

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN THE DEEBERT HOUSE HOTEL, DEEBERT, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 2020, AT 3.45 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor John Egan, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Carey, Mitchell, E. Ryan, M. Ryan and Teefy.

An apology for his inability to attend was received from Cllr Mike Donegan.

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); Staff Officer, Property Services (Mr. J. Cregan), Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill).

At the start of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach reiterated the guidance advice issued in relation to Covid 19 and guidelines with regard to the duration of Meetings. The Elected Members noted and agreed that the maximum time allowed for the Meeting was one hour and fifty-five minutes.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 17th September, 2020.

Proposed by Councillor Mitchell,

Seconded by Councillor Teefy.

And Resolved:

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

The Cathaoirleach and Elected Members referred to recent comments expressed by the Elected Members of the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District in relation to the proposed Fire Services Training Centre for Kilmallock, and agreed that another Municipal District should not be involving itself in the affairs of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District.

2. Community Development Directorate

Disposal of Property

The Staff Officer, Property Services outlined the contents of the previously circulated report to the Elected Members regarding the proposal for the disposal of property at Wolfe Tone St, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

Following consideration and discussion of the proposed disposal by the Elected Members, the Elected Members noted that the property had not been put on the open market prior to the disposal recommendation.

They asked that the property should be put on the open market first to gauge what interest might be there, prior to a recommendation for disposal being brought back to them.

3. Physical Development Directorate

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

Circulated, report of Director of Service, Physical Development Directorate, dated 22nd September 2020, setting out the details of the Public Consultation Report in relation to the Draft Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock (Parking Places) (Amendment) Byelaws, 2020.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed that the report is being presented to the Elected Members for their consideration on adopting the draft Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock (Parking Places) (Amendment) Byelaws, 2020.

It was proposed by Cllr Carey, seconded by Cllr Mitchell and agreed, that the draft Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock (Parking Places) (Amendment) Byelaws, 2020 be adopted.

The Elected Members also noted a recent report, which highlighted a very low take up to date by local authorities of grant aid funding that was available for the provision and installation of Electric Vehicles (EV) charging points. They urged Limerick City and County Council to progress this and secure grant funding so that EV charging points could be installed across City and County locations.

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 8th October 2020, the approval to the taking in charge of estate at Ash Hill Manor, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick was proposed by Cllr Carey, seconded by Cllr M. Ryan and agreed by the Elected Members.

The Elected Members also expressed their thanks in particular to Diarmuid Sheehy, E.E. for his work in getting this estate taken in charge.

NOTICE OF MOTION

5. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P J Carey

I will move at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that Limerick City and County Council lower the speed ramps at Riverview Estate, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

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

Reply:

The ramps are installed in the Riverview Estate as per the Limerick City and County Council Policy. The ramps do not require lowering.

QUESTIONS

6. Question submitted by Councillor Michael Donegan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock if the Office of Public Works have carried out or plan to carry out maintenance on the streams and rivers in the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District following the recent flooding.

Reply:

The following reply was received from the Office of Public Works (OPW) dated 13th October, 2020:

The OPW undertakes maintenance to Arterial Drainage Schemes through a programme of works on a 5-year cycle. The Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District incorporates a number of Arterial Drainage Schemes including the Groody Scheme, the Mulkear-Ballymackeogh Scheme, the River Maigue Scheme and the Mulkear-Cappamore Flood Relief Scheme. The extents of these Schemes and the channels, which come under the auspices of the OPW for maintenance, can be viewed at www.floodinfo.ie.

In relation to the River Maigue Arterial Drainage Scheme in Kilmallock, the OPW can confirm that maintenance to a large number of channels in the Kilmallock area had been undertaken both in 2019 and previously in 2015. This is in addition to occasional call outs responding to fallen trees or gathered debris at structures that could pose a flood risk.

The OPW operates a hydrometric gauge upstream of Kilmallock at Riversfield Weir. On August 17th 2020, water levels were recorded far in excess of anything previously experienced at this gauge. When the recorded levels are analysed against rating curves calibrated to model flood events for the OPW's Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study there are indications that the August 17th event was an extreme flood event with an expected return period greater than 100 years.

The Arterial Drainage Scheme was constructed to improve drainage in the river catchment to enhance agricultural output, and whilst it mitigates against flooding to lands and property for smaller flood events, the works undertaken were not designed to protect lands and property from flood events such as this, which are expected to occur on a less frequent basis.

Following the flood event, the OPW has been undertaking maintenance works in the Kilmallock area to ensure that channels and structures remain clear of any debris or build-up of silts and gravels, which may have occurred during the extreme flows and water levels that were experienced.

The OPW provides funding to local authorities through the Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Coastal Protection Scheme and there are a number of areas being examined where flooding could be mitigated through works under this scheme. The Office of Public Works will continue to liaise with Limerick City and County Council in this respect.

7. Question submitted by Councillor Martin Ryan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for a progress update report on the R513 in response to Notice of Motion submitted previously at the June 2020 Meeting where I asked 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.

Reply:

This issue is currently being considered and an update will be provided at the November 2020 Monthly Meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District.

Meeting Adjournment

As the time had reached 4.55pm, i.e. one hour and fifty-five minutes since the start of the Workshop and Meeting, the Elected Members agreed to adjourn the Meeting having regard to Covid 19 guidelines on the duration of Meetings. This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach