

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 2017, AT 3.30 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor G. Mitchell, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Donegan, Gleeson, O'Donnell, Ryan, Sheehy and Teefy.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

A/Director, Support Services – Finance, Corporate, Human Resources and ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), Director, Physical Development (Mr. K. Lehané), A/Senior Executive Engineers, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Messrs. J. Moloney and B. Murphy), Senior Engineer, Road Design (Mr. T. Fitzgerald), Senior Executive Engineer, Road Design (Mr. C. Hegarty), Assistant Engineer, Road Design (Mr. R. Kennedy), Clerical Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. D. O'Kelly), Meetings Administrator (Ms. T. Knox).

At the outset, it was agreed to take Item No. 2 on the Agenda as the first item.

2. Deputation

The Cathaoirleach welcomed a Deputation from Bruree Community Council comprising Messrs. Joe Carey and Ger Sexton. He outlined the format for the presentation.

Mr. Carey gave a presentation under the following headings:

- Parking outside Mobile I.T. – Issue for people using laneway accessing roadway as sight lines are hindered by parking at this location.
- C.C.T.V – The village would benefit greatly if cameras were installed at various locations.
- Street Lighting – Installation of new lighting had been welcomed but there were some locations, particularly at Mill Street and Mill Road, that would require to be completed.
- Mill Road Park – Trees required to be cut back at this location.
- Public Refuse Bins – Barrier bars required to be put on all bins to prevent dumping of domestic refuse.
- Water Street – Anti-Social behaviour was an issue in some unoccupied houses at this location.
- Old Castle – The castle in the old graveyard had had some boarding removed from its entrance which was now causing a hazard.
- Housing Estates – All housing estates had requested speed limit signs to be erected at the entrances.

Members thanked the Deputation for the presentation and stated that many of the issues were possible to rectify locally. In relation to provision of CCTV, the Deputation was informed that funding was available to Community Councils through Grant Schemes. The website for the Department of Justice and Equality was suggested as a source of information in relation to CCTV. On the issue of parking near the Mobile I.T., it was suggested that yellow lines be placed at this location.

The Senior Executive Engineer (B. Murphy) stated that he was very impressed with the civic pride within the community and that he had been involved in the past with the Graveyard Committee. Staff in the local office would always be available to assist the community. Mr. Carey thanked the Members for their time and asked that feedback be conveyed in writing to the Community Council.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 21st September, 2017.

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

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

3. Regional Services Directorate

Mr. P. Bergin, Director, Kilgallen and Partners, Consulting Engineers, was in attendance for Item 3.

(a) Proposed N24 Beary's Cross Road Improvement Scheme

Circulated, report of the Administrative Officer, Mid-West National Road Design Office, dated 12th October, 2017, setting out details of proposed N24 Beary's Cross Road Improvement Scheme.

The report stated that as this proposed improvement scheme was located in both the Metropolitan District area and the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District area, the scheme was being brought to both meetings for consideration and discussion by the Elected Members. However, it was intended that the formal Part VIII report for this road improvement scheme would be brought to the Full Meeting of the Council in November because of the fact that the improvement scheme was located in both the Metropolitan District area and the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District area.

A PowerPoint presentation was delivered on the public consultation process. It was noted that, in total, 9 written submissions had been received as follows:

Ref. No.	Name	Response Provided by Council
1	Beary's Cross Residents' Association	Yes
2	Quinn Household	Yes
3	Murroe Boher GAA Club	Yes
4	Boher Community Development Association	Yes
5	Michael Ryan	Yes
6	Gas Networks Ireland	No
7	Irish Water	Yes
8	An Garda Síochána	No
9	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	No

It was stated that 3 of the submissions had been observational and did not require a response; the remaining 6 were then outlined in full, as was the Designer's response to each.

Queries and concerns were raised by the Members but, in general, the proposal scheme was broadly welcomed.

Staff from the Mid-West National Road Design Office, and the Consultant, responded to queries from the Members in relation to the Compulsory Purchase Order process, funding, speed limit, controlled crossing and consultation with residents.

The position was noted by the Members.

(b) Part VIII Procedure - Proposed N20 O'Rourke's Cross Road Improvement Scheme

Circulated, report of the Administrative Officer, Mid-West National Road Design Office, dated 12th October, 2017, enclosing Chief Executive's Report in relation to proposed N20 O'Rourke's Cross Road Improvement Scheme.

The Chief Executive's Report set out details of the proposed development under a number of headings and was prepared and submitted to the Members pursuant to Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

It was proposed to proceed with the development as outlined in the report.

A PowerPoint presentation was delivered on the public consultation process. It was noted that, in total, 9 written submissions had been received as follows:

Ref. No.	Name	Response Provided by Council
1	John T. Garrett & Associates on behalf of Patricia O'Rourke	Yes
2	Ger O'Keeffe Consulting Engineers Limited on behalf of James Beechinor, O'Rourke's Cross Filling Station	Yes
3	Jim and Eileen O'Connell	Yes
4	Councillor Michael Donegan	Yes
5	Tommy and Theresa Clery	Yes
6	Councillor Richard O'Donoghue on behalf of Jim and Eileen O'Connell	Yes
7	Gas Networks Ireland	No
8	Irish Water	Yes
9	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	No

It was stated that 2 of the submissions had been observational and did not require a response; the remaining 7 were then outlined in full, as was the Designer's response to each.

A lengthy discussion took place on this item and the following points/concerns were made by the Members:

- To avoid isolation of the shop, could a fifth leg be included in design of the roundabout to give direct access to the shop.
- Safety of road users was noted as being a priority.

Councillor Donegan, in referring to his submission, made the following points:

- The proposal to locate the stop for north-bound buses on the western side of the realigned N20 entailed serious safety risks.
- The right-turn lane, which provided access to the filling station, was too short and could potentially cause tailbacks to the roundabout.
- Could a fifth leg be added to the roundabout and could both bus stops be relocated to the parking area.

Staff from the Mid-West National Road Design Office, and the Consultant, responded to queries from the Members as follows:

- The accident frequency at 5-leg roundabouts was 1.6 times that associated with a 4-leg roundabout. It was for this reason that under TII road design standards, the provision of roundabouts of 5 legs or more was not recommended on national roads and, if provided, had to be applied for as a departure from the standard.
- In relation to bus stop, to ensure safety of the public, speed limits would be in place, road lighting would be provided in accordance with TII standards, and the scheme permitted the installation of a controlled crossing at the location.

The Members noted the report and generally welcomed the proposed development. Councillor Donegan, however, asked that his concerns as outlined above be noted.

4. Physical Directorate

Report on the Public Consultation for the Draft Limerick City and County Council (Control of Horses) Bye-Laws 2017 to regulate sulky racing on public roads in Limerick

Circulated, report of the Director, Physical Development, dated 29th September, 2017, enclosing the Public Consultation Report on the Draft Limerick City and County Council ((Control of Horses) Bye-Laws 2017 to regulate sulky racing on public roads in Limerick.

The report, as circulated, was noted by the Members.

QUESTIONS

5. Question submitted by Councillor G. Mitchell

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update from Irish Water on recent Environmental Protection Agency Report in relation to Hospital, County Limerick.

REPLY: The Question has been referred to Irish Water for update and response.

6. Question submitted by Councillor B. Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting when will the works necessary to complete the new extension to Caherconlish graveyard be carried out as extra grave space is urgently needed there.

REPLY: P. Coleman and Associates, Chartered Engineers, Ennis, Co. Clare, have been appointed to complete the design, prepare tender documents, go to tender. This work will be complete by early December 2017. Thereafter, subject to appropriate funding being provided, a Contractor will be appointed and the works complete in 2018.

NOTICES OF MOTION

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor G. Mitchell

I will move at the next Meeting that the Town and Village Renewal Scheme be amended to include upgrade of Sewerage Treatment Plants which are not fit for purpose.

This Motion was adjourned to next Meeting.

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor B. Teefy

I will move at the next Meeting that this Municipal District request, as a matter of urgency, that extra Gardaí be assigned to the Bruff District.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Teefy raised the ongoing need for greater Garda resources to be allocated to the District.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed.

The Members raised serious concerns in relation to the number of staff changes at senior level in the District. They asked for correspondence to be sent to the Chief Superintendent seeking clarification as to when the Superintendent position for the Bruff District would be filled on a permanent basis.

Other Matters Raised:

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, the following matters were raised by Members:

- **Clean-Up Operation of Treess at Glenbrohane**

The works carried out at this location in the aftermath of Storm Ophelia were noted. Members conveyed their appreciation to all staff involved with Storm Ophelia and Storm Brian.

- **Votes of Congratulations**

A Vote of Congratulations was extended to the team representing Cappamore Fire Brigade on winning 'Limerick's Fittest Superstars.'

A Vote of Congratulations was also extended to Murroe/Boher on winning the County Intermediate Hurling Championship.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____