

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ARÁS MAINCHÍN SEOIGE AND ON-LINE, ON THURSDAY, THE 15TH MAY 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); A/ Senior Executive Officer (Ms. K. White); Clerical Officer (Ms. Helen O'Neill)

1. Adoption of Minutes

- (i) Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 17th April, 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 Cathaoirleach of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting.

There was no interest declared.

3. Deputation from Rockhill Bruree Community Council to address the Monthly Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the members of the Delegation from the Rockhill Bruree Community Council to the Meeting. They proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation to the

Elected Members to update them on the changes in their area over the past ten years with the closure of several businesses in the area. They outlined the communities' plans to address same via their Community Plan 2023-2028, with the priority to address dereliction and the general appearance in the area; work on improving local facilities and amenities; and improving social and community integration.

They also outlined how €270,000 had been raised to date, along with another €100,000 in the pipeline, to address the various priorities they had. They finished their presentation by thanking the Elected Members and Council staff for their support to date, and looked forward to this support continuing in to the future.

The Members thanked the Delegation for their presentation and commended them on the work carried out in their area in recent years. They agreed that the Elected Members and Limerick City & County Council would continue to support their activities as much as possible, in the years ahead.

4. Deputation

The Elected Members noted the request for a deputation from Hospital Family Resource Centre to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.

Proposed by: Councillor M. Ryan

Seconded by: Councillor Stokes

And Resolved:

“That the Deputation from Hospital Family Resource Centre be invited to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.

5. Maigue River Trust Presentation

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the members of the Maigue River Trust to the Meeting and thanked them for attending. They proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation to the Elected Members on the activities of the Maigue River Trust.

They outlined how they were working with local communities to protect the Maigue River Catchment Area, which covered a significant area of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District. The Maigue River Trust was established in 2016 and was set up as a Registered Charity in 2018, and comprised volunteers from many sectoral areas who were involved with the Maigue River Trust, including sectors such as angling, leisure, wildlife, farming, community that had an involvement with the river and its tributaries.

They gave details of educational and awareness activities delivered over the years to raise awareness of the river and the work carried out with local communities and volunteers to improve the Maigue rivers. They outlined details of baseline studies carried out in areas such as Habitat Quality; Recreation & Amenity; Fish Stocks; Instream Biodiversity; which all helped to raise awareness of, and improve the overall quality, of the Maigue Rivers.

They also outlined the challenges faced going forward including poor water quality; hydro morphology pressures; biodiversity and habitat loss; invasive organism impacts; and climate change.

They explained their Action Plan for 2025-2026 which included continuing to work with Limerick City & County Council to help control Giant Hogweed; working with the farming community to help implement measures to stop nutrient loss to Maigue rivers; implementing recommendations of the Recreation and Amenity Report; promoting angling for all; identifying new Maigue River Trust Directors; and continue work to secure funding to employ a Project Officer

They thanked the Members for their support to date with the activities of the Maigue River Trust and the funding support received, and they looked forward to future collaboration and support from Limerick City & County Council.

The Members thanked the representatives of the Maigue River Trust for their presentation and on the work carried out to date. They noted the complex nature of the river system, and the importance of river water quality being maintained and improved in the years ahead, especially in the context of the challenges currently being faced. They also noted that dealing with invasive species was an additional challenge that would have to continue to be tackled in the years ahead.

6. Annual Meeting

Proposed by: Councillor E. Ryan

Seconded by: Councillor Conway

And Resolved:

“That the Annual Meeting, as well as the Monthly Meeting, be held at 2pm and 3pm respectively, on Tuesday 17th June 2025.

Questions

7. Question submitted by Councillor O’Sullivan

I will ask at the next Monthly Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District if Limerick City & County Council intend to survey the windows and doors in Radharc Cillin, Kilfinane with a view to ensuring that they are safe and secure for tenants.

Reply:

There are 19 properties in Radharc Cillin, Kilfinane. Limerick City & County Council have commenced surveying the windows and doors for each property in the Estate and the servicing works will be complete in approximately. 6 weeks.

8. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next Monthly Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District if the Grove Estate, Bruff has been taken in charge by Limerick City & County Council or if there are plans to do so.

Reply:

The Grove Estate in Bruff is not taken in charge by Limerick City & County Council. However, we are currently actively working on the estate and will be taking this estate in charge of the Council once all investigative works are completed and a budget is available to fund the required works.

9. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next Monthly Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on locations for the proposed dog park in Kilmallock.

Reply:

The public consultation for the proposed dog park locations and design can currently be found on MyPoint, including the proposed Kilmallock location. The public consultation period will end on the 27th May at 17.00pm. All submissions will be assessed at the end of the consultation period.

Notice of Motions

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Carey

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that alternate parking concepts and off-street parking in Bruff be explored by this local authority, as recommended in the Bruff Public Realm Plan.

Reply:

The Bruff Public Realm Plan is an overall plan setting out a series of projects, varying in scale and complexity for the public realm areas in the town. The delivery of the plan will require major national funding which is not currently available to Limerick City and County Council.

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District Office are, however, currently assessing existing parking arrangements in the town, and are exploring a range of options including alternate parking concepts and off-street parking.

It is expected that this assessment will be completed in the coming months and a briefing for the Elected Members will be scheduled for the Autumn. It should be noted that options such as the provision of off-street parking will require agreement from property/land owners and funding for its delivery.

Any Other Business

The Cathaoirleach and Members noted that the 2025 National Famine Commemoration Ceremony would take place in Kilmallock on Saturday the 17th May, 2025 in the Kilmallock Famine Memorial Park, and will be attended by President Michael D. Higgins; Patrick O'Donovan, Minister for Arts, Culture, Communications, Media and Sport; John Moran, Mayor of Limerick, along with other dignitaries and invited guests.

The Members thanked all those involved in the preparations in advance of the Ceremony and agreed it was a great honour for Kilmallock and the Municipal District to host this national ceremony.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____