

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD IN THE DEEBERT HOUSE HOTEL, DEEBERT, KILMALLOCK, CO LIMERICK, ON THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2020, AT 3PM.

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 and ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), Meetings Administrator (Mr M. Leahy), Senior Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services (Mr. H McGrath), Staff Officer, Property Services (Mr. John Cregan); Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore Kilmallock (Mr. B Kidney), Clerical Officer, Cappamore Kilmallock (Mrs. H O’Neill), Senior Staff Officer (Mrs D O’Brien)

At the start of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach and the Elected Members thanked the outgoing Meetings Administrator, Mark Leahy for his service to the Municipal District, and welcomed the incoming Meetings Administrator, Dara O’Brien and wished her well in her new role.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- i. Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Budget Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore – Kilmallock held on the 15th October, 2020.

Proposed by Councillor G. Mitchell

Seconded by Councillor E.Ryan

And Resolved:

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

- ii. Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore – Kilmallock held on 15th October, 2020.

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.”

Matters Arising

The Elected Members acknowledged the works undertaken by the local authority at Kilglass Road, Corbett Cross and Barna Cross, and the new pothole repair machine that was in operation in the Municipal District in recent times.

2. Community Development Directorate

Disposal of Property

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Staff Officer, Property Services, to the meeting, he outlined the contents of the previously circulated report to the Elected Members, regarding the proposal for the disposal of a property at The Square, Galbally, Co. Limerick, and this report was noted by the Elected Members

The proposed disposal of property at Wolfe Tone St, Kilmallock, referred to in the Minutes of the Municipal District meeting on the 15th October, was also discussed by the Elected Members, and the Staff Officer, Property Services provided clarification on the queries raised.

3. Service Operations Directorate

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Senior Engineer, Operations and Maintenance Services and he provided an update on the Local Improvement Scheme, which comprises of Grant aid allocated by the Department of Community and Local Development Scheme to the Local Authority for the upgrade or improvement works on Private Roads.

Following a discussion, the Elected Members agreed that a Workshop would be held on the Local Improvement Scheme and the Community Improvement Scheme, on a date to be agreed in the near future.

4. Support Services Directorate

i. Review of 2020 Schedule of Municipal District Works

Circulated, presentation on the review of the 2020 Schedule of Municipal District Works. The Director, Support Services – Finance, Corporate, HR and ICT, Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock and Meetings Administrator, delivered a presentation on the 2020 Schedule of Municipal District Works.

The Elected Members noted the works completed and services provided to date in 2020 and acknowledged the hard work and co-operation of local authority staff members in relation

to the Schedule of Works, in a year that proved to be challenging, considering Covid 19 and flooding during the month of August.

ii. Proposed Amendment to Standing Orders – Remotely Held Meetings

Circulated, correspondence and the Meetings Administrator outlined the proposed changes to the Standing Orders of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District to allow for Remotely Held Meetings to take place in light of Covid 19 restrictions.

Following discussion and consideration of the proposed amendments, the Elected Members agreed to adopt the amendments with the caveat that they be reviewed again within 6 months and no later than by the end of May 2021.

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell
Seconded by: Councillor E.Ryan
And agreed

5. Community Development Directorate

Proposed Revised Draft Byelaws for Lough Gur.

Circulated, proposal for revised draft Byelaws for Lough Gur, presented by the Meetings Administrator.

The proposal was circulated for review and consideration by the Elected Members and the Meetings Administrator asked that the Elected Members revert to him with observations and comments before the 9th December next and he advised that the final draft document would be presented to the Members for formal approval in early 2021.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Michael Donegan and Councillor Martin Ryan

We will move at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore Kilmallock that Limerick City and County Council bring forward a new comprehensive Part 8 planning application for a National Fire Training Centre in Kilmallock Business Park, complete with phase 1 & 2.

Proposed by Councillor Donegan;
Seconded by Councillor M Ryan.

Following a brief discussion on this Notice of Motion, the Elected Members did not reach agreement and the Cathaoirleach decided to put the Motion to a vote. Following a vote, the Motion was adopted with four voting in favour and three voting against, as follows:

**In favour: Councillor Donegan, Councillor Egan, Councillor M Ryan, Councillor Teefy;
Against: Councillor Carey, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor E Ryan.**

Reply:

Following the rejection of the Part 8 Planning Application for Phase 1 of the proposed Fire Service Training Centre in the Kilmallock Business Park, the Fire Service will need to investigate and have clear understanding of the following:

- The requirements of a local business and their request for additional land and how this will affect the viability of the Training Centre;
- The requirements of Local Businesses in relation to smoke emissions from the Training Centre.

Once the Fire Service receives a clear understanding from these businesses, it will review these requirements and see if these requests can possibly be accommodated prior to committing the Council to expenditure on design fees.

Any future Part 8 Planning Application submission, which may be lodged, encompassing both Phase 1 and Phase 2, will be subject to the completion of an extensive design and would require the appointment of a design team. It is envisaged that this process could take at least 12 months to complete.

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John Egan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore Kilmallock that consideration be given to the provision of a speed ramp at the Glenstal end of Murroe Village.

**Proposed by Councillor Egan;
Seconded by Councillor M. Ryan.**

Reply:

All Traffic calming proposals must be considered in accordance with Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy. Any proposals deemed appropriate in accordance with the policy will be costed and considered further, subject to funding being available. The Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District will carry out an appropriate assessment for this proposal.

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Gerald Mitchell

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore Kilmallock that the election of the newly directly elected Mayor of Limerick City and County should coincide jointly with the new term of the incoming elected Councillors in 2024.

Proposed by Councillor Mitchell;

Seconded by Councillor E Ryan.

The Elected Members voted unanimously in favour of this Motion. They requested that this Motion be sent forward to the full Meeting of Limerick City and County Council. They also agreed that the Meetings Administrator correspond with the appropriate Minister to outline the concerns raised by the Elected Members around the re-election date of the Directly Elected Mayor.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors Carey, Mitchell and E. Ryan

We will move at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that Limerick City and County Council consider making a 2-acre site at Kilmallock Business Park available for sale to prospective purchasers.

Proposed: Councillor Carey;

Seconded: Councillor E Ryan.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council purchased land and buildings in the Kilmallock Business Park in 2019. One property on the site has since been agreed for disposal and there are various proposals being reviewed as to the future of the remaining buildings and lands.

As per Property Protocols, a full review of the future possible uses of the asset is being carried out and the optimal future of the site will be proposed, with a full business case prepared and then approved by the relevant Director of Service.

If a disposal is seen as the best use of the asset or part thereof, then the proposal will be submitted to the local Municipal District for noting and if approved, will precede to the bi-monthly Council meeting for approval.

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will move at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that a footpath would be put in at Meanus Village on the R511 from the Church/Pub to the Community Centre at the Cross Roads

Proposed: Councillor Teefy;

Seconded: Councillor M Ryan.

Reply:

With regard to a proposed footpath in Meanus, there is no provision in the current year's 2020 roads allocation budget to undertake footpath construction at this location.

However, it can be something that will be looked at with respect to works in the Kilmallock Roads Area in 2021.

11. 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 consider purchasing the green area on the Kilmallock Road (R518) in Bruree, with a view to developing public parking, a bus stop area including a shelter and community facilities.

Proposed: Councillor Donegan;

Seconded: Councillor Carey.

Reply:

The site referred to is currently in private ownership. Limerick City and County Council will undertake a survey of the area to confirm it's suitability for such works.

Subject to the survey outcome, and the availability of resources, the purchase of the site may then be possibly considered.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Egan

I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock that Limerick City and County Council look into the possibility of more funding being made available to Pallasgreen Community Council to complete work on the upgrading of the Community Hall.

Proposed: Councillor Egan;
Seconded: Councillor M Ryan.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council via the LCDC have allocated €510,056.79 under the LEADER Programme 2014-2020 and €3,280.27 under the Community Enhancement Programme for Community Buildings/Centres to Pallasgreen Templebraden Community Council. The current 2014-2020 LEADER Programme will end this year. The programme for Government includes a commitment to prioritise a State-Led programme to bridge the gap between the current LEADER programme and the next EU Programme. The objective of this commitment is to allow local- led rural development projects to be delivered under a transitional programme until the new EU programme commences.

An extra €4million nationally has been provided for LEADER in Budget 2021 by the Government to bring the total allocation for 2021 to €44million. This allocation will be used to fund a combination of existing projects as they come into completion, for new projects to be approved under the transitional programme and to support the administration of costs of the LAGs in closing out the existing programme and delivering the transitional programme. The Department of Rural Community Department have yet to inform the Local Authorities and LCDCs of the transitional arrangements. The Council will continue to liaise with the LEADER unit in the Department and provide any information once received.

Limerick City and County Council are not in a position to allocate any further funding to this project from within its own resources.

13. 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 roads engineers would engage with Knocklong Community Council re their request for and concerns about Traffic Calming measures within the village especially along the R513.

Proposed: Councillor M. Ryan;
Seconded: Councillor Mitchell.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District Engineers and Staff will engage with the Knocklong Community Council about their concerns regarding traffic in their village.

QUESTIONS

14. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for an update on the Wifi4EU project promoting free Wi-Fi in public spaces in the selected towns within the Municipal District.

Reply:

The European Commission launched in 2017 the **WiFi4EU** initiative, which promotes free access to Wi-Fi connectivity for citizens in public spaces including parks, squares, public buildings, libraries, health centres and museums in municipalities throughout Europe. The WiFi4EU initiative provides municipalities with the opportunity to apply for vouchers to the value of €15,000. The vouchers are to be used to install Wi-Fi equipment in public spaces within the municipality that are not already equipped with a free Wi-Fi hotspot.

As of 4th of March 2019, we have secured through our ICT Department, four vouchers under this scheme, one for each Municipal District, and one for the Metropolitan District in Limerick City and County. In addition, the Department of Rural and Community Development has committed to providing up to €15,000 in funding to each Local Authority for every WiFi4EU voucher that they receive.

Limerick City and County published an RFT on eTenders for the Design, supply and installation of a fully supported Wi-Fi network of outdoor public access points, at designated locations in Limerick City and County, under the WiFi4EU programme 26th June 2020, with a contract award notice being published on eTenders 9th September 2020. Sord Data Systems Limited, Unit 1, 82 Furze Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18.

Digital Services and ICT together with Sord Data Systems Limited are working on a design for the installation of 9 Wi-Fi Access Points in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District as set out in the table below:

Location	Number of access points
Bruff	2
Caherconlish	2
Cappamore	2
Kilmallock	3

Outdoor Wi-Fi Access points will be installed on premises of businesses in each town. We have identified locations within each town and are currently in discussions with business owners in these locations with a view to erecting the Access Points on their premises. This process is due for completion 27th November, with rollout commencing early December.

15. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for the number of applicants on the housing list who have indicated Kilmallock as their first choice.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council received 60 housing applications with Kilmallock indicated as their first choice. The breakdown of these applications are as follows:

1 bed properties	24
2 bed properties	14
3 bed properties	20
4 bed properties	2

16. Question submitted by Councillor Egan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock as to what plans Limerick City and County Council has in relation to the possible upgrading of the junction in front of Boher Church.

Reply:

All Traffic calming proposals must be considered in accordance with the Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy.

Any proposals deemed appropriate in accordance with the policy will be costed and considered further subject to funding being available. The Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District will carry out an appropriate assessment for this proposal.

17. Question submitted by Councillor Egan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore Kilmallock what measures are currently in place to deal with the volume and speed of traffic on the Knockanea Road, Boher, Co. Limerick

Reply:

All Traffic calming proposals must be considered in accordance with the Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy. Any proposals deemed appropriate in accordance with the policy will be costed and considered further subject to funding being available.

Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District have previously carried out a traffic speed survey at the above location. The results of the survey verify that the recorded traffic speed was less than the statutory speed limit. The survey also verified that traffic volumes were not excessive.

18. 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 re-lining of the N24 around the area of the turn off for Barna, Pallasgreen.

Reply:

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) is the agency responsible for the management of the National Primary Network.

Limerick City and County Council have spoken to the Regional Roads Safety Engineer in Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding this junction who is in agreement that the road markings can be reinstated.

However, a formal process of approval within road marking/signage section of TII is required for this and once this formal process is completed and confirmation received, the works will proceed immediately.

19. 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 traffic survey of Pallasgreen and Oola Road crossings in relation to traffic calming requirements.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council carried out a standard compliance assessment of the pedestrian crossings at Oola and Pallasgreen.

Oola Pedestrian Crossing : The road markings required upgrading to comply with current guidelines, however the crossing itself is compliant. Upgrading of the Road Marking are now complete. There is a concern regarding the end users of the crossing and the height of the railing. This will be addressed in Q1 of 2021.

Pallasgreen Pedestrian Crossing: A number of minor upgrade works are required to bring the pedestrian crossing in line with current standards. This will be addressed in Q1 of 2021.

Any Other Business

Congratulations

The Elected Members requested congratulated Oisín O'Callaghan, Kilfinane, on recently winning a gold medal for Ireland at the World Mountain Bike Championship's in Austria. They agreed to include him on the list of invited recipients to a Municipal District to be held hopefully at some stage in 2021.

Condolences

The Elected Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to Cllr Creighton and the family and friends of Kitty Moloney (nee Creighton), Gotoon, Hospital, Co. Limerick who passed away recently

The Elected Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to the family and friends of Tom O'Donnell former T.D; M.E.P. agus Iar Aire na Gaeltachta, former Chairman Irish Peace Institute, Paul Partnership and Limerick City and County Strategy Group, Ballysheedy, Limerick and his brother Dr. Martin B O'Donnell, The Turretts, Charleville, Cork who both passed away recently.

Meeting Adjournment

The date for the next meeting was agreed by the Elected Members to be held on the 10th December, 2020 at 3.30pm in the Deebert House Hotel, Deebert, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach