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**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST
MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH 2025**

Question Submitted By Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the footpath/pedestrian crossing and traffic calming measures at the Killarney Road, Abbeyfeale (Dalton's Cross).

Reply:

A survey to warrant a crossing at this location has been carried out and it has been submitted to TII for approval and possible funding.

John Sheehan
Senior Executive Engineer
Transportation and Mobility
Newcastle West Municipal District

26th February 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor L.Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the pedestrian access to the Greenway at Galvin's road, Templeglantine and at Murphy's Bend.

REPLY:

The two access points at Galvin's road, Templeglantine and Murphy's Bend (Doctors Bridge), Abbeyfeale have been identified for closure following a road safety audit that was completed as part of the Limerick Greenway project.

Galvins Road

The landowner at this location came forward and offered their lands to LCCC so as to maintain an access point that is safe at this location. The landowner where the proposed access point is to be located was met on site in 2024 and there has been telecoms with LCCC in 2025 also. Drawings and maps are being finalised at present and will then be shared with the landowner for final approval. The tourism capital project team will make a funding submission for the works to TII.

Murphys Bend/Doctors Bridge

It is proposed to review what options are available, if any, to create an alternative safe access point at this location. There are no funds available to purchase lands either by LCCC or TII. If a viable option is determined and lands are provided by landowners then a submission for funding to TII can be made. If no option is available the existing access point will have to be closed as per the road safety audit.

Eileen Coleman
Senior Executive Officer
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Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West, to be held on Wednesday, 5th March, 2025

Question Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for a full detailed report on the new graveyard in Abbeyfeale.

Response:

The Council have identified a site for a new burial ground in Abbeyfeale. The acquisition of the site will be subject to planning permission being secured prior to the legal acquisition of the site. The burial ground site will also accommodate car parking to serve the Greenway hub in Abbeyfeale. In this regard, the Council have appointed Consultants to progress both projects and the burial ground design is being progressed for a Part 8 application. The Council would like to advise that negotiations cannot be concluded until planning permission has been secured. In any event, the Part 8 is being progressed in parallel with negotiations and therefore there is no delay in progressing the burial ground project.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment and Climate Action
25th February 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor L.Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the Part 8 for the Greenway at the station storehouse and yard.

REPLY:

The project which is the Limerick Greenway Hub @ Abbeyfeale has had Part 8 planning since March 2024, planning reference 24/8000.

The project currently has Category 2 funding under the RRDF in order to bring it to tender stage. The project was submitted for Category 1 funding in February 2024 but was unsuccessful. It is proposed to submit the project for future calls under Category 1 of the RRDF if they arise.

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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLEWEST

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Question submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

I will ask at the next Meeting when the Planning Department are sending out correspondence to constituents can they put a contact name on the correspondence for ease of reference please.

REPLY:

The Planning Authority deal with a large volume and range of correspondence from members of public in relation to the delivery of planning services. Therefore, in addressing correspondence, it is necessary to have a central point of contact, in order to ensure statutory requirements are met and tracked. All queries are acknowledged as per the Customer Charter and referred to the relevant administrative or case officer best suited to address the request.

Newcastle West Municipal District has an assigned District Planner, who is a key point of contact for applicants and agents in the facilitation of the planning application process.

The Planning Office will be happy to assist any member of the public with their query and direct them to the appropriate person.

Majella O'Brien
AO
Planning Department

DATE: 21/02/2025



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Question submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) how many visits of people using the Greenway in 2024 (b) how many have used the Greenway since it has opened.

REPLY:

Limerick Greenway has already been a major success in terms of visitor numbers, business growth and positive feedback from the public/tourists. While still an amenity, Limerick Greenway has transformed West Limerick into an area that people want to visit and stay in and base themselves from while touring the West of Ireland and exploring the WAW, with the long-term goal being to create a reputable and enticing tourism destination.

LCCC research has found that:

- Almost nine out of ten Limerick Greenway users are now more physically active as a result of the greenway investment. 29% of the local community stated that they are "extremely more active" due to the ease of access to Limerick Greenway for exercise.
- Limerick Greenway use exceeds national recreational walking averages, compared to national walking data reported in the Irish Sports Monitor.
- The average value of an overnight visitor to Limerick Greenway was €128 per night while day visitors generated an average of €28 per day. Overseas visitors to the area generated a higher average overnight spend of €144 per overnight stay.

a) Limerick City and County Council has 11 counters on Limerick Greenway. Analysis of the data indicates that in 2024, there were 170,894 visitors on the greenway.

(b) The total number of visitors since the greenway opened is approximately 639,902.

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Question Councillor T. Ruddle

I will ask at the next Meeting when is it envisaged that there will be a toilet installed in the Demesne as it has been raised with me by the public.

Response:

There is currently no funding identified for the installation of toilets in the Demesne in Newcastle West. It is estimated that funding for an automated toilet would be of the order of €25,000 to €30,000 per annum including servicing of the unit. Once a funding source is identified, consideration can be given to the location and installation of these toilets.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment and Climate Action
21st February 2025



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Question Councillor F. Foley

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the purchase of the new burial ground in Abbeyfeale.

Response:

The Council have identified a site for a new burial ground for Abbeyfeale and are in negotiations with the landowner. The acquisition of the site will be subject to planning permission being secured prior to the legal acquisition of the site. The site will also provide car parking to serve the Greenway hub in Abbeyfeale. The Council would like to advise that Consultants have been appointed and a design is being progressed for a Part 8 application.

**Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment and Climate Action
21st February 2025**