

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD IN  
LOUGH GUR VISITOR CENTRE ON THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY AT  
3.00PM.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor J Egan, An Cathaoirleach

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Carey, Donegan, Mitchell, E Ryan, M 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), Senior Executive Planner, Strategic & Forward Planning (Karen Burke), Assistant Planner, Strategic and Forward Planning (Siobhan O'Dwyer), Staff Officer, Property Services (Denise Ruth); Senior Staff Officer, Property Services (David O'Grady); Administrative Officer, Housing Strategy, Capital and Maintenance (Helen Creed), Staff Officer, Housing Strategy, Capital and Maintenance (Rory Culhane)

At the outset of the meeting, Kate Harrold, Lough Gur Activity Centre, welcomed the Elected Members and Staff Members and thanked Limerick City and County Council for the support in relation to recent improvements to the Lake Shore Park including signage, car park, kiosk and lighting.

An email circulated by the Director of Services, Community Tourism and Culture, to the Elected Members outlining the recent move of the operation of Lough Gur Heritage Centre to be managed by Discover Limerick DAC (Designated Activity Company) from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The exponential growth of visitors to the attraction was noted by Ms Harrold, and the Elected Members wished to acknowledge the work undertaken by the staff and also by the Board of Lough Gur Development Association to date.

An Cathaoirleach thanked Ms Harrold, and welcomed everyone to Lough Gur.

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

**Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell**

**Seconded by: Councillor Carey**

**And Resolved:**

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

## **2. Matters Arising:**

Councillor Teefy acknowledged that the issue of the availability of charging points had been publicised in the news which was positive, and she looked forward to progress.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, outlined that he would be meeting with the Step Forward Disability Group, Hospital, on 25<sup>th</sup> January, following from the deputation to the Elected Members in November 2022.

Request for Item 5 in the minutes of the December 2022 meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District to be brought to the Plenary meeting is to be withdrawn as this is an executive function.

## **3. Disposal of Property**

The following disposal of property was noted :

- Inglenook, Bruff

The Staff Officer and Senior Staff Officer Property Services, presented information on a proposed disposal of property at Foxhall West, Colemanswell. Details of the full process undertaken by The Elected Members requested that the sale of this property not be presented to the next Plenary Meeting of the Council, but postponed until the March Plenary meeting to allow verbal contact be made with the current owner of the property. Feedback will be provided to the Elected Members of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District at their February Monthly Meeting.

## **4. Caherconlish Draft Local Area Plan.**

Circulated – Draft Caherconlish Local Area Plan as prepared by the Forward Planning Section.

The Senior Executive Planner outlined how public consultation had been undertaken and a briefing was held with the Elected Members on 12<sup>th</sup> January.

The Elected Members were asked

“To consider the Chief Executive’s Report dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 on the submissions received on the Draft Caherconlish Local Area Plan 2023 – 2029 and decide whether or not to make or amend the Draft Plan, in accordance with Section 20 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).”

Further to the recommendations received in the Chief Executives report, a Notice of Motion was submitted by and supported by all Elected Members regarding the reorientation of the zoning for housing and recreation at Gregane Close.

The Elected Members therefore resolved as follows:

- On behalf of all the Elected Members of the Cappamore – Kilmallock Municipal District, I propose an amendment to the zoning map which requires the reorientation of the lands zoned 'Open Space and Recreation' and 'New Residential' at Gregane Close and adjoining Caherconlish AFC. This change will result in 0.032ha increase in New Residential and 0.034ha decrease in Open Space and Recreation, as outlined in the map below.



**Reason:** To safeguard the future expansion of community and recreational facilities within Caherconlish in line with objectives set out in the Draft Plan and the Limerick Development Plan, while also providing adequate lands to facilitate residential development.

**Proposed: Councillor Carey**

**Seconded: Councillor Mitchell**

**Supported by all Elected Members.**

The Elected Members were again asked:

“To consider the Chief Executive’s Report dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 on the submissions received on the Draft Caherconlish Local Area Plan 2023 – 2029 and decide whether or not to make or amend the Draft Plan, in accordance with Section 20 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). ”

**Proposed: Councillor E Ryan**

**Seconded: Councillor Mitchell**

**Supported by all Elected Members.**

The Cathaoirleach and Senior Executive Planner wished to acknowledge the work of the Elected Members and staff in bringing the Draft Caherconlish Local Area Plan to this stage.

## **5. Deputation Oola Graveyard.**

A deputation was made on behalf of the Oola Graveyard Committee by Joe Meagher, Timmy Ryan and Paddy Ryan.

The deputation presented the need for a footpath from the Community Owned graveyard carpark to the village (1 mile). It was agreed that the Director of Services and Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, would meet with the deputation to investigate.

## **6. Housing Strategy, Capital and Maintenance.**

Circulated: Quarterly Housing Strategy Update.

The Administrative Officer for Housing Strategy presented a quarterly update to the Elected Members.

The Administrative Officer agreed to circulate the Housing Needs Action plan to all Elected Members.

A productive discussion was held, and the Administrative Officer answered any queries the Elected Members had. An Cathaoirleach thanked the staff for their presentation.

## **7. Standing Orders**

A proposal was made by Councillor Donegan to increase the number of Notices of Motion and Questions which can be submitted by the Elected Members under the Standing Orders, i.e. 2 Notices of Motion and 3 Questions.

A debate was held between the Elected Members to discuss the impact of such a change.

An Cathaoirleach noted that further to the outcome of the debate, the number of Notices of Motion and Questions would remain.

## **Notices of Motion**

### **8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey**

I will move at the next meeting that this Local Authority address objective T12 of the Kilmallock Local Area Plan [supporting the future development of Kilmallock Railway Station] by calling for a feasibility study with a view to re-open the station.

**Proposed: Councillor Carey**

**Seconded: Councillor Donegan**

**REPLY:**

If the motion as submitted is proposed and seconded at the Municipal District Meeting, Limerick City and County Council will correspond with the Minister for Transport on the request to prepare a feasibility report on the re-opening of Kilmallock Station.

### **9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Egan**

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District that Irish water in conjunction with Limerick city and county council make sufficient Capital Funds available to properly repair the leakage in the water schemes in The Cappamore /Kilmallock District.

**Proposed: Councillor Egan**

**Seconded: Councillor M Ryan**

**REPLY:**

This Notice of Motion was referred to Irish Water (Reference No: 58473). Once a reply is received, I will forward it to you without delay.

*Further to the response, a discussion was held in relation to the ongoing water supply/outage issues. A request was made by the Elected Members that a breakdown of the causes of supply/outage issues and details of the method of logging cases on Map alert be provided. A request was also made that a member of Senior Management in Irish Water attend a monthly meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District. The quarterly Irish Water Clinics for Elected Members were noted. The work of the Limerick City and County Council Water Services staff was acknowledged.*

## **Questions**

### **10. Question submitted by Councillor Carey**

I will ask at the next meeting as to how many projects have Limerick Twenty Thirty earmarked and identified for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District and what are they?

#### **Reply:**

Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC are tasked to plan and develop key strategic sites in Limerick that will act as anchors for enterprise and investment development in the region. Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC are actively exploring strategic sites across the wider County and to date 13 sites in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District, at locations in Kilmallock, Bruree, Knocklong, Murroe and Drombana have been investigated.

Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC do not currently have a live project in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District but continue to actively explore development opportunities in the area.

### **11. Question submitted by Councillor Carey**

I will ask at the next meeting for an update on the proposed footbridge at Gotoon, Kilmallock.

#### **Reply:**

Clandillon Civil Consulting were appointed at the end of 2022 for the development of proposals for improved pedestrian facilities from Gotoon to the junction of the R512 and the R515. Preliminary proposals for review and public consultation should be available before Easter.

### **12. Question submitted by Councillor Egan**

I will ask at the next meeting of The Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District when Transport Ireland intend to build Bus shelters urgently in The Cappamore/Kilmallock District in 2023.

**Reply:**

The Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District Office are currently working with the Limerick Active Travel Office on a submission to the NTA for the provision of funding of bus shelters at the following locations for 2023.

Bruff, Kilmallock, Kilfinane, Caherconlish and Hospital

In addition, a prioritised list of other locations for the installation of bus shelters across the Municipal District will be compiled for use in further submissions to the NTA in subsequent years.

**13. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the Part 8 application to be lodged for Deebert Park, Kilmallock, following the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) grant announced by the department recently

**Reply:**

The Council are in the process of procuring an ecologist to undertake the AA and EIA screening which is required as part of the Part 8 Application. It is envisaged that the screening will be complete by middle of February and following completion of same, the Part 8 Application will be submitted in March of this year.

**The Questions were taken as read**

**14. Any other Business**

**Roadworks**

Councillor E Ryan noted that the R513 was closed and wished to acknowledge the Senior Executive Engineer for acting on the concerns expressed. Councillor Ryan also wished to thank the Director of Services, Senior Executive Engineer and Executive Engineer for sourcing the funding and undertaking the works relate to the footpaths in Galbally.

**Water**

A request was made that communication be made with Uisce Eireann in relation to the ongoing issues with the water supply in Doon. The Director of Services also agreed to discuss this with Anne Peters (Senior Engineer, Water Services).

## **Grants**

The Elected Members wished to thank Sarah McCutcheon (Executive Archeologist), Tom Joyce (Executive Architect) and The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads regarding the Outdoor Recreation grant.

Congratulations were also extended to Bruff and Herbertstown in receiving Town and Village Renewal funding.

## **GMA**

The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, requested that a workshop be scheduled in the coming weeks to start discussions on the GMA for 2023.

## **Discover Limerick DAC.**

A request was made that further clarity be provided in relation to what activities fall under the remit of Discover Limerick DAC.

## **Votes of Sympathy**

The Elected Members wished to express their sympathy to the following :

- The family of Andrew Faughnan, staff member of Limerick City and County Council, on his passing on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- The family of TJ Madigan, staff member of Limerick City and County Council, on his passing on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- Pope Benedict on his passing on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

## **The Meeting concluded at 17.50**

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm in Cuan Mhuire, Bruree.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach**