

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, 20TH JANUARY, 2025 at 9.45 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor K. O'Hanlon, Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors Beasley, Benson, Butler, Daly, Donoghue, Doyle, Gavan, Hartigan, Hickey-O'Mara, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, O'Donovan, O'Sullivan, Pond, Reale, Secas, Slattery and Talukder.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Service, Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services (Mr. K. Lehane), Meetings Administrator (Ms. A. Foley), Senior Engineer, Travel and Transport Strategy (Mr. H. McGrath), Senior Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. J. Gannon), Senior Executive Engineers, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. M. Richardson and Mr. L. Browne), City and County Librarian (Mr. D. Brady), Senior Executive Librarian (Ms. N. O'Neill), Administrative Officer, Tourism (Mr. E. Crimmins), Senior Engineer, Active Travel (Mr. S. McGlynn), Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services (Ms. M. Hayes), Administrative Officer, Housing Support Services (Mr. J. McDonald), Administrative Officer, Environment and Climate Action (Ms. S. Hourigan), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. S. Carroll).

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach and Members welcomed newly co-opted Member, Councillor Pádraigh Reale and wished him every success in his new role.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 16th December, 2024.

Proposed by Councillor McSweeney;

Seconded by Councillor Leddin;

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 17th December 2024, setting out proposals for Disposal of Freehold Interest of premises consisting of a dwelling house situate at 17 Rossa Avenue, Mulgrave 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.

4. Dates for March and April Meetings

The following dates for the March and April Meetings of the Metropolitan District of Limerick were agreed:

Monday, 10th March, 2025;
 Tuesday, 22nd April, 2025.

QUESTIONS

5. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Council has a Road Hierarchy Map for the Metropolitan District of Limerick in place, and if not, when does the Council anticipate generating such a map.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council is in discussions with the Roads Management Office (RMO) regarding the creation of online mapping which would provide this information. The RMO are exploring options for a national database which would be available to the public. We are awaiting clarification from the RMO regarding confirmation that this service will proceed and the timelines associated.

6. Question submitted by Councillor P. Doyle

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when will the Greenway path from the University of Limerick / Plassey be extended to reach Castleconnell and Montpelier and will there be a path linking the new planned Park and Ride parking facility at the Mackey Roundabout with this Greenway so that UL staff and students could cycle into work and study after parking their cars at the Mackey Roundabout facility.

REPLY: The UL to Montpelier Greenway project is currently nearing the end of the route selection process to identify an emerging preferred route. A number of key criteria are being used to identify the route and these are being assessed in accordance with TII guidelines and procedures. It is the intention to finalise identification of an emerging preferred route in the early part of this year, after which key project deliverables can be completed and TII approval sought to progress to Public Consultation. The proposed Park & Ride facility planned for the Mackey Roundabout is known and being considered by the design team, and connectivity between both facilities can be considered following the identification of the preferred route of the greenway project.

7. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what is the current update with Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Centre. I am aware the Council have received funds to refurbish the Centre. Have the Council an update on purchasing the property from the Diocese.

REPLY: The Council has received provisional funding approval in relation to a refurbishment plan for the Centre. The acquisition of the property has not been agreed but the Council will continue to engage with the Diocese in relation to this matter.

8. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick is there an update on The Factory Youthspace Galvone in relation to them staying in the premises until a suitable location is found.

REPLY: Discussions have been ongoing in relation to extending the current arrangement with the owners of the premises VPK. An agreement has been reached with VPK to extend the licence until August 2026. The Property Unit of the Council and VPK will review this licence agreement in December 2025.

9. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the decluttering of unnecessary street signage including the former car park signs which have not been in use for several years.

REPLY: 49 signs were removed as part of the de-cluttering element of the Wayfinding & Orientation Signage Project and the pavement surface was reinstated.

Although the digital car park signage is not currently operational, there is potential for the remaining infrastructure to be refurbished or repurposed in future to support objectives of the new Limerick City Centre Transport Plan, subject to available funding for such a project.

10. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the Council to clarify the criteria for corporate sponsorship of city roundabouts given the significant differences in the quality and maintenance of the roundabouts.

REPLY: The criteria for roundabout sponsorship requires the Sponsor to enter into a three year Service Level Agreement, where the roundabout must be maintained to an acceptable standard. In return, the Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme allows the Sponsor to erect signage on the roundabout to advertise their business for this three year period. The Sponsorship can be extended for a further three year period but this is subject to the mutual agreement of both parties.

In situations where a roundabout is not maintained to a satisfactory standard, the sponsorship will not be extended by a further three year period and the Sponsor is required to remove their signage. This allows for this roundabout to be included on the annual list for seeking Expressions of Interest for future roundabout sponsorship.

11. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the Council to undertake the repainting of the traffic islands and also include the cleaning of all the plaques on our city bridges.

REPLY: The Roads, Traffic and Cleansing Operation teams hope to complete cleaning of traffic islands on approach to city bridges later this year. Plaque cleaning and repainting will also be considered once suitable weather conditions and resources become available.

12. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an outline of the plans to implement the Bus Connects Limerick Network in the next 12 months.

REPLY: Implementation of the improved services under BusConnects Network Redesign are to be delivered by Bus Eireann & the NTA. These improved services are expected to be made effective on a phased basis over the next 2 years.

As part of BusConnects, work will commence on Sustainable Transport Corridors which will improve travel times on the bus network and improve connections for pedestrians and cyclists, following consideration for the Limerick City Centre Transport Plan which is currently being prepared.

Other parts of the BusConnects programme, like simpler fares, will be delivered with the new bus network.

13. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the cost to Limerick Council for illegally dumped waste in Limerick City on a yearly basis and the most frequent locations for illegal dumping in Limerick Metropolitan area.

REPLY: The clean up of illegally dumped rubbish in the Limerick Metropolitan Area is divided between three sections of the Council, Domestic Waste and Litter, Cleansing and Regeneration, costs will vary from year to year.

According to our records the cost of cleaning illegally dumped rubbish in 2024 across these sections amounted to;

Cleansing - €96,800

Regeneration - €69,666

Domestic Waste & Litter (Anti Dumping Initiative) - €43,348.61

Total: €209,814.61 *This figure does not include staffing costs or plant hire*

In addition, €30,000 was spent on Bulky Waste Collections and the installation of CCTV in an effort to combat illegal dumping.

Some of the most frequent locations for illegal dumping in 2024 were, St. Marys Park, Ballinacurra Weston, Lenihan Avenue, City Centre Laneways, Coonagh / Clondrinagh, Johnsgate, and Kilmallock Road.

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, the following Question was taken at the Meeting:

14. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a detailed expenditure for Christmas in Limerick events 2024.

REPLY: The expenditure below refers to event held in Limerick for Christmas held between 20th November until 31st December.

The events are to animate the city centre, attract footfall and celebrate Christmas in Limerick.

Christmas in Limerick 2024	
Item	Amount incl. vat
Milestone Animation Public Realm	€43,370.15
A Magical Winter's Tale procession LUXE	€27,676.00
A Magical Winter's Tale procession Grooveyard	€17,404.50
Photography	€774.90
Festive Festival in a Van (inc. local artists)	€11,250.00
Treaty City Brewery Festive Fairs (x2)	€10,000.00
Christmas at Limerick Milk Market	€5,000.00
Music Generation (inc. local artists)	€22,500.00
Opera Limerick – River Notes	€3,200.00
Toots Train	€5,000.00
Fab Lab UL – let's make laser cut Christmas	€465.00
Christmas tales by the Limerick fireside	€500.00
Couture at the Castle	€3,075.00
Santa's Greenway fancy dress cycle	€1,864.27
Christmas Pop-up sing along trail (x3)	€7,500.00
Christmas trees	€9,550.00
Christmas trees installation	€15,674.30
Christmas trees Lighting O'Connell Crescent	€9,420.50
Arthurs Quay Christmas lights	€25,539.00
Advertising Road closures	€1,678.72
St. Michaels Rowing Club	€500.00
Traffic Management O'Connell Crescent	€2,525.37
Lumen Street Theatre O'Connell Crescent	€2,300
16 Tonnes of Jive O'Connell Crescent	€650
Stage, light, sound 16 Tonnes of Jive	€2,000
School O'Connell Crescent	€100
Misc. O'Connell Crescent	€567.50
Santa Grotto O'Connell Crescent	€1,635.00
Limerick Bands (x3)	€2,250

Traffic Management A Cruises Street Christmas	€3,540.00
Light up Red OPW	€3,064.50
Total	€240,574.71

Following discussions, Members raised concerns in relation to the significant expenditure on a number of items for Christmas in Limerick events 2024, including Christmas trees, Toots Train, and on traffic management for Cruises Street. Members highlighted the need to begin preparation for Festivals well in advance of Christmas 2025.

Members agreed to set up a Working Group to include the Cathaoirleach, a representative from Fianna Fáil, a representative from Fine Gael, two other representatives from the Elected Members and Officials, and to meet as soon as possible in relation to planning of events for Christmas in Limerick 2025.

15. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how much Limerick Council has collected in derelict site levies in the past 12 months in Limerick City West, Limerick City East and Limerick City North.

REPLY: The total amount of levies collected in 2024 is €648,268.48.

16. Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a breakdown of families that were in emergency accommodation from 1st November 2024 to 1st January 2025 including children.

REPLY: This information is published monthly in the Director General's report.

November and December's reports are available on Limerick.ie and the extracts from both reports are below.

Families					
Location	Description	Beds Used			Families
		Adults	Children		
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	8		6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	121	135		78
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	11	16		10
Totals		Adults	Children		Families
		138	159		94

December's report shows an increase of 3 Families on the previous month.

Families					
Location	Description	Beds Used			Families
		Adults	Children	Families	
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	5	7	5	
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	129	142	82	
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	11	16	10	
Totals		Adults	Children	Families	
		145	165	97	

17. Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what portion of the 8 acre Cleeves Site will be occupied by TUS. Is there any other community/cultural/residential plans for the site.

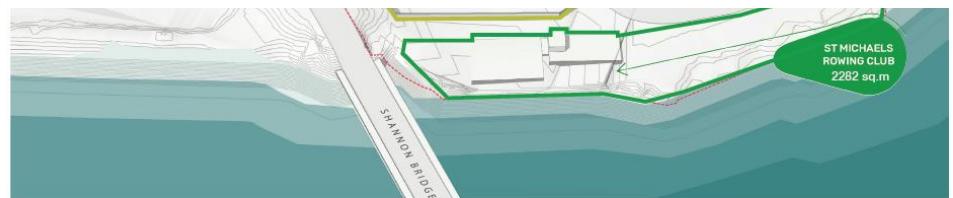
REPLY:

Limerick Twenty Thirty prepared a Master Plan for the 10 acre Cleeves Riverside Quarter site (Cleeves) in 2023. The Master Plan identified five development zones:

- Flaxmill site
- Quarry site
- Salesians site
- Stonetown site
- Shipyard site



Figure 1-Cleeves Development Zones



These development zones provide for a variety of uses including residential, commercial and some community/cultural uses. The indicative range of accommodation set-out in the Master Plan is as follows:

- 250-300 homes
- 35,000m² of commercial space.
- 5,000-6,500 mixed use space.

Since the Master Plan was completed in October 2023, Limerick Twenty Thirty have progressed with Phase 1 that includes the residential accommodation, public realm and heritage buildings. The Definitive Project Brief for Phase 1 was completed in Q1 2024 with the formal design stages progressing since then. The scheme has evolved in line with ongoing market engagement and now includes a Purpose Built Student Accommodation development of 271 beds. The Phase 1 designs provide for the following accommodation:

- 230 homes
- 271 PBSA beds
- 1,050m² of cultural/community/mixed use space

A further development during 2024 was the decision by the Technological University of the Shannon Midlands Midwest (TUS) to develop a new City Centre Campus at Cleeves. While still at a very early stage of development, an Options Appraisal has been completed, and this identifies an indicative range of floor space for a new Higher Education Campus of between 12,000 and 13,000 m². The new University Campus will be developed at 3 locations that include some of the heritage buildings and other new build elements. Please see indicative sketch below in Figure 2 with the proposed locations of the new campus outlined in red. The area highlighted in blue will be retained for publicly accessible uses such as community space, food and beverage offering etc. The Strategic Brief for the TUS Campus also provides for publicly accessible areas such as an event space/music venue. The scale and nature of the publicly accessible spaces will be developed further during the design stages and further stakeholder engagement is undertaken.

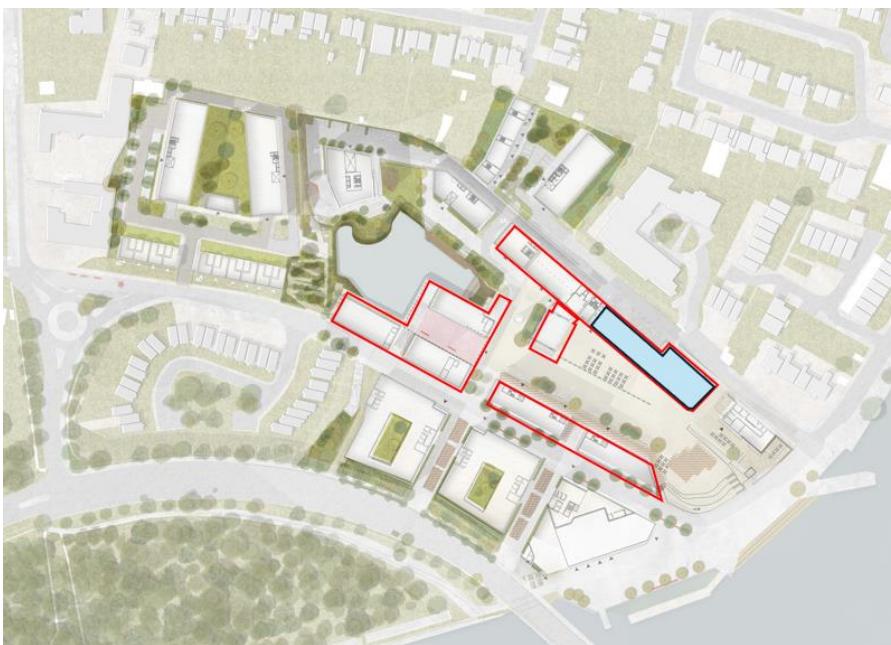


Figure 2-Indicative location of TUS CRQ Campus

The commercial spaces, which have the potential to be offices, hotel, health care, etc. will be progressed during a later phase of the development and will be subject to further engagement with the market to explore the options for delivery. The extent of commercial space is currently in the region of 26,000m² and is located primarily on the Shipyard Site on the southern end of Cleeves Riverside Quarter.

18. Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what is the timeline for the Park and Ride at the Mackey Roundabout and have plans progressed for another by Ballysimon to alleviate congestion.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council is currently working with the NTA Park and Ride team to deliver a Park and Ride facility in close proximity to the Mackey Roundabout Junction on lands previously purchased by the Council for the Mackey Junction Upgrade Scheme. It is hoped that Planning will be submitted for this site in 2025.

Options are currently being looked at for a Park and Ride site at Ballysimon.

19. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council provide an anticipated timeline for the progression of the Coonagh-Knockalisheen Distributor Road now that the project has been awarded to Wills Bros Ltd.

- ***When will work begin.***
- ***Is there an anticipated date of completion.***

REPLY: The Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road Contract was awarded to Wills Bros Ltd on 18th December 2024. In accordance with the requirements in the contract, Wills Bros Ltd will commence work in January 2025. The overall project will take 24 months to complete. Once the programme of works is received and approved, local residents meetings will be held and regular updates will be issued.

20. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council provide an update on water quality at the Corbally Baths.

REPLY: In relation to water quality monitoring at Corbally Baths, Limerick City and County Council undertakes sampling fortnightly during the bathing season (June 1st to 15th September) and has done so since May 2019. The Bathing Water Regulations require four years of microbiological testing in order to perform an indicative assessment of the water quality at this location for bathing. Currently the water quality is of “poor” quality and therefore not satisfying the limits set out in the Bathing Water Regulations. However, an improvement in microbiological results was noted in 2024 compared to previous years.

21. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council provides an update on air quality across Limerick City North.

REPLY:

The EPA indicate that the main air quality pollutants across Ireland are fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). Air quality levels for 2024 at Henry Street (which is part of the national ambient air quality monitoring network) near the Limerick North Metropolitan Area for

these parameters are good and meet EU norms (**Table 1**).

Table 1. Air quality levels at Henry Street for 2024 for particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide.

	Parameter ->	PM ₁₀ ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	PM _{2.5} ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	NO ₂ ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
	Henry Street (2024)	12.0	6.9	13.6
Ireland Air Quality Standard (2011)	Limit Value (Calendar Year)	40	20	40
CAFÉ Directive (2024) – to be transposed into Irish legislation	Limit Value By 1 st January 2030 (Calendar Year)	20	10	20

The table above shows that Limerick City complies with the Ireland Air Quality Standard (2011) which is the current requirement. Furthermore, the air quality meets the more stringent CAFÉ Directive, which will be transposed into Irish legislation in the future. In conclusion, air quality in Limerick is good.

The results of real-time online air quality monitoring for the Limerick Metropolitan Area can be found at www.airquality.ie.

NOTICES OF MOTION

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Roads Engineers come up with a solution to alleviate traffic congestion on the Childers Road from the Tipperary Roundabout to the Parkway Roundabout.

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Slattery highlighted the serious traffic congestion on Childers Road, which occasionally was backed up to the Kilmallock Road roundabout. Members supported the Motion and highlighted the need for a pedestrian crossing near the Tipperary Road roundabout.

Members referred to request sent to the National Transport Authority in relation to arranging a briefing and requested a follow up on this.

REPLY: Traffic in the area around the Childers Road between Parkway and the Tipperary roundabouts will be impacted by a number of initiatives some of which are now close to delivery.

The improved and realigned Bloodmill Road is under construction and will be complete by Summer 2025 providing improved access from the Castletroy \ Garryglass \ Groody Park Road areas to Childers Road and to the City.

Under Bus Connects a new and improved high frequency bus service will operate from UL via the new Bloodmill Road and Childers Road to the city via Ballysimon Road & Mulgrave Street.

Implementation for this service is planned for 2026.

While Limerick City and County Council is well advanced on progressing a Transport Plan for the City Centre a review will also be required for all transport modes in the Childers Road area (as with a number of other similar areas around the City) to make necessary provision for the improved transport initiatives underway and planned.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin (to be referred to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council invite the Land Development Agency to a meeting to receive an update on what funding was secured for LDA sites in Limerick from the national budget and to provide an update on each site and timeframe for planning applications.

It was agreed to refer this Notice of Motion to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin (to be referred to the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council calls on the Government to provide additional financial incentives and supports to encourage the owners of unoccupied properties located in the city centre to redevelop for commercial and or residential purposes.

It was agreed to refer this Notice of Motion to the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

25. 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 carries out a full review of disabled parking spaces in Limerick City to ensure there is appropriate dished kerbs and appropriate road markings to enable wheelchair users to safely enter and exit their vehicles.

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O'Donovan highlighted the need to carry out a review of disabled parking spaces, in particular in the city centre area following the revitalisation of O'Connell Street.

REPLY: An audit of all disabled parking spaces in the Metropolitan District will be undertaken to establish if the appropriate dished kerbs, road markings and signage are in place. Thereafter,

if required, a remedial action plan will be coordinated through the Metropolitan District Office. There are approximately 214 disabled parking spaces in Limerick City.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley (to be referred to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that there should be no more undignified 'open mic' discussions at the Homeless Action Teams facility in Limerick.

It was agreed to refer this Notice of Motion to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Local Authority consider reversing the one-way traffic system at Foxes Bow to allow traffic flow across to William Street from Thomas Street to alleviate traffic congestion.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kilcoyne, seconded by Councillor Leddin and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Kilcoyne highlighted the large traffic volumes in the Wickham Street, Roches Street and Thomas Street areas. He requested the Council to consider reversing the one-way system on Foxes Bow to assist traffic flow.

Members highlighted the importance of consultation with businesses in the area before any changes are considered.

REPLY: Fox's Bow is a one way street with the direction of traffic from north to south, i.e. from William Street to Thomas Street. Vehicular access to Fox's Bow is limited to between the hours of 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday to Saturday. No access is permitted from Thomas Street. The route is further constrained by an archway over the road at the Thomas Street end preventing access to higher vehicles from this side.

Traffic is restricted on Fox's Bow to allow for adequate space for pedestrian traffic on this narrow street and adjacent laneways. An alternative route from Thomas Street to William Street is along Wickham Street which is 67m to the east of Fox's Bow.

28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council return to operating their Mobile Library Service in Caherdavin.

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Hickey-O'Mara highlighted the importance of the library service in the community and the difficulties for those with decreased mobility in accessing the Library at Watch House Cross.

REPLY: Limerick City North is currently served by Watch House Cross Community Library. This 8,000 square foot state of the art library, offers a host of innovative library services including extensive book lending collection, pc suite, exhibition area, community rooms and an award winning sensory space. In addition it offers online access to e-books, e-audio books, online newspapers, e-magazines, film and music streaming, and a comprehensive range of online education courses. A mobile library service has not operated in the north of the city for almost four decades. As Caherdavin is in the immediate catchment area of Watch House Cross Community Library, there are no plans to introduce a mobile library service in this area.

The City and County Librarian agreed to send information to Members on the Homebound Library Service.

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council profiles dogs in the care of Limerick Dog Shelter, for whom it is not possible to rehome to animal sanctuaries, on the Limerick Council website and that Limerick Dog Shelter expand its presence across social media platforms in addition to their current presence on Facebook in order to further inform the public of all dogs currently in its care.

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Hickey-O'Mara highlighted the need to expand the profile of Limerick Dog Shelter on social media, stressing it would raise more awareness and assist in rehoming dogs that were not rehomed to animal sanctuaries.

REPLY: The LCCC Dog Control Team make every effort to rehome any stray or unwanted dogs that enter the shelter, where it is appropriate to do so. The majority of dogs are rehomed through animal rescue charities and the remainder are rehomed directly to the public. All dogs that are suitable for rehoming are posted to the Dog Shelter Facebook page, which has 23k followers. Limerick.ie already provides a link to the Dog Shelter socials ([Here](#)) and we will continue to also share this on our social channels.

The Dog Control team will work with Marketing and Communications team to expand its presence, sharing individual cases from the shelter and highlighting the work being done by the team, in line with the LCCC social media policy

30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that that this Council purchase portable grit bins for Limerick City to facilitate access to salt-grit for residents or businesses where footpaths are badly affected in freezing weather.

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O'Sullivan stated that salt grit bins were used in other local authorities and highlighted how successful they have been. She pointing out how the initiative would assist communities to grit their own areas during bad weather events.

REPLY: The Notice of Motion raised will be examined, however its application, effectiveness, maintenance and the impact on resources and budget will have to be assessed in consideration for both the City and County.

The Cathaoirleach and Members thanked Limerick City and County Council Staff, particularly outdoor staff, for their tremendous work during the recent difficult and challenging weather conditions.

31. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Dated: _____