

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD IN
DEEBERT HOUSE HOTEL, KILMALLOCK ON WEDNESDAY 21st
September 2022 AT 3.00PM.**

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor J Egan, An Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Carey, Donegan, Mitchell, E Ryan, M Ryan (online), 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), Senior Engineer, LA Housing Construction & Maintenance (Conor Culloo); Senior Executive Planner, Strategic & Forward Planning (Karen Burke), Staff Officer, Property Services (Denise Ruth); Senior Executive Officer, Strategy & Non LA Housing Construction (Sarah Newell), Administrative Officer (Helen Creed), Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services (Mary Hayes), Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer (Scott Keenan) Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer, (Paul McMahon)

Apologies: Clerical Officer (Ms. H O'Neill)

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 14th July, 2022.

Proposed by: Councillor Teefy

Seconded by: Councillor Donegan

And Resolved:

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

2. Matters Arising:

Councillor Carey wished to for the word "abstained" to be removed from the voting under Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors Carey, Mitchell and E. Ryan. This was agreed.

3. Housing Directorate Quarterly update on Housing

Circulated, responses to queries submitted by the Elected Members at the previous quarterly update and taken as read.

A question was raised in relation to completion of properties, and a summary was provided.

Councillor E Ryan requested to leave the meeting at this stage and wished to acknowledge the work undertaken by the Roads team in Ballylanders, in particular in relation to the speed ramps.

4. Part 8 Applications

A Part 8 Application for 2a and 2b High St, Kilfinane was presented by the Senior Engineer for LA Housing Construction and Maintenance. It was outlined to the Elected Members that a structural survey will be undertaken preconstruction and that all issues raised by residents of adjacent buildings will be taken into consideration.

Proposed: Councillor Donegan

Seconded: Councillor Carey

A Part 8 application for the Cappamore Fire Station was presented by the Senior Engineer for LA Housing Construction and Maintenance. It was noted that only one submission was received on this Part 8. The turnaround period for this project is expected to be 2 years with no disruption to service (based on the precedence of Kilmallock Fire Station)

Proposed: Councillor M Ryan

Seconded: Councillor Egan

5. Kilfinane Local Area Plan

The Senior Executive Planner Strategic and Forward Planning outlined the need to revoke the existing Kilfinane Local Area Plan which will be incorporated into the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028.

One submission was received on this.

Proposed: Councillor Donegan

Seconded: Councillor Teefy

6. Disposal of Property

The following disposal of properties were noted:

- Bruff Heritage Centre – 10 year lease

Proposed: Councillor Teefy

Seconded: Councillor Mitchell

- Kilfrush, Hospital
 - This land is proposed to be leased on a 25 year basis (with a possible extension of an additional 10 years) to National Broadband Ireland
 - The Elected Members raised queries regarding the terms of the lease, responses to which will be circulated prior to the Full Council meeting on 26th September.

This Disposal had previously been circulated to the Elected Members electronically and agreement was reached that the disposal be brought to the full meeting of the Council on the 26th September.

Notices of Motion

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council cut and trim back the trees hedges and verges of all the rural secondary narrow roads where vision is impaired due to lush growth over the summer months for all road users in the interests of health safety and furthermore carry out an immediate inspection and review of speed signs with a view to replace faded signs and reduce speed limits from 80 Kilometres to 50 kilometres or less where necessary.

Proposed: Councillor Mitchell

Seconded: Councillor Egan

Reply:

The responsibility for the maintenance of non-national road public road hedgerows and verges is a matter for individual landowners. Limerick City and County Council as the Road Authority has responsibility to maintain such vegetation on National Roads only. If specific locations are identified, the relevant landowners can be contacted to maintain the vegetation on their roadside boundaries.

Road signage, in particular regulatory signage is reviewed regularly. The Municipal District Office is currently replacing signage on a priority basis across the district.

A new county wide review of speed limits across the public road network will commence in Q4 this year and continue into 2023.

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Egan

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District that speed limits of 80kmh on local roads be reviewed and reduced as appropriate.

Proposed: Councillor Egan

Seconded: Councillor Mitchell

Reply:

Speed Limits on all public roads irrespective of road class are reviewed on a county wide basis every five years. To ensure consistency of speed limits across the entire public road network in Ireland, Local authorities are obliged to review speed limits in accordance with the Department of Transport document "Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland". A new county wide review commence in Q4 this year and continue into 2023.

The Senior Executive Engineer addressed both of the above Notices of Motion outlining that speed limits are governed by National legislation, and that enforcement of speed limits and traffic calming measures are also required in tandem with speed limits.

The SEE requested that the Elected Members make him aware of any specific locations where speed was an issue, and that submissions be made under the County wide review which will be commencing in Q4 2022.

It was suggested by Councillor M Ryan that this issue be brought to the next JPC meeting for discussion.

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will move at next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District following a request from South Limerick Branch of the Irish Red Cross that a Council Building or Council property in Kilmallock be made available for a permanent base for the Branch.

Proposed: Councillor Teefy

Seconded: Councillor Mitchell.

Reply:

Vacant properties in Kilmallock under Limerick City and County Council ownership tend to be properties acquired under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, all of which are in need of significant capital investment. These properties are brought back to the open market for sale once the vesting process has completed.

It is not clear as to the type of property that would be required by the South Limerick Branch of the Irish Red Cross, so I would recommend that a detailed report be submitted to Limerick City and County Council's Property Department (email:

tinaknox@limerick.ie) with further details of the requirements in relation to the desired property type, property size and level of investment should be addressed.

Once a more detailed report has been received, the Property Department will review and revert.

Councillor Teefy advised the Elected Members present that the preference for the South Limerick branch of the Red Cross would be in the Business Park, and that an email to that effect would be sent to the Property Department as per the reply above.

10. 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 employ a landscaping contractor to assist local community cemetery associations with necessary grass cutting and general maintenance at our local cemeteries.

Proposed: Councillor Donegan

Seconded: Councillor Mitchell

Reply:

The Council already assists local communities with the maintenance of cemeteries with the provision of an annual maintenance grant of €450. The Council increased the grant from €300 to €450 in 2022. This annual grant assists maintenance committees in maintaining 82no. cemeteries in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District.

The Council may, subject to resources, be in a position to consider providing assistance in an isolated situation, where a cemetery is a large open green area. The Council can request the grass cutting contractor to provide assistance in this instance.

Councillor Donegan wished to acknowledge the work undertaken by the voluntary committees maintaining the cemeteries, and outlined that many of the cemetery committees require additional supports besides funding, including manual labour supports, as they are finding it hard to recruit younger members.

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District for funding to be made available for the felling of dangerous trees at Kilfinane Cemetery.

Proposed: Councillor Carey

Seconded: Councillor Donegan

Reply:

There are a number of mature trees in Kilfinane Graveyard. The Council will arrange a tree condition survey to determine the extent of danger posed by the trees. Depending on the findings, the Council will take the appropriate actions as recommended in the survey.

QUESTIONS

12. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on relocation of existing pedestrian crossing and traffic calming measures in Hospital. The volume of traffic through Hospital town is increasing at a rapid rate. I do not want to see any more accidents, this has now become an immediate priority as new businesses are opening up which is positive news. This is urgent.

Reply:

The relocation of the pedestrian crossing from the main street forms part of overall improvements to the Knockainey road junction, Hospital. The civil works for the planned improvements at the Junction are complete. The proposed raised table top at the junction and the pedestrian crossing will be installed as soon as a power supply is made available to the Council. It is anticipated that all works will be completed before the end of November.

13. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the traffic management plan in relation to the junction at upper Main Street Hospital with Emly/Knocklong and Knockainey/Bruff roads. This again must be prioritised in the interest of health and safety for all road users to avoid further accidents.

Reply:

The Consultant's report and recommendation for the Emly road junction, Hospital will be completed shortly. Once this report is reviewed, the Municipal District Office will be making a submission to the NTA via the Limerick Active Travel Office for funding to carry out improvements in 2023.

The civil works for the planned improvements at the Knockainey Road Junction, Hospital are complete. The raised table top at the junction and the pedestrian crossing will be installed as soon as a power supply is made available to the Council. It is anticipated that all works will be completed before the end of November.

14. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District for an update report on a previous motion agreed at our Municipal District Meeting held in November 2020 "That Limerick City and County Council consider purchasing the green area on the Kilmallock road (R518) in Bruree, with a view to developing public parking, a bus stop area including a shelter and community facilities"

Reply:

The development of the site to provide community facilities is an objective for the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District Office. The site is owned by a number of different private owners at present with ownership of part of the site having changed recently. The Municipal District (MD) Office propose to engage with all owners in the near future to determine if the overall site purchase is possible. The members will be kept updated on this matter over the coming months.

15. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District if Limerick City and County Council need planning permission to demolish residential buildings.

Reply:

Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000(as amended), and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) related to development by or on behalf of a local authority.

Article 80(1)(a) of the regulations prescribes "*the construction or erection of a house*" as requiring a Part 8 process but not the demolition of same. In addition, Article 80(1)(k) prescribes "*any development other than those specified in paragraphs (a) to (j), the estimated cost of which exceeds €126,000, not being development consisting of the laying underground of sewers, mains, pipes or other apparatus,*" as requiring a Part 8 process.

7. Any other Business

Expressions of Sympathy

The Elected Members wished to express their sympathy to the families of:

- Dylan McCarthy, Kilmallock, who passed away tragically on 25th August.
- John Joe Kenny, uncle of Linda Reidy, Motor Tax and Cash office, LCCC, who passed away on 12th August.
- Tom Cummins, Kiltelly, who passed away on 4th September
- Bridget Reale, Hospital, who passed away on 15th September.
- Paddy Leddin, Hospital, who passed away on 20th September.

Hidden Heartlands

The Elected Members wished to invite Hidden Heartlands to a Municipal District Meeting in advance of the next tourism season.

Congratulations Wishes

The Elected Members wish to congratulate Aine Fitzgerald on her appointment as Assistant Editor of the Limerick Leader, and also to the Limerick County Hurling Team on winning the All Ireland Hurling final.

Bruff Ukrainian response

The Elected Members discussed the response to the Ukrainian crisis in Bruff and requested that the Ukrainian response team deliver a workshop to the Elected Members to outline plans regarding integration and services for the town. The suggested date was set as 28th September for an online meeting.

Wolfe Tone St Apartments

A question was raised as to why the apartments on Wolfe Tone St were placed on Daft.ie for sale, as they are scheduled for demolition. Clarification was provided that this was undertaken in error by an external body and has since been removed from Daft.ie.

JPC

Clarification was provided that the next JPC meeting would be held prior to the October Municipal District Meeting on 20th October, and that any items for the agenda can be submitted in advance to the meetings administrator.

Lough Gur

The Elected Members were reminded of an upcoming Flag raising ceremony to acknowledge the An Taisce Green Heritage Site Accreditation, and the Launch of the Archaeology of Historic Lough Gur on Monday 26th September.

Step Forward Disability Group

Councillor Teefy requested that the Step Forward Disability group be invited to the October Meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District Meeting to speak. The Meetings administrator requested that the group submit a request in writing as per the Standing Orders regarding deputations.

Proposed: Councillor Teefy

Seconded: Councillor Donegan.

Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock District was agreed by the Elected Members as Wednesday 20th October at 3.30pm in Deebert House Hotel.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach