

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE HELD IN ÁRAS SEÁN FINN, NEW LINE ROAD, RATHKEALE, CO. LIMERICK AND ONLINE ON TUESDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2025 AT 10.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor G. Ward, Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Collins, Keary, O'Donoghue and Teskey.

Apologies for his inability to attend were received from Councillor Hartigan.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Service, Planning and Place-Making (Mr. V. Murray), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. K. Murphy), Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. B. Barrett), A/Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Districts (Ms. K. White), Director of Service, Finance (Mr. M. White), Management Accountant, Finance (Ms. I. Griffin), Financial Accountant, Finance (Mr. P. Murnane), A/Senior Executive Officer, Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism (Ms. A. Rizzo), Community Safety Coordinator, Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism (Mr. P. Moroney), Community Safety Administrator, Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism (Mr. E. O'Hanlon), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Lenihan).

At the outset of the Meeting Members congratulated Kevin Murphy on his recent appointment as Senior Executive Engineer and welcomed him back to the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District and wished him well going forward.

**1. Minutes**

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2025.

Proposed by Councillor Teskey;  
Seconded by Councillor Keary;  
And Resolved:

"That the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read, 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, he was inviting those present to notify

the Cathaoirleach of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting.

No such interest was declared.

### **3. Support Services Directorate**

#### **Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 – General Municipal Allocation**

Circulated, report dated 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2025 from the Mayor of Limerick which sets out the background to the General Municipal Allocation (GMA), along with details of the Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 for the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale in the total sum of €270,000.

Councillor Collins proposed this item would be postponed until the November Municipal District Meeting, as further information was required in relation to the proposed overall Budget for 2026. This was seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

### **4. Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development**

#### **Limerick Local Community Safety Partnership**

The Community Safety Coordinator gave Members a presentation on the background and function of the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP).

He confirmed that the LCSP was established under the 2025 Safety Partnership Regulations in accordance with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024. This will replace the former Joint Policing Committees (JPC) as part of a national reform approved by the Government, and the initiative brings together Elected Members, Local Authorities, Gardaí, The Health Service Executive, Tusla and community representatives so as to develop a community safety plan through consultation and engagement with all stakeholders. He outlined how pilot Community Safety Partnership schemes trialled in different parts of the country had been very successful and well received and this was another reason the Government had decided to bring it to every local authority.

Limericks LCSP will include twenty-four members with seven co-opted places for Elected Members, which will be broken down into an Elected Representatives from each Municipal District, three from the Metropolitan District, and the Príomh Chomhairleoir, three Members of An Garda Síochána, a health area manager from the HSE, an area manager from Tusla and a Director of Service from the Local Authority.

They will hold six meetings annually beginning in 2026. One of these meetings will be a public meeting and a second meeting will be held with Elected Representatives only.

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be elected for a three-year term on a volunteer basis and must remain an impartial leader of the LCSP. The Community Safety Coordinator concluded his presentation by confirming that one member of the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District would sit on the LCSP for a three-year term.

The Members expressed disappointment with the new format and outlined how the previous JPC had twelve members, with the majority of the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District Councillors in attendance at these Meeting, while the LCSP will have seven members with only one of those members representing the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District. This was especially disappointing due to the very unique towns within the remit of the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District, and Members didn't believe that the District would be well represented with only one Member on this partnership.

The Community Safety Coordinator confirmed that this was national policy and not a decision by Limerick City and County Council. He also added that there would be meetings held within the Districts and not just in the City. The Director, Planning and Place-Making advised that it is up to the Members of Limerick City and County Council to nominate the seven members and asked the Community Safety Coordinator to revert to the National Committee and advise them that Limerick City and County Council Members are not satisfied with only seven representatives.

## **5. Request to receive a Deputation from the Adare Hall Committee**

Councillor Collins advised that Adare Community Trust had requested to make a presentation to Members at the November Monthly Meeting in relation to the preparations for Ryder Cup 2027. She also requested that Elaine O'Connor, Ryder Cup 2027 Co-Ordinator, Tom Enright, Ryder Cup 2027 Project Director and any other relevant personal attend to discuss the preparation for this event. They agreed that Iarnrod Eireann should also be asked to give an update on plans for the event. Members agreed that this invitation should possibly be extended to the Adare Heritage Centre, and other bodies involved.

Discussion ensued and it was agreed that this issue would warrant a Special Meeting. The Members asked if funding would be made available from Central Government towards the roads budget to cater for this event. The Director, Planning and Place-Making advised they are waiting on confirmation of funding for the event. He confirmed that he would discuss with relevant staff members, and a Workshop could be arranged for the Members.

He added that once a Workshop was held for the Elected Members, that all relevant community groups could be invited to attend a separate meeting to be updated on plans and preparations. Members agreed too that with the Junior Ryder Cup being held in Ballyneety that these and other representatives from all areas surrounding Adare could be invited to attend also.

Members agreed that a shortfall in funding for the Adare Hall refurbishment should be funded by Central Government to cover this cost as part of Ryder Cup preparations. Councillor Keary proposed the District would write to the Minister for Sport & Communications outlining this request. This was seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

## **6. Transportation and Mobility Directorate**

### **District Engineers Report**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing dated 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 outlining details of proposed works, projects and future projects planned for the District.

- Councillor Teskey requested an update on the pedestrianisation and access point at Monument Hill, Foynes.
- Councillor Teskey also requested an update on the footpath from Kildimo Village to The Beer Garden public house.
- Councillor Keary queried how much public monies were spent by the local authority in Ballingarry in the last five years and requested this information at the November Municipal District Meeting.
- Councillor Collins asked that the footpath from Adare Village to the GAA field be delivered as a matter of urgency for the safety of pedestrians.
- Councillor O'Donoghue welcomed the works carried out at Chawke's Cross and thanked the Local Authority and the local landowners for their assistance in getting improvements carried out at this difficult junction.

## **7. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)**

On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor Teskey, it was agreed to allocate the following:

- €1,000 to West Limerick 102 Radio Station.
- €2,000 to Croagh National School.

Councillor Keary further proposed €2,000 which was nominated to Adare Community Trust at the July 2023 Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District Meeting be reallocated to Askeaton Civic Trust. This was seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Collins, it was agreed to allocate €3,000 to Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club.

On the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Teskey, it was agreed to allocate €2,000 to Kildimo Burial Ground.

The Meetings Administrator advised that €1,000 allocated by Councillor Ward to Pallaskenry Playground and €3,000 allocated by Councillor Hartigan to Pallaskenry Community Council at the May 2025 Municipal District Meeting would have to be amended and reallocated to Muintir na Tíre. This was proposed by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Teskey and agreed.

## 8. A.O.B

- Councillor Keary questioned as to who was asked to attend the opening of the Reilig Mhuire Burial Ground new extension in Askeaton. He noted Councillor Hartigan cut the ribbon on behalf of the Mayor of Limerick at the opening recently. Councillor Ward stated he was asked, as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District, however, had to decline as he was unavailable at the time. and was not involved in Councillor Hartigan being asked to deputise in his absence. Councillor Collins queried why she was not asked, as Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District, to deputise in the Mayor's absence as this was the protocol that was usually followed by Members before the Mayor was elected. Councillor Keary asked that a letter be sent from the District to the Mayor's Office and also Corporate Services, outlining their dissatisfaction in relation to this matter and requested clarity on the protocol that the Leas Cathaoirleach would deputise in the absence of the Cathaoirleach going forward.
- Councillor O'Donoghue requested that an update be provided to the Elected Members on the opening of Askeaton Pool and Leisure complex.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

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**Cathaoirleach**

Dated:

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