

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD ON THURSDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 2021 at 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Catherine Slattery, Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors Benson, Butler, Collins, Costelloe, Daly, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, Murphy, O’Dea, O’Donovan, O’Hanlon, O’Sullivan, Secas, Sheahan (M), Sheehan (C) and Talukder.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, National and Regional Shared Services Centre (Mr. K. Lehane); Director, Housing (Ms. C. Curley), Meetings Administrator (Ms. F. McCormack); Senior Executive Officer, Housing (Ms. S. Newell); Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. E. Cousins); Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. S. Carroll).

Mr. D. Conway, Chief Executive Officer and Ms. S. Ryan, Project Manager, Limerick Twenty Thirty were also in attendance.

1. Housing Directorate

Part 8 Procedure – Proposed Residential Development at Dromdarrig, Mungret, Limerick

Circulated, Report of the Director of Services, Housing Directorate dated 13th July, 2021 and enclosed Chief Executive’s Report dated 13th July, 2021 setting out details in relation to the proposed residential development at Dromdarrig, Mungret, Limerick. The report had been prepared in accordance with Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Adjourned Meeting.

The Senior Executive Officer, Housing stated that a Briefing with the Elected Members had been held and she confirmed that Members had proposed a number of amendments, which would be discussed and considered by the Members. The Members acknowledged the communication and information provided by the Housing Directorate in advance of the Adjourned meeting and referred to the importance of progressing this project.

Members raised a number of issues in relation to the proposed development:

- Concerns in relation to vehicular access between Mungret Woods and the new development during and after construction;
- Concerns in relation to privacy and natural light;
- A Liaison Officer should be appointed and engagement with residents was crucial;
- Were appropriate Environmental Impact Assessments carried out?
- Clarification in relation to the capacity of the foul sewer network and water supply and if a survey was undertaken.

The Senior Executive Officer, Housing and CEO, Limerick Twenty Thirty responded to the issues

raised.

- The development would be accessed from the proposed Mungret Link Road with 5 no. units only accessed from Mungret Woods.
- The existing wall at Mungret Woods would be retained and a new wall and trellis would be constructed.
- A Liaison Officer would be appointed.
- An Environmental Impact Assessment had been submitted to An Bord Pleanála.
- A survey would be carried out on the foul sewer system.

Following further discussion, the following amendments were agreed;

Proposed by: Councillor Leddin;

Seconded by: Councillor Collins;

“That 50 no. houses and apartments are affordable units intended for private sale / rental under the criteria of the LIHAF Scheme and an additional 25 units be considered for affordable housing dependent on the availability of State funding for affordable housing provision”.

Proposed by: Councillor O’Sullivan;

Seconded by: Councillor Kiely;

“To amend the site layout plan to omit one 4 bed unit (1 unit total) on lands opposite units 52-55 Mungret Woods and increase the level of open space at this location from approx. 325m² to 450m² (40% increase)”.

Proposed by: Councillor Benson;

Seconded by: Councillor Costelloe;

“That the Council and Limerick 2030 in its procurement strategy for the Mungret lands consider socially responsible procurement to include social clauses to enhance the prospects of local employment and training during the physical construction process”.

Proposed by: Councillor O’Hanlon;

Seconded by: Councillor Kiely;

“To approve the Part 8, subject to the agreed amendments”

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that the Part 8 was approved, subject to the agreed amendments.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

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Dated:
