

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL, HOSPITAL, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 18TH MAY, 2017, AT 3.30 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor E. Ryan, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

A/Director, Support Services – Finance, Corporate, Human Resources and ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan)
A/Director, Social Development (Ms. C. Kirby), Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Murphy), Executive Engineers, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Messrs. J. Moloney and J. Sheehan), Senior Staff Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. W. Ryan), Staff Officer, Property Services (Mr. J. Cregan), Executive Planner, Social Development (Ms. S. Newell), Staff Officer, Social Development (Ms. S. Hourigan), Project Manager, Design and Delivery (Mr. B. Lynch), Meetings Administrator (Ms. T. Knox), Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. C. Sheehy).

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 20th April, 2017.

Councillor Donegan requested that the Minutes be amended on Page 9 under paragraph on *Municipal Reception* to read that Paudi Quish of Hospital Handball Club had recently “won” and not “reached” the Final of the Italian Open Handball Tournament. The amendment was seconded by Councillor Mitchell and agreed.

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

“That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed, subject to the amendment outlined above.”

2. Support Services Directorate

(a) Fixing of Date

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock would take place on Thursday, 15th June, 2017, at 5pm.

3. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Property Services, dated 5th May, 2017, setting out background to the proposed disposal of land at West End, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick. It was intended to include the proposed disposal on the agenda for the May Meeting of the Council.

The Members noted the report, as circulated.

- (a) Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Property Services, dated 5th May, 2017, setting out background to the proposed disposal of land at Knockanerry, Murroe, Co. Limerick. It was intended to include the proposed disposal on the agenda for the May Meeting of the Council.

The Members noted the report, as circulated.

4. CareBright, Bruff

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Majella Murphy, Business Development Manager, CareBright, to the Meeting.

Ms. Murphy circulated a copy of her presentation to the Members outlining the background of CareBright. She explained that CareBright was a social economy business, established in 1998, and that they were the first innovators of homecare in Munster. They currently had 270 staff and were caring for over 650 clients. She informed the Members that over 60% of their clients were living with dementia.

She stated that they would be opening Ireland's first ever purpose-built community for people living with dementia in Autumn 2017. It would be located on a 4 acre site in Bruff village, comprised of 18 individual units, hub centre, café, beauty salon, gym, men's sheds and gardens. She informed the Members that the total projected construction cost for the current proposal was €4,717,896, including VAT, of which they had raised €4,500,000. She stated that there was a shortfall of €980,000, which would include the fit-out, landscaping and the first year's operating costs.

The Members thanked Ms. Murphy for the presentation and commended the project which would provide independent living along with a vibrant community for those living with dementia.

5. Social Development Directorate

Limerick City and County Council Housing Programme 2017

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the staff in attendance for this item.

The Executive Planner, Social Development, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness. She informed the Members that it was a five-year plan with five key Pillars, which were as follows:

1. Address Homelessness.
2. Accelerate Social Housing.
3. Build More Homes.
4. Improve the Rental Sector.
5. Utilise Existing Housing.

She stated that the current demand for housing for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was 6% of the overall total for housing countywide, with Caherconlish, Bruff and Kilmallock the main areas. She explained that the projected target for 2018-2021 for Social Housing would be approximately 1,600 which would be attained through the ten funding programmes set by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. She informed the Members that of this projected target 60% would be from new build.

The Executive Planner, Social Development, stated that the main aims of the Action Plan were as follows:

1. Balanced development across City and County in accordance with housing need.
2. Maximise re-use of existing vacant housing stock in the city, towns and villages of Limerick.
3. Utilise investment in housing to deliver wider benefits.
4. Influence Government policy.
5. Outcomes rather than outputs.

The main key actions were noted as follows:

- Balanced incremental development – multiple small/medium scale projects developed rather than large scale redevelopment.
- Maximise all of the avenues for delivery.
- Use the powers available to Limerick City and County Council to encourage urban consolidation and growth.

Information was also provided to the Members under the following headings:

- Social Housing Construction.
- Role of Approved Housing Bodies.
- Regeneration Programme.
- Rent Pressure Zones.
- Vacant Housing Stock.
- Repair and Lease/Buy and Renew Schemes.

The Members expressed concern in relation to the Estate Management of the Council's stock and stated that the need for greater community focussed activities in these estates would be key to their success. The Members requested that all lands be checked and assessed under the land aggregation scheme and, in particular, lands in Bruff and Caherconlish. It was noted that one-off housing was important for rural people and also, taking into consideration the pressure on private rental availability in towns within the District. The Members highlighted the importance of the supply from Part V developments for a spectrum of applicants on the housing waiting list.

In reply to queries raised by the Members, the Director of Social Development stated that there was a need to strengthen the Council's current Estate Management procedures and that they would be working closely with An Garda Síochána and engaging with the Communities.

The Members thanked the relevant staff who were in attendance for this item and requested that they return in a couple of months with a presentation specific to the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock.

6. Service Operations Directorate

Taking-in-Charge of Estates – Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Planner dated 27th April, 2017, setting out details in relation to the proposed taking-in-charge of Whitethorns, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick.

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

“That, the following estate – Whitethorns, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick – be taken in charge, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2015, and Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993.”

Question

7. Question submitted by Councillor B. Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting how many temporary outdoor staff are being allocated to the Cappamore-Kilmallock District and, in particular, the breakdown for Annacotty and Kilmallock.

REPLY: The Temporary General Operative allocation for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock is as follows: 2 General Operatives for Kilmallock and 3 General Operatives for Annacotty.

At present there is a General Operative recruitment process underway. Following completion of same, we will have a panel in place to allow us to pro-actively manage our General Operative staffing requirements in the coming 12-24 months.

Notice of Motion

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

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council start work in order to improve visibility at the dangerous junction outside the church in Bulgaden and improve road markings and signage and take precautions to reduce speed on this route.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Sheehy and seconded by Councillor Donegan.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council is currently investigating improving sightlines at the junction adjacent to Bulgaden Church.

Other Matters Raised

At the conclusion of the Agenda and with the permission of the Cathaoirleach, the following items were raised:

- **Ash Hill Manor**

Councillor Donegan expressed concern in relation to foul odour issue in Kilmallock town. It was noted that the Waste Water Treatment Plant located at Ash Hill Manor housing estate had previously caused problems as the pumping system had been designed for a much higher number of houses than were actually constructed. The pumping system was subsequently modified and this resolved the odour issue in the town. The source of the present odours would require investigation by Water Services working on behalf of Irish Water. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to follow up with Water Services.

- **Shannon Commercial Properties**

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that a representative from Shannon Commercial Properties would attend the July Meeting of the District.

- **Correspondence**

The Cathaoirleach referred to correspondence received in relation to request from group of residents to attend the June Meeting of the Municipal District to discuss source of funding and location for footpath in Nicker. Following a short discussion, on the proposal of Councillor O' Donnell, seconded by Councillor Donegan, it was agreed that the Members would be first fully briefed by staff at the next Meeting on the specific issues concerning this matter.

- **Update for Next Meeting**

The Members requested an update on the following:

- Speed Limit Review.
- Road Works Programme (for July Meeting).
- Age-Friendly Seating.
- Tourism/Marketing Proposals relevant to the District (Laura Ryan, Communications Officer, Economic Development, and Majella O'Brien, Staff Officer, Economic Development, to be invited to the next Meeting).

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathairleach

Dated: _____