

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ONLINE MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 24TH MAY, 2021, AT 3PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M. Collins, Mayor.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Benson, Butler, Carey, Collins (B), Collins (J), Costelloe, Daly, Donegan, Foley, Galvin, Hartigan, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, Mitchell, Murphy, Novak Uí Chonchúir, O'Brien, O'Dea, O'Donoghue, O'Donovan, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan, Ruddle, Ryan (E), Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (K), Sheahan (M), Sheehan (C), Slattery, Talukder, Teefy, Teskey.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive (Mr. P. Daly), Deputy Chief Executive and Director, Support Services (Mr. S. Coughlan), Director, National and Regional Shared Services (Ms. C. Curley), Director, Community Development (Mr. G. Daly), Director, Housing Development (Ms. A. Duke), A/Director, Capital Investment (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Director, Physical Development (Mr. B. Kennedy), Director, Service Operations (Mr. K. Lehane), A/Director, Economic Development (Mr. V. Murray), Head of Enterprise, Limerick Enterprise Office (Mr. M. Cantwell), Meetings Administrator (Ms. L. Flannery), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. F. McCormack), Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. C. Sheehy).

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Ryan (M).

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 22nd March, 2021.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Council held on 26th March, 2021.
- (c) Special Meeting of the Council held on 7th April, 2021.
- (d) Special Meeting of the Council held on 22nd April, 2021.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);

Seconded by Councillor O'Hanlon;

And Resolved:

“That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed.”

2. Declaration of Interest

The Meetings Administrator stated that, in line with Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and the Code of Conduct, she was inviting those present to notify the Mayor of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting. No such interests were declared.

3. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 16th March, 2021, together with Site Location Map, concerning disposal of land at Loughill West, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O’Hanlon;
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended), and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at Loughill West, Co. Limerick, to Nora and Bernadette Normile, for the sum of €1, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Rectification/Transfer of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 16th March, 2021.”

- (b) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 25th March, 2021, concerning disposal of land at 40, St. Lawrence Park, Garryowen, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O’Hanlon;
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended), and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at 40, St. Lawrence Park, Garryowen, Limerick, to Claire McAuley, Eileen McAuley Kelly and John McAuley, for the sum of €195.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 25th March, 2021.”

- (c) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 25th March, 2021, concerning disposal of land at 27, Flood Street, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O’Hanlon;
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended), and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at 27, Flood Street, Limerick, to Sean Kelleher, for the sum of €239.45, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 25th March, 2021.”

- (d) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 25th March, 2021, concerning disposal of land at 16, Donnellan Buildings, Rosbrien, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O'Hanlon;
Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
And Resolved:

"That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at 16 Donnellan Buildings, Rosbrien, Limerick, to Ailish Barry, for the sum of €199.20, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 25th March, 2021."

- (e) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 31st March, 2021, together with Site Location Map, concerning disposal of land Gibbonstown, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O'Hanlon;
Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
And Resolved:

"That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at Gibbonstown, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, to Mary Hanley, for the sum of €1, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Rectification/Transfer of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 31st March, 2021."

- (f) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 26th April, 2021, concerning disposal of land at 52, Sycamore Avenue, Rathbane, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O'Hanlon;
Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
And Resolved:

"That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at 52, Sycamore Avenue, Rathbane, Limerick, to Edward O'Connor, for the sum of €195.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 26th April, 2021."

- (g) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 26th April, 2021, concerning disposal of land at 30, St. Laurence Park, Garryowen, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O’Hanlon;
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at 30, St. Laurence Park, Garryowen, Limerick, to Carolyn Thomas, Legal Personal Representative (LPR) of Michael Scanlon, deceased, for the sum of €195.42, the disposal to be by way of Deed of Conveyance of the interest of Limerick City and County Council in the property, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 26th April, 2021.”

- (h) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 10th May, 2021, concerning disposal of land at 9, Lower Gerald Griffin Street, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O’Hanlon;
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of land – being the Council’s legal interest in 9, Lower Gerald Griffin Street, Limerick, held under a Fee Farm Grant dated 13th July, 1855, with Mr. Brian Penny holding the property under a Sub-Fee Farm Grant from 1856 (the Council’s legal interest being of no value) - to Mr. Brian Penny, for the sum of €1 (if demanded), particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 10th May, 2021.”

- (i) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 10th May, 2021, concerning disposal of land at Rhebogue, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O’Hanlon;
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.18 Hectares (0.46 acres) at Rhebogue, Limerick, to The Trustees of St. Patrick’s GAA Club - the land to be incorporated into the current 99-year Sporting Lease in place between Limerick City and County Council and St. Patrick’s GAA Club, effective from 18th April, 2020, at no extra consideration - and the disposal to be subject to the Covenants and Conditions contained within the amended Lease, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 10th May, 2021.”

- (j) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 11th May, 2021, concerning disposal of land at Gragane, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O’Hanlon;
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 4.03 Acres at Gragane, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick, to Gary Ahern, for the sum of €50,000, subject to a wayleave being maintained in favour of Irish Water, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 11th May, 2021.”

- (k) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 11th May, 2021, concerning disposal of 10 acres at Mungret College Lands, Mungret, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O’Hanlon;
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 10 Acres at Mungret College lands, Mungret Co. Limerick, to Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, for the sum of €450,000 (€45,000 per acre), particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 11th May, 2021.”

- (l) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 12th May, 2021, concerning disposal of land Off Lady’s Lane/Hunt’s Lane, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O’Hanlon;
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of the Freehold Interests of 0.6146 acres off Lady’s Lane/Hunt’s Lane, Limerick, to Shannon Group PLC, for the sum of €71,500, subject to the covenants and conditions contained within the Contract, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 12th May, 2021.”

- (m) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 13th May, 2021, concerning disposal of land at Kilmallock Business Park, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O’Hanlon;
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 2.32 acres at Kilmallock Business Park, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, to Dansko Foods Ltd., for the sum of €120,000, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 13th May, 2021.”

4. Economic Development

(a) Presentation from Innovate Limerick

Update from Innovate Limerick.

The Head of the Local Enterprise Office outlined to Members that in 2014, Limerick City and County Council became the first local authority to establish a special purpose innovation company. Innovate Limerick was established to help drive innovation and act as the delivery mechanism for the projects outlined in the Limerick 2030 Plan, the Limerick Regeneration Implementation Plans, the Mid West Action Plan for Jobs and others.

Innovate Limerick is a designated activity company whose Board and Advisory Board is comprised of four Elected Members, the Director of Economic Development, Limerick City and County Council, Semi-State Bodies, Third Level Institutions and Entrepreneurs. The Board is currently chaired by Mr. John Gleeson, Transact Campus, and has three sub-committees Film, LDIF and SME Taskforce.

He gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the Members in relation to the following:

- Current initiatives through various sectors.
- Previous projects.
- Digital Collaboration Centre.
- ENGINE.
- Mid-West Work Spaces.
- Abbeyfeale E-Hub.
- Rathkeale Enterprise Centre.
- Bruree Proposed Development.
- Kilmallock Business Park.

Members thanked the Head of LEO for his presentation and acknowledged the work to date. Members raised the following points:

- Mid West Co-Working Spaces.
- Emphasised the importance of working hubs in county towns.
- Promotion of food tourism in Limerick and assistance to local food producers.
- Lands at various locations of strategic importance for business development.
- Venture capital funding.
- Grant aid available.

(b) Development Fund Allocations 2021

Circulated, report of the A/Director, Economic Development, dated 11th May, 2021, setting out details of the allocations from the Development Fund for 2021.

The report was noted by the Council.

5. Support Services

(a) Chief Executive's Report

Circulated, Chief Executive's Reports for the months of March and April 2021.

The Chief Executive's Reports were noted by the Council.

With the permission of the Mayor, the following finance-related items – 5 (b), 5 (c) and 5 (d) – were taken together:

5 (b) - Unaudited Annual Financial Statement 2020 – Limerick City and County Council:

Circulated, Unaudited Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December, 2020, for Limerick City and County Council, together with report from the Chief Executive dated 14th May, 2021.

5 (c) – Additional Expenditure 2020: Circulated, report of the Deputy Chief Executive dated 12th May, 2021, setting out details of additional expenditure incurred in excess of that provided for in the Annual Budget for the financial year ended 31st December, 2020, including capital transfers.

5 (d) – Update on Outturn 2021 Year to Date

The Director, Support Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the Members in relation to the following:

- Revenue Account.
- Government Supports.
- Schedule of Municipal District Works.
- Projects included in the 3-year Capital Programme.
- Summary of actual financial expenditure from 2016 to 2020.
- Revenue expenditure analysis.
- HAP Transactional Shared Service Hub.
- Central Management Costs.
- Income and expenditure in Divisions A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H.
- Analysis of NPPR receipts and analysis of commercial rates arrears.
- Analysis of capital expenditure and income for 2020.
- Percentage collection of commercial rates, rents and annuities and housing loans.
- Additional costs associated with COVID such as PPE, Community Response, Remote Working, Council Buildings, Emergency Homeless, Backup Fire Station and COVID impact on Goods and Services income.

The Director, Support Services, referred to the significant support to the Local Government Sector. He also acknowledged the efforts and support of Council Members and the commitment of staff.

The Director, Support Services, outlined the range of Government supports provided for the Local Government Sector. He outlined the following items in relation to the financial update 2021 year to date:

- Covid 19.
- Scaled back Waiver Scheme for Q1 and Q2.
- Requirement for Waiver Scheme for Q3 / Q4.
- Analysis of Rates impacted by Covid 19 and other financial challenges.
- Impact on income for Goods and Services and COVID expenditure.
- Revenue Account and key supports to businesses and COVID impact on income.
- Schedule of Municipal District Works.
- Capital Account and the Advance Projects which Members had considered as part of 3-year capital programme (€700m over 3 years) such as the Opera Project, O'Connell Street Public Realm, Limerick Greenway and Newcastle West Athletics Track.

He confirmed that to date there had been no requirement to use the overdraft facility.

Members thanked the Director of Support Services for his comprehensive presentation and discussed the following:

- Loss of LPT revenue.
- Voids.
- Expenditure on control of horses.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Proposed by Councillor Leddin;
Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with Section 108 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014), the Annual Financial Statement for year ended 31st December, 2020, for Limerick City and County Council, be and is hereby adopted.”

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J);
Seconded by Councillor O'Hanlon;
And Resolved:

“That, authorisation is hereby given, in accordance with Section 104 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014), to the additional expenditure incurred in excess of that provided for in the Annual Budget for the financial year ended 31st December, 2020, including capital transfers.”

5 (e) Annual Report

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services dated 18th May, 2021, together with copy of Annual Report 2020 for Limerick City and County Council.

The report stated that the Annual Report 2020 had been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 221 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and set out details of the policies, programmes, services and other activities undertaken by the Council. It also included the Financial Statements for 2020 and an outline of activities to promote the interests of the local communities and twinning. As required under Section 134 (11) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, an Annual Progress Report in respect of the Council's Corporate Plan was attached as an Appendix.

Proposed by Councillor O'Hanlon;
Seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J);
And Resolved:

"That, the Annual Report 2020 for Limerick City and County Council be and is hereby adopted."

It was proposed by Councillor Sheahan (K) and seconded by Councillor Daly that the Executive would endeavour to promote Askeaton as the oldest town in Ireland. It was also requested that the Executive consider the inclusion of Askeaton under a regeneration programme.

The Chief Executive confirmed to Members that the inclusion of an area in a regeneration programme was subject to specified criteria. He agreed to review the criteria and revert to Members.

5 (f) Strategic Policy Committee Reports

- (i) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee dated 10th May, 2021, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 13th April, 2021.

Recommendation 1:

"That, Limerick City and County Council establish and provide a tree planting grant for community and voluntary groups similar to the Maintenance of Open Spaces Grant."

On the proposal of Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor O'Hanlon, the Recommendation was agreed.

Recommendation 2:

“The Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee recommends the Annacotty Weir be removed because of its negative impact on biodiversity and critically endangered species.”

On the proposal of Councillor Hartigan, seconded by Councillor Secas, this Recommendation was amended to read as follows:

“That, Limerick City and County Council recommend that Annacotty Weir be adapted to improve fish migration.”

The Recommendation, as amended, was agreed.

The Director, Physical Development, acknowledged that, since the April Meeting of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee, Mr. Eamon Ryan, TD, Minister with responsibility for Inland fisheries, had announced that Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) would lead an Annacotty Weir Fish Passage Improvement Project, and that IFI would progress this project in collaboration with various state agencies and key stakeholders through the multiple phases involved in the improvement of fish passage at the Weir.

Councillor Secas wished for it to be noted that a Motion on this topic submitted by her for a Meeting of the Metropolitan District was withdrawn as a result of this matter being discussed at the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee, and subsequent referral as a Recommendation to the Full Council. She welcomed Minister Ryan’s recent announcement.

- (ii) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee dated 10th May, 2021, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 19th April, 2021, together with Draft Burial Ground and Interment Strategy.

Recommendation:

“That the Draft Burial Ground and Interment Strategy be approved by Full Council.”

On the proposal of Councillor O’Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Mitchell, the Recommendation was agreed and accordingly the Limerick City and County Council Burial Ground and Interment Strategy, as circulated, was approved by the Council.

- (iii) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee dated 10th May, 2021, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 20th April, 2021.

Recommendation:

“That Limerick City and County Council contact the Road Safety Authority to develop and deliver a communication/education campaign about safe and appropriate parking practices, with a focus on the dangers of parking on footpaths, cycle lanes and bus stops. Limerick City and County Council will reflect any such campaign across its communication channels.”

On the proposal of Councillor Novak, seconded by Councillor O’Sullivan, the Recommendation was agreed.

Suspension of Standing Orders: It was noted that the time was approaching 5.00 pm and on the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon, Standing Orders were suspended to accommodate the commencement of the Special Meeting scheduled for 5pm. It was further agreed that the Meeting would resume subsequently in order to complete the agenda.

On resumption, the Meeting proceeded to the next item on the Agenda.

- (iv) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee dated 21st April, 2021, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 21st April, 2021, together with report from the Director, Housing Development, dated 10th May, 2021, enclosing ‘Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements – Draft Revision: May 2021.’

Recommendation:

“That, this Council, approves the Amended Scheme of Priority which incorporates revisions for affordable dwellings and revisions therein.”

On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor Mitchell, the Council approved the Amended Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements, as circulated, incorporating revisions as at May 2021.”

- (v) Circulated, Report of the Chairperson of the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee dated 7th May, 2021, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 26th April, 2021.

The report was noted by the Council.

5 (g) July Meeting of Limerick City and County Council

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor O’Hanlon, the July Meeting of the Council was re-scheduled to Monday, 5th July, 2021, at 3pm.

6. Community Development

(a) Grants under the Arts Act

Circulated, report of the Arts Officer dated 13th May, 2021, seeking the Council's approval to recommended grants, as set out in the report, under the Arts Act, 2003.

Proposed by Councillor O'Sullivan;
 Seconded by Councillor Galvin;
 And Resolved:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the payment of grants under the Arts Act, 2003, as recommended, and as set out in the report of the Arts Officer dated 13th May, 2021."

(b) Working Capital Loan – EI Travel Group/Lazy Bike Tours - Limerick Greenway

Circulated, report signed jointly by the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Support Services, and the Director of Community Development, dated 17th May, 2021, seeking the Council's approval to a working capital loan of €300,000 to EI Travel Group/Lazy Bike Tours to assist in the provision of bike hire and shuttle bus service on the Limerick Greenway at Limerick City and County Council owned properties.

Members welcomed the reopening of the Limerick Greenway and the importance of such amenities for locals and tourists. Members referred to the importance of supporting local business and queried the Working Capital Loan required to establish a business following an Expressions of Interest process for a bike hire/shuttle service.

The Director, Community Development, informed Members that an Expression of Interest process to attract an operator of scale had been completed. He informed Members that extensive research had been undertaken on the services required to attract tourists to the Limerick Greenway. He confirmed that the Bike Hire Service was requesting a Working Capital Loan to establish their business and that the loan, if fully drawn down, was repayable.

Following further discussion, Members emphasised the importance of retaining local business and creating employment opportunities for local people.

The Director, Community Development, confirmed that no operator would be precluded from operating on the Greenway. He also confirmed that an extensive marketing and promotional campaign would be undertaken to ensure that the Greenway was promoted locally and nationally.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Hanlon, and seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J), that the Council approve the working capital loan of €300,000 to EI Travel Group/Lazy Bike Tours to assist in the provision of bike hire and shuttle bus service on the Limerick Greenway at Limerick City and County Council owned properties.

Councillor Scanlan proposed that the Council not approve the loan and this was seconded by Councillor E. Ryan.

The Mayor stated that in the absence of agreement, a vote would be taken on the proposal of Councillor Scanlan, seconded by Councillor Ryan (E), **not** to approve the loan. The result of the voting was as follows:

For

Councillors Carey, Daly, O'Brien, O'Donoghue, O'Donovan, Ryan (E), Scanlan, Secas, C. Sheehan, Teefy. **(10)**

Against

Councillors Benson, Butler, Collins (B), Collins (J), Collins (M), Costelloe, Donegan, Foley, Galvin, Hartigan, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, Mitchell, Murphy, Novak, O'Dea, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan, Ruddle, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (K), Sheahan (M), Slattery, Talukder. **(27)**

There were no abstentions.

The Mayor declared the proposal defeated and accordingly, on the proposal of Councillor O'Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Sheahan (J) the approval of the Council was given to a working capital loan of €300,000 to El Travel Group/Lazy Bike Tours to assist in the provision of bike hire and shuttle bus service on the Limerick Greenway at Limerick City and County Council owned properties, in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended."

7. Conferences

(a) Participation by Members at Conferences

Circulated electronically, details of online Conference entitled "Velo City – Cycle Diversity 2021," to be held online from 6th to 9th September, 2021.

The Conference was noted by the Council.

QUESTIONS

Replies to the following Questions on the Agenda were circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting and were therefore taken as read:

8. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting what happens if a person living in rural Limerick does not qualify for rural housing and the sewerage system in the parish is at capacity or where houses are not available.

REPLY: To help strengthen and consolidate the settlement structure and reverse the decline in Limerick's towns and villages, the proposed Draft Development Plan 2022-2028 supports the development of Serviced Sites within settlements served by individual wastewater treatment systems. This type of development offers an alternative to the single one-off rural house.

9. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for (a) a full report from Irish Water on the capacity of all the sewerage treatment plants in Co. Limerick; and (b) for a detailed programme of work for all sewerage treatment plants in Co. Limerick.

REPLY: Please find below the capacity status of Irish Water wastewater treatment plants in Limerick. Irish Water has advised that an updated wastewater treatment capacity register will be issued to Limerick City and County Council once finalised in the coming months.

Irish Water has provided the following table outlining active capital projects for County Limerick:

Project Name	Current completion date (where available)	Comment
Limerick WWTP Upgrade	2025+	An upgrade to the Bunlicky WWTP is on the Capital Investment Plan and the project is currently at detailed design stage. Subject to Planning.
Castletroy WWTP	2025+	An upgrade to the Castletroy WWTP is on the Capital Investment Plan and the project is currently at detailed design stage. Subject to Planning.
Foynes WWTP	Dec 2025	A new WWTP is planned for the Foynes Agglomeration to end the practice of discharge of untreated wastewater to the marine environment. The project is currently at design stage and is subject to land agreement and planning.
Project Name	Current completion date (where available)	Comment

Glin WWTP	Dec 2025	A new WWTP is planned for the Glin Agglomeration to end the practice of discharge of untreated wastewater to the marine environment. The project is currently at design stage and is subject to land agreement and planning.
Dromcollogher WWTP Upgrade	TBC	An upgrade to the Dromcollogher WWTP is included in the Capital Investment Plan. This project is at concept design stage. The originally proposed solution will not meet water quality objectives and so an alternative design solution is being developed.
Mungret Limerick City LIHAF (Water and WW)	March 2026	Incorporating strategic water and wastewater network infrastructure into Limerick City and County Council's proposed road infrastructure at Mungret LIHAF site development.
Adare WWTP Upgrade	TBC	An upgrade to the Adare WWTP is included in the Capital Investment Plan. This project is at concept design stage.
Newcastle West WWTP Upgrade	TBC	An upgrade to the Newcastlewest WWTP is included in the Capital Investment Plan. This project is at concept design stage.
Croom WWTP Upgrade	TBC	Upgrade currently being progressed under Inlet Works, Storm and Sludge Programme. At design stage.
Murroe WWTP Upgrade	TBC	Upgrade currently being progressed under Inlet Works, Storm and Sludge Programme. At design stage.
Hospital WWTP Upgrade	TBC	Upgrade currently being progressed under Inlet Works, Storm and Sludge Programme. At design stage.
Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme (Limerick)	TBC	Currently the review stage of this programme is underway which will determine the WWTP project(s) to be progressed, taking into account the order of priority provided by the local authority, the allocation available and the potential solutions and cost estimates. LAs will be notified of successful projects throughout 2021 as project details are finalised.



Settlements with Waste Water Discharge Authorisations - Wastewater Treatment Capacity
 Waste Water Discharge Licences (WWDL) and Certificates of Authorisation (CoA)

17th June 2020

Region	County	Settlement	Census pop. (2016)	Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)	Reg #	Serves other areas?	WWTP Capacity (PE)		Load (PE) 2019	Headroom (PE)		Current project completion year
							Today	Upon works completion		WWDL ELV Capability	UWW Standards Capability (not WWDL ELVs)	
S	Limerick	Limerick City and suburbs	94,192	Limerick WWTP	D0013	Yes	186,233	260,000	106,410	79,823		Post 2024
S	Limerick	Limerick City and suburbs	incl.	Castletroy WWTP	D0019	No	45,000	77,500	39,938	5,062		2024
S	Limerick	Newcastle West	6,619	Newcastle West WWTP	D0108	No	9,000	Not yet defined	9,731			Post 2024
S	Limerick	Abbeyfeale	2,023	Abbeyfeale WWTP	D0115	No	2,860	3,500	2,465	395		Post 2024
S	Limerick	Killmallock	1,668	Killmallock WWTP	D0106	Yes	4,000	=	2,076	1,924		
S	Limerick	Caherconlish	1,476	Caherconlish WWTP	D0308	No	2,500	=	1,610	0	890	
S	Limerick	Rathkeale	1,441	Rathkeale WWTP	D0112	No	4,000	=	2,318	1,682		
S	Limerick	Murroe	1,377	Murroe WWTP	D0306	No	800	=	1,522			
S	Limerick	Croom	1,159	Croom WWTP	D0307	No	2,000	=	1,670	330		
S	Limerick	Askeaton	1,137	Askeaton WWTP	D0315	No	550	2,300	1,430			Post 2024
S	Limerick	Adare	1,129	Adare WWTP	D0312	No	2,500	Not yet defined	2,121	0	379	Post 2024
S	Limerick	Bruff	803	Bruff WWTP	D0313	No	2,140	=	987	1,153		
S	Limerick	Kilfinnane	789	Kilfinnane WWTP	D0305	No	1,500	=	961	0	539	
S	Limerick	Hospital	653	Hospital WWTP	D0314	No	500	=	1,145			
S	Limerick	Pallaskenry	651	Pallaskenry WWTP	D0304	No	2,000	=	975	1,025		
S	Limerick	Cappamore	620	Cappamore WWTP	D0310	No	1,534	=	701	833		
S	Limerick	Bruree	580	Bruree WWTP	D0506	No	1,200	=	520	680		
S	Limerick	Glin	576	-	D0504	No	-	1,100	708			2024
S	Limerick	Pallasgreen	568	Pallasgreen WWTP	D0503	No	750	=	508	242		
S	Limerick	Ballingarry	521	Ballingarry (County Limerick) WWTP	D0507	No	1,350	=	653	697		
S	Limerick	Foynes	520	-	D0502	No	-	1,000	571			2024
S	Limerick	Dromcollagher	518	Dromcollagher WWTP	D0316	No	400	1,000	751			2024
S	Limerick	Doon	516	Doon WWTP	D0309	No	1,534	=	692	842		
S	Limerick	Athea	369	Athea WWTP	D0508	No	900	=	417	483		
S	Limerick	Oola	324	Oola WWTP	D0505	No	350	=	379			

										CoA Headroom (PE)		
S	Limerick	Ardagh	266	Ardagh WWTP	A0214	No	450	=	227	223		
S	Limerick	Askeaton Housing Estate	Unavailable	Askeaton Housing Estate (Lismakeera) WWTP	A0503	No	110	=	52	58		
S	Limerick	Ballyagran	179	Ballyagran WWTP	A0207	No	275	=	165	110		
S	Limerick	Ballyhahill	146	Ballyhahill WWTP	A0206	No	300	=	172	128		
S	Limerick	Ballylanders	308	Ballylanders WWTP	A0196	No	511	545	388	123		Post 2024
S	Limerick	Banogue	Unavailable	Banogue WWTP	A0215	No	56	=	88			
S	Limerick	Broadford	276	Broadford WWTP	A0222	No	466	=	261	205		
S	Limerick	Brookhaven	Unavailable	Brookhaven, Montpelier WWTP	A0499	No	50	85	33	52		2021
S	Limerick	Carrigkerry	184		A0213	No	266	=	111	155		
S	Limerick	Castlemahon	Unavailable	Castlemahon WWTP **	A0218	No	300	=	178	122		
S	Limerick	Cluaindara (Anglesborough)	Unavailable	Cluaindara (Anglesborough) WWTP	A0500	No	58	=	24	34		
S	Limerick	Croagh	216	Croagh WWTP	A0216	No	200	330	249			Post 2024
S	Limerick	Elton	Unavailable	Elton WWTP	A0211	No	75	=	79			
S	Limerick	Fedamore	329	Fedamore WWTP	A0204	No	500	=	354	146		
S	Limerick	Feenagh	Unavailable	Feenagh WWTP	A0220	No	300	=	109	191		
S	Limerick	Galbally	251	Galbally WWTP	A0208	No	436	=	320	116		
S	Limerick	Glenfield	Unavailable	Kilmallock WWTP	D0106	Yes	D0106	=	245	incl.		
S	Limerick	Herbertstown	Unavailable	Herbertstown WWTP	A0224	No	245	=	45	200		
S	Limerick	Kilbeheny	Unavailable	Kilbeheny WWTP	A0502	No	65	=	9	56		
S	Limerick	Kilmeedy	Unavailable	Kilmeedy WWTP	A0212	No	468	=	105	363		
S	Limerick	Kilteely	171	Kilteely WWTP	A0209	No	480	=	178	302		
S	Limerick	Knocklong	Unavailable	Knocklong WWTP	A0210	No	468	=	283	185		
S	Limerick	Loghill	Unavailable	Loghill WWTP *	A0217	No	333	=	67	266		
S	Limerick	Mountcollins	201	Mountcollins WWTP	A0223	No	453	=	174	279		
S	Limerick	Shanagolden	303	Shanagolden WWTP *	A0219	No	196	=	311			
S	Limerick	Strand (Cois na Habhainn)	Unavailable	Strand (Cois na Habhainn) WWTP **	A0498	No	67	=	17	50		
S	Limerick	Templeglentan	Unavailable	Templeglentan WWTP	A0205	No	191	=	161	30		
S	Limerick	Tournafulla	Unavailable	Tournafulla WWTP *	A0221	No	233	=	99	134		

Column headings	Description
WWTP Capacity (PE) Today	Overall design capacity of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in population equivalents (PE) today (the date at the top of this table).
WWTP Capacity (PE) Upon works completion	Overall design capacity of the WWTP in population equivalents (PE) upon completion of a relevant project delivering additional capacity. Note that 'WWDL' or 'UWW' following the capacity value indicates that the upgraded WWTP will have capability to achieve the full Waste Water Discharge Licence (WWDL) emission limit values (ELVs) in the former case, or at least the Urban Waste Water (UWW) Treatment Directive parametric values in the latter case.
*	Multiple WWTPs serve this agglomeration - available headroom, where indicated, may not be available across the entire agglomeration.
**	Capacity based on primary treatment only.
Load (PE) 2019	Wastewater load arising from the settlement(s) being served entering the WWTP in 2019.
Headroom (PE) WWDL Capability UWW Standards Capability (not WWDL ELVs)	Headroom available at the WWTP in 2019 in terms of population equivalents based on available capacity now or by completion of a project by 2022 (where relevant). Green = spare capacity available. Amber = potential spare capacity. WWTP currently not compliant with Waste Water Discharge Licence emission limit values but is capable of achieving at least UWW standards. Potential availability of capacity in this case would be dependent on any additional load <u>not</u> resulting in a significant breach of the combined approach as set out in Regulation 43 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007. Red = no spare capacity available.
Current project completion year	This is the current forecasted completion year as of date of this table and is subject to change. 'Post 2024' indicates that the project is proposed to be completed within the next investment period (2025-2029), subject to the planning and approval of the next capital investment plan. Note, there is no guarantee that this capacity will be delivered if the current Investment Plan is amended due to emerging needs or changes due to exchequer funding.
General notes	(i) The headroom figure stated is based on available information on the date of issue of this table and is subject to change. (ii) The indication of spare treatment capacity has been determined based on a standardised national review of the available information. (iii) A Pre-Connection Enquiry should be submitted to Irish Water to determine the feasibility of connecting any particular site to the Irish Water network, feasibility should not be inferred from this register.

10. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting how much revenue was received in development levies for 2020 per District Council area and a breakdown per Electoral District Council on where monies have been spent or allocated.

REPLY: A sum of €2,691,998 was collected from Development Levies during 2021. There is no breakdown of receipts by Municipal District as receipts are not identified with geographic areas. The allocation of funds for 2020 per Municipal District is as follows:

Metropolitan	Adare-Rathkeale	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Newcastle West
€925,000	€528,000	€421,000	€686,000

In addition, a sum of €132,000 was paid to Irish Water in respect of contributions collected for water infrastructure from earlier Planning Contribution Schemes.

The 2020 Development Fund allocations were brought before the May 2020 Meeting of the Council.

11. Question submitted by Councillor E. Ryan

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council when will the legal advice as promised be available to Councillors in relation to the new Development Plan 2022 -2028 and who will give this advice.

REPLY: Shall the Elected Members of Limerick City and County Council require legal advice on a particular issue in relation to the proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028, the Council will seek such advice from the Council's Legal Advisors.

12. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the Council to outline what engagements the Council have had with Ó Cualann Cohousing Alliance in relation to affordable housing and whether the Council intends to dispose of land to Ó Cualann Cohousing Alliance for affordable housing in the near future.

REPLY: The Housing Development Directorate has consulted with Ó Cualann Cohousing Alliance, an Approved Housing Body, to understand their model of delivering affordable housing with Dublin City Council. Any proposal by Limerick City and County Council to activate Local Authority lands for affordable housing with Approved Housing Bodies needs to go through a transparent and open Expression of Interest process with qualifying criteria for assessment, as was recently undertaken by the Directorate for a number of landbanks in the city.

13. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the Council to outline what if any arrangements it has in place in relation to long term leasing from private developers in relation to social housing and the cost of any such arrangements.

REPLY: Leasing arrangements are delivered under the Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme (SHCEP). It provides for the leasing of suitable properties by Limerick City and County Council for periods of between 5 to 25 years under the following schemes: (a) Long Term Leasing; and (b) Repair and Lease.

An independent valuation of the market rental is sought for each supported property and Limerick City and County Council agrees this market rent with the property owner, which is then discounted by 15%/20%. If a property owner is availing of the Repair and Lease Scheme, any loan advanced will be offset against the discounted market rent agreed. Limerick City and County Council will agree with the property owner on a case-by-case basis what the appropriate offset period will be. Monies paid to property owners under leasing arrangements are recoupable from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme.

NOTICES OF MOTION**14. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Newcastle West (Councillors L. Galvin (Proposer), M. Collins, F. Foley, J. Scanlan, J. Sheahan, T. Ruddle**

We will move at the next Meeting that this Council call on the Minister for Justice to enact legislation, or amend current legislation as necessary, to put the onus on parents of children under 16, who are gathering/loitering in public areas and engaging in anti-social behavior, to be responsible for their children. We would recommend that sanctions be imposed on parents whose children are engaging in such behaviour by means of fines and that these fines would be recovered by way of attachment to earnings, if applicable.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Galvin stated that the issue of antisocial behaviour was discussed at Municipal District level and had since received national attention.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Keary.

Councillor O'Brien proposed that the Motion be rejected as there were currently sufficient powers available to An Garda Síochána. He was supported in this by Councillor Ryan (E).

Councillor Sheahan (J) proposed an amendment that the Motion be referred to the Joint Policing Committee for further consideration. This was seconded by Councillor Leddin.

Following some discussion, the Mayor directed that a Vote be taken on the amendment proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J), seconded by Councillor Leddin. The result of the voting was as follows:

For

Councillors Collins (B), Donegan, Leddin, Mitchell, O'Donoghue, O'Hanlon, Secas, Sheahan (J), Talukder, Teefy. **(10)**

Against

Councillors Benson, Butler, Carey, Collins (J), Collins (M), Costelloe, Daly, Foley, Galvin, Hartigan, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, McSweeney, Murphy, Novak, O'Dea, O'Donovan, O'Sullivan, Ryan (E), Scanlan, Sheahan (K), Sheahan (M), Sheehan (C), Slattery. **(25)**

There were no abstentions.

The Mayor declared the amended Motion defeated.

Following further discussion the Mayor indicated that a Vote would be taken on the original Motion proposed by Councillor Galvin and seconded by Councillor Keary. The result of the voting was as follows:

For

Councillors Carey, Collins (M), Foley, Galvin, Keary, O'Donoghue, Scanlan, Sheahan (J), Talukder. **(9)**

Against

Councillors Benson, Butler, Collins (B), Collins (J), Costelloe, Daly, Donegan, Hartigan, Kiely, Kilcoyne, McSweeney, Mitchell, Murphy, Novak, O'Dea, O'Donovan, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan, Ryan (E), Secas, Sheahan (K), Sheahan (M), Sheehan (C), Slattery, Teefy. **(25)**

There were no abstentions.

The Mayor declared the Motion defeated.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Newcastle West (Councillors T. Ruddle (Proposer), M. Collins, F. Foley, L. Galvin, J. Scanlan, J. Sheahan)

We will move at the next Meeting that this Council call on the Government to pass legislation to allow CCTV camera evidence to be used in Court proceedings to secure convictions for illegal dumping and littering.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Ruddle and seconded by Councillor Foley.

In addition, the Council agreed to circulate the Motion to the Chief Superintendent, Henry Street, Limerick.

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Benson (to be referred to Protocol Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council adopt a policy that all presentations for Council Meetings or Strategic Policy Committee Meetings, particularly those that require endorsement at the same Meeting, be circulated in advance of the Meeting for consideration and to allow Members sufficient time in order to study proposals, so that relevant questions or concerns may be raised and responded to at Meetings.

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Protocol Committee for consideration.

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan (to be referred to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD and An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin TD, calling for the immediate termination of the current Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Developments) Regulations 2017.

It was agreed to refer this Motion to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee for consideration.

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council calls on the UL Hospitals Group to take action now and lift restrictions in the Limerick Maternity Hospital so that women get the support they need throughout all the maternity stages.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Secas and seconded by Councillor C. Sheehan.

In supporting the motion Cllr Secas referred to the evolving situation and changing of restrictions in relation to support to women during their pregnancy.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council would write to the Minister for Foreign Affairs asking him to explore the possibility of Ireland establishing a formal partnership with an African country with a view to developing closer, mutually-beneficial administrative, cultural and economic links. It is envisaged that such a partnership could provide a strong framework under which cities like Limerick and other cities and counties throughout Ireland could look to develop their own links and possibly work towards a more formal sister city/twin city relationship at some point in the future.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Kiely and seconded by Councillor C. Sheehan.

20. Correspondence

The Correspondence circulated with the agenda was taken as read.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ORDERS:

The Register of Orders made by the Chief Executive up to the date of the Meeting was available on SharePoint and Alfresco for inspection by the Members.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Register of Decisions on Applications under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, was also available on SharePoint and Alfresco for inspection by the Members.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Date: _____