

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, AND ONLINE, ON WEDNESDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER, 2022, AT 3.45 PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M. Collins, Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Foley, Galvin, Ruddle and Scanlan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Mr. M. Curran), Director, Housing (Ms. C. Curley), Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services (Ms. M. Hayes), Senior Engineer, LA Housing Construction and Maintenance (Mr. C. Culloo), Senior Executive Architect, LA Housing Construction and Maintenance (Mr. C. O'Boyle), Executive Architect, LA Housing Construction and Maintenance (Mr. D. Shorten), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan).

APOLOGIES:

Councillor J. Sheahan

Director, Community, Tourism and Culture (Mr. G. Daly)

Senior Executive Engineer, Newcastle West Municipal District (Mr. J. Sheehan)

Executive Engineer, Roads (Mr. P. Vallely)

Executive Engineer, Housing (Mr. D. Toomey).

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, it was proposed by Councillor Galvin, and seconded by Councillor Scanlan to adjourn the Meeting for fifteen minutes to allow for completion of discussion on housing matters at the Housing Workshop.

1. Housing Directorate

To consider the Chief Executive's Report pursuant to Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2015, and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001-2005, in relation to the construction of 10 No. Housing Units in O'Connor Park, Reerasta North, Ardagh, County Limerick.

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

The Executive Architect commenced by referring to the Chief Executive's Report on the Part 8 application.

He stated that since the September Meeting of the Municipal District, further local consultation had taken place with the residents on the Shanagolden/Newcastle West Road and the residents of O'Connor Park, Ardagh. He outlined to the Members the concerns raised by the residents and the Council's response to the concerns raised.

He stated that funding has been received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and that it is hoped to progress the project to tender stage in Q1/Q2 2023 with a build period of twelve to fifteen months.

The Members welcomed the proposed development but however expressed concern on a number of matters including junction onto R521, safety at this junction and proposed wastewater connection to the Ardagh Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In replying, the Senior Engineer stated that safety at the junction has been assessed by the Council and that a Stage 1 and 2 Road Safety Audit will be carried out as part of the design process.

In response to a query from the Members, the Senior Engineer referred to the Connection Agreement which has been made with Irish Water with regard to proposed connection to the Ardagh Wastewater Treatment Plant. Following a lengthy discussion on this matter, it was agreed that the Senior Engineer would seek further clarification from Irish Water with regard to the sewage capacity at the Ardagh Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Galvin, and seconded by Councillor Scanlan that a Special Meeting be held to give further consideration to this matter.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____

