleague will take place following the laying of the gas line to Kerry PLC which includes the L6093, L6094, L6095 and the link road L60942 which was decimated by construction traffic.

**REPLY:**

These roadways can be considered under the next Roads Programme.

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**Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting as to what response has come from the Board of Management of S.M.I., Boherbui, Newcastle West as regards resolving the traffic congestion in the school vicinity.

**REPLY:**

A reply has been received from the Board of Management S.M.I., Boherbui, Newcastle West with regard to traffic congestion. The Board has made a number of suggestions including highlighting the need for a pedestrian crossing, a one way traffic flow system and the construction of a drop off area on the Knockane Road. It has been noted that planning and agreement is necessary with regard to the suggestions.

Limerick City and County Council officials will arrange a meeting with the Board of Management.

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**Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting for (a) a copy of the needs assessment undertaken by our Authority to demonstrate the need for the proposed Part 8 Housing Development at The Forge Broadford (b) what consideration if any was given to the compulsory acquisition of the adjacent unfinished development (c) when do we expect commencement of the local community housing units at Nunan's corner in the village.

**REPLY:**

- a) The needs assessment in determining the number and a suitable bed-type mix for the proposed Part 8 at the Forge, Broadford is based on the Approved Housing Waiting List. A breakdown of the approved Housing Waiting List is provided below. The Capital Investment Directorate are phasing the scheme in the event that the unfinished estate adjacent to the Council-owned site should become available in the future. Phase 1 will consist of 11 units (2 No. 1 Bed units, 1 No. 4 Bed unit, 6 No. 2 Bed units, 2 No. 3 Bed units) and Phase 2 will consist of 7 units (5 No. 1 bed units, 2 No. 2 Bed units).

Breakdown for Broadford is:

No. of beds	No. of Applications approved
1 bed	14
2 bed	14
3 bed	4

- b) The Property and Community Facilities Department is aware of the unfinished housing estate. A site inspection has been completed and a Derelict Sites case opened. The site, which is secured, is on the market for sale. Recent contact was made with the agent for the owner who advised that there was no progression in the sales process from any interested parties. The Derelict Sites case will now be progressed.
- c) Limerick City and County Council are awaiting a draft Stage 1 CAS application for Nunan's Corner from the agent acting on behalf of the Approved Housing Body. Once received by Limerick City and County Council it is obliged to review within 2 weeks prior to formally submitting to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for scheme and budget approval. Once a Stage 1 application is received by Limerick City and County Council the timeframe under the CAS programme starts and the CAS timeline to progress through the 4 stages of approvals to commencement on site is 75 weeks, as set down in Circular 18/2019.

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**Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting what progress we have made on the matter of placing reduced speed limit signage within The Paddocks Estate in Newcastle West.

**REPLY:**

This estate is currently in the process of being taken in charge by the Council.

Once the taking in charge process is complete, the installation of 30kph signage will be carried out.

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