

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN ÁRAS SEÁN FINN, NEW LINE ROAD, RATHKEALE, CO.
LIMERICK ON THURSDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 2025 AT 12.00 P.M.**

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor A. Teskey, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Collins, Hartigan, Keary, O'Donoghue and Ward.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development (Mr. S. Duclot), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic & Cleansing (Mr. G. O'Connor), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Lenihan).

At the outset of the Meeting Members paid tribute to the outgoing Director, Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development and thanked him for all his help during his term as Director of the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District.

1. To receive a Deputation from Foynes Aviation Museum

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Margaret O'Shaughnessy, Director and Barry O'Kelly, Operations Director from Foynes Aviation Museum to the Meeting.

Ms. O'Shaughnessy address Members informing them that on the 17th June, 2025 a special flight will depart from JFK Airport in New York flying to Bermuda, Lisbon, Marseille, London and their final destination will be Shannon Airport for Foynes to commemorate and celebrate the original Flying Boat routes to Foynes in the 1930's and 1940's.

She advised Members the Foynes Flying Boat Museum will host a Gala Dinner for the fifty passengers who have booked for this flight adding this event will give huge media exposure in the United States as well as Ireland. In advance of this event Ms. O'Shaughnessy asked Limerick City and County Council to address issues in Foynes Village such as dereliction, weed picking, blocked drains and water lodging along the footpaths in the village as well as an ongoing sewerage odour in the vicinity of the museum building.

Ms. O'Shaughnessy further added the museum is in need of some paint and repair works to be carried out prior to the event and requested Members would consider contributing from their General Municipal Allocation Funds towards the cost of these works.

Councillor Teskey requested the funding to cover the costs associated with the event should be funded from the Mayor's discretionary budget. This was seconded by Councillor Keary and agreed.

On the proposal of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Keary, it was agreed to allocate €800 to Foynes Flying Boat Museum.

On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor Teskey, it was agreed to allocate €6,000 to Foynes Flying Boat Museum.

On the proposal of Councillor Hartigan, seconded by Councillor Teskey, it was agreed to allocate €500 to Foynes Flying Boat Museum.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the Deputation for their presentation who then withdrew from the Meeting.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____