

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN THE OLD IRISH WAYS MUSEUM, CAHERGUILLAMORE, BRUFF, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019, AT 3.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor Bill O'Donnell, An Leas Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Donegan, Mitchell and Teefy.

Apologies for their inability to attend were received from Cllr Gleeson, Cllr Ryan & Cllr Sheehy.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Head of Human Resources (Mr. V. Murray), Meetings Administrator (Ms. Karen Butler), City & County Librarian (Mr. Damien Brady), Senior Executive Engineer Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Kidney), Executive Engineer Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Sheehy), Clerical Officer (Ms. Helen O'Neill).

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

- (i) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor Mitchell;

Seconded by Councillor Donegan.

And Resolved:

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

At the outset, the Leas Cathaoirleach thanked the Curator of the Old Irish Ways Museum, Mr. Denis O'Connor, for hosting the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock meeting for April.

Mr O'Connor stated that he was delighted to welcome the Elected Members and Council Officials to the Museum and that the concept for the Museum was to retain a record of previous Irish living from a different era in Irish life and he hoped that all would enjoy their visit to the Museum.

## **2. Matters Arising**

The Members expressed their thanks to the Staff and Students of Scoil Pol, Kilfinane for facilitating the March meeting of the Municipal District and complimented the Students on their interaction with Members on the day.

## **3. ATG Retirement Village**

Eoin O’Sullivan, ATG Retirement Village gave a presentation to members on Independent Living in the Clarina Retirement Village

The Members thanked Mr. O’Sullivan for his presentation. They agreed that it was a wonderful example of supported housing accommodation to assist the elderly in retirement by providing a range of facilities in a purpose built facility, which also combats social isolation in the process.

## **4. Physical Development Directorate**

### **Delegation to meet Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)**

Following a discussion on the proposed delegation to meet with TII, the Members nominated Councillor Eddie Ryan to attend as the delegate for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.

They also agreed the following topics should be put forward for discussion with TII in Dublin:

- N20 Cherrygrove to Anhid Cross;
- N20 Traffic Calming and Public Lighting at Banogue;
- Update on M20 Limerick to Cork;
- Update on N24 Beary’s Cross.

## **5. Social Development Directorate**

Damien Brady, City & County Librarian, updated Members on the “My Open Library” Pilot Project. This Pilot Project would provide additional opening hours for Public Libraries to facilitate modern living arrangements. He explained that this model has been used across Europe for the last few years, as well as in seven sites in Ireland, and that it was now proposed to operate a pilot in the Cappamore Branch Library.

The City & County Librarian confirmed that a Working Group, comprising various representative was being set up so that this pilot would be closely monitored over a twelve-month period and reported on.

The Members welcomed the proposal and commended the City & County Librarian on the library facilities and service provided by Limerick City and County Council and hoped that the new pilot would encourage greater usage of the Library services.

## **6. Housing Development Directorate**

Circulated, Housing Progress Report from the Director of Services, Housing Development Directorate dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019, which was noted by the Members

### **Notice of Motion**

## **7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Ger Mitchell**

**I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that the present legislation recently enacted in relation to the Road Traffic Act, incorporating vehicle drivers, should be revisited.**

On the proposal of Cllr Mitchell, seconded by Cllr Donegan, it was agreed to amend this Motion to the following:

“I will move that this Council write to the Minister for Transport requesting that the present legislation recently enacted in relation to the Road Traffic Act, incorporating vehicle drivers, be revisited.”

In proposing this Motion, Cllr Mitchell explained that it was his opinion that the new legislation recently enacted in relation to drink driving and learner drivers, was excessive. He believed the legislation was not properly thought out and was unfair to the majority of vehicle drivers, particularly those in rural Ireland where there was little or no public transport or taxi's available to the public

The Members agreed that legislation enacted to curb the actions of a minority who abuse the law, should not affect the actions and daily lives of the majority. They agreed that this new legislation will result in more rural isolation and anxiety being instilled in people. They also agreed that learner drivers are being penalised because the system for testing is not fit for purpose resulting in huge backlogs and needs an immediate overhaul. The backlogs and delays also result in young drivers incurring huge costs in purchasing extortionate insurance premiums. The Members agreed that these laws should be immediately revisited and that a more pragmatic and common sense approach should be used to achieve a fairer system for all drivers.

It was unanimously agreed to forward this Notice of Motion to Corporate Services for inclusion on the Agenda for the Full Council Meeting scheduled for Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

### **Other Matters Arising:**

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

- **Wandering Horses**

The Members discussed the situation with regard to wandering horses in Council Estates in the District, which are a source of nuisance and danger to the residents of these Estates. In many cases, the horses are not chipped which makes it impossible to identify the owners of these animals. The Members agreed that this matter needs to be supported by a service available at weekends to deal with the problem. They added that horses roaming in Public Areas and Housing Estates were affecting the current good work being carried out by Tidy Town Committees and Community Councils.

- **Vote of Sympathy**

The Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Carroll nee Donegan, Aunt of Cllr Mike Donegan, following her recent passing.

- **Thanks**

Cllr O'Donnell welcomed the progress on derelict sites/buildings by the Council in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District and commended Gordon Daly, Director of Services and James Clune, A/Senior Executive Officer on progress on this matter to date and in particular in relation to the Herbertstown Co-Op site.

The Members acknowledged the work done by Cllr O'Donnell on getting the Herbertstown Co-Op site dealt with. The Members agreed that the Social Development Directorate of the Council is making considerable progress in tackling dereliction.

- **Speed Limit Reviews**

The Members expressed their disappointment that the Speed Limit Review was not yet complete and hoped it would be done before the end of May.

- **Date for next Meeting**

It was agreed to convene the May meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District in Cappamore on the 9<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_