

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, ON THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 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 Engineers, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Messrs. B. Murphy and J. Moloney), Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. J. Sheehan), Head of Digital Strategy (Mr. Mihai Bilauca), Culture and Arts Officer (Ms. S. Deegan), Architectural Conservation Officer (Mr. T. Cassidy), Assistant Planner (Mr. S. Martin), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. C. Sheehy).

Recent School Bus Crash

At the outset of the Meeting and with the permission of the Cathaoirleach, the Members paid tribute to Emergency Services involved in the serious crash at Connolly's Cross, Caherconlish, involving a school bus. The Members also expressed relief that there were no serious injuries and that the students and bus driver would all make a speedy recovery from their injuries.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 18th January, 2018.

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

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

Councillor Sheehy requested that the Members be informed when a reply from Irish Rail was received in relation to her Notice of Motion regarding reopening Kilmallock Railway Station.

2. Disposal of Land

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Community Support Services, dated 31st January, 2018, setting out background to the proposed disposal of land at Castlefarm, Hospital, Co. Limerick. It was intended to bring the proposed disposal to the Full Council for approval.

The Members noted the report, as circulated.

3. Request to receive Deputation from Local Residents in Nicker/Pallasgrean

The Members agreed to receive a Deputation from local residents in Nicker/Pallasgrean at a future Meeting of the District.

With the permission of the Cathaoirleach, it was agreed that Item No. 5 would be taken at this point.

5. Regional Directorate

Limerick School of Spectacle

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. S. Deegan, Culture and Arts Officer, to the Meeting.

The Culture and Arts Officer gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Members on the Limerick School of Spectacle, which took place in November in Hospital, Co. Limerick. She stated that the School of Spectacle was part of a wider Creative Europe project called the *European Outdoor Arts Academy*, with seven European partners overseeing five intensive training schools into small-scale scratch productions in Pafos, Limerick, Plovdiv, Kaunas.

She informed the Members that the following were the aims and objectives of the project:

- Capacity Building (training and education).
- International Exchange.
- Community Engagement.

She explained to the Members that over four schools, School of Spectacle had delivered the following:

- A safe and intensive sharing space for 25 international creative practitioners per school.
- A curated meeting place for creative practitioners from different cultures to build relations through shared experience and achievement.

- Created the opportunity to work outside comfort zone, expanding perceptions and confidence, and strengthening employability through new skills and working practices.
- Provided an inter-disciplinary playground for creative practitioners to work across production, fire, aerial, movement, procession, digital installation, community and participatory practice to deliver four small-scale spectacles engaging audiences of between 150 and 450.
- Smaller European Cities of Culture engaged with Spectacle as an art form, gaining workforce and future productions.

The Members thanked the Culture and Arts Officer for the interesting presentation and commended the good work done. They added that the night had been very successful and it was encouraging to see more Cultural activities in the County.

4. Economic Development Directorate

Smart CCTV Project

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Mihai Bilauca, Head of Digital Strategy, to the Meeting.

The Head of Digital Strategy gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Members, which gave an update on the details of the Limerick Hinterland Report – Smart CCTV Pilot. He informed the Members that the procurement was completed on 14th September, with civil costs 50%-60% of the CCTV installation. He explained that the cost ranged from €7,000 to €23,000 per location, depending on the location. He stated that the pre-contract works/negotiations started in October and the contract was awarded to Roadbridge Limited in November 2017 in the sum of €540,397.53, with Wave 1 started in November and Wave 2 subject to funding.

He informed the Members that the installations would be carried out in five clusters from November 2017 until March 2018, which involved the following:

- Budget cost of €440,000.
- All 14 communities would see the installation of the latest generation of Smart CCTV systems.
- 14 Local CCTV hubs – local NVR with smart analytics capabilities, networking, communications and power management.
- 44 high spec/high quality cameras would be installed in 24 new locations in the 14 towns.
- CCTV monitoring upgrades in the Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC).
- Smart features for pattern/footfall recognition were included.
- 28 broadband connections between the local CCTV hubs and MCEC.
- Remote access on mobile phones – linked to An Garda Síochána Mobility Project.

- 13 locations would be enabled in Wave 2.
- Privacy impact assessment was in progress.

He outlined the following benefits to the local communities:

- Improved community safety – combating and further reducing crime.
- Improved emergency response.
- Better traffic management and control, traffic counting and categorisation, traffic flow and parking.
- Reduced damage to private and public properties and infrastructure; evidence for public liability claims.
- Combating and reducing antisocial behaviour.
- Cleaner environment and public spaces.
- Helping the promotion of tourism by live streaming.
- Improved civic engagement.

He explained to the Members that the scheme would have to take into account all privacy and data protection guidelines.

He confirmed that a strategic approach would be taken in order to respond to increased demand from all communities and the following were the proposed steps:

1. Secure additional funding – Wave 2.
2. Installation and Maintenance Framework 2018.
3. Review of Governance/Procedures.
4. Increase monitoring capability/capacity – MCEC.
5. Image quality – lighting.
6. Ensure value for money.

The Members thanked the Head of Digital Strategy for the presentation. They requested that an information evening be held to inform the public about the pilot scheme, which the Head of Digital Strategy agreed to consider.

6. Service Operations Directorate

(a) Taking-in-Charge of Estates – Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Planner, Planning and Environmental Services, dated 1st February, 2018, setting out details in relation to the proposed taking-in-charge of Toormore, Bruree, Co. Limerick.

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

“That, the following estate - Toormore, Bruree, Co. Limerick – be taken in charge, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993.”

(b) Part VIII Procedure – Construction Works at Lough Gur Visitor Centre

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Kilmallock, dated 14th February, 2018, enclosing Chief Executive’s Report dated 14th February, 2018, in relation to proposal for the construction of a Solstice Park and shared road space at Lough Gur Visitor Centre.

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 Members noted the report and welcomed the proposed development.

7. Service Operations Directorate

Proposed Deletion from the Record of Protected Structures

Circulated, report of the Senor Manager, Planning and Environmental Services Department, dated 5th February, 2018, enclosing report on a proposed deletion from the Record of Protected Structures contained in the Council’s County Development Plan.

Proposed by Councillor O’Donnell;
Seconded by Councillor Ryan;
And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the deletion of Herbert’s Thatched House, Ballincrana, Kilmallock, County R.P.S. Reg. No. 37, from the Record of Protected Structures maintained by Limerick City and County Council and contained in Volume 3 of the Limerick County Development Plan 2010-2016, as provided for under the provisions of Sections 54 and 55 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).”

QUESTIONS

8. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donegan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the proposed footbridge at the North Bridge in Kilmallock

REPLY: The Council awarded the contract for the footbridge in December 2017 to Kenny Civil and Plant Hire Limited, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. A substantial section of the works will be fabricated off-site. Procurement and fabrication of the steel sub-structure is ongoing. Site works are expected to start in April 2018. Substantial completion of the bridge is expected in June 2018.

9. Question submitted by Councillor W. O'Donnell

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the Council's plans for its premises at Crawford Street, Bruff.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council owns a building on Crawford Street, Bruff, which previously served as a small Council depot. The depot was closed in 2005 and, since then, the condition of the building has deteriorated to a point where complete demolition is required.

Limerick City and County Council has received quotations to demolish the building. Demolition is expected to proceed in March 2018.

The Crawford Street depot shares a common gable wall with an adjoining building. The Council is in negotiation with the owner of the adjoining site with a view to carrying out the demolition of both buildings at the same time. If no satisfactory agreement is reached, the Council will proceed with the demolition of the former depot site and provide support and weatherproofing to the exposed gable wall.

NOTICE OF MOTION

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donegan

I will move at the next Meeting that a dedicated section of Kilmallock Library be set up to host the works of the Joyce Brothers – famous poets, writers and collectors of Irish music.

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

REPLY: The Library Service will be happy to facilitate this request. In the coming weeks, a collection of the Joyce Brothers works will be assembled and a dedicated space created for the collection in Kilmallock Library. We will revert to the Members when this collection is in place.

Other Matters Raised:

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

- **Community Initiative Grant Scheme**

The following Groups were approved funding under the Community Initiative Grant Scheme by the Members as follows:

Group	Contribution Approved
Limerick Animal Welfare - contribution to Puppy Unit	€1,000
Friarsgate Theatre - Kilmallock	€3,000
Comhaltas Fleadh	€2,000
Lough Gur Development Society	€3,000
Ballylanders Day-Care - contribution to Community Bus	€10,000
CareBright, Bruff	€6,000
Free Market at the Venice Biennale	€1,500
Bloomsday Bruff	€2,000
Coshlea Historical Society, Kilfinane	€1,500
Total	€30,000

The Members also suggested that each Community Group be invited to a presentation event, which would be held before a future Meeting of the Municipal District, in order to highlight the positive news of these grants being awarded in the Municipal District area.

- **Glenfield Junction**

The Members asked for an update in relation to Glenfield Junction. Mr. J. Moloney, A/Senior Executive Engineer, confirmed that a Feasibility Study had recently been completed in relation to this junction and this feasibility study proposed that a raised platform, rather than a roundabout, be considered for the junction.

The next stage in the process would be the engagement, subject to funding, of a Design Team which would progress the design of the junction with a view to bringing the revised junction design proposals to Part VIII stage. He confirmed that there would be further engagement and updates provided to the Members as the design phase progressed.

- **Vote of Sympathy**

A Vote of Sympathy was extended to former Councillor, Michael English, on the death of his brother, Tom English, Swanson Terrace, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick.

- **Departure of J. Moloney, A/Senior Executive Engineer**

The Members expressed their gratitude to John Moloney, A/Senior Executive Engineer, who was departing from the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock. They stated that he was extremely helpful and professional in his work and wished him well in his new role in the Business Improvement Department.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

_____ **Cathaoirleach**

Date:
