

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN JOHN THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY SCHOOL, HOSPITAL, CO. LIMERICK, ON TUESDAY, 17TH MAY, 2016 AT 3.30 P.M.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Donegan, Gleeson, 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), Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. G. O'Connor), Executive Engineer (Mr. J. Moloney), Road Safety Education Officer (Ms. K. Butler), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. S. Carroll).

At the outset the Cathaoirleach thanked the Principal and Staff of John the Baptist Community School for allowing the Meeting to be held in the School and invited the Principal to address the Meeting.

Mrs. M. Jones, Principal gave a brief history of the school. She outlined the building projects currently underway and expansion plans for the future. She stated that the facilities were also used widely by the community with adult education classes and many events being held in the school. She also indicated that there were traffic problems in the bus bay. She said any assistance the Council could give in relation to the expansion of the school/traffic management would be appreciated.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 21st April, 2016.

Proposed by Councillor Donegan;

Seconded by Councillor Ryan;

And Resolved:

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

The Executive Engineer confirmed that bridge repairs at the 4 locations outlined at the last Meeting would be carried out as a priority.

Councillor Ryan referred to road lining works carried out at the school in Galbally and expressed his thanks to staff.

Members referred to traffic congestion at John the Baptist Community School and the Executive Engineer agreed to attend the school at peak times.

2. Service Operations Directorate

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. K. Butler, Road Safety Education Officer to the Meeting.

The Road Safety Education Officer gave an update on the school wardens programme stating that there were 11 school wardens operating in the County at a cost of €90,000 and that there were 10 schools on a waiting list. She stated that there were controlled crossings in a number of schools.

Members outlined the serious traffic situation at the Primary School in Bruff and requested that the Roads Engineer carry out an audit at the school as a matter of urgency and report back to the following Meeting.

Members thanked the Road Safety Education Officer for her update.

3. Physical Development Directorate

The Acting Head of Finance outlined the speed limit review process and the time frame for same and confirmed the following :

- The Council was required to schedule both submissions received and proposed amendments and place on the agenda of the Municipal District for consideration and approval. As soon as approval was received, Draft Bye-Laws (Revision A) would be placed on public display for a period of not less than one month. Newspaper notice must be published in two daily newspapers with the 30 day period commencing on the date of first publication of the notice.
- Subsequently, the Council was required to consider objections and submissions received and prepare a report for the Elected Members. This report would be considered at the Municipal Meeting.
- Following consideration and approval of this report, Draft Bye-Laws (Revision B) would be prepared for consideration.
- Following consideration of representations, objections and submissions received, the Bye-Laws would be adopted by the Elected Members of the Local Authority at the full Council Meeting.

Members requested that a speed limit review be carried out at the National School in Bruree independently of the main Speed Limit Review. There was also an issue in relation to the type of crossing that was proposed for this location. It was agreed to revert to Members in relation to these issues.

4. Social Development Directorate

The Acting Head of Finance informed Members that an allocation of €10,000 was available under the Community Initiative Scheme 2016 for the District.

It was proposed by Councillor Gleeson, seconded by Councillor Teefy and agreed to approve the following allocations :

Comhaltas Fleadh Luimni	€2,000
East Limerick Community Radio	€2,000
Friars Gate Theatre	€3,000
Lough Gur	€3,000.

5. Corporate Services

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On the proposal of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Teefy, it was agreed that the June Meeting would take place on Thursday, 23rd June, 2016 followed by the Annual Meeting.

QUESTIONS

6. Question submitted by Councillor B. Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting what is the position with regard to the development of the extra grave spaces in Dromkeen Graveyard.

REPLY: The Council conducted a survey of the rear and side of the existing church ruins at the burial ground and determined there were spaces for an additional 44 burial plots.

At present there are no funds allocated to develop this extension to the existing cemetery.

The proposed extension will be considered should funding be made available in the 2017 Budget.

Councillor Teefy expressed disappointment that there were no funds available to develop the extension to Dromkeen Graveyard and asked the Acting Head of Finance to follow up on this.

NOTICES OF MOTION

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donegan

I will move at the next Meeting that Transport Infrastructure Ireland be requested to carry out a Traffic Impact Assessment at Hynes Cross on the N20 to improve right turning vehicles, road signage and markings.

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Donegan stated this was a dangerous junction and that there had been a number of accidents at that location in recent years.

REPLY: Limerick City & County Council has previously been in contact with TII in relation to this junction to facilitate the undertaking of a safety assessment here. The Council will again formally request TII to prioritise this junction for assessment.

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor G. Mitchell

I will move at the next Meeting that Cluinfoinse Estate be taken in charge as a matter of urgency.

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

In proposing the Motion Councillor Mitchell stated there was a lot of problems in this estate and residents were very frustrated.

REPLY: The Council has not received a taking in charge request for this development. Notwithstanding this the Council lodged a claim against the bond lodged for the satisfactory completion of the development as it was due to expire. The estate has to be inspected by the Council's Roads and Water Services Engineers in order to draw up a schedule of outstanding works and submit an estimated cost for the completion of these works. Once these reports are finalised they will be issued to the bondholder in order to progress this claim.

It was agreed that the Senior Executive Engineer would submit a report on unfinished estates to the following Meeting.

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

Councillor Sheehy gave an update on the youth bank, stating that there were nine young people on the committee and that they had received training. Their topic was mental health. A launch would be held in due course and Members would be notified of the details.

It was confirmed that a Civic Reception for Religious Orders would take place at full Council level in June.

Members expressed concern that a number of General Operatives were retiring in the coming months and requested an update on replacements for these.

The Acting Head of Finance referred to the allocation of €20,000 under the Tourism / Community Initiatives and it was agreed that the Meetings Administrator would send an email to Members requesting proposals for projects that could be funded under this category. These would be considered at the June Meeting and finalised at the July Meeting.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____