

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, CO. LIMERICK ON TUESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor K. Sheahan, An Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Collins, Keary, O'Brien, O'Donoghue and Teskey.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director, Housing (Ms. C. Curley), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division (Mr. G.O'Connor), Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division (Mr. J. O'Keeffe), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Harnett).

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

Proposed by Councillor Teskey;  
Seconded by Councillor O'Brien;  
And Resolved:

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

- (b) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

Proposed by Councillor Teskey;  
Seconded by Councillor O'Brien;  
And Resolved:

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

Following the adoption of the Minutes, Councillor Teskey referred to the report received under correspondence from Gordon Daly, Director of Service, Community, Tourism & Culture Directorate in relation to an update on the restoration of the Countess Dunraven Fountain, Adare and in particular the costs associated with the project. Following discussion, Members raised concerns over the spiralling costs of the works and requested a report be prepared outlining the full breakdown of where exactly the current expenditure of €177,585.50 was spent given the original estimate for the works was in

the region of €40,000 together with the consultancy cost to date. Councillor Sheahan requested an estimate figure of what the Council intends to spend in Adare and the surrounding towns in the County in the lead up to the Ryder Cup 2027.

## **2. Housing Support Services**

### **Adjourned Disposal of Land**

- (a) Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 9th June, 2021 setting out proposals to dispose of Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 12 Woodvale, Foynes, Co. Limerick and the intention to bring the Section 183 Notice to Full Council for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (b) Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 setting out proposals to dispose of Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at Ballywilliam, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick and the intention to bring the Section 183 Notice to Full Council for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

### **Disposal of Land**

- (c) Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 setting out proposals to dispose of Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at Knockboheen, Kilcolman, Ardagh and the intention to bring the Section 183 Notice to Full Council for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

## **3. Operations and Maintenance Services**

### **2021 Development Fund Allocations**

The Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division recommended to Members the 2021 Development Fund would be allocated as follows:

Croom Car Park	€ 25,000
Adare Footpaths	€ 25,000
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Total	€ 50,000

The recommended allocations were proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

#### **4. District Engineers Report**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 outlining details of proposed works, projects and future projects planned for the District.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

#### **5. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)**

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue, it was agreed to allocate the following:

- €1,000 for Askeaton Geology Group.
- €2,000 for Kilcornan National School.

On the proposal of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, it was agreed to allocate €500 for West Limerick Heritage Network.

On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, it was agreed to allocate €2,000 for Rathkeale Steering Committee.

### **ADJOURNED NOTICE OF MOTION**

#### **6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor B. Collins**

**I will move at the next Meeting that each premises and movable unit that sells takeaway food or drink provides suitable bins for their customers and ensures that the environs of this business is kept clean and litter free.**

The motion was proposed by Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Sheahan and agreed.

Councillor Sheahan asked if the motion could be slightly amended to request all eating facilities would have a bathroom available for use of a toilet and hand basin. Councillor Collins agreed to same. Following discussion it was agreed to refer this Motion to the SPC to relook at improving the litter byelaws.

**Reply:** LCCC actively enforce section (6) of the Litter Act (1997) which requires occupiers of land to keep a public place adjoining the land free of litter. As provided for in the Litter Management Plan there is also an ongoing programme of engagement between litter enforcement officers and business owners in relation to awareness around compliance with their obligations in this regard.

We will continue to work with businesses on the awareness/prevention aspect, particularly in light of the increased activity in outdoor dining as a result of the Covid-19 restrictions.

**7. Notices of Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan**

**I will move at the next Meeting that this Committee will recommend to the Planning Section that as much natural light as is reasonably possible would be encouraged to be availed of in the construction or renovation of houses.**

The motion was proposed by Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Sheahan stated the Planning Section should be more liberal and encourage planners to include large windows in modern architecture.

**8. Notices of Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan**

**I will move at the next Meeting that the buildings known as Sheahan's Cottages at Brewery Lane, Askeaton, the cottage in the curtilage of Beagh Castle, Ballysteen and Milltown, Askeaton be added to the conservation list of Limerick City and County Council.**

The motion was proposed by Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Sheahan also stated the spelling of Brewery Lane should be amended as the correct spelling should be Bury Lane but over time it evolved to Brewery Lane.

**Reply:** Requests such as these require exploration and analysis to establish whether the identified buildings/structures/features meet the criteria set out in Part IV [Architectural Heritage] of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Sites must be shown to be of special interest under one or more of the following headings: Architectural; Artistic; Archaeological; Historic; Scientific; Technical; Cultural; Social significance.

As the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted the standard research repositories, such as Valuation Office and the Registry of Deeds, both in Dublin, are re-opening to researchers. Over the coming weeks these and other institutions holding files and records will be visited and reports prepared on each of the in places such as these will be accessed and reports prepared for circulation to the Elected Members of the Municipal District.

It is my intention to have this work completed in time for the September meeting of the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District.

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

#### **9. Notices of Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan**

**I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council take the Cul de Sac to the soccer pitch in Clonreask, Asekaton in charge.**

The motion was proposed by Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

In proposing the motion Councillor Sheahan advised the road is in excellent condition to be taken in charge. Councillor Keary queried if other roads in the District that are in good condition can also be taken in charge such as a previous request for Dunaman in Croom. The Senior Executive Engineer advised they can be looked at if they are in relatively good condition.

**Reply:** In order to declare this a public road, it is necessary to go through a Public Consultation process in accordance with Section 11 of 1993 Roads Act. This involves newspaper notification, public display of map of the road for a 1 month period and a further two weeks for submission. The declaration of a road to be public road is a Reserved Function.

#### **10. Correspondence**

Correspondence, as circulated, was noted by Members.

#### **11. A.O.B.**

Councillor Sheahan proposed the painting grant scheme for painting external Council houses would be reintroduced. This was seconded by Councillor Teskey, and agreed.

Councillor Teskey raised the issue of Pyrite damaged homes in Limerick and requested that affected householders be visited by a Council representative. Councillor Keary queried if a publicity campaign could be initiated to alert affected homeowners in the reporting of Pyrite.

The Director advised that the Council had agreed to make a submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to have the remediation scheme apply to Limerick. To do this it is necessary to have analysis carried out on a small number of houses to prove that there is a pyrite issue in Limerick. The Director advised that the Chair of the Action Group had been contacted in regard to this matter.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

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**Cathaoirleach**

Dated:

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