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Reply to Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor PJ Carey

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**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK TO BE HELD ON 17TH
OF JUNE 2021**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor PJ Carey

“I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that the Council widen the Ballycullane Road L8513, just to pair back the encroaching ditch a foot or two on either side.”

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock District Office currently only undertakes verge cutting works as part of the Road Works Scheme and safety improvements at existing road junctions where sightlines are compromised. The responsibility of maintaining roadside boundaries on non-national roads is the responsibility of the relevant landowners.

The District Office also received correspondence in March of this year from the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (please find attached) to refrain from maintenance of verges if possible on ground of bio-diversity.

The District Office will contact the relevant landowners on the L8513 to maintain their boundaries.

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“I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that weeds are cut on the narrow local roads due to flush growth in the interests of safety for all road users in the Cappamore-Kilmallock District Area particularly pedestrians.”

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock District Office currently only undertakes verge cutting works as part of the Road Works Scheme and safety improvements at existing road junctions where sightlines are compromised. The responsibility of maintaining roadside boundaries on non-national roads is the responsibility of the relevant landowners. The District Office does not have the budget allocation to undertake or facilitate an annual maintenance program of all local road verges in the District which totals 1100kms. The District Office also received correspondence in March of this year from the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (please find attached) to refrain from maintenance of verges if possible on ground of bio-diversity.

If there are specific roads that can be identified for urgent works, the district office will contact the relevant landowners.

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25 March 2021.

By email

A Chara,

When the COVID-19 pandemic began to impact Ireland this time last year, one of the few positives to emerge was a renewed focus on nature. This focus was highlighted across the country when, as you are no doubt aware, Councils were unable to cut grass verges and lawn areas due to public health restrictions. What followed was a flourishing of native wildflowers and a huge public interest in campaigns for “no mow” areas to benefit pollinators, as well as other insects, small mammals and birds.

This week, we are helping to launch the second All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, which covers the next five years. The first plan was a huge success, generating significant public interest and community buy in, including from Local Authorities, many of whom have become ‘Supporters’ and included actions for pollinators in their Biodiversity Plans. The next plan is even more ambitious.

We are writing to you as Ministers with responsibility for local government, planning and natural heritage at this important time of year for pollinators to ask that your Local Authority would be mindful of any commitments you already have under your Biodiversity Plans and to consider leading on additional measures, such as deferring or delaying from mowing roadside verges and other wild areas within parks insofar as is possible in the context of health and safety requirements, until after the first flush of early wildflowers have gone to seed – usually the end of April/early May.

Certain early-flowering native grassland and hedgerow plants (in particular willow, dandelions and blackthorn) provide essential early season forage for hungry bees emerging from hibernation – some bees need as many as 2,000 flowers a day in early Spring. We ask that you do what you can to ensure these species are left to flower.



Appropriate signage can be erected to inform the public as to why you're delaying cutting the grass (templates are available from www.pollinators.ie, or you could create your own). You could consider including this initiative as part of your overall Community Call plan, as well as part of your response to tackling the biodiversity emergency.

Again, we would emphasise these measures be taken in line with existing health and safety protocols.

As Ministers, we are deeply grateful to you for all you have done throughout the pandemic for your communities. We believe that this will uplift spirits at a time of great challenge.

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**Darragh O'Brien, TD,
Minister for Housing,
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**Malcolm Noonan, TD,
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**Peter Burke, TD,
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“I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-KilmallockMunicipal District that remedial works be carried out such as a staggered junction at Patrickswell Cross roads on the L1140 Herbertstown to Holy Cross road.”

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District Office intend to include this junction as a Safety Improvement Scheme for consideration by the Dept. of Transport for grant funding in 2022



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14th June 2021