

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN THE WOODLANDS HOUSE HOTEL, ADARE, CO. LIMERICK ON TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH, 2022 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), Administrative Officer, Property & Community Facilities (Ms. T. Knox), A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mid West National Road Design Office (Mr. F. Kelliher), Executive Engineer, Mid West National Road Design Office (Mr. R. Kennedy), Assistant Engineer, Mid West National Road Design Office (Mr. M. Healy), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Lenihan).

At the outset of the Meeting Councillor Keary informed Members the proposed new Community Centre for Kildimo is facing a shortfall of €182,000 in funding due to inflationary rises in the construction industry and asked that this matter be forwarded for inclusion on the full council meeting agenda as a Motion from the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District to read as follows:

"I will move at the next meeting to request funding be made available from the Limerick 2030 DAC to provide Kildimo's new Community Centre with the shortfall of €182,000 needed to complete the project as a result of Covid and recent inflationary construction cost increases".

This was seconded by Councillor O'Brien and agreed.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 8th February, 2022.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue;

Seconded by Councillor Keary;

And Resolved:

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

2. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, report of the Head of Property & Community Facilities, dated 24th February, 2022 setting out proposals to dispose of property at Moneymohill, Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick and the intention to bring to Full Council, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (b) Circulated, report of the Head of Property & Community Facilities, dated 14th February, 2022 setting out proposals to dispose of property at Gortnadroma, Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick and the intention to bring to Full Council, for approval.

Members queried if the purchaser of this property intended to reside in the property after purchase and if that was not the case this house should be retained and used to accommodate a family from the current Council housing list. The Administrative Officer, Property & Community Facilities advised Members this property has been vacant for 16 years and had been offered to the Housing Department. However, due to renovation costs and other properties available to them they had declined it. She also advised a first time buyer would not secure a mortgage for a property in this condition. Councillor Sheahan proposed the item be adjourned until the April Meeting to establish the purchasers intention for the property. This was seconded by Councillor Keary and agreed.

- (c) Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 10th February, 2022 setting out proposals to dispose of Freehold Title of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 1 Fairhill, 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.

- (d) Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services dated 17th February, 2022 setting out proposals to dispose of Freehold Interest consisting of a dwelling house situate at Holycross, 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.

3. Mid West National Road Design Office

N21 Coolanoran Traffic Calming Scheme

The Cathoirleach welcomed the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Executive Engineer and Assistant Engineer, Mid West National Road Design Office to the Meeting.

The Executive Engineer updated Members on the proposals for the N21 Coolanoran Traffic Calming Scheme. Following discussion, Members expressed disappointment that a speed limit reduction had not been incorporated into the scheme and that lands adjacent to the petrol station were not being acquired to facilitate car parking for heavy goods vehicles. Members requested a revision of the scheme be undertaken which would provide for these changes. The A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mid West National Road Design Office advised Members that the purpose of the scheme was to address safety issues and sightlines at this location and would not include Members suggested proposals. The Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division informed Members any speed limit reduction would have to be agreed with Traffic Infrastructure Ireland and added paving works needed to be undertaken as a matter of urgency due to the poor condition of the road surface. Councillor Teskey proposed this item be adjourned to the April District Meeting to allow Members time to discuss the matter and also to facilitate Traffic Infrastructure Ireland staff to attend this meeting to discuss the speed limit reduction request. Councillor Teskey further proposed the Meeting be held in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle to facilitate a presentation by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. This was seconded by Councillor Keary and agreed.

4. Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Adare-Rathkeale District

Circulated, report of the Director of Services, Housing dated 8th March, 2022 outlining the Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW).

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan;
 Seconded by Councillor Teskey;
 And Resolved:

“That, the Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works, as circulated, be adopted”.

5. District Engineers Report

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations West Division dated 8th March, 20022 outlining details of proposed works, projects and future projects planned for the District.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

6. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

On the proposal of Councillor Teskey, seconded by Councillor Keary it was agreed to allocate €500 to Adare St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

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

- €3,000 to Pallaskenry Senior Citizens.
- €1,000 to Pallaskenry Community Council.

On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, it was agreed to allocated the following:

- €4,000 to St. James' National School Cappagh.
- €1,500 to Cappagh Ladies Football Association.
- €500 to Knight Street Bridge Club, Ballingarry.
- €500 to Adare St. Patrick's Day Parade.

QUESTIONS

7. Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will ask at the next meeting for the council to carry out the necessary repairs and road improvements on the road leading and into Enniscouch, Rathkeale.

Reply: Limerick City and County Council will continue to undertake ongoing maintenance works on the roadway in the form of patching and where required localised drainage works in the form of opening water inlets and clearing existing storm gullies and mains.
With regards to securing funding for full road resurfacing works the residents on the roadway should be advised to engage with the Community Involvement Scheme.

8. Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will ask at the next meeting for a complete and up to date list of our housing stock within our District currently vacant and for an update on the status of the repairs that's required to bring these properties back in to a habitable state in order to reduce our housing waiting list within our District.

Reply:

Address	Property Status	No. of Properties	Letting Status
ADARE	Vacant	1	Awaiting Minor Repairs
ASKEATON	Vacant	2	Awaiting Minor Repairs
BALLINGARRY	Vacant	2	Awaiting Minor Repairs

CROOM	Vacant	2	Awaiting Minor Repairs
RATHKEALE	Vacant	2	Awaiting Minor Repairs

Address	Property Status	No. of Properties	Letting Status
ASKEATON	Vacant	7	Major Refurbishment
BALLINGARRY	Vacant	1	Major Refurbishment
CROOM	Vacant	1	Major Refurbishment
RATHKEALE	Vacant	1	Major Refurbishment

9. Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will ask at the next meeting what exactly has been done to date following my previous motion with regards to the removal of horses, ponies, donkeys and other trespassing animals on Council and state owned lands in the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District with a particular emphasis on the area in which I raised the issue of in the town of Rathkeale.

Reply: The issues relating to trespass on lands referred is currently under investigation by the local authority. Land ownership in the area is with various parties and is being reviewed.

NOTICES OF MOTION

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will move at the next meeting that the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District lobbies the minister for education and skills to include an extensive subject matter in the education programme / curriculum of the importance and dangers associated with using social media platforms for both adults and children in a bid to educate students on the advantages and disadvantages of using same.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Teskey, seconded by Councillor Keary and agreed.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Teskey highlighted the need for the use of social media platforms to form part of the education curriculum.

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey

I will move that the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District carries out an inspection / audit on all water Hydrants that are in place to help our fire service access much needed water, within the inspection I am requesting 1. For a detailed map outlining

the exact location of all hydrants, 2. A survey to be carried out with regards to the water pressure and litres of water available at these locations. 3. I am asking where we don't have a hydrant or where quantity or pressure is an issue that a reserve tank of water would be put in place to be used in cases where by the emergency services require access.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Teskey, seconded by Councillor Sheahan and agreed.

Following discussion Councillor Teskey proposed his motion be forwarded for inclusion on the Agenda of the March Full Council Meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Keary and agreed.

Reply: 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.

The reply received from Irish Water to this motion is as follows;
“Irish Water have assumed overall responsibility for the repair and maintenance of fire hydrants in County Limerick as they form part of the water services infrastructure. There is no existing programme in place for periodic inspection of water services fixtures and fitting such as hydrants. Irish Water endeavours to immediately repair any hydrants which are notified as being in poor condition by either the Fire Service, members of the public or as observed by Water Services staff in the course of their duties”.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated:
