

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN COLÁISTE ÍÓSAEF COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SHEARE'S ST, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON TUESDAY, 23RD JUNE, 2020, AT 2.00 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); Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill).

Also in attendance: Noel Kelly, Principal, Coláiste Iósaef Community College.

At the outset of the Meeting, the Principal of the Secondary School welcomed the Elected Members and officials to the school for their Meeting. The Elected Members thanked Mr Kelly for facilitating the Meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions and complemented the school on their impressive buildings and facilities.

1. Vote of Sympathy

With the agreement of the Elected Members, the Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy for all those who had perished in recent months because of the Covid 19 crisis and he praised

the work done by all frontline workers in facing the challenges encountered in dealing with Covid 19.

In addition, condolences were expressed to the family and friends, and votes of sympathy were proposed, for the following people who had passed away since the previous meeting:

- Garda Colm Horgan who was tragically killed in the line of duty in Castlerea, Co. Roscommon on the 17th June, 2020. The Elected Members also thanked Bruff Gardai and Kilmallock Fire Service for the minutes silence outside Bruff Garda Station;
- Brendan Lewis, Glenfield, Kilmallock-former retained firefighter, Kilmallock Fire Brigade;
- Gerard Houlihan, Green Road, Kilmallock and Crecora-brother of former Councillor Mike Houlihan;
- Mags Murray, former Councillor with Fingal County Council;
- Molly Murray, McDermott Villas, Navan-mother of former Chief Executive of Limerick City and County Council, Conn Murray;
- Willie Coffey, Boherageela, Meanus-father of Maria Coffey, Housing Support Services, Limerick City and County Council;
- Aideen Crowe, mother of Paul Crowe, former Director of Services, Limerick City and County Council;
- Fr Willie Hennessy, Knocklong-former P.P. of Knocklong & Glenbrohane Parish;
- Fr Liam Holmes, Tubber, Murroe & Knockainey-former P.P. of Knockainey/Patrickswell parish.

As a mark of respect to all those who had passed away, the Elected Members and officials stood and observed a minutes silence in prayer.

2. Adoption of Minutes

(i) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 20th February, 2020.

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

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

3. Support Services Directorate

(i) Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) 2020

The Elected Members welcomed the significant amount of works and expenditure proposed in the Schedule and thanked the Council staff for their assistance in the preparation of same. The Director, Support Services-Finance, Corporate, HR & ICT confirmed that a

presentation would be made to the Elected Members later in the year in relation to the completion of works contained in the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2020.

On the proposal of Cllr E. Ryan, seconded by Cllr Teefy, it was agreed to approve the Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2020 as outlined in the circulated report.

(ii) General Municipal Allocation (GMA) Community Contributions 2020

Prior to a discussion on this item, the Cathaoirleach stated that he wished to clarify rumours circulating that he was opposed to an allocation of €1,000 to Millmount Residents for signage under the General Municipal Allocation Community Contributions 2020.

The Cathaoirleach stated that he was never opposed to such an allocation and had merely suggested that the funding be routed through Kilmallock Tourism Development Limited to expedite the process of processing the grant allocation. He also confirmed that the CE scheme had agreed to complete the signage once the residents agreed the design, and that this had been all discussed at a Residents Association meeting, which he had attended in the past.

The Elected Members agreed that there had been no objections raised to any of the groups or initiatives proposed in their discussions on the GMA Community Contributions 2020 Scheme and welcomed the funding support, which would be of great assistance to many groups across the Municipal District.

On the proposal of Cllr Teefy, seconded by Cllr Mitchell, it was agreed to approve the General Municipal Allocation Community Contributions 2020 as outlined in the circulated report.

4. Capital Investment Directorate

Disposal of freehold interest in property at Gibbonstown, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick

Circulated, report from the Head of Property Services setting out the background to the proposed disposal of freehold interest in property at Gibbonstown, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

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

The Members noted the report as circulated.

NOTICE OF MOTION

5. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that Limerick City and County Council and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport review the heavy traffic loading on the R513 Regional road from Caherconlish to Mitchelstown and assess what improvements can be put in place for this road and if it needs to be upgraded to National route status.

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

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council will carry out a detailed review of the traffic loadings on the R513 Caherconlish to Mitchelstown Road, which will involve detailed traffic counts, volumes and vehicle types at several locations on the route.

When this information is compiled, a detailed request for funding will be submitted to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to carry out improvement works.

At present Limerick City & County Council have no plans to apply for upgrade of the status of the road to a National Road.

6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that Limerick City & County Council allocate funding to purchase Mobile CCTV units that can be installed and monitored in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District to combat illegal dumping.

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

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council installs/monitors covert CCTV units under the Waste Management Acts in accordance with GDPR legislation and in cases where the location/severity of illegal dumping warrants same.

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that Limerick City and County Council write to the HSE and Manager of Shannondoc and seek an update and full clarity on this essential and necessary service which serves a huge area and what are its future plans.

Proposed by Cllr Mitchell, seconded by Cllr Teefy and agreed that the Meetings Administrator would, on behalf of the Elected Members, write to Shannon Doc outlining the concerns expressed in the Notice of Motion and seek a reply to same.

QUESTIONS

8. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for an update on Oola /Carrigmore water supply and results of any exploration for new water sources in the area.

Reply:

The Question was referred to Irish Water and their response received on the 19th June, 2020 is as follows:

I have received an update advising that the Oola water supply is currently in drought status, with yields at the spring, which supplies the area, having fallen back due to the prolonged dry spell. As a result, it has been necessary to introduce night-time restrictions to allow reservoir levels to recover overnight. Communications have also been issued via local media and other channels to encourage the community to conserve water where possible in order to reduce demand on the supply.

In addition to this, leak detection and repair work is ongoing to find and fix leaks in the network. The lifting of a Do Not Consume notice for the neighbouring Carrigmore supply last month has also led to a small increase in the volume of water available for supply, as part of this area was being supplied from Oola while the restriction was in place.

Further process optimisation works are planned in both Pallasgreen and Oola to maximise the yield from the ground water sources in these areas and to increase resilience during long dry spells such as we are currently experiencing.

9. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for an update on the request for continuous white lining along the N24 at Pallasgreen, leading to the junction with the L5050 and the lining of the same junction.

Reply:

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) were contacted by Limerick City and County Council on the 12th March 2020 regarding the above issue. TII responded and recommended that: “as there is no need to prevent overtaking other than on approach to this junction, the lining should be out of the double system, with overtaking in each direction banned on approach to the junction but permitted when leaving the junction”. TII have agreed that these works are necessary and we await a commencement date from TII to undertake these works.

10. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock can Limerick City and County Council investigate the possibility of providing a Disabled Parking Space near St Ailbe’s Credit Union in Hospital on the Main Street.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council are currently undertaking works in Hospital. This will involve the installation of a Disabled Parking Space on the street directly opposite the Credit Union. The location of a Disabled Parking Space cannot be facilitated outside the Credit Union, as there is no parking allowed on that side of the road

11. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for an update on remedial works on the surface water pipe in the river Loobagh being used as a storm overflow from the public sewer at the rear of Deebert Close, Kilmallock.

Reply:

The Question was referred to Irish Water and their response received on the 19th June, 2020 is as follows:

As you know Water Services, as a result of a complaint, inspected the foul network in the area known as Deebert Park in Kilmallock on 10/03/2020. An overflow in a manhole to the rear of house No. 9 Deebert Place was identified.

I can confirm that the overflow was performing its function as designed and Waste Water was discharging to the nearby in flood Loobagh River, preventing Waste Water backing up and flooding Irish Water customers and public lands.

Further investigation revealed that the cause of this overflow discharge to river was as a direct result of a partial network blockage further downstream.

Water Services Operatives later that evening removed a significant amount of debris and unblocked this sewer. It is my understanding that the sewer is now functioning as designed and that overflow discharges to the river have now ceased.

To prevent future debris discharging to the Loobagh river in time of extreme flooding and or blockage, it is proposed to submit a design and scope of works to Irish Water with a view to securing funding for the installation of a screened overflow.

Please note that any such works will not be possible until such time as the floodwaters have receded and funding is made available.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

