

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, AND ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2025, AT 10AM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M. Collins, Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Foley, Galvin, Scanlan and Sheahan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development (Mr. S. Duclot), A/Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Districts (Ms. K. White), Director, Planning and Place Making (Mr. V. Murray), Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Ms. H. Supple), Senior Executive Engineer, Newcastle West Municipal District (Mr. J. Sheehan), Executive Engineer, Roads (Mr. P. Vallely), Senior Executive Engineer, Environment and Climate Action (Ms. C. Lynch), Administrative Officer, Property Management (Ms. T. Knox), Staff Officer, Property Services (Ms. R. Ross), Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Place Making (Mr. D. Reynolds), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan).

Ms. Marcella Conneely, Resident Housing Manager, Ms. Catherine Coakley, Resident Housing Officer, Mr. Brendan Lally, Building Surveying Manager, Clúid Housing.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Ruddle

At the outset of the Meeting, Councillor Collins welcomed everyone in attendance to the September Meeting of the District.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

The Cathaoirleach and Members expressed deep sympathy to the Senior Engineer, Travel and Transport Strategy on the passing of his father, Mr. Brendan McGrath.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Newcastle West, held on 2nd July, 2025.

Councillor Galvin referred to the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 2nd July, 2025, in relation to the Question submitted on the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan. Councillor Galvin requested that the Minutes be amended to state that that the Senior Executive Engineer and the Acting Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Place-Making, will attend the September Meeting and not the July Meeting as previously mentioned.

Proposed by: Councillor Galvin
Seconded by: Councillor Collins
And Resolved:

“That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed, subject to the amendment outlined above to the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 2nd July, 2025”.

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. Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services Directorate.

To Brief the Members on the Part 8 for the new Abbeyfeale Burial Ground.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Senior Executive Engineer, Environment and Climate Action to the Meeting.

The Senior Executive Engineer gave a comprehensive update to the Members on the proposed new burial ground for Abbeyfeale and the Part 8 proposal. She stated that the site is 1km north of Abbeyfeale, sloping from north east to south west and is two hectares in area. She made reference to hedge boundaries around the site and to vehicular access which is only possible at the northwest of the site on the R524. She also stated that pedestrian access is possible at the southwest (water tower location) and southeast (proposed Greenway hub location). She gave an overview of the model of the site and that the site is adjacent to the Greenway and Greenway Hub. She referred to parking at the burial ground which may serve the Greenway/Greenway users.

She outlined to the Members the Design Details and stated that there is approximately in excess of 1,623 burial plots, provision for 6 Columbarian Walls, 360 niches and 45 car parking spaces with a dual purpose serving the Greenway. She made reference to seven universal access parking spaces, bus set down area, proposed avenue of trees and a Reflection Garden. She also referred to a drainage zone, parking zone and linkage from the Cemetery to the Greenway.

The Senior Executive Engineer made reference to the next steps in the Plan which include a Part 8 to be lodged in the next few weeks and land acquisition which is to be finalised. She stated that the preliminary cost estimate at Part 8 stage is approximately €2.5m and that funding is to be sought via capital loan.

The Members thanked the Senior Executive Engineer for the update and welcomed the proposal on the new burial ground for Abbeyfeale. The Members acknowledged the work of the Committee in Abbeyfeale and referred to a number of matters including concern over the amount of burial ground space left in the existing graveyard, Reilig Íde Naofa, timeframe for the Part 8 for the burial ground, funding for the project and how many additional car spaces are being provided on the site. An update was also sought on the Part 8 for the Greenway at the Railway yard in Abbeyfeale and to proposals for the existing car park at the Railway site. Reference was also made to the need to have the burial ground bye-laws adhered to in cemeteries and in Reilig Íde Naofa, Abbeyfeale. The location, cost and number of the columbarian walls, the Reflection Garden and drainage on the site was raised. A brief discussion also took place on the provision of footpaths in the new cemetery in Abbeyfeale and other cemeteries due to the difficulty of getting access to some graves during the winter months. A request was made to have a review carried out of graveyards where footpaths are not allowed and to have footpaths included in general in graveyards.

In replying, the Senior Executive Engineer stated that environmentally sound type footpaths will be put down in the new graveyard in Abbeyfeale. She stated that the anticipated timeframe for the Part 8 is five months approximately with the project going to tender at the latter end of next year.

4. Housing Directorate

To receive Presentation from Clúid Housing on tenancy portfolio of the District.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Marcella Conneely and Ms. Catherine Coakley, Clúid Housing, to the Meeting.

Ms. Conneely gave an overview of the property portfolio in the District. She stated that 1,525 new homes were delivered by Clúid Housing in 2024 and that as of 31st December, 2024, 12,836 homes were in management with a total of 31,988 residents. She stated that Clúid Housing currently own 140 homes in Limerick City and County, with 39 homes in Newcastle West and gave an update to the Members on the locations and current status of housing in Newcastle West.

She outlined to the Members the role Clúid Housing has in Tenancy Management, Estate Management, Lettings and empty homes, regular and holistic estate inspections, customer contact and the anti-social behaviour policy and procedures.

Following the update given by Ms. Conneely, the Members referred to a number of matters including the process for dealing with anti-social behaviour in housing estates, contact details to report anti-social behaviour to Clúid Housing, play facilities for children, contact point for

older people in housing estates and the manner in which vacant houses are dealt with in housing estates. The Clúid housing development at Cois Na Féile, Abbeyfeale, was referred to, a clean-up of the estate and a detailed timescale for this project was requested. The connectivity and boundary to the estate was also raised. It was agreed that a further update would be given to the Members on this matter.

Ms. Conneely gave an overview to the Members on how various matters including vacant housing and anti-social matters are dealt with by Clúid Housing.

It was agreed that the Meetings Administrator would revert to the Members with the contact details for reporting anti-social behaviour issues to Clúid Housing.

5. Disposal of Land

Circulated, report of Head of Property Management Services, dated 12th August, 2025, concerning proposal to dispose of 0.0069 Acres (0.0028 Hectares) of Land at Churchtown, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.

The Staff Officer, Property Services gave a brief rundown on the Disposal of the Property to the Members following which a query was raised on how the value of the disposal is calculated and how long it takes to have rights in relation to adverse possession on public owned lands versus privately owned lands.

In replying, the Administrative Officer confirmed that in order to have adverse possession of public or privately owned lands one needs to be in occupation of the lands for twelve years or more.

Members noted the proposal.

6. Planning and Place-Making Directorate

To receive Update on Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Director and the Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Place-Making to the District.

The Senior Executive Engineer gave an overview to the Members on the Original Phase 1 and Phase 2 works and that a Detailed Design for Phase 1 is complete. The current status on funding for the project was outlined and the committed funding at September 2025 in the amount of €14m and the estimated costs for Phase 1 and Phase 2 in the amount of €26m at September 2025.

The Director referred to the scale of the project and to the lack of funding to complete the full project at present. He stated that discussions are ongoing with regard to sourcing funding for the project and following discussion, it was agreed that the O’Riordan’s car park would be advanced with a view to opening before Christmas 2025 and that discussions would continue

to take place with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the Mayor and the Minister with regard to sourcing additional funding for the project and an update to be given at the October Monthly Meeting.

7. To Consider Request for Funding for the area known as the “Meeting of the Three Counties”.

The Cathaoirleach and Meetings Administrator referred to correspondence received from Cork County Council with regard to a request for funding in the amount of €10,000 to repair and restore an area known as “The Three Counties” site which is a very scenic and tourist area. Councillor Collins stated that Cork County Council is the lead authority and asked that the Director liaise with the Mayor and Cork County Council on this matter. It was agreed that a further update would be given to the Members at the October Monthly Meeting.

8. Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development Directorate

Nomination of a Member of Newcastle West Municipal District to the Corporate Policy Group.

The Cathaoirleach referred to a Nomination of a Member of the Newcastle West Municipal District to the Corporate Policy Group.

It was proposed by Councillor Foley, seconded by Councillor Scanlan, and agreed by all that Councillor Collins be nominated a Member of the Corporate Policy Group.

9. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

On the proposal of Councillor Scanlan, seconded by Councillor Collins, it was agreed to allocate €1,250 to Dromcollogher Carnival Committee for festival content.

An application was received from Broadford Community Campus. It was agreed to seek clarification on this matter and defer the Item to the October Meeting of the District.

QUESTIONS

Replies to the following Questions on the Agenda were circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting and the Questions were therefore taken as having been dealt with.

10. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for (a) an update on the bottom of the High Road, Mountcollins (b) is this road on a roads programme.

REPLY: The High Road at Mountcollins is currently not on the Roads Programme for 2025 but it will be included in the 2026 programme.

11. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting that the roads in Cedarville Estates be road marked at the back of the Church in Abbeyfeale i.e centre lines particularly at bends and junctions.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council will line the junctions within the estate to improve traffic safety.

12. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for a detailed update on the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan costings - start dates, detailed outline of works and importance of opening the carpark.

REPLY:

As outlined at the July Municipal District Meeting there is a significant shortfall in funding for the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan as currently envisaged. There is a funding commitment of €14m from funders Limerick City and County Council, NTA and TII. Total scheme costs are estimated in the region of €26 million. There are also certain constraints as to how the funding is allocated to the phases.

In light of the significant shortfall we are reviewing the phasing and proposed scope of works to prioritise and rationalise the works that can be delivered within the funding available and as further funds could become available.

We are currently reviewing with our consultant engineers the option of completing an initial project to construct the link road with car parking in the old O'Riordan's site. This would provide 21 extra parking spaces as well as a link from the N21 through to the current Grove Terrace carpark (Area 1 in Attachment).

We are also exploring a funding application to the Office of Public Works for works to the culvert within the car park.

As both the NTA and TII funding seeks to prioritise works along the N21 Main Street and Square area we have asked our engineers to complete a cost plan for this area as a priority (Area 2 in attachment). Subject to the cost estimate being within the funding available we propose to proceed to complete the detailed design for this area as the second project to be delivered.

It is most likely that any further works will require additional funding applications such as RRDF.

We would hope to be in a position to tender the initial project at O’Riordan’s link/car park within the next few months with start on site early next year.

13. Question submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

I will ask at the next Meeting how many parking fines have been issued to persons parking illegally in disability bays in the Newcastle West District.

REPLY: From 1st January, 2021 to 12th August, 2025, 190 parking fines have been issued to persons parking illegally in disabled persons parking bays in the Newcastle West District.

14. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting what action is being taken to identify and eliminate the ongoing issue of noxious odours that have permeated our Town Centre over the last ten months.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council staff have responded to several reports of alleged odour nuisance in Newcastle West since mid-June 2025.

During an inspection in mid-June, a slight odour was detected from a manhole shaft on a private sewer line serving an industrial site. This sewer line is connected into the public sewer network managed by Uisce Éireann/Irish Water.

Whilst the Council has no role per-se in managing private or public sewer infrastructure, in order to assist with resolving the issue, staff from this department inspected the site and requested that management implement specified odour mitigation measures (infrastructural and procedural).

The Council is satisfied that there was prompt and positive engagement in this regard. A further report of odour was received in recent weeks and this was investigated. However, no airborne odours were detected.

15. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting that Community Sustainment provide a full time staff member to monitor and control antisocial behaviour in Newcastle West.

REPLY:

The Community Sustainment Unit formerly known as the Estate Management Unit was reorganised and strengthened in late 2019. The unit now comprises of an Administrative Officer and four Community Sustainment Officers and each of these Officers have responsibility for specific areas within the Metropolitan and Municipal Districts of the Council.

The Community Sustainment Unit is comprised of three main strands: (i) Estate Support (ii) Individual Tenant Support and (iii) Tenancy Enforcement/Anti-Social Behaviour.

The Council, as housing authority, is committed to taking appropriate action to prevent, reduce, and respond to incidents of anti-social behaviour and, indeed, general breaches of tenancy, that occur within its estates. To this end, it works in close co-operation with An Garda Síochána and other statutory agencies, both on a case by case basis and, also, on a general policy level, through regular meetings.

There are strong legal powers available to tackle persistent offenders, including eviction from homes and securing excluding orders from areas against persistent offenders.

Within the overall Community Sustainment Team, there is a team dedicated to tenancy enforcement issues and the staff resources assigned to monitor and control antisocial behaviour in Newcastle West are adequate to address issues that arise from time to time.

As advised in my email of the 26th August 2025 to all Elected Members, the University of Limerick will launch a targeted and focussed Newcastle West Community Safety Local Leadership Programme over the coming months which will provide a pilot study to consider alternative solutions to Community Safety issues which will be trialled and evaluated in a Newcastle West specific context and subject to evaluation, these learnings will be rolled out on a City & County wide basis.

The Local Leadership Programme is designed and delivered by staff from the Research Evidence into Policy, Programmes, and Practice (REPPP) project, which is a strategic research partnership between the Department of Justice and the School of Law, University of Limerick. The programme offers up to 24 places to professionals, usually preferencing frontline practitioners from the statutory, community and voluntary sectors with the demonstrable capacity to bring energy, critical thinking, imagination, leadership, and influence to addressing the problems looked at on the programme. The programme was piloted in Dublin's North East Inner City in 2019 and, since then, there have been a further seven programmes in Limerick City and County; South West Kerry; Dublin South Central; Cork; Galway; Wexford and Longford involving more than one hundred and sixty participants.

16. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting what measures are underway to prevent future flooding in Dromcollogher.

REPLY:

A minor works application has been made to the Office of Public Works to seek funding for an overall survey of Dromcollogher and its catchment and for funding to carry out "quick fix" works to alleviate a short term flooding event, for example to increase the capacity of certain bridges and to improve conveyance of rivers and streams and to clear silt, gravel and debris from the river bed.

17. Question submitted by Councillor J. Sheahan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the Athea Flood Relief Scheme with an indicative start date.

REPLY:

The preferred option for the Athea Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) was submitted to Office of Public Works for formal option approval on 15 August 2025. Subject to Office of Public Works review and approval, the scheme is currently programmed for submission for planning consent to An Coimisiún Pleanála in Q4 2025.

A potential start date for the FRS is dependent on the relevant approvals being in place and formal receipt of planning consent however based on current programme, this is estimated to be Q3 2027.

18. Question submitted by Councillor J. Sheahan

I will ask at the next Meeting for the survey report on the bridge at the Old Castle in Glin which should include recommendations if any.

REPLY:

Attached find a Bridge Inventory Survey and Maintenance Inspection report which was undertaken in April 2025. This survey identified a number of rehabilitation issues that require attention at the bridge structure and as such it has been added to our list of bridges requiring attention under our bridge rehabilitation programme. Limerick City and County Council have a significant list of bridge structures that require bridge rehabilitation works and selection of bridges for inclusion in our annual bridge rehabilitation programme is determined on a priority basis. The bridge in Glin will be under consideration for inclusion in our 2026 bridge rehabilitation programme, however it must be noted that its delivery in 2026 will depend on approval of its inclusion by the Department of Transport, funding availability and its prioritisation of delivery against other bridge structures. Additionally, our bridge rehabilitation programme is dynamic each year and can change due to emergency bridge works being required at short notice. The team managing bridge rehabilitation works will have a more definitive status of our bridge rehabilitation list towards the end of Q3 in 2026.

NOTICES OF MOTION

It was proposed by the Cathaoirleach, that in the absence of Councillor Ruddle, the Notices of Motion at Item 19 and Item 20 on the Agenda would be deferred to the October Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that double white lines be placed at the western side of Templeglantine village towards the Forge Cross (heading for Tulligoline) and new updated signage be put in place.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Collins.

REPLY:

The signing and lining at the N21 L7056 junction is designed in accordance with the Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual (TSM).

A Consultant Engineer was appointed to complete the N21 lining design. Full overtaking distance was assessed and deemed to be available. Full overtaking with warning line markings through the junction have been provided in accordance with TSM Chapter 7.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Galvin referred to safety at the junction and requested that double white lines be placed at the western side of Templeglantine village towards the Forge Cross. It was agreed that a Meeting would take place on site with the Roads Team and Transport Infrastructure Ireland on site to discuss this matter.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that the shortfall of monies to commence and complete the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan be taken from development levies collected.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Collins.

REPLY:

There is a very significant shortfall in funding for the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan as currently envisaged. There is a funding commitment of €14m from funders Limerick City & County Council, NTA and TII.

The total scheme costs are estimated in the region of €26million indicating a shortfall in the region of €12million.

With reference to my response to question on the agenda today regarding the same matter, we propose to proceed to progress projects within the overall Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan within the funding currently available above. We also propose to seek funding from the OPW for the culvert installation in the Grove Terrace carpark and are engaging with the Town Regeneration Officer regarding potential future RRDF applications or other funding opportunities.

The development levy's collected countywide are in the region of €3million per annum and allocated across projects across the County. The levy's collected are not sufficient to allocate to fund such a significant shortfall on a capital project.

We will continue to explore further funding opportunities to progress the overall scheme phases.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Galvin expressed disappointment at the lack of funding for the project.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that the charge for Resident Parking Permits issued at Newcastle West be brought into line those applicable within Limerick City.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Collins.

REPLY:

The Limerick City Centre Transport Plan (LCCTP) is currently being drafted. It is envisaged that public consultation should take place late September this year.

Once the LCCTP is complete a parking strategy will be undertaken which will include reviewing the parking bye-laws and associated fees in all Districts including Newcastle West.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Scanlan requested that residents parking permit charges be made uniform throughout Limerick and that the charge in Newcastle West be aligned with the city.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that we call on Uisce Éireann to have a senior representative attend our next Meeting to brief Members on the likely timeframe for the upgrade of our County Towns Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Collins.

REPLY:

Uisce Éireann acknowledge the importance of its role as the national water utility and remain committed to keeping the community informed and to ongoing engagement with all stakeholders, including Co. Limerick. Uisce Éireann holds annual in-person workshops with all county councillors to update them on Uisce Éireann works across Limerick, where there is an opportunity to discuss specific interests with the organisation. We will be in touch with the next scheduled workshop. Please find an update below regarding the upgrade of the Newcastle West Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Uisce Éireann can confirm that the Newcastle West Wastewater Treatment Plant project is currently at detailed design stage. Delivery of any large-scale capital projects such as this are subject to internal governance processes, procurement, planning permissions, legal and environmental regulations. It can take a number of years to bring any capital project through all of these stages and to construction. Uisce Éireann will continue to investigate any suitable interim or short-term solutions. As set out in Regulation 43 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007, potential availability of additional capacity arising from any interim solutions would be dependent on any additional load, in conjunction with existing discharges to the receiving waters, not adversely impacting the limits and controls required to achieve the environmental objectives.

The assessment under Regulation 43 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007 is a matter for the relevant Planning Authority to determine. Please be advised, if you have a further query on a specific wastewater treatment plant in the Newcastle West Municipal District, please submit it through our LRSD service and we will endeavour to promptly provide a response to your office.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Scanlan requested a timeframe for the upgrade of the Newcastle West Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councillor Scanlan also made reference to the Sycamore Crescent housing development in Newcastle West which is in need of being developed. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Director would seek clarification on whether a temporary wastewater treatment plant could be implemented in this instance. In replying, the Director stated that Limerick City and County Council is currently working with Uisce Éireann on finding a temporary solution to this problem. He referred to consent which was given recently to the use of a temporary wastewater treatment plant in the District.

Councillor Sheahan referred to “the assessment under Regulation 43 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007 is a matter for the relevant Planning Authority to determine” as stated in the response and wished to seek clarification on this matter. It was agreed that the Meetings Administrator would follow up on this request.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Sheahan

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council refurbish the Bring Bank Centre at Athea graveyard so as to eliminate illegal dumping and in doing so will revise the current parking following loss of spaces post school calming works.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Collins.

REPLY:

A commitment has been given to a community group that during the works we will tidy bottle bank area.

The car parking will remain as per design, constructed and per approved Road Safety Audit.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Sheahan referred to traffic calming works which were carried out in Athea, to the loss of car parking spaces at the graveyard and to the poor condition of the work which was carried out at this location.

Councillor Galvin also referred to the current situation with regard to car parking at this location and to cars parking on the footpath on a temporary basis.

In replying, the Senior Executive Engineer stated that a Safe Route to School Programme involves having a safety audit carried out and the blocking of footpaths forms part of this audit. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to monitor the location when the next funeral is taking place.

26. Correspondence

Correspondence as circulated was noted by the Members.

The following items were also raised.

An update was sought on the provision of a disability bay at Main Street, Ardagh. In replying, the Executive Engineer agreed to follow up on this matter with the contractor and a further update would issue to the Members.

An update was sought on the condition of Clouncagh Cemetery and in replying, the Meetings Administrator read the response received from the relevant Directorate which stated that at present the two damaged asbestos containing material roofs are being demolished and removed from site, the remainder of the old non-process (Water Treatment and Power) buildings will also be demolished. It was agreed that the Acting Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Districts would seek a further update on this matter.

The Members acknowledged the excellent work and assistance which was carried out by all in response to the flooding which took place in Dromcollogher on the 20th July, 2025. A discussion took place on a number of matters including the work which has been carried out to remedy the problem, responsibility of the Office of Public Works, current status on the provision of humanitarian aid and an area to be designated an area for humanitarian aid in order to draw down funding. A request was also made to have a single agency response for flood victims rather than the current multi agency response. Reference was also made to the flooding of a household premises four kilometres from Athea, flooding at the Mart Bridge in Abbeyfeale and other bridges in the District.

In replying, the Executive Engineer gave an update to the Members on the work undertaken following the flooding in Dromcollogher which included the cleaning out of the rivers, the removal of silt from under the bridges and that follow up has taken place with the Office of Public Works. In response, the Senior Executive Engineer stated that an application is being made to the Office of Public Works for drainage works in Dromcollogher. The Acting Senior Executive Officer stated that the Community Health Officer has made contact with all

households affected by the flooding in Dromcollogher and she agreed to follow up on the area being designated an area for humanitarian aid and to the drawing down of funding. A request was also made to include the household in Athea for humanitarian aid and in replying the Acting Senior Executive Officer agreed to follow up on this request.

An update was sought on a request for drainage works to be carried out at the Grove Road in Abbeyfeale and in replying, the Senior Executive Engineer agreed to follow up on this matter.

The provision of speed ramps in Mountcollins village was raised and in replying, the Senior Executive Engineer stated that the results of the speed survey in Mountcollins has been received and is to be assessed shortly. A discussion took place on requests for other speed ramps in the District and in replying, the Executive Engineer stated that a list has been drawn up on requests for all speed ramps in the District.

An update was sought on the new playground at the Demesne, Newcastle West and the Senior Executive Engineer gave an update to the Members on the current status of the new playground including public consultation and Part 8 planning. A query was also raised with regard to having a Warden in place for the new playground to deal with anti-social behaviour and in replying, the Senior Executive Engineer stated that this will be dependent on usage at the playground.

The holding of a Meeting to discuss the Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 was raised and it was agreed that the Acting Senior Executive Officer would revert to the Members on this matter.

It was agreed to hold the October Meeting of the District on Wednesday, 1st October, 2025, at 10.00 a.m., at Áras William Smith O'Brien.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated:
