

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, 20th NOVEMBER, 2025 AT 2PM.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy), Director of Services, Travel & Transport (Ms P. Liddy) Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. T. McKechnie), A/Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Districts (Ms. K. White), Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. D. Sheehy)

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach noted that the Christmas Festival in Kilmallock would take place over the weekend of the 5th/6th/7th December with a large variety of events scheduled over the three days. The Elected Members noted this and other Christmas events taking place across the Municipal District over the coming weeks. They praised the work of local voluntary groups in organising same, and also acknowledged the support received from Limerick City & County Council with these events.

The Members thanked Trevor McKechnie for his work in the Municipal District over the past few years and they wished him well in his new position with the Ryder Cup team preparing for 2027. They welcomed Diarmuid Sheehy to his new role and looked forward to working with him in the future.

1. Minutes

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

Proposed by: Councillor Teefy

Seconded by: Councillor M. Ryan

And Resolved: "That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read, adopted and signed"

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. Deputation

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Max Hennessy from Kilmallock Tourism CE Scheme to the Meeting. He proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation on the activities of the Kilmallock Tourism CE Scheme.

He explained that there were currently 23 participants on the Scheme. The CE scheme participants receive an additional €20.50 to their social welfare payment for their work on the scheme, while a material budget of €13.67 was paid to the CE Scheme for each participant per week.

He outlined how the CE Scheme maintained and cut grass on 47.3 acres in the Kilmallock area and this included Ballingaddy Graveyard and Tankardstown Graveyard.

The scheme was administered from an office based in the Municipal District Offices in Kilmallock and was supported by an annual €27,600 Service Level Agreement (SLA), between the CE Scheme and Limerick City & County Council, over the past 5 years.

Specific areas in Kilmallock being maintained included the Memorial Walk; Priory Walk; West Wall Walkway; the Famine Park; People's Park; as well as Housing Estates in Kilmallock.

He then outlined the CE Schemes involvement in the Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) Project Plan which included the refurbishment and retrofitting of the museum in Kilmallock with solar PV and energy upgrades, as well as developing a biodiversity-rich Climate Garden to the rear of the museum. This was with the intention of establishing Kilmallock as a model rural Climate Action Hub and supporting long-term sustainability, heritage protection, and community resilience.

The Cathaoirleach and Elected Members thanked Mr Hennessy for the presentation and praised the work being done in Kilmallock and its environs by the Kilmallock Tourism CE Scheme and agreed that there was a noticeable improvement in Kilmallock in recent times.

They also commended the work done by the CE Scheme, along with other local groups and organisations, as part of the preparations for the visit of President Michael D. Higgins earlier in the year for the National Famine Commemoration ceremony, which had been a great success for the District and Limerick.

Questions

4. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District if funding will be made available for the collapsed wall at Ballingaddy [Old] Graveyard and, if so, is there a timeline for commencement of works.

Reply:

A business case has been submitted to the Council to approve appropriate funding through a loan to carry out restoration works in various cemeteries throughout Limerick, one of which is Ballingaddy (Old) Graveyard, Boundary Wall Restoration. In advance of confirmation of this funding, consultants have been procured and are being appointed to manage the design, tendering, and appointment of the contractor and supervise the works. Cappamore/Kilmallock Councillors will be appraised of timelines when funding is secured.

5. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for the number of people/families classed as homeless/using homeless services in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District area.

Reply:

There are currently eight families with an Area of Choice selected within the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District who are in receipt of homeless emergency accommodation supports from Limerick City and County Council. Three of these families have the Metropolitan area selected as their first Area of Choice, and have selected an area in Cappamore-Kilmallock as an alternative to their Metropolitan area selection.

There are also two families who have selected Croom as their first Area of Choice, with Cappamore-Kilmallock selected as an alternative area. Three families have selected an Area of Choice within the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District as their first selection.

6. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the numbers of qualified applicants on the Housing Waiting List for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District and the list of areas of choice of qualified applicants.

Reply:

The number of qualified applicants on the Housing Waiting List for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District is 325. Please see table below with a breakdown of the first, second and third Areas of Choice for applicants in the Cappamore-Kilmallock area. Please note that applicants can choose between 1, 2 or 3 Areas of Choice so there will be duplication within the table.

Area	Number of applicants who have selected this area as their First Area of Choice	Number of applicants who have selected this area as their Second Area of Choice	Number of applicants who have selected this area as their Third Area of Choice	Total
Anglesboro	6	1	2	9
Ardpatrick	7	7	0	14
Athlacca	12	11	1	24
Ballylanders	15	9	6	30
Ballorgan	1	2	1	4
Bruff	63	17	3	83
Bruree	7	18	11	36
Bulgaden	3	3	1	7
Caherconlish	30	7	3	40
Cappamore	24	17	7	48
Doon	19	16	5	40
Elton	1	0	0	1
Galbally	9	9	6	24
Herbertstown	3	6	2	11
Hotycross	0	2	4	6
Hospital	19	19	13	51
Kilfinane	23	22	10	55
Kilmallock	48	13	46	107
Kilteely	0	5	1	6
Knocklong	5	3	19	27
Murroe	17	10	11	38
Oola	8	11	3	22
Pallasgreen	5	7	27	39

7. Question submitted by Councillor Teeffy

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update as to when the installation of Cats Eyes will be completed on the sections of the R512 and R513 roads where they have not yet been installed. The reflective markers are important for road safety particularly on these very busy rural roads.

Reply:

The Municipal District Office is currently undertaking the installation of road studs (Cats Eyes) on both the R512 and R513 on a phased basis as current funding streams facilitate. The cost of one road stud is €30. In 2024, 468 no. road studs were installed on the R513 and 344 no. road studs on the R512. In 2025, 220 no. road studs were installed on the R513 and 102 no. road studs on the R512. It is anticipated that the installation of road studs will continue in 2026 subject to the availability of funding.

Notice of Motions

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Conway & Cllr Carey

We will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that an inspection be carried out at Sherins Cross, Dromin to determine what actions are deemed necessary to make this crossroads safer.

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

Reply:

The Municipal District has carried out various improvement works at Sherins Cross over the last few years, including resurfacing works, road markings, and the installation of hi-visibility flexi bollards. It is also planned shortly to replace the large warning signs on both R512 approaches to the junction. The Roads Engineer will also review the junction to determine if any additional measures are warranted.

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Teefy

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that road resurfacing and improved safety works be carried out on the R514 Caherconree road. Sections of this road are in poor condition and safety measures are particularly needed in the vicinity of Caherconree Graveyard.

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

Reply:

The Municipal District Office commenced surfacing works on the R514, starting on the boundary with the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District, in 2023, and a further section was completed in 2024. With regard to continuing this section of road until it meets the R513, this will be looked at under the 2026 Road Works Programme. The R514, adjacent to Caherconree Graveyard, will also be reviewed to determine what appropriate safety measures may be required.

The Cathaoirleach and Members extended their condolences to the McCarthy family on the recent sad passings of Tom and Gerry McCarthy, formerly Carrickettle, Killeely, who had both worked for Limerick County Council for more than 40 years each. They paid tribute to their service with the Council over the years and their work in road maintenance.

They also praised Council staff during the recent storm and their work in minimising flooding damage, where possible, during both daytime and night-time hours.

The Members also wished Garda Noelle Fitzgerald, Kilmallock Gardai, all the best in her new role in Limerick and thanked her for her work in Kilmallock while she was there.

Finally, the Members acknowledged the road improvement works carried out in Caherconlish in recent months and they thanked the Council engineers and staff who were involved with same.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____