

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ARAS
MAINCHIN SEOIGE ON THURSDAY 18th APRIL 2024 AT 3.00PM.**

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M Donegan, An Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Carey, Egan, Mitchell, M. Ryan and Teefy

Apologies: Councillor E. 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); Administrative Officer (Ms T Knox) Executive Planner (Ms M. Woods); Assistant Planner (Mr C McMullan); Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Ms E. Cousins); Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Mr M. Leahy); Town Centre First Officer (Ms Karen Burke).

1. Adoption of Minutes

(i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 21st March 2024.

(Copies Enclosed)

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

There were no matters arising. An Cathaoirleach wished to acknowledge the receipt of the feedback from the Burial Grounds Team on the questions raised regarding Kilteely Dromkeen Graveyard

3. Declaration of Interest

There was no interest declared.

4. Property Services

Disposal of freehold interest at 13 Ashill was noted by the Elected Members

Disposals of property at Wolfe Tone St, Kilmallock and The Square Galbally were noted by the Elected Members.

5. Proposed Amendment to the Kilmallock Local Area Plan.

Circulated: Report on The proposed amendment to the Kilmallock Local Area Plan.

Proposed: Councillor Carey

Seconded: Councillor Donegan

An Cathaoirleach wished to acknowledge the work undertaken in the process.

6. Presentation on the Voter registration process

Circulated: Presentation on Voter registration process.

The Staff Officer outlined that registration online is preferable, and voters can check details, change details and apply online. A postal voter form is available to download, and handwriting on these documents need to be legible. A 3rd party request form is also available e.g. to register if a voter has deceased.

The Elected Members were advised that if voters cannot find their name on the register to check alternative spellings, previous addresses and to confirm if they have voted previously in Limerick. If a duplicate registration is made this can be filtered by the team and the voter will be contacted to clarify their registration details.

A postal registration must be received by 11th May and the date for closing the register is 20th May.

7. Discussion item on Bank of Ireland Building, Bruff

An Cathaoirleach wished to acknowledge the investment report regarding investment by Limerick City and County Council in Bruff, and the work undertaken by the Town Centre First Officer to date. It was confirmed that Limerick City and County Council have spent €3.2 million in the town of Bruff since 2019, in a Municipal District which spans a large geographical area.

The following questions were received from Bruff Community:

1. Is there a firm commitment from the Cappamore Kilmallock MD that the former Bank of Ireland Building in Bruff will not be put up for sale?
2. Can the meeting re-confirm that the former Bank of Ireland Building in Bruff will be repurposed for Community use?
3. Can you ascertain the current status of the plan to deliver the former Bank of Ireland building to Bruff as a community hub?
4. Please ascertain the ongoing management of the former Bank of Ireland building in Bruff by the Property and Community facilities section of LCCC to secure the stability, maintenance and repair of this heritage building pending repurpose for community use?
5. As LCCC has granted planning permission for the development of 74 houses in Bruff to Ballygrennan Homes Ltd, a considerable development contribution is requested in respect of the proposed childcare facility which the community so urgently needs now and which will be even more vital when young parents begin to occupy this development.

The following response was provided:

The former Bank of Ireland building was acquired by Limerick City and County Council in 2021/2022. There was a proposal submitted to develop the building as an E Hub through Town and Village renewal funding. Exploration of the extent of works required and viability of the proposal was undertaken. Viability of any proposal is key.

It was noted by the Town Centre First Officer that since 2021 there have been a number of impacts on the viability of the suggested proposal including Covid 19, the National Broadband plan and the return to the workplace post covid.

Limerick City and County Council continue to explore options for the building, and have advised that the viability of the end use is what will determine the most appropriate options.

The Elected Members were advised that the Bank of Ireland Building is not for sale. Should it ever be determined that sale of the building is the most appropriate option, in consultation with the community, the sale would have to go to the open market and be brought in front of the Elected Members at both Municipal District and Full Council.

The Elected Members were advised that the funding received under Town and Village renewal has a requirement to be used as applied for towards the development of an E-hub, and therefore if an alternative option is agreed upon alternative funding will need to be sourced. The Town and Village renewal funding is still with the department and it may be possible to request a change of use.

The Town Centre First Officer advised that Development Contribution funding cannot be directed towards the childcare facility as all funding under this budget was adopted in 2022.

An Cathaoirleach suggested that a sub committee, including representatives from Bruff Community and Limerick City and County Council, be established to undertake a feasibility study on the potential use of the building and it was agreed that this would be appropriate. It was agreed that a partnership approach should be undertaken.

It was confirmed that the responsibility of maintenance of the building currently lies with Limerick City and County Council.

8. Deputation by Ballyhoura Development Ltd

The Chief Executive Officer of Ballyhoura Development, Padraig Casey, delivered a presentation to the Elected Members on the work and governance of Ballyhoura Development.

An invitation was extended to the Elected Members to an event on the 9th May in Deebert House Hotel supporting young people to understand democracy.

Mr Casey advised that he would be open to a more regular interaction, e.g. once every 6 to 12 months.

The Cathaoirleach wished to acknowledge the work of the East Limerick Community Response team and their engagement in Bruff.

Mr Casey advised that there are Kilmallock and Bruff Community Plans in place which are to be updated in due course. Bruff also has a Public realm plan in place.

The Elected Members thanked Mr Casey for his presentation.

NOTICES OF MOTION

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Donegan

“I will move at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore Kilmallock that Limerick City & County Council extend the speed limit on the approach road on the R512 from Bruff in Kilmallock, to include a 60Km section, installation of public lights and traffic calming measures for pedestrians. “

REPLY:

The Roads Engineer will carry out a review of this section of the R512. Any measures that may be required following the review will be submitted to the relevant funding authority for consideration. The request for the extension of the Speed Limit will be referred to Roads Central Services for consideration in the next City and County Speed Limit Review.

Proposed: Councillor Donegan

Seconded: Councillor Carey

10. 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 consider the purchase of five units at Beech Lodge Care Facility, Bruree that are currently being rented by this authority but that are now for sale.”

REPLY:

The Housing Directorate are aware of the five units at the Beech Lodge Care Facility.

We are actively considering the purchase. However, this is subject to landlord engagement with the Housing Directorate and internal checks with the Allocations team.

Proposed: Councillor Carey

Seconded: Councillor Donegan

QUESTIONS

11. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan and Teefy

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District meeting for an update, following on from previous question, on the plans for the refurbishment of the Bank of Ireland building in Bruff to make it available for use.”

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council have been proactively exploring options in relation to the redevelopment of the former Bank of Ireland in Bruff, funding was approved under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, to redevelop the building as an e-hub. Initial market research has indicated that the development of the e-hub at this location, may not be viable. The Council continue to explore all avenues to bring the former Bank of Ireland into active use and will also continue to engage with the Elected Members and the community of Bruff on progress made, in this regard.

12. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District for a copy of the repair and replacement works proposed and costings for the Cappamore, Kilmallock and Lough Gur playgrounds to ensure they are in compliance with the current ROSPA safety standards.”

REPLY:

The following are the planned repair works for playgrounds in the Cappamore Kilmallock District.

Kilmallock Playground

- Wet Pour Surfacing Repairs = €6,958.00.

Lough Gur Playground

- Replace existing surface matting with wet pour surfacing = €4,768.00.

Cappamore Playground

- Replace worn shackles on Nexus Free Ride Unit = €341.00.
- New replacement head for Fish Rocker Unit = €1,129.00.

13. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District meeting for an update on my motion from September 23 regarding Captains Lane, Kilfinane.”

REPLY:

As discussed at the MD meeting in September, the issue on Captains lane relates to inappropriate parking blocking the road for other users. The MD office has instructed our appointed Road Marking contractor to augment existing road markings to identify further this is a through road for all users. Due to sustained weather conditions, the contractor has not been in a position to install the new markings, but it is on standby to do so as soon as the weather improves.

14. Question submitted by Councillor Teevy

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District the number and location of houses built in the District between 2019 and present, the number of vacant houses refurbished and reallocated in the District in the same period and the number of vacant houses in the area at present.”

REPLY:

Number of houses built 2019 to present:

Total: 121

Scheme	Project Name	Total Units Completed
LA Part V	Ceol Na hAbhainn, Caherconlish	4
Ship Construction	Station Close, Knocklong	12
Ship Construction	Glenview Drive, Hospital	20
Ship Construction Turnkey	Station House, Knocklong	2
Ship Construction Turnkey	Glengrove, Gortboy, Kilmallock Phase 1	24
Ship Construction Turnkey	Glengrove, Gortboy, Kilmallock – Phase 2	9
Ship Construction Turnkey	Maypole Crescent, Knocklong Eldery Bungalows Phase 1	2
Ship Construction Turnkey	Maypole Crescent, Knocklong Eldery Bungalows Phase 2	2
Ship Construction Turnkey	Maypole Crescent, Knocklong, Co. Limerick	1
Ship Construction Turnkey	Maypole Crescent, Knocklong Eldery Bungalows Phase 3	1

Ship Renewal	Lot 6 – Mullally Lawn, Cappamore	1
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Ship Renewal	Lot 3 – Oakley Lawn, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick	1
Ship Renewal	Lot 5 – St. Munchins Tce, Bruree, Co. Limerick	1
Ship Renewal	Lot 5 – Fairgreen Tce, Bruff, Co. Limerick	1
CAS Construction Turnkey	Carebright Community, Ardkeohane, Bruff	6
AHB CALF Turnkey	Toormore, Main Street, Bruree	16
CAS Construction	Cuan Mhuire, Bruree (Phase 1:10 units) 1-stage CAS	10
AHB CALF Turnkey	Dromsally Woods, Cappamore, Co. Limerick	5

Number of vacant houses refurbished and reallocated 2019-present:

85 vacant units were refurbished in the District since 2019 to present and reallocated.

Number of vacant houses in the area at present:

At present there are 34 vacant units in the Cappamore Kilmallock district. 28 of these will be returned to stock in 2024 and available for re letting. The remaining 6 units will be completed in 2025.

The Questions were taken as read.

Any Other Business

- A request was made for an update at the May meeting on the GMA Community grants
- The new fire engine for Kilmallock Fire station was acknowledged and welcomed
- The Elected Members wished to acknowledge the Community monuments fund, and also the work undertaken in the Team Limerick Clean-up by Tidy towns groups, staff and support by JP McManus
- An Cathaoirleach wished to acknowledge the installation of Loop walks signs in Kilmallock
- The Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, outlined that an extinguishment of a public right of way beside Barry's garage, Lord Edward St, in Kilmallock would be advertised and formal consultation would take place.

- The Elected Members wished happy birthday to Noreen Ward, Murroe on her 104th birthday.

Expression of sympathy

The Elected members expressed their sympathy to the families of the following:

- Delia Coughlan, Ballygrennan, Bruff, who passed away in her 94th year on 29th February.
- Eily Wiley, grandmother of the Rose of Tralee Roisin Wiley, Portauns, Kilmallock, who passed away on 29th March.
- Peg Hennessy, mother of Alice Hennessy, Burial Grounds, Camass, Bruff, who passed away on 24th March.
- Marie Ryan, Herbertstown, who passed away on 2nd April.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District will be held on Thursday, 16th May 2024 at 3pm in Aras Mainchin Seoighe, Kilmallock.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____