

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON TUESDAY 19TH MAY, 2015 AT 3.30PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor E. Ryan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Water Services & Environment (Mr. K. Lehane), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox), Head of Innovate Limerick (Mr. M. Cantwell), Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. G. O'Connor), Executive Engineer (Messrs. S. Nash and J. Sheehan), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Moloney).

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from the Operations Manager, West & South Division.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 23rd April, 2015.

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

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

2. Disposal of Land

Circulated, report of the Director of Economic Development and Planning dated 1st May, 2015, in relation to the proposed disposal of 17,000 sq ft Food Units at Hospital, Co. Limerick.

Members noted the proposal to dispose of land as set out in the circulated report and the Head of Innovate Limerick clarified that the sale of the units was to Mr. Harry Lawlor of HL Commodity Foods who has leased the building since it was built in 1999/2000.

3. Economic Development and Planning **Innovate Limerick**

Mr. Cantwell, Head of Innovate Limerick, delivered a presentation under the following headings:

- Background.
- Limerick 2030 Economic and Spatial Plan.
- 2030 and Innovate Limerick.
- Limerick Innovation Hub.
- National Advanced Manufacturing Centre-Application Process.
- Coordination of Existing Enterprise Centres.
- Limerick Royal/Digital Quarter.
- Investment Fund Mid West.

He also made reference to the Andersen Jewellery Factory, Rathkeale, City Centre Business Innovation Lounge and Ardmore Film Studios.

In relation to the background, Mr. Cantwell pointed out that in 2014 Limerick City and County Council became the first local authority to establish a special purpose innovation company to act as innovation broker between existing semi-state, private and national services providers. He added that the objective of Innovate Limerick was to double innovation activity each year and act as the delivery mechanism for a range of projects outlined in the Limerick 2030 Plan.

A brief discussion took place and the Members thanked Mr. Cantwell for his presentation.

4. Unfinished Estates

The Senior Executive Engineer circulated a report on the current status of estates not yet taken in charge.

QUESTION

Reply to the following Question on the Agenda was circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting and the Question was therefore considered as having been dealt with:

5. Question submitted by Councillor O'Donnell

I will ask at the next Meeting if Limerick City & County Council have a current policy for the purchase of one off rural houses for letting to Council tenants.

REPLY: The City and County Council sought approval from the DECLG for the purchase of individual houses with a view to having flexibility in particular for special needs cases. However, we have not received sanction for this course of action at this point in time. Under its social housing options the Council can consider taking a lease on a house for RAS tenants or indeed if an applicant is approved for HAP, they can seek to rent a suitable rural house.

NOTICES OF MOTION

6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sheehy

I will move at the next Council Meeting that the issue of speeding with reference to safety for walkers and cyclists on the Grange Road, Knocklong, be addressed with adequate signage, lining and Garda or speed van monitoring or other methods.

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

REPLY: The issue of alleged speeding on this section of the R513, where the general speed limit applies, is an enforcement matter for the Gardaí. The straight stretch of the R513 in Grange, Knocklong is one of the few safe passing locations between Herbertstown and Ballylanders. Limerick City & County Council has a duty to maintain passing out areas like Grange, as otherwise, frustrated drivers may attempt to overtake slow moving vehicles at dangerous locations and cause a serious incident. Limerick City & County Council are satisfied that current signage and lining are adequate.

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

The Members expressed their concern regarding the vacancy following the transfer of Superintendent Patwell from Bruff Garda Division and requested an update from the Chief Superintendent's Office. It was agreed to invite a representative from the Bruff District Garda Station to the June Monthly Meeting.

The Director of Service updated the Members regarding the Old School House Grange. He informed them that the Council were ready to approve the appointment of Contractors to carry out work at the Old School House, as soon as the licence agreement for all groups, using the premises, was signed and returned with current insurance details to the Council .

The Members wished the communities of Killeely and Bruff well in the 2015 IPB Pride of Place Competition.

The Cathaoirleach advised the Meeting that the 11th June had been confirmed as the date for the Members to visit a river project in Tyrone.

With the Cathaoirleach's permission, sympathy was extended to Paul Foley, on the death of his father, Patrick (Paddy) Foley, Ballybronogue, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick.

Members wished Director of Travel & Transport, Paul Crowe, well in his retirement.

The Members congratulated Anne Goggin on the River Loobagh Project and commended Damien Brady on the work of the 1916-2016 Committee Commemoration.

The Members also wished Eugene Griffin all the best in his impending retirement.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____