

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD ON THURSDAY 17th JUNE, AT 3.00PM. IN DEEBERT HOUSE HOTEL, KILMALLOCK.

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), Director, Physical Development (Mr. Brian Kennedy), Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler), Senior Executive Engineer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Mr. T. McKechnie), Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock (Ms. H. O'Neill).

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 20th May, 2021.

Proposed by Councillor Mitchell;
Seconded by Councillor Donegan;
And Resolved:

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

Matters Arising

Councillor Teefy requested the May minutes be revised to include Bruff in the Hubs listing under Item 2 - Economic Development Directorate - Briefing from Innovate Limerick.

Councillor Donegan queried if there had been an update from the Office of Public Works on the minor works application for Kilmallock.

Councillor Egan requested his motion from the April meeting on Rail Network upgrade be forwarded for the Agenda of the next full Council meeting from the District.

2. Service Operations Directorate

The Senior Executive Engineer, Service Operations South Division briefed Members on the proposed introduction of special speed limit byelaws for Aileann, Bruree, Ash Hill Manor, Kilmallock, Belleview Estate Kilmallock, and The Block, Oola Housing Estates of the District. It was proposed the current speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour in these estates be reduced to 30 kilometres per hour under Jake's Law which was introduced following the death of Jake Brennan who was fatally injured in a traffic collision outside his home in a housing estate in Kilkenny in 2014. The Senior Executive Engineer proposed, following Members approval, the plans would go to public consultation with all the other Districts and then to Full Council for adoption.

Proposed Councillor Ger Mitchell
Seconded Michael Donegan

And agreed

Councillor Donegan expressed concern at the height of the sign at Ash Hill Estate Kilmallock and asked that this be rectified as soon as possible

Councillor Egan asked if standardised signage advising of "Deer Crossing" could be erected on the R506 between Murroe and Annacotty.

Members requested grass cutting begin as a matter of urgency on junctions in the District and in the interests of safety for road users.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. Notice of Motion submitted by 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."

The motion was proposed by Councillor Carey, seconded by Councillor Donegan and agreed.

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.

2. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mitchell

“I will move at next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District that the 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.”

The motion was proposed by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Donegan and agreed.

REPLY:

The 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.

3. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy

“I will move at next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that remedial works be carried out such as a staggered junction at Patrickswell Cross roads on the L1140 Herbertstown to Holy Cross road.”

The motion was proposed by Councillor Teefy, seconded by Councillor Mitchell and agreed.

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

QUESTIONS

4. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Portaloos be placed outside Playgrounds and areas of consistent gatherings in the Cappamore-Kilmallock District until such time toilets are provided in County Limerick where needed.”

REPLY:

In relation to Playgrounds, at present it is not considered that Portaloos are necessary notwithstanding the current level of use, however, the Council will keep it under review and should the situation change, the Council can revisit the proposal. As local facilities continue to re-open in line with the continued easing of restrictions the need for temporary Portaloos is lessening.

5. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that road signs be inspected in the Cappamore-Kilmallock District and are fit for purpose in the interests of safety.”

REPLY:

The Road signs are erected in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs manual which is a national guidance document. If Councillor Mitchell could give specific concerns and identify locations where he feels there is a signage issue, we will review the signage to ensure it complies with National Policy.

6. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District if Limerick City & County Council plan to modify the footpaths in Bruff to make them wheel chair friendly from Ardykeohane to the main street in the town.”

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District Office has received some funding through Active Travel Measures to undertake these type of works to existing junctions and footpaths within towns and villages. A schedule of works/schemes will include this area and it is expected that the modifications will be completed by the end of 2021.

7. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

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

REPLY:

The Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District Office commenced works on this project last year prior to Covid 19 and did not get to finish proposed works due to other on-going projects and Road Works Scheme jobs. It is proposed to complete the signage project by the end of this year.

Any Other Business

- Councillor Carey raised the issue of the proposed Fantstown Railway Crossing closure and requested all Members of the District to prepare a submission to an Bord Pleanala to retain the crossing which will have consequences for the local farming community in the area should the closure go ahead.
- Discussion ensued and it was agreed a submission would have to be forwarded to An Bord Pleanala before the 9th of July, 2021 deadline.
- Councillor Donegan asked his thanks be communicated to the Waste Water crews who worked on the sewerage blockage in Bruree on the June Bank holiday weekend and also the staff who dealt with the pollution spill on the River Loobagh the previous weekend.
- Councillor John Egan asked his thanks be communicated to the Waste Water crews who worked on the sewerage blockage in Murroe

- Councillor Donegan also raised the issue of the wall collapse on graves at Temple Mary Cemetery, Howardstown and asked that fencing be placed around the collapse and a costing be sought for the repair works required to allow families to visit their family plots safely.
- Councillor Ryan (Eddie) also referred to Kilfinane burial of which part is closed off and asked the area be made safe.
- Councillor Mitchell asked that his Statement on Rourkes Cross be read into the meeting record.
- Members extended their best wishes to Mary Fitzgerald, Executive Technician on her retirement and also thanked Sean Coughlan (Director, Support Services-Finance, Corporate, HR & ICT) for his service to the District and wished him well in the future. Thanks was also expressed to Lisa Ruttle, Planner who has moved from the District of Cappamore-Kilmallock.

Votes of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was extended by Councillor Brigid Teefy to Anthony O’Riordan, Roads Supervisor on the death of his brother, James O’Riordan and also to Peggy Ryan, Cappamore on the death of her husband Paddy Ryan (brother in law of Noel Gleeson retired Councillor) A vote of sympathy was also extended to John Sheehan, Clogher West, Athalcca on the death of his wife Anne, and also to the family of Ml. Mullins, Ballinacurra, Dromin and finally to the O’Sullivan family, Deebert, Kilmallock on the death of Barry O’Sullivan. All members wished to be associated with these sentiments.

Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock District was agreed by the Elected Members, as a physical meeting, on the 15th July 2021 at Deebert House Hotel, Kilmallock – pending Covid restrictions at the time .

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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