

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN CROOM CIVIC CENTRE, CROOM, CO. LIMERICK ON TUESDAY, 08TH NOVEMBER, 2022 AT 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor S. Keary, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Collins, O'Brien, O'Donoghue, Sheahan and Teskey.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Senior Executive Officer, Housing (Ms. M. Hayes), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. G.O'Connor), Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. J. O'Keeffe), Administrative Officer (Ms. H. Creed), Staff Officer, Property Services (Ms. D. Ruth), Senior Engineer, LA Housing Construction and Maintenance (Mr. C. Culloo), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Lenihan).

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach thanked Croom Civic Centre for facilitating the November District Meeting.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 19th October, 2022.

Proposed by Councillor O'Brien;
Seconded by Councillor Collins;
And Resolved:

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

- (b) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 19th October, 2022.

Proposed by Councillor O'Brien;
Seconded by Councillor Collins;
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 and Community Facilities dated 25th October, 2022 setting out proposals to dispose of derelict property on Lower Main

Street, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick and the intention to bring to Full Council for approval.

The report, as circulated, was proposed by Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Collins, and agreed.

- (b) Circulated, report of the Head of Property and Community Facilities dated 28th October, 2022 setting out proposals to dispose of derelict property on Lower Main Street, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick and the intention to bring to Full Council for approval.

The report, as circulated, was proposed by Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Collins, and agreed.

3. Housing Directorate

Circulated, report of the Senior Engineer, LA Housing Construction and Maintenance dated 14th October, 2022 setting out proposals for the refurbishment of 24 St. Mary's Park, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

Discussion ensued and Members expressed concern at the length of time it is taking to return this property to housing stock. The Senior Engineer, LA Housing Construction and Maintenance informed Members he would be leaving Limerick City and County Council to take up a position in another Local Authority and added Mr. Brendan Kidney would be taking over from him and would provide updates on this matter to Members going forward. Members wished Mr. Culloo well in his new role.

4. Housing Strategy & Non-LA Housing Construction

Social Housing Delivery

Circulated, report dated 24th October, 2022 setting out details in relation to the social housing delivery for the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

5. Road Traffic and Cleansing

District Engineers Report

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing dated 08th November, 2022 outlining details of proposed works, projects and future projects planned for the District.

Following discussion the following issues were raised by Members:

- Councillor O'Brien requested a Member of Iarnród Éireann attend the December District Meeting to discuss upgrade works currently underway on the District rail network.
- Councillor Teskey requested an update on the extension of the Greenway from Rathkeale to Limerick City.
- Councillor Teskey advised he was informed by the Senior Executive Engineer of the Tourism Department, Mr. Ben Noonan, that funding would be sought from the Traffic Infrastructure Ireland to erect a crash barrier at the Castlematrix section of the Rathkeale Greenway. As this has not yet been done he requested Limerick City and County Council immediately erect a crash barrier at this location as a matter of urgency for the safety of pedestrians using this section of the Greenway.
- Councillor Collins thanked Mr. Gordon Daly and Mr. Thomas Joyce for overseeing the works on the Adare Fountain in Adare which had received a recommendation award from the Irish Georgian Society . Councillor Collins also referred to the Tidy Towns awards and congratulated Adare and Askeaton on their success in the competition.

6. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

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

- €2,000 to Pallaskenry Scout Troops.
- €5,000 to Adare Camogie Club.

On the proposal of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue, it was agreed to allocate €6,000 to Adare Camogie Club from 2023 General Municipal Allocation.

On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue, it was agreed to allocate €1,500 to Granagh/Ballingarry AFC.

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

- €1,416 to Adare Camogie Club.
- €1,000 to St James National School, Cappagh.

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan

I will move at the next Meeting that the Elected Members of this District would have an open and frank debate on the recent media reports regarding the travelling community in Rathkeale.

Councillor Sheahan expressed alarm at recent newspaper articles referring the travelling community in Rathkeale and said the local community was not in agreement with these reports. Councillor Sheahan added it was a mistake not to have included local opinion when these articles were being written.

8. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

9. A.O.B.

- Councillor Teskey proposed the District write to the Minister for Transport, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the Road Safety Authority, the Ambulance Service and An Garda Síochana pleading for safety measures to be installed at Reens Pike as a matter of urgency due to a number of fatalities at this location in recent times. This was seconded by Councillor Sheahan and agreed.
- Councillor Sheahan requested an update on the proposed voluntary housing scheme in Pallaskenry for the December District Meeting.
- It was agreed the December District Meeting would be held on Tuesday 13th December, 2022 at 9.30 a.m. in the Rathkeale Area Office.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____