

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2016 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:

Acting Head of Finance/Human Resources/Corporate/ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox), Senior Executive Officer (Mr. G. Dillon), Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. G. O'Connor), Assistant Planner (Ms. N. O'Connell), Executive Engineer (Mr. J. Moloney), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. S. Carroll).

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 21st July, 2016.

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

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

In relation to Beary's Cross and O'Rourke's Cross Road Improvement Schemes, the Acting Head of Finance had received an update from the Senior Executive Engineer, Mid West National Road Design Office confirming that initial contact had been made with landowners. He stated that the topographical survey and procurement process would take some time and a further update would be given at the next Meeting.

Councillor Donegan stated that incorrect maps had been sent to the landowners at O'Rourke's Cross and this had caused a lot of confusion.

The Senior Executive Officer confirmed that the meeting with Transportation Infrastructure Ireland (TII) would be organised in the coming weeks. Proposals from each District would be sent to TII beforehand.

2. Physical Development Directorate

Pilot Project for the Introduction of 30km/hr Special Speed Limits in a number of Housing Estates

Circulated, Report of the Director, Physical Development Directorate dated 5th September, 2016.

The Senior Executive Officer stated that it was the intention of Limerick City and County Council to undertake a pilot project to introduce a 30 km/hr special speed limit in 30 housing estates. This Special Speed Limit would be introduced through the making of Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004. The adoption of such bye-laws, he explained, was a function reserved to the Elected Members of the Council.

He stated that the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee had agreed that a 30 km/hr special speed limit be introduced initially in 5 estates in each Municipal District and in 15 estates in the Metropolitan District (5 per electoral area).

He explained the process by which the Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws would be introduced:

Stage 1 – Pre-Draft Consultation

Stage 2 – Public Consultation.

Stage 3 – Presentation to Full Council

The Senior Executive Officer explained that he was seeking approval for the Council to prepare draft bye-laws and commence the public consultation phase in relation to the estates listed hereunder:

- Glenfield, Kilmallock
- Radharc na Coille, Kilmallock
- Sycamore Drive, Bruff
- Galtee View, Hospital
- Glenview Drive, Hospital

The Senior Executive Engineer stated that it had been previously agreed that the housing estates, Glenfield and Radharc na Coille, Kilmallock were considered to be one estate and Galtee View and Glenview Drive, Hospital were also considered to be one estate. He asserted that including Sycamore Drive, Bruff this amounted to three estates and therefore Ceol na hAbhann, Caherconlish and Ros Fearna / The Meadows, Murroe should also be included in the Pilot Project.

Members thanked the Senior Executive Officer for his presentation and welcomed the proposal.

Councillor Sheehy stated that a motion in relation to reducing speed limits to 20km/hr had been approved by the Travel and Transportation SPC and the Senior Executive Officer agreed to clarify the position and revert to Members.

On the proposal of Councillor Teefy, seconded by Councillor Donegan, it was agreed to adopt the Scheme, subject to the inclusion of the housing estates Ceol na hAbhann, Caherconlish and Ros Fearna / The Meadows, Murroe.

3. Economic Development Directorate

Deferral of notices to make a new Local Area Plan for Cappamore and extend the existing plan

Circulated, Report of the Director of Services, Economic Development dated 2nd September, 2016, enclosing copy of the Chief Executive's Report to Members dated 2nd September, 2016, regarding proposal to extend the life of the Cappamore Local Area Plan 2011-2017 by a further 5 years.

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

"That, in accordance with Section 19(1)(d) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to extend the life of the Cappamore Local Area Plan 2011-2017 for a further period of 5 years".

Members expressed concern at the level of dereliction in the county and the lack of resources for same.

It was agreed to take Item 4 at the end of the Meeting.

QUESTIONS

5. Question submitted by Councillors B. Teefy and N. Gleeson

We will ask at the next Meeting for the age profile of the outdoor staff employed with Limerick City and County Council. In addition, we will ask how many outdoor staff have retired in the last 5 years.

REPLY: The following is the age profile of outdoor staff employed with the Council.

Age Range	No.
26-30	8
31-35	24
36-40	41
41-45	41
46-50	63
51-55	88
56-60	107
61-65	75

The number of outdoor staff that retired in the last 5 years is 129.

6. **Question submitted by Councillors B. Teefy and N. Gleeson**

We will ask at the next Meeting how many outdoor staff are expected to retire in the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 in the operational area of Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District, i.e. Northern and Southern Areas.

REPLY: The following staff numbers retired or are expected to retire during the years indicated in the Northern and Southern Operational Areas.

Year	No.
2016	3
2017	9
2018	7

NOTICE OF MOTION

7. **Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors B. Teefy and N. Gleeson**

We will move at the next Meeting that the outdoor staff who have retired in recent years and those who will be retiring shortly be replaced immediately as staff numbers are at a critical level in the area.

In proposing the motion Councillor Teefy expressed grave concern at the number of staff that had retired and were expected to retire in the coming years and were not being replaced. The motion was seconded by Councillor Gleeson who stressed the need to have additional staff appointed. Members supported the motion. Members also paid tribute to existing staff and acknowledged the work carried out in difficult circumstances.

REPLY: It is acknowledged that staffing numbers are a critical issue in terms of service delivery within the organisation. This is something that is monitored on an on-going basis.

To alleviate pressures identified, the Human Resources Department has embarked on the creation of recruitment panels across a large number of positions within the organisation including that of General Operative. The creation of such panels allows the organisation to recruit staff without unnecessary delay and ensure critical services are delivered without negatively impacting communities.

In the current year, a total of 22 General Operatives have been recruited on a temporary seasonal basis across the Council for the period April to October, 2016. 11 of those General Operatives have been assigned to the North and South Divisions. It is envisaged that Limerick City and County Council will permanently appoint 11 Driver General Operatives from an existing panel by year end and that a further 5 General Operatives will be appointed permanently following completion of a competition which is currently underway within the Council.

The following items were raised :

Members conveyed good wishes to Dan Sullivan, Tom McCarthy and John Holmes on their recent retirement.

Members expressed their congratulations and good wishes to Eoghan Clifford on winning gold and bronze medals at the Paralympics.

With the Cathaoirleach's permission, sympathy was extended to the following on their recent bereavements :

- The O'Grady Family, Knockainey on the death of Nancy O'Grady.
- The Sheehan Family, Old Road, Kildimo on the death of their daughter, Ailish Sheehan.
- The Ryan Family on the death of Owen Ryan, Castlefarm, Hospital who had died tragically in a road accident.

Councillor Gleeson requested that "fingerpost" signs be secured as some were pointing in the wrong direction.

General Municipal Allocation

On the proposal of Councillor Sheehy, seconded by Councillor Donegan, it was agreed that €20,000 from the General Municipal Allocation (Tourism/Community Initiatives) would be allocated as follows:

€10,000	-	Ballyhoura Fáilte Development
€10,000	-	Age Friendly Project.

October Meetings

It was agreed to hold the following Meetings on Thursday, 20th October, 2016 :

2.30 p.m.	Budget Workshop
3.30 p.m.	Monthly Meeting
5.30 p.m.	Meeting to consider Draft Budgetary Plan 2017.

4. Deputation

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Deputation from Glenbrohane Community Association.

Ms. Grace Moore gave a detailed presentation to the Members outlining their proposal for a Community Hub in Glenbrohane. The Association had identified a building, which was formerly a pub, and had approval for a loan to purchase the property. They were also organising fundraising and would apply for any available funding. The aim of the Hub was to create a community facility to address rural isolation and promote social connectivity. The plans included a garden for meditation, spaces for women's groups and youth groups to meet, a one bedroom apartment to rent and office space which would also be available to rent.

Members thanked Ms. Moore for her very interesting presentation and stated they would fully support the project.

The Acting Head of Finance stated that the Council would be happy to provide help and advice.

The Deputation then withdrew from the Meeting.

The Acting Head of Finance confirmed that €95,000 in funding had been allocated to Cappamore and Bruff under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. He also confirmed that Hinterland Funding had been received as follows :

Murroe Sports Facility	-	€250,000.
Kilmallock Pedestrian Bridge	-	€125,000.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____