

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK AND ONLINE ON THURSDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2025 AT 2PM.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor G. Conway, Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Carey, O’Sullivan, M. Ryan (Online), E. Ryan, Stokes, Teefy.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. T. McKechnie), A/Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Districts (Ms. K. White), Director of Service, Finance (Mr. M. White), Management Accountant, Finance (Ms. I. Griffin), Financial Accountant, Finance (Mr. P. Murnane), A/Senior Executive Officer, Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism (Ms. A. Rizzo), Community Safety Coordinator, Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism (Mr. P. Moroney), Community Safety Administrator, Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism (Mr. E. O’Hanlon), Clerical Officer (Ms. H. O’Neill).

Apologies for her inability to attend were received from Ms P. Liddy, Director of Services, Travel & Transport.

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach and Elected Members welcomed the announcement of significant grant support funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) towards works on the Merchants House in Kilmallock, which they agreed was a very important project for Kilmallock. They also expressed support for GAA club teams in the District, including Doon, Effin, Garryspillane, and Bruree, who were competing in upcoming finals.

The Cathaoirleach and Members extended their condolences to the family of William Parkinson, Railway Road, Kilmallock on his sad passing. They also extended condolences to the family of Bridget Barry, Portauns, Kilmallock who had also passed away recently.

Members noted that Micheál Ryan had recently left Kilmallock on promotion to Tipperary County Council. They expressed their appreciation for his work on housing issues in the District, and in particular the help and assistance that he had provided to housing grant applicants regarding same. They also welcomed his replacement, Kieran O’Connor, Assistant Engineer to his new role in the Municipal District.

**1. Minutes**

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 17th September, 2025.

Councillor Carey referred to the fact that a discussion had taken place at the September Meeting in relation to the provision of Christmas lights for Kilmallock for Christmas 2025, and that there was no mention of this in the Minutes.

He asked that the following line be included: "A discussion took place in relation to the provision of Christmas lights in Kilmallock and the funding being provided for same".

Proposed by: Councillor Carey

Seconded by: Councillor Stokes

And Resolved: "That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read, adopted and signed, subject to the amendment outlined above"

## **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, he 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. Support Services Directorate**

### **Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 – General Municipal Allocation**

Circulated, report dated 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 from the Mayor of Limerick which sets out the background to the General Municipal Allocation (GMA), along with details of the Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock in the total sum of €327,600.

The Management Accountant outlined the figures as set out in the report and informed members that the Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 for the Municipal District, which had been discussed at a Workshop prior to the meeting, if approved by the Members, would go forward for inclusion in the main 2026 Council Budget.

The Management Accountant confirmed that an overall total of €1,639,500 had been allocated to the 2026 General Municipal Allocation Fund, with €327,600 assigned to the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock. She recommended the adoption of the General Municipal Allocation of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Budgetary Plan 2026.

Proposed: Councillor Ryan (E)

Seconded: Councillor Conway (G)

And resolved

“That the Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock is hereby adopted as presented”.

#### **4. Property Disposal**

- a) Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Property Management dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 setting out the Disposal of property, in the form of Lease Agreement, comprising of 0.0298 Acres/0.012 hectares situate at Sheare’s Street, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick. (see attached report).

This proposal was welcomed by the Members and the report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

#### **5. Deputation**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Simon Ratcliffe, Co-ordinator, from the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) to the Meeting. He proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation on the activities of the LCETB.

He outlined the details of locations and facilities in campuses across Limerick and in particular East Limerick. He outlined the courses being provided by the LCETB and the enrolment figures for same. He confirmed that certificates had been awarded at various levels between QQI1 to QQI5 to 480 people participating in these part time courses, which was an excellent achievement by these people.

He confirmed that the LCETB had staged successful Open Days in March and August 2025 in the Kilmallock and Cappamore campuses, which was attended by over 170 participants. There was also a Celebration of Learning event held in the Kilmallock campus in April 2025 which was attended by over 100 people. A graduation ceremony for Level 5 & 6 programmes is also held each year in the Radisson Hotel, while the LCETB also attended the Cappamore and Limerick Shows each year with stands and information point.

The Cathaoirleach and Elected Members thanked Mr Ratcliffe for the presentation and praised the work being done across the District by the LCETB in encouraging people to engage in further education and study. They also commended the unique nature of some of the courses being provided, some of which were the only type being provided in Ireland.

#### **6. Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development**

##### **Limerick Local Community Safety Partnership**

The Community Safety Coordinator gave Members a presentation on the background and function of the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP).

He confirmed that the LCSP was established under the 2025 Safety Partnership Regulations in accordance with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024. This will replace

the former Joint Policing Committees (JPC) as part of a national reform approved by the Government. The initiative brings together Elected Members, Local Authorities, Gardaí, The Health Service Executive, Tusla and community representatives, so as to develop a Community Safety Plan through consultation and engagement with all stakeholders. He outlined how pilot Community Safety Partnership schemes, which had been trialled in different parts of the country, had been very successful, and that this was another reason the Government had decided to bring it to every local authority.

Limericks LCSP will include twenty-four members with seven co-opted places for Elected Members. This will be broken down into one Elected Representative from each Municipal District, three from the Metropolitan District, and the Príomh Chomhairleoir. Three Members of An Garda Síochána, a Health Area manager from the HSE, an Area Manager from Tusla, and a Director of Service from the Local Authority will also be represented.

He confirmed that the LCSP will hold six meetings annually, with the first meeting beginning in early 2026. One of these meetings will be a public meeting, while a second meeting will be held with Elected Representatives only. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be elected for a three-year term on a volunteer basis. The Community Safety Coordinator concluded his presentation by confirming that one member of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District would sit on the LCSP for a three-year term.

The Members thanked the Community Safety Coordinator for his presentation and noted that the selection of representatives from the elected Members would take place in due course, probably at Full Council level. They agreed that meetings with the Garda Superintendent to discuss local policing matters were also very important for the Municipal District Members of the District. They agreed that these meetings would continue at the District level, in addition to the operations of the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP).

### Questions

#### **7. Question submitted by Councillor Carey**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on my Notice of Motion from February 2024 regarding public access, seating, information board etc. at St. Andrew's Medieval Church at Kilfinane Graveyard and what works have been completed and a timeline for remaining works?

#### **Reply:**

In 2022 Limerick City & County Council carried out consolidation works to the ruinous medieval church in Kilfinane which was last used by the Church of Ireland in the early 19th century. The works were carried out using a Community Monuments Grant (CMF22-1-LI002) from the National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. Subsequently, further works were undertaken by Limerick City & County Council, under archaeological excavation licence, to remove the general rubbish and grave waste

which had been deposited within the church. During this work architectural stone was recovered. The works outstanding include the digitisation of the catalogue of architectural stone and agreement with the National Museum of Ireland on its final storage. This is likely to be in secure containers in an appropriate location within the graveyard. The stone is currently inside the church as this type of stone is very vulnerable to targeted theft. In the meantime, procurement of landscaping services is underway. They will clean back and re-seed with grass the interior of the church.

**8. Question submitted by Councillor Carey**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on my Notice of Motion from April 2024 regarding the possible purchase by this local authority of five units at Beech Lodge Care Facility, Bruree, Co. Limerick.

**Reply:**

Limerick City and County Council reached out to the agent to progress the Notice to Quit process, however there was no engagement from the owner or agent. Therefore, Limerick City and County Council cannot at this time progress with the purchase of these units.

**9. Question submitted by Councillor Stokes**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the hedge cutting process in the Pallasgreen/Templebraden, Cloverfield, Kiltelly/Dromkeen areas.

**Reply:**

The maintenance of hedgerows on regional and local roads is a matter for individual landowners and not Limerick City and County Council.

In accordance with Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993, "the owner or occupier of land shall take all reasonable steps to ensure a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road, and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road"

**10. Question submitted by Councillor Stokes**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the windows and doors being updated and installed in the houses at the Grove, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick.

**Reply:**

A stock condition survey of the properties in The Grove, Pallasgreen will be undertaken in the next 4-6 weeks. The survey will include a condition of all elements of the properties including the windows and doors.

**11. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the installation of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging points in the Municipal District and what is the current timeline for the rollout of same.

**Reply:**

Following the appointment of Weev Limited as the Charge Point Operator (CPO) for the Limerick EV Pilot Sites Project in Q2 2025, the site Detailed Design Phase has now been completed and the contractor for the site civils completion works mobilised in September with a programmed completion for November 2025.

It is anticipated that the CPO will complete the installation, testing and commissioning of the 100kW Fast Chargers during Q4(2025)/Q1(2026) subject to the completion of ESB connections at the following sites:

- LCCC Library, Kilmallock,
- Sycamore Drive, Bruff,
- The Square, Caherconlish,
- Monastery Road, Doon.

**Notice of Motions****12. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Carey**

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that traffic calming measures are considered outside Bulgaden National School, Bulgaden, Co. Limerick.

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

**Reply:**

There are currently existing traffic calming measures at Bulgaden National School. The Roads Engineer will review the existing traffic calming measures, the existing traffic speeds, and determine in accordance with Limerick City and County Council's Traffic Calming Policy, if any additional measures are required.

**13. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Conway**

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council would assist the local community in Bruree with the development of a village park for Bruree.

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

**Reply:**

The Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District Office, in conjunction with the Environment & Climate Action Team, will provide advice and assistance to Bruere Community Council, and any other group they identify, with the planning of a new village park in Bruere.

It should be noted, however, that while the Council will provide advice and assistance, the progression of any specific projects, including any applications to funding bodies for support for projects such as playgrounds, etc will need to be managed by the community groups themselves.

**14. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Stokes**

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that information on water issues in the area be provided and communicated to all the Councillors by the local care takers as they arise.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Cllr Stokes. The Members noted that responsibility for water issues rested with Uisce Eireann, rather than Limerick City & County Council, and they expressed their frustration at the lack of adequate communication and updates from Uisce Eireann in relation to water outages and disruptions across the Municipal District.

Members agreed that Uisce Eireann needed to take more responsibility in managing the communication to Elected Members, and they agreed that it was not the responsibility of local caretakers to manage this aspect.

Proposed by Cllr Stokes, seconded by Cllr Carey and unanimously agreed that the following Notice of Motion would be brought to the Full Council Meeting in November:

“We will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City & County Council that Uisce Eireann puts a system in place to ensure that information on water outages/emergency water issues be provided and communicated, as they arise, to the Elected Members, by the Uisce Eireann engineer on call or water supervisor”

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cathaoirleach**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

