

# **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ONLINE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021, 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), Senior Engineer (Mr. H McGrath), Meetings Administrator (Ms. D. O'Brien), Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. B. Kidney), 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 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**Proposed by Councillor Mitchell**

**Seconded by Councillor M Ryan**

### **And Resolved:**

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

## **Matters Arising**

In response to the question of the number of vacant houses in the district, the Elected Members requested a workshop to discuss why the properties are vacant.

Councillor Donegan requested to formally propose that if there is a meeting with Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien, regarding the need for applicants for planning permission to have a social and economic link to an area, there is a need for Councillor John Egan to attend as Cathaoirleach, which was agreed by the Elected Members present. A suggestion was made that a meeting should also be held with the Minister for State with responsibility for Planning and Local Government, Peter Burke.

Clarification was received that it was proposed that John Kiely be invited to a Civic Reception with the Municipal District once restrictions are removed.

Thanks was extended to the staff of the Area office for corresponding with Irish Water and collating queries for the Irish Water clinic, and also for circulating the relevant documentation for the Municipal District meeting by post.

## **2. Support Services Directorate**

### **Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) 2021**

Circulated, Powerpoint presentation on the Schedule of Municipal District works for 2021. Disappointment was expressed regarding the move in roles of the Senior Executive Engineer, and thanks given for the work achieved during his tenure.

A questions and answers session was held on the Schedule of Municipal District Works, and the SMDW was welcomed by the Elected Members. It was agreed by the Director of Services that a presentation would be made at the end of 2021 to outline the works delivered.

The Elected Members requested clarification on some aspects of the Community Inclusion Scheme and Local Improvement Scheme. It was agreed that the Senior Engineer would deliver a workshop on the CIS and LIS on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Proposed: Councillor Teefy**

**Seconded: Councillor Donegan**

### **Kilmallock Business Park**

An update on the schedule of works within the Kilmallock Business Park was provided. The Elected Members extended their support to both the Food Hub and Fire Training Centre within the Kilmallock area, and the Director of Services agreed to provide further details once an update was available.

### **Standing Orders**

The Meetings Administrator outlined that the Metor, Adare/Rathkeale, and Newcastlewest Municipal Districts Standing Orders allowed for 2 Notices of Motion and 3 Questions per Councillor at each Municipal District Meeting. It was acknowledged that any changes to the Standing Orders would require a vote among the Elected Members. It was agreed that this discussion be deferred to the agenda of the April meeting.

“These Standing Orders shall continue in force until altered, amended, or repealed. The Municipal District may, by Resolution, for which at least one half of the total number of Members of the District votes in favour, amend or revoke Standing Orders and make new Standing Orders.”

### **3. Corporate Services**

#### **General Municipal Allocation (GMA) Community Contributions 2021**

An update on General Municipal Allocation Community Contributions 2021 was provided by the Meetings Administrator, outlining that all nominations had been received. A workshop date to approve the nominations was set as the 29<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

#### **4. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey**

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that the pedestrian crossing on Sheares St, Kilmallock that serves Abbey Kids Childcare Service be instead, adapted to a raised pedestrian crossing.

**Proposed by: Councillor Carey**

**Seconded by : Councillor Donegan (requesting that the current National School Pedestrian crossing be also included in the Notice of motion – agreed by Elected Members)**

#### **REPLY:**

In accordance with the Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy a traffic survey will be completed, assessment completed and design prepared.

Approval of the design will be required from the Roads Senior Engineer for the works to proceed and funding will need to be secured.

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

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council in conjunction with Law Enforcement develop a programme to investigate and detect the prolific dumping of rubbish along the R505 and, in turn once established, roll the programme out for the whole of the Limerick City and County Council area.

#### **REPLY:**

The Council has a dedicated Environmental Inspector for the area, who patrols the R505 Road on a regular basis and responds to all incidents of illegal dumping. It is the policy of the Council to instigate vigorous enforcement action in respect of all such incidents. The Council also has a dedicated commercial waste team who investigate suspected incidents of commercial waste dumping e.g.

"construction and demolition" waste regardless of the location, and who likewise, will instigate enforcement action where appropriate. Our enforcement efforts are also targeted at the vehicles and sites used by those who engage in this activity. We acknowledge the strong support we continue to receive from An Garda Síochána and other state agencies. We encourage members of the public who have any information which may be of assistance in this regard to contact us by phone on (061) 556 000, by e-mail: customerservices@limerick.ie or on line using the Council's website

**The reply was not accepted by the Elected Members. It was outlined that the R505 was provided as an example and that the issue of litter is a much bigger issue. It was agreed that this item be included on the Agenda for the April Municipal District Meeting.**

## **6. 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 carry out an inspection and maintenance, if required, in children's playgrounds including equipment, pathways, fences and seating areas in the municipal district.

**Proposed by: Councillor Donegan**

**Seconded by: Councillor M Ryan**

### **REPLY:**

#### **LCCC owned playgrounds.**

In respect of Council owned playground the Council arranges quarterly statutory inspections of all playground equipment. The Operations & Maintenance department arranges for repairs to be carried out on Council owned playgrounds as required.

The Council is preparing a list of playgrounds where further works in addition to playground equipment may be required and will carry out works in order of priority subject to availability of the necessary budget.

#### **Community Playgrounds**

In respect of Community Playgrounds LCCC arranges quarterly statutory inspections reports in accordance with the Scheme of Assistance for Community Playgrounds. These reports are forwarded to the relevant playground committees. It is responsibility of the relevant committee to carry out repairs that have been identified in the reports.

## **7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mitchell**

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that additional car parking be provided in Hospital to support the commercial activity with huge volume of traffic passing through and coming to the town and improve the safety of vehicles and pedestrians and road users.

**Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell**

**Seconded by: Councillor E Ryan**

**REPLY:**

Currently a review is being undertaken of the Limerick City and County Development Plan; in conjunction with same the Municipal District Office will undertake a review of existing parking in Hospital with regard to making its' use to the general public more advantageous.

**8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy**

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that the Council contact Irish Water requesting the immediate replacement of the water pipe on the roadway in Kildromin, Kiltteely, where there are continuous leaks.

**Proposed by: Councillor Teefy**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mitchell**

**Reply**

Irish Water have identified that it will take significant investment over many years to bring the current water and wastewater assets up to suitable standards in many areas of the country. With the current budget available, we are using a risk-based approach to planning this work and we work closely with Limerick City and County Council to identify and prioritise the poorest performing mains throughout the county. This particular section of main is not included in our 2021 mains rehab programme as other higher priority mains have been identified at this time but we will continue to monitor the performance of the main during the year.

**It was requested that this action be prioritised as the leak is proving to be dangerous. The Senior Executive Engineer agreed to follow up on this request.**

**QUESTIONS**

**9. Question submitted by Councillor Carey**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District as to how much of the €3,422,500, assigned for Limerick City and County, for the Housing Adaptation Grant is intended to be allocated to the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District and currently how many applications are on the waiting list awaiting funding.

**REPLY:**

The allocation for the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District for the Housing adaptation grant for private homeowners is €601297.75.

We have 27 applications on the waiting list which are comprised of applications that have been received and corresponded with regarding receiving additional documentation, and not yet approved. All applications are processed as soon as the appropriate documentation is available to do so and within Covid 19 guidelines.

**10. Question submitted by Councillor Egan**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update and progress report on Junction Improvements for Holy Cross, Bruff on the R512 and L1502.

**REPLY:**

The Municipal District Engineering Staff is currently revising the previous drawings that were, drafted for this junction in order to include the junction at Holycross (L1500/L1412 and R512) as previously only included the junction between the R512 and L1502 with the intention of meeting with the respective landowners to advance works here.

**11. Question submitted by Councillor Egan**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update and progress report on improvements for Beary's Cross on the N24.

**REPLY:**

The proposed scheme comprises the replacement of the existing junction of the N24 with the R513 crossroads at Beary's Cross with a roundabout and realignment of the approach roads to Beary's Cross. Part 8 Planning approval for the proposed scheme was granted by Limerick City and County Council at its meeting on 27th November 2017. The compulsory purchase order (CPO) to acquire the land and to extinguish the rights of way necessary for the proposed scheme was made on 6th March 2020 and was published on 12th March 2020 in the Irish Independent and on 14th March 2020 in the Limerick Leader. Prescribed notices of the making of the CPO were served on owners, lessees and occupiers of the land. The closing date for receipt of written objections to An Bord Pleanála in respect of the CPO was 8 th May 2020. Due to restrictions arising from the COVID pandemic, the closing date was first extended to 31st July 2020 and subsequently extended to 28th August 2020. Both extensions were advertised in the Irish Independent and Limerick Leader and notices were sent to all parties. The CPO documentation can be viewed on the Council's MyPoint consultation portal. The CPO documentation can also be viewed, by appointment at the offices of Limerick City and County Council. An Bord Pleanála have advised that they will hold an oral hearing to hear objections to the compulsory purchase order on the 8th April 2021 which will be heard virtually via MS Teams. Following the oral hearing, we will await the decision of An Bord Pleanála to either confirm or annul the compulsory purchase order.

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

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for a timeline of the upgrading and development of Cappamore Fire Station.

### **REPLY:**

Limerick City & County Council have received approval for capital funding in the amount of €685k from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage for the upgrade and development of Cappamore Fire Station.

The upgrade project was taken on by Design and Delivery in conjunction with the Fire & Emergency Services and commenced in January 2021. Site surveys have already been completed and a preliminary design is expected from Design and Delivery before the end of March 2021.

The next phase, once we receive the design, will be the Part 8 application. The Part 8 application will be brought before the District members in due course.

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

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for a timeline of the promised re-lining of the N24 at Pallasgreen in the Area of St Anthony's Nursing Home and the turn off for Barna/High Nelly Café.

### **REPLY:**

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) is the agency responsible for the management of the National Primary Network. The above matter was referred to TII by LCCC in March 2020.

The road markings on the N24 are designed as a route in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual. This Manual is a guidance document issued by the Minister for Transport and has a legal status which obliges designers to design in accordance with the rules it contains.

Following on from recent correspondence with TII a Road Safety Audit (RSA) is to be completed. Limerick City & County Council will carry out a Road Safety Audit (RSA) to assess the safety of the junction before the end of April 2021 to determine appropriate actions including road markings to be completed.

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

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on works planned for the R512/L1502 junction at Holycross and when is the planned commencement date.

### **REPLY:**

The Municipal District Engineering Staff is currently revising the previous drawings that were, drafted for this junction in order to include the junction at Holycross (L1500/L1412 and R512) as previously only included the junction between the R512 and L1502 with the intention of meeting with the respective landowners to advance works here. The proposed commencement date will be updated with Elected Members following on from meeting and agreeing works with respective landowners

**15. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on plans to carry out demolition of the derelict site in Wolf Tone Street in Kilmallock.

**REPLY:**

A structural condition inspection report on this derelict property has now been prepared and is currently being evaluated. A further update will be provided to the elected members of Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District as soon as possible.

**16. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update in relation to extra parking being provided at St John the Baptist Community School with huge ongoing numbers attending and increasing annually.

**REPLY:**

The Municipal District Engineering Staff have prepared and drafted a car parking extension proposal following on from meeting with respective landowner. The Principal of the Secondary School has also expressed satisfaction with proposed extension however has also identified that funding for same would not be made available from the Department of Education. Therefore a costing proposal will need to be prepared for same and in turn a funding source identified for it.

**17. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the Knocklong road and Knockainey road out of Hospital with reference to lighting with footpaths thereon.

**REPLY:**

The Public lighting section were not aware that Cllr. Mitchell was looking for additional lighting at these locations. We will review both locations and revert at the April meeting. It should be noted that the public lighting section does not have any funding currently allocated in the budget for the provision of new lighting.



**18. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District to confirm when the Public Lights in Ceol na hAbhann Estate, Caherconlish, (section at the back of the Nursing Home) will have the power connected.

**REPLY:**

Please see attached map, detailing the area taken into public charge by Limerick City and County Council (Section A). The section to the rear of the Nursing Home including the Nursing Home is not taken into public charge ( Section B).

**19. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on remedial works at the Holy Cross Junctions on the R512, further to my previous motion.

**REPLY:**

The Municipal District Engineering Staff is currently revising the previous drawings that were, drafted for this junction in order to include the junction at Holycross (L1500/L1412 and R512) as previously only included the junction between the R512 and L1502 with the intention of meeting with the respective landowners to advance works here.

**Any Other Business**

The Elected Members wished Betty McElholm a Happy 104<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5.10 in line with Covid 19 restrictions.

The date for the next meeting was agreed by the Elected Members to be held Online on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

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

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

**Cathaoirleach**