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REPLY TO NOTICE OF MOTION

Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare – Rathkeale – January Meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th January 2022

Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan

I will move at the next meeting that the necessary steps be taken to ensure Askeaton is officially classified as a heritage town.

Response:

The designation of heritage town status to towns throughout Ireland was part of a scheme run in the early 1990's, by Bord Failte, at the time. This scheme is no longer recognised by the Heritage Council, although the associated signage is still in place in many of the towns.

The Heritage Council currently have no plans to create any similar designation, however they do recognise heritage status of towns around the country both through the Irish Walled Towns Network and through the Historic Towns Initiative.

The town of Askeaton is classified as a Historic Town under the National Monuments Act and is a Recorded Monument, LI011-092001, included on the Sites and Monuments Register and the Zone of Notification for the town incorporates a large amount of the Local Area Plan area.

The Local Authority could examine the provision of entrance signage to emphasise the medieval status and importance of Askeaton.

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