

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ARAS
MAINCHIN SEOIGE ON THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2024 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 (Mr B Kennedy); Senior Executive Engineer (Mr T. McKechnie); Meetings Administrator (Ms D O'Brien); Clerical Officer (Ms H. O'Neill); Staff Officer, Property Services; (Ms D. Ruth); Executive Scientist, Environment and Climate Action (Mr S. Jennings); Administrative Officer, Rural Development (Dr E. Humphries); Senior Executive Technician, Environment and Climate Action (Mr B Henry); Senior Executive Engineer, Environment and Climate Action (Ms C Lynch).

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 21st February 2024.
- (ii) Circulated copy of Minutes of Special Meeting regarding allocation of Active Travel/NTA funding 2024 held on 21st February 2024
- (iii) Circulated copy of minutes of Special Meeting to approve the General Municipal Allocation 2024 held on 28th February 2024

(Copies Enclosed)

Proposed by: Councillor Carey

Seconded by: Councillor Teefy

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. Declaration of Interest

There was no interest declared.

4. Property Services

Disposal of freehold interest in property at 2 New Terrace, Kilfinane, Co Limerick

This was noted by the Elected Members.

Disposal of property at Gortkilleen, Oola.

This was noted by the Elected Members.

5. Travel and Transportation

Circulated: Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District 2024. The Senior Executive Engineer presented the Draft Schedule of Municipal District Works.

An Cathaoirleach and Elected Members acknowledged the work undertaken by the Roads Team in compiling the schedule and unanimously agreed to the implementation of same. A general discussion took place and clarification was provided as required.

Circulated: Proposed changes to historic GMA nominations.

Proposed: Councillor Carey

Seconded: Councillor Teefy

6. Environment and Climate Action

Circulated: Presentation on the key principles and timelines for the preparation of the Limerick Draft Noise Action Plan 2024-2028.

A presentation on the Draft Plan was delivered by the Executive Scientist. A general discussion took place and clarification was provided as required.

7. Rural Development

Circulated: Draft LECP Framework Plan 2023-2028.

A presentation on the Draft Plan was delivered by the Administrative Officer for Rural Development. The Cathaoirleach and Elected Members acknowledged the work involved in developing the plan.

8. Environment and Climate Action – Cemetaries

An Cathoirleach proposed that the Environment and Climate Action agenda item be brought forward.

A discussion took place in relation to the possible options available for use as an extension to the cemetery in Kilteely. The Elected Members were advised that one possible site may be suitable but access would be an issue. A solution to the issue of access would need to be identified by the community.

Queries submitted to An Cathaoirleach were read into the minutes. Responses were provided by the Senior Executive Technician. Responses attached.

9. Deputation

A Deputation was received from Ballyhoura Failte Ltd. and Ballyhoura Heritage Ltd. Further to the presentation delivered, it was noted that a request of €10,000 grant aid towards Ballyhoura Failte operations and €10,900 towards Ballyhoura Heritage, for match funding, was submitted by the Deputation.

The Director of Services and the Senior Executive Engineer for Roads outlined to the Deputation that funding received by the Local Authority was received for specific purposes and that there was very little discretionary funding available.

NOTICES OF MOTION DEFERRED FROM JANUARY MEETING

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M Ryan

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council seek to purchase land with a view to making serviced sites available to potential first time buyers in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District to showcase the future housing potential of this type of development as an example.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council continues to deliver on its programme to activate vacant homes and derelict sites throughout the city and county with the aim of bringing neglected properties back into productive use.

Utilising legislation such as the Derelict Sites Act 1990, acquired properties made available by the Council for sale to new owners on the private market can benefit from the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant.

The Rural, Community and Culture Development Directorate are exploring all options to activate sites for purchase by First Time Buyers, subject to availability of funding through Government. This will also require internal discussion with relevant departments in Planning, Housing, and the Property Management Department.

Proposed: Councillor Donegan

Seconded: Councillor Egan

NOTICES OF MOTION

11. Proposed rescindment of Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey - January 2023

I will move at the next Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District meeting that this local authority engage with Iarnrod Eireann to discuss the possibility of leasing the Kilmallock Railway Station with a view to subletting to the local branch of the Red Cross following recent communication received.

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.

Proposed: Councillor Carey

Seconded: Councillors Donegan, Egan, E Ryan, Teefy.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District meeting that this local authority contact Iarnrod Eireann to request that Iarnrod Eireann lease the Railway Station, Kilmallock, to LCCC, who will in turn sub lease to the Red Cross

REPLY:

The Municipal District Office will liaise with Property and Community Facilities to determine the formal procedures required to assist in the delivery of this motion. It should be noted in the event that Kilmallock Railway Station is leased to the Irish Red Cross, Limerick City and County Council will not be in a position to provide any budgetary support for any improvement works that may be required at the property. It should also be noted that any costs that would be incurred in organising a lease such as legal fees, etc. would be borne by the Irish Red Cross.

Proposed: Councillor Carey

Seconded: Councillor Donegan

It was noted that this Notice of Motion was subhct to the overarching right of Iarnrod Eireann to reopen the Railway station, and that interest had been expressed in the property by other parties also.

13. 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 complete a review of the footpaths, road signage and public lighting in Ballyorgan village.

REPLY:

The Municipal District Office has previously reviewed footpath infrastructure in Ballyorgan. It was identified that 900m of new footpath including drainage works is required and 300m of existing footpaths need replacement. The estimated cost of these works is approximately €400,000. Unfortunately, there are no budgets available at present to deliver this infrastructure. However, it should be noted that the Municipal District office will continue to liaise with the Limerick Active Travel Office to secure funding in the future through the NTA Active travel Programme.

With respect to the existing signage and possible need for additional signs, The Municipal District Office will carry out a survey in the village and identify any deficiencies that may exist.

The Public Lighting in the village will be replaced to LED lighting through the Regional Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project which is currently underway across Munster. If however, any issues are identified locally on the existing lighting infrastructure, these can be reported and the existing Operations and Maintenance contractor (Enerveo) will carry out the necessary repairs. Faults can be reported at www.deadsure.ie , <https://enerveo.com/report-a-fault/republic-of-ireland/> or by phone at 0818 372 772

Proposed: Councillor Donegan

Seconded: Councillor Egan

QUESTIONS

14. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District as to what plans this Local Authority has for the Council owned green area opposite Glenfield Estate, Kilmallock.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council has no agreed plans at present for the existing green area enclosed by the Priory Walk.

15. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District if this Local Authority has any plans to introduce a disability car parking space outside the Post Office at Lord Edwards St, Kilmallock.

REPLY:

The Municipal District Office does not have any plan to introduce a Disabled Persons Car Parking space outside the Post Office on Lord Edward Street. There is an existing Disabled Persons Car Parking space 50m from the Post Office further down Lord Edward Street and another approximately 90m from the Post Office on Sarsfield Street.

16. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District

1. Which estates in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal district are not yet taken in charge (how many and where?)
2. What progress is being made regarding taking these outstanding estates in charge

REPLY:

The following estates have not yet been taken in charge in the Cappamore/Kilmallock Area:

- Cluain Foinse - Hospital
- Castle Court – Kilmallock
- Glenstal Gate – Murroe
- Dromsally Woods – Cappamore
- Castle Laurel – Oola
- Toormore – Bruree
- Cill Bride – Kilteely
- Sruth an Oir – Knocklong
- The Grove – Bruff
- Cathair Fuiseog
- Ceol na hAbhann – Caherconlish

Taking in Charge Section has a multi-annual work programme and from there we devise an annual work programme. From the 2023 work programme we have two estates (Cluain

Foinse & Castle Court) which will be coming before the Members to be taken in charge in the coming months. Our 2024 work programme has two estates which we are currently progressing (Castle Laurel & Ceol na hAbhann).

The Questions were taken as read.

Any Other Business

Votes of Sympathy

The Elected Members wished to extend votes of sympathy to the families of the following:

- Mary Gleeson, mother of staff members Marie O'Neill, who passed away on 10th March.

Congratulations

The Elected Members wished to congratulate Scoil Pol on winning the All Ireland Post Primary Schools Senior C Championship. It was proposed that, with the agreement of the Principal of Scoil Pol, a presentation be made to the team to recognise the achievement. The Meetings Administrator will follow up on this and advise the Elected Members.

Deputation

A suggestion was made that a deputation from Gotoon residents be accommodated following a deferral of same last year. The Elected Members were advised that should Gotoon residents wish to make a deputation they will need to make direct contact in writing with the Meetings Administrator as per the Standing Orders.

A workshop on the works proposed at Gotoon was also proposed by the Elected Members and Senior Executive Engineer

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District will be held on Thursday, 18th April 2024 at 3pm in Aras Mainchin Seoighe, Kilmallock.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____