

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ARAS  
MAINCHIN SEOIGE AND ON-LINE, ON THURSDAY, THE 16<sup>TH</sup>  
JANUARY 2025 AT 3.00PM.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Councillor M. Ryan, Cathaoirleach

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ON-LINE:**

Councillor E. Ryan

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Executive Engineer, Roads Traffic & Cleansing (Mr. D. Sheehy); Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler); Clerical Officer (Ms. H. O'Neill); Senior Executive Technician, Environment and Climate Action (Mr. B. Henry).

**ON-LINE:**

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

**1. Adoption of Minutes**

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.  
(Copies Enclosed)

The Cathaoirleach (Councillor Ryan (M) welcomed all to the meeting wishing all well for the New Year ahead and wished Councilor Ryan (E) well in his recovery following a recent medical procedure

The Cathaoirleach also thanked all the staff both indoor and outdoor of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for their efforts during recent adverse weather conditions.

All Members concurred with the sentiments of the Cathaoirleach Councilor Martin Ryan.

Councillor Conway (G) referred to local community contractors who had provided assistance to the local authority staff during the severe weather event and requested the services provided by these contractors be utilized in the future should the need arise.

Brian Kennedy (DOS), Transportation & Mobility responded thanking all the District staff and these contractors for their efforts during the adverse weather event and agreed to look at forming a framework to include these contractors in the future.

Councillor O'Sullivan (T) asked that the Cappamore-Kilmallock District take the opportunity following this event to upgrade plant and equipment in Depots.

Councillor Stokes (N) noted the size and scale of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock and asked if measures could be taken to enable staff to be more prepared for such extreme weather events in the future.

**Proposed by: Councillor Stokes**

**Seconded by: Councillor Conway**

**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 out of order flashing light signage in the District.

Diarmuid Sheehy, Executive Engineer, Roads Traffic & Cleansing advised the contractor PWS is currently working on getting all these lights operational with some repaired already and added the Contractor will also address security and deter vandalism of these lights by way of a new bracket installation.

## **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**

Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services, Gerard McNamara dated 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 setting out the intention to bring the Section 183 Notice to full Council for approval

1. Disposal of parts of lands comprising 0.1198 acres/ 0.0485 hectares, situate at 1 Main Street, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick and forming part of Folio LK67670F registered to Limerick City and County Council to Catherine Hogan (see map).

Following discussion this Disposal was noted by Members.

#### **5. Deputation**

The Elected Members welcomed John Moloney, Jerry O' Carroll and Robert O'Dea Killeely/Dromkeen Burial Ground Committee to the meeting.

The delegation gave a brief overview to Elected Members of their work saying the Killeely/Dromkeen burial grounds are currently in poor repair and at full capacity and adding the committee members are currently attempting to identify funding to enable the extension of the burial ground for additional grave spaces together with seating, kerbing and compost bins and also to carry out repair works to the old cemetery.

The delegation also explained to Members that funding is also required to provide repairs and additional car parking space at Dromkeen burial ground. They also requested Limerick City and County Council would consider the taking in charge of the lighting at this location.

The group acknowledged the help and contributions received from Brian Henry, Senior Executive Technician, Environment and Climate Action. The Elected Members requested the delegation re-send their original proposals forwarded to the Cappamore Kilmallock Elected Members previously and the Meetings Administrator would arrange for re-circulation of same.

Cathaoirleach Councillor Ryan (M) thanked the Deputation and commended them on all the great works carried out by them on the Killeely and Dromkeen burial grounds.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey**

*In proposing his motion Cllr Carey (PJ) said he was requesting a dedicated dog recreation park for the town of Kilmallock in an effort to reduce dog fouling in the town.*

"I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that this Local Authority identify a suitable area in the town of Kilmallock and provide costings for a dog recreation park."

#### **REPLY:**

The Council will carry out an assessment of the existing green spaces and identify a suitable location for a dog park in Kilmallock. It is estimated that the cost will be of the order of €15,000/€20,000 for the project.

**Proposed: Councillor Carey**

**Seconded: Councillor Teefy**

### **7. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Conway**

*In proposing his motion Councillor Conway (G) advised the issue at Thomastown Cross was not necessarily speed but overtaking, which is obstructing residents in the area from exiting their driveways.*

*Councillor Conway (G) requested flashing lights and traffic calming be installed at this location in the interests of safety.*

*The Roads Engineer Diarmuid Sheehy advised Councillor Conway (G) to install traffic calming measures at this location a speed limit reduction would have to be introduced and agreed to examine this proposal when the speed survey was complete.*

*DOS Brian Kennedy, Transportation & Mobility advised contact be made by local residents with the local Garda Roads Policing Unit to carry out speed checks at this location.*

"I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that a traffic survey be completed at Thomastown Cross on the Kilmallock-Charleville road L8572 & L8576 with a view to traffic calming."

**REPLY:**

The speed limit on the R515 at Thomastown Cross is 80kph. The Roads Engineer for Cappamore-Kilmallock will assess current speeds on the R515 and if the speed survey indicates excessive speeds, then he will determine the most appropriate course of action including seeking assistance from An Garda Síochána for enforcement of the default speed limit.

**Proposed: Councillor Conway**

**Seconded: Councillor O'Sullivan**

## **QUESTIONS**

**8. Question submitted by Councillor Carey**

"I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the Stone Mansion Project in Kilmallock and if there is a timeline for construction to commence."

**REPLY:**

The Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development Directorate are currently working with key stakeholders to prepare a Category 2 application under the Rural Regeneration and Development funding call, to progress the repurposing of the Merchants House/Stone Mansion in Kilmallock. If the application were successful, the funding would allow the project to be developed through detailed design/planning/procurement stages and have it shovel ready for a Category 1 RRDF application in the future. The deadline for the Category 2 RRDF application is the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

## **9. Question submitted by Councillor Conway**

“I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District if the L1509 Hospital to Elton Road through Ballycahill is being considered for inclusion in the 2025 Road Surfacing Programme.”

### **REPLY:**

The Roads Engineer for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District is currently compiling a Schedule of Roadworks that will be included in the draft 2025 Schedule of Municipal District Works to be submitted to the Elected Members for their consideration and approval at the March meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District. The L1509 will be reviewed and considered along with all the other roads located across the MD. Please note that there are criteria set out by the Dept. of Transport and the Road Management Office for prioritising roads in a surfacing programme. This criteria along with the budget allocated by the Dept., for road resurfacing in 2025 will dictate the final list of roads to be incorporated into the draft Schedule of Municipal District Works.

**The Questions were taken as read.**

## **Any Other Business**

Councillor O’Sullivan (T) requested a delegation from Ballyhoura Heritage & Environment be invited to attend the February meeting of the Municipal District and agreed to forward contact details for this group to the Meetings Administrator.

It was also agreed a workshop on the Corporate Plan 2024-2029 would be convened for Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of February, 2025 at 1pm in Aras Mainchin Seoige, Kilmallock with Consultant Sean Ó Riordan in attendance.

A discussion followed on Housing in the Area, and the Members requested that Micheal T. Ryan, Assistant Engineer, LA Housing Construction & Maintenance Cappamore-Kilmallock District attend the next Municipal District Meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District is to be held on Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_