

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ARAS
MAINCHIN SEOIGE AND ON-LINE, ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER
2024 AT 3.00PM.**

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor G. Conway, Leas Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Carey, O'Sullivan, E. Ryan, Stokes and Teefy

APOLOGIES:

Councillors M. Ryan

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); Executive Engineer, Planning
Enforcement (Mr Sean McGrath); Graduate Engineer, Development Management & Place
Making (Mr Evan Hannon); Senior Engineer, LA Housing Construction and Maintenance (Mr.
Brendan Kidney) and Administrative Officer, Strategy & Non LA Housing Construction (Mr.
James Hayes).

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of
Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 21st November, 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) requested an update on the driver feed-back sign replacement and repairs in the District.

Trevor McKechnie, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads Traffic and Cleansing advised a Contractor has been instructed to repair all driver feed-back signs as soon as possible and install additional security measures.

Trevor McKechnie, Senior Executive Engineer, further advised new Local Road speed limits will come into force on the 7th of February, 2025.

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 Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services dated 22nd November, 2024 setting out proposals for the disposal of 0.006 acres/ 0.003 hectares, located at 4 Main Street, Killeen, Co. Limerick to Mai O'Keeffe, registered owner. (Property outlined in red on map)

Following discussion this Disposal was noted by Members.

5. Planning, Environmental and Place Making

Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Conway (G) welcomed Sean McGrath, Executive Engineer, Planning Enforcement and Evan Hannon, Graduate Engineer, Development Management and Placemaking to the meeting.

Sean McGrath, Executive Engineer, Planning Enforcement gave a brief overview of the works carried out by the Council to enable the taking in charge of the Cluain Foinse Estate

which included a new watermain and foul and storm water line repairs. Costing for the works was in the region of €77,300 with €46,000 of the spend coming from Development Fund monies. He requested the approval of members to take this estate into the charge of Limerick City and County Council.

Proposed: Councillor Teefy (B)

Seconded: Councillor Ryan (E).

6. Housing Strategy and Non Local Authority Construction

Circulated, report of the Housing Strategy & Non-LA Housing Construction Directorate dated 11th December, 2024 setting out details in relation to the Social Housing Delivery for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.

Members welcomed Brendan Kidney, Senior Engineer, LA Housing Construction & Maintenance and James Hayes, Administrative Officer, Strategy & Non LA Housing Construction.

James Ryan A.O. gave a brief overview to Members on progress to date with the Housing Delivery Action Plan.

The Senior Engineer, LA Housing Construction and Maintenance updated Members on the social housing progress in the Cappamore- Kilmallock Municipal District to date.

Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Conway (G) asked for an update on vacant houses in Deebert Estate Kilmallock and Bruree.

Brendan Kidney advised a contractor has been appointed to refurbish these properties.

Discussion ensued on refurbishment of existing social housing stock which members felt is necessary given the age of some stock.

Brendan Kidney advised the focus of his Department for 2025 would be improving efficiencies within the LA Housing Construction Department and would include energy upgrades and the extension of the window and door replacement of existing social stock in the District rather than reactive maintenance.

Discussion took place on the “private right size scheme” where owners aged fifty five and over can opt to downsize from their property to a private housing scheme.

Member requested an information evening be arranged for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District to facilitate members of the general public who may be interested in availing of this scheme.

NOTICES OF MOTION

7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor PJ Carey

"I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Housing Maintenance carry out an audit and inspection of doors and windows at Council units in

Riverview Estate, Kilmallock in accordance with the Guidelines for Housing Authorities in implementation of Standards in Rented Accommodation with a view to a replace/repair programme for the New Year"

REPLY:

Housing Maintenance are currently working through an inspection programme of windows and doors in Riverview Estate, Kilmallock and any works deemed necessary will be included in the Planned Maintenance Programme for 2025

Proposed: Councillor Carey

Seconded: Councillor E. Ryan

8. Any Other Business

Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Conway (G) referred to a request for a Deputation from John Moloney, Moanroe, Dromkeen, Secretary to the Killeely/Dromkeen Parish Pastoral Team to attend a meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock District. Following discussion among members it was agreed to host the Deputation at the January District meeting.

Members queried whether the Municipal District suction sweeper was back in use and were advised it is and is currently operating in Kilmallock

The Meetings Administrator advised Members on the changes to the private housing grant scheme whereby from the 1st of January, 2025 applicants will no longer be able to apply for assistance to replace fossil fuel boilers in their homes.

Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Conway (G) wished all present a Happy Christmas and thanked Staff of the Municipal District for all their efforts during the year and thanked Dara O'Brien Senior Staff Officer in particular for all her work over the years and wished her well in her new role.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District is to be held on Thursday, the 16th January, 2025 at 3pm.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

