

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ONLINE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH APRIL 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 Executive Engineer, Planning and Environment (Ms T. Flanagan), Administrative Officer, Property Services (Ms T. Knox), Meetings Administrator (Ms. D. O'Brien), Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. T. McKechnie), Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill).

At the start of the meeting the following notification was read into the minutes by the Meetings Administrator:

I wish to request at the outset the need to be raise the following:

- As you are aware normal standing orders and online meeting protocol apply to all online meetings.
- Therefore no recording, screenshots or photographs are permitted.
- Also I wish to advise that the Councillors code of conduct applies and the need to show respect and courtesy to colleagues. Qualified privilege also apply at meetings.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- i. Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore – Kilmallock held on 18th March, 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

The submission of queries specific to the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District to the Irish Water Clinic for Elected Members was acknowledged, and a query was raised as to whether responses were circulated via email. It was confirmed that the responses had been

circulated, and the Meetings administrator agreed to circulate again to ensure all Elected Members received the responses.

The Elected Members sought clarification as to whether a date had been set for the Housing Support Services workshop and whether the Housing Engineer for the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District could also be in attendance. It was confirmed that although a date had not yet been set, the Director of Services, Ms A. Duke, had agreed to the workshop in early May and would revert with a date.

2. Community Development Directorate

Disposal of Property

To note proposal for the disposal of property at Gragane, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick.

(Report enclosed)

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

The Administrative Officer requested that an additional site, namely 2.27 acres adjacent to the Dansco facility in the Kilmallock Business Park at a price of €120,000, be also noted at this meeting. Details to be circulated following the meeting.

The proposal for the disposal of a property at the Kilmallock Business Park was noted by the Elected Members.

3. Environment

Illegal dumping.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Environment, provided a briefing to highlight the feedback received from Environmental Inspectors regarding the increase in illegal dumping across the county, including flytipping from cars, general litter and larger dumping of household rubbish, furniture etc.

The areas of raising awareness, household surveys and specific targeting of offenders were discussed. The number of prosecutions in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District was requested, and the senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Development agreed to revert to the Elected Members with the detail.

A suggestion of the use of mobile CCTV Cameras was raised, however it was noted by Director, Support Services-Finance, Corporate, HR & ICT that currently there is no legal basis in legislation for the use of CCTV cameras in relation to litter. CCTV cameras currently in use

are by way of agreement with An Garda Síochána to detect crime. GDPR would not allow for the collection of personal data e.g. personal images in this manner and therefore CCTV cameras cannot be considered as a method of prevention of or detection of illegal dumping/littering.

The work of Tidy Towns committees, TLC and other voluntary work, as well as the Roads staff of Limerick City and County Council was acknowledged in the collection of litter.

4. Support Services Directorate

Standing Orders

A proposal was made by Councillor Donegan that the number of Notices of Motion allowed per Elected Member per meeting be increased from 1 to 2 in the Standing Orders, and the number of Questions allowed per Elected Member per meeting be increased from 2 to 3 in the Standing Orders.

It was noted that :

“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.”

It was also noted by the Meetings Administrator that the Standing Orders covering the Online Meetings due to Covid needed to be reviewed before the 31st May 2021 with a view to amending, removing or extending the use of these Standing Orders.

Following a discussion it was agreed that The Standing Orders relating to the use of Online Meetings would remain until Government restrictions were lifted, and that a vote on the numbers of Notices of Motion and Questions allowed per Elected Member per meeting in the Standing Orders would not take place until Government Restrictions were lifted. It was suggested that the vote be deferred to the September Meeting.

Proposed by: Councillor Egan

Seconded by: Councillor Teefy.

GMA Community Nominations

The nominations for the GMA Community Grants for 2021 as unanimously agreed at a Workshop on 29th March were presented to be minuted, namely:

Group	Contribution Proposed	Proposed By
All Councillors		
Friar's Gate Theatre	€3,000.00	All Councillors
Maigne River Trust	€3,000.00	All Councillors
	€6,000.00	
Clr Donegan		
Athlaca Community Council	€2,000.00	Clr Donegan
Effin GAA Development	€550.00	Clr Donegan
Ballyorgan Tidy Towns	€600.00	Clr Donegan
Sean Wall Memorial, Bruff	€550.00	Clr Donegan with Clr Mitchell and Clr Teefy
Bruree Tidy Towns	€550.00	Clr Donegan
	€4,250.00	
Clr E Ryan		
Galbally Community Council	€1,500.00	Clr E Ryan
Kilfinane Vale View Residents	€500.00	Clr E Ryan
Knocklong school	€2,285.00	Clr E Ryan
	€4,285.00	
Clr Egan		
Athlaca School	€800.00	Clr Egan
Caherconlish Tidy Towns	€800.00	Clr Egan
Doon Community Council	€800.00	Clr Egan
Kilteely Tidy Towns	€625.00	Clr Egan with Clr M Ryan and Clr Mitchell
Murroe Scouts	€1,000.00	Clr Egan with Clr M Ryan
Murroe Tidy Towns and Monument Committee	€800.00	Clr Egan
	€4,825.00	
Clr M Ryan		
Bilboa Athletic Club	€500.00	Clr M Ryan
Cappamore Estates Committee	€1,000.00	Clr M Ryan
Doon GAA	€1,000.00	Clr M Ryan
Kilteely Tidy Towns	€625.00	Clr M Ryan with Clr Egan and Clr Mitchell

Oola Tidy Towns	€500.00	Cllr M Ryan
Pallasgreen Paddy Ryan Olympian Centenary Committee	€1,000.00	Cllr M Ryan with Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Teefy
	€4,625.00	
Cllr Mitchell		
Sean Wall Memorial, Bruff	€500.00	Cllr Mitchell with Cllr Donegan and Cllr Teefy
Elton Tidy Towns Committee	€500.00	Cllr Mitchell
Garryspillane Tidy Towns	€500.00	Cllr Mitchell
Herbertstown Men's Shed	€500.00	Cllr Mitchell
Kilteely Tidy Towns	€625.00	Cllr Mitchell with Cllr Egan and Cllr M Ryan
Knockainey Tidy Towns	€500.00	Cllr Mitchell
Knocklong Tidy Towns	€500.00	Cllr Mitchell
Pallasgreen Paddy Ryan Olympian Centenary Committee	€500.00	Cllr Mitchell with Cllr Teefy and Cllr M Ryan
	€4,125.00	
Cllr Carey		
Athlacca Parents Council	€1,000.00	Cllr PJ Carey
Dromin Graveyard Committee	€500.00	Cllr PJ Carey
Effin Community Council	€2,285.00	Cllr PJ Carey
Kilmallock Historical Society	€500.00	Cllr PJ Carey
	€4,285.00	
Cllr Teefy		
Ballybricken Scouts	€550.00	Cllr Teefy
Sean Wall Memorial, Bruff	€1,000.00	Cllr Teefy with Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Donegan
Kilteely Tidy Towns	€625.00	Cllr Teefy with Cllrs M Ryan and Cllr Egan
Caherelly Painting	€1,050.00	Cllr Teefy
Pallasgreen Paddy Ryan Olympian Centenary Committee	€1,000.00	Cllr Teefy with Cllr M Ryan and Cllr Mitchell
	€4,225.00	

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Egan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that in consultation with CIE the railway line from Limerick to Limerick Junction be upgraded to ensure better connection to Cork.

REPLY:

The N/M20 Cork to Limerick project is currently considering a number of road-based and rail-based options that improve connectivity between Cork and Limerick. One of the rail-based options under consideration is one which proposes improved services along the existing rail line between Cork-Mallow-Charleville-Limerick Junction-Limerick with the introduction of a direct service that stops at Limerick Junction but removes the requirement to change trains at Limerick Junction. The preferred option for the N/M20 Cork to Limerick project is scheduled to be identified by Q3 2021. Further information is available at www.corklimerick.ie. In addition, please note Iarnród Éireann is undertaking the Cork Line Level Crossings Project to identify the best approach to removing/upgrading seven level crossings located along the main Cork to Dublin line. These level crossings are being removed/upgraded to provide a safer environment for those living near the rail line and a more efficient service for all Iarnród Éireann customers. There are currently seven manned public road level crossings in operation on the Cork to Dublin line between Limerick Junction and Mallow stations in Counties Cork and Limerick. The crossings are located within a 24km section of the line between the Cork and Limerick county boundary. The crossings are located at Fantstown, Thomastown, Ballyhay, Newtown, Ballycoskery, Shinanagh and Buttevant. Further information is available at <https://www.irishrail.ie/en-ie/about-us/iarnrod-eireann-projects-and-investments/cork-line-level-crossings-project>. The Draft Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transportation Strategy (LSMATS) states the following in respect of the rail line between Limerick and Limerick Junction:

Objective RL2 Dual Track from Limerick Colbert to Limerick Junction. It is the intention of the NTA, Iarnród Éireann and both local authorities to work in collaboration to:

- *Investigate the feasibility of providing a dual-track between Limerick Colbert and Limerick Junction to facilitate improved national and regional connectivity.*

It should be noted that the existing rail line between Limerick Colbert Station and Killonan Junction, near Ballysimon is currently dual-track with the Limerick to Limerick Junction and Limerick to Ballybrophy lines combining at Killonan Junction. Therefore the Draft LSMATS objective RL2 relates to the improvement of the existing rail line between Killonan Junction and Limerick Junction which is currently a single-track line with a passing loop at Dromkeen.

Proposed: Councillor Egan

Seconded: Councillor Donegan

Further to the Notice of Motion above, it was agreed by all Elected Members that this Notice of Motion be submitted to the full Council meeting.

2. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that a pedestrian crossing be established at Knocklong where the footpath drop down and tactile paving is opposite the former site of the creamery and measures be implemented to aid traffic calming.

REPLY:

Traffic calming measures can only be considered in conjunction with Limerick City and County Council's Traffic Calming Policy Document. The existing traffic volumes and associated speeds in Knocklong will be surveyed in the coming weeks. An investigation into accident records for the area will also be undertaken. Once these surveys are completed, a determination will be made with respect to the requirement for traffic calming measures.

Pedestrian crossing counts will also be carried out in conjunction with the traffic volume and traffic speed surveys to determine a warrant for a pedestrian crossing.

Proposed by: Councillor M Ryan

Seconded by: Councillor Mitchell

3. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that appropriate traffic-calming measures be installed in Knocklong village as a matter of urgency for safety of road users to slow traffic on the busy R513 immediately.

REPLY:

Traffic calming measures can only be considered in conjunction with Limerick City and County Council's Traffic Calming Policy Document. The existing traffic volumes and associated speeds in Knocklong will be surveyed in the coming weeks. An investigation into accident records for the area will also be undertaken. Once these surveys are completed, a determination will be made with respect to the requirement for traffic calming measures.

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell

Seconded by: Councillor M Ryan

QUESTIONS

1. Question submitted by Councillor Egan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District when work is going to commence on the Housing Project at the Old Creamery site in Cappamore.

REPLY:

A formal Stage 3 submission for 10 units at Cappamore Village, Limerick (Cappamore Housing Association - DHLGH ref. no CA15000207) was submitted by Limerick City and County Council to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHLGH) on the 24th March 2021.

In accordance with the 75 week programme for CAS Construction projects, Stage 3 approval is expected within 4 weeks of Stage 3 submission from the DHLGH – by the 21st April 2021.

Once Stage 3 approval is received Cappamore Housing Association has 10 weeks to run a tender and prepare a tender report.

By week 10, a Stage 4 submission can be made to the DHLGH for approval – 10 week deadline by 30th June 2021.

Stage 4 approval from the DHLGH is expected within 4 weeks from date of stage 4 submission – by the 28th July 2021.

Cappamore Housing Association then has 4 weeks to award a contract and mobilise a contractor on site.

Subject to public health regulations, and the designation of certain social housing projects as essential projects, an expected site-start date is September 2021.

Cappamore Housing Association may move to start on site sooner than September 2021, if a stage 4 submission can be lodged to the DHLGH earlier than 30th June 2021.

2. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the safety works planned for the railway bridge on Railway Road, Gotoon, Kilmallock, including footpath replacement and improved signage for the safety of pedestrians crossing the bridge.

REPLY:

Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal Area Office are proposing in the short term to meet with Paul and Vincents with regard to getting a tree surgeon to fell the existing trees inside the boundary as they are pushing out the boundary wall. The existing road width does not allow for the construction of a footpath over the bridge and therefore other options will have to be, explored with Irish Rail to determine how a footpath may be achieved.

3. Question submitted by Councillor M Ryan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District if the environment section can target prolific rubbish dumping in the Cappamore area.

REPLY:

The Environmental Department will review the Cappamore Area in relation to the level of dumping of rubbish that is currently taking place there.

We will continue to exercise strong enforcement actions in relation to illegal dumping and will pursue prosecutions wherever possible.

4. Question submitted by Councillor M Ryan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District when the footpath will be installed on R513 approaching Knocklong from bend on hospital road to village.

REPLY:

Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal Area Office have included for these works in Schedule of Works for Municipal Area and are planned to be carried out during Quarter 4 of 2021. These works will be dependent on agreement from respective landowners as existing boundary ditch will have to be set back for the construction of this new footpath.

5. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District what is the update in taking in charge of the Cluain Foinse Estate in Hospital town.

REPLY:

Tenders are being prepared in order to quantify the cost of works required to facilitate bringing Cluain Foinse Estate to a taking in charge standard. Upon completion of these works the formal taking in charge process will be commenced.

6. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District what the reason is for the consistent water interruptions in Hospital area

REPLY:

Irish Water has invested extensively in improving and upgrading the local water supply in recent years. This has included the development of a new borehole to safeguard the supply and the replacement of much of the town's water pipe network, including old lead pipes, in 2018. This has resulted in a generally safer, more secure water supply for Hospital and the surrounding areas.

In recent weeks, an operational issue at the pumping station resulted in some disruption to the local supply. This was resolved as quickly as possible and normal water supply was restored. Irish Water and Limerick City and County Council apologies for any inconvenience as a result of this issues. When such unplanned operational issues arise, we work with local crews to resolve them as quickly as possible and minimise disruption to our customers.

Details of supply disruptions are posted on the Water Supply Updates section of the Irish Water website and via Twitter @IWCare. Customers with queries or concerns can also contact Irish Water directly on our customer care helpline, open 24/7, on 1850 278 278

7. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District to investigate the possibility of putting a footpath on the R513 from the Primary School, Hospital to Sully's Cross (O'Sullivan's) L8504 which is used as a loop walk by a large number of walkers.

REPLY:

The Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal Area Office included for a footpath at this location under recent Active Travel Measures funding. Unfortunately, this application was not successful in securing funding. It will remain on a priority list for future funding streams

Any Other Business

Votes of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was extended by the Elected Members to Breed Sheedy, staff member of Limerick City and County Council, Kilmallock Area Office, on the passing of her father, Denis Shanahan, on 6th April.

A vote of sympathy was extended by the Elected Members to the family of Matty Foley, Ballysimon, who passed away on 8th April.

A vote of sympathy was extended by the Elected Members to the community, family and friends of Sr Claude Meagher, Presentation Convent, Hospital, who passed away on 23rd

February. The Elected Members wished to acknowledge the contribution Sr Claude made to education in Hospital and the surrounding areas.

LIS/CIS Workshop

It was noted that the workshop to be delivered on the LIS (Local Improvement Scheme) and CIS (Community Involvement Scheme) on the 15th April was postponed in anticipation of the clarification of criteria and funding for these schemes for 2021.

A request was submitted to the meeting that the Elected Members provide feedback on the proposed outline of the workshop, e.g the relevance of the headings, and if there are any additional topics which should be covered, namely:

- Comparisons between the schemes
- Contributions required for the schemes
- Departmental criteria
- How priority is decided and examples of how a changed priority for LIS might work
- Annual funding grant
- Worked examples of each to identify issues in applications (LIS mainly)

It was requested that any feedback be submitted to the Meetings Administrator.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 16.40 in line with Covid 19 restrictions.

The date for the next meeting was agreed by the Elected Members to be held Online on the 20th May 2021.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach