

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2015, AT 4PM.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor E. Ryan.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors, Gleeson, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Sheehy, Teefy.

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Donegan.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Water Services & Environment (Mr. K. Lehane), Operations Manager, West & South Division (Mr. B. Kennedy), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox), Administrative Officer, Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. G. O'Connor), Senior Executive Engineer (Ms. A. Goggin), Executive Engineer (Mr. S. Nash), Clerical Officer (Ms. L. Moloney).

**1. Deputation from Kilmallock and Kilfinane Angler's Association and Inland Fisheries**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed representatives from Kilmallock and Kilfinane Angler's Association which consisted of Mr. Eamonn O'Riordan, Chairman and Mr. Sean O'Riordan, Treasurer. He also welcomed Mr. Fitzsimons representing Inland Fisheries.

Representatives from Kilmallock and Kilfinane Angler's Association were seeking financial support from Limerick City & County Council to assist them in their endeavours.

Mr. S. O' Riordan gave a presentation to the Members briefing them on the history of the club, potential of the fishery and proposed developments which included:

- Requirement for stiles in various locations
- Introduction of weirs and boulders
- Clean up of bank vegetation
- Bank reinforcement
- Footbridge over dykes
- Signage on bridges
- Ongoing support from IFI, OPW, EPA, Irish Water and Limerick City & County Council.

Mr. E. O' Riordan spoke about how the angling tourism had declined in Ireland since the early 1980's and mentioned some of the following factors which he felt had contributed to that decline:

- Water pollution
- Water abstraction
- Arterial drainage schemes
- Extensive fish kills
- Rapid decline in fish stocks
- Lack of investment

He stated that all improvement works had been carried out on a voluntary basis by the club members.

Mr. Fitzsimons, Senior Fisheries Environment Officer, Inland Fisheries commenced his presentation stating that Inland Fisheries fully supported Kilmallock & Kilfinane Angler's Association application to Limerick City & County Council.

He outlined the problems with the River Loobagh, the extent of natural recovery, and the three proposed enhancement stages.

The types of structures proposed under the project were as follows:

- V notch weirs
- Straight weirs
- Alternating deflectors
- Paired deflectors
- Pools
- Digging of a Thalweg
- Random boulders
- At least two access bridges
- Numerous styles to provide secure access to anglers without damaging fencing
- Bio security centre
- Permit sales and tracking facility

He advised the Members that the requirements for the first stage of enhancement of the River Loobagh would cost €40,656.

➤ 294 T of one ton boulders	€5,550
➤ 360 T of gravel washed graded and delivered	€4,428
➤ Longreach digger incl. haulage	€7,134
➤ Website	€9,840
➤ Brochures	€1,845
➤ Bio security station including one year's operations	€1,845
➤ Fencing 500m	€2,214
➤ Labour estimate	€1,800
➤ Three bridges at €2,000 each	<u>€6,000</u>
	€40,656

Members commended the Delegation for their presentation adding that it was a worthwhile project.

Owing to time constraints it was agreed that discussion on the Presentation would take place at the next Ordinary Meeting.

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**Cathaoirleach**

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