

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 17th JANUARY, 2019, AT 3.30 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), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), A/Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Murphy), Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Sheehy).

Also in attendance: Sgt Bernie Leetch, Crime Prevention Officer, An Garda Siochana, Henry St Garda Station, Limerick.

At the outset of the Meeting, Cllr Donegan extended his appreciation to the Members and staff of Limerick City & County Council, for the condolences and expressions of sympathy received following the recent passing of his brother JJ Donegan and he thanked the Members for the Meeting adjournment at the December Municipal District Meeting.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 13th December, 2018.

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

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

Under Matters Arising, the Members requested clarification as to when the public information evening on CCTV cameras would take place as promised in the Municipal District. The Meetings Administrator agreed to clarify the situation with Dr Mihai Bilauca, Head of Digital Strategy.

2. Rural Isolation & Crime Prevention

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Sgt Bernie Leetch, Crime Prevention Officer, Henry St Garda Station, Limerick to the meeting.

Sgt Leetch gave a presentation to the Elected Members on rural isolation and crime prevention. She outlined her experience with An Garda Síochána as the Crime Prevention Officer for Limerick City and County and her role in crime prevention and stopping people becoming victims of crime. She confirmed that she was happy to meet with any groups, large or small, in the Municipal District to advise them on the various measures that individuals and local communities can put in place to prevent crimes happening to them or in their areas. She outlined measures that householders could put in place to deter burglaries and theft including using light timers in their homes, ensuring doors and windows were secure at all times, the use of sensor lights, having a monitored alarm system in place, and other such measures.

Sgt Leetch also referred to various scams that were reported to her and stressed the importance of people being vigilant to scam e-mails or phone calls. She also stressed the importance of people notifying Gardai of any attempted scams so that these details could be made available to the wider public to counteract any reoccurrence of a scam if possible.

Sgt Leetch gave details of an event taking place on the 12th February, 2019 in The Old Convent, Bruff titled "Rural Isolation and Crime Prevention. This event, she explained, is aimed at people living in rural communities and helping them to address crime prevention and mental health issues. Topics for discussion on the night included crime prevention, personal safety advice, wintertime burglary prevention, farm theft, personal wellness, and rural isolation. In addition to Sgt Leetch, a number of other guest speakers on the night will give presentations on rural isolation and overall wellbeing.

The Members thanked Sgt Leetch for her presentation and acknowledged the work being done by the Crime Prevention Office in raising awareness of these issues amongst the general public. They agreed that it was important that the public remain vigilant in relation to protecting their homes and property. They also agreed that scams were a constant concern, many scams were often quite sophisticated, and the public needed to be aware of what scams were out there.

The Members agreed that social media was also an issue and that the public needed to be mindful of what they posted on social media which might indicate, for example, that they were away on holidays thereby suggesting that the family home may be unoccupied. The Members agreed to circulate the details of the event in Bruff and agreed that it was an important event to raise awareness of rural isolation and crime prevention.

3. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District:

- (a) What estates are not yet taken in charge in this Municipal District; and
- (b) What is the current position regarding the taking in charge of these estates?

REPLY: There are currently 11 estates on the taking in charge list for this Municipal District and the current position of each is outlined below:

1. Ait Ailinn, Railway Road, Bruree-Bond paid, Council to complete;
2. Ashill, Kilmallock- Bond paid, Council to complete;
3. Castle Laurel, Oola-Developer completing, several issues outstanding;
4. Castle Court, Kilmallock-To be assessed;
5. Castlepark, Caherconlish Phase 1 & 2- Bond paid, Council to complete;
6. Cathair Fuisseog, Herbertstown- To be assessed;
7. Cluain Foinse, Hospital-Bond claimed, awaiting response from bondholder;
8. Dromsally Woods, Cappamore-Funding required to complete estate;
9. Glenstal Gate, Murroe- Bond paid, Council to complete;
10. Sruth an Oir, Elton, Knocklong- To be assessed;
11. The Paddocks, Bruree- Bond paid, Council to complete.

The Members noted the reply to the question and agreed to invite a representative from Planning & Environmental Services to the next Monthly Meeting to discuss the issue in more detail.

Other Matters Raised:

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

- **Secondary School, Kilmallock**

The Members looked for an update in relation to the pedestrian crossing at the secondary school. The Executive Engineer confirmed that further discussions had taken place with the consultant and that the contractor had been instructed to carry out agreed works.

- **New Footbridge, Kilmallock**

The Members looked for an update in relation to the removal of the footpath at the footbridge. The Executive Engineer confirmed that this work would be done as part of the Threshold Project and the planned resurfacing of this area.

- **Vote of Sympathy**

The Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to the family and friends of Seamus Sexton, Water Street, Bruree, Co.Limerick, Life President of Bruree GAA and also formerly of Limerick County Council, following his recent passing.

- **Get Well Wishes**

The Members extended get well wishes to Helen O'Neill, Kilmallock District Office, Limerick City & County Council following her recent medical procedure.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach