

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN ÁRAS SEÁN FINN, NEW LINE ROAD, RATHKEALE, CO. LIMERICK ON TUESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 2023 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), Senior Executive Planner, Strategic and Forward Planning (Ms. K. Burke), Executive Planner, Strategic and Forward Planning (Ms. B. Collins), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Lenihan).

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the first Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District Meeting of 2023.

The Cathaoirleach and Members extended their condolences and sympathy to the family and colleagues of Andrew Faughnan, Executive Engineer in the Environment Section who passed away in Vietnam on Christmas Day. They remembered him for his efficiency and helpfulness in his role in Environment. All in attendance stood for a minutes silence as a mark of respect.

The Cathaoirleach proposed a brief adjournment to speak with his fellow Councillors. This was seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue and agreed.

On resumption of the Meeting it was agreed item 3 on the Agenda would be taken next.

3. Economic Development and Enterprise Directorate

Proposed Rathkeale Local Area Plan 2023 – 2029

Circulated, report of the A/Director of Services, Economic Development and Enterprise dated 14th December, 2022 and enclosed Chief Executive's Report dated 14th December, 2022 setting out details in relation to the submission received as part of the public consultation on the Material Alterations to the Proposed Rathkeale Local Area Plan 2023 – 2029.

Following discussion Councillor O'Donoghue stated the maps used on the report were not site specific and are outdated. The Senior Executive Planner, Strategic and Forward

Planning acknowledged this observation and agreed to liaise with the Office of Public Works on this matter.

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

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 13th December, 2022.

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

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

2. Disposal of Land

Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 13th December, 2022 setting out proposals to dispose of freehold interest in property at 21 Ballywilliam, 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.

4. Road Traffic and Cleansing

District Engineers Report

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing dated 10th January, 2023 outlining details of proposed works, projects and future projects planned for the District.

Following discussion the following issues were raised by Members:

- The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing advised the proposed Part 8 Detailed Design for Ballyengland Junction on the N69 currently is being finalised and would be brought before a future District Meeting when complete. Councillor Teskey requested other junctions in the District be looked at also and requested an update on Morenane Junction. The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing advised discussions are ongoing regarding Morenane Junction, and added a different scale of works is required at this junction which will not necessitate a Part VIII planning.

- Councillor Teskey raised the issue of traffic calming at Reens Pike along with other junctions on the N21 between Croagh and Coolanoran. Councillor Keary requested a report on this matter. The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing advised he had reported their concerns back to Traffic Infrastructure Ireland and they have agreed to carry out a safety review of that section of road.
- Councillor Sheahan proposed the District write to the Office of Public Works (OPW) to progress a Flood Relief Scheme for Askeaton as parts of the town are subject to tidal flooding. This was seconded by Councillor Keary and agreed.
- Councillor O'Brien requested the barrier gate at Ringmoylan Pier slipway be replaced.

5. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, it was agreed to allocate €4,000 to Crecora Community Centre.

On the proposal of Councillor Teskey, seconded by Councillor Collins, it was agreed to allocate €1,000 to Rathkeale Snooker Club (€450 from 2022 allocation and €550 from 2023 allocation).

On the proposal of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Collins, it was agreed to allocate €3,500 to Copeewood Gaels RFC (from 2022 allocation).

QUESTION

6. Question submitted by Councillor B. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting that the next Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District Monthly Meeting be held in the Adare Recreation and Community Complex at The Manor Fields Adare.

It was agreed to hold the February District Meeting in The Manor Fields, Adare following request from Councillor Collins.

7. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

8. A.O.B

- Councillor Keary requested an update on the progress at Lees Cross and Chawkes Cross. The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing advised he is hoping to have funding included in the 2023 grant allocations from the Department of Transport.
- Councillor Keary queried the time frame for setting up a multi-agency task force for Rathkeale and requested the religious organisations in Rathkeale be invited to attend when meeting is convened.
- Councillor O'Donoghue raised the issue of public lighting at Anahid Cross on the N20 and requested solar powered lighting be installed at this location. The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing informed Councillor O'Donoghue that Transport Infrastructure Ireland were not in favour of public lighting at this location.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated:
