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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 March 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Lees Cross /Part 8 Dec 2023/CPO submitted to ABP Jan 2025 for confirmation/ Objection subsequently withdrawn/€400k allocation 2026 Specific Improvement Grant.



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 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 3rd February until 3rd April to facilitate the next phase of pipe laying.

A road closure is planned for the L-1478 from the N20 Junction to Skagh from 13th April to 24th April to facilitate the final tie in.

1.5 Adare Bypass

Smithfield N21 Roundabout operational

It is proposed to install the new Roundabout near Adare Manor Golf Club between 30th March and 6th 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 April meeting.

ADARE RATHKEALE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT Road Works Scheme 2026	
Work Category	€
Restoration Improvement (RI) -Road Reconstruction An increase of €161,000 or 6.5% on 2025	€2,675,000
Restoration Maintenance (RM) –Surface Dressing The same allocation as in 2025	€378,300
Supplementary Restoration Maintenance (SRM – Surface Dressing) An increase of €19,000 or 5.7% ON 2025	€349,200
Drainage Grant The same allocation as in 2025	€180,000
General Maintenance (GM) An increase of €105,050 or 11% on 2025	€1,059,660
Tar Patching (TP) The same allocation as in 2025	€369,950
Low-Cost Safety Improvement Works (LCSI)	€132,000
General Municipal Allocation (GMA)	€ 280,800
Climate Change Adaption and Resilience Works	€250,000
Specific Improvement Grants – Lees Cross	€400,000
Strategic Rehabilitation Regional Roads – R512	€410,000
Sustainable Travel Measures Grant (Active Travel)	€750,000
Total Defined MD Spending	€7,234,910

Regional Roads Surface Dressing Allocation €			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
Total			

Local Roads Surface Dressing Allocation			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
Total			€

Supplementary Restoration Maintenance			
Local Roads			
Surface Dressing			
Allocation €			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
		Total	€

Drainage Works		
Allocation €		
Road No.	Description	Total Cost €
		Total €

Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes (LCSI) Allocation €			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
		Total	€

Climate Change Adaption & Resilience Works Allocation €			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
		Total	€

Specific Improvement Grants Allocation €400,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
R518/R520	Lees Cross		Ongoing
		Total	€400,000

Active Travel Measures Allocation € 750,000			
Road No.	Description	Length (m)	Total Cost €
	Towns & Villages Schemes to be finalised		
Total			€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

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

Nighttime works on N21 May –complete: R519 Ballygarry 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 3rd February until 3rd 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 19th 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 Coolfunne, Fedamore: Works complete.

Active Travel- €150,000 approved – Works complete

€101,952 OPW Funding approval July 2024 for Flood Mitigation Works at Killoath, 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 Loughill

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 Loughill NS- Woodlawn area: Complete

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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.

3.15 Croagh

Work has commenced on the design and Part 8 of a new footpath, drainage and public Lighting scheme on the L-1421 from the junction with Main St to the speed limit.

4 GMA Updates

ClIr Bridie Collins	€ 46,800
Nominations 2026	
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
Limerick Ladies Football Club	€ 4,000
St. Senan's GAA Club	€ 1,500
Limerick Men's Football Association	€ 4,000
TOTAL	€ 40,000

ClIr Tommy Hartigan	€ 46,800
Nominations 2025	
Adare St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Askeaton St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Rathkeale St. Patricks Day Parade	€ 333.33
Kilcornan Arts Group	€ 500.00
TOTAL	€ 1,500

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

Cllr John O'Donoghue	€ 46,800
Nominations 2026	
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	
TOTAL	€ 1,000

Cllr Adam Teskey	€ 48,000
Nominations 2026	
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
Embury Close Book Project	€ 2,000
Cappagh Women's Cave	€ 2,000
TOTAL	€ 7,000

Clr Ger Ward	€ 46,800
Nominations 2026	
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
Embury close Book Project	€ 2,000
Kilcornan Craft Club	€ 1,000
Pallaskenry Ladies Club	€ 1,000
Roads Maintenance, Rathkeale	€ 20,000
St. Senan's GAA Club	€ 4,000
Gerald Griffin Resource Centre	€ 2,000
TOTAL	€ 33,000