

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ONLINE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2021, 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 & ICT (Mr. S. Coughlan), Meetings Administrator (Ms. D. O'Brien), Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Kidney), Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill).

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Elected members, staff and press to the first online Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore Kilmallock, which were introduced following a request by the Minister Darragh O'Brien, and revised Standing Orders for the Municipal District for the duration of the Covid 19 restrictions, to be reviewed after 6 months in May 2021. All documentation relating to this meeting had been circulated electronically prior to the meeting.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- i. Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore – Kilmallock held on 10th December, 2020.

Proposed by Councillor E. Ryan

Seconded by Councillor Donegan

And Resolved:

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

Matters Arising

Irish Water

The Elected Members sought an update on the attendance of Ian O'Mahoney of Irish Water at a Municipal District Meeting.

The Elected Members were advised that Irish Water hold quarterly workshops for all Councillors and the next workshop was scheduled for 22nd March for which an invitation would issue. An update was also provided that the National Water Resources Plan Draft Framework was open for submissions to be submitted by the deadline of 1st March 2021. A

presentation which had been delivered to the Strategic Policy Committee for the Environment relating to the Draft Framework as well as a link to the Draft Framework document had been circulated electronically to the Elected Members prior to the meeting.

The Elected Members advised the meeting that the preference would be for Mr O'Mahoney to attend the Municipal District Meeting in his role as Regional Manager, and it was agreed that this would be requested.

Notices of Motion and Questions

A query was raised that clarification be sought on the number of Notices of Motion and Questions allowed to be submitted by each Elected Member in the other Municipal Districts of Limerick City and County Council. It was requested that this be included on the agenda of the March Municipal District meeting for discussion.

M20

The Elected Members welcomed the works being undertaken in Banogue. The recent workshop delivered by Transport Infrastructure Ireland was complemented and it was noted that the Elected members requested that a workshop be delivered to the Municipal District of Cappamore Kilmallock on the M20. A discussion on the N24 and the development of the M24 would also be welcomed as part of the workshop.

Standing Orders

Confirmation was provided to the Elected Members that the Revised Standing Orders for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock to allow for Online meetings in light of Covid 19 restrictions were proposed and seconded at the November Municipal District Meeting, to be reviewed after 6 months in May 2021.

EV Charging Points

An update on EV Charging points was circulated electronically prior to the meeting further to a request at the Meeting of the Municipal District on 10th December.

National Broadband Ireland

The Elected members were advised that a request for a workshop to be delivered had been made and once a response was received the Elected Members would be advised.

2. Support Services Directorate

The Cathaoirleach introduced the Director of Services, to deliver an update on the Kilmallock Business Park which included the proposed Fire Training Centre, Food Businesses and Business Park Charges. Circulated via email prior to the meeting, Report dated 11th February, Kilmallock Business Park Update.

A frank and open discussion was had by all.

The Elected Members welcomed the timely update and thanked the Director of Services for his presentation.

The Elected Members requested that a commitment be made in correspondence with the Business owners that improvements and planned works reflect the charges made. The Senior Executive Engineer provided an update on current works being undertaken and agreed to provide an update on the Schedule of works including public lighting planned for the Business Park at the next meeting on 18th March.

The work of Kilmallock Tourism Development Ltd was also acknowledged.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

3. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District further traffic calming measures be installed on Main Street Hospital on the designated R513 to include pedestrians crossings at upper and lower Main Street to slow traffic further and for people to cross the Main Street in a safer manner.

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell

Seconded by : Councillor Teefy

REPLY:

A raised table is proposed subject to approval for the junction of the R513 and L1507 in Hospital. This raised table will include pedestrian crossing.

As part of the traffic calming works undertaken in Hospital in 2020 a raised table was located near McNulty's fuels which was constructed with 2.4 meter wide flat table.

4. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District calling on Irish Water to review the current water supply service provided to residents in Ballinlyna, Kilfinane, as there are frequent outages and low pressure to a number of households in the area.

Proposed by: Councillor Donegan

Seconded by : Councillor M Ryan

REPLY:

We referred this matter to Irish Water and please note below the response received from them;

“The details have been forwarded to the relevant department for investigation and response.

Once we receive any update, a member of our team will be in contact with you. Your Irish Water reference number is 61448, which you can keep for your own records.”

QUESTIONS

5. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District when the necessary works will be undertaken at Hospital/Emly Junction at Upper Main Street, Hospital

REPLY:

Kilmallock Roads have committed to undertaking design works on this junction in relation to re-design of same, however this is not something that we have been able to advance to-date. This is something that will be further advanced in 2021 Roads Program with intention for update on same in mid 2021.

6. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District meeting what the plans are for the existing pedestrian crossing in lower Main Street, Hospital which is not fit for purpose and was agreed to be relocated

REPLY:

Limerick City & County Council had intended to place a raised table at the junction of the R513 and L1507 as part of the traffic calming measures undertaken in Hospital in 2020. The placing of this raised table was to include the re-location of the existing pedestrian crossing on the R513 currently situated above this junction, closer to the junction within the raised table.

The Roads Senior Engineer did not give the final approval for the proposed works in 2020 and requested further information.

Subject to the approval of the Senior Engineer these works will be advanced in 2021.

7. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District for

(a) a schedule of and number of Local Authority properties which were vacant in the Municipal District at the 31st Dec 2020 and

(b) the date from which each one was last occupied.

REPLY:

Vacant Properties at 31/12/2020 - Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

Casual vacancies	Date of vacancy
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Property 1	17/08/2020
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Property 2	03/08/2020
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Property 3	09/11/2020
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Property 4	29/06/2020
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Property 5	08/07/2019
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Property 6	31/08/2020
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Property 7	27/07/2020
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Property 8	05/10/2020
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Property 9	15/06/2020
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Property 10	26/10/2020
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Property 11	24/02/2020
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Property 12	01/06/2020
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Property 13	12/10/2020
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Property 14	09/03/2020
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Property 15	02/11/2020
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Property 16	14/12/2020
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Property 17	29/06/2020
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Major

Refurbishments	Date of vacancy
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Property 1	28/11/2016
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Property 2	06/11/2017
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Property 3	09/01/2020	Acquired property – not previously tenanted
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Property 4	03/12/2018	Acquired property – not previously tenanted
Property 5	03/12/2018	Acquired property – not previously tenanted
Property 6	27/07/2020	Acquired property – not previously tenanted
Property 7	27/07/2020	Acquired property – not previously tenanted

8. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District if there are any plans to upgrade Kilmallock Business Park to fibre optic broadband.

REPLY:

Premises in the Kilmallock Business Park fall outside of the State Intervention Area, as it is defined by the National Broadband Plan. The rural deployment of high speed broadband outside of the State Intervention Area is a commercial undertaking and, as such, decisions as to the areas, premises and timelines for deployment and service activation are made by Eir internally and on a commercial basis. The Council and the Department of Communications have no visibility on these schedules and timelines, nor do they have any statutory authority to intervene in that process.

However, I have checked a number of eircodes of premises in the Kilmallock Business Park with OpenEir, and the feedback for all eircodes was that FTTC (Fibre to the Cabinet) broadband was already available to each one.

If there is a particular premises that has reported an issue getting access to a fibre connection in the Kilmallock Business Park, please have them contact the Limerick Broadband Officer by email at broadband@limerick.ie for assistance with their issue.

Any Other Business

Thank you

The Elected Members wished to express their thanks to Brendan Kidney, Darragh Corcoran, and Diarmuid Sheehy for securing the Sustainable Transport Funding for Kilmallock, Kilfinane and Caherconlish and Low Cost Safety Measures Scheme for Kilglass and Cappamore.

Thanks was also expressed to James O'Rourke, Roads Supervisor and his team, for attending to and preventing incidents of flooding recently.

Dog Fouling

Concern was raised regarding the issue of dog fouling, and it was agreed to request information on future publicity campaigns to reduce the incidence of dog fouling in the area.

Proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028

The Elected Members wished to express their thanks to Hugh McGrath, Senior Engineer, and his team for their support in relation to the proposed Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028. Concern was raised by the Elected Members regarding the need for applicants for planning permission to have a social and economic link to an area. It was suggested that Councillor E Ryan as chairperson of the SPC on Environment, and Mayor of Limerick, Councillor Collins, request a meeting with Minister Darragh O'Brien to highlight these concerns. The Elected Members discussed how this approach would be made.

River Court, Galbally

The Elected Members acknowledged the 25 year Leases signed for 7 houses in River Court, Galbally recently which are now occupied.

Update on Roads

3 schemes currently being undertaken in the Municipal District to improve footpaths in the District and an update was provided by the Senior Executive Engineer.

The Roadworks programme is currently being finalised. The budget will be similar to that of 2020 and details will be presented at the meeting on the 18th March.

Condolences

A Vote of Sympathy was expressed to Councillor Donegan on the passing of his sister in law, Helen Manning.

A Vote of Sympathy was expressed on the passing of John Coughlan, Father of Director of Services, Seán Coughlan, who passed away on 2nd January 2021, to Seán and his family on their bereavement.

A Vote of Sympathy was expressed to the family of the late Margaret Fitzgerald, Kilmallock and Holycross, Tipperary, who passed away on 5th February 2021.

A Vote of Sympathy was expressed to the family of the late Emer Williams, Kilmallock, and Caherdavin, daughter of ex Councillor Hurley, who passed away on the 25th January 2021.

A Vote of Sympathy was expressed to the family of the late Emma McManus, nee Ledbetter, daughter in law of J.P. McManus, who passed away on 30th December 2020.

A Vote of Sympathy was expressed to the family of the late Pat Fogarty, including his wife Deirdre, who passed away on 21st January 2021.

A Vote of Sympathy was expressed to the family of Mary Carroll, who passed away on 15th January 2021 including son Declan Carroll, Limerick City and County Council Staff Member and son in law John O'Dwyer, Limerick City and County Council Staff Member.

A Vote of Sympathy was expressed to Mike Fitzgerald, Limerick City and County Council Staff Member on the passing of his father, Michael on 6th February 2021.

A Vote of Sympathy was also expressed by the Elected Members to all who have suffered bereavements during the month of January.

All Ireland

The Elected Members wished to congratulate John Kiely and the Limerick Hurling Team on winning the All Ireland Hurling Final and hoped that there would be an opportunity to host a presentation to the team in the future.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4.45 in line with Covid 19 restrictions.

The date for the next meeting was agreed by the Elected Members to be held Online on the 18th March 2021.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach