

**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 MARCH 2025 AT 3.00PM.**

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M. Ryan Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

A/Director of Services, Transportation & Mobility (Mr. H. McGrath), Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy); Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. T. McKechnie), Project Manager, Housing Strategy (Mr. A. Doyle); Executive Engineer (Mr. J. Galvin); Senior Executive Technician, Roads (Mr. D. O'Brien); Clerical Officer (Ms. H. O'Neill).

ON-LINE:

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr Hugh McGrath as the new Acting Director for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.

The Cathaoirleach stated that he wished to be associated with the expression of condolences at the previous Monthly Meeting to the family of Eddie Wade, former Councillor and TD, and also former Chairman and Member of Limerick County Council, who had sadly passed away.

The Cathaoirleach also welcomed the announcement by Patrick O'Donovan, Minister for Arts, Culture, Communications, Media and Sport that this year's National Famine Commemoration will take place in Kilmallock, Co. Limerick on Saturday, 17th May 2025.

The event will take place in Kilmallock Famine Memorial Park which is located within the historic Kilmallock Union Workhouse complex. He noted that this is the first time the State Commemoration will take place in County Limerick. The Members welcomed the announcement and agreed that it was a great honour for the District and for Limerick.

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 20th February, 2025.**

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. 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 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 noted the request for a deputation from Bruree Community Group to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.

Proposed by: Councillor Conway
Seconded by: Councillor E. Ryan

And Resolved:

"That the Deputation from Bruree Community Group be invited to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.

4. Housing Directorate

Part 8 – Proposed Development at former Garda Station, Galbally, Co. Limerick

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 housing development at former Garda Station, Galbally, Co. Limerick.

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 Members welcomed the repurposing of the former Garda Station and the provision of additional housing in Galbally.

Proposed by: Councillor E. Ryan;

Seconded by: Councillor M. Ryan;

And Resolved.

"That the Part 8 in relation to the proposed housing development at former Garda Station, Galbally, Co. Limerick, 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)".

5. Transportation & Mobility Directorate

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025

The Senior Executive Engineer outlined the various aspects of the draft Schedule for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for the Members and he confirmed the details of the proposed works for 2025. He also explained that allocations from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for certain road related projects were likely to be received in the coming weeks.

Proposed by: Councillor Teefy;

Seconded by: Councillor M. Ryan;

And Resolved,

That the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025 be adopted.

The Members also agreed to separately hold a Workshop in order to finalise the proposed GMA allocations for road related projects.

6. Community Initiative Scheme 2025 - General Municipal Allocation (GMA)

To consider the approval of allocations under the Community Initiative Scheme 2025 – General Municipal Allocations (GMA).

Proposed by: Councillor M. Ryan;

Seconded by: Councillor E. Ryan;

And Resolved,

That the Community Initiative Scheme 2025 outlined in the listing below, be adopted.

Community Initiative Scheme 2025

Ardpatrick Development Projects Group Ltd	€1,000
Athlacca Community Hall	€500
Ballingaddy Graveyard Committee	€1,000
Ballylanders Development Association	€500
Bohermore Handball Club	€500
Bruff Afterschool Project	€500

Cappamore Estates Committee	€500
Cappamore Women's Shed	€250
Colmanswell Community Council	€1,000
Doon District & Mens Shed	€500
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Dromin Community Hall	€500
Dromin Graveyard Committee	€1,000
Effin & Garrienderk Development Association	€1,000
Effin Kilquane Burial Ground Committee	€750
Galbally Handball Club	€2,500
Galbally Mens Shed	€500
Garrienderk Community Development CLG	€1,000
Garrienderk Community Development CLG	€750
Glenbrohane Community Association	€1,000
Grange ICA	€500
Herbertstown Hub CLG	€500
Herbertstown & District Mens Shed Association	€500
Herbertstown & District Mens Shed Association	€250
Holycross AFC Soccer Club	€500
Hospital Family Resource Centre CLG	€500
KDB (Kilteely Dromkeen) Cemetery Committee	€500
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Kilmallock United Soccer Club	€1,000
Kilmallock Athletic Club	€1,000
Kilmallock Mens Shed	€250
Kilmallock Tidy Towns	€500
Kilteely Community Hall	€500
Kilteely Community Hall	€500
Kilteely Tidy Towns	€500
Kilteely Tidy Towns	€500
Knockainy Historical & Conservation Society	€500
Knockane GAA	€500
Knockcarron Community Council	€500
Limerick City Pipe Band	€500
Limerick Mountain Biking Club	€1,000
Meanus Community Council	€1,000
Mulcair & District Mens Shed	€500
Murroe Marian Social Club	€500
Murroe Marian Social Club	€500
Murroe Mens Shed	€500
Murroe Boher 14 th Limerick Murroe Boher Scout Group	€250
Oola Tidy Towns	€500
Pallasgreen GAA (Ladies Football Team)	€500
Pallasgreen Tidy Towns	€500
Pallas United FC	€500
Rockhill/Bruree Tidy Towns	€500

Questions

7. Question submitted by Councillor O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on progress in relation to the take-over of the 9 apartments in the Old Convent in Kilfinane and an allocation date update.

REPLY:

The Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) project for Elderly persons by Sophia Housing Association at the site of St Pauls Convent, Kilfinane is near complete and ready for occupation. A water connection is still required at the site and we were advised on 13/3/2025 that a connection offer has now been issued by Uisce Eireann to Sophia. Once the offer is paid and the connection is in place, Sophia expect to be in a position to allocate the units 1-2 weeks later. Sophia have advised us that the connection offer will be paid immediately upon receipt. Limerick City and County Council's Allocations team have identified potential tenants for the units and will progress this once the delayed water connection issue has been resolved and once they have an accurate timeline for completion.

In addition to the 7 no. 1-bed and 2 no. 2-bed apartments Sophia are also near completion on a Communal Facility space within the building. This facility is aimed at providing an area for residents to meet and engage in group activities and may occasionally include visitors from the wider public e.g., active retirement groups etc.

8. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on works re the Market House and the Old Creamery, Kilfinane and what are the next steps for both projects.

REPLY:

Funding was sought for the redevelopment of the Market House in Kilfinane and the master planning of the wider lands in community ownership under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund in 2024 and unfortunately was unsuccessful in securing funding. The Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development Directorate have committed to work with the relevant stakeholders to masterplan the lands in community ownership and seek funding to develop the overall lands, in line with future funding calls.

9. Question submitted by Councillor Conway

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the footpath on the R506, between Abbeyowney and Murroe village.

REPLY:

It is a priority for Limerick City and County Council to extend the footpath between the Abbeyowney Estate and Murroe. This infrastructure requires land acquisition to allow for construction works with agreement not forthcoming at present.

Limerick City and County Council is also exploring the possibility of re-designating the road a shared space with equal priority for all road users. The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District will be liaising with the Limerick Active Travel Office to determine if this approach would be feasible to secure funding from the National Transport Authority in the future.

10. Question submitted by Councillor Teevy

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District for an update as to when the EV Charging points installed in the Municipal District will be in use to the public.

REPLY:

Limerick City & County Council are continuing to progress the cabling of the EV charge points in conjunction with ESB Networks and are at the final procurement stages to appoint a Charge Point Operator in the coming weeks to install and manage the units. It is anticipated that chargers will be available at the pilot sites by Quarter 3 2025.

Notice of Motions

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Stokes

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that autism communication boards be installed in the public playgrounds of the Municipal District. This is to facilitate children who experience difficulties communicating verbally, such as children with autism, from being possibly excluded from society, as this board can be their main way of communicating when out in public.

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

REPLY:

There are three playgrounds in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that are Council owned: Cappamore, Kilmallock and Lough Gur. Limerick City & County Council are arranging for the procurement of the communication boards and will install in due course.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Carey

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that overgrown verges and over-hanging trees be cut back at the stretch of road at Ballynahagh to Kilballyowen, Knockainy.

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

REPLY:

The maintenance of roadside boundaries on Regional and Local roads is a matter for individual landowners. The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District will send correspondence to the landowners along the L1502 from its junction with the R516 to Kilballyowen, reminding them of their responsibilities to maintain the vegetation along their roadside boundaries in accordance with Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993.

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Conway

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that consideration be given to the implementation of traffic calming measures at Fairyfield, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

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

REPLY:

The Roads Engineer from the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District will review the criteria set out in the Limerick City and County Council Traffic Calming Policy to determine if traffic measures are warranted for Fairyfield.

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Teefy

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that safety measures be put in place on a section of the road edge on the R513 at Boskill, Caherconlish where there is only a grass margin on the boundary of the road.

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

REPLY:

The Roads Engineer for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District will review the R513 at Boskill, Caherconlish and determine what safety measures may be required.

Any Other Business

The Cathaoirleach referred to the recent St Patrick's Day parades and events held across the Municipal District. The Members agreed that they were very successful and well supported and they commended all the local groups involved for the fantastic community effort and work put in to the staging of the parades. They agreed that the good weather was also a positive factor which added to the overall success of all the parades.

The Members agreed to hold the Workshop on the draft Schedule of Municipal District Works 2025 on Thursday 10th April 2025 at 4pm in the Municipal District Office, Arás Mainchín Seoige and On-Line.

The next meeting of the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District is to be held on Thursday, the 17th April at 3pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach