

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD IN ARAS MAINCHIN SEOIGHE ON THURSDAY 22nd June 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), Acting Senior Executive Engineer (Diarmuid Sheehy); Meetings Administrator (Ms D O'Brien), Clerical Officer (Ms. H O'Neill), Senior Executive Engineer, Burial grounds (Ms C. Lynch), Senior Executive Technician, Burial Grounds (Mr B. Henry)

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 18th May, 2023.

Clarification was provided that the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M Donegan at the May Meeting intended to highlight safety concerns on the road near Athenacey Graveyard, and propose an extension to the speed limit. The intention of the Notice of Motion regarding compulsory purchase order related to land on the Elton side of the cemetery. It was also confirmed that the elected members requested clarification on the questions outlined in the May minutes from the Burial Grounds officers in relation to the Notice of Motion which was included on the agenda of the June Meeting

Councillor Donegan also thanked the Elected Members for the change of date to the June Meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District.

Proposed by: Councillor Carey

Seconded by: Councillor Donegan

And Resolved:

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

2. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

3. Deputation by Garrienderk Community

Circulated: Presentation by Garrienderk Community on the request for footpath works in the village.

Following the presentation the deputation left the meeting and a discussion was held between Officers and Elected Members.

Clarification was provided that a submission has been made to the National Transport Authority by the Mid West Roads Design Office regarding a greenway to link Limerick and Cork. Consultation will commence before the end of 2023. Options to support the installation of a footpath will be considered in relation to this proposal, and the Elected Members have agreed to make representations to increase funding to the Municipal District in future budgetary negotiations.

4. Update on Athenacey Burial Grounds

Further to the questions submitted to the Burial Grounds Officers at the May meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District, the following clarification was provided:

- The Burial grounds at Athenacey are vested in Limerick City and County Council
- Legal advice has been sought regarding legal right of way to the Burial grounds. There is no legal right of way or burden and no right to park outside the burial grounds.
- Engagement with the landowners and community is ongoing
- There has only ever been pedestrian access to the burial grounds.
- The sightlines from the burial grounds are inadequate to formally provide parking at the burial grounds.
- On the Elton side of the Burial ground, a nearby layby would require a 200m footpath to allow safe access to the entrance to the burial ground and based on the medieval nature of the grounds, archeological investigations would need to be undertaken.

A discussion took place regarding the next possible steps to be taken.

A suggestion was made that a change to the speed limit may allow the sightlines required to be reduced. It was clarified that all safety guidelines will need to be considered and a request for a speed limit review will need to be submitted.

An Cathaoirleach acknowledged the impact that this negotiation is having on all parties and that all parties are willing to work towards a solution. He also suggested that a mediator be appointed to support the negotiations between Limerick City and County Council, the landowners and community. This suggestion was supported by all Elected members.

Finally An Cathaoirleach, on behalf of the Elected Members made clear that antisocial behavior would not be tolerated.

A time frame as follows was agreed – an update would be provided where appropriate at the July meeting, and the Executive would aim towards having a mediator appointed by September.

5. To set a date for a Municipal District Reception.

The date for the Municipal District Reception for 2023 was set for the 23rd November in Deebert House Hotel.

The date for the November meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District was changed to 3pm on Thursday 23rd November.

The last date for submissions for nominations was set at 31st August.

NOTICES OF MOTION

6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Egan

“ I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District that the roundabout at Beary’s Cross be named “ Beary’s Cross Roundabout” and signage placed accordingly”.

Reply:

Should the Notice of Motion be passed, the Road Design Office will liaise with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding any procedures and policies they may have regarding naming roundabouts on National Roads.

Proposed: Councillor Egan

Seconded: Councillor Teefy

QUESTIONS

7. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the Stone Mansion House, Kilmallock, when the Part8 procedure would commence and an update on the application under the Fáilte Ireland Large Capital Grant Scheme.

REPLY:

The arrangement remains that Limerick City & County Council will work in partnership with the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Office of Public Works, Department of Finance who maintain and manage the State's buildings on behalf of the Minister of Heritage on this project to develop a joint application for funding. There has been significant changes of management within both of the strategic partners and a considerable amount of reorganisation within the LA itself. It will be necessary to reconnect at a management level to consolidate and finalise the draft vision statement. Also the issue of the lease is taking longer to work its way through the system than originally envisaged. It is still proposed to offer the LA the Victorian Building and the rear courtyard on a long term lease.

8. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

"I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the Market House, Kilfinane. If LCCC have ownership and what repair works or plans lay in store for the building."

REPLY:

The Market House, Kilfinane, is in Council ownership. In recent weeks the Property management section has arranged for extensive treatment works to be undertaken on the ivy overgrowth on the building in accordance with a treatment plan provided by the Conservation officer, Mr Tom Cassidy. In addition, rubbish removal has been arranged internally and the entrance to the building has been re-secured.

The Property management section now intent to procure a Conservation Structural Engineer to assess the buildings structure, and a plan will be drafted which will include actions to prevent further deterioration of the stonework and integrity of the building.

9. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

"I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District are there any plans for a Columbarium Wall or Ash Plots in the Municipal District."

REPLY:

The Council has no plans to install Columbarian walls within cemeteries in the Municipal District. However, the Council are developing cremation plots in the new cemeteries that are currently being developed. There are thirty four cremation plots being provided as part of the newly developed burial ground extension in Ballylanders, each capable of

accommodating multiple cremated remains and where feasible, within existing burial grounds in order to facilitate the growing demand for the internment of ashes.

The consideration and incorporation of cremated plots is being considered in accordance with the Burial Grounds Strategy, where 7% of all burials in the Cappamore Kilmallock district were cremations.

The Questions were taken as read

Any Other Business

A request was made to cut back overgrowth at junctions and signs.

Votes of Sympathy

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

- Former Cathaoirleach of Limerick County Council, Eddie Creighton who passed away on 22nd May 2023.
- Joe Irwin, father of John Irwin, Technician in Kilmallock Area Office, who passed away on 12th June 2023
- John Joe O'Dea, father of late Jerry O'Dea, who passed away on 21st June 2023

A letter of sympathy will be posted to the family of Eddie Creighton from the Elected members acknowledging his work and strong relationship with the Councillors in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District will be held on Thursday 20th July at 3pm in Aras Mainchin Seoighe Area Office, Kilmallock.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____