

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN COMMUNITY CENTRE, GALBALLY CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 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), Senior Executive Engineer Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Kidney), Senior Executive Engineer Physical Development Directorate (Ms A. Goggin), Executive Engineer Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Sheehy), Executive Engineer Operations & Maintenance Services (Mr B. Murphy), Executive Archaeologist Design & Delivery Services (Ms S. McCutcheon), Assistant Engineer Planning & Environmental Services (Mr S. Martin).

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 17th January, 2019.

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.”

2. Presentation on the Maigne River Trust

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Anne Goggin, Senior Executive Engineer, Physical Development Directorate to the meeting. Ms Goggin gave a presentation to the Elected Members on the operation of the Maigne River Trust and explained that it was a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. The Trust was established following a significant fish kill in the River Loobagh in 2014, and has nine Directors drawn from a range of sectors representing the three pillars of sustainability: Social, Economic and Environmental. She confirmed that the Trusts mission is to protect, enhance and cherish the rivers and lakes of the Maigne catchment for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

She acknowledged the contribution of Limerick City & County Council in facilitating and supporting the formation of the Trust from the outset. The formation of the Trust was also consistent with one of the objectives of the current River Basin Management Plan for Ireland, which is to develop bottom up, community-based approaches to managing water bodies and improving water quality. The Trust endeavours to achieve its aims by creating awareness; encouraging community participation; improving water quality, fish habitats and fish numbers; protecting biodiversity; controlling invasive plant species; encouraging local angling traditions; and developing amenity access to the river.

She confirmed that the Trust had been successful in accessing grant aid for specific river related projects including funding from LEADER, Heritage Council, LA21, JP McManus Benevolent Fund and the Community Water Fund. Unfortunately, however, she explained that none of these grants mentioned cover the core running costs of the Trust such as insurance, venue hire, company secretary services and each year the Directors struggled to meet these costs. She confirmed, therefore, that any contribution that Limerick City & County Council could make towards these running costs would be greatly appreciated by the Trust.

The Members thanked Ms Goggin for her presentation and acknowledged the work being done by the Mague River Trust in raising awareness of the issue of protecting rivers and lakes amongst the public. They agreed that it was important that such resources were protected and that they were vital for encouraging tourism and visitors to an area. They also noted the importance that angling played in monitoring and protecting the quality of rivers and lakes. They agreed to look at options for funding support to ensure that the ongoing work of the Mague River Trust would be supported into the future.

3. Service Operations Directorate

(i) Planning & Environment Services

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Seamus Martin, Assistant Engineer Planning & Environmental Services to the Meeting. Mr Martin updated the Members on the current situation regarding the Taking in Charge of eleven estates in the Municipal District. In a lot of cases, he explained, the local authority were waiting on reports from Irish Water before it could make a final decision in relation to taking in charge of estates, while issues in relation to Bonds were a factor for some estates.

The Members thanked Mr Martin for his presentation but expressed disappointment at the fact that it was taking so long to take some estates in charge, given that some had been completed since 2004/2005. They were also critical of delays in receiving reports from Irish Water, which was also affecting the taking in charge process. They welcomed changes made in recent years in relation to the revised bond rate being sought for each property as part of any planning permission being granted. Finally, they requested that a further update be provided at the May 2019 Meeting on the taking in charge of these eleven estates in the Municipal District.

(ii) Operations & Maintenance Services-Threshold Project

The Executive Engineer, Cappamore Kilmallock and the Executive Engineer Operations & Maintenance Services, gave an update on progress to date on the Threshold Project in Kilmallock, which was noted by the Members.

4. Housing Development Directorate

Circulated, Housing Progress Report from the Director of Services, Housing Development Directorate dated 14th February, 2019, which was noted by the Members.

The Members agreed to invite the Director of Services, Housing Development Directorate to the March 2019 Meeting to discuss housing issues.

5. Capital Investment Directorate

Tower House, Bruree, Co.Limerick

The Executive Archaeologist, Design & Delivery Services gave an update to the Members on the Tower House, Bruree, Co.Limerick in relation to works carried out to date which was noted by the Members.

6. General Municipal Allocation Community Contribution 2019

On the proposal of Cllr Eddie Ryan, seconded by Cllr Lisa Marie Sheehy, and agreed, that the allocations for the GMA Community Grants 2019 are as follows:

Community Group	Contribution Proposed
Limerick Animal Welfare	€3,000
Friarsgate Theatre, Kilmallock	€3,000
Comhaltas Fleadh	€2,000
Lough Gur Development Society	€3,000
Glenbrohane Defibrillator Project	€2,000

Red Cross Group, South Limerick	€3,000
Kilmallock Tourism Development Brochures	€1,500
Leahy Brothers Olympian Project	€3,500
Inch St Laurence Graveyard Entrance	€2,000
Hospital Defibrillator Project	€2,000
Red Cross Group, Doon	€3,000
Maigne River Trust	€1,300
Glenroe Ballyorgan Community Council Defibrillator	€700
Total	€30,000

Question

7. Question submitted by Councillor Brigid Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District for an update on the Road Improvement Scheme for Beary's Cross Junction on the N24. What is the timescale for this project and when is the likely completion date?

REPLY: A new roundabout controlled junction is to be constructed at Beary's Cross, which will entail the construction of a new section of regional road R513 approach to the junction and the alteration of the existing N24 approaches to the junction. Part VIII planning for the scheme was approved in October 2017.

The scheme was subsequently advanced in 2018 in preparation for the compulsory purchase statutory procedure. To this effect, ground investigation and additional topographic studies were undertaken to ensure that the most recent site information is available. Consultations with affected parties along the scheme, in addition to the preparation of the statutory documentation, is currently underway.

It is expected that the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) will be advertised in the coming months. Subject to the confirmation of the CPO stage and approval of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the Mid West National Road Design Office will commence the tender process for the construction of the scheme.

Notice of Motion

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Brigid Teefy

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District that maintenance work be carried out on the Slí na Sláinte walking route from Holycross to Bruff.

Proposed by Cllr Teefy, seconded by Cllr Sheehy.

REPLY: The Kilmallock Roads Crew would have undertaken minor upkeep works on the Slí Na Sláinte walking route from Holycross to The Pike in Bruff during 2018 to address overgrowth onto the walkway. Following on from it the matter was discussed with the Kilmallock CE Scheme about including this work to their work schedule going forward. They have agreed to undertake these works, which will entail three to four visits during growing season, and this work will commence in the coming weeks.

The Elected Members noted this reply but suggested that this work could possibly be carried out by the community Employment Scheme in Bruff and it was agreed that this option would be investigated.

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mike Donegan

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District that an audit is carried out on signage, including tourist and leisure signs, in Kilmallock town and approach roads.

Proposed by Cllr Donegan, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell.

REPLY: A review of individual signage across the Municipal District is carried out following requests from the Elected Members or the public.

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Roads Section is responsible only for road signage and not tourist or leisure signs but we will clarify with Cllr Donegan as to what an audit would entail in relation to signage and we can provide a further response at the March Municipal District Meeting.

The Members noted the response and highlighted the importance of an ongoing review of signage provision across the District. This would ensure that signage was in place at all cross roads and junctions and proper signage was also important for Tidy Towns purposes. They also agreed that, given the cost of signage, that consideration should be given to the logging of signage as an asset and the possible use of barcoding on signage for identification purposes.

Other Matters Arising:

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

- **Bridge at Wolfe Tone Street, Kilmallock**

The Members noted the proposal from Kilmallock Historical Society for the naming of the bridge at Wolfe Tone Street, Kilmallock as “The Poets Bridge” due to the association of the Gaelic poet Aindrais Mac Craith with Wolfe Tone Street. The Members were in agreement with this proposal, which would now be passed to the Councils Protocol Committee as the next stage of the process.

- **Vote of Congratulations**

The Members extended a Vote of Congratulations to Cllr Noel Gleeson and his wife Philomena who recently celebrated their marriage Golden Jubilee.

- **Thanks**

The Members extended their thanks to Galbally Community Council for their hospitality and support in hosting the Monthly Meeting in the Community Centre in Galbally, Co. Limerick.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____