

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE, SHEARES STREET, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 16TH JULY, 2020, AT 3.15 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor John Egan, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Carey, Donegan, 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); Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Sheehy); Assistant Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Corcoran); A/S.E.O., Physical Development Directorate (Mr D. McGuigan); Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill).

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach and the Elected Members thanked the Pastoral Centre for facilitating the Meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions and complimented the building and facilities provided.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 23rd June, 2020.

Cllr Donegan requested that the Minutes be amended on page 3 to replace the word "clarify" with "dispel" in the paragraph relating to General Municipal Allocation (GMA) Community Contributions 2020.

Proposed by Councillor M. Ryan,

Seconded by Councillor Mitchell.

And Resolved:

"That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed, subject to the amendment outlined above."

- (ii) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 23rd June, 2020.

Proposed by Councillor Donegan,

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 referred to recent media reports citing a reference to “cronyism” by an Elected Member in reference to the election of the Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach at the Annual Meeting in June of the Municipal District.

The Elected Members who objected to the use of this word outlined that, following the result of the Local Elections in 2019, that a pact was in place between Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil and as a result, the election of Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach was driven by this political agreement. They also noted that such political agreements are common across most local authorities.

The Elected Members noted the excellent co-operation and understanding in the past between all those who represented the Municipal District, and believed it was incorrect and unfair to use such a term in relation to the election process at the recent Annual Meeting. The Elected Members were adamant that the election process was conducted in an open and transparent manner at this meeting.

The Elected Member, who used the word cronyism, defended his use of the word. He stated that it was unfair that one long serving independent Elected Member would not get an opportunity to serve as Cathaoirleach or Leas Cathaoirleach, because of this political agreement. This Elected Member also accepted that he had not canvassed his fellow Elected Members prior to the Annual Meeting to try to change the election pact that was in place.

2. Physical Development Directorate

Draft Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock (Parking Places) (Amendment) Bye Laws 2020

Circulated, report of Acting Senior Executive Officer, dated 8th June, 2020, setting out details of the Draft Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock (Parking Places) (Amendment) Byelaws, 2020.

The A/Senior Executive Officer explained that the purpose of the draft Bye-Laws is to extend the exemption from the requirement to pay parking fees, as adopted by the Elected Members in the Parking Places (Amendment) Bye-Laws 2018. The 2018 Bye-Laws were subject to review after 24 months from the date of adoption, which is due to cease on the 31st August, 2020.

The A/Senior Executive Officer also confirmed that, if adopted, that the Draft Bye-Laws would create an exemption from the requirement to pay parking fees for a maximum of four hours and that this exemption would be reviewed after a period of twenty-four months from their adoption to take account of possible developments in the Electric Vehicle sector.

He confirmed that the statutory Bye-Law process required the Local Authority to undertake a public consultation process prior to the adoption of the Draft Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock (Parking Places) (Amendment) Byelaws, 2020 and that approval of the draft Bye-Laws for publication is a reserved function of the Council.

A discussion took place on electric vehicles in general and the Elected Members agreed that there should be greater availability of electric vehicle charging points across the Municipal District and that local authorities should be more pro-active in the provision of charging points to support the move to electric vehicles over the coming decade.

The A/Senior Executive officer confirmed that meetings had taken place across the local authority sector in relation to the provision of electric vehicle charging points and that guidelines for same were in the process of being drafted to ensure consistency of implementation across the local authority sector.

It was proposed by Cllr M. Ryan, seconded by Cllr Donegan and agreed that the Draft Bye-Laws should proceed to the public consultation process.

NOTICE OF MOTION

3. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey

I will move at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that Limerick City and County Council arrange to provide for a “Children at Play” sign, a Speed Limit sign, and a No Parking Box at the beginning of the first house at Fairyfield Estate, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

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

Reply:

I can confirm that a “Children at Play” Sign and Speed Limit Sign have been erected this week. A ‘No Parking’ box will be facilitated when line markers are next in the Municipal District Area.

4. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that Limerick City and County Council install traffic calming measures and appropriate signage on the west side approach road into Bruree village on the R518.

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

Reply:

A Driver Feedback Sign, in addition to the replacement of existing missing signage, will be facilitated at this location before the end of September 2020. Limerick City and County Council will also arrange to have road markings upgraded on the existing junction at this location.

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 appoint a person to be the Small & Medium Enterprise (SME) Direct Contact/Coordinator with sole responsibility for the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District area.

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

Reply:

Within the Council's Economic Development Directorate, there are three business units that have as their remit the support of the jobs / business units of the Economic Development of the Council are structured along the following lines:

- Trade & Investment – mainly deals with the large FDI companies and supports IDA/EI in their promotion of Limerick as an investment location
- Innovate Limerick – drives business innovation for all sizes of company and develops business ecosystems / clusters etc. It also oversees the Enterprise Units located across the City and County.
- Local Enterprise Office – supports micro businesses (up to 10 employees) by offering a range of business supports such as grant funding, training, mentoring, etc.

While each unit has a distinct range of responsibilities, there are many areas of overlap and they collaborate on many job creation and business support initiatives. The three units have a countywide remit.

In addition to dealing with individual companies across Limerick, the units would be in regular contact with business representative groups such as Chambers of Commerce, ISME, and IBEC etc. with a view to improving the business environment of their clients.

In addition, there are also a number of other economic development agencies operating under the framework of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) for Limerick City and County prepared by the LCDC. Ballyhoura Development, West Limerick resources and the Paul Partnership each have a role to play in business support in their own respective areas.

A new Head of Enterprise in the Limerick Enterprise Office will be appointed in the next two months and they will review the delivery of services across the city and county to ensure that all areas are receiving the highest level of support available.

6. 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 seek immediate funding from the Department of Justice & Equality, and from within the Local Authority, for the installation of CCTV security cameras throughout the Municipal District for areas that were not included in the first phase of the CCTV installation programme.

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

Reply:

There is a high demand for CCTV across all communities in Limerick City & County. The provision of CCTV requires capital funding and revenue expenditure for long-term operations and maintenance. Limerick City and County Council is currently drafting a CCTV Strategy to bring before Council for approval, which will provide a roadmap for the maintenance of existing CCTV and the future provision of CCTV within Limerick. Until such times as Limerick City and County Council has determined its strategy, the notice of motion as proposed would be premature.

QUESTIONS

7. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for a report outlining the extent of use of mobile CCTV equipment to tackle the issues of littering and illegal dumping.

1. The report will include the number of locations where such equipment was used over the past two years and the number of fines/prosecutions that resulted from its use;
2. The types of locations and areas of open spaces that mobile cameras have been used in the past 2 years;
3. The annual budget available for the use of such equipment and if the Council owns its own equipment or engages private operators to manage these mobile units.

Reply:

1. CCTV equipment was used at 20 locations in the past two years. A total of 6 fines were issued and 3 prosecutions were initiated arising from the use of this equipment. There are a further 12 prosecutions pending at present.
2. The equipment was installed in both urban and rural areas where there was a high number of illegal dumping/waste issues recorded.

3. There is no specific annual budget for CCTV equipment but the costs are paid from the "Litter Management/Waste Enforcement" budgets. The Council owns some equipment and engages private operators in other cases.

8. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that Irish Water give an update on the capacity of each Waste Water Treatment Plant in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District, having regard to possible future developments in these towns and villages. I will also ask what are Irish Waters future plans to upgrade Waste Water Treatment Plants that currently do not have additional capacity.

Reply:

The Irish Water Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTP) in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District and the current available spare capacity for each WWTP is set out below. Irish Water has no plans to upgrade or increase the capacity of any of these WWTPS in the current investment plan.

Ballylanders WWTP: 123 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity. Planned upgrade post 2024. Bruff WWTP: 1,153 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity. Bruree WWTP: 680 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity. Caherconlish WWTP: 0 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity in relation to Wastewater Discharge Authorisation. 890 PE in relation to Urban Water Treatment Directive Standards.

Cappamore WWTP: 833 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity. Doon WWTP: 842 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity. Galbally WWTP: 116 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity. Herbertstown WWTP: 200 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity. Hospital WWTP: 0 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity. Kilfinane WWTP: 0 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity in relation to Wastewater Discharge Authorisation. 539 PE in relation to Urban Water Treatment Directive Standards.

Kilmallock WWTP: 1,924 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity. Killeely WWTP: 302 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity. Knocklong WWTP: 185 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity. Murroe WWTP: 0 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity. Oola WWTP: 0 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity. Pallasgreen WWTP: 242 Population Equivalent (PE) available capacity.

9. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for a list of viable and operational Business Parks in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District area that are operated by Limerick City and County Council and Shannon Commercial Properties.

Reply:

Shannon Commercial Properties no longer have any Business Parks in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District. They disposed of their last Business Park in the District (Kilmallock Business Park) to Limerick City and County Council in January 2020.

Limerick City and County Council do not own/operate any other Business parks in the Municipal District.

10. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that Irish Water clarify fully the statement made on local public airwaves on the 7th July 2020 by Ian O' Mahony of Irish Water that Hospital water supply was incurring problems. New water pipes have been laid and a new bore well was provided by the appointed operators which I was reliably informed had adequate supply.

Reply:

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that the Question was referred to Irish Water and was awaiting a reply to it.

11. Any Other Business

- **Maigue Rivers Trust**

Cllr E. Ryan confirmed to the Members that he was stepping down as the Elected Member Representative on the Maigue Rivers Trust. The Elected Members commended Cllr E. Ryan on his work over the years with the Maigue Rivers Trust. On the proposal of Cllr Mitchell, seconded by Cllr M. Ryan and unanimously agreed, Cllr Donegan was selected as the Elected Member Representative on the Maigue River Trust.

- **Joint Policing Committee Sub Committee**

The Elected Members agreed to hold a JPC Sub Committee Meeting before the Monthly Meeting in September and the Members agreed that the Superintendent in Roxboro would be invited to attend, in addition to the Superintendent from the Bruff District. They also agreed to invite AnneMarie McDonald, Community Sustainment Officer, Limerick City and County Council to the Meeting.

- **Thomastown Railway Crossing**

The Elected Members were advised by the Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock that Jacobs Engineering, on behalf of Iarnród Éireann, had submitted a revised design to An Bord Pleanála for a wider bridge at the Thomastown Railway Crossing in Kilmallock. This would facilitate possible future road widening at this location in the future and this was welcomed by the Elected Members.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____