

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2019, AT 3.00 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor Michael Donegan, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director, Support Services-Finance, Corporate, HR & ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), Director, Community Development Directorate (Mr G. Daly), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Kidney), Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Sheehy), Administrative Officer, Property Services (Ms T. Knox), Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill), Clerical Officer, Urban & Rural Community Development (Ms. C. Carroll).

Also in attendance: Noel Gleeson and Liz Grant, St Michaels Day Care Centre, Cappamore, Co. Limerick.

At the outset of the Meeting, it was agreed that Item 3 (b), Item 2, and Item 5 would be dealt with first from the Agenda.

1. Community Development Directorate

Update on Pride of Place presentation by St. Michael's Day Care Centre, Cappamore, Co. Limerick.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed former Councillor, Noel Gleeson and Liz Grant to the meeting. They gave a presentation to the Elected Members on behalf of St Michaels Day Care Centre in relation to the Pride of Place Competition. St. Michael's Day Care Centre, Cappamore was one of four groups nominated by Limerick City and County Council to compete in this year's National Pride of Place Competition and judging took place in early September 2019 in relation to it.

The Members complimented Mr Gleeson and Ms Grant on the presentation and acknowledged the tremendous work done by everyone involved with the Day Care Centre in Cappamore. They also praised the community spirit and efforts by the people of Cappamore in various projects and initiatives, which they had delivered in the community over the years.

At the end of the presentation, the Director, Community Development Directorate on behalf of Limerick City & County Council, presented Mr Gleeson and Ms Grant with a Certificate and album to acknowledge the nomination and participation of St. Michael's Day Care Centre, Cappamore in this years' National Competition.

2. Capital Investment Directorate

Disposal of Property at Doon South, Doon, Co.Limerick

Circulated, report of the Head of Property Services dated 11th September, 2019 setting out the background to the proposed disposal of Freehold interest in property at Doon South, Doon. It was intended to bring the proposed disposal to the Full Council for approval.

Following a query from the Elected Members, the Administrative Officer, Property Services Section, agreed to discuss the retention of a sliver of land from the disposal with the relevant Roads Engineers to facilitate a possible footpath being provided at this location in the future.

The Members noted the report as circulated.

3. Physical Development Directorate

Delegation to meet Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)

Councillor Mitchell referred to the Part VIII for O'Rourke's Cross, Bruree and his recent correspondence with the Meetings Administrator, as well as the Mid West National Road Design Office, requesting that an update on O'Rourke's Cross be added to the Agenda for the forthcoming meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

The Meetings Administrator advised that the Mid West National Road Design Office (MWNRDO) had confirmed that while the item can be added to the Agenda for that meeting, that they also had confirmed that the O'Rourke's Cross scheme is being progressed in accordance with the approved Part VIII and there is no other scheme being considered. The Meetings Administrator noted that following receipt of this reply from the MWNRDO, that Cllr Mitchell had subsequently requested that O'Rourke's Cross not be included on the Agenda for the meeting with TII.

The Meetings Administrator also referred to correspondence from Conn Murray, former Chief Executive, Limerick City & County Council dated 11th March 2019, where the Chief Executive confirmed the position that he outlined to Members at the Special Meeting held

on the 26th September 2018, that the road scheme would proceed in accordance with the Part VIII as approved.

4. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 18th July, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor E. Ryan;
Seconded by Councillor G.Mitchell;
And Resolved:

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

- (ii) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 23rd July, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor G.Mitchell;
Seconded by Councillor B.Teefy;
And Resolved:

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

5. Community Development Directorate

The Director, Community Development Directorate gave a PowerPoint progress update to the Members on the activities of the Community Development Directorate, which covered the following areas:

- Urban & Rural Community Development;
- Tourism, Arts & Culture;
- Libraries, Gallery & Museum;
- Limerick Sports Partnership.

The Members thanked the Director, Community Development Directorate for his presentation and acknowledged the work being done across the Community Development Directorate and the supports being provided to various organisations and local communities.

They especially stressed the importance of the work currently being done in the area of derelict sites, which was complimentary to the work being done by local Tidy Towns groups, etc. in communities.

6. Service Operations Directorate

(a) Taking in Charge of Estates-Declaration of roads to be Public Roads.

A report from the A/Senior Planner, Planning & Environmental Services dated 6th September, 2019 was considered by the Members in relation to the taking in charge of the Paddocks estate, Bruree, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor B.Teefy;
Seconded by Councillor G.Mitchell:
And Resolved:

“ That the Paddocks Estate, Bruree be taken in charge in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993”

(b) Progress Update on 2019 Municipal District Road Works Programme

The Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock, circulated an update on the progress of the 2019 Municipal District Road Works Programme and the Members noted this update.

7. Support Services Directorate

Proposed Municipal District Reception

The Meetings Administrator circulated guidance to the Members in relation to the proposed Municipal District Reception planned for November 2019. It was agreed that the Members would forward their suggested nominees to the Meetings Administrator on or before the 30th September, 2019. The final list would then be considered by the Members and approved at the October 2019 Meeting.

8. Housing Development Directorate

Circulated, Housing Progress Report from the Director of Services, Housing Development Directorate dated 4th September, 2019, which was noted by the Members

NOTICE OF MOTION

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John Egan

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council request Bus Eireann to provide bus shelters in the villages of Cappamore, Caherconlish, Boher and Murroe, and that plans be put in place over the next three years to provide bus shelters in all villages in the Municipal District that have a Bus Eireann service.

Proposed by Cllr Egan, seconded by Cllr. Mitchell

Reply: Following a discussion on the Notice of Motion, it was agreed that the Municipal District would write to the National Transport Authority outlining its request to provide bus shelters at various locations throughout the Municipal District.

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Martin Ryan

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council engage with the Road Safety Authority to seek funding assistance from the RSA to implement a planned programme of hedge cutting along road verges in the Municipal District in order to improve road safety and reduce risks to road users and emergency/council personnel on the roads in the Municipal District.

Proposed by Cllr. M.Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Teefy

Reply: Hedge cutting works are currently carried out by the Municipal District Office at road junction locations that are identified as requiring hedge cutting in order to improve sightlines and visibility.

However, the current budget of €55,000 approx. for hedge cutting within the Municipal District does not allow for a planned programme of hedge cutting along road verges across the Municipal District.

Under Section 70(2) of the Roads Act 1993, the owner or occupier of land is also obliged to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road, and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road.

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Brigid Teefy

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District that a survey be carried out with regard to the condition of the footpaths in the Municipal District and further that a programme be put in place to replace and repair old damaged and broken footpaths.

Proposed by Cllr. Teefy, seconded by Cllr. Mitchell

Reply: There is currently a programme of footpath repairs within the Cappamore – Kilmallock Municipal District with a budget of €200,000 (including some General Municipal Allocation (GMA) funding), to carry out these works.

Footpaths requiring repair are usually identified by road maintenance staff based in the Municipal District or following contact from Elected Representatives or the public, or through identification of data from Public Liability Insurance claims. However, Limerick City & County Council does not currently have the staffing resources to carry out a full survey of all footpaths within the Municipal District at present.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Michael Donegan

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District that traffic calming measures would be installed in Ardpatrick village to improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

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

Reply: The detailed design for traffic calming measures has been completed and this design is currently going through public consultation under Section 38 of the Roads Act 1994, as amended by the Public Transportation Act, 2009 (section 46).

The design team will then consider any submissions received by the deadline of the 26th September, 2019 and it is anticipated that works at this location will be completed in Quarter 1, 2020.

QUESTIONS

13. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will ask at the next Municipal District meeting what is the current progress update on the traffic calming measures being installed in Hospital, which was highlighted at previous Municipal District meetings in the interest of safety for all road users.

Reply: The detailed design for traffic calming measures has been completed and this design is currently going through public consultation under Section 38 of the Roads Act 1994, as amended by the Public Transportation Act, 2009 (section 46).

The design team will then consider any submissions received by the deadline of the 26th September, 2019 and it is anticipated that works at this location will be completed in Quarter 1, 2020.

14. Question submitted by Councillor John Egan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District for a progress update on the social housing units proposed for the Old Creamery Yard in Cappamore.

Reply: Stage 2 approval (Approval to submit a Planning Application) was issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on 29th March 2019 for 10 houses. The Planning Application was submitted by Cappamore Housing Association on 2nd September, 2019

The Next Stage (Stage 3) will be the submission of a pre-tender estimate. This scheme is funded under the Capital Acquisition Scheme (CAS).

15. Question submitted by Councillor John Egan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District as to how many of the sewage plants in the Municipal District are at full capacity and how many need to be upgraded.

Reply: The question was referred to Irish Water localrepsupport@water.ie. Please note response received :

“There are 19 no Irish Water wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District Area. For 5 no of these 19 no WWTPs the collected load delivered to the WWTP is in excess of the reported design capacity of the WWTP.

16. Question submitted by Councillor Martin Ryan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the proposed development works at Caherconlish Graveyard.

Reply: The Council has tendered for the works for the extension of Caherconlish graveyard. A consultant is currently assessing the tenders received.

17 .Question submitted by Councillor Martin Ryan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District for details of the Council's Social Housing Units, which are currently vacant in the Municipal District, and the anticipated timeframe for the turnaround, and allocation of each of these properties to new tenants.

Reply: The number of vacant social housing units in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock is 35 as at the start of September, 2019.

The units are broken down as follows :

Allocated:	3
Casual Vacancies:	23
Major Refurbishments:	9

The timeframe for turnaround and allocation varies with the condition of each property and the scale of refurbishment work required. The average turnaround time noted in the most recent National and Oversight and Audit Committee (NOAC) report is 28.49 weeks.

18 .Question submitted by Councillor Brigid Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District for an update on when will the Speed Ramp/Cushion be installed on the R513 in Caherconlish.

Reply: There are two locations on the R513 where Speed Ramps / Cushions are proposed. At Lynch's corner, a tabletop ramp is to be installed on the junction of the R513 / L1149 / L5096. This is part of the 'Lynches Corner Caherconlish' LCSS. These works are to commence in the coming weeks.

Another speed cushion has been requested on the Herbertstown approach to Caherconlish Village. As part of Limerick City and County Council's Traffic Calming Policy, a Traffic Calming Assessment is required. This will be carried out as soon as resources are available.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____