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**Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock to be held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>  
February, 2022.**

**Question from Councillor Carey**

I will ask at the next Cappamore/Kilmallock municipal district meeting that, if it is the policy of the local authority to “not permit the sale of new burial plots in ancient cemeteries which are on the record of monuments”, where is this policy documented and what is the process to change it?

**Reply:**

The Limerick City and County Council Burial Ground Strategy, a copy of which can be found at this link: <https://www.limerick.ie/sites/default/files/media/documents/2021-05/05-f-ii-b-draft-burial-ground-and-interment-strategy.pdf> was adopted at the full Council Meeting of May 2021.

The Burial Ground Strategy addresses the objectives of the current Development Plans and the draft City and County Development Plan in relation to the preservation and protection of Archaeological Heritage and Monuments: Objectives EH035 Preservation of the Archaeological Heritage; Objective EH038 Protection of the Setting of Archaeological Monuments in the draft City and County Development Plan.

The following extract from the Burial Ground Strategy outline the situation as it pertains to Archaeological structures:

*“Many older burial grounds, which have little or no designated burial spaces available, contain grassed areas that have no obvious indication of burial in the form of headstones or markers. Most of these graveyards have been in use since at least the 13<sup>th</sup> century (many are much older) and it is likely that burials have taken place throughout the graveyard. These graveyards are protected under the National Monuments Acts 1930-2014 and are registered as Recorded Monuments. [Some are considered nationally important and since they are in Local Authority ownership are therefore National Monuments.] Re-using any of these areas has the potential to damage archaeological material and to detract from the amenity as modern memorials can be incongruous in an older setting.”*

It is important to note that none of the older graveyards have been subject to the rigorous environmental testing that is now required to identify suitable areas for new burial grounds in order to preserve water quality. It is likely that if they were many would fail, so it is incumbent on the Council as the Sanitary Authority to protect ground water and to discourage/prevent burial over and above existing family plots.

The policy is based on the principles of good heritage and environmental practice in burial grounds.

**Nuala Gallagher**  
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**Question from Councillor Carey**

I will ask at the next Cappamore/Kilmallock municipal district meeting for an update on when will the promised safety works on the Church at Kilfinane Cemetery be carried out? These included, that a proper permanent support be erected, the West Wall propped up and the remaining openings of the Church closed off.

**Reply:**

Temporary works were undertaken by Limerick City and County Council in 2021 to close off the Church to public access.

An application is being submitted under the 2022 Community Monuments Funding Scheme (Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage) for funding to consolidate the structure. The closing date for applications is 1 March, 2022. If the application is successful the proposed works will consolidate the structure, allow unlimited access to the building and create a heritage amenity within the graveyard, and must be completed by the end of November, 2022.

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February, 2022.**

**Question from Councillor Egan**

I will ask at the next Cappamore/Kilmallock municipal district meeting what the cost of purchasing a Grave in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District is?

**Reply:**

The cost of purchasing a grave in Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District is €1,500 per grave. Limerick City and County Council carried out a review of the charges for burial grounds in 2021. These charges had not been reviewed in the past six years. As a result of the review the decision was made as part of the Scale of Charges 2022 in December 2021, to increase the charge to €1,500.

Revenue from the sale of graves is used to support the operation and maintenance of the graveyard service.

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**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK TO BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 2022.**

**Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell**

I will ask at the next Cappamore/Kilmallock municipal district meeting to have full clarification in relation to derelict sites act, register, levy and modus operandi.

**Reply:**

A full presentation on the Dereliction & Vacancy Initiative will be provided to the March meeting of Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District.

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Gordon Daly  
Director of Services  
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14 February 2022







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February, 2022.**

**Question from Councillor Mitchell**

"I will ask at the next Cappamore/Kilmallock municipal district meeting for the appropriate engineer to have a look and provide further proper safe parking to accommodate the residents in Sycamore Drive Estate in Bruff as residents are forced to park on green area."

**Reply:**

"The Cappamore-Kilmallock MD will review Cllr. Mitchell's request and will revert with a report to him shortly."

**Trevor McKechnie**

**Senior Executive Engineer  
Roads, Traffic and Cleansing**

**14<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

