

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, AND ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2026, AT 10 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor L. Galvin, Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Collins, Foley, Ruddle, Scanlan and Sheahan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup (Mr. S. Duclot), Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Districts (Ms. K. White), Meetings Administrator, Newcastle West (Ms. H. Supple), Senior Executive Engineer, Newcastle West Municipal District (Mr. B. Noonan), Executive Engineer, Roads, Newcastle West (Mr. P. Vallely), Senior Executive Engineer, Metropolitan District of Limerick, Parks and Cemeteries (Ms. C. Lynch), Administrative Officer, Property Management (Ms. T. Knox), Administrative Officer, Strategy and Non LA Housing Construction (Mr. D. O'Grady), Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan).

At the outset of the Meeting, Councillor Galvin welcomed everyone in attendance to the September Meeting of the District.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of Municipal District of Newcastle West, held on 8th July, 2026.

Proposed by: Councillor Collins

Seconded by: Councillor Foley

And Resolved:

"That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and 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 interests were declared.

3. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, report of Head of Property Services, dated 4th August, 2026, concerning proposal to dispose of 0.0474 Acres (0.0192 Hectares) of land at School Road, Carrigkerry, Athea Co. Limerick.

The Members noted the proposal.

- (b) Circulated, report of Head of Property Services, dated 12th August, 2026, concerning proposal to dispose of 0.5969 Acres (0.2415 Hectares) of land acquired compulsorily under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 at Churchtown, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.

The Members noted the proposal.

4. Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm Directorate

To Discuss Active Travel Project - Bruff Line Link Options Report.

The Senior Executive Engineer addressed the Meeting. He referred to the Active Travel Project for the Bruff Line and welcomed Mr. Niall McMenamin, O'Connor-Sutton-Cronin (OCSC), to the Meeting.

Mr. McMenamin gave a Presentation to the Members on the R520 Pedestrian Facilities Options Report for the above project. He stated that the purpose of the Presentation is to present the objectives of the R520 Active Travel Scheme, outline constraints identified at project commencement, summarise existing conditions along the route, describe options considered to meet project objectives, describe Option Selection process for Council review and invite feedback and input to guide next steps.

He referred to the site location on the R520 Bruff Line Regional Road, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick and that the objective of the scheme is to deliver safe, accessible pedestrian infrastructure. He outlined the current issue comprising limited pedestrian facilities, constrained by watercourse and road alignment to the Members. He outlined the existing road infrastructure and relevant constraints in the project.

Mr. McMenamin made reference to nine initial long-list options explored to ensure viable alternatives were assessed as follows:

Option 1	Footpath along northern edge of R520 with cross-over to southern edge at river section
Option 2	Footpath along northern edge with cantilever structure at footpath section
Option 3	Diversion of River Arra to construct standard footpath along northern edge
Option 4	Pedestrian bridge crossings over River Arra with footpath along field at river section

Option 5	Footpath along northern edge at houses with connection to Wingfield Orchard Estate road
Option 6	Footpath along northern edge at houses with connection to Ferndale Road West Estate road
Option 7	Footpath along northern edge at houses with connection to Ferndale Road East Estate road
Option 8	Footpath along northern edge with shuttle system at river section
Option 9	Culvert River Arra with footpath on top along northern edge

He gave an overview of the Long List Options Review Feasibility/Reasoning and Options progressed to Short List as follows:

Ranking	Description	MCA Scoring	Cost
1	Option 5: Footpath along northern edge at houses with connection to Wingfield Orchard Estate Road	162	€212,641.00
2	Option 6: Footpath along northern edge at houses with connection to Ferndale Road West Estate Road	161	€216,330.40
3	Option 7: Footpath along northern edge at houses with connection to Ferndale Road East Estate Road	161	€212,040.40
4	Option 2: Footpath along northern edge with cantilever structure at footpath section	158	€2,031,100.50
5	Option 4: Pedestrian bridge crossings over River Arra with footpath along field at river section	156	€1,400.613.60

The Senior Executive Engineer and the Members thanked Mr. McMenamin for the Presentation and the work already undertaken on the project. The Members raised a number of matters in relation to the project, including concerns regarding the existing road and the potential safety hazard it presents, the impact of the proposed works on houses in the vicinity and the potential availability of funding from within the Council or at National level should the project be progressed. A discussion took place, following which it was agreed that Options 5, 6 and 7 would not be considered acceptable options to progress due to concerns regarding safety of residents and difficulties associated with accessing the regional road at this location.

A discussion subsequently took place regarding the remaining two Options: Option 2 and Option 4 including the significant costs associated with progressing these Options and the potential to secure funding at national level. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Scanlan, seconded by Councillor Collins and agreed by all the Members that Option 2, ranked 4th, "Footpath along northern edge with cantilever structure at footpath section" be identified as the preferred option for the Bruff Line. It was further agreed that funding be

sought for the project and that the Meetings Administrator would write to the Ministers concerned regarding the sourcing of funding to facilitate the progression of the project.

5. General Municipal Allocation

To Review Capitalised General Municipal Allocation funding.

The Meetings Administrator referred to email circulated to the Members in relation to Capitalised General Municipal Allocation funding. Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Ruddle and agreed by all the Members that any previously unspent General Municipal Allocation would be rescinded to each Members General Municipal Allocation.

6. General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

On the proposal of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Ruddle, it was agreed to allocate €500 to Dromcollogher/Broadford Community Games for coaching in short put, discus, javelin, long jump and high jump.

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It was agreed that the funding of €6,000 for the South West Road Races would be allocated as follows, with the remaining funding request of €6,000 to be sought from the Members General Municipal Allocation in the Rathkeale District. It was agreed that the Senior Executive Officer would follow up on this matter with the Rathkeale Municipal District.

- (a) On the proposal of Councillor Scanlan, seconded by Councillor Galvin, it was agreed to allocate €2,000 to South West Road Races for toilets, barriers, St. John's Ambulance and Community Garda.
- (b) On the proposal of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, it was agreed to allocate €2,000 to South West Road Races for toilets, barriers, St. John's Ambulance and Community Garda.

(c) On the proposal of Councillor Foley, seconded by Councillor Galvin, it was agreed to allocate €2,000 to South West Road Races for toilets, barriers, St. John's Ambulance and Community Garda.

On the proposal of Councillor Foley, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, it was agreed to allocate €1,669.50 to Abbeyfeale Community and Leisure to replace fencing in town park.

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On the proposal of Councillor Foley, seconded by Councillor Collins, it was agreed to allocate €1,500 to Mountcollins Development Association for Thatching at the Three Counties site in Rockchapel where the counties of Cork, Kerry and Limerick meet.

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On the proposal of Councillor Ruddle, seconded by Councillor Scanlan, it was agreed to allocate €600 to Macra National Rally for photography and videography.

On the proposal of Councillor Ruddle, seconded by Councillor Foley, it was agreed to allocate an additional amount of €500 to Tournafulla GAA for fencing.

On the proposal of Councillor Foley, seconded by Councillor Sheahan, it was agreed to allocated €2,800 to public lighting at Glenashrone, Abbeyfeale.

It was agreed to defer the General Municipal Allocation application for Springfield Graveyard to the next Meeting to seek clarification on the amount of funding sought.

It was agreed to defer the General Municipal Allocation application for Newcastle West Rugby Club to seek clarification on the overall cost of the project and the shortfall in funding.

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach and in accordance with Standing Orders, it was agreed to take Notice of Motion No.21 and No. 22 on the Agenda as follows:

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that immediate action is taken to clear the River Arra of debris and compromising vegetation from Cullinagh towards the Bridge of Tears.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Galvin.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Scanlan requested that the River Arra be cleared of debris to help prevent future flooding at this location. Councillor Galvin also referred to the need for a single State Agency to have responsibility for flood management.

REPLY: The Senior Executive Engineer has been in contact with the Office of Public Works drainage maintenance engineer who has confirmed they are currently undertaking maintenance on the River Arra through Newcastle West town. They have also confirmed that the river is in their annual maintenance programme.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will move at the next Meeting that a Senior Planner attends a Municipal District Meeting to discuss ongoing issues relating to Section 5 requests for vacant and derelict property renewals.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Galvin.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Scanlan referred to Section 5 requests relating to vacant and derelict properties. In response, the Director stated that a Workshop on the new Planning and Development Act is scheduled to take place on the 4th September with all Members of the Council, and that the Section 5 application process will be discussed at this Workshop.

As Councillor Scanlan is unable to attend this Workshop, it was agreed that Councillor Scanlan would forward his Questions relating to Section 5 requests to the Director in advance of the Workshop.

At this stage in the Meeting, Councillor Scanlan left the Meeting.

QUESTIONS

Replies to the following Questions on the Agenda were circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting and the Questions were therefore taken as having been dealt with.

Councillor Galvin queried whether discussion on Questions raised would be permitted and whether the Cathaoirleach could suspend Standing Orders to allow for discussion on the Questions raised. In replying, the Senior Executive Officer stated that as per No. 45 on the Standing Orders written replies to Questions shall normally be circulated by electronic mail in advance of the Meeting and shall not be for discussion. It was clarified that a proposer and seconder is required to suspend Standing Orders at the Meeting.

7. Question submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

I will ask at the next Meeting when will the Council get the pedestrian crossings in the town repainted. I have already raised this issue.

REPLY: The appointed Limerick City and County Council line marking contractor has carried out works in the town but there are further works to be completed which will be done in the coming weeks.

8. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the housing project in Abbeyfeale.

REPLY:

The Council continues to advance the proposed redevelopment and occupation of the 6 properties in Abbeyfeale.

Progress has been made as follows:

- Property condition assessments were completed at the end of July 2026 to understand the works to bring it from Builder's Finish to Turnkey finish;
- Financial appraisal with Limerick Twenty Thirty completed in August 2026;
- Tenders for Refurbishment Contractors commenced in August 2026 to bring the properties to an appropriate standard for completion by November 2026;
- The Council is also progressing the statutory approval processes required to facilitate the proposed transfer of the properties to Limerick Twenty Thirty. This includes the preparation of documentation for consideration at the October Newcastle West District Meeting.

Engagement is ongoing with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and other stakeholders regarding funding matters and the most appropriate mechanism to support delivery of the project.

The overall objective remains to bring the properties back into productive use as quickly as possible, delivering much-needed housing accommodation while ensuring that all governance, financial, statutory and procurement requirements are fully complied with.

9. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the footpath extension out the Abbeyfeale road from Athea up to Meadow View.

REPLY: The Roads Team currently have a Section 38 on public display for a footpath extension on the R524, Athea to Abbeyfeale road. The project will progress in Q4 2026.

Councillor Galvin asked for a costing to be carried out for the provision of footpaths up to the speed limit, as well as a costing for a footpath to the last house on the left hand side when exiting Athea.

10. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting when tree pruning and maintenance will be undertaken at Church View, Ballygran.

REPLY:

Works in relation to pruning of low branches and some types of maintenance at this location are restricted by the Wildlife Act 1976 and the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000 to the period outside of 1st March and 31st August annually.

The issues identified are remedial crown raising works and are not currently causing health and safety concerns.

Pruning of low branches and other maintenance at this location will be scheduled in October.

11. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting when the Housing Section expect to commence renewal works on the West End property at Dromcollogher and what type units are planned to be accommodated therein.

REPLY:

A design team has recently been procured to undertake the detailed design and tender documentation for the refurbishment and renovation of the derelict property at West End, Dromcollogher.

The proposed development will involve the conversion of the existing property into 2 No. two-bedroom residential units, which will provide much-needed social housing accommodation in the area.

Subject to the completion of the design and procurement processes and all necessary approvals, it is currently envisaged that construction works will commence on site during quarter 2 of 2027. The anticipated construction programme is approximately 10 months, following which the units will be made available for occupation.

Accordingly, Housing Construction and Maintenance is progressing the project through the design stage with a view to commencing refurbishment works as early as possible.

12. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting when junction lining will be carried out in the Castletown/Ballygran, Feenagh/Kilmeedy and Dromcollogher areas.

REPLY: The appointed Limerick City and County Council line marking contractor has carried out line marking in Dromcollogher and there will be further works

carried out in the Castletown/Ballyagran, Feenagh/Kilmeedy area in the coming weeks.

13. Question submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting that the Newcastle West Southern Distributor Road be included as an item for discussion at the October Municipal District Meeting.

REPLY: It is recommended that a Workshop be organised prior to the next Municipal District Meeting with all relevant Limerick City and County Council Departments represented.

ADJOURNED NOTICES OF MOTION

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

I will move at the next Meeting what plans have the Council made to provide parking facilities for tour buses on the N21 in Newcastle West, given the substantial investment in Fullers Folly, which will have a museum and a link up to the Castle and onto the Square. We hope to see Newcastle West become a major tourist attraction on this route.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Collins.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Ruddle requested that suitable parking facilities for tour buses be provided, given the substantial investment made in Fuller's Folly and the potential increase in tourism to the area. The other Members concurred with Councillor Ruddle that the parking of tour buses in the town is an ongoing issue and requested that consideration be given to providing a designated parking area for tour buses.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Meetings Administrator would follow up with the relevant Director of Service with a view to arranging an onsite Meeting to discuss this matter further.

REPLY:

I want to thank the Councillor for raising this important motion and wish to advise that I will be in the Newcastle West area in the coming weeks and am happy to meet with him and any of the other District Members on the ground to explore further what may be possible.

Thereafter, I will work on a cross-directorate basis with my colleagues in Roads, Property and the Municipal District to try and deliver the optimum solution depending of course on the usual caveats of timely consents and availability of funding.

I will keep the Members informed of developments in this regard.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council consider putting in age friendly measures such as extra seating in the Demesne for older people.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Galvin.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Ruddle referred to older people who use the Demesne for walking and requested that additional seating be provided in the Demesne. In response, the Senior Executive Officer stated that she had liaised with the relevant Executive Engineer and that a Meeting is scheduled to take place in September to discuss the matter further.

REPLY:

At present, the number of benches in the Demesne is inadequate for the number of users of this public facility. There is certainly a need to provide more measures in terms of age and family friendly facilities in the park and this question is well timed.

In the context of this request, the above matter will be given immediate consideration and available locations within the Demesne will be inspected for the areas most suitable for the placing of extra benches.

Proposals will be developed and the Environment Section will revert to the Members and advise them of proposals prior to any benches being placed in the Demesne.

NOTICES OF MOTION

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Sheahan

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council put speed ramps on the approach road to Corbry Estate, Glin in the interest of safety of the residents.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Collins.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Sheahan referred to a recent traffic incident which took place on the road leading into Corbry Estate and stated that this road also leads into a large industrial unit with a high volume of traffic on this road. Councillor Sheahan requested that speed ramps be installed on the approach road to Corbry Estate in order to address concerns regarding safety. Councillor Collins also referred to concerns regarding speeding on this road, previous fatalities and to a letter received from local residents in relation to speeding at this location.

A discussion took place regarding the availability of funding for Local Authorities to provide speed ramps and to sourcing funding from Central Government. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Meetings Administrator would write to the Minister for Transport and Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment with regard to this matter.

REPLY: The Roads Team will survey this location and assess the requirement of speed ramps under the guidelines set out in the Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy. If traffic calming is required works would be subject to the provision of funding.

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council consider putting ramps or raised platforms before crossing at Railway gates on the Old Mill Road at both sides. People crossing on bikes and on foot from the Greenway are in danger of vehicles travelling at speed and not slowing down.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Galvin.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Ruddle referred to cyclists crossing the railway gates on the Old Mill Road from the Greenway and requested that a raised platform or speed ramp be put in place at this location. The issue of cyclists travelling straight through the railway gates was also raised. In replying, the Senior Executive Engineer stated that audits had been carried out at the junction as part of the Limerick Greenway project. He stated that standard gate, appropriate signage and road colouring had been installed to indicate to cyclists that they must stop at this location.

REPLY: The Roads Team will survey the location and assess the requirement of speed ramps under the guidelines set out in the Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy. If traffic calming is required works would be subject to the provision of funding.

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council look at potential areas in Newcastle West to provide extra car parking spaces.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Collins.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Ruddle requested that additional car parking spaces be provided in the town of Newcastle West. Councillor Collins referred to a previous Transport Plan for Newcastle West and requested that an update be sought on the current status of the Plan. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Director would seek an update from the relevant Directorate on this matter.

REPLY: The Senior Executive Engineer will meet and work with Councillor Ruddle regarding potential areas for car parking spaces in Newcastle West.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting for a safe pedestrian access to the Greenway at Murphy's bend, Ballaugh.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Foley.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Galvin stated that a Meeting is due to take place shortly with the engineer and landowner regarding this matter.

REPLY:

It has been recommended in a safety audit that this unauthorised access be closed as it presents a hazard to road users due to inadequate sightlines in either direction as well as a lack of road verge to provide refuge to walkers and other vulnerable road users.

We have explored the possibility of creating a proper access point at this location and have completed a topographical survey of the adjacent lands to establish line and level, as well as establishing adjacent land ownership details, all of which are in private ownership. A number of design options have been considered but given the pronounced horizontal and vertical alignment of the 'humpback' bridge, adjacent land would need to be acquired by Limerick City and County Council, in order to establish a safe access to and from the public road. Initial discussions with landowners regarding the transfer of lands have thus proved unsuccessful. The lands themselves are heavily overgrown given their proximity to the bridge.

We intend to have further engagement with landowners to explore options on how best to address this issue. In the meantime, members of the public are advised not to use the current route until such time as a viable alternative has been put in place.

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council do complete drainage works at the junction in Athea village.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Sheahan.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Galvin referred to a recent flooding incident in Athea village and requested that drainage works be carried out at this location. The Members queried the availability of the out of hours contact number and asked whether a dedicated mobile telephone number could be provided to the Members for use in the event of emergencies occurring outside of normal office hours. It was agreed that the Senior Executive Officer would follow up on this matter.

In replying, the Executive Engineer stated that a survey of the drainage system in Athea village has been carried out and the results are awaited. The Senior Executive Engineer referred to a central system for out of hours and on call arrangements and advised that there is no on call personnel in the Newcastle West District. The Senior Executive Engineer acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the assistance provided by staff from the District who were not on call during the weekend of the flooding incident.

REPLY: A survey of the drainage system at the junction of the R524 and R523 (Main Street) in Athea village has been carried out and results will be with Limerick City and County Council in the coming week. There has also been maintenance works carried out by a specialised drain cleaning company at that location and in Athea Village.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council put in place a park ranger in the Demesne, Newcastle West.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Ruddle.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Collins referred to the seventy-seven acres of woodland, parkland and playing pitches at the Demesne and highlighted the significant amount of illegal dumping and antisocial behaviour occurring in the area. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Director would liaise with the relevant Directorate regarding the provision of funding in the budget for a Park Ranger for the Demesne.

REPLY:

Creating the position of a Park Ranger at the Demesne, Newcastle West would greatly aid the upkeep of the park as well as improving security for all park users.

The Council's Parks Department would currently not be in a position to fill this position with its existing staff since we are already severely over-stretched fulfilling existing commitments and duties.

A business case would need to be made for this new position as well as for required facilities in the vicinity (dry room and toilet). This would also need to be allowed for in the annual budgetary process before this business case can be progressed.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council firstly update the Members and as a matter of urgency progress on the long awaited and promised new playground in Newcastle West.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Ruddle.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Collins expressed dissatisfaction with the poor condition of the existing playground in Newcastle West and expressed urgency at providing a new playground for the town.

In replying, the Senior Executive Engineer stated that Consultants are being appointed and that it is hoped to proceed to a Part 8 planning application early in the New Year. Councillor

Collins asked whether a Consultants Report would be available prior to the next District Meeting. Reference was also made to the frequency of inspections carried out at the playground.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a Briefing on the Newcastle West playground would be organised before the October Meeting of the District.

REPLY:

An Ecologist has been appointed to carry out screening and survey works to assure compliance at planning stage and include all required protection measures.

An independent Engineering Consultancy firm is in the progress of being appointed to review the current preferred road layout option and carry out a traffic assessment and road safety audit.

Once results have been received from both Consultants, we will progress the preparation of the Part 8 planning application including all necessary consultations.

25. Correspondence

Following a brief discussion, Correspondence as circulated was noted by the Members.

The following items were also raised.

The provision of speed ramps in Mountcollins was raised. The Executive Engineer, Roads, stated that an onsite Meeting had taken place and that the location and design of the speed ramps is to be agreed. The Executive Engineer advised that the works are subject to availability of funding.

An update was sought on the provision of speed ramps at the Railway Road in Abbeyfeale. In replying, the Executive Engineer, Roads, stated that Limerick City and County Council is currently working on this matter.

Reference was made to the provision of a new bus shelter at Convent Street, Abbeyfeale and in replying the Executive Engineer stated that the Active Travel Section is working on a design for the new bus shelter.

It was agreed that the Meetings Administrator would organise a Special Meeting to be held in the District to update the Members on Devon Road Cross, Dore's Cross, Newcastle and Abbeyfeale bypasses and the Southern Distributor road.

It was also agreed to hold the October Meeting of the District on Wednesday, 7th October, 2026, at 10.00 a.m., at Áras William Smith OBrien.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated: