

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, ON FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 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), A/Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Murphy), A/Senior Engineer, Operations and Maintenance (Mr. G. O'Connor), Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance (Mr. T. McKechnie), Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance (Mr. J. Sheehan), Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery (Mr. D. Healy), Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance (Mr. J. O'Keeffe), Administrative Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. M. Leahy), A/Senior Executive Planner, Economic Development (Ms. K. Burke), Administrative Officer, Finance Services (Ms. L. Magner), Meetings Administrator (Ms. T. Knox), Clerical Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. D. O'Kelly).

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach and Members welcomed Mr. M. Leahy as Administrative Officer for Cappamore-Kilmallock and wished him well in his new role.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the following Meetings of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock:

- (a) Monthly Meeting held on 19th October, 2017.
- (b) Budgetary Plan 2018 Meeting held on 19th October, 2017.

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

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

2. Fixing of Date

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Teefy, it was agreed that the December Meeting of the District would be held on Tuesday, 12th December, 2017, at 3.30pm.

3. Support Services

(a) JPC Sub-Committee

Circulated, Limerick Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2016-2021.

The Meetings Administrator advised Members that this matter had previously been discussed and it was proposed to set up a Sub-Committee comprising of all Members of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock and one Public Participation Network (PPN) nominee, namely Mr. Tommy O'Dwyer. The purpose of the Sub-Committee was to formalise meetings with the Superintendent of the District of Bruff Division. It was also proposed that these meetings would take place 30 minutes prior to the Monthly Meeting of the District.

The structure, as set out above, was agreed.

(b) Information Presentation on Housing Loans

The Administrative Officer, Finance Services, gave a presentation on the Housing Loan Application process under the following headings:

- Types of Loans.
- Legislation.
- Eligibility Criteria (Annuity Loans).
- Maximum Loan and Lending Limits.
- Application Fee and Interest Rates.
- Home Improvement Loan.
- Shared Ownership Restructuring.
- Mortgage Allowance Scheme.
- Management of Loan.
- Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process.
- Local Authority Mortgage to Rent.

Members thanked her for her very informative presentation and acknowledged that there were many options available to the public. Members raised the issue of interest rates provided by the Council and asked that the public be made aware of the competitiveness of the rates being offered.

The Administrative Officer agreed to circulate the presentation to Members.

4. Service Operations Directorate

Draft Speed Limit Bye-Laws for National and Non-National Roads

Circulated, Report of the A/Senior Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services, dated 15th November, 2017, setting out the background to the Speed Limit Review and the preparation of related Draft Bye-Laws for National and Non-National Roads.

It was noted that submissions, proposing changes to the Bye-Laws, were assessed in line with the Guidelines set out in the “Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland” (March 2015) and that an Engineer’s Report with recommendations was completed for each location. It was also noted that Workshops had been held with Members in each Municipal District and issues raised by Members were reviewed by the Council Executive or Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), as appropriate, and the outcome of these reviews was now being presented to Members of the Municipal District for consideration. The Members’ approval was sought to proceed with the publication of the Draft Bye-Laws for public consultation, in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

Also Circulated:

- Limerick City and County Council, County Limerick Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-laws 2018 for Regional and Local Roads (Draft);
- TII National Road Speed Limit Review 2015-2017 – County Limerick (29th September, 2017).
- RPS National Road Speed Limit Review 2015-2017, Limerick National Road Draft Bye-Laws (Document Control Sheet);
- Speed Limit Review Submissions received for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for Non-National Roads.

The Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance, (Mr. J. O’Keeffe), gave a presentation outlining the proposed amendments to speed limits on National Roads within the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for the following locations as outlined in the TII prepared National Road Speed Limit Review 2015-2017 Document and the National Road Speed Limit Review 2015-2017 Limerick National Road Draft Bye-Laws Document:

- N20 – Banogue.
- N24 – Ballysimon Interchange approaches, Dromkeen, Pallasgreen, Brooks Bridge and Oola.

The A/Senior Engineer, Operations and Maintenance, (Mr. G. O'Connor), noted that the adoption of the bye-laws was a matter for the Full Council and that the approval of the District was sought to move on to the public consultation phase.

The Speed Limit Review and outcome of same for Non-National Roads in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was discussed.

Members thanked the officials for the presentation and commended them on achieving concessions on the speed limits. They also raised the issue of 30 km/h speed limits in estates and the A/Senior Engineer, Operations and Maintenance, stated that, following on from the pilot scheme introduced last year, it was now proposed to introduce a 30 km/h speed limit in a further 67 housing estates within the Municipal District as part of the current Speed Limit Review.

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

“That, the approval of the District be and is hereby given to Draft Speed Limit Bye-Laws for National and Non-National Roads proceeding to public consultation stage.”

5. Economic Development Directorate

Proposal to extend life of Caherconlish Local Area Plan 2012-2018

Circulated, report of the Director, Economic Development, dated 31st October, 2017, enclosing copy of Chief Executive's Report dated 3rd November, 2017, submitted to the Elected Members of the District in accordance with Sections 19(1)(d) and 19(1)(e) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in relation to the deferral of making a new Caherconlish Local Area Plan and setting out the Chief Executive's views in relation to same.

The A/Senior Executive Planner stated that it was proposed to extend the life of the Caherconlish Local Area Plan, which came in to force in 2013, for a further 5 years. It was stated there was sufficient zoned land available and little development had occurred in the area since the adoption of the Plan.

Members raised the issue of available zoned land and it was stated that as much of this was intermingled with Local Authority estates, it may not be attractive to private development.

The A/Senior Executive Planner outlined that national and local policy was that development should occur from the core of the village centre out and not in a piecemeal fashion. The recently published Draft National Planning Framework outlined this as a key objective.

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

“That, having considered the Chief Executive’s Report dated 3rd November, 2017, the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock resolves to defer the sending of a notice under Section 20(3)(a)(i) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and defer the publishing of a notice under Section 23(3)(a)(ii) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and to extend the life of the Caherconlish Local Area Plan 2012-2018 by a further 5 years from 24th November, 2017, in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).”

6. Physical Directorate

Part VIII Procedure – Junction Improvement Works at Lynch’s Corner, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick

Circulated, report of the Director, Service Operations, dated 20th November, 2017, enclosing Chief Executive’s Report in relation to proposed Junction Improvement Works at Lynch’s Corner, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick.

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.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery, circulated a preliminary design drawing and stated that it was proposed to seek permission for junction realignment, new footpaths, road surfacing, pedestrian crossings, tabletop construction and associated drainage and services in the village of Caherconlish. The scheme would also include for works to the existing bridge. He stated that no budget was available for the scheme which was estimated to cost between €400,000 and €500,000. He also stated that the Physical Strategy Department would endeavour to source funding.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Operations and Maintenance, stated that the project would require to be looked at on a phased basis. Phase 1, which could commence next year, would include the Zebra Crossing and tabletop construction. There was an amount of €50,000 available from the Development Fund.

Members, in noting the report, welcomed the proposal and, in particular, the phased basis for the proposed development.

ADJOURNED NOTICE 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.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Mitchell and seconded by Councillor O'Donnell.

QUESTION

8. Question submitted by Councillor W. O'Donnell

I will ask at the next meeting if appropriate traffic calming signage can be installed at Bruff Rugby Club in addition to the road markings recently installed.

REPLY: The Roads Maintenance Section will design a road signage layout for this location and will seek appropriate funding.

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

I will move at the next Meeting that the Council change the right-of-way, or create a roundabout, or the safest option, as a matter of urgency at the Grotto junction in Kilfinane.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Sheehy stated that this was a very dangerous junction. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Donegan.

REPLY: The Roads Maintenance Section has plans to upgrade road markings and signage at the Grotto Junction in Kilfinane. Works are due to proceed in early 2018.

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor W. O'Donnell

I will move at the next meeting that the Council proceed to acquire the Old Store Premises in Herebertstown under the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Donnell and seconded by Councillor Teefy.

REPLY: This property was entered on the Derelict Sites Register in October 2009. The Council successfully prosecuted its owners in 2011 for non-compliance with a Section 11 Notice under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. The Council considered acquisition of the site at this time but did not have budgetary provision. The Kilmallock Area Office carried out some remedial works to the site in March 2012.

The site is currently being re-valued as per the provisions of the Act and will be charging a 3% levy on the lands from January 2018.

Members welcomed the positive response and stated that this site was a serious issue for a small community. It had been a long-term problem. Members hoped that this building would be acquired by the Council and put to good use for the local community.

The A/Director, Support Services, stated that the new Urban and Village Renewal Department would be working with owners to renovate their premises.

11. Correspondence

The Correspondence, as circulated, was noted and Members expressed concern with lack of Garda resources in the Bruff District and said they would welcome the appointment of a permanent Superintendent as soon as possible.

Other Matters Raised

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

- Members raised the issue of tree-cutting on the R513 at Glenacurrane and the A/Senior Executive Engineer advised Members that the Council was awaiting a traffic management plan to be put in place and estimated that the works would take place approx. 5 days.
- Congratulations were extended to Kilmallock, who were runners-up in the Enterprising Town Awards.
- Congratulations were also extended to Bruff GAA Club on winning the Junior B Hurling Championship.
- A discussion took place in relation to forthcoming Civic Receptions and Members requested the Administrative Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock, to forward list of nominees.
- On the proposal of Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed to receive a Deputation from Hospital Community Council at the December Meeting.

- On the proposal of Councillor Sheehy, seconded by Councillor Teefy, it was agreed to receive a Deputation from Kilfinane Coshlea Historical Society at the January Meeting.
- Councillor O'Donnell wished to convey the appreciation of the Parents' Association, Knockainey, for works carried out by the Council adjacent to the school.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathairleach

Dated:
