

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, 14TH APRIL, 2026 AT 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor G. Ward, Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Collins, Hartigan, Keary, O'Donoghue and Teskey.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Service, Housing (Mr. V. Murray), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), A/Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Districts (Ms. K. White), Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. K. Murphy), Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. K. Carroll), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Lenihan).

1. Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 10th March, 2026.

Councillor Keary referred to Item 7 in the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 10th March, 2026 regarding the approval of an allocation of General Municipal Allocation (GMA) monies to Knockfierna Heritage Society. He stated that it was previously agreed as a group of Councillors for the District, that no further GMA funding would be allocated to either of the Knockfierna Committees until such time as they resolved ongoing issue between the two groups.

Some of the other Members agreed that while they would not refuse GMA funding as it is an important amenity for the local community, they agreed that payment of GMA funding approved at the March Meeting should be deferred until the two groups work in conjunction with each other to resolve ongoing issues between the two groups.

Councillor Teskey disagreed and stated that the monies he had allocated to Knockfierna Heritage Society were intended to assist with the cost of hedge cutting and maintenance, etc and he believed that it should be sanctioned and paid.

The Director clarified that the Members did not propose to refuse the GMA funding, and that the proposal was to defer the payment of the money until issues between the two groups are resolved. He suggested that a Private Briefing would be organised for the Members to resolve the issue.

Proposed by Councillor Keary;
 Seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue ;
 And Resolved:

“That the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read, adopted and signed subject to the following amendment being included to the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 10th March, 2026;

“That the payment of funding to Knockfierna Heritage Society totalling €3,000, which was approved at the March 2026 MD Meeting, be deferred until such time as issues between the two Knockfierna Groups are resolved”

Junior Ryder Cup: Councillor O'Donoghue stated he had asked at the previous meeting for Limerick City and County Council to engage with the community of Ballyneety in relation to hosting the Junior Ryder Cup and he requested an update on this for the next Meeting.

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. Transportation and Mobility Directorate

Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District 2026

Circulated, report of the Director of Services, dated April, 2026 outlining the Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) 2026 for the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing gave Members a presentation on the various aspects of the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2026. Discussion ensued in relation to funding issues and Councillor O'Donoghue asked the Director to request additional funding for the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District adding the difference in funding between the City and County for Active Travel projects is substantial.

Councillor Collins stated she fully supported Councillor O'Donoghue's sentiments adding that footpaths within the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District require attention and

asked if an assessment can be carried out on all footpaths in the villages within the Municipal District with a view to getting funding to upgrade same.

The Director advised he had discussed this issue with Patricia Liddy, Director of Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm who informed him that she is constantly requesting additional funding with the Department of Transport due to increase cost of materials to carry out maintenance works.

He stated that funding for Active Travel projects is provided for by the National Transport Authority and is allocated at national level. He also confirmed that while the Municipal Districts get some funding for Active Travel schemes, that it is primarily aimed mostly at large urban areas, to encourage more people to use public transport and cycle lanes, etc.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donoghue;

Seconded by Councillor Collins;

And Resolved:

“That, the Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale 2026 be adopted in accordance with Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001”.

4. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

On the proposal of Councillor Hartigan, seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue, it was agreed to allocate the following:

- €500 to Askeaton Civic Trust.
- €500 to Pallaskenry National School Parent's Association.
- €500 to Kilcornan Craft Group.
- €2,000 to Pallaskenry Tidy Towns.
- €2,000 to Askeaton Community Council.
- €1,000 to Crecora National School.
- €1,000 to Adare Ladies Gaelic Football Club.

On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor Collins, it was agreed to allocate €4,000 to Crecora Community Centre.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Hartigan, it was agreed to allocate the following (from 2025 allocation):

- €1,000 to Gerald Griffins Resource Centre.
- €1,000 to Knockaderry Cloncagh Resource Centre.
- €400 to Banogue National School.

- €1,000 to Crecora/Manister GAA Club.
- €7,500 to Banogue GAA Club.
- €1,000 to Loughill Community Development.

On the proposal of Councillor Teskey, seconded by Councillor Ward, it was agreed to allocate €5,000 to Deel Boat Club.

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

- €1,000 to Kenry Ladies Club.
- €2,000 to Kildimo National School.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

6. A.O.B

Councillor O'Donoghue referred to a meeting held in Croom recently in relation to the proposed new M20 route and the potential loss of the Croom bypass. He stated that concerns were raised that if the proposed route goes ahead, that large agricultural vehicles will be forced to travel into the main street in Croom and, as a result, a petition is now circulating to prevent this from happening.

Councillor O'Donoghue asked the Members to support the residents of Croom with this petition. Members noted that the Mid West National Road Design Office already had to redesign the Attyflyn to Adare Bypass section of road and the Patrickswell Bypass section also. They agreed that the engineers should be anticipating likely bottlenecks and disruptions that could be caused as a result of new road developments. They asked if the M20 team could attend the May Municipal District Meeting or provide a Briefing to the Members so as to discuss the issues raised in relation to Croom.

The Director advised that the Mid West National Road Design Office are constrained by Traffic Infrastructure Ireland (TII) at National level and were required to adhere to National Standards in relation to road design works, etc. The Members asked that if the Mid-West Road Design Office are to attend a meeting with the Members that a representative from Traffic Infrastructure Ireland would also be invited to attend with them to address this issue.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____