

**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST TO BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 14th JULY, 2021.**

Question submitted by Councillor Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) what was the amount spent on Gleann Daire estate, Ardagh (b) what is the position with taking the estate in charge (c) an update on the number of properties where compulsory acquisition is underway (d) what was the value of the Bond provided by our Authority (e) what portion of the bond remains available for further works within the estate

REPLY:

To date €25,025.36 has been spent on Gleann Daire Estate, Ardagh. In addition, there is an outstanding commitment of €19,739.92. (b) When the works that are required to bring the estate to taking in charge standard are completed the formal taking in charge process will be commenced (c) The Property & Community Facilities Department currently have no compulsory acquisition underway (d) The value of the bond attached to Gleann Daire, Ardagh PL 05/1141 was €50,000 (e) The balance of the remaining bond available for further works within the estate is €5,234.72.



Signed: Dara McGuigan

A/Senior Executive Officer

Planning and Environmental Services

8th July 2021

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST

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Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting as to what progress has been made in addressing the numerous safety risks evident locally given the very poorly maintained public utilities infrastructure in several areas in Newcastle West town.

REPLY:

A survey has been completed on the public utilities infrastructure in Newcastle West town. Any defects in third party utilities of Irish Water or Eircom are emailed to them. These companies are advised of the defects and that a repair is sought.

The Newcastle West District office is preparing a defects list for the town of Newcastle West. A programme of works will be prepared and the works will be prioritised over the coming years depending on funding.

**J. Sheehan,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Municipal District of Newcastle West.
9th July, 2021.**

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Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting what was the total spend on the retrofitting of Houses Nos. 13 to 24 at Castlevue, Newcastle West and how much of this outlay was incurred on the air to water heating systems installed.

REPLY:

12 homes in Castlevue estate, Newcastle West received energy efficiency upgrades in 2020 as part of the energy efficiency / retrofitting programme for that year. All properties received new 'air to air' heat pump heating systems along with other energy efficiency works such as external wall insulation, attic insulation, new windows and doors, passive wall vent controls, mechanical extract fans from kitchen\shower\bathrooms and new Positive Input Ventilation (PIV) systems. In addition, opportunity was taken to address maintenance and other works in the properties as part of the main programme. These work items included installation of new smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, new fascia & soffit, full electrical check, external painting, BER assessment on completion and any other routine maintenance items identified during the works.

The aim of the programme was to improve the thermal efficiency of the homes whilst at the same time making the homes more comfortable to live in by improving air quality and reducing\eliminating ongoing maintenance issues.

Outturn costs for the air-to-air heating system accounted for 15% of the average cost of the upgrade works, just under €7,000 ex VAT, per unit. Average out turn cost amounted to just under €47,000 per unit ex VAT.

The efficiency of heat pump heating systems is significant, ranging between 300% and 400%. This means for every 1Kilowatt of electricity used, between 3 & 4 Kilowatts of heat are produced back into the home. Conventional heating systems operate with efficiencies between 75% to 90%.

**David E. Leahy,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Housing Maintenance.
09th July, 2021**

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Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for (a) a detailed update on the takeover of the Rays Mountcollins and (b) the proposed new Council housing development in Mountcollins

REPLY TO PART A:

A report on this estate has been completed by the Newcastle West District Office and this has been forwarded to the Planning Department for consideration to be taken in charge in early 2021.

The Planning Department has advised that Rays estate, Mountcollins is on the list of Estates for taking in charge which require funding under the Development Fund.

There is no cash security or bond associated with the Rays Estate.

The approximate costing to bring the estate to a proper standard is in the region of €50,000.

J. Sheehan,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Municipal District of Newcastle West.
9th July, 2021.

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Question submitted Councillor L. Galvin

Councillor L. Galvin asks for a detailed update on the proposed new Council housing development in Mountcollins.

REPLY:

A capital appraisal for the scheme was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage [DoHLGH] in November 2020 and LCCC received approval on the 21st Dec. 2020. The proposed development has Stage One approval for 4 No. units: 1 No. one-storey one-bed house; 1 No. one-storey two-bed house; and 2 No. two-storey three-bed houses. We are also exploring a design option for the inclusion of an additional fifth housing unit which will be a one-storey one-bedroom house, provided it meets necessary criteria.

The new houses will form an extension to the existing residential development of Radharc an Ghleanna.

A design team comprising of a Civil and Structural Engineer, a Mechanical and Electrical Engineer, a Quantity Surveyor and a Health and Safety Consultant was procured and appointed in Q1/Q2 2021.

The project is currently being developed for the Stage 2 submission to the DoHLGH in July and subsequently the Part 8 planning application is intended to be submitted in Q3/Q4 2021. Adhering to the approved timelines the project will then be developed for tender and is projected to commence on site in Q3 2022.



Conor Culloo

Senior Engineer,

Housing Development Directorate



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Question submitted by Councillor Liam Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for a detailed update on Wards Cross.

Reply:

Since the previous update on the scheme, our technical consultants, Barry Transportation, are proceeding with finalising the detail design, including design of the necessary water main diversion, discussions with Irish Water and access for the adjacent landowner.

It is necessary to undertake a CCTV survey and slit trench investigation of the existing drainage and water main to advance the discussions with Irish Water and the subsequent design. This is being procured at present and will be on the ground in the coming weeks.

Mid West National Road Design Office have procured Land and Property Valuation Services and there are discussions ongoing with the landowner to advance the acquisition of the lands, necessary for construction of the scheme. In order to come to agreement with the landowner there are some design issues to be resolved regarding access and this is being progressed with Barry Transportation and Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Deirdre Clarke
Executive Engineer
Mid West National Road Design Office
6th July 2021

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**Operations & Maintenance Services,
Central Services,
Limerick City & County Council,
Dooradoyle,
Limerick.
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02/07/2021

**To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Municipal District of
Newcastle West**

Question Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for a detailed update on (a) Wards Cross and (b) the Cryle view junction Abbeyfeale

REPLY TO PART B

LCCC developed a design, which aims to improve the sightlines at the Cryle View junction. TII Safety Section reviewed this design and were in discussions with LCCC with respect to proposed amendments. The necessary amendments were incorporated and on the 02/07/21 TII provided approval to LCCC to proceed to the next stage of the approval process.

Next stage

LCCC will organise a Road Safety Audit on the proposed design and incorporate any necessary changes prior to submitting a finalised Preliminary design report. Once accepted by TII it is expected that TII will make funding available to proceed with the works.

In order to expedite the scheme, while LCCC are awaiting approval we are examining delivery options once funding is made available. This will either involve the preparation of contract documents or the confirmation that LCCC have the resources to carry out the proposed works in house.

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Seamas O'Reilly, Senior Executive Engineer
Operations and Maintenance Services,
Limerick City and County Council,
Dooradoyle, Limerick

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Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for signage to be updated at the Forge Cross, Templeglantine

REPLY:

The signage for the above mentioned area has been procured, purchased and placed at Forge cross in May 2021. The signage on all approaches to the crossroads has been inspected last week and is acceptable.

**J. Sheehan,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Municipal District of Newcastle West.
9th July, 2021.**

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Question submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

I will ask at the next meeting:

can the Council investigate the level and severity of pyrite and mica damage to houses and buildings in the Newcastle West Municipal District and the remainder of the county. With this information to apply to the Department of Housing for a redress scheme for householders affected. This is the first step to accelerate a compensation scheme for the affected householders.

REPLY

At the July Council meeting a notice of motion was passed calling on the Council to commence analysis required in accordance with the IS 465 Protocol, and make the appropriate submission to the Dept of Housing, Heritage & Local Government'.

I can confirm that Limerick City & County Council will initiate a process to seek to extend the grant scheme to Limerick. The detail of how the process will operate is currently being examined.



Signed: _____

Date: 13th July 2021

Caroline Curley
Director of Service
National & Regional Shared Services