

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 2017 AT 3.30 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor E. Ryan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Donegan, Gleeson, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Sheehy, Teefy.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

A/Director of Support Services (Finance, Corporate, HR and ICT) (Mr. S. Coughlan), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox), Senior Staff Officer (Mr. W. Ryan), Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. B. Murphy), Executive Engineers (Messrs. J. Moloney and J. Sheehan).

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, it was agreed to take Item No. 2 on the agenda.

2. Deputation – County Limerick Youth Theatre

The Meeting welcomed a Deputation from County Limerick Youth Theatre comprising Ms. Fiona Quinn, who was accompanied by two students, Ethan Mulcahy and Brenna Mulcahy.

At the outset, Ms. Quinn stated that the County Limerick Youth Theatre was originally an initiative of Limerick County Council and had been set up in 1996. She said over the past 20 years, the Youth Theatre had worked with thousands of people of all ages from all over County Limerick. She highlighted that the underpinning ideology was that participation in the Arts was of benefit to the whole community. It increased educational capacity, built friendships and social bonds, empowered individuals and created social cohesion and enhanced integration. She expressed concern in relation to funding and support structures for the Youth Theatre going forward. It was noted that funding had remained the same even though the work and number of members of the Youth Theatre had increased substantially. She asked if consideration could be given to the employment of part-time facilitators.

Ms. Quinn delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the County Limerick Youth Theatre under the following headings:

- Workshops/Performances/Projects.
- Youth Theatre Ireland Launch – 14th February.
- Institutional Capacity Building – Policies and Management, Revenue Control.
- Change Programme.
- Limerick 2020 Bid / Limerick Cultural Strategy / 8 Steps to Inclusive Practice.

- Confidence – Community Engagement.
- Training – European Work.
- Participation / Community Involvement.
- Skills and Competencies.
- Support Required.

The Members thanked Ms. Quinn for her very interesting presentation and it was unanimously agreed that support was needed for the County Limerick Youth Theatre. They commended those involved in the programme of work which they said was innovative, varied, creative and dynamic. A discussion took place on whether the County Limerick Youth Theatre should continue to operate as an initiative of the Council. The Members were of the opinion that it should continue under the auspices of the Council. At the request of the Members, the Director agreed to arrange a meeting between the Group and relevant Council officials in relation to the issues raised.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 19th January, 2017.

Proposed by Councillor Mitchell;
Seconded by Councillor Donegan;
And Resolved:

“That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed.”

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, it was agreed to proceed to Item No. 4 on the agenda and to take 4 (b), followed by 4 (a).

4. Economic Development Directorate

(b) Presentation on Plans to construct Walk around Section of Kilmallock Town Wall

Ms. Sarah McCutcheon, Executive Archaeologist, was in attendance for this item.

A presentation was given on the plans to construct a walk along a section of Kilmallock Town Wall. During the presentation, an Ordnance Survey Map indicating the established walkway and the proposed walkway was shown. There was also a Geophysical and Topographical survey at Ash Hill, Kilmallock. It was explained that some of the lands had not been the subject of a survey either because of water-logging and vegetation or due to collapse from Medieval town wall. There was a map showing the Indicative Layout Plan.

The presentation stated that the final location of the walkway would be subject to further archaeological investigations which were to take place after completion of the current study. The presentation gave a view of surface dressed walkway showing typical construction with buff chippings and also gave a view of surface dressed walkway showing typical construction with grey limestone chippings.

This initiative was a medium-scale project under the Rural Economic Development Zones (REDZ). There was also a map showing the study area and land ownerships along the route of the proposed walkway. The presentation showed a number of photographs identifying sections of the Town Wall in need of restoration.

It was agreed to commence preparatory work on the tender process.

The Members congratulated all involved in bringing the project to fruition pointing to the benefits for the town and for tourism.

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, it was agreed to take Item No. 4 (a) on the Agenda.

(a) Presentation on Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Ms. Rosie Webb, Senior Architect, was in attendance for this item. A presentation was given on targeted actions to address decline in rural towns and villages and, in particular, reference was made to the following:

- (i) Increasing the attractiveness of the town or village as a commercial and social centre.
- (j) Environmental/Amenity Enhancement.
- (k) Promoting tourism potential/local heritage; enhancing sense of identity.

It was noted that there were two project types, namely Public Space Physical Enhancement Projects and Development of Associated Activities/Initiatives.

The Senior Architect went on to provide information under the following headings:

- Eligibility of Projects.
- Criteria.
- 2016 Applications by Category.
- Budget/Budget Breakdown 2016.
- Timeline.

In relation to Cappamore, the following was covered in the presentation:

- Review of Area Plan 2011-2017.
- Identification of town's needs and potential.
- Health Check Conducted.

It was noted that the Cappamore Project for 2016 included:

- Replacement of footpaths in the town and immediately outside the town.
- Erection of public lighting along the footpath from the town centre to the hurling pitch.
- This public realm improvement would position the town as a more attractive location for residents, businesses and visitors.
- Budget: €35,520.

An attitudinal survey would be conducted once construction of the footpaths had taken place.

The Members thanked the Senior Architect for her very informative presentation and she then withdrew from the Meeting.

3. Schedule of Works for the Municipal District

Circulated, report from the A/Director, Support Services (Finance, Corporate, HR & ICT), dated 7th February, 2017, setting out details of the Draft Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock 2017.

The Director of Support Services confirmed that the development fund allocation for the District was €70,000.

Proposed by Councillor Teefy;
Seconded by Councillor Gleeson;
And Resolved:

“That, the Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock, as circulated, be adopted.”

Members thanked staff for their work in compiling the Schedule of Works.

QUESTION

5. Question submitted by Councillor W. O'Donnell

I will ask at the next Meeting if urgent repairs can be carried out on the L-24004 at Linfield, Pallasgreen, and where this road is positioned on the Multi-Annual Roadworks Programme.

REPLY: The road in question, L24004, at Linfield, Pallasgreen, was not included in the Restoration Improvement Works Scheme 2016 - 2018 which is still in effect. However, it is hoped that additional funding may be made available in 2017 and that this funding will facilitate works to be carried out on this and other roads not included in the Restoration Improvement Works Scheme. Should sufficient funding be made available, consideration can be then given to carrying out works at this location. Patching can be carried out on this road in the meantime as part of routine maintenance works and the Supervisor will be requested to carry out whatever patching is appropriate.

Other Matter Raised:

- Upgrade of Hospital Sewerage Plant discussed.
- Queries were raised regarding future plans for broadband for the District and it was agreed to revert at the next Meeting with an update.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated:
