

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON FRIDAY, 11TH MARCH, 2016 AT 3.30 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor W. O'Donnell.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Donegan, Mitchell, Ryan, Sheehy, Teefy.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Acting Head of Finance/Human Resources/Corporate/ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox), Operations Manager, West and South Division (Mr. B. Kennedy), Administrative Officer, Economic Development and Planning (Ms. M. Hayes), Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. G. O'Connor), Executive Engineer (Mr. J. Moloney), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. S. Carroll).

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

With the Cathaoirleach's permission, sympathy was extended to the family of Shane Mulcahy who had died tragically earlier that day in a traffic accident. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 25th February, 2016.

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

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

It was agreed to defer discussion on the Minutes until after Items 2 and 3.

2. Deputation

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Deputation from Bruff Community Council which comprised of Mr. Maurice Lyons, Mr. Mark Nagle and Mr. Maurice Hehir.

Mr. Nagle thanked the Members for allowing them the opportunity to address the District Meeting. He stated that Bruff had suffered a number of setbacks in recent years but that there had been improvements in recent times with the opening of Carebright and Limerick F.C. now located in the old FCJ Convent. There was also a renewed focus on tourism in the town.

The following issues were raised :

- A traffic management plan and off street parking were required in the town.

- There were problems with traffic congestion, speeding and shortage of parking outside the school.
- Signage and road markings were required at the Pike.
- There was a number of derelict buildings and sites in the area.
- Owners of empty shopfronts should be encouraged to improve the visual appearance of their buildings.

The Cathaoirleach and Members thanked the Deputation for their presentation.

The Deputation then withdrew from the Meeting.

3. Economic Development and Planning

The Administrative Officer, Economic Development and Planning gave an overview of the presentation made at the previous meeting on the following initiatives / supports :

- (i) Rural Economic Development Zone Initiative (REDZ);
- (ii) Love Your Street Scheme;
- (iii) Business and Retail Incentive Scheme.

Members thanked the Administrative Officer, Economic Development and Planning for her comprehensive presentation and welcomed the initiatives / schemes outlined.

Councillor Donegan conveyed his congratulations to the Manager and Staff of Supervalu Kilmallock on recently winning the Best Small Store Award.

Councillor Mitchell conveyed his congratulations to McNulty's Fuels, Hospital on recently winning the Best Service Business Award at the Limerick Final of the National Enterprise Awards.

The following issues were raised by Members, after the adoption of the Minutes, with the consent of the Cathaoirleach:

Councillor Sheehy confirmed that the Executive Engineer had arranged to meet with Representatives of Glenroe / Ballyorgan Community Council the following week.

The Cathaoirleach requested that the carved stone on the bridge in Kilmallock be cleaned.

In response to queries raised by Members in relation to staffing, the Acting Head of Finance/Human Resources/Corporate/ICT stated that the appointment of General Operatives / temporary staff would be made in the following couple of weeks. The Senior Executive Engineer stated that a new Foreman had been appointed.

The Executive Engineer (Mr. J. Sheehan) was unable to attend the Meeting and it was agreed that Members could forward requests for road marking works or other queries to him by email and requests can also be forwarded to the Executive Engineer (Mr. J. Moloney).

Councillor Donegan requested that signage at O'Rourkes Cross be looked at.

NOTICES OF MOTION ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

4. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor W. O'Donnell

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council prepare a Schedule of Derelict Buildings within the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock.

In proposing the motion Councillor O'Donnell stated there was a lot of derelict sites in the District and highlighted the need for additional resources in this area. The motion was seconded by Councillor Ryan.

REPLY: The Derelict Sites Unit will continue to address all the dereliction in this district. A number of Town Improvement Schemes have been undertaken over the last twelve months both in this district and outside.

The Derelict Sites Unit will continue to deal with derelict sites and prepare a schedule of derelict buildings in the County including the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock.

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

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council install speed ramps on the road entering into Murroe by the housing estates Ros Ferna and The Meadows.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Sheehy and seconded by Councillor Ryan.

In proposing the motion Councillor Sheehy stated there had been two fatalities on this road and speed ramps should be installed in the interest of road safety. Members supported the motion.

REPLY: The road referred to is the LP1161 which links the 5 cross roads in Murroe to the southern end of the village. The estates of Ross Ferna / The Meadows and Cois Na Coille have entrances onto the LP1161. Limerick City & County Council constructed a footpath in 2011 linking these estates to Murroe village.

There have been 2 fatal pedestrian accidents along this road in the past 8 years. Both incidents occurred at approximately the same location 330m from the 5 cross roads. The speed limit at that location is 50kmph.

The speed limit on this road is 60kmph for a distance of 260m from the 5 cross roads and 50kmph from there to the village of Murroe.

Over the past few years Limerick City & County Council have carried out the following;

- Placed 2 no. driver feedback signs to slow down the traffic travelling in both directions.
- Additional signage was erected to remind drivers of the speed limit that exists.

- Limerick City & County Council cut the hedgerow annually along the frontage to Ross Farna / The Meadows to improve visibility for pedestrians and drivers.
- Placed fencing along the frontage to Ross Farna / The Meadows.

6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor B. Teefy

I will move at the next Meeting that the proposed speed limits of 30km be implemented in the housing estates and I further move that Ceol na hAbhann, Caherconlish be one of the estates in Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District to have this speed limit of 30km per hour.

In proposing the motion Councillor Teefy welcomed the inclusion of Ceol na hAbhann in the speed limit review. The motion was seconded by Councillor Mitchell.

REPLY: With reference to the proposals for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District 30kmph estates, I confirm that Ceol Na Habhann, Caherconlish is included.

The situation at present is that a bye-law is not in place for the 30kmph speed limits. At present I cannot confirm when the bye-law will be in place.

QUESTIONS

7. Question submitted by Councillor B. Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting when is the Speed Limit Review being carried out and to outline the procedure for same.

It was confirmed that a reply to this Question would be issued at the next Meeting.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that the Council allocate €1,500 from the general municipal allocation to the Knocklong & Glenbrohane parish journal which has not been published in 20 years.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Sheehy.

The Acting Head of Finance/Human Resources/Corporate/ICT agreed to revert to Councillor Sheehy on the matter.

REPLY: All proposals relevant to the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) are welcome, however, it would be appropriate for this request to be considered at the next GMA workshop.

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

It was agreed that a representative from Limerick Youth Service would be invited to attend the

April or May Meeting to give an update on the Youth Bank.

In reply to Councillor Teefy, the Executive Engineer stated that work on repairing potholes was a priority at present and the servicing of water inlets would be looked at.

Members congratulated John the Baptist Community School Ladies Football Team on winning the All Ireland Senior B Football Final and agreed to honour the team at a future date.

The Operations Manager, West and South Division agreed to contact the NRA and request that they arrange appropriate advertising for the new road signs.

It was agreed to hold a Briefing on Friday, 8th April at 3.30pm for the following:

- Update on Change Programme.
- General Municipal Allocation.

Approval was given in principle to the commencement of the Road Works Scheme.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____