

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MERCHANT'S QUAY, LIMERICK AND ONLINE ON MONDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 2024 at 9.45 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Azad Talukder, Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Service, National and Regional Shared Services (Mr. K. Lehané), Meetings Administrator (Ms. L. Flannery), Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services (Ms. A. Foley), Director of Service, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation (Mr. J. Delaney), Senior Executive Officer, National and Regional Shared Services (Ms. S. Reidy), Administrative Officer, Property Management (Ms. T. Knox), Head of Marketing and Communications (Mr. D. O'Sullivan), Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. M. Richardson), Senior Executive Engineers, Active Travel (Ms. S. Kennedy and T. Flanagan), Executive Engineers (Mr. B. Barrett and L. Kennedy), Communications Officer (Mr. J. Prenderville), Executive Planner (Ms. R. O'Donnell), Senior Staff Officer (Ms. M. Henn), Head of Digital Services (Mr. A. Dooley), A/Senior Executive Officer, Regeneration and Sports (Mr. D. White), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. S. Carroll).

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 15th January, 2024:

Proposed by Councillor Collins;

Seconded by Councillor O'Donovan;

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

- (a) Circulated, Report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 30th January, 2024, setting out proposals for disposal of Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling

house situate at 1 Larch Court, Kennedy Park, 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.

- (b) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 7th February, 2024, setting out proposals for disposal of 0.03 acres/0.013 hectares of land at Baunacloka, Mungret, 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.

- (c) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 7th February, 2024, setting out proposals for disposal of 0.01 acres/0.0042 hectares of land at 1 St. Joseph Street, 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.

- (d) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 6th February, 2024, setting out proposals for disposal of 110 Dalgaish Park, Moyross, 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.

- (e) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 7th February, 2024, setting out proposals for disposal of 0.0014 acres/0.0055 ha of land at 20 Rose Court, Keyes Park and 0.0004 acres/0.00016 ha of land at 18 Rose Court, Keyes Park, 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.

- (f) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 7th February, 2024, setting out proposals for disposal of 0.264 acres/0.107 ha of land at Ballinacurra Lane, 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.

- (g) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 8th February, 2024, setting out proposals for disposal of 2.738 acres/1.108 ha of land at Rosbrien, 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.

- (h) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 7th February, 2024, setting out proposals for disposal of 34 Smith O'Brien Avenue, Kileely, 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. Planning, Environment and Place-Making Directorate

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

Circulated, Report of the Senior Planner, Planning, Environment and Place-Making dated 12th February, 2024 seeking approval to the taking in charge of The Cloisters, North Circular Road, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor O’Sullivan;
Seconded by Councillor McSweeney;
And Resolved:

“That the roads in The Cloisters, North Circular Road, 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”.

5. Transportation & Mobility Directorate

(a) Part 8 Procedure – Gaelscoil Sáirséal Active Travel Scheme

Circulated, Report of the Director of Services, Transportation and Mobility Directorate dated 8th February, 2024 and enclosed Chief Executive’s Report dated 25th January, 2024 setting out details in relation to the Gaelscoil Sáirséal Active Travel 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.

Members thanked the Active Travel Team for their work on the scheme and referred to the positive benefits it will have for the school, and the wider community.

The following amendments were proposed by Councillor O’Sullivan and seconded by Councillor Novak Uí Chonchúir:

1. Provide for a 7m taper end to the shared space at the southern end of the scheme.
2. Provide for relocation of the pedestrian gated entrance to the north of the existing pedestrian crossing.

Proposed by: Councillor O’Sullivan;
Seconded by: Councillor Novak Uí Chonchúir;
And Resolved.

“That the Part 8 in relation to the Gaelscoil Sáirséal Active Travel Scheme, and subject to the agreed amendments, be approved 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)”

(b) Part 8 Procedure – St. Pauls Roundabout to Ballykeeffe Roundabout

Circulated, Report of the Director of Services, Transportation and Mobility Directorate dated 12th February, 2024 and enclosed Chief Executive’s Report dated 12th January, 2024 setting out details

in relation to the St. Pauls Roundabout to Ballykeeffe Roundabout Active Travel 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.

Members welcomed the residents from the area to the Meeting and thanked them for their engagement during the consultation process. Members also commended the Active Travel Team for their work on the scheme.

The Members requested that consideration should be given to include a condition that two way traffic be maintained during construction phase to avoid delays.

It was agreed that a Presentation on Active Travel proposals for the Dooradoyle Road would be made at the next Area Briefings.

The following amendments were proposed by Councillor Kilcoyne and seconded by Councillor O'Donovan:

1. Modify the development to provide a two way cycle track on the south side of the R526 from the crossing west of Ballykeeffe roundabout to the junction with Ballykeeffe Estate in lieu of the provision of a shared space on Ballykeeffe Estate Road.
2. Continuation of the two way cycle track on the north side of the R526 to the crossing on the west side of the Ballykeeffe roundabout.

Proposed by: Councillor Kilcoyne;

Seconded by: Councillor O'Donovan;

And Resolved.

"That the Part 8 in relation to the St. Pauls Roundabout to Ballykeeffe Roundabout Active Travel Scheme, and subject to the agreed amendments, be approved 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)"

QUESTIONS

6. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to the pedestrian crossing on Hyde Road (located across from Hyde Villas), has Limerick City and County Council considered the installation of flashing lights at this crossing as an additional safety measure, as cars do not realise it is a crossing until they are too close to stop.

REPLY: This raised crossing was installed as an additional uncontrolled crossing following a number of requests from local residents. The raised crossing acts as a traffic calming measure while also giving pedestrians a safe opportunity to cross Hyde Road. There are further controlled pedestrian crossings locations along Hyde Road.

7. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to the pedestrian crossing on Bloodmill Road, near the entrance to Castletroy View, has Limerick City and County Council considered the installation of a raised table top at this location, as cars are failing to stop and a table top ramp needs to be installed as a matter of safety for pedestrians.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council Road's Department has recently completed a traffic survey in this area and is currently liaising with the Gardaí to investigate any relevant traffic collision data in this area to determine what road safety improvements should be considered at this location. An application for NTA funding to introduce a possible pedestrian improvement scheme through the Active Travel department is also being considered. If a funding application is successful a suitable design and delivery, which will possibly be subject to a Section 38 public consultation and a road safety audit, will take place.

8. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to the Rightsizing Scheme, when a person dies or leaves a Rightsizing property, what then happens to the property? Is a person on the Rightsizing list allocated the property or does the property go into Council stock for someone on the housing list?

REPLY: Where a person passes or leaves a local authority rightsizing property which is designated for older people, Limerick City and County Council will reallocate to:

1. Households over the age of 55 on the Housing Waiting List.
2. Households over the age of 55 on the Housing Waiting List who have requested a transfer from a larger home to a smaller 1 or 2 bed home.

Where a person is allocated a dwelling under the private rightsizing scheme and passes or leaves the property the Approved Housing Body will engage with Limerick City and County Council for suitable nomination under the following categories:

1. Households over the age of 55 on the Housing Waiting List.
2. Households over the age of 55 on the Housing Waiting List who have requested a transfer from a larger home to a smaller 1 or 2 bed home.

9. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick who is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the build outs placed across the city during Covid to facilitate outdoor hospitality.

REPLY: The businesses using the outdoor dining areas are generally required to maintain them and keep them tidy, any structural repairs would be the responsibility of the local authority. The Council's Public Realm Section is reviewing the long term strategy for outdoor dining areas in Limerick City.

10. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what progress is being made on the development of a new children's playground in Dooradoyle, following agreement at the recent Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee.

REPLY:

1. There are currently two public playgrounds available in Dooradoyle, a small playground located at the Crescent Shopping Centre and a large playground at Mungret Park. The Council has been asked to look at the development of a new playground and staff have carried out a high-level review of the existing green spaces in the Dooradoyle area. There is limited green space available that could be considered for a public playground. The green space that is available is largely open green space within existing housing developments. In order to progress this matter further, the Council will need to determine the extent of the play facility that is required for the Dooradoyle area and how the existing greenspace can meet the required demand.
2. Once the size, location and cost of the proposed playground is agreed, the Council will examine how it will be financed and will progress agreed proposals to Part 8 and inclusion in the Capital Works Programme.

11. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how much revenue has been collected and how many fines issued for dog fouling in 2022 and 2023.

REPLY:

2022	2023
5 Dog Fouling fines issued	3 Dog Fouling fines Issued
	Revenue Collected €0.00 1 Court proceedings have been initiated
Revenue Collected €600.00	2 Withdrawn

Under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 it is an offence to allow a dog under your control to foul a public place. A Litter/ Dog Warden can issue a fixed penalty fine for dog fouling under the Act, however the burden of proof is high. Prosecutions can be difficult as the Litter or Dog Warden must witness the incident and the dog must be connected to a person at the time of the offense. Where member of the public reports an instance they must be willing to give evidence in court, however many are reluctant to do so.

A new awareness campaign will be launched in Q2 2024 to raise awareness about dog owners' responsibilities to clear up after their pets.

12. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what steps, if any, have been taken to ensure that planning permissions granted in Castletroy in the past 15 years were compliant with the condition to provide a creche where such condition was part of the permission, and what steps will be taken to address this issue, given that no operational creche has been provided under any of those permissions to-date.

REPLY: The responsibility to ensure that planning permissions, including the attached conditions, are complied with and implemented in accordance with the permission, rests with the applicant/developer. Where it comes to the attention of the Planning Authority that there is non-compliance with a permission or unauthorised development, the Planning Authority initiates investigation in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

13. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the acquisition of a site for a public graveyard in Castletroy given that a site was to be purchased by June 2023.

REPLY: The Council have identified a number of sites for a new burial ground to serve the Castletroy area and have completed a desk top exercise in relation to same. Each of the sites require site investigation to determine ground conditions and general suitability of the site for a burial ground. This process is underway and a preferred site will be identified in due course.

14. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on the decision for an environmental impact assessment to be required for the proposed development located at Dromdarrig, Mungret and when Councillors will be briefed on the responses from this public consultation.

REPLY: The public consultation process on the draft screening reports for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) closed 30th January 2024. Limerick City and County Council received a number of submissions and the Council appreciates the time and effort spent on those participating in this public consultation process. This public consultation process is to ensure public participation in the development and finalisation of the EIA and AA screening reports. We are examining the submissions at present with a view to finalising the reports very shortly. Once that exercise is completed, we will arrange a briefing with Elected Members to discuss next steps.

15. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update from Uisce Éireann on safety of drinking water in Limerick City considering the latest data from the Environmental Protection agency highlights 114,764 in Limerick City have been exposed to toxins.

REPLY: The Corporate Services Section will contact Uisce Éireann to request a Briefing Update for the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District on drinking water quality in the Limerick City area.

16. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if Limerick City and County Council has any plans to provide a basketball court in Limerick City West, and if not, can this be considered by the local authority.

REPLY: The provision of additional sports amenities to meet the needs of a growing population within the city and county is under active consideration. In terms of Limerick City West, the Council will engage with the Elected Members for Limerick City West in terms of additional sporting infrastructure as part of public infrastructure e.g. Mungret Park, subject to demand, suitability and sufficient resources being in place.

17. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what works have taken place to secure the crypt at Mount St. Laurence to ensure it is safe, secure and preserved appropriately.

The Senior Executive Technician and the Senior Executive Engineer, Environment and Climate Action Department agreed with Councillor S. Kiely to meet on site to review the crypt at Mount St. Laurence. No formal reply was issued in response to this question.

18. Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that following on from the announcement of the Kings Island Flood Relief Scheme going to tender can I have an update and timescale for the proposed Flood Relief Scheme for Annacotty, including Mulcair Drive and Mountshannon Road.

REPLY: The Annacotty area (including Mulcair Drive and Mountshannon Road) forms part of the ongoing Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) which is currently in Stage 1 (development and optioneering). Currently, hydraulic modelling of the area is being finalised, which will determine predicted scheme flood extents and water levels. In parallel, detailed site investigation works are due to commence in the Annacotty area (including Mulcair Drive and Mountshannon Road) in March 2024 to determine existing ground conditions. Additionally, ecology surveys are currently being undertaken to assess the local wildlife and habitats, ensuring that the project's impact on the natural environment is thoroughly understood and mitigated. The Annacotty area is identified as a priority area within the Limerick City & Environs Flood Relief Scheme project which can be advanced ahead of the wider scheme.

19. Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update and timescale for the proposed upgrade and expansion of the children's playground in Castleconnell Village.

REPLY: The play equipment at the playground in Castleconnell is in need of an upgrade and an extension of the playground has also been requested by the Elected Members. An extension of the playground may be warranted if funding can be provided given the proposed increase in housing in the village. All possible sources of funding for these works

will be examined and the engineer responsible has commenced looking at options and costs.

We will bring a report back to the City East Elected Members when it is finalised with a view to including these works in the 2025 Capital Programme if approved.

20. Question submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update to a motion that was passed on 8/7/2019, that safety barrier and footpath be put in place between Bricklodge and the roundabout on the N69 at Clarina Village which is for the safety of pedestrians and when will work commence.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council have appointed an agronomist to negotiate the purchase of land to facilitate the construction of the scheme.

The appointed company are currently in negotiations with all effected landowners. The Contract aims to go to tender once all land agreements have been obtained by Limerick City & County Council. Progression of this scheme is subject to ongoing approvals and funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

21. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the extension of the dockless bike scheme to Corbally and other areas of the Metropolitan District.

REPLY: The current dockless bike share scheme is operating in the Castletroy area with parking zones located in the city, at Colbert Station, Merchants Quay, and at the junction of Athlunkard Street and Sráid Séamus Ó'Cinneide. 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.

22. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick whether the CCTV camera adjacent to the shrine in Garryowen is still working.

REPLY: The camera near the Shrine in Garryowen is not working since it has no authorisation from the Garda Commissioner.

23. Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick the number of unpaid parking tickets from 2022 to present and the amount still owed in unpaid fines.

REPLY: There are 5615 unpaid parking fines from 1st January, 2022 to 1st February 2024 and the total amount outstanding to date is €175,265.

All unpaid fines are followed up by the Council's Accounts Receivable Section, up to three reminders to pay the fine are sent to vehicle owners followed by a summons to a hearing in the District Court if necessary.

This process may take six months from a fine being issued to a court hearing taking place, many unpaid fines which are being pursued by the Council are paid during this time.

24. Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a progress update on the Shopfront Design Guidelines for Limerick City.

REPLY: It is proposed that the Forward Planning, Public Realm and Heritage team will commence the preparation of Shopfront Design Guidelines in Q2 this year.

25. Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if Limerick City and County Council will consider the installation of a wheelchair accessible swing at the Shelbourne Park Playground.

REPLY: The Council will consider the installation of an accessible swing in Shelbourne Park playground. However, it is dependent on whether there is space available for this piece of equipment. It may involve the removal of other pieces of equipment or there may be the option of installing other accessible play equipment if space does not allow for the installation of a wheelchair swing.

The Council will investigate the options available for accessible play equipment and will advise in due course. It should be pointed out that there is currently no funding allocated for an accessible swing for Shelbourne Park playground.

NOTICES OF MOTION

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, that, following recent works including removal of trees and hedging on the Limerick Foynes railway line, that Limerick City and County Council and TII investigate possible remedial measures to address the increased noise levels emanating from the adjacent M20 Motorway, particularly on the section along the railway line from Mount Earl Bridge to the Limerick side of Patrickswell.

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Kilcoyne highlighted the increase in noise levels since the vegetation had been removed along the railway line, and pointed out the difficulties this was causing for residents living near the line.

Councillor O'Donovan proposed an amendment to the Motion to also include from Patrickswell to Ballinacurra. This was agreed.

It was agreed that a presentation on the Noise Action Plan would be made to Members.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, that Limerick City and County Council write to Uisce Éireann, asking them to address issues with water quality and communications about water quality/outages to residents in Montpelier and surrounding areas.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Hartigan, seconded by Councillor Pond and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Hartigan stated that residents had raised concerns in relation to poor water quality and outage. He highlighted the importance of regular communication and updates by Uisce Éireann.

Councillor Pond proposed an amendment to the Motion to request that Uisce Éireann also update Members on the Wastewater Treatment Plan for Montpelier. This was agreed.

28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. Butler

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council write to both the NTA and Bus Éireann calling on them to provide a school bus service for the Raheen, Dooradoyle and Mungret areas to serve all six local schools.

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Butler highlighted the significant growth in traffic volumes in the area and the benefits of providing a school bus service. Members supported the motion and agreed that if a school bus service was provided, it would be of significant help.

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that funding is allocated from development levies in 2024 to extend and upgrade the Castleconnell Playground.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Secas, seconded by Councillor Hartigan and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Secas stated that the Castleconnell Playground catered for a large population in the surrounding area and also for children from other parts of Limerick, and was urgently in need of an upgrade.

REPLY: The Council will consider development levies as a source of funding for the upgrade and expansion of Castleconnell playground in 2024. It is not clear the level of funding that can be provided from the 2024 contributions. It may be the case that the project will be funded

over a period of one or two years. The Council can consider this further once the projects that require funding from development levies have been finalised.

30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan (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 this Council develop a clean air strategy for the Metropolitan area with a specific focus on the Mungret/Raheen/Dooradoyle areas.

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

31. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council complete the outstanding maintenance and repairs on Colivet Court or give permission to the AHB to do the work by mutual agreement.

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Kiely referred to the maintenance and safety works that were required to be carried out to the housing development.

REPLY: The Council will engage with relevant stakeholders including the Approved Housing Body and the residents in terms of assessing any outstanding necessary repairs/works and then address them as required.

Following on from discussions, the Director of Service, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation, agreed to arrange a briefing with Elected Members to discuss next steps, once they have engaged with the AHB.

32. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we write to University of Limerick and invite them to provide a central point of contact for Councillors and Council employees to ensure effective action on outstanding issues.

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Kiely highlighted the importance of having a point of contact at the University for Councillors and for Staff of the Council who need to engage with the University to resolve issues in the location.

33. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, that Limerick City and County Council write to Uisce Éireann to request a Briefing Update regarding issues relating to the discharge of sewage into the river Shannon, which is affecting the water quality at the Corbally baths.

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

In proposing the motion, Councillor Sheehan (C) stated that Corbally Baths was a hugely important amenity for the community and catered for a large urban area.

Suspension of Standing Orders

On the proposal of Councillor Sheehan, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan, Standing Order 4 was suspended in order to complete the agenda.

34. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council seeks funding for the provision of a comprehensive CCTV system for Garryowen given the fact that Garryowen now meets the criteria for CCTV cameras.

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Sheehan (C) highlighted the importance of providing CCTV for the Garryowen community, particularly for elderly people.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council has started work on assessing the potential of a CCTV scheme, before seeking authorisation under the Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Act 2023, with members of An Garda Síochána in the Limerick Division. Initial discussions have triggered the next step of identifying potential CCTV locations. Once potential locations have been identified, a detailed discussion will take place between Limerick City & County Council and An Garda Síochána members with knowledge of the area and its associated issues, to assess the necessity, proportionality and justification of each potential location. If agreement is reached on locations, Limerick City & County Council will undertake an assessment of funding needs with regard to installation and operational costs, taking in to account grant funding that may be available from The Department of Justice. Every effort will be made to source the necessary funding for a CCTV scheme in Garryowen.

It is important to understand that securing funding is only the first step of a long and detailed data protection and governance process where the tests of necessity, proportionality and justification may fail at any stage.

Limerick City & County Council will endeavour to carefully and meticulously support the process, engaging with An Garda Síochána, Elected Members and the Public.

35. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

Any Other Business

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that the March Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 19th March, 2024.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Dated: _____