

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 12th DECEMBER, 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); A/Director, Capital Investment Directorate (Mr. J. Delaney); Meetings Administrator, (Mr. M. Leahy); Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Kidney); A/SEO, Housing Support Services (Mr. R. Lowth); Senior Architect, Housing Development Directorate (Mr. S. Hanrahan); Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Sheehy); Executive Planner, Housing Development Directorate (Ms. S. Newell); Assistant Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Corcoran); Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. 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> November, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor Egan,  
Seconded by Councillor Teefy.  
And Resolved:

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

**2. Capital Investment Directorate**

**Part 8 Procedure – Station Close, Knocklong, Co. Limerick.**

Circulated, Chief Executive's Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 on the proposed construction of 12 residential units at Station Close, Knocklong, Co. Limerick. The Report has been prepared in accordance with Section 179(3) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

The A/Director, Capital Investment Directorate outlined the content of the Chief Executives Report and the submissions received and the responses to same. The Elected Members thanked the A/Director, Capital Investment Directorate for his presentation and welcomed the proposed construction of social housing in Knocklong, having regard to the number of qualified applicants on the Housing Waiting List.

Some concerns were raised by the Elected Members in relation to road sightlines at the site location and the A/Director, Capital Investment Directorate confirmed that the sightlines would be assessed by the Roads Authority, who would have to be satisfied with same, prior to the construction of the housing scheme, and the Members noted this.

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

That the Part 8 report, as circulated, be adopted in accordance with Section 179(4)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

### **3. Housing Development Directorate**

#### **(a) Housing Development Directorate Presentation**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Senior Architect, and Executive Planner, Housing Development Directorate to the Meeting and they gave a presentation to the Elected Members on:

- New Differential Rent Scheme for Limerick City and County;
- Affordable Housing Scheme of Priorities;
- Planned Preventative Maintenance Programme.

The Elected Members thanked the staff of the Housing Development Directorate for their presentation. They welcomed the fact that the new Differential Rent Scheme for Limerick City and County would standardise the calculation of weekly rents across City and County.

They also welcomed the Affordable Housing Scheme of Priorities, which would assist those people who could not get a mortgage, but who were also ineligible to go on the Housing Waiting List, as it may provide a possible route to home ownership for successful applicants.

The Elected Members also noted the proposals for a planned maintenance programme for Council owned housing stock, funding for which was approved by the full Council, and noted that this programme would commence in the first quarter of 2020 with a sample survey of housing stock across both Limerick City and County housing areas.

**(b) Housing Progress Report**

Circulated, Housing Progress Report from the Director of Services, Housing Development Directorate dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019, which was noted by the Members.

**NOTICE OF MOTION****4. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mitchell**

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that an appropriate sign be erected at the junction of Knockainey School road to the Main Street at Hospital.

Proposed by Cllr. Mitchell, seconded by Cllr. Teefy and agreed.

**Reply:**

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Roads Department will arrange for a pole and stop sign to be erected on the approach from Knockainey to the R513 Road at this junction.

**5. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy**

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Safety Improvement works be carried out on the L1152 road from New Pallas towards Old Pallas on the narrow section of the road before the junction for Nicker School and that extra signage be put in at the school junction.

**Reply:**

Limerick City and County Council will include this project for consideration as a proposal in the next Safety Improvement Works (LCSS) scheme.

**QUESTIONS****6. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District:

**(a) How many qualified applicants are on the Housing Waiting List in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District?**

**(b) How many tenants are on the Housing Assisted Payment (HAP) Scheme in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District?**

**Reply:**

(a) The Housing Waiting List figures for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District are below. These figures could include duplicate applicants due to applicants having more than one area of choice in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District:

Cappamore: 86	Pallasgreen: 68	Kilmallock: 131	Ballylanders: 42
Murroe: 135	Athlacca: 21	Galbally: 36	Castletown: 4
Bruree: 54	Herbertstown: 2	Bruff: 109	Kilteely: 12
Knocklong: 47	Oola: 32	Kilfinane: 55	Anglesboro: 4
Effin: 1	Ballyagran: 9	Hospital: 100	Glenbrohane: 1
Doon: 50	Caherconlish: 119		

(b) According to our records, the number of HAP tenancies in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District is 256.

**7. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy**

**I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District how many Electric Charging Points for Electric cars are in the Municipal District and where are they located?**

**Reply:**

ESB Networks are responsible for the provision of electric charging points in Ireland, and operate and maintain approximately 1,100 public charge points across the island of Ireland. According to the e-cars Charge Point Map on the ESB website, there are currently no Electric Charging Points in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.

The ESB website states that ESB e-cars is currently undertaking a €20m programme to expand and enhance the charging network across Ireland which is part funded by the Irish Government's Climate Action Fund, to help meet the expected growth of electric vehicles in the coming years.

## **8. Any Other Business**

- **Lough Gur Co-Operative Development Society Limited**

On the proposal of Councillor Teefy, seconded by Councillor Mitchell, the Members agreed with the proposal as outlined by the Director Support Services-Finance, Corporate, HR & ICT to allocate €30,000 to Lough Gur Co-Operative Development Society Limited for the operation of the Lough Gur Site in 2020.

- **Cork Line Level Crossings Project**

The Elected Members referred to a recent Public Consultation Information Event that took place in the Deebert House Hotel on the 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 in relation to the above project. This project is seeking to identify the best approach to removing or upgrading seven level crossings located along the main Cork to Dublin line, including two located in Co. Limerick at Thomastown and Fanstown.

The Members expressed disappointment at the fact that no invite had issued to the Elected Representatives in the area to attend the Public Consultation Information Event.

They agreed to invite a representative from the Project Team to attend the January 2020 Municipal District Meeting in order to brief the Members on the project, and in particular, what is being proposed at Thomastown and Fanstown crossings.

- **Level Crossing at Dromkeen, Co. Limerick**

The Members expressed concern at the instruction signage advising traffic in the approach to the level crossing, now that the crossing is unmanned. They agreed that the Municipal District should write to Iarnród Éireann requesting that they consider upgrading the signage at this location in the interests of public safety.

- **Deputations**

The Members referred to a request from Bruff Grange Meanus Community Council to give a brief presentation to the Elected Members at the January 2020 Municipal District Meeting. The Members also noted a request from Step Forward Disability Group to give a brief presentation to the Elected Members at the February 2020 Municipal District Meeting. On the proposal of Cllr Donegan, seconded by Cllr Teefy, and agreed it was decided to invite the two deputations to attend the respective January 2020 and February 2020 Municipal District Meetings.

- **Vote of Sympathy**

The Elected Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to the family and friends of Colin Bergin, Dundrum Road, Tipperary and formerly St John the Baptist Community School, Hospital who had passed away recently following a short illness. They outlined the shock felt by all in the school and the wider community following his sudden passing, and praised the huge contribution that he had made during his time with the school.

- **Awards**

The Members congratulated the staff of Limerick City & County Council for recent award wins by the local authority:

-The Kilmallock West Wall Walkway won the Heritage/Conservation/Cultural Project of the Year at the Irish Building & Design Awards in the Clayton Hotel in Dublin. The Members welcomed the award and paid tribute to the staff of Limerick City & County Council, and in particular, Sarah McCutcheon, Executive Archaeologist, for the work carried out on the project, which culminated in this award;

-Another Limerick City & County Council project in Nicholas Street also won the 'Tourism & Hospitality Project of the Year' at the Irish Building and Design Awards;

-Watch House Cross Community Library picked up the award for 'Best Library Service' at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards;

-Abbeyfeale Community Council, runners-up in the 2,000-5,000 Population Category at the Irish Public Bodies Pride of Place Awards;

The Members also congratulated Finn Coleman, Caherline who was recently presented with a Garda Youth Award.

The Cathaoirleach wished all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

This concluded the Meeting.

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

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

**Cathaoirleach**