

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD ON THURSDAY 15th JULY, AT 3.30PM. IN DEEBERT HOUSE HOTEL, KILMALLOCK.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor Martin Ryan, An Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Carey, Donegan, Egan, Mitchell, E. Ryan and Teefy.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

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 17th June, 2021.

Proposed by Councillor E. Ryan;

Seconded by Councillor Carey;

And Resolved:

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

Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 17th June, 2021.

Proposed by Councillor Carey;

Seconded by Councillor Mitchell;

And Resolved:

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

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 funding be made available to replace a timber fence at St. Munchins Terrace, Bruree that the Council originally erected, as it could prove dangerous to the residents due to the steepness of the fall.”

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

REPLY:

The Council will provide funding and will arrange for the timber fencing at St. Munchins Terrace, Bruree to be replaced as soon as possible.

2. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John Egan

“I will move at next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that the speed limit from Barrington’s Bridge to Collin’s Cross be reduced to 60km.”

The motion was proposed by Councillor Egan, seconded by Councillor M.Ryan and agreed.

In proposing this motion Councillor John Egan understood that the next speed limit review is a number of years away and asked if Driver Feed Back signage could be installed in the meantime at the location.

Trevor McKechnie, SEE agreed to consider the proposal for Driver Feed Back Signs at this location under the Low Cost Safety Scheme 2022.

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District will forward Cllr. Egan’s request for a revised speed limit between Barrington’s Bridge and Collin’s Cross to Operations and Maintenance (Central Services). Central Services are responsible for the review of speed limits and will during the next Countywide speed limit review assess Cllr. Egan’s request.

3. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Michael Donegan

“I will move at next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District calling on Limerick City and County Council to carry out modifications to the Riverside Park Kilmallock entrance at Deebert to make it wheel chair accessible.”

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

In proposing this motion Councillor Donegan said the modifications would improve accessibility for wheelchair users and open up this part of the Loop walk.

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District has submitted an application for funding under the Outdoor Recreation Improvement Scheme to carry out works to the Riverside Park. It is expected that a decision will be made on the application by September. If successful, the District Office will programme for the improvement works to be carried out as soon as is practicable.

QUESTIONS

4. Question submitted by Councillor PJ Carey

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District what are the total estimated construction costs for the N20 O'Rourke's Cross Roundabout, including CPO's, footpaths, drainage and all other associated works.”

REPLY:

The Total Scheme Budget, agreed with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, for the N20 O'Rourke's Cross Road Improvement Scheme is €5.3M inclusive of VAT.

This includes the following items:

Main Construction Contract

Land and Property

Planning and Design

Archaeology

Advance Works and Other Contracts

Main Contract Supervision

Residual Network

Risk and Inflation

5. Question submitted by Councillor John Egan

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District when will improvement works commence at Collin’s Cross, Madaboy, Murroe.”

REPLY:

A proposal to carry out Safety Improvement Works at Collin’s Cross, Murroe was submitted by the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for inclusion in the Dept. of Transport 2021 Safety Improvement Works Programme. Unfortunately, Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District did not receive funding approval for this project. The scheme will be included again for consideration by the Dept. of Transport in 2022

6. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District if there are plans to carry out repair work in Athenacey Cemetery, Elton including tree topping, repair to walls and a car park extension.”

REPLY:

We are currently in the process of carrying out a multi-stage repair project at Athenasey Graveyard, Elton. The works are being completed over a period of time.

- Phase 1 commenced last year with an Arborist report on the condition of the existing trees within the graveyard and works required to make them safe
- Phase 2a : Tree surgery works will commence in October of this year after bird nesting season ends
- Phase 2b : We received a commitment from Ballyhoura Development to assist us in the reconstruction of the boundary walls, but due to the pandemic, works have been delayed. The restoration of the walls will commence in October/November of this year.

The Council will engage with the landowners in the near future in an effort to resolve the car parking issue.

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 extension to the parking bay in Glenfield Estate, Kilmallock.”

REPLY:

The works to the parking bay in Glenfield Estate will commence in August.

Any Other Business

Councillor Michael Donegan thanked his elected colleagues for their support of his submission to Iarnród Éireann on Fanstown crossing and apologised for his omission of Councillor Eddie Ryan and Councillor Martin Ryan in the report submitted.

Councillor Donegan raised the matter of the proposed directly elected mayor position saying there was discussion in the media on the matter and it would appear that the powers of the directly elected mayor do not reflect what was proposed in the initial government report on the matter. Councillor Donegan said he had a fear that the proposed directly elected mayor position could dilute the current powers of the elected members and proposed the matter be paused until the 2024 local elections and further clarity be sought.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Mitchell.

Councillor Mitchell in supporting this motion said the Public had not been given the full facts on the matter and the process should now be delayed indefinitely adding that the reserved functions of the Councillors would appear to be diminishing year on year and the current status quo should be left as it is.

Councillor Teefy concurred with these sentiments saying the Directly Elected Mayor will only be a lobbyist and the position would add a very expensive extra layer to Council with no additional powers and added the campaign surrounding the Directly Elected Mayor had been rushed and not enough clarity provided on the subject.

Councillor Ryan (Eddie) agreed also with these sentiments saying he felt the matter had not been thought through properly and proposed a special meeting be convened to discuss Councillor Mitchell's motion with the permission of the Chairman.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Carey who added he could not see the Directly Elected Mayor system working out.

Councillor Egan also supported the postponement of the Directly Elected Mayor position saying the full facts were not known at the time the position was originally proposed.

Councillor Mitchell concluded the discussion on the matter saying the process is flawed as the full facts were not available at the time the process was initiated and called for the publication of the draft legislation on the subject.

Councillor Carey asked the Council rethink the imminent eviction of a family in the Kilmallock area and ask the Council instead to engage with the family involved and provide assistance to make their home habitable.

Councillor Teefy requested that additional electric vehicle charging points be installed in the District given the increase in the purchase of electric vehicles and asked for a progress report on this matter for the September meeting.

Brian Kennedy (DOS) agreed to follow up on this item for the September meeting and added that policy in relation to electric vehicles is currently with the Transport and Mobility SPC.

Brian Kennedy said an application has also been made to the National Transport Agency for funding, however he added the grants only cover a fraction of the costs associated with the installation of charging points and agreements have to be agreed with Electric Ireland on location points.

Councillor Egan called for the Municipal District to convene a meeting with the Cuan Mhuire Group in Bruree to allow all the elected members to see the great work carried out by them.

It was agreed the Meetings Administrator would make contact with Sister Agnes at Cuan Mhuire after the summer recess with a view to making arrangements to convene a Municipal District at the Centre.

Councillor Teefy requested a housing workshop to be held before the September Municipal District meeting to discuss housing vacancies and repairs staffing etc.

Councillor Ryan (Eddie) thanked the staff and executive for their attendance at Galbally the previous Sunday to deal with a flooding incident.

Votes of Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was extended by Councillor Michael Donegan to Tom Carmody, Water Services Section, on the death of Dermot Whelan.

A vote of sympathy was also extended to the family of the late James Condon, Martinstown.

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 16th September, 2021 at Deebert House Hotel, Kilmallock – pending Covid restrictions at the time .

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach