

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD IN ARAS MAINCHIN SEOIGHE ON THURSDAY 21st September AT 3.00PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M Donegan, An Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Carey, Egan, Mitchell, E Ryan, and Teefy

Apologies: Councillor M Ryan

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Services Transportation and Mobility (Mr Brian Kennedy), Senior Executive Engineer (Trevor McKechnie); Meetings Administrator (Ms D O'Brien), Clerical Officer (Ms. H O'Neill), Executive Engineer Planning Enforcement (Mr S McGrath); Climate Action Co-ordinator (Mr K Reeves); Administrative Officer Property Management (Ms T Knox); Senior Executive Officer Housing Capital, Strategy and Maintenance (Ms S. Newell), Administrative Officer Housing Capital, Strategy and Maintenance (Ms M Frawley), Staff Officer, Housing Capital, Strategy and Maintenance (Mr R Culhane)

The Meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes in order to acknowledge the recent passing of Councillor E Ryan's brother Thomas. The Elected Members and Executive expressed their condolences to Councillor E Ryan and Councillor E Ryan thanked the Elected Members and executive for their kind words.

An Cathaoirleach also welcomed back the Senior Executive Engineer and Meetings Administrator and thanked Diarmuid Sheehy and Karen Butler for covering the roles for the past couple of months.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 20th July, 2023.

Proposed by: Councillor Carey

Seconded by: Councillor Mitchell

And Resolved:

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

2. Matters Arising:

Councillor Teefy requested clarification on Cleary's Cross on the R513 at Herbertstown as per a recent Notice of Motion. The Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that this had been investigated.

Councillor Egan queried if his Notice of Motion in relation to funding for Cuan Mhuire, Bruree, had been submitted to full council and it was confirmed that it had.

3. Declaration of Interest

There was no interest declared.

4. Correspondence

Correspondence received from the Curator of the National Museum of Ireland.

5. Taking in Charge of Glen Grove

Details of a proposal to take Glen Grove, Kilmallock in charge were put to the Elected Members. It was outlined that no submissions had been received in relation to the process. A question was raised in relation to broadband in the estate, and the Executive Engineer agreed to enquire.

Proposed: Councillor Carey

Seconded: Councillor Donegan.

6. Climate Action Plan

The climate action co-ordinator outlined details of the Climate action fund over the next 18 months, as well as information on climate change and the plan to work towards climate neutrality by 2050.

Circulated: Powerpoint presentation outlining the requirement for all Local Authorities to develop a 5 year climate action plan.

The Climate Action co-ordinator outlined that further briefings will be provided when taking submissions for the plan and highlighted the importance of promotion of climate action.

7. Property Services

The following property was submitted to be noted for disposal:

- Formerly Paddy's Sweet Shop, Main St, Bruff.

This was noted by the Elected Members.

NOTICES OF MOTION (adjourned from previous meeting)

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council accommodate for land disposal, two local business that wish to expand by purchasing a site each at Kilmallock Business Park.

Reply

Limerick City and County Council currently have 3 sites for sale in the Kilmallock Business Park. These properties are on the open market and offers are currently being accepted via our procured auctioneers, Avison Young, who can be contacted at 01 – 676 2711. Also, the sites can be viewed on Daft.ie, Property.ie and Myhome.ie.

This motion was deferred from the July meeting

This Notice of Motion was subsequently withdrawn

Confirmation was provided that there was 6 No. sites at the Kilmallock Business Park on the market for sale by Private Treaty.

An update was provided on the marketing of the sites.

The role of the Property Management Section in the sale of properties was explained to the Members.

It was clarified that staff in the Property Management Section are willing to speak to anyone interested in purchasing Council land but do not get involved in the bidding process.

It was noted that the Councils' contract for a Property Service Valuer is due to expire and that a tender for a new Valuer would be advertised during the month of October.

It was stressed that the disposal method used for the sale of Council property should be open, transparent and likely to achieve a fair market related price.

It is a requirement that properties should be placed on the open market where all interested parties can bid on same and not just those in the local community.

9. Housing Strategy, Capital and Maintenance Update

Circulated: Housing Strategy Capital and Maintenance Update Q2 2023 and Housing for all powerpoint presentation.

The Senior Executive Officer and the Administrative Officer outlined the updates to the Elected Members for Q2 2023 and the Housing for all presentation. Clarification was provided to the Elected Members on questions raised around the Social Housing Schemes and Affordable Housing Schemes outlined in the presentation including the Tenant in Situ Scheme, Affordable Purchase Scheme and Cost Rental Equity Scheme.

NOTICES OF MOTION

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Ryan

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council extend the roadside barrier at Kilglass on the R513 in the interest of health and safety .

Proposed: Councillor E Ryan

Seconded: Councillor Donegan

Reply

The Cappamore Kilmallock MD Office will request that this section of the R513 be considered for inclusion in submissions to the Department of Transport for funding under the Safety Improvement Measures grants in 2024.

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District meeting that the public road in Kilfinane between Captains Lane and Seachnasaigh's Bar on the R517 be changed to a one-way system with designated and clearly marked parking spaces.

Proposed: Councillor Carey

Seconded: Councillor E Ryan

Reply

The Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District Office will review the request to make the L1572-1 in Kilfinane a one way only road. It should be noted that any change to the current operation of the road will be subject to consultation with the public and in particular with the individual domestic and business owners on the road.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that a programme be put in place as a matter of priority for the ongoing maintenance of inlets and drainage grates on the roads in the district.

Proposed: Councillor Teefy

Seconded: Councillor E Ryan

Reply

The Municipal District Roads Team carry out regular maintenance on the drainage systems throughout the District. In the event that there are incidents where the Elected Members have specific locations where the drainage system is obstructed, the Municipal District Roads Maintenance Team will respond in a timely fashion to resolve any drainage maintenance issues.

QUESTIONS

13. Question submitted by Councillor B. Teefy

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District, further to previous representations, on this issue, if there is any progress on acquiring suitable land for a graveyard in Killeely.

Reply

The Council has been progressing a new community burial ground for Killeely. The Council had concerns in relation to a particular site, which was within the zone of contribution for the primary drinking water supply for Killeely. This site is currently under consideration as a possible option as Uisce Éireann have recently confirmed that it is no longer used for water abstraction.

The Council will advise in due course when a site has been confirmed for a community burial ground for Killeely.

14. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that new road markings and signage are erected at Kilgarraff Cross, Ballylanders.

Reply

The Municipal District Roads Engineer has instructed the MD Road Marking Contractor to carry out works at Kilgarraff Cross. The contractor is due on site shortly.

15. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that flexi-bollards are erected outside the Ardpatrick National School.

Reply

The Municipal District Roads Engineer will liaise with Councillor Carey and the Principal of Ardpatrick National School on the installation of the bollards.

The Questions were taken as read

Any Other Business

Municipal District Reception

The Elected Members agreed to attending a Workshop on 28th September following the Taking in Charge Workshop to discuss the nominees for the Municipal District Reception.

Congratulations

Congratulations were extended to:

Limerick Senior Hurling Team on winning the 2023 All Ireland Hurling Final

Roisin Wiley on winning the Rose of Tralee 2023.

The Elected Members welcomed the resolution reached for the retained Fire Fighters.

Acknowledgement was made of the works being undertaken at Penders Cross.

The addition of bus shelters on the 329 Bus route was welcomed by the Elected Members

The Elected Members also thanked Sarah McCutcheon, Senior Archeologist, and Limerick City and County Council for their work during Heritage Week.

The local Tidy Towns and Going for Gold groups in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District were congratulated on their achievements.

Public Lighting

Councillor Teefy highlighted the issue of power to the public lighting between Bruff and Kilmallock. The Senior Executive Engineer outlined that there were various stakeholders involved in the maintenance of public lighting and that due to the improvements in technology, out of 23455 lights in Limerick City and County, only 170 lights were out in September 2023. Also, in 75% of cases lights were operational again within 10 working days. However, the process now involves replacing the light heads as opposed to bulbs and therefore requires specialist expertise.

A workshop on public lighting will be organised for the Elected Members in the near future.

International connections

Clarification was requested in relation to the suggestion of an invitation to Mr Joe Kennedy, Special Envoy to Northern Ireland, to the Municipal District. The meetings administrator agreed to follow up.

A suggestion was made by An Cathaoirleach that a visit be made to Boston to celebrate the link between Bruff and the Kennedy family. The Director of Services advised that any overseas trips would have to be considered by the Protocol committee

Part 8

Information was provided that the Part 8 for Riverside Park was on display from 25th September until 23rd October and submissions would be received until 6th November

NWRP

Submissions for the NWRP will be open in October

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District will be held on Thursday 19th October at 3pm in Aras Mainchin Seoighe Area Office, Kilmallock.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____