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**NEWCASTLE WEST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH
SEPTEMBER, 2022.**

Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Municipal Meeting (a) who is now the registered owner of the old dump, Knockbrack (b) who is responsible to keep the gated area clean.

REPLY:

Knockbrack Landfill is in the ownership of Limerick City and County Council and the maintenance of same is the responsibility of the Environment Department.

Nuala O'Connell
Senior Planner
Environment and Recreation
31 August 2022



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Question submitted by Councillor L Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting that a survey be done on the Footpaths in Abbeyfeale where hedge growth is obstructing pedestrians.

REPLY:

This survey will commence shortly.

J. Sheehan,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Municipal District of Newcastle West.
25th August 2022.



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Question submitted by Councillor L Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting that of the Municipal District of Newcastle West that Limerick City and County Council carry out a road safety audit at the Knocknagorna junction on the Glin to Athea road.

REPLY:

A survey has commenced and we have engaged with the relevant land owners.

J. Sheehan,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Municipal District of Newcastle West.
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Question submitted by Councillor J Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting:

- a) When Graffiti will be removed from the dividing/boundary walls within the Wingfield Orchard & Ferndale Estates and
- b) When footpath renewal will take place therein

REPLY:

- a) We will remove this.
- b) This will be repaired in conjunction with works being carried out before the end of the year.

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I will ask at the next Meeting that those trees fronting Properties 1 to 6 at Woodfield Park be cut back in the interest of safety locally.

REPLY:

These works will be carried out in the coming weeks.

J. Sheehan,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Municipal District of Newcastle West.
25th August 2022.



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Limerick City and County Council
Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West
7th of September 2022

Question submitted by Councillor Jerome Scanlan

I will ask at the next Newcastle West meeting when the Broadband roll out will occur at Boola, Broadford.

Reply:

Under the National Broadband Plan, high-speed broadband will be delivered to every premises in Ireland through a combination of commercial and state investment. For Limerick, the State have determined that 78% of premises are in the commercial (Blue) area, an area in which commercial operators have indicated that they currently are or will shortly be providing a broadband service in that area. The remaining 22%, which equates to 21,131 premises including homes, farms, businesses and schools, are in the State Intervention Area (Amber), an area in which commercial operators do not and have no plans to provide a broadband service, and where the State has committed to ensuring access to high-speed broadband for all citizens.

The company delivering on this commitment on behalf of the State is National Broadband Ireland (NBI). The Boola, Broadford area of Limerick falls within the DA131 Meelin deployment area of the National Broadband Plan rollout. As of August 8th 2022, the latest information available from NBI indicated that the surveys in this area were still pending, and that the anticipated date for connection of properties in this area was somewhere between January 2025 and December 2026. NBI also noted on this date that they were “working with ComReg on trying to get access to a particular market product that could make a difference

to areas currently in the latter parts of the build programme”, but that it would likely be 2023 before they know if that will come to fruition. Further information can be sought by emailing reps@nbi.ie, a dedicated inbox setup by NBI for councillors to contact directly for the latest information regarding their representation queries.

As an alternative while the main National Broadband Plan deployment is ongoing, Broadband Connection Points are rural locations within the State Intervention Area where a free high-speed (150Mbps) public broadband connection will be provided for both indoor and outdoor use by the local community, in an effort to support remote working and promote connected communities, and help communities to quickly access free public high-speed broadband in advance of the main deployment under the National Broadband Plan. Under this programme, Limerick City & County Council has had 16 Broadband Connection Point locations approved across the county, the nearest to Boola, Broadford being 15km away at the Glenmore Community Centre (V42 YK77) in Strand, Co. Limerick, while The Old Schoolhouse (P56 K302) in Co. Cork is 11km away in the other direction.

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Question submitted by Councillor T Ruddle

I will ask at the next Meeting if the original Part 8 planning for Garyduff cross, Newcastle West include public lighting? If it did when will it be installed. This is a very dangerous junction.

REPLY:

The condition regarding planning was that "Road lights shall be confined to the minimum that are necessary for road safety. They shall be cowled in such manner as to minimise light spill to the roadway".

Recent discussions with Transport Infrastructure Ireland have indicated that this junction is unlikely to be lit in accordance with their current standards. TII see this junction as having being improved significantly from a safety point of view and is similar to junctions across the national road network that are not lit. The improvements that were put in place making it a safer junction included for, adequate sight lines, right turn lanes and road markings.

J. Sheehan,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Municipal District of Newcastle West.
1st September 2022.



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I will ask at the next Meeting (a) how much did it cost to run the public toilet in The Square, Newcastle West last year (b) revenue generated from the public toilet last year (c) can a proper toilet be built here instead.

REPLY:

- (a) In 2021, the public convenience cost €38,013.30 to run.
- (b) In 2021, the revenue generated was €2,607.90.
- (c) Limerick City and County Council currently have a contract in place for the operation and maintenance of this facility.

M. Curran
Senior Staff Officer
Municipal District of Newcastle West.
30th August 2022.