

**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, 13TH JUNE, 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:

Director, Rural, Community and Culture Development (Mr. S. Duclot), 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), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Lenihan).

1. Adoption of Minutes

(a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 16th May, 2023.

Proposed by Councillor Teskey;
Seconded by Councillor O'Brien;
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 26th May, 2023.

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

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

Following the adoption of the Minutes, Councillor Teskey requested an update on Askeaton Pool and Leisure. The Meetings Administrator, also a Director of Askeaton Pool and Leisure DAC, informed Members that a novation agreement between Limerick 2030 DAC and Limerick City and County Council has been signed which transfers the current management of the pool in its present state along with the tendering process for both the plant room upgrades and procurement of an operator to manage the centre when works are complete and the centre reopens for business. The Meetings Administrator concluded

that for the meantime the centre will remain closed until these necessary works are complete.

2. Declaration of Interest

The Meetings Administrator stated that, in line with Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001 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. Operations & Maintenance

Draft Limerick City and County Council Road Traffic (30 kilometres per hour Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2023

Circulated, report outlining details of the draft Limerick City and County Council Road Traffic (30 kilometres per hour Special Speed Limit) Bye-Laws 2023 and the intention to go to Public Consultation and then bring 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 13th June, 2023 outlining details of proposed works, projects and future projects planned for the District.

Following discussion the following issues were raised by Members:

- Councillor Sheahan stated to the Meeting Irish Rail are currently erecting a fence at the station house in Askeaton without consideration of the two occupants of the property and requested an update from Irish Rail for the July District Meeting on the issue.
- Councillor Collins requested an update on the Greenway closure from Newcastle to Abbeyfeale for the July District Meeting.
- Councillor Sheahan requested an update on when footpath works at Ballysteen would be completed. The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing advised works would be completed by the end of the year.

- Councillor Teskey requested an update on when works would start on the Ballingarry Road out of Rathkeale. The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing advised as temperatures were too high the contractor is due on site in the coming weeks.
- Councillor Collins requested an update on resurfacing of the Riverbank Walk in Adare. The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing advised a contractor has been appointed and works are likely to begin in July.
- Councillor Collins also requested an update on footpath works from Adare Village to the GAA Field. The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing advised this is an Active Travel project and it's possible that it will go to Part 8 later this year, subject to land acquisition.
- Councillor Collins also requested an update on the footpath at Murphys Cross, Adare. The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing advised this is due to go to tender and the Mid West Road Design Office are awaiting official approval from Transport Infrastructure Ireland for the preliminary design.
- Councillor Keary requested an update on the Ballyengland Junction. The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing advised discussions are ongoing with the landowner. Funding is available and Part 8 Planning is likely to proceed this year subject to approval from Transport Infrastructure Ireland and land acquisition, works can then proceed. With regard to Mornane Junction works will be carried out this year, subject to land acquisition.

5. Annual Meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale on Monday 19th June, 2023 at 9.00 a.m.

6. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

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

- €1,000 to St. Senan's Bord na nÓg Foynes and Shanagolden.
- €5,000 to Limerick Civic Trust CLG.

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

- €2,000 to Adare Ladies Gaelic Football Club.
- €1,500 to Adare 2020 Club.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Teskey, it was agreed to allocate €1,500 to Askeaton/Ballysteen Natural Heritage.

7. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

8. A.O.B

- Councillor Collins welcomed the development of the judicial review for the Limerick to Foynes motorway and requested an updated report on the proposed motorway timelines for the July District Meeting.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____