

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE KILMALLOCK HELD IN ARAS MAINCHIN SEOIGHE ON THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER 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:

Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Services for Support Services (Mr S Coughlan), Director of Services Transportation and Mobility (Mr B Kennedy), Senior Executive Engineer (Trevor McKechnie); Meetings Administrator (Ms D O'Brien), Management Accountant (Ms I Griffin), Staff Officer, Property Services (Ms D. Ruth).

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 21st September, 2023.

Proposed by: Councillor Mitchell

Seconded by: Councillor Egan

And Resolved:

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

2. Matters Arising:

Councillor Teefy requested the minutes of the September meeting be changed to reflect that information on when the street lights in Bruff are to be connected was sought.

An Cathaoirleach requested an update on his Notice of Motion as below:

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District calling on Limerick City and County Council to explore the possibility of a twinning partnership with Bruff and Acton town, Massachusetts, USA, home to Mary Josephine Hannon, wife of John Francis "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald.

It was agreed that follow up in relation to the submission to the protocol committee would take place.

Councillor Mitchell advised that contact had been made by the Mayors Office with Mr Joe Kennedy's office (United States Special Envoy to Northern Ireland), with a view to a possible visit to the region in early 2024.

An Cathaoirleach requested that an update in relation to the negotiations on Athenacy Graveyard be provided to the local community. There was acknowledgement that this is a confidential process. It was also acknowledged that the local community would appreciate details of a timeframe for completion of the process.

The Director of Services advised that the mediation process is still ongoing and that he understood a phone call would be made to the mediation group on the day of the meeting, with a workshop to be arranged for the Elected Members following the issue of the final report in advance of the November meeting.

3. Declaration of Interest

There was no interest declared.

4. Draft Budgetary Plan

The Director of Services for Support Services confirmed the information provided in the workshop delivered on 19th October at 2pm regarding the Draft Budgetary Plan and the General Municipal Allocation. It was agreed that the GMA budget for the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District be set at €295,000, with €145,000 of this allocated to the Tourism budget.

Proposed: Councillor E Ryan

Seconded: Councillor Mitchell

5. Property Services

- To note proposal for the disposal of land as follows:-
6m² at Monastery Road, Doon, Co Limerick to ESB Networks
- Purchase of Freehold: - 2 Crawford Street, Bruff, Co Limerick.

The reports as circulated, were noted by the Members.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes by An Cathaoirleach and the press were asked to withdraw for the adjournment.

6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Ryan

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that each of the seven elected members be allowed to Nominate one person or a Group as they see fit for a Municipal District Reception for the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District.

This Notice of Motion was withdrawn

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for a traffic count and speed survey to be undertaken outside Ardpatrick National School so speed ramps can be installed and, subject to approval as per traffic calming policy, my 2023 GMA to be used as the funding source.

Reply:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock will arrange for a speed survey to be carried out on the approaches to Ardpatrick NS. If it is determined that motorists are exceeding the existing speed limit, the Roads Engineer will determine the appropriate traffic calming measures that could be implemented and the costs associated with them.

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Egan

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council Roads Department look into the possibility of a footpath from Abbeyowney Estate to the Village of Murroe.

Reply:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock MD office is currently examining possible options for pedestrian connectivity from the Abbeyowney Estate in Murroe to the village. The Roads Engineer will determine the most appropriate solution and an application will be made to the Limerick Active Travel office/NTA to fund improvement works under annual Active Travel allocations.

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will move at the next Municipal District meeting that remedial/safety works be carried out at Boherard Cross junction on the R516 with the Meanus/Athlacca roads.

Reply:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock MD office has included the R516/R511/L1415 junction as a scheme for consideration for the Department of Transport Safety Improvement Measures allocation for 2024. Should funding be made available, improvement works would be carried out next year.

QUESTIONS

10. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on my motion from the 18th of November 2021 and the workshop on the 16th of December 2021 with the Planning Department regarding the re-zoning, from residential to commercial, of a section of a 3/4 acre site, adjacent to Super Valu, Kilmallock.

Reply:

The proposal to consider the change of zoning is on the Forward Planning work programme and the team plan to meet the Members to discuss the way forward shortly.

11. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for safety improvement works and general maintenance, including new signage and cats eyes, to be undertaken on the R513 between the narrow bridge after Pinkers Cross and Ballylanders, with special emphasis on the bad bends.

Reply:

The Cappamore Kilmallock MD Roads Engineer carries out continual reviews of the R513. Any defects on existing road markings or signage on the R513 between Garyspillane and Ballylanders will be rectified as soon as practicable.

12. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District as to when is the planned date for turning on the new public lights on the Kilmallock road in Bruff.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council has applied to the ESB for a new power connection for the lights at Ballygrennan, Bruff. The ESB has indicated that based on their current works programme, they propose to have works completed and power available to connect the public lights in Ballygrennan before the end of November.

The Questions were taken as read.

Any Other Business

- An Cathaoirleach acknowledged that the Notice of Motion regarding funding for Cuan Mhuire had been discussed at Full Council.
- The Elected Members also wished to acknowledge their appreciation for the work of carers in nursing homes further to the cancellation of recent proposed industrial action.
- The Elected Members were also reminded that the following workshops were upcoming:
 - 11am on 25th October – Public Lighting workshop
 - 12pm on 25th October – Kilmallock Area Plan workshop

These workshops will be in person meetings held in Aras Mainchin Seoighe, but a facility to join a Teams meeting online will be provided for those who cannot attend in person.

- Clarification was sought on the issue with green waste being collected at the Recycling Centres, Antisocial Behaviour outside the Kilmallock recycling centre and rubbish being dumped outside the Kilmallock recycling centre. It was agreed that this would be relayed to the Environment Section. Assistance regarding signage was requested to be provided to the Recycling Centre and that the issue regarding the green waste and the mulcher be publicised further.
- An update was provided by the Senior Executive Engineer on the ongoing upgrades to the Kilmallock Business Park, including:
 - Lighting
 - Landscaping
 - Tarmac replacement
 - New footpath to be constructed to the Primary Healthcare Centre
 - Space outside recycling centre to be topsoiled and reseeded, and will be maintained by the local Community Employment Scheme.
 - It was requested that the pedestrian crossings are also repainted.

- A request was made that correspondence be sent to Nora Higgins, Herbertstown, on her 100th birthday.
- The recent loss of employment in Kilmallock and Askeaton were noted, and a request that Limerick City and County Council identify any supports that may be within their remit.
- An acknowledgement was made of the need to build additional housing to attract young families to the area.
- A suggestion was made that a sensor light be installed outside the Recycling Centre in Bruree. It was suggested that for safety purposes public lighting may be more appropriate and that this can be investigated.
- Clarification was requested in relation to whether interest had been shown in developing the open space across from the Recycling Centre in Bruree. The Senior Executive Engineer advised the Elected Members that the objective of the Kilmallock Area Office is to develop the open space into a community facility. It was also clarified that significant works had already taken place to date in Bruree, including footpaths, road surfacing, and that through an Active Travel/NTA submission it is intended that drainage works will also take place.
- Congratulations were extended to Oisín O’Callaghan on winning gold in the men’s downhill final at the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup Series

Expressions of Sympathy

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

- Noreen Garvey (nee Ahern), Emmet St Kilmallock, who passed away on 13th October 2023.
- Chuck Feeney, Philanthropist, who passed away on 9th October. His contribution to Limerick and Ireland through Atlantic Philanthropies was acknowledged, and it was noted by the Elected Members that he was a remarkable man.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District will be held on Thursday 23rd November at 3pm in Aras Mainchin Seoighe Area Office, Kilmallock.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____