

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 JULY, 2026 AT 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor A. Teskey, Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Service, Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District (Mr. V. Murray), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Districts & Príomh Chomhairleoir (Ms. K. White), Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. K. Murphy), Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. K. Carroll), Administrative Officer, Parks and Cemeteries (Mr. S. McNamara), Administrative Officer, Property Services (Ms. T. Knox), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Lenihan).

At the outset of the Meeting the Cathaoirleach extended his well wishes to Councillor Keary and extended family of Minister Patrick O'Donovan on his recent illness.

1. Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 9th June, 2026.
- (b) Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 30th June, 2026.
- (c) Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale held on 30th June, 2026.

Proposed by Councillor Keary;
Seconded by Councillor Collins;
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, she 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. Environment, Climate Action and Fire Directorate

Croom Town Park

Circulated, report of the Director of Service, Environment, Climate Action and Fire, dated 24th June, 2026 outlining the allocation of grant scheme payment to Croom Community Development Association for the maintenance of Croom Town Park, in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended).

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

"That the grant allocation of €20,000 to Croom Community Development Association be approved in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended)".

4. Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm Directorate

District Engineers Report

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing outlining details of proposed works, projects and future projects planned for the District.

- Councillor Keary requested an audit be carried out on all footpaths in the District and requested the section of footpath across from Daly's Tyres in Holycross, Rathkeale which is particularly bad and is a trip hazard be attended to as a matter of urgency. The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing advised this section of footpath could be replaced under the general maintenance budget.
- Councillor Teskey asked if repairs could be carried out on the damaged section of the R518 between Askeaton and Rathkeale that was recently resurfaced. The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing advised surface water under the road caused this issue and a contractor is scheduled to carry out repairs in the near future.
- Councillor O'Donoghue referred to the N20 road at Banogue Village that was recently resurfaced and queried why works were carried out on this section of road as it had been resurfaced to a high standard less than five years previously. He also queried why a cattle underpass was replaced along the same stretch of

road near Patrickswell. He also requested the costs associated with both of these works and queried where the funding to carry out these works was sourced.

- Councillor Keary requested an update on Ballyengland Junction. The Senior Executive Engineer advised there was a legal issue with one landowner who is now deceased. The landowners estate is now in probate and when that is complete works will proceed.

5. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

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

- €1,000 to Pallaskenry Senior Citizens.
- €3,000 to Kildimo/Pallaskenry GAA Club.

Councillor Hartigan further proposed €1,000 which was nominated to Pallaskenry CFR Group at the May Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District Meeting be increased to €2,000. This was seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue and agreed.

On the proposal of Councillor Keary, seconded by Councillor Teskey, it was agreed to allocate €4,000 to Ballingarry AFC.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Teskey, it was agreed to allocate €3,000 to Ballingarry AFC.

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

- €650 to Coolcappagh Community Development.
- €5,000 to Cappagh GAA Club.

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

- €1,000 to Pallaskenry Community First Responders.
- €1,900 to Dernish Avenue Foynes Residents Association.

6. Disposal of Land

Councillor Teskey requested to suspend Standing Orders to confer with his elected colleagues on Item 6.

On resumption of the Meeting Councillor Teskey queried the details of Item B, Disposal of property at Main Street, Ballingarry, Co. Limerick. The Administrative Officer, Property Services advised Members the property was acquired under Derelict Sites Act and had gone to sale agreed, however, the sale subsequently fell through and the property had to be returned to the market. She further advised derelict properties acquired are offered to the Housing Department initially and seldom brought before Members for disposal, however, as this property requires a significant amount of work to bring it back to a habitable state a decision was taken to dispose of same adding the property consists of a front wall and has a small back garden. She further advised that the purchaser had advised the Council that he has purchased this house to renovate and his son would reside in it when the renovation works are complete.

- (a) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 3rd July, 2026 setting out proposals for the disposal of property acquired compulsorily under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 at Brewery Lane, Askeaton, Co. Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (b) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 3rd July, 2026 setting out proposals for the disposal of property acquired compulsorily under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 at Main Street, Ballingarry, Co. Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (c) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 3rd July, 2026 setting out proposals for the disposal of Land incorporating playground at Main Street, Foynes, Co. Limerick by way of 30-year lease to Foynes and District Community Council CLG and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (d) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 3rd July, 2026 setting out proposals for the disposal of Land incorporating playground at St. Mary's Park Estate, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick by way of 30-year lease and granting of right of way to Pat Neville, Peter Donovan and Brian Dillon on Trust for Rathkeale Community Council and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

Councillor Collins requested an update on the premises at Shannon House, Foynes, Co. Limerick for the September Municipal District Meeting.

7. Correspondence

Councillor Teskey referred to previous correspondence at the June Municipal District Meeting and his request for a representative of the Department of Property Management to attend the July Municipal District Meeting to discuss Ballywilliam Estate, Rathkeale. The Meetings Administrator advised contact would be made again with the Department of Property Management and a request for a briefing on the matter would be raised again with this Department.

8. A.O.B

- Councillor Keary referred to works carried out at the Lantern Lodge, Adare where two footpaths have been installed and requested an update on the proposed bus shelter and signage installation also for the location.
- Councillor Hartigan requested John O'Callaghan, Active Travel Department attend the September Meeting of the Municipal District to discuss bus shelter installations for the Adare-Rathkeale District.
- Councillor Hartigan raised safety concerns at the entrance to The Orchard Estate, Pallaskenry following an accident at the location in the previous weeks and requested remedial works be carried out at the location.
- Councillor O'Donoghue referred to the traffic plan being prepared between Limerick City and County Council and the Gardaí in advance of the Ryder Cup 2027 event and proposed this plan when complete be presented to Members in advance of the event to enable Members to advise town and village representatives of what traffic restrictions would come into effect in their respective areas for the duration of the event.
- Councillor Collins referred to discussion with the Mid West National Road Design Office regarding proposal to install traffic lights on the N21 Bridge in Adare when the Adare Bypass opens in 2027. The Director of Service, Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District requested Central Service and Mid West National Road Design Office be requested to attend the September Meeting of the District to discuss this issue.
- Councillor Teskey requested a representative of Irish Rail attend the September Meeting of the District to provide an update on the Limerick to Adare rail line.

- Councillor Teskey proposed any correspondence for Limerick City and County Council issued to the general public that a signature would be applied to same correspondence to enable receiver to make contact with the relevant person if they wish to do so. This was seconded by Councillor O'Donoghue and agreed.
- Councillor Teskey also requested the Council number of 061 – 556000 be amended to reflect the contact extension detail of the Department making the call to enable the Elected Members to return the call to the appropriate person.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____