

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 18th JULY, 2019, AT 3.00 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor Ml. Donegan, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Carey, Egan, Mitchell, E.Ryan, M.Ryan and Teefy.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Head of Human Resources (Mr. V. Murray), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), Executive Engineer Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Sheehy), Clerical Officer (Ms. H. O'Neill), Management Accountant Property Services (Jayne Leahy), A/Senior Executive Planner (Karen Burke), Executive Planner (Bernadette Collins)

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 9th May, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor G.Mitchell;

Seconded by Councillor E.Ryan.

And Resolved:

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

Under Matters Arising, clarification was sought in relation to the traffic survey in Doon which was referred to in a Notice of Motion from Cllr Teefy. The Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock confirmed that the traffic survey was likely to be completed in September.

- (ii) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 13th June, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor M.Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor E.Ryan.

And Resolved:

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

- (iii) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 2nd July, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor M.Ryan;
Seconded by Councillor P.J.Carey.
And Resolved:

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

Under Matters Arising, the Elected Members referred to the legal title and ownership of certain pieces of land in Bruree and the Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock confirmed that clarification was being sought from Iarnrod Eireann in relation to same.

2. Service Operations Directorate

(a) Disposal of Property at Gortakilleen, Oola, Co.Limerick

Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 29th May, 2019 setting out the background to the proposed disposal of Freehold interest in property at Gortakilleen, Oola, Co.Limerick. It was intended to bring the proposed disposal to the Full Council for approval.

The Members noted the report as circulated.

(b) Disposal of Property at Ballyvulhane, Bruff, Co. Limerick.

Circulated, report of the Head of Property Services dated 1st July, 2019 setting out the background to the proposed disposal of Derelict House and Land at Ballyvulhane, Bruff, Co. Limerick. It was intended to bring the proposed disposal to the Full Council for approval.

The Members noted the report as circulated.

3. Economic Development Directorate

Proposed Kilmallock Local Area Plan 2019-2025

On behalf of the Elected Members, the Cathaoirleach thanked the planners and other staff for facilitating a Workshop on Monday evening, the 15th July in the District Offices, on the proposed Kilmallock Local Area Plan 2019-2025. The A/Senior Executive Planner then gave a presentation to the elected Members on the Chief Executives Report dated 25th June, 2019 and gave an overview of the proposed Kilmallock Local Area Plan 2019-2025. She also went

through each submission received in relation to it and the proposed response to each submission by Limerick City & County Council.

Following careful consideration of the presentation and a detailed discussion on the submissions received, it was proposed by Cllr M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr Teefy and agreed, that a Workshop followed by a Special Meeting would be held on Tuesday 23rd July to consider and discuss the proposed Kilmallock Local Area Plan 2019-2025.

4. Housing Development Directorate

Circulated, Housing Progress Report from the Director of Services, Housing Development Directorate dated 27th June, 2019, which was noted by the Members.

Notice of Motion

5. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Hospital Sewerage Treatment Plant be included in the next phase for upgrade works to make it fit for purpose in relation to capacity and comply with present regulations.

Proposed by Cllr Mitchell, seconded by Cllr E.Ryan

Reply: The Notice of Motion as submitted by Councillor Mitchell was referred to localrepsupport@water.ie for response. Please see response below

Upgrade to Plant

“Thank you for your email on behalf of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District regarding Hospital Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

I have received an update advising that Irish Water has determined that a capital upgrade is required to achieve the licence ELVs at Hospital WWTP. The assessed capital needs were not included in the current investment plan.

These needs will be included in the 2020-2024 investment plan prioritisation process, taking place this year (this process includes stakeholder engagement). It will not formally be known whether Hospital is selected in the next investment plan until CRU have approved the investment plan during 2019.

Upgrade to Inlet Works

Please note Hospital will require planning permission, which our consultants are currently preparing the application for. Hospital forms part of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Contract 2.

A short list questionnaire for WWTPU Contract 2 was sent out to the market and is currently being evaluated. After the evaluation of the questionnaire, we are hoping to send the tenders out to market mid-August with contract award in November 2019.

While Hospital will be one of approximately 15 sites in their contract, we have made note of the requirement to fast track Hospital and have made note of this in the tender documents. A contractor for Site Investigation is currently being tendered and once dates are confirmed, we will be in contact with Limerick City & County Council to arrange these works.

6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that road junction improvements are carried out at the Garrynoe junction on the R518 Bruree road to improve sightlines and general safety at the junction.

Proposed by Cllr Donegan, seconded by Cllr P.J.Carey

Reply: The Kilmallock Roads Office will prepare a design proposal for safety improvements on this junction with the intention of meeting the respective landowners to see if Dedication Agreements can be put together for proposed works.

It would be the intention that the proposed junction works would be carried out to a similar standard to that used at Ballycahill Junction in Hospital in 2018 but these proposed safety improvements would also be subject to funding being identified to carry out same.

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that consideration be given to the provision of some form of traffic calming, such as Driver Speed Feedback signs, on the approach road R512 to Bruff from the Pike area to address traffic speed on that section of road.

Proposed by Cllr Teefy, seconded by Cllr E. Ryan

Reply: The Elected Members approved General Municipal Allocation (GMA) funding in 2019 on a section of the R512 between the Pike and the new JFK Statue, for the placement of a raised pedestrian crossing, which will be going ahead later this year.

While a recent funding application through the Low Cost Safety Scheme for additional works at this location was unsuccessful, a tender is currently being placed by Central Services for the provision of Driver Feedback Signs, which also includes 10 No. for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District Roads Area. Exact locations have not yet been identified for same, but this can be considered when a supplier for Driver Feedback Signs has been identified.

Questions

8. Question submitted by Councillor Gerald Mitchell

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District what is the current progress update on the 20 Social Housing Units proposed for construction in Hospital

Reply: The tender documentation for the proposed development of 20 new social housing units at Hospital will complete through July 2019. Irish Water have intention to undertake some minor improvement works, through the course of 2020, at the municipal wastewater treatment plant. These works will release capacity for 15 additional housing units to be connected to the public wastewater disposal network. The Local Authority has made an application to Irish Water seeking to take advantage of any such available capacity within the public wastewater network. In this regard, the proposed housing development is intended to be advanced via a dual wastewater disposal strategy with part of the development being serviced by the public wastewater network and the balance being serviced by an on-site wastewater treatment plant (pending further Irish Water improvements at the Municipal plant). The process for procurement of a works contractor is intended to be commenced in August 2019 with the objective of a construction contract being signed in Q4/2019. Units are anticipated to complete in Q4/2020.

9. Question submitted by Councillor Gerald Mitchell

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District as to why it takes so long to retrofit vacant Council houses having regard to current pressures on the Council's Waiting List.

Reply: We have committed to removing the current batch of Voids by June 2020, understanding that the return of properties, for various reasons, takes place on an on-going basis throughout the City and County.

Up to now, the timeframe for return of properties includes a Voids funding application to the Department in advance, with works commencing upon receipt of approval.

To manage the issue, we are in the process of introducing a fast-track process that will see a pilot project being launched to return 30 of the properties in the coming months. After the first phase is completed, we will move to return more of the properties in batches of 30.

The project will include a mix of properties from City and County areas.

The pilot will be completed in conjunction with the existing work programme of Operations and Maintenance and Design and Delivery, who look after the properties approved for Voids funding and properties approved under the Buy and Renew Scheme.

We are introducing a single point of contact to assess the returned property immediately. This will ensure that the vacated property enters a work stream based on a standard scope and timeframe, which is determined by an inspection of the property at the outset.

The above measures will be reviewed on a monthly basis to assess progress made with regular reporting on it to be included in our report to Council.

10. Question submitted by Councillor Michael Donegan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the Smart CCTV and ask when is the information evening with the communities taking place.

Reply: Based on the findings of the Limerick Hinterland Study Report 2015 which highlighted the lack of infrastructure and indicated the crime levels across 14 towns, LCCC developed in 2016 a proposal to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DoHPCLG) for the installation of integrated “Smart CCTV” infrastructure: that will see 14 local communities taking full advantage of the advances in CCTV technologies in the fight against rural crime, disorder and anti-social activity and increase community involvement to prevent and reduce crime in local areas working together with all local agencies, community councils, the Council, An Garda and the JPC. While each community benefits from a local smart CCTV system, all 14 systems will be connected to a central CCTV Monitoring Centre who will also provide one point of contact for Garda officers and assistance for fault detection, maintenance and data backup.

The DoHPCLG approved this proposal and provided €250,000 in funding subject to match funding to be provided by the Council. The Council approved the match funding of €250,000 to be provided for the installation of CCTV.

Due to budget limitations, the projected demand for CCTV installation in the 14 towns has been met by installation in two waves.

Wave 1

Currently the Smart CCTV project Wave 1 is in **transition (test) status**.

Wave 1 CCTV installations are completed in all 14 towns with all 14 systems recording live footage. During this transition period, An Garda Siochana officers are provided with the CCTV footage needed for the purpose of securing public order and safety in public places by facilitating the deterrence, prevention, detection and prosecution of offences.

In Wave 1, 48 High Spec / High Quality cameras (or the equivalent of at least 88 cameras) have been installed in 23 new locations in the 14 towns, as follows:

- 11 x 360' Panoramic PTZ cameras
- 9 x 270' Panoramic PTZ cameras
- 3 x 180' Panoramic PTZ cameras
- 18 x ANPR cameras for number plate recognition
- 7 x PTZ cameras for Active Monitoring (Live Streaming)

The project consisted of the following milestones.

- 2017 May – Draft CCTV Locations
- 2017 July – Public Consultations: 4 municipal districts; 55 representatives from 28 community organisations and 14 towns
- 2017 August – Tender published
- 2017 November – Contract Signed for Wave 1: 44 cameras in 14 towns, 23 locations, 14 CCTV Hubs, live monitoring in Moyross Community Enterprise Centre
- 2017 December – First 5 cameras are installed in Rathkeale
- 2018 February – Legal Advice in relation to CCTV Policy and Data Protection
- 2018 April – Civil works completed
- 2018 May – CCTV system in Transition(Test)
- 2018 November – New CCTV monitoring centre opened in Moyross Community Enterprise Centre.

Costs: €440,000

Note: The project will be maintained in this transition (test) status until any recommendations in relation to GDPR that will come from the Data Protection Commissioner audit are fully implemented and until any technical issues are ironed out.

Wave 2

We expect that the demand for CCTV will only increase in time as many other communities could benefit from CCTV and apply to the Department of Justice (DoJ) for funding from Community CCTV Scheme. We hope that with the knowledge provided by the CCTV framework develop during the Smart CCTV project many other communities will succeed in their applications under the DoJ Community CCTV Scheme.

In November 2018, we secured **€334,573** in funding from the Community CCTV Scheme of the Department of Justice for the 14 towns included in the Smart CCTV Project. This allows us now to complete Wave 2 of the project and also to maintain sufficient funding for the maintenance and operation of the systems for the next 5 years.

This is the largest amount secured by any organisation for CCTV under the DoJ Community CCTV Scheme.

Next steps

- Implement any DPC Audit Recommendations when available
- Safer Communities Website – including info and a map of all CCTV in Limerick
- Community Consultations – Demo of CCTV Monitoring Centre and DPIA update
- Signage to be deployed on the main roads that enter in the 14 towns to indicate CCTV in use
- Commence Wave 2 – With funding from DoJ CCTV Scheme
- Develop CCTV Policy – With the Limerick Joint Policing Committee
- Develop a **CCTV Strategy** – With the Limerick Joint Policing Committee in order to choose strategic locations and minimize the CCTV sprawl, maximize impact in fighting crime and offence and minimize costs and impact on privacy.

The public information event in relation to the Smart CCTV project in Kilmallock is scheduled for 24th of July.

11. Question submitted by Councillor Michael Donegan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the recent visit to Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Reply: The meeting between TII and a delegation from Limerick City and County Council has not taken place yet, and arrangements are in train.

Limerick City and County Council have written to TII with a list of agenda items and a list of proposed attendees as received from the Municipal Districts. It is expected that the meeting will occur shortly after the summer period.

12. Question submitted by Councillor Martin Ryan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update in relation to the insurance requirements for the completion of the skateboard park in Murroe.

Reply: The Council has facilitated contact between Irish Public Bodies and Murroe Wood Park CLG in order to resolve the insurance for the skateboard park in Murroe

13. Question submitted by Councillor Martin Ryan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for a progress update on the roadworks on Main Street, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick.

Reply: The roadworks on the Main Street in Caherconlish will commence on Monday the 22nd July 2019 and will entail the closing of a section of the street for a three-week period until Friday the 16th August 2019.

Due to substructure failure, a full dig out of a section of the existing road is required to a depth of 400mm to facilitate the reconstruction of sub structure prior to placement of new macadam layer. Unfortunately, due to existing road widths, these excavation works will not facilitate single lane traffic operation so therefore there is a requirement for full lane closure.

Other Matters Arising:

- **Appointment of Superintendent**

The Members expressed their disappointment that Brian Sugrue, Superintendent for the Bruff District was being reassigned to the Roxboro Road District in Limerick City. While praising the work carried out by Supt Sugrue during the short time he was in the District, the Elected Members agreed that it was very important that a Superintendent was given the time to get to know a District to ensure that policing resources were fully applied throughout a District.

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

The Cathaoirleach referred to the proposed meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) which is likely to take place in the Autumn. It was agreed to re-circulate the suggested agenda items from the District, to the Elected Members, in case they wanted to add any other suggested items for this proposed meeting.

- **Vote of Sympathy**

The Elected Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to the family and friends of Ciarán Hegarty, former Senior Executive Engineer, Mid West National Road Design Office following his sudden passing shortly after his retirement from Limerick City & County Council.

The Elected Members also extended a Vote of Sympathy to the family and friends of Denis Barrett, Ballinlee, Bruff and formerly of Limerick County Council, following his recent passing.

- **Slí na Sláinte Walkway, Bruff**

The Elected Members commended the members of Kilmallock Tourism Community Employment scheme on works recently carried out by them on the Slí na Sláinte walkway in Bruff.

- **Best Wishes**

The Elected Members extended best wishes to the Limerick Senior and Minor hurling team in their forthcoming Championship matches against Kilkenny in Croke Park.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____