

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ARAS
MAINCHIN SEOIGE AND ON-LINE, ON THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER
2024 AT 3.00PM.**

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M Ryan, An Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors , Conway, O’Sullivan, E. Ryan, Stokes and Teefy

MEMBERS ON-LINE:

Councillor Carey.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Services, Transportation & Mobility (Mr B. Kennedy); Senior Executive Engineer, Roads Traffic & Cleansing (Mr T. McKechnie); Meetings Administrator (Ms K. Butler); Clerical Officer (Ms H. O’Neill); Management Accountant, Finance (Ms Irene Griffin); Financial Accountant, Finance (Mr Pat Murnane); Executive Engineer, Planning Enforcement (Mr Sean McGrath); Graduate Engineer, Development Management & Place Making (Mr Evan Hannon) and Administrative Officer, Property Management (Ms Audrey Crowe).

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 19th September, 2024.

(Copies Enclosed)

Proposed by: Councillor Conway

Seconded by: Councillor Teefy

And Resolved:

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

2. Matters Arising

Councillor Teefy referred to her motion regarding 60kmph speed zone in Brackvone Estate, Bruff and requested an update.

T. McKechnie Senior Executive Engineer, Roads Traffic & Cleansing advised a speed survey is to be carried out at the location and it is proposed to install a continuous white line to prevent overtaking at this location.

Councillor Teefy asked this matter be followed up as there is a lot of concern in the area for road user public safety.

Councillor Teefy queried the installation of an additional Driver Feedback sign for this location. Councillor Teefy also asked on the status of driver feedback signs that are currently not operational across the MD.

T. McKechnie advised that driver feedback signs at 15 locations have been vandalised over the last two years with some signs vandalised on more than one occasion. The signage suppliers have been requested to advise on more secure solutions.

3. Declaration of Interest

The Meetings Administrator stated that, in line with Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and the Code of Conduct, she was inviting those present to notify the Cathaoirleach of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting.

Councillor Carey (PJ) declared an interest in Item 4 Disposal of Freehold Interest in property at 5 Ash Hill, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

4. Property Services

- (a) Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 13th September, 2024 setting out proposals for the disposal of freehold interest in property at 5 Ash Hill, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

Councillor Carey (PJ) excused himself from meeting while this item was being discussed.

Following discussion this Disposal was noted by Members.

5. Finance – Draft Budgetary Plan

Circulated Mayor's report dated 17th October 2024 which sets out the background and legal provisions relating to the Draft budgetary Plan 2025 for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock in the total sum of €327,600.

The Management Accountant, Ms Irene Griffin outlined the figures as set out in the report and informed members that the Draft Budgetary Plan 2025 for the Municipal District which had been discussed at a workshop prior to the meeting, if approved by the Members, would go forward for inclusion in the main 2025 Council budget.

The Management Accountant, Ms Irene Griffin also informed members that a total of €1,652,500 had been allocated to the 2025 General Municipal allocation Fund with €327,600 assigned to the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

Following discussion Ms Irene Griffin, Management Accountant recommended adoption of the General Municipal Allocation of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Budgetary Plan 2025

Svc	General Municipal Allocation -2025	Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District
B04	Local Roads	130,000
D05	Tourism Development Recreation & Amenity	10,000
F04	Community Initiatives	10,000
	Special Projects – LA Infrastructure	100,000
	Special Projects LPT	77,600
Total	General Municipal Allocation	327,600

Proposed: Councillor Ryan (E)
Seconded: Councillor Ryan (M)

And resolved

“That the Draft Budgetary Plan 2025 for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock is hereby adopted as presented.

6. Planning, Environmental and Place-Making

Members welcomed Sean McGrath, Executive Engineer, Planning Enforcement to the meeting who proceeded to advise Members in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 notice was given of the Council’s proposal to take in charge the roads in Castlecourt Estate, Kilmallock and a portion of the roadway at the entrance to this development. Sean McGrath, (EE) further advised members that no submissions had been received on the proposed taking in charge following a period of public display of all documentation and drawings.

Following discussion between Members it was agreed the estate of Castlecourt, Kilmallock be taken in charge by Limerick City and County Council.

Proposed: Councillor Conway(G)
Seconded: Councillor Ryan (M)

7. Property Management Department of the Rural, Community and Culture Development Directorate.

Members welcomed Audrey Crowe, Administrative Officer, Property Management Department to the meeting who proceed with a presentation on the current Derelict Site process within Limerick City and County Council.

Following this presentation Members raised the following issues with regard to the process.

Councillor O’Sullivan (T) asked if a property is deemed derelict has it to be liveable to be taken out of dereliction.

Audrey Crowe, Administrative Officer responded saying the derelict nature of the property has to be addressed and added the staff of the Property Management are available to engage with the owners of Derelict properties and Elected Members if required.

Councillor Ryan (M) asked more work be invested in tracing ownership of derelict properties as some owners may not be aware of dereliction notices being placed on doorways of properties as they may not be living locally. He also requested Property Management be considerate of owners who fall into this category.

Councillor Conway (G) asked that the Property Department liaise with a family who have been served with a derelict notice in the District as the owner is not in a position to deal with the issue due to illness.

Councillor Conway (G) also added that the costs required to take some properties out of dereliction are considerable and in some cases people do not have the means to carry out the necessary works to take a property out of dereliction.

Councillor Teefy (B) asked for more communication and engagement between owners of derelict properties and the Property Management Department and requested the Technician for the Area meet with District Elected members.

Councillor Teefy also referred to the Croi Conaithe Scheme saying the qualifying criteria for the scheme is quite onerous for the applicant and requested a presentation on this scheme for the November meeting of the District.

Following further discussion the Cathaoirleach Martin Ryan requested the Property Management Department going forward engage more with the elected Members of Cappamore – Kilmallock in their particular areas when they are having difficulty in locating owners of Derelict Properties.

Audrey Crowe, A.O. assured Members, her Department would ensure this was the case going forward and also agreed the Area Technician with responsibility for Derelict sites in the Cappamore-Kilmallock District would be in attendance with David O’Grady at the November meeting

NOTICES OF MOTION

8. 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 would implement a programme of establishing Playgrounds throughout our municipality targeting Teenagers.

In proposing this motion Councillor Ryan (M) told the meeting following observations and local representation he had observed certain cohorts of young people in local communities who are not involved in Sport/ Youth Clubs etc. need a facility/outlet where they can engage with their peers.

REPLY:

The Council are in the process of carrying out a high-level assessment of play facilities in each of the Municipal Districts in order to establish gaps in the provision of play facilities. A programme can be compiled following this assessment and a process can commence to identify if there are sites available in the respective town or village to provide play facilities for teenagers.

In relation to existing facilities for teenagers in the Cappamore-Kilmallock District, the Council wishes to advise that there are two Multi Use Games Area in Cappamore and Hospital, which are in need of a major upgrade. The Council has secured funding to upgrade both facilities and have tendered for these works to be undertaken. The Council will be awarding these contracts in the near future, which will provide much needed facilities in both these villages.

Proposed: Councillor M. Ryan
Seconded: Councillor G. Conway

Councillor Ryan (M) welcomed the response to his motion.

Councillor Ryan (E) referred to an adult exercise area that has been installed in Galbally which is very well utilised by the local community and suggested this facility could be used as a template for similar installations in the District.

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey

“I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that this local authority will CPO numbers 4, 5 and 6 Orr Street, Kilmallock to bring these properties out of dereliction and back into use for housing need.”

REPLY:

In September 2024, Limerick City and County Council served statutory notices of intention to acquire compulsorily a further seven derelict sites pursuant to section 15 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 (as amended).

One of the derelict sites intended to be acquired compulsorily by the Council, consists of a unit of three two-storey, terraced dwellings at 4 ,5 and 6 Orr Street Close, Kilmallock, case ref. DS-156-22.

The statutory notices were published in the Limerick Leader newspaper edition of 28th September 2024 and were also served on owners/occupiers/lessees and affixed to each sites.

Objections to the said notices may be made in writing to the Council on or before 31st October 2024. If a valid objection is received, the Council must make an application to An Bord Pleanála for consent to acquire and await its determination. If no objection is received, or if the Board grant consent, the Council may proceed to make a vesting order for the derelict site.

Proposed: Councillor Carey
Seconded: Councillor M. Ryan

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy

"I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that traffic calming measures be put in place on the L5096 road at Knockanea just off the N24 at Boher junction. There are 20 houses approximately on a short section of this road and the speed of passing traffic is of concern."

Councillor Teefy in proposing her motion told the meeting she had numerous representation requests for traffic calming measure to be installed at this location adding that speed is a huge contributory factor and additional funding is required in Budget 2025 to tackle this issue. Councillor Teefy further requested feed-back signage be installed which could help reduce speeding at this location

REPLY:

The Roads Engineer will carry out traffic speed surveys on the L5096. The results of the survey will determine if measures to reduce traffic speeds may be required. Any interventions deemed necessary will be designed and an application will be made to the most appropriate funding authority to consider the provision of a budget.

Proposed: Councillor Teefy
Seconded: Councillor M. Ryan

Councillor Teefy (B) also requested Active Travel Department install a footpath for pedestrians at this location.

B. Kennedy (Director of Service), Transportation & Mobility requested the Roads Garda Policing Unit be contacted to request attention be given to this location in an effort to reduce speeding.

T.McKechnie, (SEE), Road Traffic & Cleansing advised the Roads Department of the area is total committed to carrying out traffic counts at this location in conjunction with other locations in the District and advised this will take time to complete.

QUESTIONS

11. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

"I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for a date for the lifting of the Boil Water Notice in Foileen, Cappamore.

REPLY:

From: localrepsupport <localrepsupport@water.ie>

Sent: Wednesday 16 October 2024 16:20

To: Butler, Karen <karen.butler@limerick.ie>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Uisce Éireann RE: Uisce Éireann LRSD Query Reference Number 83135

Dear Ms Karen Butler,

I am writing to you today regarding your request for further detailed updates on the Cappamore Boil Water Notice. Your Uisce Éireann reference number for same was 83135, which was raised on the 16/10/2024.

I understand this issue has been a source of concern for you and your constituents.

Please see below updated briefing note that was circulated to all local representatives earlier this week in relation to the above query.

15 October 2024 – Uisce Éireann would like to remind customers supplied by the Cappamore Foileen Public Water Supply that the Boil Water Notice issued on 26 September 2023 remains in place.

This notice was issued as a precautionary measure to protect the health of approximately 2,300 customers. The notice was put in place due to the detection of cryptosporidium in the water supply.

The notice impacts all customers supplied by the Cappamore Foilean Public Water Supply, including Carrigmore, which is now supplied from the Cappamore Scheme. Customers can check if their property is included by visiting www.water.ie and entering the property's Eircode or by calling the Uisce Éireann customer care helpline, open 24/7, on 1800 278 278. A map of the area is attached and available to view on the supply and service section of www.water.ie

Uisce Éireann is continuing to prioritise works to safely lift this notice in the shortest possible timeframe. Uisce Éireann is implementing remedial measures to existing processes and is also undertaking upgrades at the plant. This includes the installation of a state-of-the-art ultraviolet disinfection unit which will provide an effective and reliable barrier to eliminate the risk of cryptosporidium. Detailed design work has been completed, along with the construction of a new access road and earthworks. The ultraviolets (UVs) are currently in transit with the installations works and associated pipework scheduled to commence this month. The ESB are also working to upgrade the site and we are working closely with the ESB to minimise any potential delay.

Uisce Éireann's Duane O'Brien said, "We recognise the significant inconvenience to impacted customers. Public health remains the number one priority for Uisce Éireann. Our drinking water standards, as per EU Drinking Water regulations, are strict and include wide safety margins. Where risks to water quality are identified through Uisce Éireann's enhanced testing and monitoring programme, the HSE (Health Service Executive) are consulted, and Boil Water Notices are issued to protect public health."

Vulnerable customers who have registered with Uisce Éireann receive direct communication on BWNs. Customers are reminded that the water is safe to consume once boiled.

Water must be boiled for:

- * Drinking;
- * Drinks made with water;
- * Preparation of salads and similar foods, which are not cooked prior to eating;
- * Brushing of teeth;

- * Making of ice - discard ice cubes in fridges and freezers and filtered water in fridges. Make ice from cooled boiled water.

What actions should be taken:

- * Use water prepared for drinking when preparing foods that will not be cooked (e.g. washing salads);
- * Water can be used for personal hygiene, bathing and flushing of toilets but not for brushing teeth or gargling;
- * Boil water by bringing to a vigorous, rolling boil (e.g. with an automatic kettle) and allow to cool. Cover and store in a refrigerator or cold place. Water from the hot tap is not safe to drink. Domestic water filters will not render water safe to drink;
- * Caution should be taken when bathing children to ensure that they do not swallow the bathing water;
- * Preparing Infant Formula: Where a Boil Water Notice is in place, you can prepare infant formula from tap water that has been boiled once (rolling boil for 1 minute) and cooled beforehand. Bottled water can also be used to make up infant formula. All bottled water, with the exception of natural mineral water, is regulated to the same standard as drinking water. It is best not to use bottled water labelled as 'Natural Mineral Water' as it can have high levels of sodium (salt) and other minerals, although it rarely does. 'Natural Mineral Water' can be used if no other water is available, for as short a time as possible, as it is important to keep babies hydrated. If bottled water is used to make up infant formula it should be boiled once (rolling boil for 1 minute) and cooled in the normal way. Ready-to-use formula that does not need added water can also be used.

Great care should be taken with boiled water to avoid burns and scalds as accidents can easily happen, especially with children.

Updates are available on our Water Supply Updates section on www.water.ie, on X (formerly Twitter) @IWCare and via our customer care helpline, open 24/7 on 1800 278 278. Uisce Éireann has also launched a free text service, providing real-time updates for local issues. Customers can sign up with their Eircode and mobile number at www.water.ie.

Should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us on the details below. For the latest supply and services updates, please see:

Thank you for using Uisce Éireann's Local Representative Support Desk.

Yours sincerely,

Geraldine Torreon

Local Representative Support Desk

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Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 11:38 AM

To: Butler, Karen <karen.butler@limerick.ie <<mailto:karen.butler@limerick.ie>> >

Subject: Uisce Éireann LRSD Query Reference Number 83135

Dear Ms. Karen Butler,

Thank you for contacting Uisce Éireann's Local Representative Support Desk.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your query regarding your request for further detailed updates on the Cappamore Boil Water Notice.

I am sorry to hear of the issue your constituents are going through.

In order to investigate this matter further, I have opened a query on our system on your behalf. Your Uisce Éireann reference number for same is 83135. I am currently liaising with my colleagues in our Operations Department to progress matters further. As soon as further information becomes available, a member of our team will be in contact with you.

Please be advised that we aim to respond to your query as efficiently as possible. It must be noted however, that due to the complex nature of some of the queries raised, we may require input from various Uisce Éireann departments to obtain full aspects of responses. As you can appreciate, this may extend our response times in certain scenarios.

Your continued patience and understanding are greatly appreciated whilst we review your opened query.

Yours sincerely,

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Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 5:31 PM
To: localrepsupport <localrepsupport@water.ie <<mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie>> >
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]Uisce Éireann LRSD Query Reference Number 27849

Geraldine

Thank you for your response

Could you provide more detail on the Cappamore boil water notice as to when you expect it to be lifted and what works are being carried out to enable the notice to be lifted

Karen Butler

From: localrepsupport <localrepsupport@water.ie <<mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie>> >
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 3:59:21 PM
To: Butler, Karen <karen.butler@limerick.ie <<mailto:karen.butler@limerick.ie>> >
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Uisce Éireann LRSD Query Reference Number 27849

Dear Ms. Karen Butler,

I am writing to you today regarding your query in relation to a request for an update on the new water pipeline from Limerick to Croom and the Boil Water Notice at Cappamore. Co. Limerick. Your Uisce Éireann reference number for same was 27849, which was raised on the 14/07/2024.

I understand this issue has been a source of concern for you and your constituents.

I am pleased to advise the following update has become available.

Croom Water Supply Rationalisation Project Uisce Éireann is prioritising investment for Croom to ensure that a more secure supply of water for the local community. Uisce Éireann is investing over €8m to improve water supply for 1,700 customers, improve network resilience while also supporting future social and economic development. The initial stage of this project is now complete with the construction of 6km of new pipeline connecting

Croom to the Clareville Water Treatment Plant in Limerick City. This will improve the capacity of the existing water network and connect new proposed developments in the Croom area. Expert crews are now working on the commissioning of the existing pipeline from the City to Attyflyn, which is anticipated to be completed towards the end of 2024. This project is being delivered to support future developments within the community. It will improve the capacity of the existing water network in the area, improving performance and reducing demands on the current network. However, Uisce Éireann would like to remind customers supplied by the Cappamore Foilean Public Water Supply that the Boil Water Notice issued on 26 September 2023 remains in place.

Thank you for using Uisce Éireann's Local Representative Support Desk.

Yours sincerely,

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12. Question submitted by Councillor Conway

"I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District what is the current position with the dwelling No. 9 St. Munchin's Tce. Bruree. Is it part of Limerick City & County Council's housing stock and if so when will the house be put back into use?"

REPLY:

9 St. Munchin's Terrace Bruree is part of Limerick City and County Council housing stock. Significant works are required to return this house into active housing stock. Funding is approved from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and a contractor is appointed to complete works at this property and 1 Deebert Close Kilmallock. Works are to commence on both sites in late October and will take 6 months to complete after which the houses will return to active housing stock.

The Questions were taken as read.

Any Other Business

Councillor Ryan (E) referred to local resident parking in Hospital town saying a number of homeowners had been fined for parking outside their respective homes and requested defined parking spaces be outlined to assist these people with parking which is an issue due to the volume of traffic going through the town.

Councillor Ryan referred to the legacy of former Councillor Gerard Mitchell who had provided funding towards traffic management in the town.

Councillor Ryan (E) asked there would be some liaison with residents of the town before fines are issued through community policing.

The Cathaoirleach following discussion with Members agreed to a change of date for the December meeting of the District to Wednesday, the 11th of December 2024.

The Cathaoirleach also welcomed the roll out of the Mobility Plans for Doon and Cappamore Districts adding the plans and particulars will be on public display in Doon Library.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District is to be held on Thursday 21st November at 3pm.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____