

# **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD IN CUAN MHUIRE, BRUREE ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 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), Clerical Officer (Ms. H O'Neill), Staff Officer, Property Services (Denise Ruth); Senior Staff Officer, Property Services (David O'Grady); Director Of Services, National & Regional Shared Services (Kieran Lehane), Senior Engineer, Water Services (Anne Peters); A/ Senior Executive Officer, Water Services (Caroline O'Kane).

Apologies: Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. T McKechnie),

## **1. Adoption of Minutes**

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2023.

**Proposed by: Councillor Mike Donegan**

**Seconded by: Councillor E Ryan**

**And Resolved:**

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

## **2. Matters Arising:**

The Meetings administrator advised the Elected members, that further to the January meeting, a date is to be set for a workshop to decide on the General Municipal Allocation. It was also noted that the Elected members wished to change the date of the March Municipal District meeting. The dates agreed are as followed:

9<sup>th</sup> March – 2pm Workshop on Part 8 Planning on Housing Development in Bruff

3pm Workshop on GMA

23<sup>rd</sup> March – 2pm Workshop on Speed Limit Review

3pm March Monthly Meeting of Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District

### **3. Disposal of Property**

An update was provided by Property Services on the disposal of property at Foxhall West. The elected members requested that the disposal be deferred until the March Meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District. It was agreed that a resolution would be sought legally prior to the March meeting.

An Cathaoirleach outlined that he declared the issue had been sufficiently debated.

### **4. Deputation by Caherguillamore Memorial Committee**

The Deputation outlined the events of the Caherguillamore Ambush in 1920 and the proposed memorial signage which has been submitted to the Civic Memorial Committee for approval.

The Elected members expressed their support for the project.

### **5. Water Services**

An Cathaoirleach outlined local issues relating to water supply to the Executive members of the Water Services Section that were present.

The Senior Engineer, Administrative Officer and Director of Services outlined the upcoming changes, whereby Uisce Eireann will be taking over the operations of Water Services from the end of March, and there will be a 4 year transition for staff. The Administrative Officer for Water Services advised the Elected Members to utilise the Uisce Eireann Councillor Clinics in relation to highlighting issues. There is also the option of contacting the Local Reps. Control Desk for small items, such as leaking stopcocks, etc. She told the meeting that “vulnerable people” should be registered with Uisce Eireann, and these are highlighted in the event of a water outage, etc. She also outlined that the operation of Water Services is now a National utility and therefore no longer the responsibility of the Local Authority (from the end of March 2023). This will mean that Questions and Notices of Motion from Elected members will go directly to Uisce Eireann.

The Administrative Officer and Senior Engineer outlined that they will be working with the transition team to support a smooth transition.

The Elected members wished to acknowledge the work of the staff in Water Services of Limerick City and County Council to date.

### **6. Hidden Heartlands**

Marie Healy, Hidden Heartlands, outlined the geographical region within County Limerick covered by Hidden Heartlands, i.e. the same geographical region covered by Ballyhoura Development CLG. Ms Healy also outlined the branding and website relating to the Hidden Heartlands initiative. A presentation on the region was delivered to the Elected members and leaflets circulated.

## **Notices of Motion**

### **7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Mitchell**

“I will move at the next meeting of Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that the Local Authority supply an extra Truck for patching potholes in the area. It is a huge area with the longest kilometers of roads particularly during the winter months where we have consistent heavy rain and floods with heavy frosts where staff are under severe pressure. It saves money from damage and claims and promotes safety on our roads long term.”

**Proposed: Councillor Mitchell**

**Seconded: Councillor E Ryan**

#### **REPLY:**

The weather conditions experienced during the current winter has resulted in more significant damage to road surfaces that would normally be experienced. The Cappamore-Kilmallock MD have an additional Velocity Patcher engaged from the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb on a temporary basis to repair damaged roads across the District.

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

“I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District that a schedule be put in place to remove the grass ridge growing in the middle of many local/tertiary roads which are otherwise in good condition.”

**Proposed: Councillor Teefy**

**Seconded: Councillor E Ryan**

#### **REPLY:**

This issue is extremely common on a good portion of the road network across the Municipal District. It is not feasible to carry out a full programme of such works as it would divert resources from other maintenance duties for a significant period of time. It is suggested that if roads with excessive growth are identified as causing issues for traffic, then the Municipal District office will look at appropriate measures for treatment

### **9. 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 promote and allocate grant funding to support the 2023 Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parades planned within the Municipal District.”

**Proposed: Councillor Donegan**

**Seconded: Councillor M Ryan**

**REPLY:**

The Festivals and Events team have put in place a grant scheme for St Patrick's Day Parades around the county and within each municipal district. This scheme has been communicated to the elected members and relevant community groups.

*The Elected members requested that the Director of Services for the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District contact the Director of Services for Community, Tourism and Culture to request that additional funding be made available to County based St Patricks day festivals.*

*An email was circulated to all Members in the days after the meeting clarifying the issue in relation to funding of festivals.*

**10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey**

"I will move at the next MD meeting that Active Travel Funding be made available for a pedestrian crossing and footpath at Anglesboro National School to address serious safety issues and concerns, similar to what was made available in the last couple of years to Ballylanders NS and Martinstown NS.

**Proposed: Councillor Carey**

**Seconded: Councillor E Ryan**

**REPLY:**

The Municipal District had previously proposed to construct a new footpath from the school to the village. The existing carriageway is not wide enough for such works and therefore land acquisition is required. The land required is unavailable to Limerick City and County Council at present and therefore the scheme cannot proceed.

*It was suggested by the Councillor Carey that the land required be investigated regarding availability again.*

**Questions**

**11. Question submitted by Councillor Mitchell**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the taking in charge of Cluain Foinse Estate in Hospital by Limerick City and County Council.

**Reply:**

Cluain Foinse is currently included on the Council's 2023 Taking in Charge work programme. The bond has been drawn down. Therefore, it is estimated that the formal procedures to take the estate in charge and works will commence in Q4 2023.

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

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District what process would be involved for ramps to be installed on the Hospital Emly road outside Cluain Foinse Estate before the Doctors Surgery on the Emly side and entrance to Galtee View Estate on the Hospital side to slow traffic and in the interests of safety for all road users.”

### **Reply:**

The Municipal district Office will conduct speed surveys at the locations identified by Cllr. Mitchell. If it is determined that vehicles are exceeding the speed limit, suitable traffic calming measures will be designed and a cost estimate prepared for submission to the relevant funding agency

## **13. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy**

I will ask at the next Municipal District meeting for an update on improvement works/safety measures to be carried out around the area of Cahercorney Graveyard on the R514.

### **Reply:**

The site was reviewed at the end of 2022. The Municipal District Office will be preparing a design to improve sightlines at the graveyard entrance. Please note that land acquisition will be required to improve these sightlines. It is expected that the design will be completed by the end of April.

**The Questions were taken as read**

**The Meeting concluded at 18.10**

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3pm in Deebert House Hotel, Kilmallock.

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

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

**Cathaoirleach**