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**Limerick** City  
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## Adare Rathkeale Municipal District District Engineer's Report



Loughill Active Travel – Safe Routes to School Programme

**Adare Rathkeale Municipal District Meeting  
February 2026**

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## 1. Councillor Requested Reports

### 1.1 Chawkes Cross & Lees Cross

Lees Cross /Part 8 Dec 2023/CPO submitted to ABP Jan 2025 for confirmation/ Objection subsequently withdrawn/€200k allocation 2025 Specific Improvement Grant.

Chawkes Cross- Land Dedication Agreement submitted re localised Improvement Works. €50K allocation under 2025 Low-Cost Safety improvements. Contractor has commenced on site and works are at an advanced stage.



**Lees Cross**

### 1.2 OPW Minor Works

It is intended to apply for Funding from the OPW under their Minor Works Programme for two projects in the District. These are two projects that have recently received Section 50 approval from the OPW to carry out works and are located at Rosstemple, Banogue and Woodstock, Ballingarry. A meeting is scheduled with the OPW and it is anticipated that the applications will be lodged shortly thereafter.

### **1.3 Active Travel**

#### **€750,000 Minor Footpath Improvements 2025**

Rathkeale Connectivity €100,000 - Complete

Loghill NS to Woodlawn €350,000 - Complete

Askeaton Link Road €300,000- Work 80% complete

#### **€750,000 Minor Footpath Improvements 2026**

Schemes yet to be agreed with Active Travel Dept.

#### **Safe Routes to School Programme Round 3 -November 2024 Announcement**

Shanagolden N.S.- School Zone Improvement

St' Joseph's Boys School Rathkeale – School Zone Improvement

Carnane N.S.- High Speed Rural Road

### **1.4 IW- Adare Water Supply Rationalisation Programme**

Proposed extension of City Supply from N20 to Adare- significant Closures/ diversions/disruptions

N21 Commencement end of April- substantially complete on N21/R519 Ballingarry Road. Final resurfacing to take place.

Beabus road L8022 Pipe works complete, contractor to maintain the temporary surface until the final resurfacing can be carried out in warmer weather.

A section of the L-1420 from Beabus Cross to Caherass is closed from 3<sup>rd</sup> February until 3<sup>rd</sup> April to facilitate the next phase of pipe laying.

### **1.5 Adare Bypass**

Temporary Speed Limit on N21 /L1422/L1423 from March 18<sup>th</sup> 2025

Road Closure application near Clonshire Castle L8025 – implementation date June 9<sup>th</sup> 2025

Smithfield N21 Roundabout operational

It is proposed to install the new Roundabout near Adare Manor Golf Club between 30<sup>th</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026. This will incur a road closure of the N21 from 22:00 to 06:00 each night to facilitate the works.

A number of traffic restrictions will apply to local roads in the coming months as bridge beams are installed and road tie-ins are put in place

## **1. Monument Hill Walk Foynes**

Part 8 was approved in March 2025. Subsequently an application for funding was submitted to Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht under the ORIS Scheme. **Funding of €433,342 has been approved by the Dept.**

In addition, work is progressing in the transfer of a parcel of land from The Monteagle Estate to Limerick City and County Council.

### **1.8 LIS**

**LIS Schemes yet to be agreed for 2026.**

### **1.9 CIS**

**LIS Schemes yet to be agreed for 2026.**

## 2. Update on Schedule of MD Works

The schedule of Municipal District Works for 2026 is currently being finalised and will be brought to the March meeting.

<b>ADARE RATHKEALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT Road Works Scheme 2025</b>	
<b>Work Category</b>	<b>€</b>
Restoration Improvement (RI) -Road Reconstruction	€2,514,000
Restoration Maintenance (RM) –Surface Dressing	€378,300
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM – Surface Dressing)	€330,200
Drainage Grant	€180,000
General Maintenance (GM)	€954,611
Tar Patching (TP)	€369,950
Low Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)	€106,000
General Municipal Allocation (GMA)	€ 270,000
Bridge Rehabilitation	€35,000
Climate Change Adaption and Resilience Works	€240,000
Specific Improvement Grants	€200,000
Sustainable Travel Measures Grant (Active Travel)	€750,000
TII Major Scheme Foynes – Limerick	€69,000,000
TII Major Scheme M20 Limerick- Cork	€4,500,000
<b>Total Defined MD Spending</b>	<b>€79,784,061</b>

<b>Regional Roads</b> <b>Road Reconstruction</b> <b>Allocation €660,000</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
R519	Cahills Cross to Ballingarry	1460	Complete
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1460</b>	<b>€660,000</b>

<b>Local Roads</b> <b>Road Reconstruction</b> <b>Allocation €1,854,000</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
L1408	Croom Hospital Road	380	Complete
L1222	Hogans Quarry Entrance Creeves	100	Complete
L69003	Kilteery Pier Road	550	Complete
L6113	Knocknabooly West Foynes	294	complete
L6115	Knocknabooly Middle Loghill	1320	Complete
L6116	Bog Line Mountdavid	400	Complete
L6130	Basket Road Shanagolden	101	Complete
L6070	Dunmoylan Shanagolden	490	Complete
L8039	Mellan Kildimo	1206	Complete
L6004	N69 to Ballynort Askeaton	348	complete

L6005	Ballynort Askeaton	464	complete
L6014	Kilbreedy Kildimo	220	Complete
L6014	Blossomhill Kilcornan	170	Complete
L1215	Ballyallinan Junction, Rathkeale	337	Complete
L6147	Ballyallinan to Loghill, Knockaderry	800	Complete
L1141	Inch to Mollys Bar Ballyneety	365	Complete
L1545	Ballinleeny to Kilmore Granagh	810	Complete
L52307	Enniscouch Road Rathkeale	760	Complete
L5085	Green Cross Northern approach Ballybricken	150	Complete
L50781	Enaghroe Fedamore	550	Complete
L6028	Ballinaguile Kilfinny	350	Complete
L1`207	Kilmacow to Kilfinny	1000	Complete
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,165</b>	<b>€1,854,000</b>

<b>Regional Roads Surface Dressing Allocation €70,000</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
R519	Beabus towards Nevilles Cross	800	Complete
R523	Killaheen to Ardnaveagh	1000	Complete
<b>Total</b>		<b>1800</b>	<b>€70,000</b>

<b>Local Roads</b> <b>Surface Dressing</b> <b>Allocation €391,500</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost</b> <b>€</b>
L6130	Basket Road Shanagolden	1172	Complete
L6113	Cloonty Shanagolden	224	Complete
L6113	Knocknabooly West Foynes	450	Complete
L6004	N69 to Ballynort Askeaton	1976	Complete
L6087	Shanid Upper Shanagolden	1549	Complete
L6121	Bonds Cross to Jobbers Cross	2186	Complete
L6117	Leahys to Mountdavid Foynes	3029	Complete
L1203	Curraghchase back gates towards Cappagh	1938	Complete
		<b>Total</b>	<b>12524</b>
			<b>€391,500</b>

<b>Supplementary Restoration Maintenance</b> <b>Local Roads</b> <b>Surface Dressing</b> <b>Allocation €247,000</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost</b> <b>€</b>
L1209	Chawkes Cross towards Knockfierna	600	Complete
L1544/L8658	Ballinleena towards Bruff line	1900	Complete
L1203	Cappagh to Rosemount	1500	Complete
L1215	Wilton Cross to Ballywinterourke	1500	Complete

L1427	N21 to Mount Earl Bridge	800	Complete
L8017	Banogue towards Morenane	1000	Complete
L8054	Mount Earl to Liskilly	1000	Complete
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8300</b>	<b>€247,000</b>

<b>Drainage Works</b> <b>Allocation € 180,000</b>		
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
R519	Ballingarry to Cahills Phase 2	Complete
L8042	Ballyvareen Kildimo	Complete
L1227	Finnoo Ballyhahil	Complete
L6070	Carrons Shanagolden	Complete
	<b>Total</b>	<b>€180,000</b>

<b>Low Cost Safety</b> <b>Improvement Schemes (LCSI)</b> <b>Allocation € 106,000</b>			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
L1227	Vehicle Restraint System, Ballyhahill Eastern approach		Scheduled
L1210	Chawkes Cross		Substantially Complete
R516	Croom NS		Scheduled
	<b>Total</b>		<b>€106,000</b>

<b>Climate Change Adaption &amp; Resilience Works</b> Allocation €240,000			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
L1416	Rosstemple Banogue GAA Phase 1		Section 50 Approved
L1227	Ballyhahill Eastern approach		At design stage
<b>Total</b>			€240,000

<b>Specific Improvement Grants</b> Allocation €200,000			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
R518/520	Lees Cross		Ongoing
<b>Total</b>			€200,000

<b>Active Travel Measures</b> Allocation € 750,000			
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Total Cost €</b>
	Towns & Villages Rathkeale & Loughill Askeaton		Complete Ongoing
<b>Total</b>			€750,000.00

## 3 Village Updates

### 3.1 Foynes

#### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Fund**

Monument Hill Walkway & loop walk to Forest Road

Part 8 approved March 2025, Application for funding made to the Dept.

Funding of €433,342 approved

#### **Active Travel**

New Bus Shelter Enabling Works westbound lane in Foynes-complete

### 3.2 Shanagolden

New Bus Shelter Enabling Works April 2025- complete

Shanagolden NS included in Safe Routes to School Programme 2025

**Footpath replacement, repairs and drainage works completed at Shanid Gardens and Parkview estates**

### 3.3 Croom

Irish Water – Contractor works complete for Trunk Watermain extension from Ballygeale on N20 to Towerfield.

New Bus Shelter near Croom Garda Station is complete.

### 3.4 Adare

#### **Local Area Plan & Public Realm Plan**

Adopted February 2024 MD Meeting.

**Public Realm Plans currently at Part 8 stage.**

#### **Adare Flood Relief Scheme**

Emerging Preferred Scheme- Public Consultation display May 29th 2024

TII – Murphys Cross Footpath & Junction Tightening September 2024-complete

**Uisce Eireann-** Adare Water Rationalisation April 28th 2025 commencement N21/R519

Nighttime works on N21 May –complete: R519 Ballingarry Road daytime until September, works complete and final resurfacing to be carried out before the end of the year.

**Beabus road L8022 Pipe works complete, contractor to maintain the temporary surface until the final resurfacing can be carried out in warmer weather.**

**A section of the L-1420 from Beabus Cross to Caherass is closed from 3<sup>rd</sup> February until 3<sup>rd</sup> April to facilitate the next phase of pipe laying.**

### 3.5 Rathkeale

Draft Rathkeale Town Centre First Plan Public Consultation Dec 2024/Jan 2025

Rathkeale Town Centre First Plan officially launched by Mayor John Moran on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025

€100K Active Travel Footpath Rehabilitation Works 2025- Works complete Cois Deel/Colaiste na Trocaire connectivity/Well Lane Junction; Holycross to Underbridge complete.

### **3.6 Ballingarry**

Funding of €200,000 in 2023 for Ballingarry Low Road Verge Stabilisation from Climate Change Adaption and Resilience Fund: complete

€150,000 in 2024 for Drainage works Lissamota to Cahernessy -complete

Macadam overlay to Cahills Cross from Ballingarry R519 - complete

Irish Water-Rising main replacement Ballingarry to Knockfierna Complete

Additional drainage installed at The Mustard Seed corner to alleviate surface water flowing across the road.

### **3.7 Askeaton**

#### **Askeaton Town Centre TVR Project**

Public Realm Plan has been finalised. Parklet West Square complete/Official Opening June 26th 2025

#### **Active Travel**

Bus Shelter Enabling Works Funding 2024 -complete

2025 Plunkett/Railway Road link €300,000 approved, Works have commenced and progressing well

### **3.8 Ballysteen**

Active Travel €150,000 approved

Upgrade and widen existing path adjacent Church & National School to facilitate Pedestrian movements(150m). Extend new path at either end (200m in total) to improve connectivity to recently restored Community Centre at Eastern end and to Old Post Office/ Amenity Area at western end. Works complete.

### **3.9 Fedamore**

€117,225 OPW Funding approval December 2022 for Minor Flood Mitigation Works at Coolfune, Fedamore: Works complete.

Active Travel- €150,000 approved – Works complete

€101,952 OPW Funding approval July 2024 for Flood Mitigation Works at Kilroath, Meanus - complete

### **3.10 Pallaskenry**

Macadam works complete on Summerville Road within speed limit/ Ralumac reconstruction works outside speed limit complete

Junction Improvement Works at Tobermurry complete 2024

Roschoill- Minor Works including footpath repairs to facilitate Taking in Charge.

### **3.11 Kildimo**

#### **Active Travel**

Active Travel funding was received to extend the footpath from the GAA Pitch to Old Kildimo and connect the houses to the west of Old Kildimo. Significant Junction Improvements Works at Seven Sisters Junction. Works complete.

New Pedestrian Crossing adjacent National School complete

Footpath from Beer Garden to Kildimo – Land take has been acquired, Section 50 consent has been received from OPW to extend the culvert. Still awaiting TII for final approval and funding.

### **3.12 Banogue**

Active Travel funding for footpath upgrades at Church View Estate - complete

Macadam overlay N21 to Banogue Church August 2023 - complete

Flooding at Rosstemple/Banogue GAA Oct 20th 2023 – Climate Adaption works proposed.

Consultants appointed & final report and design completed. Section 50 OPW consent has just been received.

Final design to be amended to comply with Section 50. Revised costing to be provided and an application to be made to the OPW for Minor Works Funding.

### **3.13 Loghill**

Development Fund allocation of €25,000 for Footpaths Woodlawn Area - works complete.

New Bus Shelter Enabling Works 2024 under Active Travel – Seed Funding application to TII to progress Active Travel Project to Part 8

Active Travel Scheme 2025 €350,000 Loghill NS- Woodlawn area: Complete

#### **Clar**

Funding Allocation-Kilteery Pier- works complete-Provision of 6 passing bays on public access road - €25,740 (€28,600 total with 10% match funding)

#### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme – Kilteery Pier**

Tender Docs for appointment of Design Consultants Q2 2024- Environmental consultants to follow once concept design finalised.

Concept design complete for proposed Lifeguard and changing facilities, expected to progress to Part 8 in Q1 2026.

### **3.14 Ballyhahill**

€350,000 Active Travel allocated Ballyhahill Cross to School – complete

Embankment Stabilisation works & Barrier Eastern approach 2025 €150,000 – Detailed design has commenced. Consultation with Gas Networks and Uisce Eireann ongoing.

ORIS Funding of €184,595 has been approved in November 2025 for the enhancement of Abha Bhán Amenity Areas and Upgrade of Access to the Abha Bhán River Walk.

## 4 GMA Updates

<b>Cllr Bridie Collins</b>	<b>€ 46,800</b>
<b>Nominations 2026</b>	
Adare St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Askeaton St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Rathkeale St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Manor Fields, Adare	€ 10,000
Adare Village Hall Group	€ 10,000
Adare GAA Club	€ 8,000
Rathkeale AFC	€ 1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 30,500</b>

<b>Cllr Tommy Hartigan</b>	<b>€ 46,800</b>
<b>Nominations 2025</b>	
Adare St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Askeaton St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Rathkeale St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 1,000</b>

<b>Cllr Stephen Keary</b>	<b>€ 46,800</b>
<b>Nominations 2026</b>	
Adare St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Askeaton St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Rathkeale St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 1,000</b>

<b>Cllr John O'Donoghue</b>	<b>€ 46,800</b>
<b>Nominations 2026</b>	
Castle Rovers AFC (2025 Allocation)	€ 3,000
Adare St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Askeaton St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Rathkeale St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Castle Rovers AFC	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 1,000</b>

<b>Cllr Adam Teskey</b>	<b>€ 48,000</b>
<b>Nominations 2026</b>	
Adare St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Askeaton St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Rathkeale St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Coláiste Mhuire, Askeaton	€ 2,000
Embry Close Book Project	€ 2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 5,000</b>

<b>Cllr Ger Ward</b>	<b>€ 46,800</b>
<b>Nominations 2026</b>	
ABK GAA Club (2025 Allocation)	€ 5,000
Ballyhahill Residents Association (2025 Allocation)	€ 1,000
Adare St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Askeaton St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Rathkeale St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Coláiste Mhuire, Askeaton	€ 2,000
Embry close Book Project	€ 2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 5,000</b>