

**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, 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2025 at 9.45 A.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor K. O'Hanlon

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

A/Director of Services, Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services (Ms. P. King), Senior Executive Officer, Metropolitan District (Ms. S. Reidy), Meetings Administrator (Ms. A. Foley), Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. M. Richardson), Senior Engineer, Environment and Climate Action (Mr. A. Finn), Senior Engineer, Active Travel (Mr. S. McGlynn), Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services (Ms. M. Hayes), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. S. Carroll).

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach and Members conveyed their congratulations to the following:

- All involved in the organisation of Riverfest, which was a great success.
- Munster Rugby on their victory against Benetton at the weekend. Members also wished them well on their upcoming trip to South Africa.
- The Limerick Hurling Management and Team on their magnificent win against Cork on Sunday and wished them continued success.
- Councillor Pádraigh Reale on his recent marriage.
- All involved in the organisation of the National Famine Commemoration Event over the weekend.
- Staff in the Council who assisted with the National Criterium Cycling event, which was held in the King's Island and Nicholas Street area over the weekend.

The Cathaoirleach and Members expressed condolences to the family of Kathleen Leddin, former Mayor of Limerick who passed away recently.

Sympathy was also expressed to the family of Garda Kevin Flatley on his tragic passing and it was agreed to send a message of condolence to Chief Superintendent Derek Smart.

Members expressed disappointment that Africa Day was advertised on the Council website as taking place on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 in the Milk Market, although no event had been organised. They emphasised the importance of ensuring accurate information about an event is published in the future, to avoid confusion and disappointment.

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025.

Proposed by Councillor Butler;

Seconded by Councillor Pond;  
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. Community Initiative Scheme 2025 - General Municipal Allocation (GMA)**

Circulated, Report of the Director of Service dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, setting out the proposals for the Community Initiative Scheme 2025 – General Municipal Allocation (GMA), which allowed for the sum of €25,142 for each Member, as follows:

### **LIMERICK CITY EAST**

<b>Name of Group</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ahane Camogie Club	€5000
Ahane LGFA	€3000
Aisling Annacotty AFC	€7000
Cairnsfort Residents Committee	€2000
Castleconnell Action Network	€1000
Castlerock Residents Committee	€6000
Claughan Ladies Group	€1000
Coolbawn Meadows Residents Association	€1000
Irish Chamber Orchestra	€1000
Janesboro FC	€5000
Kilbane Community Group	€1000
Kilmurry Arts and Heritage Centre	€8000
Limerick Combat Gym	€1000
Limerick Marine Search and Rescue	€1000
Milford National School	€5000
Monaleen Milford Retirement Association	€1000
Monaleen Park Residents Association	€1000
Monaleen Residents Association	€1000
Old Christians GAA	€3000
Our Lady Queen of Peace NS	€1000
Pike Rovers	€1000
Plassey Residents Association	€5000
Scanlan Park Residents Committee	€1000
South Liberties GAA Club	€3000
St. Patricks Villas Residents Association	€3000
Twilight Thursday	€2000
Woodhaven Residents Association	€1000

**LIMERICK CITY NORTH**

<b>Name of Group</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Caherdavin Residents Association	€3000
Doras	€2000
Garryowen CDP	€1500
Limerick County and District Underage Soccer League	€1000
Limerick Island Community Partners	€1000
Limerick Walking Association	€1000
Limerick Youth Service	€2500
Moyross Community Enterprise Centre	€4000
Northside Family Resource Centre	€2000
Old Christians Hurling & Football Club	€1000
St. Johns Womens Shed	€1000
St. Marys National School	€5090
St. Munchins Community Centre	€2000
St. Patricks GAA	€7300
Thomondgate Residents Association	€2000
Treaty United	€2000
Twilight Thursday	€3000

**LIMERICK CITY WEST**

<b>Name of Group</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ballinacurra Gaels	€1000
Ballybrown Camogie Club	€2000
Ballybrown Clarina Community Games	€1000
Ballybrown Clarina Resource Centre	€4500
Ballybrown LGFA	€1000
Doon Residents	€1000
Dooneen Athletic Club	€2000
Dooradoyle Raheen Mens Shed	€2000
Emerging Limerick Filmmakers	€5000
Gúna Nua Theatre Company	€5000
IGBO Community Midwest Ireland	€1000
Indian Cultural Association of Limerick	€5000
Killer Productions	€1000
Limerick Boat Club	€5000
Limerick Family Planning Clinic	€1000
Limerick Feral Cats	€5000
Limerick Historical Society	€1000
Munster Indian Cultural Association	€4500
Muslim Sisters of Eire (Limerick)	€1000
Nepalese Community Limerick	€1000
Patrickswell GAA & Camogie Club	€7500
Patrickswell National School	€7500

Patrickswell National School Parents Association	€2000
Patrickswell Tidy Towns	€2000
Raheen Active Retired Group	€1000
Sarsfields Rugby	€1000
Sudanese Community Limerick	€2000
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It was proposed by Councillor Butler, seconded by Councillor O'Donovan and agreed, to approve the proposals under the Community Initiative Scheme 2025 - General Municipal Allocation (GMA), as follows:

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## QUESTIONS

### **4. Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan**

*I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, Limerick has the second-highest proportion of personal injury claims with 6.2%, second only to Dublin.*

*How many personal injury claims were made against Limerick City and County Council in 2023 and 2024;*

*How many of these personal injury claims related to the Limerick Metropolitan area in 2023 and 2024;*

*How many of these personal injury claims related to the O Connell Street area in Limerick in 2023 and 2024;*

*In the cases litigated in Court relating to personal injury claims in the O Connell Street area in 2023 and 2024 was there a finding of underlying cause and if so, what was the finding.*

**REPLY:** All personal injury claims are managed on the Councils' behalf by I.P.B. Insurance.

The Member Quarterly Management Claims Trend Report for Quarter 4 2024 attached provides full details on all personal injury claims for the period 2022-2024.

The level of detail requested above is not available from the I.P.B. system.

The report gives a breakdown of the different cause trends across all claim types.

Detailed information on individual judgements are not available.

The Member Quarterly Management Claims Trend Report for Quarter 4 2024 was circulated as part of the reply.

### **5. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Council has actually ever appointed consultants for the extension of the Castleconnell Playground as indicated in September last year and if the €20,000 development levies allocation towards the consultants has been spent.*

**REPLY:** The Council wishes to advise that sourcing funding for the construction of the Castleconnell playground is proving very difficult. A funding application to the Community Recognition Fund for Castleconnell playground was unsuccessful. As a result, the Council are making every effort to retain funding where possible for the construction phase. As additional resources have been provided to the Parks department, the project is now being progressed inhouse; the €20,000 funding is still available for the Castleconnell project.

### **6. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Council has yet identified an alternative way to deliver the Kilmurry Columbarium Garden Wall and provide a timeline for the construction stage.*

**REPLY:** The Council has identified an alternative way of delivering the Kilmurray Columbarian Garden. The Council investigated whether Monumental Sculptors could deliver the hardscaping and civil elements of the projects, while the Parks department could assist with the landscaping elements of the project. It appears that a number of the Monumental

Sculptors can deliver the hardscaping elements in addition to the provision of the Columbarian Walls.

The Council proceeded to tender for the hardscaping and Columbarian walls. It is expected that the contractor will be appointed in the next two weeks and construction works are expected to commence in June/July of this year. The lead in time for the delivery Columbarian walls is not known at this present moment in time.

**7. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many applicants are currently on the housing waiting list in the Metropolitan area and length of time on the list.***

**REPLY:** The total number of approved applicants on Limerick City and County Council's Housing Waiting List that have chosen the Metropolitan District as an Area of Choice is 2,424 no. It should be noted that not all applicants may reside in the Metropolitan District.

Breakdown in table below:

<b>Length of time on list</b>	<b>Total No. of Applicants</b>
0-5 years	1,711
5 – 10 years	414
10-15 years	238
Over 15 years	61

**8. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

***I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if this Council has applied for funding for a bus shelter and seating at bus stop 607891 on the Mulcair Road, Dooradoyle.***

**REPLY:** Bus Stop 607891 on the Mulcair Road which serves the current 304 bus route is not included in the revised Bus Connects Redesign. Going forward, priority for bus shelters is given to the proposed routes as part of the Bus Connects Redesign and will primarily have regard for the frequency of route, nearest existing shelter, proximity to populous feeders (Schools, hospital, urban Centers etc).

**9. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the number of applicants for the Historic Structures Fund in 2024 and the number of successful applicants, including a breakdown of use for residential or community use, and if located in the Metropolitan area.***

**REPLY:** A total of 22 no. applications were received for the Historic Structures Fund in 2024.

Of these, 7 no. projects were shortlisted and forwarded to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

3 no. projects were offered funding by the Department – one private residence, and two public/community buildings. One of the three successful projects was located in the

Metropolitan area.

**10. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

***I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can the Council advise in a case of animal cruelty where an animal is left for weeks in terrible conditions, whose jurisdiction is it to seize the dogs and place them in a safe environment. Can the Council also advise when the animal is seized who pays for the animals care and where is the animal placed.***

**REPLY:** Under the Animal Health and Welfare Act, 2013, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) has primary policy responsibility for the welfare of all animals. Since the introduction of the Act, over 1,000 Department officials have been designated as authorised officers under the Act and their responsibilities include the enforcement of animal welfare legislation provided for under the Act. DAFM authorised officers in Limerick are based in the Limerick Regional Veterinary Office. An Garda Síochána are also authorised officers under the Act. The Department can recover the costs associated with housing a seized animal as part of legal proceedings following a seizure.

The Council do not seize animals under the Animal Health and Welfare Act.

**11. Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Bike Scheme that was trialled in Annacotty/Castletroy area in the last few years.***

**REPLY:** The dockless bike share pilot scheme which was operated by Tier-Dott concluded in December 2024. Tier-Dott have since ceased operations in Ireland.

The TFI Bike Share scheme operating across Limerick City is not affected by the conclusion of the pilot dockless scheme. The National Transport Authority has advised that the operation of the TFI Bike Share scheme is expected to be re-tendered later this year. Limerick City and County Council is working with the NTA to define an expanded geographical operating area for the TFI Bike Share scheme. We do not currently have a timeline for the roll out of the expanded scheme.

**12. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what the Director of Housing's plans are to curtail the completely disproportionate purchasing of new build houses in Limerick City by Approved Housing Bodies and other entities supported by the State.***

**REPLY:** We acknowledge the findings of the recent Limerick Chamber report - 'Mid-West Economic Insights 2025', which identified that 57% of residential property purchases in Limerick in 2023 were made by non-household entities for all tenures - private and affordable not just social housing. This was a matter of significant concern, particularly in the context of maintaining an appropriate balance in housing tenure.

We note, however, that this figure has reduced substantially to 32.4% in 2024 - well below the national average of 36.5% in the same year. This positive development is



attributed to the Council's proactive implementation of a tenure mix policy developed with the Elected Members aimed at achieving a more sustainable balance between social rental, affordable purchase, cost rental and private market housing.

Further planning safeguards are also in place under the Ministerial Guidelines issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in July 2023 - Regulation of Commercial Institutional Investment in Housing - Guidelines for Planning Authorities. These statutory guidelines direct planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála to apply specific planning conditions in relation to residential developments comprising five or more houses and/or duplex units. The purpose of these conditions is to prevent the bulk purchase of new own-door housing by commercial institutional investors, thereby protecting opportunities for individual purchasers and the delivery of social and affordable housing, including cost-rental models.

The impact of both the local tenure policy and these national planning safeguards is reflected in the reduction of non-household acquisitions in 2024, and the Council remains committed to monitoring and managing tenure mix to support a balanced and inclusive housing market.

### **13. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many fines for dog fouling were issued by Limerick Council in the Metropolitan District of Limerick in 2023 and 2024 and how much revenue was collected as a result.***

#### **REPLY:**

<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
3 Dog Fouling fines issued	1 Dog Fouling fine issued
Revenue Collected €0.00	Revenue Collected €0.00
1 Court proceedings have been initiated	1 Court proceedings have been initiated.
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 offence. Where member of the public reports an instance they must be willing to give evidence in court, however many are reluctant to do so.

### **14. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the proposed bus shelter planned for the Old Cratloe Road. Is it still proposed to be moved closer to Caherdavin Meadows Junction rather than the bus stop's current location.***

**REPLY:** A bus shelter is proposed for this stop as part of the Old Cratloe Road Active Travel Scheme. In order to facilitate a bus shelter, it is proposed to move the bus stop closer to Caherdavin Meadows junction. The Old Cratloe Road Active Travel Scheme is anticipated to go through the Section 38 process in Q3 of 2025, with construction also anticipated in Q3 of 2025 subject to NTA approval.

**15. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue**

***I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what steps are typically taken by Limerick City and County Council to engage with owners of vacant and derelict buildings, in the Metropolitan area, to bring them back to occupation.***

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council takes a pro-active, place-based approach to identifying and activating derelict sites and vacant homes for more beneficial uses in local communities. The Council operates the activation programme under a number of Government policies, in particular: Housing For All, Town Centre First, Our Rural Future, and statutory legislation of the Derelict Sites Act 1990, the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, and the Housing Act 1966.

The Council also administers the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Owners of derelict and vacant properties can benefit from grants of up to €70,000 either to refurbish their property for occupation as a principal private residence or to make it available to the private rental market.

**16. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue**

***I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what the number of units is in the city centre, across all social housing sectors including AHBs, LCCC-owned housing and HAP Rentals.***

**REPLY:**

In order to determine the number of units in the City Centre, the Housing Directorate has used the City Centre zoning boundary Map in the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 as the basis for assessing the number of units in the City Centre. The map was extrapolated to Electoral Division data which makes it easy for the Council databases to assess the level of social-rental households.



Figure 1: Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 with 'city centre' zoning defined in light blue.

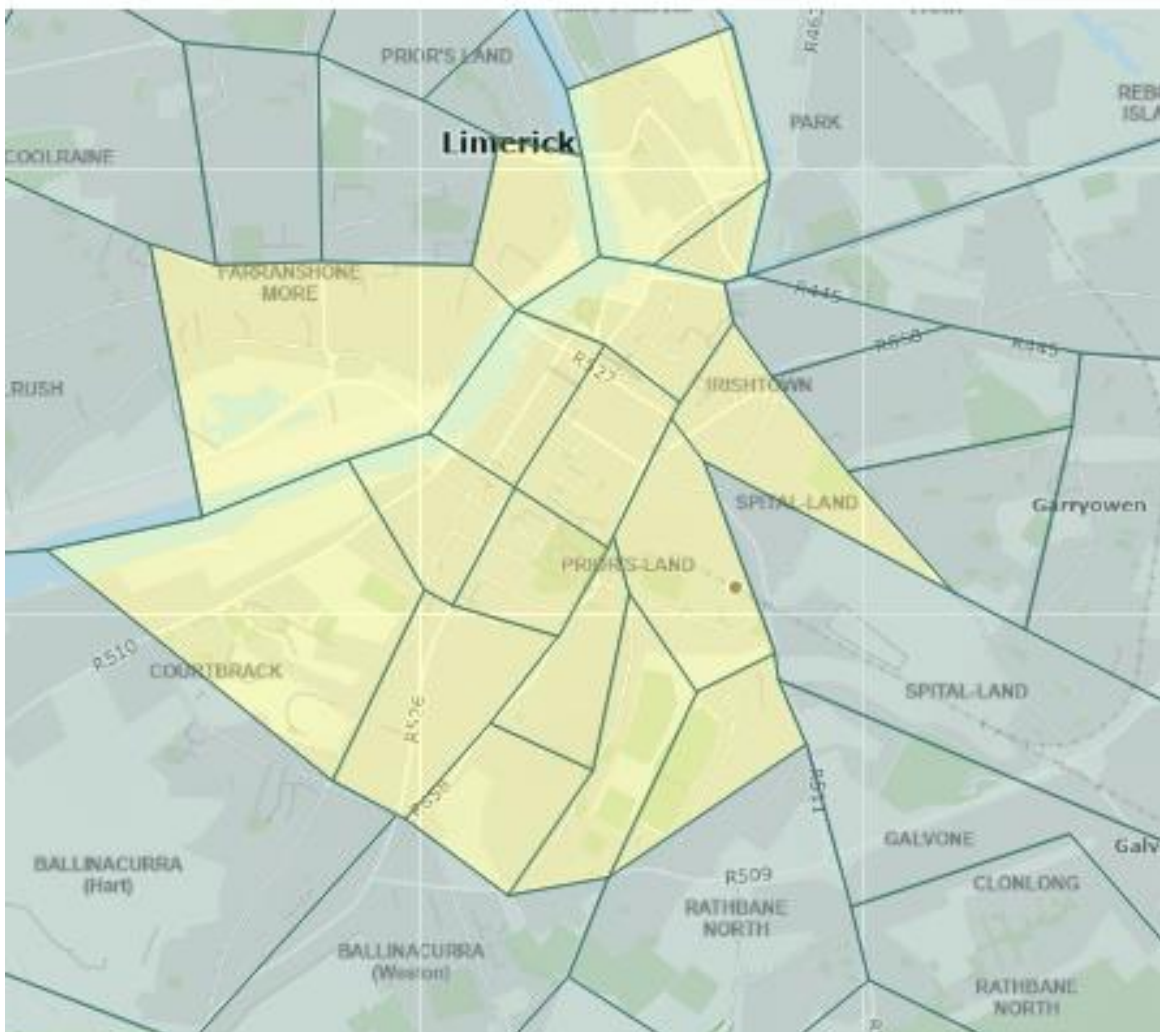


Figure 2: City centre Electoral Division boundaries (17 no.) broadly aligned to the 'city centre' zoning map

There are a total of 9488 registered residential addresses in the 17 no. Electoral Areas.

The number of units defined as Social Rental is as follows:

- 997 Limerick City and County Council owned properties
- 590 Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Units
- 327 Approved Housing Body (AHB) Units
- 235 Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) Units
- 182 Short Term Temporary Accommodation Beds at various city locations as follows:
  - McGarry House 31
  - Phoenix Lodge 10
  - Oak Lodge 70
  - Brother Russell Road 26
  - Temporary Emergency Provision (TEP) 14
  - St Joseph Street 7
  - Thomond House 24
- TOTAL = 2,331**

The total at this time is 2,331 social-rental/supported homes (25% of total residential homes).

The Council remains committed to monitoring and managing tenure mix to support a balanced and inclusive housing market in the city, with the support of Elected Members.

#### **17. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the progress with the Columbarium Wall in Mount St. Lawrence.***

**REPLY:** The Council had previously received quotations for Consultants for the Columbarian Garden for Mount Saint Lawrence Cemetery. The Council have amended requirements for the project and are retendering on etenders for Consultants to design and deliver the project. The previous preliminary design is being simplified in order to achieve better value for money.

It is anticipated that a Part 8 will be lodged by October of this year.

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Doyle (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 Limerick City and County Council would introduce measures to incentivise the use of vacant city centre retail units like one year's rates exempt for new retail premises and penalties for owners of vacant retail premises that have been idle for over two years.***

It was agreed to refer this Notice of Motion to the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and

Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

**19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor U. Gavan**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council liaise with Government with a view to establishing a Driving Test Centre in Castletroy/Annacotty to help alleviate the long wait times for tests.***

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Gavan highlighted the long waiting times for tests and emphasised the urgent need to introduce measures to reduce them.

**20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor U. Gavan**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council calls on Government to provide sufficient funding to allow the Council to honour its housing commitments and to allow the Tenant In Situ scheme to function as was previously established.***

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Gavan stressed that significant funding was needed for housing, in particular with the reduction in funding for the tenant in situ scheme which was a very successful initiative, and with the ongoing housing crisis.

**21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council give consideration to the provision of a community park in the Singland/Bloodmill area of Limerick.***

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Slattery highlighted the lack of community facilities in the area, which had a large population, and emphasised the importance of providing sporting and other essential services to support these communities.

**REPLY:** The Environment Department are in the process of engaging an Ecologist to undertake a full ecological assessment of the Groody Valley Area. This is part of an overall process to determine the suitability of this land for interventions where appropriate. The members will be kept up to date on progress.

Councillor Slattery expressed disappointment with the response, noting that the proposed location of Groody Valley area for a community park was not suitable for the people living in the Singland/Boodmill area of Limerick. She emphasised the need to identify a more suitable location closer to these communities in Singland/Bloodmill.

**22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery (to be referred to the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee)**

*I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for this Council to look at providing free parking permits to Health Care Workers who provide home support to people who live in the City with parking restrictions outside their homes.*

It was agreed to refer this Notice of Motion to the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee.

**23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Pond**

*I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council engage with the Cluid Housing Approved Body to examine what measures can be taken, including blocking access from the Greenway, to alleviate the anti-social behaviour that is occurring at both Apartment Blocks in Newtown Meadows in Castletroy.*

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Pond referred to a number of emails he had received from residents in Newtown Meadows outlining issues of anti-social behaviour in their area.

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council Road's Department will engage on this issue raised through the Planning department during the taking in charge process of Newtown Meadows.

**Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing.**

With regards to anti-social behaviour at the Apartment Blocks in Newtown Meadows, it is crucial to address the concerns of residents while also considering the broader community that utilises the Greenway.

I would like to emphasise that anti-social behaviour is being actively addressed by An Garda Síochána, who are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all citizens. The Greenway serves as a valuable resource for walkers, cyclists, and families, promoting healthy outdoor activities and community engagement.

While exploring potential measures to mitigate the issues faced by residents, we must balance these actions with the accessibility of the Greenway, which many people enjoy.

Engaging with Clúid Housing through Limerick City and County Councils Housing Dept. to discuss practical solutions is a positive step and I encourage collaborative efforts to find a resolution that addresses the concerns of both the residents and the wider community.

**A/Senior Engineer, Active Travel.**

The provision of CCTV on the Greenways in the Castletroy Area is currently being considered by the GDPR team.

**A/Senior Engineer, Travel & Transport Strategy.**

Members supported the Motion and highlighted the need for increased Garda resources in the area and the provision of CCTV on the Greenway.

**24. 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 engage with relevant organisations such as Limerick Civic Trust, the Midwest Regional Drugs Task Force, and the Community Substance Misuse Team, to identify suitable locations for the expansion of external drop boxes for the safe disposal of drug litter throughout Limerick city.***

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 noted that members of the public had contacted him after finding drug related litter in their communities. He highlighted the importance of informing people of how to dispose of these in a safe way and the need for more external drop boxes.

Members supported the Motion and queried if the Council Cleansing Team, along with the City Centre Tidy Towns group, could begin mapping areas where drug litter is frequently found to help identify where additional bins are needed.

**25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara (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 this Council scrap the inclusion of child maintenance payments as income when calculating rent on local authority homes.***

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

**26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue**

***I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council write to the HSE and the Department of Justice requesting them to develop a joined-up and proactive taskforce to effectively deal with the current drug problems experienced widely across Limerick Metropolitan District.***

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Donoghue highlighted the drug related issues affecting the Metropolitan area and the challenges this causes for businesses and communities. She emphasised the importance of a multi-agency approach in addressing these issues.

**27. 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 the Port***

***Authority to ask that the two canons at Limerick Docks be removed and returned to the city.***

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Kiely stated that the cannons are on display outside the Old Harbour Commissioners Office in the Ted Russell Docks, but the public cannot access this area as it was a working dock. She highlighted that the canons should be placed in a more prominent location to serve as a tourist attraction.

## **28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that a funding source be identified for the chapel in Mount St. Lawrence to be restored.***

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Kiely highlighted the poor condition of the chapel and the need to carry out refurbishment works. She stressed that the matter was ongoing for a long period of time, with costs increasing, and noted the chapel's possible potential as a tourist site.

Members requested that a report on the cost to renovate the chapel would be prepared and this was agreed.

## **29. Correspondence**

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_