

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ARAS MAINCHIN SEOIGE ON THURSDAY 16th May 2024 AT 3.00PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M Donegan, An Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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); Senior Executive Officer, Strategy & Non LA Housing Construction (Ms S Newell); Staff Officer, Strategy & Non LA Housing Constuction (Ms J. Andrijauskiene) ; Senior Engineer Strategy and Non LA Housing (Mr B. Kidney); Biodiversity Officer (Ms S. McDonnell); Senior Executive Scientist, Environment and Climate Action (Mr C. Brodie).

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 18th April 2024.

(Copies Enclosed)

Proposed by: Councillor Carey

Seconded by: Councillor Egan

And Resolved:

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

2. Matters Arising

An Cathaoirleach wished to thank the staff of the Municipal District and Scoil Pol for the Municipal District Presentation on 21st April in the Woodlands House Hotel at the Scoil Pol Awards Ceremony.

Regarding the response to the question on playground repair, clarification was requested regarding the swing in the Kilmallock playground which has been left idle, and the high

quotation for repair of the wetpour. This query will be forwarded to the appropriate department.

3. Declaration of Interests

There was no interest declared.

4. GMA Community grants

An update was provided to the Elected Members as follows:

In total 39 groups were nominated for GMA grants. To date contact details had been received for 31 groups. 30 application forms had been posted and 12 returned. These 12 have been processed and sent for payment. The total to be paid for these 12 applications is €15685.

For the 8 groups we do not have received contact details, the relevant Elected Members have been contacted with details.

5. Housing Strategy and Non Local Authority Construction

Circulated: Housing Strategy Quarterly update.

The Senior Executive Officer and Senior Engineer presented the Housing Strategy Quarterly update.

A suggestion was made that a visit be arranged to an OPW Modular Housing site in Charleville for the Elected Members.

It was agreed that the Senior Engineer would revert with further information on modular housing further to queries from the Elected Members.

Further to queries regarding the allocations process, it was agreed that as it was not appropriate for the staff present to provide clarification, it would be requested that the Assessment and Allocations team would be invited to present to the Elected Members on the process.

Further to a request on details of voids in the Municipal District, it was agreed that the Meetings administrator would circulate a response to a recent question on the issue (December 2023).

6. Biodiversity Officer

Circulated: Presentation on Discussion Paper to begin the process of drafting a Limerick Biodiversity Action Plan

The Biodiversity officer delivered a presentation on the process involved in drafting a Limerick Biodiversity Action Plan.

The Elected Members were advised that the closing date for submissions was the 27th May, with a possibility of extending to the 3rd June.

The Elected Members were also advised that there is still an online facility available to upload photographs of invasive species for investigation. A suggestion was made that awareness raising of this facility would be useful, and there was agreement that collaboration between the Local Authority and the community was key.

7. Limerick Tree Strategy

Circulated: Presentation on Limerick Tree Strategy

The Senior Executive Scientist presented on the development of the Limerick Tree Strategy.

The Elected Members were advised that there were no submissions received to the Limerick Tree Strategy.

Clarification was provided that the strategy relates to trees that are owned by or on land in the control of the Local Authority.

NOTICES OF MOTION

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey

"I will move at the next Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District meeting that the junction at Davy's Bar, Effin be appraised for review and that safety measures are recommended for necessary improvements, be it a mountable roundabout, road markings, improved sightlines etc."

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District Office will review the Junction in Effin and determine what measures may be required. Any improvement works that may be needed will be costed and a submission made to the relevant funding authority for consideration.

Proposed: Councillor Carey
Seconded: Councillor Donegan

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy

“ I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that safety work be carried out on a section of the road at the bend at Knockatanna, Caherconlish on the R513, where there have been several accidents recently.”

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council has instructed a specialist contractor to survey and review the surface texture of the R513 at Knockatanna. The results of this survey will determine what improvements measures, if any, may be required.

Proposed: Councillor Teefy
Seconded: Councillor E Ryan

10. 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 install traffic calming and junction tightening measures to make it safe for pedestrians at the junction at Gerard road, Millmount and the new road, Gortboy in Kilmallock.”

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District Office will review the Gerard Road/New Road Junction and determine what measures may be required. Any improvement works that may be needed will be costed and a submission made to the relevant funding authority for consideration.

Proposed: Councillor Donegan

Seconded: Councillor Carey

QUESTIONS

11. Deferred from April Meeting – 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 May 23 regarding an inspection and audit that I called for at Radharc Na Cille, Kilmallock.” (attached)

REPLY:

Inspection/servicing works are ongoing of the windows and doors at Radharc na Cille Estate, Kilmallock. As essential works are identified they are being dealt with subject to the availability of parts and resources.

12. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District meeting if there are any safety improvements planned for the T-junction approaching Bulgaden Castle.

REPLY:

The 2024 Schedule of Municipal District Works was approved at the March meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District. There are no proposals at present for works at the location indicated in Cllr. Carey’s question.

13. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District what the possibility is of improvement/ safety work to be carried out on the bend at Kilballyowen on the L1502 where there have been several accidents on this road.

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District office submitted a scheme last October for the L1502 at Kilballyowen to be considered by the Dept. of Transport for funding under low cost safety in 2024. Funding was not allocated this year. The Municipal District office will re-submit the scheme for consideration by the Department in 2025.

14. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District if Limerick City & County Council plan to install traffic calming measures on the R517 approach road at Cois an Sruthain in Kilfinane.

REPLY :

An allocation was made through the 2023 General Municipal Allocation for the installation of two speed tables on the R517. The location of these speed tables is northeast of the Cois an Sruthain entrance. The speed tables will provide traffic calming coming out of Kilfinane. There is no funding available at present for traffic measures to be installed on the southern approach.

15. Question submitted by Councillor Donegan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the Compulsory Purchase Order for the N20 O'Rourke's Scheme.

REPLY :

As you are aware a Judicial Review hearing in relation to An Bord Pleanála's approval of the N20 O'Rourke's Cross Compulsory Purchase Order was heard before the High Court in October 2023. During the course of this hearing, An Bord Pleanála conceded the case and the judge agreed to remit, ("send back") the Compulsory Purchase Order Application to An Bord Pleanála for their renewed consideration. A new Oral Hearing will be held into the

Compulsory Purchase Order in due course by An Bord Pleanála, however as yet we have not been advised of a date for this hearing.

The Questions were taken as read.

Any Other Business

An Cathairleach wished to thank Councillors Mitchell and Egan on their tenure as Elected Members with the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District. An Cathaoirleach also recognized Councillor Mitchell's year as Mayor of Limerick 2023/2024. The Elected Members, Executive and Management team echoed the acknowledgement.

An Cathairleach also wished to acknowledge the many impactful events during the previous 5 years of the current term of office, including the ability for the Local Authority to adapt during Covid, the Municipal District Receptions held in recognition of local individuals and communities, and the implementation of the Schedules of Municipal District Works over that period.

He also acknowledge the contribution of the Senior Executive Engineer and the Roads team to the arrival of the RAS Tailteann in Kilmallock on 22nd May.

Finally, the Director of Service and Elected Members wished to express their thanks to all staff supporting the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District since the commencement of this term in 2019.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____