

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ARAS
MAINCHIN SEOIGE AND ON-LINE, ON THURSDAY 21st November
2024 AT 3.00PM.**

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M Ryan, An Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Carey, Conway, O’Sullivan, Stokes and Teefy

MEMBERS ON-LINE:

Councillor E. Ryan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Senior Executive Engineer, Roads Traffic & Cleansing (Mr T. McKechnie); Meetings Administrator (Ms K. Butler); Clerical Officer (Ms H. O’Neill); Senior Staff Officer, Dereliction Vacancy & Reuse (Mr David O’Grady) and Technician Grade 1, Property & Community Facilities (Mr Brian Mackey)

APOLOGIES:

Director of Services, Transportation & Mobility (Mr B. Kennedy)

OFFICIALS ON-LINE:

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 17th October, 2024.
(Copies Enclosed)

Proposed by: Councillor Carey

Seconded by: Councillor Stokes

And Resolved:

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

2. Matters Arising

Councillor Teefy (B) referred her previous representations on Driver Feedback signs and asked if the damaged signs had been repaired and were back in use.

Senior Executive Engineer, Roads Traffic & Cleansing advised the roads Department had investigated a more secure alternative for the signs to ensure they would not be vandalised in the future and the roads engineer had now sourced a bracket and lock system which he hoped would allow the driver feedback signs be back in use before Christmas 2024.

Councilor Teefy (B) also queried if progress had been made on her request for speed limit reduction at Brackvoan Estate, Bruff.

Senior Executive Engineer, Road Traffic & Cleansing advised more speed surveys are required at this location and added it is intended to install a continuous white line at this location to prevent overtaking.

3. Declaration of Interests

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.

There was no interest declared.

4. Property Disposal

- (a) Circulated, report of the Head of Property Management, Rural, Community and Culture Development dated 9th September, 2024 setting out proposals for the disposal of 0.326 acres (0.1321 Ha) Land at Gilmartin, Murroe, Co. Limerick to the Murroe Community Housing Association CLG.

Following discussion this Disposal was noted by Members.

5. Standing Orders

Circulated, copy of draft Standing Orders for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for consideration and adoption.

Following discussion, Councillor Teefy (B) queried Draft Standing Order No 4 : times of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District meeting and requested amendment be made to reflect current times for commencement and closing of District meetings.

The Meetings Administrator confirmed this was an administrative error and Corporate Services would be advised to amend Standing Orders accordingly.

The Standing Orders were unanimously agreed by all Elected Members

And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Municipal District be and is hereby given to the making of Standing Orders for Meetings of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District, in accordance with the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended), with the following amendment:-

Standing Order No. 4 to read :

The Meeting shall commence at 3.00pm. (or any other time as shall be fixed by resolution of the Municipal District or in the absence of such Resolution by the Cathaoirleach) and shall continue until business is concluded or 5.30pm., whichever first occurs.

6. Croi Conaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Members welcomed David O’Grady & Brian Mackey, Property Management Services to the meeting who proceeded with their presentation on the Croi Conaithe vacant property refurbishment Grant scheme advising members of the Scheme.

The Scheme had been operating nationwide for over two and a half years and is proving very successful in bringing private derelict properties back into use. David O’Grady outlined the qualifying criteria for the scheme and advised his Department is engaging with interested owners and providing assistance on the various supports available to access the scheme.

David O’Grady also advised members commitment is in place with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to allow this scheme to continue up to 2026.

Following this presentation discussion ensued and all members were very supportive of the scheme and its success in local communities to date.

The Elected Members then thanked David O’Grady and Brian Mackey for a very informative presentation.

NOTICES OF MOTION

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Conway

"I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that we call on the Minister for Health to establish an ambulance base at Kilmallock Primary Health Care Centre, Kilmallock.

"Councillor Conway (G) in proposing the motion stated it is essential an ambulance base is provided in Kilmallock and requested his motion be forwarded as a District motion to the January meeting of full Council to seek the support of all elected members of the Council and to request the Council to correspond with the incoming Minister for Health when the new government is formed to ensure the service is provided to the people of Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District."

Proposed: Councillor Conway

Seconded: Councillor Carey

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 install traffic calming measure at Kilbehenny

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock MD office will carry out a speed survey on the R639 in Kilbehenny. If it is determined that vehicular speeds are exceeding the existing speed limit, the Roads Engineer will determine the most appropriate traffic calming measures that may be required in accordance with the current Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy that was adopted earlier this year

Proposed: Councillor M. Ryan

Seconded: Councillor O'Sullivan

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy

"I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that the proposed Pedestrian Crossing at Holycross Junction on the R512 be put in place as a matter of urgency.

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock MD office have included a proposal for the installation of a pedestrian crossing on the R512 in Holycross in an overall submission of Low Cost Safety Schemes to be considered by the Department of Transport for 2025 Regional and Local Road Grants. If funding is provided, the MD office will proceed with the pedestrian crossing subject to a public consultation process in accordance with Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994

Proposed: Councillor Teefy

Seconded: Councillor M. Ryan

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey

"I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that a traffic survey and speed count be completed on the Glenfield Road, Kilmallock with a view to installing 2 speed ramps between Scoil Mocheallog and Bellview Estate.

REPLY:

The Cappamore Kilmallock MD office will carry out a speed survey on Glenfield Road, Kilmallock. If it is determined that vehicular speeds are exceeding the existing speed limit, the Roads Engineer will determine the most appropriate traffic calming measures that may be required in accordance with the current Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy that was adopted earlier this year.

Proposed: Councillor Carey

Seconded: Councillor M. Ryan

QUESTIONS

11. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on progress with the refurbishment and development of Cappamore Fire Station.

REPLY:

Work continues on the refurbishment and redevelopment of Cappamore Fire Station with a Design Team led by D. Fallon Consulting Engineers working in conjunction with Limerick Fire and Emergency Services. An update on progress on this project is set out hereunder.

The following surveys and investigations have been completed on site:

- Asbestos demolition survey
- Opening up works
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- Geotechnical (ground conditions) sampling and survey
- Mechanical and electrical surveys of the existing installation including the boiler servicing the community centre

The architectural elements for the new build and refurbishment are substantially complete. Civil and structural packages are expected from the Design Team before the end of November. The full Bill of Quantities for the new build and refurbishment will be complete by the end of December. Fire Safety Certificate and Disability Access Certificate applications are complete and will be lodged with the Building Control Authority this month.

A meeting has taken place with a local provider in respect of temporary accommodation from which the fire station can operate while works are ongoing, and plans for providing a service during this time are being prepared by the local fire service management team.

The present focus is on the relocation of the boiler that services the community centre, which is currently located within the existing fire station building. This is a necessary enabler to allow the project to proceed. The Design Team is preparing a tender pack for this, so that a contractor can be procured and appointed to carry out the work. It is planned to have this tender ready before the end of December and issued in January 2025.

12. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the start of the Cluid project in Turagh Crescent in Cappamore.

REPLY:

The expected site start date is December 2024, however this is dependent on Uisce Eireann providing confirmation to Clúid Housing Association that a supply connection can be granted. This is expected shortly.

Also, just to note that this development has now been renamed, and will be known as Turagh Close, Cappamore.

The Questions were taken as read.

Any Other Business

Councillor Teefy (B) queried the installation of “cats eyes” on the new road surface at Grange. Trevor McKechnie told the meeting there is a cost associated with the installation of these on regional roads and added the roads Department is committed to installing same at this location.

Councillor Teefy (B) congratulated all community groups and volunteers in the Cappamore-Kilmallock District who had received awards in recognition of their community spirit and activism over the past year and also congratulated the McManus family for their support of these groups.

Councillor Teefy (B) proposed a vote of sympathy to Margie Kenny and family on the passing of John her husband, adding he was a great local ambassador for Limerick and had left a great legacy to the Arts.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor O’Sullivan (T).

Councillor Ryan (M) congratulated the Doon hurling team on their historic County Final victory which he added was heartening to see.

Councillor Ryan (M) agreed to a delegation from Killeely Dromkeen Cemetery Association attending the January meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District and requested Brian Henry, Senior Executive Technician, Environment and Climate Action be in attendance also at this meeting.

Councillor O’Sullivan (T) told the meeting he was fully committed to having the necessary infrastructure implemented to allow the village of Ballyorgan to develop.

Councillor O’Sullivan (T) also told the meeting he would like to see an increase in Active travel funding for the District of Cappamore-Kilmallock.

Councillor Stokes (N) requested an update on the bin waiver scheme and was advised scheme for 2025 is not active at present but would be in the coming weeks.

Trevor McKechnie, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads Traffic & Cleansing advised members the Council winter maintenance plan was available to view on Limerick City and County Council's website if they had any queries on the District salting routes.

All members and Executive wished Councillor Stokes (N) well in the forthcoming general election.

This concluded the business of the meeting

The next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District is to be held on Wednesday, the 11th December at 3pm.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____