

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 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. S. Nash), Executive Engineer (Mr. J. Sheehan), 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 17th December, 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.”

In response to a query raised at a previous Meeting, the Meetings Administrator advised that it was proposed to hold a Meeting of the Joint Policing Committee in February.

2. Deputation

On the proposal of Councillor Sheehy, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed to receive a Deputation from Glenroe / Ballyorgan Community Council at the February Meeting of the District.

3. Old School House, Grange

The Cathaoirleach referred to correspondence circulated with the Agenda in relation to the Old School House, Grange.

Members welcomed the substantial works which had been carried out to the Old School House, Grange and thanked staff from the Property Department and all those involved in carrying out the works. In addition, the Cathaoirleach thanked Councillor Gleeson for his ongoing work as their representative on the Committee.

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 L. M. Sheehy

I will ask at the next Meeting if Limerick City and County Council can investigate possible traffic calming measures like a roundabout at Lynch's Cross, Caherconlish.

REPLY: The Council has made a submission to the Department under the Low Cost Safety Scheme for works to be carried out at this location. It is expected to receive notification from the Department in the next 2-3 weeks. The Council has set aside funding to carry out a design plan for this location in 2016.

5. Question submitted by Councillor L. M. Sheehy

I will ask at the next Meeting if Limerick City and County Council is aware that the L8639 Ballylanders Bog Road is subsiding and is a serious danger to road users and if the Council has a plan to tackle this issue as soon as possible.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council is taking steps in the short term. This section of road has been included in the draft 2016 Road Works Scheme.

6. Question submitted by Councillor W. O'Donnell

I will ask at the next Meeting if additional public lighting can be provided on the N24 at Knockballyfookeen where there is a cluster of houses. Public lighting is provided for some houses but is required for the remaining houses in the interest of safety.

REPLY: The Council will ask Airtricity to carry out a survey in order to assess the need at this location.

7. Question submitted by Councillor G. Mitchell

I will ask at the next Meeting what the situation is in relation to taking in charge of Cluain Foinse Estate in Hospital.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council are in the process of preparing a snag list with the intention of calling in the bond so that outstanding works can be carried out and the estate taken in charge.

8. Question submitted by Councillor G. Mitchell

I will ask at the next Meeting what immediate policy has the Council in place to repair unsafe and dangerous potholes and roads during prolonged bad weather.

REPLY: The Council seeks to effectively maintain its roads assets within its resources. At present as many patching crews as Health and Safety Regulations allow are

operating until the severe weather damage has been alleviated. During the Christmas Holiday period, the road crews responded to many emergency situations reported to them including severe potholes.

NOTICES OF MOTION

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. M. Sheehy

I move at the next Meeting that immediate repairs take place to the footpath in front of the Community Hall on Main Street Hospital in the interest of public safety.

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

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council will carry out repairs to this section of footpath at the entrance to Bank Place shortly.

Councillor Mitchell requested that repairs also be carried out to the footpath outside the former Bank premises, which was now a restaurant.

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor G. Mitchell

I will move at the next Meeting that regular inspections are carried out of gulleys, culverts, pipes, watercourses to determine that they are fit for purpose and in working order throughout the year.

In proposing the motion Councillor Mitchell stated that climatic conditions were changing due to heavier rainfall and inspections should be carried out on gulleys, pipes, etc. to ensure they were in working order.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Donegan.

REPLY: Manpower resources are not available to carry out regular inspections throughout the year on drainage infrastructure. Landowners are responsible for the maintenance of drainage infrastructure on their own properties under the Roads Act 1993 as amended. Limerick City and County Council responds to reports of blocked pipes usually by employing a specialised drainage contractor to free them. Ongoing maintenance of roadside inlets/gullies continues to be carried out, with a special emphasis during November following the shedding of leaves.

Members expressed their disappointment with the delay in the recruitment process for General Operatives. The Acting Head of Finance/Human Resources/Corporate/ICT confirmed that it was hoped to have the General Operatives appointed in the next couple of weeks.

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

Members thanked staff in the Kilmallock Office who were available over the Christmas period when houses in Galbally had been at risk of flooding.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Donnell, seconded by Councillor Mitchell it was unanimously agreed to host a Municipal Reception for J.P. Mc Manus in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the people of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District. It was also agreed that the Meeting Room at Áras Mainchín Seoige would be named the J.P McManus Meeting Room and that an appropriate plaque would be put in place and unveiled on the day of the reception.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donnell;
Seconded by Councillor Mitchell;
And Resolved:

"That, a Municipal Reception be hosted for J.P. Mc Manus in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the people of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District."

It was agreed that the following items would be arranged for the next Meeting:

- Inspector Conlon would be invited to give an update on policing in the District.
- Update to be given on Youth Bank Project (Councillor Sheehy).
- Update on speed limit reviews (Operations Manager).

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____