

**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 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020, AT 3.30PM.**

**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 (Ms. D. O'Brien), Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Sheehy), Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. D. Corcoran), Staff Officer, Property Services (Mr. J. Cregan), Director of Service, Housing Development (Ms. A. Duke), Acting Senior Executive Planner, Housing Development (Ms. S. Newell), Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill).

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

- i. Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore – Kilmallock held on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

A request was made that the Minutes be amended on page 11 to reflect the following:

- Oisín O'Callaghan to be invited to attend a Civic Reception held by the Municipal District
- Vote of Sympathy to Former Cllr Creighton on the passing of his sister
- Vote of Sympathy to Councillor Azad on the passing his mother

**Proposed by Councillor B. Teefy**

**Seconded by Councillor G. Mitchell**

**And Resolved:**

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

**Matters Arising**

Under Matters Arising, Councillor E. Ryan requested clarification on additional funding granted to Pallasgreen, in respect of the amount, purpose and source of funding. Clarification was received.

Councillor E. Ryan also requested clarification regarding Councillor M. Ryan's Notice of Motion relating to Knocklong Community Council, as to whether this referred Knocklong Development Association instead. Councillor M. Ryan is to clarify.

## **2. Community Development Directorate**

### **Disposal of Property**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Staff Officer, Property Services, to the meeting, who outlined the contents of the previously circulated reports to the Elected Members.

The proposal for the disposal of a property at Moore St, Cappamore, Co. Limerick was noted by the Elected Members.

The proposal for the disposal of a property at Gibbonstown, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick was noted by the Elected Members.

## **3. Service Operations Directorate**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Director of Service, Housing Development and Acting Senior Executive Planner, Housing Development. They provided an update on the Housing Pipeline for Limerick. The Elected Members acknowledged that the presentation was welcome news. A frank and open discussion was had by all.

A request for a full list of the Approved Housing Bodies in the area was made, and this was agreed to be provided by the Director of Service.

A request was also made for details of any land or landbank available to the Local Authority for housing. This was agreed to be provided by the Director of Services and Acting Senior Executive Planner.

The Elected Members thanked the Director of Service and Acting Senior Executive Planner for their presentation, and look forward to their return in March/April for a further quarterly update, the date of which is to be confirmed.

The Elected Members also requested that the Director of Services be invited to deliver a workshop to the Municipal District in 2021.

The Elected Members requested that Ian O'Mahoney, Irish Water be invited to meet with the Municipal District to discuss Waste Water and Water services in the District.

### **NOTICE OF MOTION Update**

The Elected Members were provided with an update on the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Ryan at the September 2020 Meeting regarding the pedestrian crossings on the N24 at Pallasgreen and Oola. Councillor M. Ryan confirmed his satisfaction with the update.

#### **4. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Ryan**

I will move at the next meeting that TII and Limerick City and County Council review the safety of the pedestrian crossing on the N24 at Pallasgreen and Oola, do they need to be upgraded to Stop/Go lights and also to review the traffic calming measures in Pallasgreen and Oola.

#### **Reply:**

The existing pedestrian crossings in Pallasgreen and Oola have been reviewed. The review has determined that both crossings are adequate for use, but some minor modifications (as a result of recently updated TII standards) could be carried out. Both crossings were designed and constructed in accordance with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and Department of Transport (DTTAS) standards for Zebra Crossings which were in place at the planning stage of both schemes. The TII have in the interim released revised standards which make very minor modifications to the design of zebra crossing schemes. Central Services propose to update and refresh the road markings at both crossings and also to replace the tactile paving at Pallasgreen. A works package will be prepared and submitted to TII to fund the changes. It is not proposed to upgrade either crossing to traffic signal controls.

The traffic calming measures in place have also been reviewed and there are no proposals to revise the existing infrastructure in place.

### **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

#### **5. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Donegan**

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District calling on Limerick City & County Council to consider purchasing the recently identified ancestral homestead of former American President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, in Ballycampion, Bruff.

**Proposed by Councillor Donegan;**

**Seconded by Councillor Teefy.**

The Elected Members also wished to acknowledge the work undertaken regarding the footpaths and approach roads.

**Reply:**

Limerick City and County Council will explore this matter further by engaging with the land owner and local community groups in Bruff. A further update will be provided in the near future to the elected members of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District.

**6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey**

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District calling on Limerick City and County Council to fix the lighting at Kilmallock Business Park

**Proposed by Councillor Carey;**

**Seconded by Councillor E. Ryan.**

**Reply:**

Presently some of the public lighting fixtures in the Industrial Estate are covered over by vegetation and these works would require addressing prior to undertaking works on lighting columns in the area. Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District Office has carried out costings with respect to works to be undertaken in the existing Industrial Estate since requiring same, with a view to improving the existing condition and appearance which it would intend undertaking once funding source is realised for same.

**7. 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 will erect signage to the spot where the Dromkeen Ambush took place.

**Proposed by Councillor Egan;**

**Seconded by Councillor Mitchell.**

**Reply:**

Signage regarding the *Dromkeen Ambush* has being approved by Limerick City and County Council's *Libraries & Museums Department*. It is scheduled to be erected during the week ending 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

## **8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Ryan**

I will move at the next Cappamore/Kilmallock meeting to ask Management to engage with the National Broadband roll out programme to prioritise the roll out of fibre broadband in the Cappamore/Kilmallock area reason being the increased reps from people trying to work and educate from home.

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

The Elected Members requested that National Broadband Ireland deliver a Workshop or presentation to the Municipal District early in 2021.

### **Reply:**

Under the National Broadband Plan, high-speed broadband will be delivered to every premises in Ireland through a combination of commercial and state investment. For Limerick, the State have determined that 78% of premises are in the commercial (Blue) area, an area in which commercial operators have indicated that they currently are or will shortly be providing a broadband service in that area. The remaining 22%, which equates to 21131 premises including homes, farms, businesses and schools, are in the State Intervention Area (Amber), an area in which commercial operators do not and have no plans to provide a broadband service, and where the State has committed to ensuring access to high speed broadband for all citizens.

The company delivering on this commitment on behalf of the State is National Broadband Ireland (NBI). The latest information available from NBI indicates that some parts of the Cappamore/Kilmallock MD have already been surveyed, with a view to having networks built and connected in 2021. These include the areas around Caherconlish, Oola and Galbally. The next area to be surveyed will be what NBI denote as the Hospital Deployment Area, which includes towns such as Pallasgreen, Herbertstown, Hospital, Knockainey and Bruff. NBI intend to survey this deployment area before the end of 2021, although they are actively working to accelerate this plan due to the challenges COVID 19 has caused for citizens trying to work from home. In this regard, NBI have increased the number of their survey and network design contractors, and have also engaged with Openeir to see if it can increase the volume of works carried out on its network to make the existing pole and duct infrastructure ready for fibre deployment.

While the main deployment is ongoing, Broadband Connection Points are rural locations within the State Intervention Area where a free high speed (500Mbps) public broadband connection will be provided for both indoor and outdoor use by the local community, in an effort to support remote working and promote connected communities, and help communities to quickly access free public high speed broadband in advance of the main deployment under the National Broadband Plan. Under this programme, Limerick City and County Council has had five Broadband Connection Point locations approved in the

Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District, as listed below. Works have already started in these locations, with the connections expected to be available for use in Q1 2021.

<b>Location</b>
Caherline Community Centre
Cappamore Community Centre
Galbally GAA Club
Glenroe GAA Club
Hospital/Herbertstown GAA Club

Also in Q1 2021, under the WiFi4EU programme, 9 outdoor WiFi access Points will be installed in the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District at the following locations.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of Access Points</b>
Bruff	2
Caherconlish	2
Cappamore	2
Kilmallock	3

### **9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy**

I will move at the next MD meeting that the Council apply to Irish Water for funding to Install a Booster System to the water supply for The Paddocks Estate, Bruree where the water pressure is very low.

**Proposed: Councillor Teefy**

**Seconded: Councillor Donegan.**

#### **Reply:**

Please note below the response received from Irish Water.

“This query has been assigned to the appropriate department for review and response.

Once we receive any update, a member of our team will be in contact with you. Your Irish Water reference number is 59046, which you can keep for your own records.

In understand that this issue is a source of concern for you and your constituents, please bear with us while this matter is being investigated.”

## **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 planned replacement of the existing public light fixtures/bulbs on the main streets in Kilmallock.

#### **Reply:**

These works commenced last week and in total twenty no. existing public lights will be upgraded along Sarsfield Street before the end of January 2021.

### **15. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for an update on the planned replacement of the existing old and damaged street signage in Kilmallock town.

#### **Reply:**

These works were commenced prior to works on Road Schemes in early 2020 however were not completed due to on-set of Covid. Upon resumption works commenced immediately on the Road Scheme works and only finished in the last week or two so the Roads Team did not get an opportunity to return to signage works. It is intended that these signage works in Kilmallock town will commence again in the new year.

### **16. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock when the upgrade of street lighting will commence in the Cappamore/Kilmallock area.

#### **Reply:**

Limerick City and County Council is participating in the South West Region Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project that is being managed by the Road Management Office and Cork County Council. This project is currently a tender stage and it is expected that a contractor will be appointed in Q2 2021. A detailed programme of works is not yet agreed, but it is anticipated that the replacement of lights in Limerick will commence later in 2021.

### **17. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock if there is any progress in plans to establish a Civic amenity centre in the east of the Cappamore/Kilmallock area.

**Reply:**

The Southern Region Waste Management Office has recently completed a review of Civic Amenity Centres, as part of a national process. The next step in the review process is that all Civic Amenity Centres will be classified and mapped. This will facilitate the determination of whether and where new Civic Amenity Centres may be required.

It is anticipated that this process will be undertaken in 2021.

A copy of the Review document is available from the Southern Region Waste Management Office.

**18. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy**

I will ask at the next Municipal District meeting of Cappamore-Kilmallock that consideration be given to carrying out improvement works at the bad bend on the Lough Gur to Holy Cross road L1500.

**Reply:**

These works would need further exploring due to their location in Lough Gur. The possibility of undertaking major excavation works here maybe limited in particular with the policies to support and conserve the archeological, architectural, environmental and cultural features of Lough Gur. This was further evident as part of the Part 8 planning procedure that was undertaken as part of the development of the shared use road at this location.

**Any Other Business**

**Thank you**

The Elected Members wished to thank the Roads staff for installing safety barriers in Bruff and the temporary structures in Cois Abhainn and Deebert close.

**Condolences**

The Elected Members extended a Vote of Sympathy to the family and friends of Tim Cahill, Kilmallock and Cahills Homevalue Hardware, on his recent passing (December 5<sup>th</sup> 2020).

**All Ireland**

The Elected Members would like to wish the Limerick Senior Hurling Team well in the All Ireland Final match against Waterford on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

**Charging Points**

Councillor Teefy requested that an update be provided on the availability of Charging points in the Cappamore Kilmallock District. An update is to be provided by Director, Support Services-Finance, Corporate, HR & ICT.

### **Limerick/Cork Motorway/Railline**

The Elected Members were updated that a Draft of the Limerick/Cork Motorway plans are available for viewing, with submissions to be returned by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **Funding**

The Elected Members were updated that Abbington Business Park was grant aided €28,000 and Hospital Family Resource Centre received €7,000 recently.

### **Standing Orders**

Councillor Donegan requested clarification as to whether the Revised Standing Orders to allow for Remotely Held Meetings to take place in light of Covid 19 restrictions was due to be included on the agenda for this meeting.

### **Merry Christmas**

The Cathaoirleach wished all Members and staff at the meeting a Merry Christmas.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

The date for the next meeting was agreed by the Elected Members to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 at 3.00pm in the Deebert House Hotel, Deebert, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach**