

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018, AT 2.00 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, HR & ICT (Mr S. Coughlan), Director Physical Development (Mr K. Lehane), A/Senior Executive Engineer Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Murphy), Senior Executive Engineer Design and Delivery Services (Mr. D Healy), Executive Engineers Cappamore-Kilmallock (Messrs. D. Sheehy and J. Sheehan), Executive Engineer Physical Development (Mr J. O'Leary), Staff Officer Property Services (Mr J. Cregan), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy).

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

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

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

**2. Statement by Cllr Noel Gleeson**

With the agreement of the Cathaoirleach and the Elected Members, Cllr Gleeson indicated that he wished to make the following statement:

I refer to my comments at the last Municipal District meeting about the Smart CCTV system, which were reported in the Limerick Leader on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. I wish to apologise for certain comments I made about a solicitor in Newcastlewest, whom the Limerick Leader subsequently named as Rossa McMahon. I acknowledge that these comments unfairly characterised his concerns about the CCTV scheme.

I accept that I unfairly suggested that he had an untoward motive, that he stood to profit from objecting to the scheme, that he was in any way responsible for what I referred to as “mayhem” or that any clients of his might be people who could or should not be defended.

I may not agree with his views on the CCTV scheme but I absolutely accept that he has raised genuine concerns. I regret any damage to his reputation that my comments may have caused.

### **3. Physical Development Directorate**

#### **Flood Risk Management Plans-CFRAMS**

Circulated, report of Director of Services, dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018, setting out the details of the Flood Risk Management Plans-CFRAMS.

The Executive Engineer, Physical Development Directorate gave a presentation to Members on the Flood Risk Management Plans-CFRAMS and advised the Members that Limerick City and County Council has received confirmation from the Office of Public Works in relation to the identification of projects to be delivered under the CFRAMS programme. Members were informed that €60 million has been allocated to provide for infrastructure that will prevent flooding in Limerick City and Environs, Castleconnell, Athea and Rathkeale. This funding will advance these schemes to the detailed design and construction phases.

The Members welcomed the Flood Risk Management Plans but noted that suggested flood protection proposals may need to be amended once a detailed design was completed on the selected areas and thanked the Executive Engineer for his presentation.

#### **Draft Noise Action Plan 2018**

The Director of Services, Physical Development briefed the Members on the Draft Noise Action Plan 2018. The presentation outlined that the Draft Noise Action Plan is a five year strategic plan to address noise from major roads in Limerick and that the plan excludes noise from domestic activities. He outlined the effects that road traffic noise has on people’s health and the measures that can be taken to prevent, reduce and preserve it.

Members were advised that the Plan is currently on public display until the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 with a final plan to be submitted to the EPA in September 2018 for consideration and review. The Director of Services, Physical Development also confirmed that the Plan, once adopted, would feed into the County Development Plan and into the planning permission process when future planning applications were being considered.

The Members thanked the Director of Services for his presentation but noted the noise issues generated in areas other than road traffic, which were also a source of major nuisance and concern for the general public.

## **Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock (Parking Places) (Amendment) Bye-Laws 2018**

Circulated, report of Director of Services, dated 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018, setting out the details of the Draft Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock (Parking Spaces) (Amendment) Bye-Laws 2018.

The Director of Services, Physical Development briefed the Members on the Draft Bye-Laws. He explained that the purpose of the Bye-Laws was to give effect to the agreed policy of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee and the Full Council in relation to the waiving of parking fees for electrically powered vehicles recharging in an electrically powered vehicle-charging bay.

If adopted by the Members there would be an exemption from the requirement to pay parking fees for a maximum period of four hours for electrically powered vehicles recharging in an electrically powered vehicle recharging bay and he also confirmed that the exemption would be reviewed after a period of 24 months.

The Members welcomed the introduction of the Bye-Laws and agreed that suitable locations should be considered for the provision of charging bays in Kilmallock. They also suggested that consideration should be given to reviewing overall Parking Bye-Laws as well.

On the proposal of Cllr Donegan, seconded by Cllr Ryan it was agreed to adopt the Bye-Laws.

### **4. Service Operations Directorate**

#### **Design and Delivery Services-Briefing on proposed Junction Improvement Scheme, Lynch's Corner, Caherconlish, Co.Limerick**

The Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery Services briefed the Members on the proposed Junction Improvement Scheme at Lynch's Corner, Caherconlish, Co.Limerick and confirmed that the scheme would be going to tender in the coming weeks.

While welcoming the progression towards tender stage, the Members expressed disappointment that the proposed works going to tender were different to what had been in the original Part 8 Planning application that had been previously approved by the Municipal District Members.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery Services explained that the proposed works had been amended due to budgetary constraints for the project and emphasised the importance of proceeding with the project to avoid the possibility of losing the funding for the junction improvement works currently being proposed.

The Elected Members highlighted the fact that there had been significant engagement by the community in Caherconlish in the original Part 8 proposals and stressed the importance

of re-engaging with the local community to update them on what works would now be carried out at this junction. The Senior Executive Engineer, Design and Delivery Services accepted this and agreed to update local residents of the changes being made to the Junction Improvement Scheme.

## **5. Property Services-Disposal of Land**

### **5 Beechwood Drive, Ballyorgan, Co.Limerick**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Property Services dated 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2018, setting out the background to the proposed disposal of land at 5 Beechwood Drive, Ballyorgan, Co.Limerick. It was intended to bring the proposed disposal to the Full Council for approval.

The Members noted the report, as circulated.

### **Lough Gur, Co.Limerick**

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Property Services dated 24th May, 2018, setting out the background to the proposed disposal of land at Lough Gur, Co.Limerick. It was intended to bring the proposed disposal to the Full Council for approval.

The Members noted the report, as circulated.

## **QUESTIONS**

### **6. Question submitted by Councillor B. O'Donnell**

**I will ask at the next Meeting when will a permanent street cleaner operative be appointed to Bruff Town by Limerick City and County Council.**

**REPLY:** The Operations South Division, based at Kilmallock Area Office has assigned one general operative to carry out street cleaning duties in Bruff and Croom. At present, the general operative divides his time equally between both locations.

The Kilmallock Area Office are monitoring the street cleaning requirements in Bruff, in particular at weekends where a number of litterbins are full. The Council will assign additional resources on a trial basis to empty street bins at the weekend. The trial period will start in July 2018 and be reviewed at the end of August 2018.

The Elected Members expressed disappointment at the fact that the full-time general operative who had been based in Bruff and who had recently retired, was not being

replaced by a full time person. They were concerned at the impact this would have on the work being done by voluntary groups in Bruff and the dangerous precedent being created which may have implications for service delivery in other areas of the District as well.

The A/Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock agreed that it was regrettable but that it was a resources issue and that the situation would be monitored over the next couple of months to assess how the revised procedures were operating.

The Members stressed the importance of the local authority providing adequate support to all voluntary groups in the District who were making huge efforts to maintain and improve their communities.

## **7. Question submitted by Councillor B. O'Donnell**

**I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on repairs to the wall at Waterfall Road, Bruff.**

**REPLY:** Repair works on the stone wall commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 and are currently ongoing. The repairs will be complete by 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

The works are being carried out using resources from the Ballyhoura TUS scheme and facilitated by Bruff Community Council. Limerick City and County Council has provided the required building materials.

## **Other Matters Raised:**

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

- **Votes of Sympathy**

Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to their fellow Councillor Lisa Marie Sheehy and to family and friends on the recent passing of her grandfather Mick Sheehy, Ballintubber, Kilfinane, Co.Limerick.

A Vote of Sympathy was extended to the family and friends of Joseph (Joe) Taylor, Monemore, Knocklong, Co. Limerick following his recent passing.

A Vote of Sympathy was extended to the family and friends of Robert (Robbie) O'Dea, Milltown, Kiltteely, Co. Limerick following his recent passing.

A Vote of Sympathy was extended to the family and friends of Patrick (Paddy) Long, Ballinard, Herbertstown, Co. Limerick following his recent passing.

- **Appointment of Superintendent**

The Members welcomed the appointment of Brian Sugrue as Garda Superintendent for the Bruff District and expressed the hope that this was the end of the saga with the delay in appointing a full time Superintendent for the Bruff District. They acknowledged the work done by Dermot O'Connor, Acting Superintendent and looked forward to working with the new Superintendent in the future.

- **Condition of Roads**

The Members referred to the recent spell of dry weather and the importance of dealing with the particular issues arising in a prolonged dry spell in maintaining the road network system to a satisfactory standard.

- **Venice Biennale**

Cllr Donegan thanked his fellow Members for nominating him to attend the Venice Biennale, which he said, was a very informative and interesting experience.

- **Kilmallock Footbridge**

The Members welcomed the recent construction of the footbridge in Kilmallock, which they stated was a welcome addition to Kilmallock. They commended the Council staff involved and the contractor for the work in preparation, design and delivery of the footbridge for Kilmallock.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cathaoirleach**

Date:

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