

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN THE RATHKEALE HOUSE HOTEL, RATHKEALE, CO. LIMERICK
ON TUESDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 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), Director, National and Regional Shared Services (Mr. K. Lehane), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division (Mr. G. O'Connor).

At the outset, Councillor Teskey requested an update on the Adare Fountain refurbishment project for the September meeting of the District and also requested that the Cathaoirleach of the District together with elected members officiate at the opening ceremony.

Following further discussion on the matter Councillor O'Donoghue proposed final costs for the fountain refurbishment together with details of funding streams be provided by the Directorate responsible for the project. This was seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

1. To receive an update on water quality in the River Deel

The Cathaoirleach spoke about the current lack of a sewerage system in the town of Askeaton and the effect this has particularly the aftermath of heavy rain where the overflow ends up in the River. Councillor Sheahan thanked Council staff for their efforts in dealing with this matter and called for something to be done to resolve the matter as a matter of urgency due to the deteriorating water quality of the River and the current bathing restrictions in place as a result.

All Members were in agreement that something needs to be done urgently to deal with the situation and Councillor Teskey told the meeting that there is an onus on the Environment Department of Limerick City and County Council, Irish Water and the Environmental Protection Agency to investigate the matter thoroughly and prosecute accordingly.

The Director, National and Regional Shared Services addressed the meeting outlining the background to the detection of the detection of E.Coli in the River Deel and the ongoing water sampling and monitoring of water quality. The Director, National and Regional Shared Services also advised the elected members in addition, the Council will liaise with LAWPRO (Local Authority Water Programme) to investigate the issue at catchment level, entire River Deel plus its tributaries.

Following discussion, the Cathaoirleach requested the item remain on the Agenda of future meetings of the Adare Rathkeale District.

2. To discuss pyrite in houses in Barrigone

The Cathaoirleach requested a report be compiled by Limerick City and County Council on the Pyrite situation with homeowners in the Limerick region and also asked a Council representative visit the people affected in Barrigone Askeaton.

The Cathaoirleach also requested contact be made with Anne Ryan, the representative of the groups affected by Pyrite in their homes for the Limerick region.

The Director, Housing confirmed that telephone contact had been made with Ms. Anne Ryan and that the Council were currently devising a process to enable the Council make a submission to the Minister for the extension of the remediation scheme. .

3. To discuss the Directly Elected Mayor

The Cathaoirleach spoke about the Directly Elected Mayor positon for Limerick and proposed the elected Members of Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District support their colleagues in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District to either delay or halt the process, adding the decision to elect a directly elected Mayor for Limerick was made without the full details being known at the time of elections. This was seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue and agreed.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____