

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 2018, AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor E. Ryan, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Donegan, Gleeson, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Sheehy and Teefy.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Support Services-Finance, Corporate, HR & ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), Director, Social Development Directorate (Mr G. Daly), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), A/Senior Executive Engineers, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Murphy & Mr J Sheehan), Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Sheehy), Senior Architect, Urban & Village Renewal (Mrs Rosie Webb), Administrative Officer, Community Development (Mr P. Malone), Senior Staff Officer, Urban & Village Renewal (Mrs Audrey Crowe), Technician Grade 1, Urban & Village Renewal, (Mrs Ann Lahiff), 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 20th September, 2018.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donnell;

Seconded by Councillor Teefy;

And Resolved:

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

- (i) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 26th September, 2018.

Councillor Donegan requested that a reference be included in the Minutes to a statement he made at the Special Meeting, which he felt was not reflected in the current Minutes. The Director, Support Services requested that details of same should be forwarded to the Meetings Administrator for consideration. It was agreed that the Minutes would be put on the Agenda again for the November 2018 Municipal District Meeting.

2. Social Development Directorate

Update on Community Development/Town & Village Renewal initiatives.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Director, Social Development Directorate and other staff members of the Directorate to the meeting. A PowerPoint presentation was given to the Members on Community Development/Town & Village Renewal initiatives including:

- Update on Derelict Sites and Vacant Property issues in the Municipal District;
- Update on Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018;
- Update on funding initiatives.

The Members thanked staff for their presentation, which they said was interesting and informative and the Director, Social Development Directorate agreed to circulate the PowerPoint presentation to the Members.

Following a discussion about derelict sites, the Members expressed concern at certain properties within the Municipal District that had been derelict for a long period of time, without any apparent action being taken by the local authority, and agreed that these needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

The Director, Social Development Directorate informed Members his Department have a range of measures to incentivise owners of derelict properties to remove their properties from dereliction but that this approach did take time to implement. He advised Members that he shared their concerns regarding certain derelict properties in the Municipal District and that Members would see an escalation in properties being tackled going forward.

The Members welcomed this and stressed the importance of enforcement action being taken urgently against certain owners of derelict properties within the Municipal District who were not engaging with the local authority.

The Members also welcomed the details of the funding initiatives available and stressed the importance of communicating the details of these various funding initiatives to the wider community. They also agreed that it was important that applicants for funding be assisted as much as possible by the local authority due to the complexity, sometimes, of some of the forms and information requested to be submitted as part of the grant application process.

Update on Threshold Project in Kilmallock

The Senior Architect gave an update to Members on the Threshold Project in Kilmallock. This project entailed Limerick City & County Council engaging with Architecture students from the University of Limerick in preparing a design project focussed on the northern entrance to

Kilmallock (around the new footbridge), looking at how this threshold approach to Kilmallock could be improved.

The project will include the installation of temporary roads realignments, footpaths and landscape features as well as three temporary Towers- a storytelling tower, a planted tower and a sheltered seat. The installation will be constructed through a collaborative effort with the Men's Shed, the Fab Lab Limerick and local community members.

As part of the installation, it is also intended to measure how the new design of the area achieves certain defined goals such as the speed of traffic, the number of pedestrians, the noise and air quality, and the attractiveness of the entry to the town.

The Members thanked the Senior Architect for her presentation and they commended the project in the way it engaged with students and the local community in a unique way and agreed that this approach could also be used as a template for other similar projects in the Municipal District.

3. Service Operations Directorate

Operations and Maintenance-Briefing on Limerick City and County Councils Traffic Calming Policy for Urban Areas

Barry Murphy, A/Senior Executive Engineer briefed the Members on the contents of Limerick City and County Councils Traffic Calming Policy for Urban Areas.

The Members thanked the A/Senior Executive Engineer for his presentation and welcomed the policy as it would provide greater clarity and consistency in the provision and implementation of traffic calming measures throughout the Municipal District.

The Members agreed that the speed of traffic, especially through the towns and villages, was an ongoing issue for communities and while Garda enforcement action was important, it was also vital that the local authority had its own traffic calming measures to address the issue of traffic speed throughout the Municipal District.

4. Municipal District Reception

The Members noted that, as per previous discussions, that two Receptions were agreed for November, details as follows:

- Reception on 20th November 2018 at 6pm to commemorate certain deceased people from the District to recognise particular contributions that they made during their lifetime.
- Municipal District Reception on 21st November 2018 at 6.30pm to recognise individuals and groups from the District for achievements attained at either National or International level.

QUESTIONS

5. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District what is the update in taking in charge of Cluain Foinse Estate in Hospital.

REPLY: A schedule of works has been agreed with the bond holder and we are awaiting payment of the bond. Once this payment is received, Limerick City & County Council will arrange for the estate to be completed to a taking in charge standard. Upon completion of these works, the formal taking in charge process will be commenced.

6. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District for an update on the speed limit review and when can we expect the review to be completed.

REPLY: Operations and Maintenance Central Services will be returning to all Municipal Districts in the next few weeks with a report on the objections and submissions received as a result of the public consultation of the draft speed limit bye-laws. Following this, a new revision of the draft bye-laws will be prepared for submission to the full Council Meeting in either December or January.

7. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District that some action be taken to help with the parking at Cahercorney Graveyard on the R514 road.

REPLY: Cahercorney Graveyard is located on the R514 regional road, approximately 2 km to the north of Herbertstown. The graveyard is now closed to the public. However, there continues to be a small number of burials each year for people with family plots.

There is no car parking available at the graveyard. The alignment of the R514 is poor, with bends on either side of the graveyard. The road is narrow with a continual white line. The nearest safe parking spot is located 200 metres to the east of the graveyard in front of a private dwelling.

The Council will investigate the option of providing 4-6 car parking spaces at the graveyard. This will require the acquisition of a small amount of land to the west of the graveyard and the replacement of the existing hedgerow with suitable fencing.

It would not be economically viable to widen a longer section of the R514 to accommodate the very occasional large funeral. However, it would be possible to provide active traffic managements for funerals. This would require a traffic management plan agreed with the Kilmallock Roads Engineer.

In order to progress the provision of car parking spaces, the Area has applied for funding under the 2019 Low Cost Safety scheme.

Other Matters Raised:

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

- **Notice of Motion-O'Rourke's Cross**

The Members enquired as to why a Notice of Motion relating to O'Rourke's Cross was not included on the Agenda for the Meeting. The Meetings Administrator explained that this Notice of Motion sought to rescind a decision to approve a Part 8 application for O'Rourke's Cross which was originally made by the Members at the October 2017 Municipal District Meeting.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that he had discussed the Notice of Motion with the Cathaoirleach and the Director, Support Services-Finance, Corporate, HR & ICT and following these discussions he sought legal advice from the Councils Legal Advisors, which stated as follows:

"The Members do not have the authority in law to re-consider a decision made in 2017 in compliance with the provisions of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended. The Members at that time would have been entitled to decide by resolution to vary or modify the proposal. That entitlement has passed."

Having regard to the legal advice obtained, the Meetings Administrator explained that he was therefore not in a position to include the Notice of Motion on the Agenda for the Municipal District Meeting.

- **Deputation**

On the proposal of Councillor Sheehy, seconded by Councillor Donegan, it was agreed to receive a Deputation from Garrienderk Community Council at the November Meeting.

- **CCTV Cameras**

The Members enquired about getting an update on the recent installation of CCTV cameras in the Municipal District and the Meetings Administrator agreed to follow up with Dr Mihai Bilauca about providing an update to Members about same.

- **Vote of Sympathy**

The Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to Liz Creamer, Corporate Services on the recent passing of her father, Roger Leahy, Spa Hill House, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick.

The Members also extended a Vote of Sympathy to John Madden, formerly of Limerick County Council's Kilmallock Office, on the recent passing of his mother Grace Madden, Grange Cross, Buttevant, Co. Cork.

The Members also extended a Vote of Sympathy to the family and friends of Lady Vivienne Lillingston, Mount Coote, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick following her recent passing.

- **Congratulations**

The Members congratulated Killeely Tidy Towns on their recent success as joint winner in the Limerick Going for Gold Competition.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____