

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015 AT 3.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor W. O'Donnell.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Donegan, Mitchell, Sheehy, Teefy.

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Gleeson and Ryan.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Customer Services (Ms. J. Cotter Coughlan), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox), Administrative Officer, Home and Community (Mr. D. McGuigan), Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. G. O'Connor), Executive Engineer, (S. Nash), Senior Staff Officer, Kilmallock Area Office (Mr. W. Ryan), Clerical Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. L. Moloney).

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

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 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. Home and Community**

**(a) Local Economic and Community Plan Socio-Economic Statement and High Level Goals.**

Circulated, Report of the Director, Home and Community in relation to Local Economic and Community Plan Socio-Economic Statement and High Level Goals dated September, 2015.

The Administrative Officer, Home and Community stated that the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Socio Economic Statement and High Level Goals were on the agenda for noting.

He informed Members that this was step 2 of a 3 step process in developing the LECP. The Draft Socio Economic Statement and High Level Goals went to public consultation and 18 submissions had been received. Following a review of the submissions the Draft was amended. He outlined that the main changes to the Socio Economic Statement and High Level Goals document were at Sections 1.4.2 (pages 11 to 21 inclusive) which covered the policy context within which the LECP would operate and an additional 2 High Level Goals (numbers (VIII) and (IX)) on page 28.

The next step in the process was the writing of the LECP, which would involve consultation with Members at Municipal District level.

It was noted that the approval of the completed LECP was a reserved function of the full Council and the timeline for approval was January 2016.

Members thanked the Administrative Officer, Home and Community for his presentation.

**(b) To hear presentation from Limerick Youth Service.**

Mr. Maurice Walsh, Limerick Youth Service, gave a presentation to the Members commencing with the background to the Youth Service and explained what was involved in the Youth Bank:

- Youth Bank is youth participation in action. Young people aged 14-25 involved in community activity.
- Young people meet weekly with a facilitator for 20 weeks to roll out the programme.
- Network of 25 Grant Making Committees across the island of Ireland run entirely by young people.
- They invite other youth clubs and groups from their area to apply for a once off small grant for local activities. e.g. Mental Health.
- The Youth Bank committee make the final decision on the amount of grant that is awarded to various groups.
- Develops leadership in local communities.

He also outlined the benefits for the young people:

- Builds self-esteem and confidence.
- Encourages leadership skills and teamwork abilities.
- Challenges personal development.
- Gives real, tangible skills.
- Teaches interview skills.
- Improves financial literacy.

Members thanked Mr. Walsh for his presentation and asked that he would come back with an update in 12 months. The Members stated that the Youth Bank was a very innovative project empowering young people to participate fully in their respective communities. He then withdrew from the Meeting.

The following Motion, which had been proposed by Councillor Sheehy and seconded by Councillor Mitchell at the Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, was then agreed by the Meeting:

**“That the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock invest €10,000 into community based youth initiatives to be organised by Limerick Youth Service. This fund was allocated for a Special Innovation Project as part of the 2015 General Municipal Allocation Discretionary Budget”.**

### **3. Travel and Transportation/Environment**

#### **Tidy Town Competitions Results 2015**

The Director of Services outlined the results of towns and villages in Limerick in the Tidy Towns Competition and commended the local groups for their hard work and achievements in increasing the scores from the previous year.

## **QUESTIONS**

Replies to the following Questions on the Agenda were circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting and the Questions were therefore considered as having been dealt with:

### **4. Question submitted by Councillor O’ Donnell**

*I will ask at the next meeting for information of the typical cost of road marking to include unit cost of white lines, yellow lines, lettering and other appropriate markings.*

**REPLY:** Typical lining would be priced about €1.40 per metre length and would mostly be funded through road grants. Lettering would often cost about €100 for short words like SLOW and would mostly be funded from General Maintenance monies.

### **5. Question submitted by Councillor B. Teefy**

*I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the recruitment of Outdoor Staff, General Operatives and Gangers in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.*

**REPLY:** Recruitment Processes for Foreman and Driver

The Council advertised for General Operative/Driver posts in August of this year. The Council received 160 eligible applications and recently completed a short-listing process from those applications. The Council will be proceeding shortly with preliminary interviews and expects the process to be completed by year-end.

The Foreman recruitment process began in July. Short-listing interviews were conducted in September and final interviews will take place in October.

**6. Question submitted by Councillor B. Teefy**

*I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the Consultant's Report on Beary's Cross Junction on the N24.*

**REPLY:** Kilgallen & Partners, Consulting Engineers Limited, have been appointed to progress the design of junction improvements at Beary's Cross. One of the first tasks to be undertaken, in schemes of this type, is a traffic survey. This was undertaken in September, which is a typical month for traffic movements and outside the seasonal variations of the summer months. This data is currently being assimilated into the traffic model which will be used to formally demonstrate a need for the scheme and to subsequently build a business case for whichever arrangement best addresses the junction issues. Different layout options will be developed and assessed by the Engineering Consultants before recommending a layout to be brought forward to the detailed design and statutory processes stage. The design and planning work overall is expected to take in the region of eighteen months. However, the form of the revised layout is anticipated by March/ April of 2016.

**7 Question submitted by Councillor Sheehy**

*I will ask that the Council give the protocol in terms of outdoor staff physically putting up signage of place names and safety signage and whether there can be a change to the type of signage and the placing of new signage as there are increasing reports of signage falling down regularly due to poor placement and quality.*

**REPLY:** Operations-South Division staff erect signs at the appropriate locations so that they are visible approaching villages/junctions. If there are areas where there are issues with signage, please submit details so we can order and erect replacement signs.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor O'Donnell**

*I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City and County Council install appropriate traffic calming measures on the R516 at Kilballowen adjacent to Bruff Rugby Club in the interest of road safety.*

The Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Donnell and seconded by Councillor Teefy.

**REPLY:** Operations-South Division will investigate this area and will arrange for extra signage/road markings if appropriate.

### **9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Donegan**

*I will move at the next Meeting that the roads engineer be requested to assist the communities of Ballyorgan and Glenroe in ensuring that all regulatory road signage, warning signs and information signs are completed following a review of the areas.*

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

**REPLY:** Operations-South Division are happy to assist these communities in the maintenance of road signs in their area. If the communities could submit details of where there are issues with signage, replacement signs can be ordered and erected.

### **10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy**

*I will move at the next Meeting that extra signage/road markings be put in place at Hogans Cross, Herbertstown on the R513 at the junction with L1139 to Herbertstown and L1140 to Bruff.*

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

**REPLY:** Operations-South Division will investigate junctions and will arrange for extra signage/road markings if appropriate.

## **11. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sheehy**

**I will move at the next Meeting that the Council address the lack of signage and the misleading signage at Drakes Cross, Glenroe.**

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Sheehy and seconded by Councillor O'Donnell.

**REPLY:** Operations-South Division will investigate this junction and will arrange for extra signage if appropriate.

## **12. Correspondence**

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

The Executive Engineer, Mr. Nash, gave an update on the Road Works Scheme.

The Director informed the Meeting that Councillor Gleeson had been nominated to the Management Committee of the Old School House, Grange.

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

- The Golden family, on the tragic death of Garda Tony Golden, Blackrock, Co. Louth.
- The Lynch, Gilbert and Connors families, who died tragically in a fire in Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.

It was agreed to invite Inspector Conlon to the next Monthly Meeting at Áras Mainchín Seoige, Millmount, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick which was scheduled to take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at 3.30p.m.

### **Municipal Reception – 3 Members of Hospital Handball Club**

The Meetings Administrator referred to decision made at the previous Meeting to host a Municipal Reception for Paul Hederman, John Ryan and Paudie Quish from Hospital Handball Club.

Following a short discussion, it was agreed that further clarification would be sought from the Handball Club and that this would be reported back to the next Meeting.

The Members enquired about the possibility of purchasing a backdrop for Municipal Receptions, the Administrative Officer, Corporate Services agreed to obtain a costing for the next Meeting.

The Cathaoirleach and the Members took the opportunity to thank Liz Moloney for her hard work and dedication and wished her the very best for the birth of her baby and her maternity leave.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_