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**Question Councillor L. Galvin**

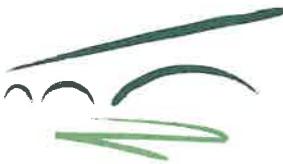
I will ask at the next Meeting for (a) an update on the bottom of the High Road, Mountcollins (b) is this road on a roads programme.

**Reply:**

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

John Sheehan  
Senior Executive Engineer  
Transportation and Mobility  
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20<sup>th</sup> August 2025



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**Question 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:**

LCCC will line the junctions within the estate to improve traffic safety.

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

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**Question 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:**

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

**Reply**

As outlined at the July MD 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 & County Council, NTA and TII. Total scheme costs are estimated in the region of €26million. 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 carparking 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 OPW for works to the culvert within the carpark.

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 Riordans link/carpark within the next few months with start on site early next year.

Regards,

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**Donnacha Reynolds**  
**Senior Executive Engineer**  
**Planning & Placemaking**  
**Limerick City & County Council**



**Meeting of Municipal District of Newcastle West to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2025**

**Question submitted by Councillor Tom 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.**

Signed: Anne-Marie Mulcahy

**Anne-Marie Mulcahy  
A/Administrative Officer  
Accounts Receivable Department.**



**Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West,  
to be held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**

**Question 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 10 months.

**Response**

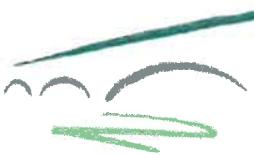
Limerick City and County Council staff have responded to several reports of alleged odour nuisance in Newcastle West since mid-June 2025.

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.

**Aidan Finn**  
Senior Engineer  
Environment and Climate Action  
20<sup>th</sup> August 2025



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**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST to be held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.**

**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 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025 to all Elected Members, the University of Limerick will launch a targeted and focused 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.



Mary Hayes  
Senior Executive Officer  
Metropolitan District of Limerick  
27<sup>th</sup> August 2025



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**Question 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 OPW 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.

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

20<sup>th</sup> August 2025



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### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST

MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

#### 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 OPW for formal option approval on 15 August 2025. Subject to OPW 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.

Darragh Ryan, A/Senior Executive Engineer, CFRAMS Capital Projects, Planning and Place-making, 20 August 2025



## LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

### SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLEWEST

MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2025

#### 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 & 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 Dept. 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 on 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.

John O'Keeffe,  
Senior Executive Engineer,  
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing – Central Services.

Date: 22.08.2025

LK-L6106-B-000

BRIDGE

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## Bridge Summary

**Number (calc.):** LK-L6106-B-000

**Name (alias):** glin castle bridge

**Bridge Type:** Arch

**Maintenance Inspection Date:** 11/04/2025

**Maintenance Inspection Rating:** Alert

**Engineering Inspection Date:** N/A

**Engineering Inspection Rating:** N/A

## Bridge Detail

### Bridge

**Bridge Type:** Arch

**Principle Function:** Public Road

**Number (calc.):** LK-L6106-B-000

**Number (plate):** N/A

**Name (alias):** glin castle bridge

**Road Number:** L6106

**Is in Skew?** No

**Skew Angle:** N/A

**Is Flood Relief?** No

**Number of Openings:** N/A

**Height Restriction:** N/A

**Is Signage Present?** No

**Height Restriction (on signage):** N/A

**Weight Restriction?** No

**Weight Restriction (on signage):** N/A

**Bridge Over:** Watercourse

**Bridge Under:** N/A

**Services Evident?** Yes

### Dimensions

**Length:** 17

**Width:** 6.2

**Height:** 2.7

**Number of Spans:** 1

**Total Span:** 12

**Max. Span:** 12

**Min. Span:** 12

### Materials

**Materials:** Masonry

### Access Hazards

**Access Hazards:** Deep Water, Fast Water, Services, Steep Banks, Vegetation

**Location**

**Location Description:** N/A

**Townland:** KILLACOLLA (Barker)

**Municipal District:** Municipal District of Newcastle West

**River Basin District:** Shannon

**Additional Info**

**Ownership:** N/A

**Protected Status:** N/A

**Ecological Status:** N/A

**Year of Construction (approx.):** N/A

## Bridge Attachments

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## Maintenance Inspections

Inspection made on: 11/04/2025

Surveyor: MClark

Overall Rating: Alert

Parapets: Warning

External Walls: Alert

Access and Egress: Warning

Abutments and Piers: Good

Vegetation: Warning

Deck or Arch: Warning

Comments: inspection carried out under low flow conditions dryspell april 2025

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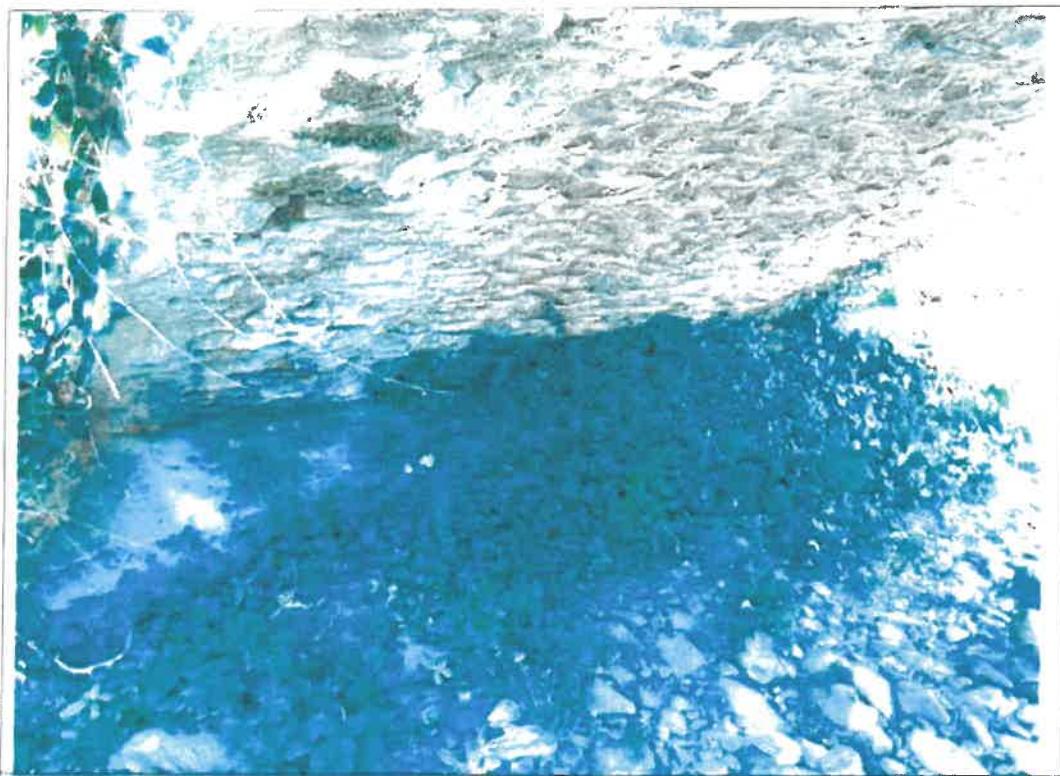
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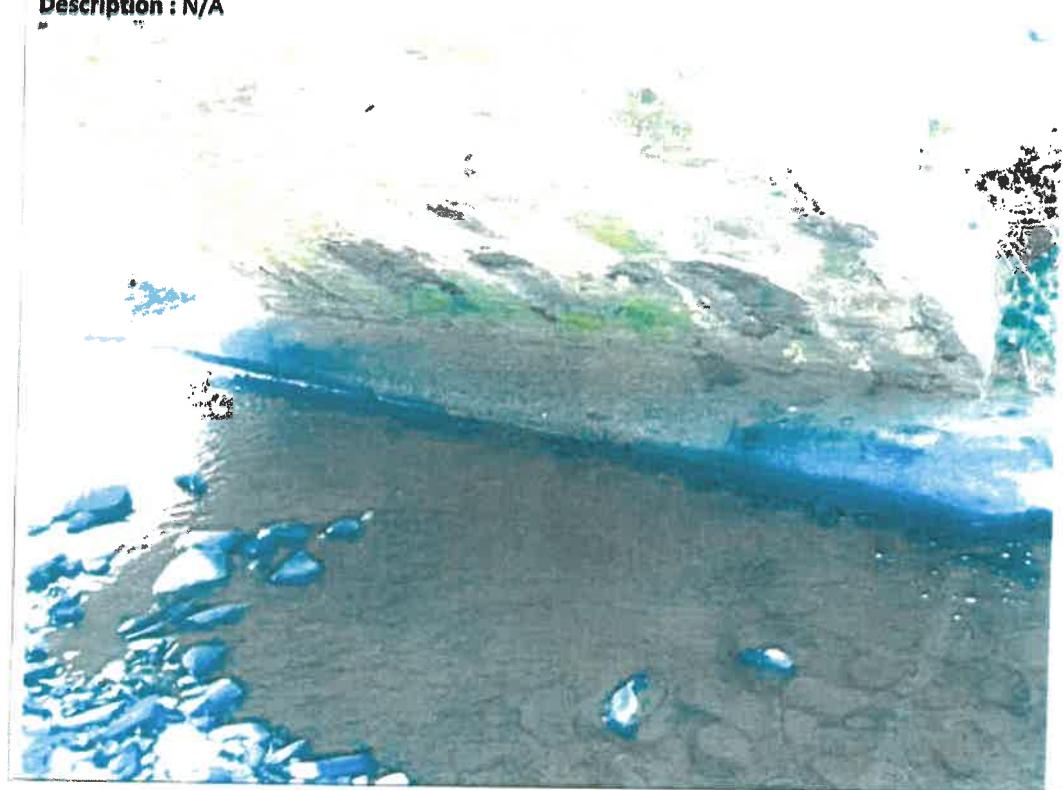
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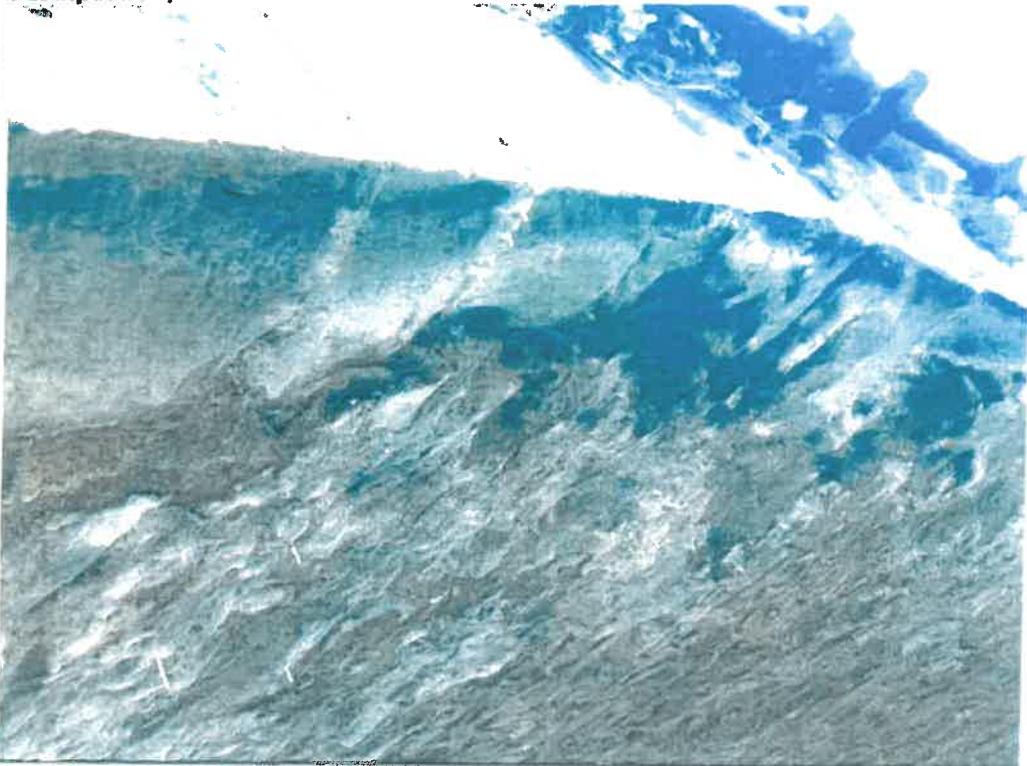
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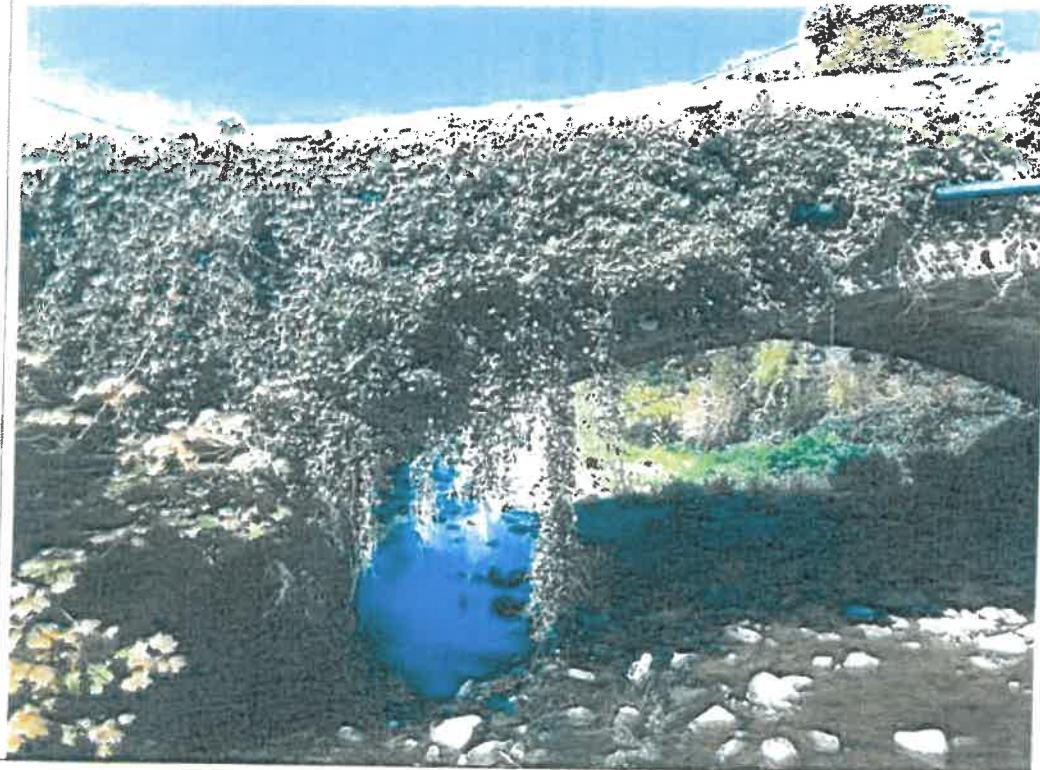
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