

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL, 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:

Director, Support Services – Finance, Corporate, Human Resources and ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), A/Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Murphy), Executive Engineers, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Messrs. J. Sheehan and D. Sheehy), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. C. Sheehy).

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 29th March, 2018.

Councillor Donegan requested that the Minutes be amended on Page 2 to include that the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sheehy had been proposed by Councillor Sheehy and seconded by Councillor Donegan. This was agreed.

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

“That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed, subject to the amendment outlined above.”

2. Disposal of Land

Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Community Support Services, dated 5th April, 2018, setting out background to the proposed disposal of land at Thomastown, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick. It was intended to bring the proposed disposal to the Full Council for approval.

The Members noted the report, as circulated.

3. General Municipal Allocation

Circulated, Cappamore-Kilmallock General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2018 Schedule prepared by the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock, dated 19th April, 2018, setting out proposed General Municipal Allocation for 2018 showing proposals for the expenditure of €290,000 of the District's GMA allocation.

Members acknowledged the work that had been carried out by all involved and stated it was a well-balanced GMA.

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

"That, the General Municipal Allocations 2018 for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock, as circulated, in the amount of €290,000, are agreed, in accordance with Section 102(4) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended."

QUESTIONS

4. Question submitted by Councillor G. Mitchell

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on Cluain Foinse Estate in Hospital in relation to taking-in-charge by the Council.

REPLY: There are outstanding works in this estate which need to be completed to bring the estate to a taking-in-charge standard. The Council has lodged a claim against the planning bond in order to carry out these works. The bondholder has responded to the claim with some queries and revised schedule of works and costs. This revision is being examined to ensure the estate will be completed to a satisfactory standard before agreeing same with the bondholder.

5. Question submitted by Councillor G. Mitchell

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on unfinished upgrade on street lighting in Hospital, particularly in relation to estates.

REPLY: There was a total of 5 infill lights required as part of the upgrade to the town of Hospital on the main public network. These lights required connections from the ESB.

Airtricity currently has the lights installed on the timber poles and the Council is awaiting the ESB to make the final connections. Airtricity has said it is confident the 5 lights will be operating before the end of April 2018.

There is no funding available at present for the upgrade of estates to LED lighting.

NOTICES OF MOTION

6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor G. Mitchell

I will move at the next Meeting that an Overseer investigate blocked gulleys, shores, manholes and potholes and disrepair, along with any other risks, including trees and litter, which may be a danger to traffic and all road users, along with mapping of all future and past gulleys, culverts and shores; this work to be carried out on an ongoing basis so as to notify and alert the Local Authority and the Elected Members of any impending danger.

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

REPLY: Routine roads maintenance in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock is divided into two operational areas - Operations North, based in the Annacotty Depot, and Operations South, based in Kilmallock. Each operational area has a Roads Engineer who is responsible for the maintenance of the road network, including the investigation and resolution of blocked gullies, repair of potholes and other roads-related problems. The Roads Engineers are also assisted by 4 Roads Supervisors in investigating and resolving routine drainage problems and repair of potholes.

The Sugar CRM system is increasingly being used by Elected Members and the public to report potholes and blocked gullies and the Sugar CRM system provides a mechanism for updating the Elected Members and public of progress in resolving roads-related problems. All of the information garnered from the various sources is then used to assist in the response to issues arising and in the preparation of a planned roads programme for the Municipal District.

Members expressed their concern that local knowledge could be lost and it was considered that a system was required in order to maintain same.

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

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council carry out a review of the Bruff Local Area Plan to include re-zoning of lands for residential development which are required for the town.

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

REPLY: There is currently sufficient zoned lands for residential development in Bruff Local Area Plan which was extended in April 2017 for a 5-year period. Following adoption of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSES) in Quarter 1, 2019, Limerick City and County Council will review the County Development Plan Core Strategy and subsequent zoning in the Local Area Plans to ensure compliance with the RSES.

Other Matters Raised:

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

- **Vote of Congratulations**

Congratulations were extended to Hospital/Herbertstown GAA on winning the County U21 B Hurling Championship.

- **Part 8 Applications under the Planning and Development Acts**

The Meetings Administrator informed the Members that the A/Senior Executive Planner was unavailable to attend the Meeting to discuss this issue. However, a Workshop would be arranged and he would inform the Members once a date had been agreed.

The Members welcomed the Workshop and requested that it would be held on the same date as the Municipal District Meeting.

- **Retirement**

The Members expressed their good wishes to Sean O'Malley, Area Supervisor, on his retirement. They acknowledged the work he had carried out within the Municipal District over his 40 years of services. They stated that all within the Municipal District would sadly miss him.

- **Appointment of Superintendent**

The Members expressed their concern that the newly appointed Superintendent for the Bruff District would not be taking up his appointment. They highlighted the need for an appointment immediately and requested that a letter be sent to the Acting Garda Commissioner and Minister for Justice, along with the Chief Superintendent in Henry Street, Limerick.

- **Smart CCTV Pilot**

The Members requested an update on the Information Evening on the Smart CCTV Pilot Scheme, which was to be arranged to inform the public about the Scheme. The Meetings Administrator stated he would follow up on this with the Head of Digital Strategy.

- **Dairygold Co-Op Cappamore**

Councillor Gleeson expressed his concerns regarding the possible closure of the Dairygold Co-Op in Cappamore. He stated that this Co-Op was providing a great service to the local people and it was essential that it would remain open.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach

Date:
