

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 2016 AT 3.30 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor W. O'Donnell.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Donegan, Gleeson, Mitchell, Ryan, Sheehy, Teeffy.

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), Environment Awareness Officer (Ms. S. McDonnell), 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 January, 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.”

It was agreed to defer discussion on matters arising from the Minutes until after the next item.

2. Deputation

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Deputation from Glenroe / Ballyorgan Community Council.

Councillor Sheehy stated there was a lot of serious issues in Glenroe / Ballyorgan that needed to be resolved and she introduced Mr. Matt O'Callaghan, Speaker for the Deputation.

Mr. O'Callaghan thanked the Members for allowing them the opportunity to address the District Meeting.

The following issues were raised :

- Hyland's Bend was very dangerous as there was a very steep drop with little protection.
- Drake's Cross and Malone's Crossroads required signage.

- Roads in the area were in poor condition and required remedial works.
- The High Bridge was very narrow and trucks had difficulty passing.

Members thanked the Deputation for their presentation.

It was agreed that the Executive Engineer would meet with the Representatives of Glenroe / Ballyorgan Community Council.

The Deputation then withdrew from the Meeting.

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

In response to queries raised by Members in relation to staffing, the Acting Head of Finance/Human Resources/Corporate/ICT stated that there was an issue in relation to the appointment of General Operatives and it was hoped it would be resolved in the following couple of weeks. In relation to the recruitment of temporary staff, it was stated that it was hoped to have these staff in place for the 1st April.

Councillor Ryan stated that funding needed to be allocated to houses in Galbally that were flooded over the Christmas period.

3. Update on Policing in the District

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Luke Conlon, Acting Superintendent, Bruff District to the Meeting. At the outset, the Acting Superintendent offered his sympathies on the passing of Councillor Crowley.

The Acting Superintendent gave an update on policing over the previous quarter and provided details in relation to crime statistics for that period.

Members thanked the Acting Superintendent for his update and made the following points :

- They welcomed the appointment of a new Garda to the Pallasgreen area.
- The benefits of the Community Alert and Text Alert Schemes were very positive.
- Burglaries were a problem in the Galbally area.
- Disappointment was expressed that there had been no Joint Policing Committee Meeting over the previous 12 months.
- Queried when Speed Limit Review would commence.

4. Transportation & Travel / Environment

(a) Part 8 Procedure – Construction of a Pedestrian Bridge and Ancillary Works at Northbridge, Kilmallock

Circulated, Report of the Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations / Maintenance Services, South Division and attached Chief Executive's Report in relation to the Construction of a Pedestrian Bridge and Ancillary Works at Northbridge, Kilmallock which had been prepared in accordance with Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2015, and Part 8

of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001-2015 and it was proposed to proceed in accordance with the Chief Executive's Report.

Members welcomed the proposed development and acknowledged its importance in providing a safe crossing for pedestrians.

(b) Team Limerick Clean Up Campaign and Environmental Initiatives

The Environment Awareness Officer gave a presentation on the work of the Environment Awareness Unit. She stated that the Unit provided advice, promotion and support of environmental projects such as Green Schools, Fairtrade, National Spring Clean Week and Tidy Towns work. She outlined workshops and grants that may be available to groups. She also outlined details of the Going for Gold Scheme and Competition which was supported by the J.P. McManus Foundation.

She highlighted the importance of raising awareness of key issues such as waste prevention, correct waste management, litter and made particular reference to the success of Team Limerick Clean Up 2015. She gave details of Team Limerick Clean Up 2 which would take place on Good Friday 25th March.

Members thanked the Environment Awareness Officer for her excellent presentation.

5. Economic Development and Planning

The Administrative Officer, Economic Development and Planning made a presentation to the Members on the following initiatives / supports available to towns :

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

She stated the Charleville / Kilmallock area had been identified under the REDZ initiative. Limerick City and County Council was the lead agency and the project was co-ordinated through Ballyhoura Development Ltd. She outlined the objectives of the Business and Retail Incentive Scheme but stated the take-up of that scheme was low. She stated that there had been strong interest in the Love Your Street Scheme in Kilmallock which was supported by the J.P. McManus Foundation.

Members thanked the Administrative Officer, Economic Development and Planning for her excellent presentation and requested that she would attend the next Meeting as there was insufficient time for discussion on the item.

Members requested that copies of the presentations be made available to them.

6. Fixing of Date

On the proposal of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that the March Meeting would be held on Friday, 11th March, 2016.

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:

7. Question submitted by Councillor W. O'Donnell

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the Council investigation into the proposed Traffic Calming Measures adjacent to the National School in Knockainey.

REPLY: Operations have concluded that warning roadmarkings will be placed on the road either side of the school to calm the speed of approaching traffic. The Roadmarking Contractor has been requested to carry out this work.

8. Question submitted by Councillor W. O'Donnell

I will ask at the next Meeting what arrangements are in place for the carrying out of Road Marking Works in 2016.

REPLY: Outstanding line marking from 2015 will be carried out in due course by the Roadmarking Contractor appointed in 2015. Thermoplastic roadmarkings cannot be laid in wet, cold conditions which have been the prevailing conditions since last November.
A new tender process will then be run to appoint a new Roadmarking Contractor to carry out lining within 2016.

9. Question submitted by Councillor B. Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting if a Pedestrian Crossing can be installed on the L5072 Caherline to Dromkeen Road at Caherline N.S. in the interests of safety for the children crossing the road to the School.

REPLY: The complete list of projects to be carried out for 2016 is not complete at present. This proposal for a pedestrian crossing on the LS5072 Caherline to Dromkeen road can be investigated and costed. Budgetary constraints and the suitability of the project will determine whether the scheme can be progressed.

10. Question submitted by Councillor B. Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the design for the proposed construction works at Bearys Cross on N24.

REPLY: As the Councillors are aware from the previous update at last October's meeting, Kilgallen & Partners Consulting Engineers Limited are progressing the design of junction improvements at Beary's cross. As was indicated at the October meeting, a revised layout at the junction is anticipated from the Consulting Engineers by April of 2016. This schedule is still on track and the factors associated with any proposed change on such a heavily trafficked road are being given careful consideration by the Consultants, both with regard to

feasibility and impact on the operation and safety of the junction. Following receipt of this revised layout, a presentation will be made to the District Meeting by members of the design team.

NOTICES OF MOTION

11. 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.

It was agreed that this Notice of Motion would be adjourned to the next Meeting.

12. 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.

It was agreed that this Notice of Motion would be adjourned to the next Meeting.

13. 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.

It was agreed that this Notice of Motion would be adjourned to the next Meeting.

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

On the proposal of the Cathaoirleach, seconded by Councillor Mitchell, it was agreed to receive a Deputation from Bruff Community Council at the March Meeting of the District.

Councillor Ryan requested that car parking spaces be reserved for Members / Staff for future Meetings.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____