

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, ON THURSDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018, 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), Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. J. Sheehan), A/Senior Executive Engineer, Business Improvement (Mr. J. Moloney), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. C. Sheehy).

**Vote of Sympathy**

At the outset of the Meeting, a Vote of Sympathy was extended to the family of the late Dolores O'Riordan, lead singer with the Cranberries, following her untimely passing. The Members paid tribute to her musical talent and her huge achievements with the Cranberries on the world stage, which brought huge pride to all in her native Limerick. A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach it was agreed that Item 2 would be taken at this point.

**2. Deputation**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed a Deputation to the Meeting from Kilfinane Coshlea Historical Society comprising of Angela Hennessy, Patsy McGrath, Robert O'Sullivan and Dermot O'Shaughnessy.

The Deputation addressed the Meeting and explained that they were formed in 1999 with the aim of researching and collecting local and family history within the Barony of Coshlea. The Society's headquarters was at Ballinvreena Community Hall and they had undertaken several projects.

They informed the Members that their current project was titled “Where did your ancestors live in 1911,” which had begun over two years ago. This project involved procuring a 1911 map of each townland and identifying the families living in the townland and their homes on these maps. To date, they had completed 27 townland maps, including the town of Kilfinane, listing 2,130 people and 472 houses in total.

They outlined that they had explored the feasibility of developing a website to carry all the project data in a user-friendly and easily searchable manner, which would enable families to identify the actual field/street in which they lived in 1911, and this might prompt them to visit the area. However, they were finding the cost of this beyond their resources and were appealing to the District for financial support for this worthwhile project.

Members commended the group on their presentation and acknowledged the work of the Kilfinane Coshlea Historical Society.

The Deputation thanked the Members and then withdrew.

### **1. Adoption of Minutes**

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

Proposed by Councillor Donegan;

Seconded by Councillor Teefy;

And Resolved:

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

The Members commended all those involved in the Civic Reception, which took place on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017. It had acknowledged the achievements of numerous clubs and individuals and it was felt that it was a great success.

### **3. Support Services Directorate**

#### **Lough Gur Co-Operative Development Society Limited**

On the proposal of Councillor Teefy, seconded by Councillor O’Donnell, the Members agreed with proposal to allocate €30,000 to Lough Gur Co-Operative Development Society Limited for the operation of the Lough Gur Site in 2018, as outlined by the Director. It was noted that this allocation would come before Full Council in 2018 for formal ratification.

## **QUESTION**

### **4. Question submitted by Councillor W. O'Donnell**

*I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on investigations into the parking issues which exist at Sycamore Drive, Bruff.*

**REPLY:** An initial design has been prepared to address the parking issue at Sycamore Drive, Bruff. This design will provide an additional 15 car parking spaces. However, there will be a significant reduction to the size of the public green space. A public consultation meeting will be necessary to ensure the design meets the approval of the Sycamore Drive residents. Once agreement is reached on the proposed design, funding will be sought.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **5. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L.M. Sheehy**

*I will move at the next Meeting that this District calls on Irish Rail to reopen Kilmallock Railway Station which would be serviced by passing trains; I will also move that this District write to Irish Rail to invite them to attend a future Meeting of the District to discuss this proposal.*

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Sheehy and seconded by Councillor Donegan.

It was agreed that a meeting between Irish Rail, the Council and Community Stakeholders would be organised to discuss this proposal.

## **Other Matters Raised**

At the conclusion of the Agenda and with the permission of the Cathaoirleach, the following items were raised:

- **Condition of Roads**

The Members expressed their concerns over the condition of the roads at present. They highlighted that there were numerous lorries pulling heavy loads of timber during the winter months when the roads were more vulnerable to damage. They acknowledged that there had been a lot of rainfall recently blocking inlets and gullies, which did not help the condition of the roads either. Some Members felt that a provision for an allocation to purchase a grader should be considered which would help alleviate the problem.

The A/Senior Executive Engineer agreed with the Members that the roads were in a bad condition at present. He stated that they had been trying to improve drainage where possible. He added that there was a lot more development taking place which resulted in greater volumes of traffic on the roads and due to the recent weather conditions and lack of funding, they did not have the resources to maintain the standard of some roads.

- **Irish Walled Towns Network Kilmallock**

The Members expressed concern about the possibility that there would be no funding nationally for the Irish Walled Towns Network in 2018. This would have a major impact on some projects in the Municipal District area, which were currently being assisted by the Irish Walled Towns Network. The Members agreed that it was vital that the Heritage Council would continue funding of the Irish Walled Towns Network in 2018.

- **Vote of Sympathy**

A Vote of Sympathy was extended to Councillor Donegan on the death of his uncle, John Donegan, Ardkilmartin, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

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**Cathaoirleach**

Date:

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