

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD IN DEEBERT HOUSE HOTEL, KILMALLOCK ON THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER AT 3.30PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor J Egan, An Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Carey, Donegan, Mitchell, E Ryan, M Ryan, and Teefy

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Meetings Administrator (Ms D O'Brien), Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. T McKechnie), Clerical Officer (Ms. H O'Neill) , Director of Services Support Services (Mr S. Coughlan), Head of Marketing and Communications (Mr D. O'Sullivan) Senior Engineer, LA Housing Construction & Maintenance (Conor Culloo); Senior Executive Engineer Housing Maintenance (Mr. Brian Bourke), Staff Officer, Property Services (Denise Ruth);

Apologies: Director of Services Transportation and Mobility (Mr Brian Kennedy),

At the commencement of the meeting, An Cathaoirleach requested that all in attendance take a moment of silence for the victims of the Creeslagh accident.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 21st September, 2022.

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell

Seconded by: Councillor M Ryan

And Resolved:

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

2. Matters Arising:

Councillor Teefy wished to confirm that the South Limerick Branch of the Red Cross would be interested in any location in Kilmallock, not just in Kilmallock Business Park.

3. Draft Budgetary Plan

The Director of Services confirmed the information provided in the workshop delivered on 20th October at 3pm regarding the Draft Budgetary Plan and the General Municipal Allocation. It was agreed that the budget for the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District be set at €295,000, with €145,000 of this allocated to the Tourism budget, of which €30,000 to be deemed discretionary.

Proposed: Councillor Mitchell

Seconded: Councillor Teefy

4. Marketing update

The Head of Marketing and Communications delivered a presentation to the Elected Members regarding the current Marketing strategy for Limerick City and County Council, with Discover Limerick being the mindset of the 2023 campaign. He also outlined the structure of the Marketing and Communications department.

The Elected Members highlighted the need to promote the various attractions in South and East Limerick, which was well received.

5. Deputation by Step Forward Disability Group, Hospital.

A presentation by Step Forward Disability Group, Hospital, was delivered by Maureen Brown, and supported by Jess Feely and Martha Potter.

The issues of ensuring Universal Access in all works undertaken by the Local authority and the launch of the Universal Access campaign by the Step Forward Disability Group were outlined. The group highlighted the need to work together to promote accessibility and respect. Suggestions included steps being painted in contrasting colours and reducing obstacles on footpaths.

The Senior Executive Engineer for roads responded in agreement and outlined an update on works to be done, including the need to identify legacy works which can be upgraded.

A suggestion was made by the Elected Members that an awareness campaign regarding accessibility could support this campaign e.g. via radio etc, and to include engagement with Limerick.ie.

Proposed: Councillor Donegan

Seconded: Councillor Teefy.

6. Disposal of Property

The following disposal of property was noted:

- Neilans Public house, Bruff

Proposed: Councillor Carey

Seconded: Councillor E Ryan

7. Housing Maintenance Update

The Senior Engineer provided an update to the Elected Members on the number of vacant properties in the Municipal District, also outlining the number of properties to be returned by Housing Maintenance and Housing Construction.

The Senior Engineer described the system of delivering the completed houses through lots, and the stages at which each of these lots were at.

The Senior Executive Engineer provided an update on the Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme and agreed to get details on the cost of the Air to Water system in domestic houses for the next Municipal District meeting.

It was agreed that an update be provided at the December regarding plans for 2023.

8. Section 38 update

The Senior Executive Engineer provided an update on the Section 38 undertaken in relation to the Pedestrian Crossing at Marian Terrace in Galbally. Following the consultation no issues were highlighted. The Elected Members wished to thank the Roads team on this work and also the fencing in the Sports Field in Galbally.

Councillor E Ryan wished to highlight the issue of water being turned off regularly at the Galbally School Breakfast Club and noted that a generator is required.

Notices of Motion

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey

"I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District that a suitable location be identified for a Pedestrian Crossing at the R512/R518 junction at Glenfield, Kilmallock."

Proposed: Councillor Carey

Seconded: Councillor Donegan

REPLY:

The Municipal District Office will assess the R512/R518 Junction, determine if a warrant exists for a pedestrian crossing and determine a suitable location if such a crossing facility is required

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 carry out necessary safety improvements at the junction of Emmett Street and Gerard Road, Kilmallock."

Proposed: Councillor Donegan

Seconded: Councillor Carey

REPLY:

The Municipal District office intend to make a submission to the NTA under their 2023 junction tightening programme to carry out improvement works at the junction of Emmett Street and the R515 Charleville Road. In the interim, additional road markings are due to be installed on the road to re-emphasise the existing road geometry.

Questions

11. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next Municipal District Meeting when will the Lights on the footpath at Ballygrennan Bruff on the Kilmallock road be installed and lighting.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council do not have any source of funding at present to install these lights. However, a submission will be made to the NTA to consider funding this project under their 2023 Active Travel Programme.

12. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District Meeting for an update regarding a location for the Pedestrian Crossing at Millmount/Gortboy junction, R515 Kilmallock, that was requested at the MD meeting last September'21.

REPLY:

The Municipal District Office will be making a submission to the NTA to consider funding this project under the 2023 Junction Tightening/Pedestrian Crossing programme.

13. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the plans for the former Bank of Ireland building in Bruff, including when can we expect a reply in relation to the funding application submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development to upgrade the building.

Reply:

The Council have applied for €250,000 Town and Village renewal funding and if successful, we hope that this funding will be announced by the Department before the end of this year.

While we await the outcome of this application, the Council has commenced the process of recruiting a design team to submit a Part 8 planning application to convert the former BOI Bank into a modern hub.

The Questions were taken as read

14. Any other Business

Venue for December Meeting

The Elected Members were advised that Deebert House hotel was not available for the date of the December meeting, and that the options were to reconsider either the date or the venue.

It was agreed to contact Pallasgreen Community Centre to enquire about availability for the 8th December.

Water supply Doon

The disruption to the Water Supply in Doon was noted. The good work of the Limerick City and County Council staff was emphasised, but the reoccurrence of the disruptions was highlighted as a concern. It was agreed that the Meetings administrator would contact the Director of Services and Senior Engineer in Water services to highlight the concerns and request an opportunity to discuss.

Good Wishes

The Elected Members wished good luck to the Kilmallock Senior Hurling team and Bruff Intermediate Hurling team on their upcoming competitions.

Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock District was agreed by the Elected Members as Thursday 17th November at 3pm in Deebert House Hotel followed by the Municipal District Reception at 6pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cathaoirleach