

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015 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:**

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, (S. Nash), Senior Staff Officer, Kilmallock Area Office (Mr. W. Ryan), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. S. Carroll).

An apology for her inability to attend the Meeting was received from the Director of Services (with responsibility for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock).

At the outset and with the permission of the Cathaoirleach it was agreed to take Item 2 first.

**2. Knocklong Railway Station Project**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Pat Walsh, Chairman and Mr. Joe Moloney, Vice Chairman, Knocklong Development Association.

Mr. Walsh and Mr. Moloney gave a detailed presentation to the Members outlining the Knocklong Railway Project Proposal.

It was stated that the development consisted of a two and half acre site, which included the restoration of the Station Masters House and grounds. The objective was to create recreational and educational facilities for the local community and visitors. Other features included a community office, museum and community park. A themed children's playground also formed part of the plans as well as a model railway.

The following items were also included in the presentation:

- Feasibility and Profitability of the Project.
- Potential Markets-who would come to Knocklong.
- Funding.

To progress the project, it was stated that Knocklong Development Association would need the support of the Council. They proposed, subject to receiving approval, to submit an application to CIE for a medium to long term lease of the site with Limerick City and County Council as the Holding Company. In response to a query from the Members, it was confirmed that CIE would

only consider entering into a lease if the Council was involved as a partner. It was stated that the Development Association could then sublet the property from the Council.

Members thanked Mr. Walsh and Mr. Moloney for their excellent presentation. They congratulated them on their work to date and wished them well with the project.

The Operations Manager, agreed to meet with the Director and discuss how the Council could assist with the project.

Mr. Walsh and Mr. Moloney then withdrew from the Meeting.

### **1. Adoption of Minutes**

Circulated, copies of draft Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (b) Draft Budgetary Plan Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2015.

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

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

- (a) Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

Proposed by Councillor Sheehy;  
Seconded by Councillor Donegan:  
And Resolved:

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

The Members asked if they could be circulated with details of Development Funding as soon as it was available.

### **3. Update on Policing in the District**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Inspector Luke Conlon, Bruff Garda Station to the Meeting. The Inspector gave a briefing on policing issues in the Bruff Division and details of crime statistics for the area and stated that crime figures were down generally.

It was proposed by Councillor Teefy and seconded by Councillor Mitchell, that the Chief Superintendent be written to requesting additional Garda resources for the area given the geographical size of the District.

It was proposed by Councillor Donegan and seconded by Councillor Ryan that the Chairman of the Joint Policing Committee be written to expressing disappointment that there had not been a Joint Policing Committee Meeting for some time. It was also agreed to copy the Chief Executive on this matter.

Members thanked Inspector Conlon for the update.

### **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 Teefy**

*I will ask at the next Meeting what is the situation with regard to taking in charge of Castle Park Estate, Caherconlish.*

**REPLY:** The Council claimed the bond lodged for the satisfactory completion of this development and have received payment in respect of same. The Council will now arrange for the outstanding works to be completed and once these are completed the formal taking in charge process will be commenced.

**5. Question submitted by Councillor O'Donnell**

*I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on proceedings taken by Limerick City and County Council regarding the Old Store premises in Herbertstown and if the property can be acquired by way of compulsory purchase.*

**REPLY:** This Property is currently on the Limerick City & County Council Derelict Sites Register. The Council obtained a conviction against the registered owners of this property for non-compliance with an improvement notice issued in accordance with Section 11 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990. The Council arranged for remedial works to the property in 2012.

The Council wrote to the registered owners of the property in June 2015 following a complaint that the appearance of the property has deteriorated in the past couple of years. No reply was received to the letters issued by Limerick City and County Council so the matter was pursued further by writing to NAMA. The Council were advised by NAMA that this property was not under their remit.

Following further searches by the Council it has come to our attention that the Company who own the property has recently re-constituted. Limerick City and County Council wrote to the company's solicitor on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and no reply has been received to date to this letter. This matter will be followed up in the coming days.

The Council are not considering the purchase (by compulsory acquisition) of this property at this time as there is no budget available.

**6. Question submitted by Councillor O'Donnell**

*I will ask at the next Meeting if Limerick City and County Council would consider installing a safety railing on the footpath at Lower Main Street, Bruff between the Church of Ireland and the Bridge in the interest of road safety for pedestrians and in particular children walking to*

*school.*

**REPLY:** While it is desirable to install a guardrail along this section of footpath, it is not possible to do so in line with relevant Road Standards. Guardrails must be situated a minimum of 450mm from kerb edge to prevent interference with cyclists. However the footpath is narrow here and an installed guard rail may even encourage pedestrians to walk outside it, increasing the risk of an incident. Guardrails can block sight lines of drivers and this could cause a concern for vehicles that wish to turn down the Athlacca Road. Guardrails have contributed in an increase in driver speed in areas where they are installed. The Road Safety Authority have issued guidance to parents bringing their children to school to 'keep hold of your child's hand at all time'. This advice is the best measure for keeping children safe along the route.

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

***I will move at the next Meeting that the Council immediately erect a barrier on the Tully Road, Glenroe where there is a number of bad bends and a 40 foot deep ravine.***

The motion was proposed by Councillor Sheehy and seconded by Councillor Ryan.

**REPLY:** Having investigated this matter, Limerick City and County Council find that the risk to road users at this location will be greatly reduced by the erection of a series of warning signs leading up to and along these bends. This solution then negates the need for any barrier.

Councillor Sheehy stated that she was not satisfied with the response provided as she felt a barrier was justified at this location. She added that it was a serious issue as this stretch of road was extremely dangerous. Following a short discussion, it was agreed to provide more specific detail for the issue to be looked at again by the Council.

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

***I will move at the next Meeting that improvement works be carried out to the footpath on the Limerick side of Bruff (R512), this footpath forms part of the new Slí na Sláinte route in Bruff.***

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

**REPLY:** Repair work will be carried out along limited sections of footpath before years end.

However significant funding is required to repair/replace worn sections of footpath, which is not available from the General Maintenance Budget but may become available from other funding sources.

9. **Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor O'Donnell**

*I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council install appropriate and necessary traffic calming measures at the National School in Knockainey in the interest of road safety.*

The motion was proposed by Councillor O'Donnell and seconded by Councillor Ryan.

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council will review the area in question and install all appropriate signing and lining to help with traffic calming.

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

On the proposal of Councillor Teefy, seconded by Councillor Gleeson, it was agreed by the Members to hold a Municipal Reception for representatives of the Kilteely-Dromkeen Community following their success as the overall winner for population centres of up to 300 in the Pride of Place Competition.

Members also expressed their congratulations to the representatives from Scanlon Park, Castleconnell who were runners up in the competition and to the Bruff community who also represented Limerick.

A short discussion took place on the holding of a number of other Municipal Receptions in the New Year. The Cathaoirleach stated that these would be considered further at the next Meeting.

The Meetings Administrator stated that each Municipal District was required to nominate one Member to attend a Meeting with the National Roads Authority, now Transport Infrastructure Ireland. It was agreed that the Cathaoirleach would attend and if he was unavailable he would nominate another Member to attend on his behalf.

The Meetings Administrator referred to decision made at a previous Meeting to host a Municipal Reception for members of the Hospital Handball Club. As Members were required to attend a Municipal Reception at 6pm, it was agreed to adjourn the Meeting to Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015 at 2.45 p.m to further discuss details for this reception.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

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