

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN COLÁISTE CHIARÁIN, CROOM, CO. LIMERICK ON TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH, 2023 AT 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor S. Keary, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Collins, O'Donoghue, Sheahan and Teskey (Online).

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, National and Regional SSC (Mr. K. Lehane), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. J. O'Keeffe), Senior Engineer, Housing Construction and Maintenance (Mr. B. Kidney), Administrative Officer, Housing Strategy and Non Local Authority Construction (Ms. H. Creed), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Lenihan).

APOLOGIES:

Councillor O'Brien, Director, Housing (Ms. C. Curley), Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. G. O'Connor).

At the outset of the Meeting the Cathaoirleach and Members thanked Mr. Ger O'Sullivan, Principal, Coláiste Chiaráin for facilitating the March District Meeting. Mr. O'Sullivan gave a brief outline of the educational facilities provided at Coláiste Chiaráin before introduced Mr. Dooley, Politics and Society teacher, and his students who were attending the Meeting.

Councillor Sheahan requested Limerick City and County Council erect directional signage for the school.

The Meetings Administrator invited those present to notify any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting. No such interests were declared.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 14th February, 2023.

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

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

It was agreed Item 4 on the Agenda would be taken next.

4. Housing Strategy & Non-LA Housing Construction

Social Housing Delivery

Circulated, report of the Housing Strategy & Non-LA Housing Construction Directorate dated 24th February, 2023 setting out details in relation to the social housing delivery for the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District.

The Administrative Officer, Housing Strategy provided a summary update of the main changes to the Housing Delivery report for the District since the last quarter and outlined the percentage target met in accordance with the Housing Delivery Action Plan.

Discussion ensued, Councillor Collins referred to the Government announcement of the current eviction ban ending on the 31st March, 2023 and queried if there are any strategies in place from Government for Local Authorities to purchase properties where the landlord wishes to sell. The Administrative Officer, Housing Strategy advised Limerick City and County Council are actively engaging with landlords and tenants where a notice to quit has been issued and assisting tenants to try to prevent homelessness. The Council is aware the Government is examining options and anticipates additional measures to support households who have received a notice to quit.

Councillor Keary requested an update on the derelict Property in Marine Cove and what the Council plans to do with same. The Senior Engineer, Housing Construction and Maintenance advised he would look into same and revert in due course.

Councillor Sheahan proposed a Motion be sent to Full Council that tenants of Approved Housing Bodies be given the same rights as Local Authority housing tenants in the option of purchasing their rented home should they wish to do so. This was seconded by Councillor Collins, Keary, O'Donoghue and agreed.

2. Road Traffic and Cleansing

Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Adare-Rathkeale District

Circulated, report of the Director of Services, Housing dated 14th March, 2023 outlining the Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW).

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

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

3. District Engineers Report

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing dated 14th March, 2023 outlining details of proposed works, projects and future projects planned for the District.

Following discussion the following issues were raised by Members:

- Councillor Collins requested an update on the taking in charge of the Blackabbey Gate Estate, Adare for the April District Meeting.
- Councillor Keary requested an update on the taking in charge of the Adams Wood Estate in Croagh for the April District Meeting.

5. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

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

- €1,000 to Askeaton St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- €10,000 to Askeaton Civic Trust and Tourism Office (from 2022 Allocation).
- €3,000 to Foynes and District Community Council.
- €4,000 to Askeaton GAA Club.
- €2,000 to Ballysteen Carneige Development CLG.
- €1,000 to Rathkeale Community Council.

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

- €1,000 to Adare Community First Responder Group.
- €5,000 to Adare Recreation and Community Complex CLG t/a Manor Fields Adare.
- €2,000 to Kilcornan National School.
- €1,000 to Rathkeale Community Council.

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

- €3,000 to Adare Recreation and Community Complex CLG t/a Manor Fields Adare.
- €3,000 to Pallaskenry National School.

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

- €1,000 to Rathkeale Community Council.
- €2,500 to Adare Recreation and Community Complex CLG t/a Manor Fields Adare.

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

- €15,000 to Croagh Kilfinny GAA Community Walkway.
- €1,000 to Rathkeale Community Council.
- €2,500 to Adare Recreation and Community Complex CLG t/a Manor Fields Adare.

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

- €20,000 to Road Maintenance Adare-Rathkeale.
- €1,000 to Rathkeale Community Council.
- €1,000 to Askeaton GAA Club.

6. **Correspondence**

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

7. **A.O.B**

- The Meetings Administrator advised Mr. Gordon Daly, Director and Mr. Thomas Joyce, Executive Architect, Community, Tourism and Culture Department had requested a site meeting with Elected Members at Dohyle Lake Centre on Thursday 23rd March, 2023 at 2.30 p.m. This was agreed with Members.
- Councillor Sheahan proposed the May Adare-Rathkeale District Meeting be changed to Tuesday 16th May, 2023. This was seconded by Councillor Keary and agreed.
- Councillor Keary invited the Politics and Society students to take part in a Questions and Answers session at this point in the Meeting between the Elected Members and Executive.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____