

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, ON TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 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:

Director, Physical Development (Mr. K. Lehane), A/Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Murphy), Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. J. Sheehan), Administrative Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. M. Leahy), A/Senior Executive Engineer, Business Improvement (Mr. J. Moloney), A/Senior Planner, Economic Development (Ms. M. Woods), A/Senior Executive Planner, Economic Development (Ms. K. Burke), Meetings Administrator (Ms. T. Knox), Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. C. Sheehy).

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach it was agreed that Item 3 would be taken at this point.

3. Economic Development Directorate

Proposed Amendment to the Hospital Local Area Plan 2012-2018 (as extended)

Circulated, report of the Director of Economic Development dated 24th November, 2017, enclosing copy of the Chief Executive's Report dated 24th November, 2017, on the Proposed Amendment No. 1 to the Hospital Local Area Plan 2012-2018 (as extended) relating to amending the zoning matrix to allow for hotel and petrol station on lands which were zoned Residential Serviced Sites.

The A/Senior Planner outlined that eleven submissions had been received during the statutory period, which were summarised in the Chief Executive's report. The Chief Executive's recommendation was not to proceed with the proposed amendment as it was considered that it was important to protect the Serviced Site Zoning in the plan. The Cathaoirleach agreed with the recommendation of the Chief Executive.

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

“That, having considered the Chief Executive’s Report dated 24th November, 2017, the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock resolves not to proceed with the proposed amendment to the Hospital Local Area Plan 2012-2018 (as extended) relating to amending the zoning matrix to allow for hotel and petrol station on lands which are zoned for Residential Serviced Sites, in accordance with Section 20(3)(d) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.”

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 24th November, 2017.

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

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

The Members thanked everyone involved in the tree-cutting work that was carried out on the R513 at Glenacurrane, which they had raised at the previous Meeting.

2. Deputation

The Cathaoirleach welcomed a Deputation to the Meeting from Hospital Community Council comprising Messrs. Tony Hehir, Eddie Creighton and Cannon Conor Ryan.

The Deputation addressed the Meeting and raised issues under the following headings:

- Speed of traffic through the town.
- Housing.
- Delisting of buildings.

In relation to the speed of traffic, it was requested that table ramps be provided at both ends and the centre of town in order to assist with the reduction of speed. Reference was made to the number of primary and post-primary students in the town which was in excess of 1,400 and the level of traffic involved in dropping and collecting pupils from school. It was also stated that the R513 was a very busy route as it connected East Cork to Limerick and the West of Ireland.

The proposed development of 20 houses was welcomed by the majority of people but concern had been raised initially in relation to the proposed entrance and exit to the development. It was stated that the proposed new road layout design had allayed people’s concerns. Members of the Deputation asked, for safety reasons, if the entrance to the playground could be moved to the car park area. They also referred to allocation of houses in the new development and possible installation of CCTV cameras.

In conclusion, the Deputation referred to the high number of listed properties in Hospital. The current number listed was 60. They raised concerns in relation to cost of upgrading these properties and also the difficulty experienced by owners in trying to sell them.

Members commended the group on their presentation and acknowledged the achievements of the Community Council.

In relation to amendment of Hospital Local Area Plan, Councillor Donegan stated that he had received no other representation other than from the community and business of Hospital as referred to in the Chief Executive's Report dated 24th November, 2017, under Item No. 3 on the agenda.

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Sheehy, it was agreed to allocate €10,000 to Ballylanders Community Centre to assist with the purchase of a bus. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Ballylanders Community Centre advising that €10,000 had been allocated to them from the General Municipal Allocation.

QUESTION

4. Question submitted by Councillor E. Ryan

I will ask at the next meeting (a) why Limerick City and County Council did not apply for funding to carry out works under the Local Improvement Scheme; (b) how many are on the waiting list for the Scheme in Limerick; and (c) how many are on the waiting list for the Scheme in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council maintains a list of Local Improvement Schemes in the order in which they are received. Members are aware that it is a requirement that the landowners are required to contribute 10% of the cost of the scheme.

(a) and (b) In September this year, and in response to a Circular Letter from the Department of Community and Rural Affairs, the Council submitted a list of 53 schemes for consideration and approval by the Department. 14 schemes were approved and the works were carried out during October and November. This meant that 39 schemes did not receive approval at this stage.

On 26th November, a new Circular was issued from the Department inviting the submission of further schemes. Due to a misunderstanding, it was the Council's impression that the schemes that had been previously submitted in September would be considered by the Department in this welcome second round of funding for 2017. When it was clarified that it was necessary to re-submit the original list, the Council did so immediately and is awaiting clarification from the Department.

(c) 6 on waiting list for Scheme in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock.

Since September, a further 8 additional schemes have been submitted to the Council for inclusion under the Local Improvements Scheme. These are currently being costed and, of these 8, two are located in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock.

The Director advised the Meeting that additional funding in the sum of €134,000 had been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development in respect of additional Local Improvement Scheme road projects.

Other Matters Raised

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

- The Members raised their concerns that the main roads were the only roads salted during severe weather conditions and queried if local roads, especially where there were schools, could be considered for salting. The A/Senior Executive Engineer agreed with the Members that roads with schools should get priority but unfortunately, due to Health & Safety and the Working Time Act, he did not have the manpower to deal with other roads outside of the National Roads.
- A presentation was made to Ms. Tina Knox on her departure from Corporate Services. The Members expressed their gratitude for all work she had carried out since taking up the position of Meetings Administrator for the Municipal District. They stated that she was very approachable, friendly and helpful and they wished her well in her new role with Property Services.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Dated:
