

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 21ST JULY, 2016 AT 3.30 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Ryan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Regional Services (Ms. C. Curley), Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services (Mr. C. O'Connor), Operations Manager, West and South Division (Mr. B. Kennedy), Senior Staff Officer (Mr. W. Ryan), Chief Fire Officer (Mr. M. Ryan), Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer (Mr. C. Weaver), Co-ordinator, Limerick Sports Partnership (Mr. P. Macken), Mid West National Road Design Office (Mr. C. Hegarty), (Mr. J Howard), (Mr. R. Kennedy), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. S. Carroll). Mr. P. Bergen, Kilgallen and Partners Consulting Engineers.

Apologies for his inability to attend had been received from Councillor Gleeson.

With the Cathaoirleach's permission, it was agreed to take Item 3(a) at this point.

3. Regional Services Directorate

(a) Fire and Emergency Services

Circulated, Draft Fire and Emergency Operations Plan dated June 2016 prepared under Section 26 of the Fire Services Act, 1981 and 2003.

The Chief Fire Officer presented a summary of the background to, and details of the Draft Fire and Emergency Operations Plan, which included an overview of the Council's Fire Service operations and the 14 sections of the draft plan.

A number of queries were raised by the Members in relation to various aspects of the plan and these were responded to by the Chief Fire Officer. Members paid tribute to the role carried out by the Fire Service often in difficult circumstances and to the professional manner in which the firemen went about their daily role when responding to the various emergencies and incidents. They expressed concern however at the proposed Risk Grading Categorisation of Fire Stations and, in particular, to the ranking proposed for Kilmallock Fire Station. The Members stated that the Station covered a very large catchment area with a population of 17,000. Members indicated that they would not be supportive of any proposal which would curtail the number of firemen stationed in Kilmallock. Concerns were also raised in relation to the Cappamore Brigade.

The Director, Regional Services noted the concerns and explained the background to the S26 Plan. She added that the approval of the Plan was a reserved function. She pointed out that the issues raised would be examined further with a view to the finalisation of a draft plan for consideration by the Council.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (a) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 23rd June, 2016.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donnell;
 Seconded by Councillor Mitchell;
 And Resolved:

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

An update was requested concerning the provision of a school warden for Bruff National School and the Operations Manager, West and South Division confirmed that a policy would be put in place in relation to school wardens and brought to the SPC Meeting in October. In the interim, the option of putting a controlled crossing at the school could be considered.

Councillor Donegan thanked Members for their support for the Motion on the Tourism Officer.

- (b) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 23rd June, 2016.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donnell;
 Seconded by Councillor Mitchell;
 And Resolved:

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

2. Social Development Directorate

Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP)

Circulated, Limerick Sports Partnership Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

Mr. P. Macken, Co-ordinator, Limerick Sports Partnership presented details of Limerick Sports Partnership Strategic Plan 2016-2020, which included the following :-

- The key functions of the LSP were to inform, educate and enable.
- The 4 themes of the LSP were :
 - creating solid foundations;
 - building community capacity;
 - promoting equality of opportunity;
 - implementing in partnership.
- How LSP was funded and how the strategic plan would be delivered.

Members thanked Mr. Macken for his presentation and commended his team for their work and commitment to the community.

3 (b) Mid West National Road Design Office

The Senior Executive Engineer, Mid West National Road Design Office outlined proposals for the N20 O'Rourke's Cross and N24 Beary's Cross Road Improvement Schemes. He stated they would be writing to landowners in the following week.

Mr. P. Bergen, Kilgallen and Partners Consulting Engineers gave a powerpoint presentation on the schemes.

Members welcomed the proposed developments, stating that safety was a priority at these junctions.

QUESTIONS

4. Question submitted by Councillor L.M. Sheehy

I will ask at the next Meeting what the protocol is from the local authority for repairs to bridges if damage has been caused by an accident?

REPLY: In instances where the Local Authority become aware of Structural Damage to a Bridge caused by vehicular damage, the Local Authority liaise with Local Gardaí and pursue any liabilities through relevant Insurance.

NOTICES OF MOTION

5. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L.M. Sheehy

I will move at the next Meeting that the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District write to mobile network providers supplying coverage in the Cappamore / Kilmallock area to express sincere displeasure with the inconsistent service they provide in towns and rural areas across Limerick County.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Sheehy stated that mobile coverage was very poor in rural areas and it was agreed to write to network providers in this regard.

The following items were raised at the completion of the Agenda:

The Cathaoirleach stated he would be part of a delegation to Transportation Infrastructure Ireland (TII). It was agreed that improvement works to N20 O'Rourke's Cross and N24 Beary's Cross would be the projects presented from the District.

The Cathaoirleach stated that he had received a request from the Mayor for a contribution from the Community Initiative Scheme for Limerick Community Games. It was decided that a contribution could not be made on this occasion as all monies had been allocated.

The Cathaoirleach wished the Members and Staff well for the holiday period.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____