

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 16th JANUARY, 2020, 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); Meetings Administrator, (Mr. M. Leahy); Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Kidney); Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Sheehy); Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill).

Also in attendance: Mr P. Casey & Ms A. Slattery, Ballyhoura Development CLG; Mr. A. Bradley & Ms. F. McDonnell, Jacobs Consultants; Mr. J. Kenny, Irish Rail.

At the start of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach, on behalf of the Elected Members and staff, expressed his deep condolences to the family and friends of former Cllr Michael Barry, Railway Road, Kilmallock following his recent passing and thanked all of those who attended the Special Meeting called to mark his passing. A minutes silence was observed to mark his passing.

1. Adoption of Minutes

(i) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 12th December, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor Carey,
Seconded by Councillor M. Ryan.
And Resolved:

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

Under Matters Arising, the Elected Members requested that clarification be sought on the 1st preference locations selected by qualified applicants on the Housing Waiting List in the Municipal District.

(ii) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 20th December, 2019.

Proposed by Councillor E. Ryan,
Seconded by Councillor Mitchell.

And Resolved:

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

2. Deputation from Bruff Grange Meanus Community Council

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the deputation from Bruff Grange Meanus Community Council. Mark Nagle, on behalf of the deputation, went through the presentation that had been circulated to the Elected Members. He went through the difficulties and issues encountered by their communities in the recent past, and outlined the work carried out to date by all involved in addressing these challenges. He asked the Elected Members and Limerick City and County Council for their continued support in progressing future goals and objectives that they had identified within their respective communities.

The Elected Members thanked the deputation for the presentation and praised the huge amount of voluntary work carried out by the communities. The Members agreed to continue to support the work being done locally by all the groups involved.

3. Cork Line Level Crossings Project

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the representatives from Irish Rail and Jacobs Consultants to the meeting. They gave a presentation to the Elected Members on the Cork Line Level Crossings Project, and in particular on the details relating to the level crossings at Fanstown and Thomastown. They outlined details of the public consultations and public meetings held to date and confirmed that the closing date for receipt of submissions in relation to this current public consultation was the 21st January, 2020.

The Elected Members thanked the representatives for their presentation in relation to the project, and in particular, the information provided in relation to the level crossings at Fanstown and Thomastown. With regard to the Fanstown level crossing, they referred to concerns raised by the local community about the lengthy diversion involved and that the community was being split in two with the suggested closure of this railway crossing. They asked that consideration should be given instead to the provision of an overbridge at this location.

Concerns were also raised in relation to unauthorised parking and dumping on the section of road that would be closed at the level crossing. The Elected Members expressed disappointment that Limerick City and County Council had not formally been involved in the consultation process and agreed that more consultation and engagement should take place with the local community.

The Elected Members also suggested that factors other than the cost of the provision of an overbridge, such as impacts on the local community and increased traffic commute times, should be considered as part of any process and they cited examples elsewhere of overbridges being provided where level crossings were being closed. The Elected Members unanimously agreed that Irish Rail should be asked to review their proposals and instead consider the provision of an overbridge at Fanstown level crossing.

With regard to the Thomastown level crossing, the Elected Members referred to a recent meeting involving the community and some local Councillors where the proposal to provide an overbridge at this location was discussed. It was noted that there was a reasonably positive reaction to the proposal but that some clarifications were being sought. These included the width of the proposed road carriageway, measures to address unauthorised parking and dumping on the section of road that would be closed at the level crossing, possible provision of a footpath on the overbridge and what weight restrictions would be proposed for the overbridge, etc. The Elected Members highlighted the importance of ongoing engagement with the local community by Irish Rail to ensure all concerns raised were addressed.

The representatives from Irish Rail noted the issues raised by the Elected Members and confirmed that these would be taken into consideration as part of the consultation process. The Elected Members agreed that it would be worthwhile to invite Irish Rail back again in the near future to give a further update on developments with regard to the level crossings at Fanstown and Thomastown.

4. Ballyhoura Development CLG

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the representatives from Ballyhoura Development CLG who gave a presentation to the Elected Members on the social economic plans completed by communities across the Municipal District. They outlined the consultation process that they engaged in with local communities and the methodology used in the preparation of the plans for each area.

The Elected Members thanked the representatives from Ballyhoura Development CLG for their presentation and acknowledged the work being done by Ballyhoura Development CLG in local communities. They agreed the importance of continued co-operation between Limerick City and County Council and Ballyhoura Development CLG in supporting local communities with their future progress and development.

5. Housing Development Directorate

(b) Housing Progress Report

Circulated, Housing Progress Report from the Director of Services, Housing Development Directorate dated 3rd January, 2020 which was noted by the Members.

NOTICE OF MOTION

6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that the Municipal District request the Road Safety Authority to advise what actual measures they could propose, using their evidence based approach, that would encourage the cutting of roadside hedges to help improve the safety of both road users and roads/facilities operatives.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr. Carey and agreed, to refer the Notice of Motion to the Travel and Transportation SPC for consideration and discussion.

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that this Municipal District request that ESB Networks, who are responsible for the provision of charging points, be requested to install electric vehicle charging points in towns and villages throughout the Municipal District.

Proposed by Cllr. Teefy, seconded by Cllr. Carey and agreed, to refer the Notice of Motion to the Travel and Transportation SPC for consideration and discussion. It was also agreed that the Municipal District would write to ESB Networks on this matter.

QUESTIONS

8. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

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

- (a) When will the newly appointed Estate Management Officers be commencing in their positions?
- (b) Will there be a designated Estate Management Officer position appointed to the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District?

Reply:

The Estate Management Unit of the Council is being re-constituted as the Community Sustainment Unit. Additional staff, to be known as Community Sustainment Workers, have been/are being put in place. Full details in relation to their role will be circulated to all members of the Council shortly. Ms Kate Janeczek has been appointed to one of these positions, with specific responsibility for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District and she will henceforth be the designated contact person for the District. She can be reached at kate.janeczek@limerick.ie

9. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock can Limerick City & County Council investigate ways to prevent the illegal grazing of horses in the People's Park in Kilmallock, specifically by closing off some entry points to the Park.

Reply:

The Environment Section of the Council has responsibility for tackling problems associated with the illegal parking of horses on public lands. Housing Support Services assist, should ownership of horses be traced back to Council tenants. Discussions have been held with residents in Deebert and Cois Abhainn estates regarding the possibility of closing or restricting access points in the vicinity of both and it is hoped that proposals can be developed which will have the support of the majority of residents and Elected Members.

10. Any Other Business

- **Horse Control**

The Elected Members referred to the reply received in relation to Cllr Carey's Question regarding illegal grazing of horses and horse control. Following a discussion amongst the Elected Members, it was agreed to hold a Workshop before the February Municipal District Meeting, to discuss the issue of horse control in the Municipal District.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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