

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN SCOIL PÓL SECONDARY SCHOOL, KILFINANE, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 21st MARCH, 2019, AT 1.30 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 Engineer Operations and Maintenance Services (Mr H. McGrath), Senior Executive Engineer Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Kidney), Executive Engineer Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Sheehy), Graduate Support Services Directorate (Ms L. Quinlivan).

At the commencement of the Meeting, and with the permission of the Cathaoirleach, the Principal of Scoil Pól, Mr Mike O'Hara, welcomed the Elected Members, and in particular Cllr Sheehy who is a past pupil, and Council officials to the school. He gave an overview of the school to Members and outlined the ethos and various achievements of the school in recent times. He also gave an update on progress relating to the extension to the school that was currently underway.

The Elected Members thanked Mr O'Hara for agreeing to host the Monthly Meeting and complimented the school on their achievements to date. They also welcomed the following pupils of Scoil Pól to the Monthly Meeting: Uinsinn McCarthy, Brazil Carroll, Rian Keogh, Thyannaha Coleman, Eabha Coles, Ellen Cronin.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 28th February, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donnell;

Seconded by Councillor Donegan.

And Resolved:

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

2. Presentation on the proposed Trailhead Visitor Centre and facilities at Ballyhoura

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mark Britton, Ballyhoura to the meeting. Mr Britton gave a presentation to the Elected Members on the activities being promoted by Ballyhoura in the region and in particular the proposed Trailhead Visitor Centre and facilities at Ballyhoura. He explained that this new facility would complement the facilities that are currently available and help attract additional visitors to the area. He confirmed that a planning application would be submitted for approval in April 2019 and that, subject to planning and funding being approved for the project, that works would commence on the Trailhead Visitor Centre in early 2020 and be completed by the end of 2020.

The Members thanked Mr Britton for his presentation and acknowledged the work being done by Ballyhoura in attracting visitors to the area. They agreed the importance of proper marketing and promotion of Ballyhoura as a tourism destination and of getting visitors to stay in the area for longer periods so that there would be greater economic benefits to local businesses such as restaurants, B&B's, and hostels, etc. They also agreed the importance of proper signage and information panels to advise visitors on the facilities available and the use of technology such as an "App" for smartphones, which would be a guide for visitors to the area on the facilities and trails available. The Elected Members also noted the importance of encouraging local residents to use the facilities and of developing amenities for children, thereby potentially increasing the numbers visiting the facilities.

3. Service Operations Directorate

(a) Disposal of Land

- (i) Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services dated 28th February, 2019 setting out the background to the proposed disposal of interest of land at Ardnamoher, Galbally, Co.Limerick. It was intended to bring the proposed disposal to the Full Council for approval. The Members noted the report as circulated.
- (i) Circulated, report of the A/Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services dated 28th February, 2019 setting out the background to the proposed disposal of land at 2 Galtee View, Galbally, 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 7th March, 2019 setting out the background to the proposed disposal of land at 22 Mullally Lawn, Cappamore, Co.Limerick. It was intended to bring the

proposed disposal to the Full Council for approval. The Members noted the report as circulated.

(b) Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works 2019

Circulated, report from the Director, Support Services dated 4th March, 2019 setting out details in relation to the Draft Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock 2019.

The Director confirmed that Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 required that following the adoption of the Annual Budget, that a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out in each Municipal District, be prepared for adoption by the Municipal District Members.

The officials gave a presentation to the Elected Members on the draft Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2019 covering service areas including roads, housing, recreation spaces, cemeteries, libraries, fire service and customer services and outlined a total investment of approximately €8.6m in the delivery of these services in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District during 2019.

The Members welcomed the funding allocation for 2019 and thanked the officials for the presentation. They also welcomed confirmation that the Operational Areas were being realigned with the Municipal District boundaries. They agreed that this was a welcome development and would provide greater clarity and efficiency in the allocation of budgets and in the provision of services to the public. The Members also expressed their gratitude to John Sheehan, Executive Engineer and his roads staff for their work and commitment in the northern part of the Municipal District over the past few years.

Proposed by Cllr Donegan;
Seconded by Cllr Sheehy;
And Resolved:

“That the Schedule of Works for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock 2019, as circulated, be adopted.

4. Housing Development Directorate

Circulated, Housing Progress Report from the Director of Services, Housing Development Directorate dated 8th March, 2019, which was noted by the Members.

Questions

5. Question submitted by Councillor Ger Mitchell

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District as to what is the current update in relation to Hospital Sewerage Treatment Plant, Hospital, Co.Limerick.

REPLY: The provision of new inlet works and storm tank at Hospital Wastewater Treatment Plant are included in the Inlet Works, Storm Tank and Sludge (IWWS) Programme.

Works on the project are due to begin later this year, once the final statutory approvals are in place. These planned upgrades to the wastewater system by Irish Water will help protect the environment and support long term economic and population growth in Hospital.

6. Question submitted by Councillor Ger Mitchell

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District as to what is the current update in relation to the 20 Social Housing Units at Hospital, Co.Limerick.

REPLY: The proposed development of 20 no. Social Housing Units at Hospital, Co.Limerick has been approved to tender stage by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

The conditions of the proposed developments respective Part 8 permission necessitated completion of further extensive and detailed ground investigations to verify the ability of the sites underlying ground conditions to accept planned discharge from a proposed on-site Waste Water Treatment Plant, which was necessitated on foot of capacity issues at the Municipal Waste Water Treatment Plant.

While these investigations have concluded, consultations are continuing with Irish Water with a view toward decreasing the level of development reliance on a proposed on-site Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Separately, instructions have issued to Design Consultants with regard to the advancement of the project to tender stage. On that basis, construction of the 20-unit scheme is currently projected to commence through the latter stages of Quarter 3, 2019.

Notice of Motion

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Eddie Ryan

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council review the traffic calming measures in the proximity of Scoil Pól Secondary School,

the National School, and the GAA Grounds in Kilfinane with a view to possibly installing speed ramps.

Proposed by Cllr Ryan, seconded by Cllr Sheehy.

In proposing the Motion, Cllr Ryan invited Uinsinn McCarthy and the other Scoil Pól students in attendance at the Meeting to outline their concerns in relation to traffic calming measures in the proximity of Scoil Pól Secondary School, the National School, and the GAA Grounds in Kilfinane. The students outlined their concerns, as pedestrians and cyclists, in relation to traffic in the area and what measures could be considered to manage the speed and flow of traffic in Kilfinane.

The Elected Members complimented the students on the quality of their presentation, and agreed that managing traffic flow and speed was an important concern not only in Kilfinane but also in many towns and villages across the Municipal District. They also agreed that managing traffic issues were particularly important near larger schools in the District and that good planning and design was important to ensure proper set down areas and parking for coaches and other vehicles at schools.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council will arrange for the placement of traffic counters to monitor the current situation with regard to traffic speeds at these locations, and in particular on the L8651 and L8634, for the month of April 2019. Following on from this traffic speed survey, the information gathered will be assessed to determine what requirements are needed for the placement of traffic calming measures. An update in relation to the information gathered from the traffic survey during April 2019, will be provided at the May 2019 Municipal District Meeting.

Other Matters Arising:

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

- **St Patricks Day Parade**

The Members complimented the standard of parades that took place in the Municipal District on St Patricks Day and praised the local communities involved for the work and effort that went in to planning and organising the parades that were all done in a voluntary capacity. The Members also expressed disappointment that the official brochure prepared for St Patricks Day made only a small reference to parades in the County with the primary emphasis in the brochure being on the parade taking place in Limerick City. They also noted that the City parade received commercial sponsorship while all of the County parades were funded in a voluntary capacity.

- **Speed Ramps Galbally**

The Members thanked the Council for the recent work carried out on the provision of speed ramps in Galbally which they noted were well received by the vast majority in the community and agreed that the provision of these ramps would be of assistance in ensuring safer traffic flow in the village of Galbally.

- **Vote of Sympathy**

The Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Cregan, Rowels, Meelin, Cork and formerly of Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick following her recent passing.

The Members also extended a Vote of Sympathy to the family and friends of Joe McGrath, Woodville, North Circular Road, Limerick, formerly Chief Fire Officer of Limerick County Council, following his recent passing.

- **Thanks**

Cllr Donegan extended his appreciation to representatives of Limerick City & County Council who attended the Bergen Irish Dance in New York on St Patricks Day as a mark of respect to his late brother JJ Donegan.

The Members extended their thanks to the Principal and staff of Scoil Pól, Kilfinane for their hospitality and support in hosting the Monthly Meeting in the school.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____