

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK AND ONLINE ON MONDAY, 15TH MAY, 2023 at 9.45 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Olivia O’Sullivan, Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors Benson, Butler, Collins, Collopy, Daly, Hartigan, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, Murphy, Novak Uí Chonchúir, O’Donovan, O’Hanlon, Pond, Sheahan (M), Sheehan (C), Slattery and Talukder.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, National and Regional SSC (Mr. K. Lehane), Director, Housing (Ms. C. Curley), Meetings Administrator (Ms. L. Flannery), Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services (Ms. A. Foley), Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services (Ms. M. Hayes), Administrative Officer, Planning Development (Mr. D. McGuigan), Staff Officer, Planning Development (Ms. H. Keane), Senior Engineer, Travel and Transport Strategy (Mr. H. McGrath), Senior Executive Engineer, Travel and Transport Strategy (Ms. N. McGarry), Executive Planner, Travel and Transport Strategy (Ms. K. McDonnell), Senior Architect, Place-Making and Public Realm (Mr. S. Hanrahan), Environment Awareness Officer (Ms. S. McDonnell), Senior Executive Engineers, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. M. Richardson and Mr. L. Browne), Senior Executive Engineer, Recreation (Ms. C. Lynch), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. S. Carroll).

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach and Members welcomed the announcement by Analog Devices of additional investment in their Raheen facility with the creation of 600 jobs.

Members congratulated the following:

- Munster Rugby on their win against Leinster and progressing to the URC Final.
- The Ireland Women’s Sevens Squad on their Olympic qualification.
- Limerick Referee, Joy Neville, who will officiate at the Men’s Rugby World Cup.

Members also complimented everyone involved in the organisation of Riverfest, which was hugely successful.

1. Adoption of Minutes

(a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 17th April, 2023.

Proposed by Councillor Sheehan (C);

Seconded by Councillor McSweeney;

And Resolved:

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

(b) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 5th May, 2023.

Proposed by Councillor Sheehan (C);
Seconded by Councillor McSweeney;
And Resolved:

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

2. Declaration of Interest

The Meetings Administrator stated that, in line with Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and the Code of Conduct, she was inviting those present to notify the Cathaoirleach of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting. No such interests were declared.

3. Disposal of Land

Circulated, Report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 21st April, 2023, setting out proposals for disposal of Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 9 Rathbane Road, Rathbane, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

4. Annual Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor McSweeney, seconded by Councillor Talukder, and agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick at 12 Noon on Monday, 19th June, 2023, following the Monthly Metropolitan Meeting.

5. Community Initiative Scheme - General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

Circulated, Report of the Director of Service dated 15th May, 2023, setting out the proposals for the Community Initiative Scheme 2023, which allowed for the sum of €4,500 for each Member, as follows:

LIMERICK CITY EAST

Name of Group	Amount
Haven Hub Limerick	€500
Limerick Pride	€500
Limerick Women’s & Schoolgirls Soccer League	€1,000
Monaleen Active Retired	€1,000
Monaleen Community Games	€600
Monaleen Park Milford Scouts	€500
Monaleen Park Residents Association	€500
Mulcair Drive Residents Association	€600
Prospect Priory FC	€500

Rathbane Residents Association	€500
Southill Women's Shed	€500
Southside Boxing Club	€500
West End Boxing Academy	€500
Women's Collective Limerick	€500
Woodhaven Residents Association	€800

LIMERICK CITY NORTH

Name of Group	Amount
Caherdavin Active Retired	€1,000
Caherdavin Celtic FC	€1,000
Caherdavin Community Games	€500
Dochas	€500
Ennis Road CFR	€1,000
Garryowen Residents Association	€500
Haven Hub	€2,000
Limerick City Community Radio	€500
Rhebogues Meadows Residents Association	€500
Richmond RFC	€1,000
Scoil Chríost Rí Parents Association Caherdavin	€500
Scoil Mhuire Banríon na hÉireann Parents Association Caherdavin	€500
Star Rovers FC	€1,000
St Marys National School	€2,000
St Mary's Scouts	€500
Thomondgate Residents Association	€500

LIMERICK CITY WEST

Name of Group	Amount
Ballybrown Community Council	€1,000
Ballybrown GAA Camogie Team	€1,000
Carebright CLG	€500
Clonanna Burial Ground Committee	€500
Clarina Tidy Towns	€500
Patrickswell Active Retirement Group	€500
Patrickswell Camogie Club	€500
Patrickswell Friday Club	€500
Patrickswell National School	€500
Patrickswell Tidy Towns	€500
West End Boxing Club	€500

Following discussions on the Community Initiative Scheme, it was agreed by Members that consideration should be given to processing payments of up to €2,000, without the need for nominated groups to provide evidence of expenditure in advance. Members noted that this would assist nominated groups and speed up the process for them.

Councillor Sheahan (M) confirmed that the correct description for one nominated group was Monaleen Milford Scouts and requested for this to be amended in the report for the proposed scheme for 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor Kiely, seconded by Councillor Sheahan (M) and agreed, to approve the proposals under the Community Initiative Scheme 2023, including the amendment as outlined, as detailed in the revised table below as follows:

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6. Planning, Environment and Place-Making Directorate

Taking-in-Charge of Estates - Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads

Circulated, Report of the Acting Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Place-Making Directorate dated 5th May, 2023 seeking approval to the taking in charge of the housing estate at Bloomfield, Castletroy, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Sheahan (M);

Seconded by Councillor Murphy;

And Resolved:

“That the housing estate at Bloomfield, Castletroy, Limerick be taken in charge in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993”.

6A. Transportation and Mobility Directorate

Part 8 Procedure – Temporary Access / Haul Road on lands adjacent to the Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road Scheme

Circulated, Report of the Director of Services, Transportation and Mobility Directorate dated 11th May, 2023 and enclosed Chief Executive’s Report dated 11th May, 2023 setting out details in relation to the proposed development of a temporary access / haul road on lands adjacent to the Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road Scheme. The report had been prepared in accordance with Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) and noted that it was proposed to proceed in accordance with Section 8 of the report.

The report, as circulated, was noted by the Elected Members.

QUESTIONS

7. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, what department is responsible for maintenance of the smarter travel path connecting Lock Quay and Corbally with the boat club at UL and what financial resources are available for this maintenance.

REPLY: Limerick City & County Councils Roads Department recently met internally with the Active Travel and the Environment, Recreation and Climate Change Departments to discuss the maintenance of the Metropolitan Greenway routes. It has been agreed that the Roads Dept will maintain any of the roads infrastructural elements and the Parks section will maintain the greens, hedges and recreational elements of these greenways. Maintenance works will be undertaken within existing maintenance budgets by operations staff or frameworks contractors within the relevant departments depending on the type of specialised works required. Budgets for the maintenance of these areas will be further reviewed in 2024.

8. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

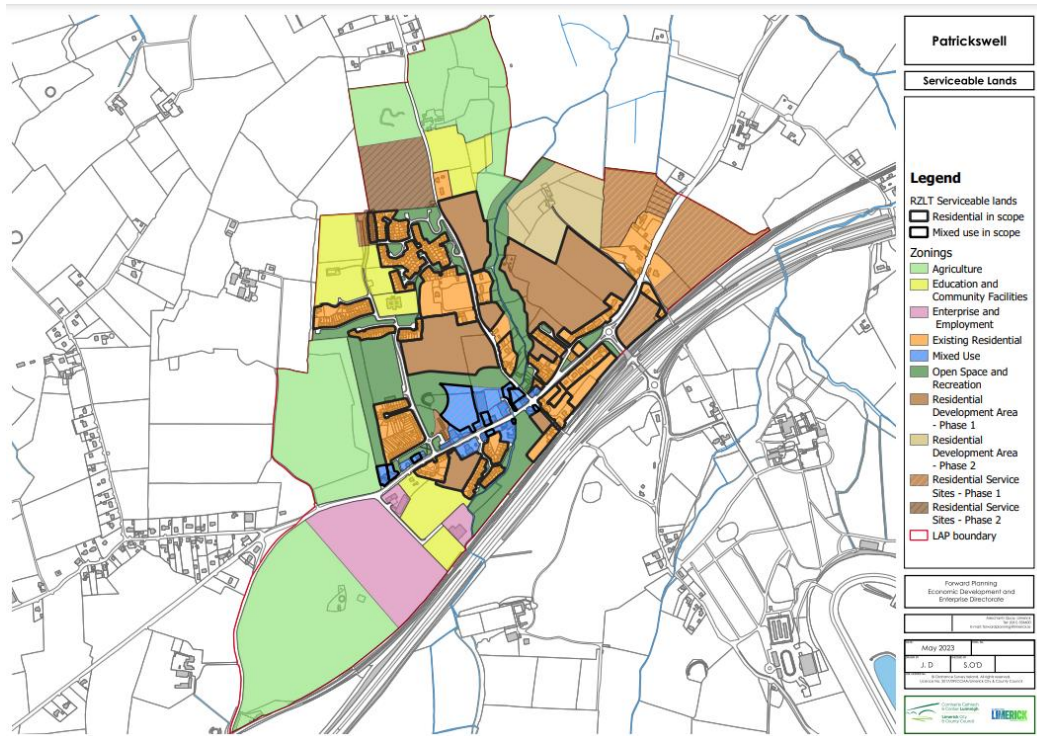
I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a breakdown of the additional resource (including outdoor staff and finances) that have been allocated to Transport and Mobility to deal with the ongoing maintenance of active travel schemes that have been delivered since 2020.

REPLY: Limerick City & County Council's Roads and Cleansing operations currently maintain any new active travel infrastructure that have been delivered since 2020 in the Limerick Metropolitan area. These works are undertaken within existing maintenance budgets by operations staff or frameworks contractors depending on the type of specialised works required. Two additional road sweepers, which were funded by the NTA, were procured in 2022 to sweep, clean and maintain any newly installed cycle lanes in the Metropolitan area. Budgets for the maintenance of these areas will be further reviewed in 2024.

9. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a map of lands currently zoned in Patrickswell that is deemed to be serviced by forward planning and the area of same.

REPLY: The following areas outlined in black on the Patrickswell Local Area Plan 2015-2021 zoning map are deemed to be serviced or serviceable. The total area is 36.68 ha.



10. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on what plans have been developed to improve traffic safety at the Collopy Cross Junction, Patrickswell as was requested by this District at our February 2022 meeting.

REPLY: Limerick City & County Councils Roads Department have previously reviewed traffic safety at the Collopy Cross junction. The junction layout and sightlines are currently adequate at this junction in its current environment. In 2022 LCCC Roads completed the recovery of line markings, improvements to road signage and a surface dressing scheme on the approach R526 road from the N20 towards Collopy Cross. We will continue to liaise with the Gardai regarding any relevant traffic data or incidents in this area and further review if required.

11. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the number of investigations that took place by planning enforcement in the last 12 months on the grounds of non-compliance with planning, in the Metropolitan District, and the status and/or outcomes of these investigations.

REPLY: Planning Enforcement Section received four hundred and eighty-seven (487) complaints between 1 May 2022 and 30 April 2023 across the city and county as a whole.

The status of these cases is set out in the below table:

Status	Number of cases
Cases Closed	166
Warning Letter Served	188
Enforcement Notice Served	56

Cases Under Investigation	48
Under Review	13
Court Proceedings Initiated	16

12. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick regarding recent branch removal in Arthur's Quay Park for Riverfest and what policy the Parks Department have for cutting trees during nesting season.

REPLY: The Parks Department does not carry out any tree works during the nesting season unless in an emergency situation or where there is a safety risk. In relation to Arthur's Quay Park, a branch was removed to allow access for a vehicle for Riverfest, as it hindered access to an area in the Park. This was an exceptional situation and considered necessary for Riverfest. In general, tree surgery works are minimised, whether they are within or outside the nesting season.

13. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what mechanism or checks are in place when grant funding is allocated from Regeneration for projects funded, what follow up is there to ensure the funds are spent as intended by the application.

REPLY: Governance requirements for the Economic Social Intervention Fund (ESIF) funding are outlined in the My Point application process and formally through a Service Level Agreement with the relevant organisation. Governance requirements differ based on the levels of grant approved. Generally, the local authority will require:

- A Service Level Agreement (SLA);
- Company Number / Charity Number / VAT Number / Tax Reference Number where applicable
- Quotations for capital / equipment costs and copies of bank statements
- Child Safeguarding Statement where applicable;
- For salaries relevant supporting documentation; and,
- An expenditure report together with verified receipts

Additional paperwork for grants of €10,000 and upwards includes:

- Copy of applicant's most recent audited or certified accounts;
- Relevant job descriptions;
- Relevant health and safety documentation together with insurance certificates;
- Relevant minutes of Board or Management meetings and,
- Memorandum or Articles of Association where applicable;

Prior to finalising their last ESIF tranche, recipients are required to meet the Social Coordinator on site. The Social Coordinator assesses progress made during the year. Subject to a satisfactory review, the Social Coordinator formally recommends the final payment. Additionally, recipients must provide the Regeneration Directorate with a Progress Report and an Expenditure Report to receive their final tranche funding.

14. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many Council properties in the Metropolitan District are vacant and what is the breakdown by electoral area.

REPLY: There are c. 130 vacant council housing units in the Metropolitan District of Limerick being actively progressed at present. The direct labour work force in Housing Maintenance have 40 units at various stages of the process. There are approximately c. 90 units being progressed through external building contractors, these are predominantly higher value contracts.

The breakdown is approx. as follows 45% Limerick City North, 30% Limerick City West, 25% Limerick City East.

15. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how much was granted to Tait House for the Turner Vinery project and at what stage is the project at.

REPLY: In 2022 the Council undertook to lead on the restoration and reinstatement of Turner Vinery, a 19th century brick, wrought and cast iron glasshouse, designed by renowned ironmaster Richard Turner. The project involves three distinct phases:

Phase A: The Restoration & Partial Reconstruction of the Masonry Structure

Phase B: Historic Ironwork Conservation Works and Reconstruction of Original Frame on Site

Phase C: Re-Glazing of Repaired and Reconstructed Frame.

Prior to the Council taking the lead on this project Tait House Community Enterprise obtained €153,000 in funding in relation to the restoration of Turner Vinery. €29,413 of this funding has been spent to date on Turner Vinery rehabilitation works however further works were paused due to insufficient level of funding available.

During 2022 the preparation of a Condition Survey, Conservation Strategy and specification was successfully completed under the Heritage Councils Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2022.

In March 2023, based on the output of the Community Heritage Grant and alongside a committed contribution from Tait House Community Enterprise of the 2017 funding provision balance, the Council were successful in obtaining a Historic Structures Fund grant allocation of €160,000: €80,000 in 2023 and €80,000 in 2024.

The Council have commenced the procurement process for the appointment of a Grade 1 Conservation Architect as per conditions of the Historic Structures Fund grant allocation with an expected appointment in Q2, 2023. The intention being to progress contractor appointment and Phase A in 2023 and Phase B and C in 2024.

16. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if engagement has taken place between Limerick City and County Council and with Limerick Civic Trust about doing an audit of all plaques on our bridges and buildings with a plan to repair writings and inscriptions.

17. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council clean and paint traffic islands across the city, many of which have weeds and are filthy.

REPLY: Weeds have been sprayed and the Cleansing Section will arrange to clean the islands. The two new small road sweepers will also be deployed to sweep around the islands to remove accumulations of grit and gravel.

18. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the implementation of the management plan for the Westfield Wetlands.

REPLY: The Westfield Management Plan is in the final stages of drafting with an anticipation that all documentation will be with Environment Strategy by the 30th June and will be presented to CABE SPC at the next scheduled meeting thereafter. The delay in finalising the management plan is related to the sensitive nature of the site and the requirement to ensure that a robust Appropriate Assessment of the plan is undertaken.

19. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on what the Council intends to do with the old shop on the Mill Road that it acquired a number of years ago and why the building has remained vacant for so long.

REPLY: Stage 1 approval was received from the Department in November 2022 which would see the demolition of the existing shop unit and the provision of 7 new units, in the form of 3 No. 2 bed units, 4 No. 1 bed units (one of which is a universal access unit).

We are currently preparing stage 2 costs for submittal to the Department of housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) in the next two weeks.

20. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an outline in tabular form of the cost to the local authority of post bonfire night clean ups for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

REPLY: The following table outlines the approximate costs of bonfire night clean-ups from 2019 to 2023:

Bonfire Night Clean-ups

Year	Approximate Cost	Notes
2019	€ 25,845	
2020	€ 26,333	
2021	€ 27,105	
2022	€ 29,475	
2023	€ 34,200	estimated

21. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick City and County Council advise how many properties they received back since 2019 for stock from the downsizing scheme and how many of those properties have been refurbished and allocated to people on the housing list.

REPLY: 8 properties were acquired through the private downsizing scheme. The property status is outlined in the table below:

Status		
3	Refurbishment Complete	1 allocated through AHB 2 due to be allocated in the coming weeks
2	Estimated date of refurbishment completion is July 2023	
1	Estimated date of refurbishment completion is October 2023	
2	Estimated date of refurbishment completion is December 2023	

22. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, can Limerick City and County Council advise how many properties they received back into stock since 2019 from acquiring houses through issuing derelict site notices and how many have been refurbished and allocated to people on the housing list.

REPLY: There were 15 properties that have been compulsorily acquired under the derelict sites act in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

1 unit is completed and occupied.

6 vacant units are on Limerick City and County Council's refurbishment programme. 4 units are estimated to be completed in Q4 2023 and 2 units are estimated to be completed in Q1 2024.

7 units are expected to transfer to an AHB in Q2 2023.

1 unit is scheduled for demolition to facilitate 6 units for social housing.

23. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick City and County Council advise how many properties they have acquired through the repair and lease scheme and how many have been allocated to people on the housing list.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council do not acquire properties through the repair and lease scheme, however owners of properties that have been vacant for 12 months or longer and in need of repair can contact the Council to express an interest in the repair and lease scheme.

There are currently 12 active repair and lease agreements in the Metropolitan District and all units are currently occupied.

NOTICES OF MOTION

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, it was agreed to take Item 31 next.

31. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council reconsider my original proposal to introduce stickers on illegally parked cars throughout the city.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Leddin, seconded by Councillor Sheehan (C) and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Leddin highlighted the illegal parking that is occurring in loading bays and on footpaths around the city of Limerick. He pointed out the benefits, if the introduction of stickers on vehicles was considered, and stated it would also act as a visual deterrent.

REPLY: Section 12 of the Road Traffic Act 2022 and as amended by Section 15 of the Road Traffic Act 2006 of the Local Authorities (Traffic Wardens) Act 1975 provides the Council's Traffic Wardens with the legal basis to issue fixed charge notices to illegally parked cars and to affix such a notice to the vehicle. These notices are bright yellow tickets which are usually placed under a windscreen wiper. There is no legal basis for the Council's Traffic Wardens to affix stickers to vehicles and these would be prohibited under the provisions of the Litter Pollution Acts, 1997 - 2009. The Traffic Section will examine the use of adhesive holders for parking notices for use in limited circumstances, these would be larger and more noticeable than the notice itself.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan (to be referred to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that mammal passes are a requirement of all planning applications that include the installation of long sections of fencing which might interfere with movement of wild mammal species, such as otter, fox, hare, rabbit and badger.

It was agreed to refer this Notice of Motion to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Health to allocate dedicated funding to treat people suffering from the mental health disorder known as compulsive hoarding or hoarding disorder, and for the Minister for the Environment, Climate & Communications to allocate dedicated funding to local authorities to assist with the removal of hoarded material accumulated by people suffering from this disorder, from their private or Council properties.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Slattery, seconded by Councillor Sheehan (C) and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Slattery highlighted the difficulties for individuals, families and neighbours, when significant hoarding occurs, and the need for funding to be allocated to assist with the issue. Members supported this motion and agreed funding was required to assist Local Authorities in tackling the issue.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council draft a maintenance plan for Patrickswell Village and put the resource in place to action this plan once Patrickswell Village Renewal Scheme is completed later this year.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor McSweeney, seconded by Councillor Butler and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor McSweeney referred to the public realm works being carried out in Patrickswell, and the need for a maintenance plan once these works were completed. Members supported the Motion agreeing that significant investment has gone into the scheme and that a maintenance plan needs to be put in place. Members also complimented the Tidy Towns Association on the great work they do for the village.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council's Active Travel Department are currently delivering the Patrickswell Village Renewal Scheme. Once this scheme is completed by the contractor, the area will be handed back to Limerick City and County Council's Roads operations to maintain under its general maintenance budget allocation outlined on the annual Schedule of Municipal District Works. Any increase in budget required for the maintenance of the scheme would be reviewed as part of the Council's annual budgetary process.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this District writes to Minister Eamon Ryan and the National Transport Authority outlining the need to allocate funding for maintenance of active travel routes.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor McSweeney, seconded by Councillor Butler and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor McSweeney highlighted the significant funding allocated for Active Travel Projects, and pointed out the need for Government to provide additional funding to maintain and sweep these routes regularly, to ensure they can be availed of.

The Senior Engineer, Travel and Transport Strategy, confirmed that the schedule of maintenance for active travel routes would be circulated to Members and also published on the website.

28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council will write to Tusla and Pobal in support of urgently finding a suitable city centre building for One World Pre-school to purchase or rent for the 44 children that access pre-school services on Henry Street and are currently without a facility.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Butler and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O'Donovan highlighted the urgent need to locate a premises for the One World Pre-School, which were providing an excellent service for children in city centre areas. Members supported the Motion and highlighted the difficulties that parents are encountering with a shortage of crèche places.

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the bus lane in O'Connell Street be removed and a two lane traffic management system be reinstated.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kiely and seconded by Councillor McSweeney.

Following discussions on the O'Connell Street project, it was agreed to organise a Special Workshop on O'Connell Street for Members before the handover of the Project. Members requested that the Pedestrian Crossing on Bedford Row/Thomas Street, enforcing parking fines, the future of the Architectural Feature and the concerns around the number of trips and falls on O'Connell Street would be addressed at this workshop.

Councillor Kiely agreed to withdraw the Notice of Motion.

30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the lanes behind the Dochas Offices in Parnell Street be provided with double yellow lines to allow for enforcement of parking regulation, given the fact that fire doors are being blocked by vehicles parked.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kiely, seconded by Councillor O'Donovan and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Kiely highlighted the difficulties for users of the Dochas Offices when cars were parked on the lanes and blocking entrances.

REPLY: The lane behind the Dochas offices is property registered to Limerick City and County Council but is not a public road. In order to enforce double yellow lines along this laneway it must first be taken in charge as a public road. The Council will examine if this laneway is suitable for taking in charge, this would be subject to a survey, availability of funding to remedy defects, advertisement of a notice of the intention of the Council to take in charge the laneway. It would also require formal consideration by Councillors.

Members queried if the process to take this lane in charge could be started, and in response, the Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing, noted he would carry out a survey of the lane which is required for the Taken in Charge process.

32. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Metropolitan Council requests the extension of the Dockless Bike Scheme to Corbally, the Northside and to third level institutions not served by the existing public bike scheme.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Sheehan (C), seconded by Councillor Hartigan and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Sheehan (C) welcomed the roll out of the Dockless Bike Scheme. He stated that an extension of the scheme would give everyone an opportunity to try out cycling, particularly in areas such as Corbally which had large traffic volumes.

REPLY: The current dockless bike share scheme is operating in the Castletroy area with two parking zones located in the city, at Locke Quay and at Colbert Station. The operating area for this pilot scheme has been defined in agreement with the NTA.

Subject to the successful operation of this pilot scheme, and in agreement with the NTA, it is the intention that the dockless scheme will be extended to other areas of Limerick Metropolitan District in the future.

33. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council implements an awareness campaign on the burning of hazardous material/illegal waste at bonfires.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Sheehan (C), seconded by Councillor Collopy and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Sheehan (C) referred to the May Eve bonfires and the burning of hazardous materials and the damaging effect this can have on people's health. Members supported the motion and agreed that the issue with burning of hazardous waste in bonfires needs to be addressed.

REPLY: The Council would like to take this opportunity to once again highlight that the burning of any waste in a bonfire, backyard fire, stove or indoor grate is illegal and dangerous and should not be undertaken by any person. Limerick City and County Council will undertake

an awareness campaign in relation to illegal bonfires. The most suitable time for this would be in the run up to May eve (which has just passed) in the Metropolitan area and Halloween in the wider county areas. The Council will also investigate doing a collaborative campaign with the Fire Service and the Gardai.

34. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
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Dated: _____