

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, AND ONLINE, ON WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2026, AT 11AM.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor L. Galvin, Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Collins, Foley, Ruddle, and Scanlan

**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, Newcastle West (Mr. P. Vallely), (Ms. Carmel Lynch), Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action & Fire.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Sheahan, Clerical Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. A. Lenihan).

**1. Environment, Climate Action and Fire Directorate**

**To consider the Chief Executive's Report pursuant to Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended), and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), in respect of the proposed Part VIII for a new burial ground and car park at Knockbrack, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.**

Circulated, Report of the Mayor, dated 4<sup>th</sup> September in respect of the proposed Part VIII for the new burial ground and car park at Knockbrack, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.

The Members welcomed the proposed Part VIII for the new burial ground in Abbeyfeale and stated that after many years of planning, identifying a suitable site and representations from the elected members, that it was very positive to see the Part VIII coming to fruition and funding should now be prioritised to implement the necessary infrastructure. Reference was also made to the reflection area as a lovely new addition to the graveyard along with the Columbarian wall.

The Cathaoirleach made reference of the need to implement byelaws for graveyards with regard headstones and that a uniformed approach should be in place. He congratulated the SEE on the work achieved thus far in bringing the project forward to this stage.

Following a brief discussion, the report was proposed by Councillor Foley, seconded by Councillor Galvin and agreed.

## **2. Transport, Mobility and Public Realm Directorate**

**To consider the Chief Executive's Report pursuant to Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended), and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), in respect of the proposed Part VIII for footpath works and traffic calming measures in Ashford Village, Co. Limerick.**

Circulated, Report of the Mayor,, dated 4<sup>th</sup> September in respect of the proposed Part VIII for the footpath works and traffic calming measures in Ashford.

The Members welcomed the proposed Part VIII and that credit was due to the team at the MD office and consultants in getting the project prioritised for the benefit of the local primary school and general road safety improvements in the area which is very positive.

Following a brief discussion, the report was proposed by Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor Ruddle and agreed.

## **3. Transport, Mobility and Public Realm Directorate**

**To consider the Chief Executive's Report pursuant to Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (as amended), and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), in respect of the proposed Part VIII for a 35m long pedestrian bridge/boardwalk and associated works at Coolaleen and Tullaha, Main Street, Broadford, Co. Limerick.**

Circulated, Report of the Mayor, dated 4<sup>th</sup> September in respect of the proposed Part VIII for the Boardwalk and Pedestrian Bridge at Main St Broadford

The Members welcomed the proposed Part VIII and stated that safety is paramount , that this is a new concept in the county bounds and that it will make the area significantly safer for pedestrians, those using the adjacent soccer club and children living locally.

Cllr. Collins wished to thank Dermot Prendiville, Senior Executive Technician, NCW District Office for the significant amount of work he put into the project and that these type of projects delivered in the district should be acknowledged at management level, he also called on the Director of Service to prioritise funding for such projects and in response the Director of Service acknowledged the significant amount of work done to improve our towns and villages and that he would advocate for funding with the senior management team.

Following a brief discussion, the report was proposed by Councillor Scanlan, seconded by Councillor Ruddle and agreed.

#### **4. General Municipal Allocation**

The Cathaoirleach advised those present that two applications deferred at the September meeting would be considered at the special meeting.

On the proposal of Councillor Ruddle, seconded by Councillor Scanlan, it was agreed to allocate €666.70 to Springfield Graveyard for the replacement of footpaths.

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On the proposal of Councillor Ruddle, seconded by Councillor Collins, it was agreed to allocate €2,000 to Newcastle West Rugby Club towards the provision of floodlighting.

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On the proposal of Councillor Scanlan, seconded by Councillor Ruddle, it was agreed to allocate €1,000 to Newcastle West Rugby Club towards the provision of floodlighting.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_