

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD ON THURSDAY 18th November 2021 AT 3.30PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor Martin Ryan, An Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Services Transportation and Mobility (Mr Brian Kennedy), Meetings Administrator (Ms D O'Brien), Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. T McKechnie), Clerical Officer (Ms. H O'Neill).

3. Deputation by residents of Pallasgreen.

It was proposed by Councillor Donegan that the Deputation by the residents of Pallasgreen would be brought forward to the first item on the agenda.

The presentation was made and it was agreed that the Senior Executive Engineer would revert with a response following investigation.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 21st October, 2021.

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell

Seconded by: Councillor Teefy

And Resolved:

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

Matters Arising:

The Elected Members requested clarification on when each of the next deputations would be received by the Municipal District. It was confirmed that Gotoon Residents association would be presenting to the Municipal District at the December meeting and that the Senior Staff Officer was awaiting a written request from Maigne Rivers Trust regarding their deputation.

The Elected Members wished to extend their congratulations to Lough Gur on their Green Flag award, and suggested Lough Gur as a possible venue in 2022.

It was agreed by the Elected Members to postpone the Workshop with Irish Water as the Irish Water clinic had been held recently.

2. Correspondence

Correspondence was received from BGM Community Council to request a deputation by a group of remote workers from the Bruff region and surrounding areas.

Proposed: Councillor Teefy

Seconded: Councillor Ryan

NOTICES OF MOTION

4. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey

I will move at the next Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District that either a Kilmallock Local Area Plan Review or a variation to the ongoing Development Plan be introduced to facilitate the re-zoning of a 3/4 acre site, adjacent to Super Valu Carpark, which is currently zoned a residential development area into a commercial zoned area.

Reply:

The Local Area Plan for Kilmallock was adopted in 2019, following extensive consultation with the public and Elected Members. Zoning cannot be considered in draft Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028, as there is a standalone Local Area Plan in place for the town. In light with Section 19(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Planning Authority will commence the review of the Kilmallock Local Area Plan as soon as resources permit.

Councillor Carey requested a Special meeting be held regarding this issue, preceded by a workshop with the Planning Department to discuss this response. The Senior Staff Officer advised that this request must be put in writing to the Chairperson and signed by 3 Elected Members before proceeding.

5. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Donegan

“I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District calling on Limerick City and County Council to identify suitable locations for bus shelters in Kilfinane, Kilmallock and Bruff on the 329 bus route.”

Proposed: Councillor Donegan

Seconded: Councillor M Ryan

Reply:

Active Travel will submit a grant application to the National Transport Authority (NTA) in January 2022. We will include Kilfinane, Kilmallock and Bruff as well as potential locations

bus shelters. Pending NTA approval, Active Travel will progress works at these locations in 2022.

A discussion took place regarding requesting bus stops for other localities, including Hospital, Caherconlish etc. The Elected members were advised to compile a priority list of locations and make a submission to the Connecting Ireland Consultation.

6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Egan

“I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council, in the proposed County Development Plan, accommodate farming families and other local people, who preserved the heritage of Lough Gur down through the years, to get Planning Permission for Housing on their lands in the Area.”

Proposed : Councillor Egan

Seconded: Councillor Mitchell

Reply:

The Council are currently preparing the Draft Development plan 2022-2028. Objective LCA O5 of the Draft Plan, sets out that development within the Lough Gur Special Control Area will be restricted, including residential development, except in exceptional circumstances. Lough Gur is one of the most significant archeological sites in Limerick and the Draft Plan seeks to safeguard the unique setting of Lough Gur. Each planning application will be considered on a case by case basis, based on the individual circumstances and also in compliance with Rural Housing policies set out in the Draft Plan and national and regional policies.

QUESTIONS

7. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District for an update regarding any expressions of interest in the Kilmallock Business Park

Reply:

We had one expression of interest so far which was passed on to Powers about a month ago. We had held off promoting Kilmallock/Bruree until EI had approved funding for the food development hub at Bruree as this will be a big attraction for food companies to that area. That funding was approved two weeks ago and we will be formally announcing our food strategy at the Re-Ignite conference at the Strand Hotel on the 24th November next.

8. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on:

(a) the amount of local authority houses that are currently vacant in Kilmallock town.

(b) how long are each vacant.

(c) when is the planned date for the houses to be made available for allocation.

Reply:

As at Thursday 11th November the total number of dwellings shown as 'vacant' in Kilmallock Town was four.

One of these units though recorded as vacant is being used for temporary tenancy due to fire damage to the tenants original dwelling.

One has had the works recently finished and is now available for allocation and is being processed.

Two units require major refurbishment.

These are currently being scoped to determine the extent of works required.

A procurement competition will then be undertaken with a view to works progressing in March/April and a finish date of November 2022. They will form part of a larger bundle of dwellings being repaired at one time.

They will be available for re-letting in November 2022.

9. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the taking in charge of Castle Court estate in Kilmallock.

Also to confirm that the assessment has taken place and a snag list has been compiled and costed as per the reply to my previous question at the September 2020 meeting.

Reply:

The Planning section requested that the Municipal District Office would assess the roads infrastructure in the Castle Court Estate. A snag list of works required to bring the infrastructure up to standard has been completed and a cost estimate prepared. This report will be submitted to the taking in charge section of the Planning Dept. shortly.

10. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next Municipal District meeting

(a) How many qualified housing applicants, first choice, are on the waiting list in this district

- (b) and what is the breakdown of locations.
(c) How many Council houses are vacant in the District.

REPLY:

- (a) How many qualified housing applicants, first choice, are on the waiting list in this district (b) and what is the breakdown of locations.

There are 419 qualified first choice applicants in the Cappamore – Kilmallock Municipal District

Breakdown as follows:-

Name of Townland	No. of Housing Applicants First Choice for Area
Anglesboro	2
Ardpatrick	0
Athlacca	18
Ballylanders	24
Ballyorgan	0
Bruff	64
Bruree	20
Bulgaden	1
Caherconlish	40
Cappamore	31
Doon	23
Elton	1
Galbally	9
Herbertstown	1
Hospital	34
Kilfinane	24
Kilmallock	57
Kilteely	4
Knocklong	15
Murroe	32
Oola	10
Pallasgreen	9
Total No. of 1 st Choice Applicants in this District	419

- (c) How many Council houses are vacant in the District.

As at Thursday 11th November the total number of dwellings shown as ‘vacant’ in the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District was twenty four.

The follow table details this figure.

Number vacant but available for letting	2
Number awaiting minor repairs	10
Number awaiting major refurbishment	10
Other	2
Total	24

The two units which are ‘vacant but available for letting’ include one which is in the process of being allocated and the other is being used as a temporary letting due to fire damage to the tenants original dwelling.

The two units described as other refer to old records of demountable units – these records have to be updated and will be undertaken after an inspection is arranged locally.

The ten units requiring minor repairs are returned locally.

On average these units take three to four months to return depending upon the amount of work to be completed. The local Housing Maintenance Team or external contractors complete these works.

Of the ten units requiring major refurbishment:

- Seven of the units are being advanced through the Category 3 and 4 Lots
- One is a Demountable Unit
- One unit has yet to determined as to the most appropriate approach to managing the property
- One is being assessed for other options to return

The process by which these units are being completed is as follows. Each property is assessed in detail to ‘scope’ the nature and extent of the works required to be completed.

A cost estimate based upon this scoping is then prepared.

A bundle of units is then included in a specific Lot and a submission is made to the DHLGH to go to tender for the works.

Subject to approval the Lot is then tendered in an open competition. Approval to proceed is then sought. A preferred contractor is then identified to undertake the works. It is estimated that the time for works completion will take 6 months from appointment.

Contingent upon no unforeseen delays the dwellings should be ready for reletting by November 2022.

The Questions were taken as read.

Any other Business

Notice of Motion to Full Council Meeting

The following wording was agreed to be submitted as a Notice of Motion by the Elected Members of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District to the Full Council meeting in January 2022:

“ We will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District that the term for the directly Elected Mayor co-incides with the term of the newly elected Councillors in 2024 on the basis that the full powers as recommended by the implementation advisory group be enforced to give the role solid teeth, or otherwise pause indefinitely until fully agreed by all stakeholders including councillors.”

This was submitted by Councillor Mitchell and seconded unanimously by

Councillor Carey
Councillor Donegan
Councillor Egan
Councillor E Ryan
Councillor M Ryan
Councillor Teefy.

Tidy Towns

The Elected Members wished to acknowledge and congratulate the Tidy Towns groups who were recently successful in the 2021 Tidy Towns Competition including Bruff, Galbally, Oola and Ardpartick, and to thank the Council staff for their contribution.

Environment

The Elected Members requested clarification on the installation of charging points for Electric Vehicles. It was noted that Electric Vehicle charging has been incorporated into the Development Plan and will require capital funding. An assessment of needs will need to be undertaken.

The Director of Services also updated plans regarding electric vehicles as part of the Councils fleet of vehicles.

A request was also raised that additional resources towards the suction sweeper be provided.

Civic reception

Elected Members noted potential nominees to be considered for a Civic reception in early 2022. These were added to the list by the Senior Staff Officer. The criteria for nomination and the process for planning a Civic reception was circulated to all Elected Members.

Housing List

Clarification was requested by the Elected Members as to how many houses are in the pipeline to be available to the 419 applicants on the housing list.

Expression of appreciation

The Elected Members wished to thank the work done by the Senior Executive Engineer and outdoor staff on the Tipperary Road in Galbally, Tennis Court in Caherconlish and work in Holy cross. It was noted that a case should be made for additional outdoor staff.

Athletic Club

A word of acknowledgement was given to the opening of the new Athletic Club Field in Kilmallock.

Expressions of Sympathy

The Elected Members wished to express their sympathy to

- Mark Leahy, former Meetings Administrator for Cappamore Kilmallock, on the passing of his father Patrick Leahy.
- The families of brothers Tom Rodahan and Joseph Rodahan, late of Dromkeen and Pallasgreen.
- Kevin McManus and the extended McManus family on the loss of Breda McManus (Nee Crowe) who died on 25th October.

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 9th December, 2021 at Deebert House Hotel, Kilmallock – pending Covid restrictions at the time . (Following the meeting this was changed to 16th December in the Council Chambers, Dooradoyle.)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach