

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ARÁS MAINCHÍN SEOIGE AND ON-LINE, ON THURSDAY, THE 20TH FEBRUARY 2025 AT 3.00PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor Conway, Leas Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Carey, O'Sullivan, Stokes and Teefy.

APOLOGIES:

Councillor E. Ryan, Councillor M. Ryan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Services, Transportation & Mobility (Mr. B. Kennedy), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy); Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. T. McKechnie), A/ Senior Executive Engineer, Active Travel (Mr. D. Slavin); Clerical Officer (Ms. H. O'Neill).

ON-LINE:

Administrative Officer, Property Management (Ms. T. Knox)

At the outset, the Leas Cathaoirleach and Members extended their sympathy and condolences to the family of Eddie Wade, former TD and also former Chairman and Member of Limerick County Council, who had sadly passed away. Condolences were also expressed to John Galvin, Executive Engineer, following the recent passing of his grandmother.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 16th January, 2025.

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. 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, he was inviting those present to notify the Leas Cathaoirleach of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting.

There was no interest declared.

3. Deputation

The Elected Members welcomed Miriam Sadlier Barry and Joan O'Neill from Ballyhoura Heritage & Environment CLG who outlined the activities of their CE Scheme. This CE Scheme comprises 22 participants, who are currently involved in developing and maintaining over 300km of walking trails across the Ballyhoura area.

They also outlined their work involved in Griston Bog in Ballylanders, and the gifting of the Creamery Site in Kilfinane, which they were unable to develop currently due to the lack of funding. They outlined to the meeting other shortfalls in funding which was affecting their operations, and how they could not fund a maintenance vehicle to support their activities, or recruit a Conservation Manager for Griston Bog.

The deputation acknowledged previous help and support received in the past from Limerick City & County Council. They highlighted the importance of securing additional funding so as to continue providing their current services.

The Leas Cathaoirleach, and the Elected Members, thanked the deputation for their presentation and complimented the CE Scheme on the work being carried out. They noted the request for funding support and agreed to look at what possible supports may be available to support the work being carried out by the CE Scheme.

4. Property Disposal

- a) Circulated, report of the Administrative Officer, Property Management dated 10th February, 2025 setting out the intention to bring the Section 183 Notice to full Council for approval:

Disposal of portion of land comprising 0.0013 acres/0.0005 hectares, situate at Main Street, Bruff, Co. Limerick.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- b) Circulated, report of Senior Executive Officer, Property Management dated 10th January, 2025 setting out the intention to bring the Section 183 Notice to full Council for approval:

Disposal of land comprising 1.24 acres/0.50 hectares, situate at Site E, Kilmallock Business Park, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- c) Circulated, report of the Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services, dated 7th February, 2025 setting out the intention to bring the Section 183 Notice to full Council for approval

Disposal of parts of lands comprising 0.070 hectares, 0.040 hectares, 0.005 hectares and 0.004 hectares respectively, situate at Ardnamoher, Galbally, Co Limerick.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

5. Transportation & Mobility Directorate

a. Part 8 – Proposed Active Travel Scheme-Cappamore

To consider the Mayor's Report pursuant to Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) in relation to the proposed Active Travel Scheme in Cappamore.

The report had been prepared in accordance with Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) and noted that it was proposed to proceed in accordance with Section 8 of the report.

Proposed by: Councillor Stokes;

Seconded by: Councillor Teefy;

And Resolved.

"That the Part 8 in relation to the Active Travel Scheme in Cappamore, be approved in accordance with Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended)".

b. Part 8 – Proposed Active Travel Scheme-Doon

To consider the Mayor's Report pursuant to Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) in relation to the proposed Active Travel Scheme in Doon.

The report had been prepared in accordance with Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) and noted that it was proposed to proceed in accordance with Section 8 of the report.

The following amendments were proposed by Councillor Stokes and seconded by Councillor Teefy:

- Provision of adequate signage in village for car park locations identified in the Part 8 drawings;
- Ensure car and bus parking areas identified in the Part 8 drawings are resurfaced and parking spaces marked appropriately;
- Ensure adequate drainage in accordance with best practice is included in the delivery of the scheme;
- Widen road at Doon CBS primary school to facilitate adequate space for two-way traffic;
- Public lighting to be installed/upgraded at the Community Centre car park;
- Assessment to be carried out at the location of the Toher road pedestrian crossing, so as to not prevent possible future housing development on site adjacent to the Medical Centre;
- Provide automated looped traffic signals at the junction of the R505 and the L5032 Monastery Road junction to ensure the safe movement of traffic, pedestrians and cyclists;
- Relocate disabled parking space closer to Rainsford's(Carew's);
- Propose road width of 6.4m/6.5m to take account of heavy commercial and agricultural traffic through village.

Proposed by: Councillor Stokes;

Seconded by: Councillor Teefy;

And Resolved.

“That the Part 8 in relation to the Active Travel Scheme in Doon, and subject to the agreed amendments, be approved in accordance with Section 179 3(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended)”.

QUESTIONS

6. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District meeting for an update and completion timeline on the footpath repairs at Effin Graveyard which were included in the Cemeteries budget, 2024 Schedule of Works.

REPLY:

The contractor procured to carry out the footpath restorations works in Effin Graveyard last year, withdrew his tender in the later part of 2024.

It is intended to retender the footpath restoration works with the view to having works completed by the end of Q3 of 2025.

7. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District for a progress update on the Charleville to Patrickswell Greenway referred to in last year's Schedule of Works.

REPLY:

Technical Advisors have examined the feasibility of providing a Greenway along the route of the existing abandoned railway between Patrickswell and Charleville. The study, however, identified significant delivery challenges for such a scheme, and following consultation with TII, it is not considered feasible to progress this scheme at this time.

Cycling and walking infrastructure is however to be provided as part of the N/M20 Cork to Limerick scheme between Patrickswell and Charleville.

8. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next meeting of the Municipal District for an update on safety measures, from previous motion, at Cleary's Cross, Herbertstown on the R513 where there have been several traffic accidents at the bend at the junction.

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District Office has not received any report on accidents at Cleary's Cross junction on the R513. The Roads Engineer has requested an Garda Síochána to examine their database and advise of reported incidents.

The junction has also been examined and there is no physical evidence of vehicles leaving the road and impacting roadside boundaries. However, the Municipal District, as part of routine maintenance, will upgrade the existing road markings and signage on all approaches to the junction.

9. Question submitted by Councillor Conway

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the situation at O'Rourke's on the N20.

REPLY:

A Judicial Review hearing regarding An Bord Pleanála's approval of the N20 O'Rourke's Cross Compulsory Purchase Order took place before the High Court in October 2023. During 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 renewed consideration.

An Bord Pleanála held a new Oral Hearing, on the Compulsory Purchase Order, in October 2024 and we are awaiting their decision.

10. Question submitted by Councillor Conway

I will ask at the meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District if a cleaning and painting scheme could be put in place for Riverview Estate, Kilmallock.

REPLY:

A comprehensive clean-up of the Riverview Estate laneway was completed in December 2024. The Community Sustainment Team will engage with the resident group and/or residents of local authority owned houses in Riverview Estate over the coming months to establish what cleaning and painting works are required.

The Community Sustainment Team generally undertakes landscaping and cleaning of green areas in conjunction with residents groups. We will liaise with our colleagues in Housing Maintenance regarding any required painting works. A budget for any planned works will need to be considered before works commence.

NOTICES OF MOTION

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor PJ Carey

I will move at the next Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District meeting that immediate action is undertaken on the road leading to Killeenavere Quarry, Dromkeen.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Cllr Carey, seconded by Cllr Stokes, and agreed.

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District has been monitoring all public roads approaching the waste disposal site since its activities intensified in recent years. It was agreed the operator ensure that a road sweeper was in place fulltime when waste was being delivered. This instruction has been adhered to and there has been no significant issues with respect to the maintenance of the public roads.

The waste disposal site operator has, however, in recent weeks been asked to cease operations temporarily so as to carry out improvements to their own access road leading up to the old quarry. It should be noted that this road is not a public road. Limerick City and County Council will continue to monitor the waste disposal operations at this registered waste disposal facility.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that the Council would carry out improvement/maintenance work to the site of the ambush of the siege train at Sarsfield Rock, Ballyneety, in preparation for the 50th Anniversary of the unveiling of the monument in 2026.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Cllr Teefy, seconded by Cllr Stokes, and agreed.

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock MD has been liaising with the organising committee on their plans to hold an event to mark the 50th anniversary of the unveiling of the site in 1976. The site on which the rock is located is on private lands and the organising committee were advised to apply to the Capital Monuments Fund in 2026 to allow for upgrade works to be carried out at the "Gathering area" of the rock site. They have since decided to apply to the Local Enhancement Fund to carry out works.

Limerick City and County Council have advised that they may be able to carry out improvements where required on the access footpath from the public road, subject to the availability of adequate resources. Discussions with the organising committee and Limerick City and County Council will continue in 2025.

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Conway

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City & County Council review the existing drainage systems at Maiden Hall, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Cllr Conway, seconded by Cllr O'Sullivan, and agreed.

REPLY:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District will liaise with Cork County Council to review the drainage network on the county boundary at Maiden Hall, to determine if any improvements may be necessary.

Any Other Business

The Leas Cathaoirleach referred to the recent announcement by Dr. Pat Daly, Director General of staffing reassignments, following the imminent retirement of Caroline Curley, and the Members wished Ms. Curley well on her retirement.

The Members expressed their thanks to Brian Kennedy who would no longer be the Area Director for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District, and they wished him well in his new role as Director of Services for Housing. Brian Kennedy thanked the Members for their good wishes and wished them well in their future work in the Municipal District.

The Members also noted the appointment of Hugh McGrath as the new Area Director for the Municipal District. They also congratulated Paul McMahon on his appointment as the new Chief Fire Officer for Limerick City & County Council.

Members also expressed their appreciation to Kieran Fitzgerald, Senior Executive Technician who had left the Municipal District to take up a new assignment in the Planning Development. They also welcomed Donnacha O'Brien to the Municipal District as Kieran's replacement.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District is to be held on Thursday, the 20th March at 3pm.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____