

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2018, AT 3.30 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor E. Ryan, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Donegan, Gleeson, Mitchell, and Teefy.

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillor O'Donnell & Councillor Sheehy.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Support Services-Finance, Corporate, HR & ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), A/Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Murphy), Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Sheehy), Assistant Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr D. Toomey), Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mrs Helen O'Neill)

1. Adoption of Minutes

(i) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 19th July, 2018.

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

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

2. Service Operations Directorate

Disposal of Land

- (i) Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services dated 17th July, 2018 setting out the background to the proposed disposal of freehold interest of land at Ballinard, Herbertstown, Co.Limerick. It was intended to bring the proposed disposal to the Full Council for approval.

The Members noted the report as circulated.

- (ii) Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services dated 3rd September, 2018 setting out the background to the proposed disposal of freehold interest of land at Cloghadreen, Old Pallas, Co.Limerick. It was intended to bring the proposed disposal to the Full Council for approval.

The Members noted the report as circulated.

3. Municipal District Reception

The Members agreed to hold a Municipal District Reception in November 2018 to recognise individuals and groups from the District for achievements attained at either National or International level. They also agreed that the format for the Municipal District Reception would be along the lines of the reception organised in late 2017 and that they would submit details of proposed nominees in the next few weeks to the Meetings Administrator.

The Members also agreed to hold a Reception in November 2018 to commemorate certain deceased people from the District to recognise particular contributions that they made during their lifetime. The Members agreed to submit details of proposed nominees for this Reception to the Meetings Administrator.

QUESTIONS

4. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the traffic calming measures being implemented at Lynch's bend in Ballygibba, Kilmallock.

REPLY: Limerick City & County Council will carry out improvement works to the existing road surface and white lining at Lynch's bend. The Council has appointed Ecoflex Ltd to lay 500 sq. metres of anti-skid surfacing at the location. This will be followed by the renewal of the white lines.

The works are expected to be carried out by 15th October 2018, subject to suitable weather conditions.

5. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting

- **How many vacant local authority houses in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District;**
- **How long are they vacant;**
- **Is the funding in place to carry out the required works on these voids?**

REPLY:

(a) There are currently thirteen vacant Local Authority houses in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District. Two of these houses are receiving final upgrade renovation works and have tenants allocated to these houses. A further three of the thirteen houses are currently ready for tenants and are awaiting acceptance.

(b) Of the thirteen properties in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District, four have been vacant for less than six months, four have been vacant for between six and twelve months, and five have been vacant for between twelve and twenty four months.

(c) Funding has been approved for all valid voids works on the remaining properties and works will commence without undue delay.

The Members expressed their disappointment that some vacant local authority houses had still not been repaired and re-allocated, having been vacant for between twelve and twenty four months. They stressed the importance of capital funding being made available by the Department to repair these long term voids, having regard to the housing crisis currently being experienced nationally.

The Members also agreed that consideration should be given to purchase more houses in the Municipal District as this would be a quicker way of housing provision in the District.

6. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for an update on the works to be carried out at the new extension to Caherconlish Graveyard.

REPLY:

It was the intention to tender this project out for construction in the spring of 2018. In March 2018, the Electricity Supply Board made contact with Limerick City & County Council, offering to take down and bury the existing over ground three-phase power line between the old and new burial grounds, as

they were doing works in an adjacent property. By doing so, it would both visually enhance the boundary between both the existing and new graveyards and have the potential of providing additional new burial spaces.

The ESB also suggested that they would make contact with the adjacent church (Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Caherconlish) with the option of burying the power line that traverses over their property. This has only recently been resolved between the Church and the ESB.

At present, our Consulting Engineers are amending the tender documents to incorporate the changes required with the assistance of the ESB. It is expected the contract will go to tender before the end of 2018 and construction to commence in spring of 2019, subject to the approval of the Council.

7. Question submitted by Councillor O'Donnell

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on current enforcement action taken by Limerick City & County Council in relation to derelict buildings in the Municipal District.

REPLY: There are currently 9 properties on the Derelict Site Register referring to the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock.

There are 67 open cases on Sugar CRM in relation to derelict properties in the Cappamore-Kilmallock area. These cases are in progress and the properties have not been entered on to the Derelict Sites Register. The Urban & Village Renewal Department are working with these property owners in relation to carrying out remedial measures to remove the property from dereliction.

NOTICE OF MOTION

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will move at the next meeting that the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock would consider installing speed ramps/traffic calming measures within Millmount Estate, Kilmallock.

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

REPLY: The installation of speed ramps and other traffic calming measures is guided by the policy document 'Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy for Urban Areas'.

In common with all housing estates in Kilmallock, the Council will erect 30 kph signs at Millmount Estate following approval of the Speed Limit Byelaws in late 2018.

The Traffic Calming Policy acknowledges that there are occasions when further measures such as speed ramps are required, and provides a protocol for assessing and prioritising schemes and includes factors such as:

- Accident history
- Speed
- Vulnerable road users
- Traffic Volumes
- Local Conditions
- Through Road

The provision of traffic calming measures is often a contentious issue with residents. Consequently, the Policy requires a plebiscite of residents in which two thirds of the residents on the street affected have indicated that they are in favour of the proposed measures. Any such plebiscite shall be restricted to residents living within 100 meters of the location of the proposed traffic calming measures.

The Members noted the reply to the Question and a general discussion took place in relation to speed ramps and the appropriate use of same. The A/Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock agreed to do a briefing for the Members on the policy document 'Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy for Urban Areas' at the next Municipal District Meeting.

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will move at the next meeting that drainage works be carried out in St Columba's Graveyard, Pallasgreen, where there is water lodging in a section of the graveyard causing flooding there.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Teefy and seconded by Councillor Gleeson.

REPLY: On foot of representations received regarding a localised surface water drainage issue within the burial ground. Limerick City & County Council has assessed the drainage issue along with the deleterious condition of the

existing footpaths and decided to install new surface water drainage in the affected area and replace the damaged sections of footpaths with new.

The works have been tendered out and Limerick City & County Council are in the process of appointing a contractor to do the works.

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor O'Donnell

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick City & County Council investigate all options for the provision of off street parking in Bruff Town.

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

REPLY: Limerick City and Council will investigate the extent of the parking problem and investigate all options for the provision of off street parking.

Other Matters Raised:

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

- **Opening of Kilmallock West Wall Walkway and Footbridge**

The Members noted that a date had been fixed for the Official Opening but expressed disappointment that the proposed date and time would clash with another prior engagement scheduled in Oola later on the same day.

The Director noted that completion of the West Wall Walkway and Footbridge was a welcome addition to Kilmallock and that it was important to mark the opening of same, but agreed to work with the Cathaoirleach to see if alternative options could be considered having regard to the clash of engagements on the day.

The Members complimented Council staff and the contractors who worked on these projects, and in particular Sarah McCutcheon, Executive Archaeologist for her ongoing work in Kilmallock on the Walled Town project.

- **School Bus Scheme**

The Members expressed their disappointment at the fact that approximately 25 students of Hospital Secondary School were unable to secure places on school buses, which was placing undue hardship and stress on parents and students, at the start of a new school term.

The Members agreed that the Municipal District would write to both Bus Eireann and Minister John Halligan, who as Minister for State had school transport as one of his Ministerial

responsibilities, to outline the concerns that the Elected Members felt in relation to this issue and seeking a meeting with both parties to discuss their concerns .

- **Limerick Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021**

The Members agreed that it would be worthwhile to invite the relevant groups involved in this plan to give a presentation on the contents of this plan to the Members in the near future at the Monthly Municipal District Meeting.

- **General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2019**

The Director advised the Members that they should consider their proposals under the above heading as these would be discussed as part of the Draft Budgetary Plan 2019 meeting which would take place in October 2018.

- **Vote of Sympathy**

The Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to Helen O'Neill, Kilmallock District Office on the recent passing of her father, Michael (Mick) Dillon, Newpark, Effin, Co. Limerick.

The Members also extended a Vote of Sympathy to the family and friends of Denis Ryan, Tobernea, Kilmallock, Co.Limerick, formerly an employee of Limerick County Council, on his recent passing.

- **Get Well Wishes**

The Members extended best wishes to Miriam Kennedy, Domestic Science Teacher in Hospital Secondary School who is currently undergoing treatment for a serious illness.

- **Compliments**

The Members expressed their compliments to the Roads Staff on recent road related works including works on Ballinahown Passage and Ballycahill Junction in the Municipal District area.

- **Congratulations**

The Members congratulated the Limerick Senior Hurling Team, as well as the Limerick Ladies Junior Footballers, on their recent All Ireland successes, which had brought huge pride and joy to all the people of Limerick City & County.

- **New Housing Engineer**

The Members welcomed David Toomey, Assistant Engineer to the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District and looked forward to working with him in his role as the Housing Engineer for the Municipal District.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____