

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, MILLMOUNT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 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: Ms M. Browne and Ms N. Meagher Step Forward Disability Group, Hospital.

1. Adoption of Minutes

(i) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 16th January, 2020.

Proposed by Councillor 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, the Elected Members expressed disappointment at the reply from ESB E Cars in relation to the provision of electric charging points in the Municipal District. They agreed that Limerick City and County Council should take a lead in this area in providing charging points in the Municipal District, given the significant environmental impacts that increased usage of electric cars could provide.

2. Deputation from Step Forward Disability Group

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Maureen Browne and Noreen Meagher from Step Forward Disability Group, Hospital, Co. Limerick. Both went through the presentation that had been circulated to the Elected Members.

They went through the difficulties and issues encountered by their group in relation to access issues and dealing with obstacles on footpaths such as bollards, low signage, motorists parking on footpaths, etc. which created huge issues for people with a disability.

They outlined the work carried out to date by all involved in the Disability Group in raising awareness of the challenges faced by the disabled community. They 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 community.

The Elected Members thanked the ladies for the presentation and praised the huge amount of work carried out by the Step Forward Disability Group and the Members agreed to continue to support the work being done by the group in the Municipal District.

3. Capital Investment Directorate

Disposal of Property at 4 Galtee View, Galbally, Co. Limerick

Circulated, report from the Head of Property Services setting out the background to the proposed disposal at 4 Galtee View, Galbally, Co. Limerick.

It was intended to bring the proposed disposal to the Full Council for approval.

The Members noted the report as circulated.

4. Service Operations Directorate

Taking in Charge of Estates-Declaration of Roads to be public

Following consideration of the report from the Acting Senior Planner dated the 23rd January 2020, the approval to the taking in charge of estates at Ait Ailinn, Bruree and Castlepark, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick was proposed by Cllr Teefy, seconded by Cllr E. Ryan and agreed by the Elected Members.

5. Housing Development Directorate

(b) Housing Progress Report

Circulated, Housing Progress Report from the Director of Services, Housing Development Directorate dated 31st January, 2020, which was noted by the Members.

NOTICE OF MOTION

6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that the Municipal District call on the HSE to ensure the Hospital town ShannonDoc out-of-hours GP service continue to operate as normal, despite growing fears in recent weeks that it is reducing its support hours.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Donegan, seconded by Cllr. M. Ryan and agreed.

Reply:

ShannonDoc has reiterated that it is 'service as usual' at all of its treatment centres throughout the Mid-West. More than 10,000 patients used our service over the Christmas period (21st December to 5th January) in our treatment centres across Limerick, Clare and North Tipperary. However, ShannonDoc is undertaking a major review of operations to ensure its future sustainability.

ShannonDoc is facing considerable challenges year on year; in particular, due to the lack of locums to cover the out-of-hours service and a failure to fill a number of GP lists in the region due to retirement of members.

Furthermore, with the impending reality of a quarter of GPs due to retire over the next five years in Ireland without sufficient younger doctors entering general practice to fill these vacancies; action is now required.

Chairman Dr. Pat Morrissey said: "The GP shortage, in particular, is putting unsustainable pressure on both the current daytime GP service across the region and additionally our out-of-hours service. At a time when locum doctors are harder to source, this is creating a difficulty for ShannonDoc. Due to these challenges ShannonDoc Board have commenced a review of the operations to determine the most efficient way to continue to deliver a sustainable service."

"However, the policy of ShannonDoc is to ensure the people of the Mid-West continue to receive the level of service that they have become accustomed to over the last 18 years and are confident that we can deliver a viable plan which will be sustainable in the future for our patients, GPs and staff."

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that the next phase of the roll out of CCTV to the towns and villages of the District, that were not included in the first phase, include the following locations: Hospital, Bruff, Knocklong, Knockainey, Killeely, Herbertstown, Galbally, Ballylanders, Martinstown, Bulgaden, Meanus, Grange, Bruff, Garrydoolis and Templebraden.

Proposed by Cllr. Mitchell, seconded by Cllr. E. Ryan and agreed.

Reply:

The Council position is that no new projects are proceeding at present. Wave 2 of the Hinterlands project is already procured and financed. This cannot be extended to include other areas. What the proposals below indicate is an entirely new project, which would involve considerable preparation in terms of planning, scoping, legal requirements and funding, and this is not possible in the short term.

8. 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 Environment Section of Limerick City and County Council to engage in a publicity campaign through local media, social media, etc. to focus attention and awareness on the unacceptable anti-social behaviour of illegal dumping that has blighted the roads and fields of County Limerick.

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

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council commissioned a short social media video in December 2019, urging people to use licensed operators only to remove their rubbish. On the Limerick Council Twitter account, it gained 1,659 impressions, 226 views, and 7 engagements. This was accompanied by a cinema campaign covering all screenings across Limerick cinemas for a 6-week period from December 2019 to January 2020. In addition, the Council has run similar short adverts on Live 95 during the year.

The initiative was funded under the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environments anti-Dumping Initiative 2019.

Members of the public who witness environmental pollution such as fly tipping, littering or backyard burning may also report it to Limerick City and County Council Customer Services at 061-556000 or the free phone litter line 1800 201 501 or the *See It? Say It!* App.

QUESTIONS

9. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for an update on the taking in charge of Castle Court and Ashill Manor estates in Kilmallock.

Reply:

Castlecourt: This estate is awaiting assessment to provide a snag list and estimate of costs for the completion of all outstanding works prior to the Council taking the estate in charge.

Ahill Manor: This estate is being completed by the Council and we are awaiting confirmation from our engineers that the formal taking in charge process can be commenced.

10. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for an update on the taking in charge of Glenstal Gate Estate, Murroe.

Reply:

The Council has claimed the bond lodged for the satisfactory completion of the estate. The cost of the outstanding works exceed the amount of the bond and therefore, the Council need to provide the additional funding to complete the estate.

A new planning application has been lodged for this site, Ref. No. 19/1298, for 32 houses by the same developer. It may be possible to address some of the outstanding issues through this new application.

11. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock can Limerick City and County Council give an update on recent road improvement works in Bruree, notably:

- (a) Is there a further update from Iarnród Éireann in relation to the query on the title to certain land relating to these works;
- (b) What is the current position with regard to Planning Enforcement measures relating to fence and entrance at old bridge?

Reply:

- (a) To date we have received no details from Iarnród Eireann regarding the title of the land relating to these works;
- (b) Planning and Environment Services have confirmed that this matter has been referred to our Legal Agents for prosecution for failure to comply with the terms of the Enforcement Notice.

12. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock can Limerick City and County Council advise what are the anticipated numbers and type of social housing units (either new build, acquisition, refurbishment, long-term void, etc.) that will become available within the next 6 months in each village/town in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.

Reply:

The Housing Development Department are currently working on a monthly newsletter, which will incorporate these figures for the monthly Municipal District reports.

10. Any Other Business

- **Sheila Deegan**

The Elected Members extended their congratulations and best wishes to Sheila Deegan, Arts Officer following her secondment to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to work on Creative Ireland, the Government's five-year policy initiative from 2017 to 2022 to put creativity at the centre of public policy.

- **Kilmallock Fire Service 1916-2016**

The Elected Members referred to a Reception held in January to recognise the vital and significant contribution of the fire service in Kilmallock over the years. The Elected Members agreed to invite Michael Ryan, Chief Fire Officer to give a presentation on the operation of the fire service to the Elected Members at a Municipal District Meeting later in the year.

- **Vote of Sympathy**

The Elected Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to Marie O'Neill, Finance Services, Limerick City and County Council, along with family and friends, following the death of her father Eugene Gleeson, Athlacca.

The Elected Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to Noreen Sheehan, Kilmallock Library, Limerick City and County Council, along with family and friends, following the death of her father Denis Hayes, Bruff.

- **Congratulations**

The Elected Members congratulated all those who were recently elected to the Dáil from the Limerick Constituencies and, in particular, Richard O'Donoghue and Brian Leddin who were elected for the first time.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

