

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ARÁS MAINCHÍN SEOIGE AND ON-LINE, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 17TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 3.00PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR

Councillor G.Conway, Cathaoirleach

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

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

On-Line Cllr Carey

Apologies: Cllr M.Ryan

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Meetings Administrator (Ms. K. Butler); Director Travel Transport Strategy (Ms. P. Liddy), Senior Executive Engineer (Mr. T.McKechnie)

Apologies: A/Senior Executive Officer (Ms. K. White)

MATTERS ARISING

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all to the September meeting of the Municipal District following the summer recess and he also welcomed the new Director of Service (Travel & Transport Strategy) who is also appointed as Director of Service for the Municipal District of Cappamore Kilmallock.

The Cathaoirleach and Members also extended their sympathy and condolences to Hugh McGrath, Senior Engineer, Travel & Transport Strategy on the recent passing of his father Brendan McGrath.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Circulated copy of draft Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on the 10th July, 2025

PROPOSED: Cllr Teefy

SECONDED: CLLR Stokes

And resolved.

2. Declaration of Interest

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. No such interest was declared.

3. Deputation

The Chairman welcomed the Deputation from Bruff -Dromin Athlacca – Ballinlee Community Action (Marie-Clare Power, John Quirke, Bette Browne, Biddy Hayes and Marianne Nagle.

The Deputation spokesperson, John Quirke, proceeded with the Groups presentation, explaining that the group were seeking the support and guidance from the Municipal District members on the matter of wind turbine development in their community. They asked that where possible, that Limerick City and County Council work with the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage to influence the wind farm development process, to ensure it aligns with the needs of local families, environment and written statements of Limerick City and County Councils Development Plan 2022 -2028.

Following this presentation the group then withdrew from the meeting.

Discussion ensued among the Elected Members following the withdrawal of the Deputation. It was agreed to send a request the Environment & Climate Action Department to provide a presentation to members on Limerick City and County Councils Wind Energy Policy.

4. Request for Deputation to attend.

Following discussion among members, the Members agreed to the request from Limerick and Clare Education and Training to attend the October Meeting of Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District.

5. GMA allocation

Councillor Carey proposed that his GMA allocation towards the proposed provision of a dog recreation park in a suitable area in the town of Kilmallock be re-allocated to road improvement safety works at Kilballyowen, Bruff, Co. Limerick.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Noreen Stokes and agreed.

Questions

6. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on when the Bus Stops and Bus Shelters at Holycross and Boher will be completed.

Reply:

The design for the bus stops and shelters for Boher has been completed by the Limerick Active travel Office. One bus shelter will be installed before the end of 2025. The second shelter will not be installed until 2026 due to supply issues. It should be noted that the Limerick Active Travel office will need to get formal approval from TII for the bus shelters installation and this process is currently underway.

The preliminary design of proposed new official bus stops and shelters in Holycross is progressing. Land acquisition will be required to deliver the bus stops at the existing crossroads. The Limerick Active Travel Office will be engaging a Consultant shortly to prepare the final design. Subject to funding and landowner agreement, it is proposed to deliver the Holycross works next year

7. Question submitted by Councillor Conway

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on traffic management in Sarsfield St., Kilmallock.

Reply:

Following an examination of Sarsfield Street, it has been determined that the introduction of a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of Kings Castle/Kings Castle car park/Merchant's House would be beneficial for vulnerable road users.

The location of the crossing has not been determined as the proposed development of the Merchants House site would impact the position of the crossing. A decision on the progression of the Merchant's House project is expected shortly. If the proposed development progresses, the Consultants design brief would be amended to include for a pedestrian crossing on Sarsfield Street.

If the Merchant's House project does not proceed in the short term, the Roads Engineer will finalise a design and location for a new pedestrian crossing and make a submission for the Dept. of Transport to consider funding its construction through their Low-Cost Safety Programme.

An update on Sarsfield Street will be made to the October meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District

8. Question submitted by Councillor Conway

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on traffic management in Fairyfield, Kilmallock.

Reply:

A speed survey for the Fairyfield estate is scheduled for this month. The results of the speed survey will determine if any traffic calming measures are warranted

Notice of Motions

9 - Notice of Motion Councillor PJ Carey

I will move at the next Cappamore/Kilmallock Municipal District meeting that additional car parking spaces be planned for and costings provided at Radharc na Cille Estate, Kilmallock [as per case number: 1037450] with a view to be included in the 2026 Schedule of Works.

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

Reply:

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Roads Engineer will review the existing car parking arrangements in the Radharc Na Cille estate, Kilmallock and determine if additional car parking can be marked on the existing hard surface areas.

Any additional parking outside of this measure would result in existing green areas within the state being reduced, thereby reducing the amenity value for residents.

It should be noted that the current City and County development plan identifies a need of a minimum green space within housing estates of 15%.

It should be further noted that the cost of constructing additional car parking in the estate could only be considered through an allocation from GMA or a specific allocation from the Development Fund. The other funding sources included in the Schedule of Municipal District Works would not contain a budget for such works."

10 – Notice of Motion Councillor Teefy

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that a signage programme be put in place in the District to check out the road signage and upgrade and replace signs where necessary.

Councillor Teefy in proposing her motion regarding a signage programme being introduced by Limerick City and County Council, outlined how some road directional signage in the District is overgrown by vegetation particularly at crossroads and school approaches.

Councillor Teefy asked that a programme to be put in place to examine this request and to take the necessary actions to remediate this issue.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Ryan (E) and agreed.

Reply:

The maintenance and replacement of signage is an on-going activity of the Cappamore-Kilmallock roads maintenance team under the General Maintenance element of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

The Municipal District Roads Engineers will review their current works programmes and resources with respect to the delivery of signage maintenance and replacement.”

11 – Notice of Motion – Councilor Conway

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that CCTV be provided for the Kilmallock River Park and Glenfield Housing Estate.

Councilor Conway advised the meeting that, in proposing his motion, that he was making specific reference to the elderly residents of the estates of River Park and Glenfield who are impacted by anti-social behavior in their estates. He asked that Limerick City and County Council take action under the estate management Department to identify the locations in conjunction with An Garda Siochana at which these issues are most acute.

Reference was made to the earlier meeting of the day with the District Superintendent who had requested issues such as these be reported to the Gardai.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Stokes and agreed.

Reply:

The Council fully recognizes the importance of public safety and community wellbeing, and we appreciate the concerns raised in relation to this area. However, the legal and operational framework governing Community CCTV in public spaces has changed significantly in recent years. The introduction of GDPR in 2018, followed by a comprehensive

audit by the Data Protection Commissioner, has resulted in much stricter controls on the use of surveillance technologies by public bodies.

At present, only An Garda Síochána and Local Authorities are permitted to install CCTV in public spaces, and even then, only under specific legislative provisions such as the Garda Síochána Act, the Circular Economy Act, and the Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Act 2023. Any proposed installation must be authorized by the Garda Commissioner and must meet stringent statutory and data protection requirements. This includes demonstrating that the system is necessary, proportionate, and justified.

The process for preparing and submitting an application is extensive, typically requiring 12-18 months of preparatory work followed by a further potential 12+ months awaiting approval. Emergency installations are not feasible under the current framework.

Limerick City and County Council currently operates a comprehensive community CCTV network across the City and County. More significantly, the Council is currently operating within a constrained environment at the moment. At present, our focus must remain on sustaining and supporting the existing community CCTV infrastructure. Under these circumstances, we are not in a position to progress new installations at this time.

Please be assured that the request has been noted and will be retained for future consideration should the regulatory or funding environment change.

12. AOB

Councillor Teefy proposed the time of the Cappamore Kilmallock Monthly Municipal District Meetings be brought forward from 3pm to 2pm for future Meetings.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan and agreed.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____