

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON THURSDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 2021, AT 2.30P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor D. Butler, Mayor.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Benson, Carey, Collins (B), Collins (M), Costelloe, Daly, Donegan, Foley, Galvin, Hartigan, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, McSweeney, Murphy, Novak Uí Chonchúir, O'Donoghue, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan, Ruddle, Scanlan, Secas, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (M), Sheehan (C), Slattery, Teefy.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive (Mr. P. Daly), Deputy Chief Executive and Director, Support Services (Mr. S. Coughlan), Director, Housing (Ms. C. Curley), Director, Community, Tourism and Culture (Mr. G. Daly), Director, Regeneration (Mr. J. Delaney), Director, Planning, Environment and Place-Making (Ms. N. Gallagher), Director, Transportation and Mobility (Mr. B. Kennedy), Director, National and Regional Shared Services (Mr. K. Lehane), Meetings Administrator (Ms. L. Flannery), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Mr. M. Leahy).

The Mayor stated that the Meeting was being held to complete the agenda for the November Meeting held on 22nd November. He therefore proceeded to Item No. 17 on the Agenda.

17. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale - Councillors A. Teskey (Proposer), B. Collins, S. Keary, E.O'Brien, J. O'Donoghue, K. Sheahan (to be referred to Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee)

We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council ensure that Development Fund monies are divided evenly between all Districts of the Council.

It was agreed to refer the Motion to the Economic Development, Enterprise and Planning Strategic Policy Committee for consideration.

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Sheahan

I will move at the next Meeting that the Government waive the requirement of matching funding for local community groups in light of the fact that their ability to fundraise has been hampered severely by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Sheahan (J) and seconded by Councillor Galvin.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Sheahan (J) referred to the difficulties that local communities currently faced in relation to fundraising activities due to Covid 19. The Motion received widespread support from the Members present who acknowledged the work done by all community groups in their areas and they agreed that it was an issue for community groups across both the City and County.

It was agreed to write to the Government to highlight the Members concerns regarding this issue.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council outline plans to reduce our carbon footprint in areas such as Council building retrofitting, electric vehicles and energy usage, in line with Government climate action policy.

As the Motion was not proposed at the Meeting, it stands adjourned to the next Meeting, in accordance with Standing Orders.

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council write to the CEO and Chairperson of the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board to ask that their sports facilities be made available by agreement to sports clubs who do not have access to facilities of their own in the City and County.

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Kiely outlined the difficulties some sports clubs had in providing facilities for their members, and the possibility of accessing facilities owned by the LCETB to assist clubs who do not have their own facilities. Members agreed that it was important to facilitate this in all schools where possible, and noted that some schools were already doing this.

They also agreed the importance of having formal agreements between clubs and schools to ensure that adequate insurance cover was in place; that facilities would be returned in good condition; and that there were also possible costs involved such as caretakers to facilitate opening and closing of facilities, security costs, etc.

It was agreed to write to the CEO and Chairperson of the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board on this.

21. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale – Councillors K. Sheahan (Proposer), B. Collins, S. Keary, E. O’Brien, J. O’Donoghue, A. Teskey (to be referred to Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee)

We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council adopt a policy and appoint a senior official to co-ordinate a plan, in conjunction with Coillte, to identify suitable places for the planting of fifty mature native broadleaf Irish trees per annum in site specific locations, in an effort to combat climate change.

It was agreed to refer the Motion to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee for consideration.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council carry out an audit and inspection across the city and county to ensure that fire hydrants are in place in all housing estates and in working order.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Benson and seconded by Councillor Costelloe.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Benson referred to the importance of ensuring that fire hydrants are in place in all housing estates across the City and County, and that they were properly maintained and in working order. The Members agreed the importance of this and noted that in addition to the Chief Fire Officer, that Irish Water also had a role to play in relation to this issue to ensure there was an adequate water supply to the hydrants

Reply:

The Meetings Administrator read the following reply from the SEO, Water Services:

Housing Estates across the administrative area of Limerick City & County Council that have been delivered or taken in charge by the Council, may have water infrastructure that includes fire hydrants. Fire hydrants form part of the water infrastructure.

Ownership of water infrastructure transferred to Irish Water under the legislative provisions governing its establishment with effect from 1st January 2014. Members should note that when the Council becomes aware of a faulty fire hydrant, that a report is submitted to Irish Water and a subsequent work order is issued for its investigation and repair. Any member of the public may also report an issue with a fire hydrant to Irish Water by calling 1800 278 278.

23. Correspondence

The Correspondence circulated with the agenda was taken as read.

Signed: _____
Mayor

Date: _____