

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK AND ONLINE ON TUESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 2026 AT 2PM.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy); Director of Services, Travel & Transport (Ms P. Liddy); Senior Engineer, Housing (Mr. B. Kidney); A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. D. Sheehy); A/Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Districts (Ms. K. White), Administrative Officer, Housing Support (Ms. K. O’Grady), Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District (Ms. H. O’Neill).

At the commencement of the Monthly Meeting, the Cathaoirleach and Elected Members expressed their condolences to parents Eugene and Ann O’Reilly, along with the family and friends, of Áine O’Reilly, Grove House, Pallasgreen who had died following a tragic car accident on the previous Friday 13th February. They noted that Áine had been on her way to work as a nurse and they expressed their shock at what had happened. They also thanked the emergency services who had attended at the scene of the accident and those members of the public who had assisted at the scene.

As a mark of respect, a Minutes silence was observed by all in attendance at the Meeting.

1. MINUTES

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 15th January, 2026.

Proposed by: Councillor Carey
Seconded by: Councillor E. 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. HOUSING DIRECTORATE

Housing Delivery Progress Update.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Brendan Kidney, Senior Engineer, Housing and Kathy O'Grady, Administrative Officer, Housing Support to the Meeting.

They proceeded to give an update to the Members on housing delivery progress which included:

- The target for new builds in the Municipal District was 203, whilst 223 units are likely to be delivered;
- Acquisitions-26 units approved and a further 14 being considered;
- Leases-6 units approved and 1 being assessed;
- Currently 21 Void properties undergoing refurbishment works in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District;
- 4 properties were recently returned to Limerick City and County Council and are in the process of being inspected to determine the level of refurbishment works required;
- €4.5 million in funding available for second hand acquisitions, which includes the Tenant in Situ scheme. However, this funding does not cover refurbishment works for Tenant In Situ scheme properties so at this moment in time, the local authority is unable to progress any TIS properties as the Council does not have internal funding available to cover required refurbishment works;
- Currently 22 LCCC led Affordable Sale properties are planned for the Municipal District including in Glenfield, Kilmallock and Bottlehill, Doon;
- Approximately 840 social housing units are currently in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District.

The Cathaoirleach and Elected Members thanked the Senior Engineer and Administrative Officer for the update. The Members agreed that the provision of various housing options including social housing, affordable housing, tenant in situ, were very important for the Municipal District, having regard for the demand for housing that existed in the District.

The Elected Members requested further information in relation to the breakdown of the social housing stock in the Municipal District and the Senior Engineer agreed to provide same for the Members.

QUESTIONS

4. Question submitted by Councillor Conway

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update to my previous motion for traffic calming measures and extra street lighting in Fairyfield , Kilmallock.

Reply:

Any requests for new public lighting would need to be submitted to the Public Lighting Team for consideration, unless it is done through a General Municipal Allocation (GMA) funding stream, where the Municipal District Office can arrange for a lighting design and costing to be undertaken for same..

In terms of traffic calming measures, as this estate is a short cul de sac road, residents are required to agree a plebiscite with 70% of the residents in favour of same. Any proposed works will then also require a funding stream such as GMA, as no other funding stream is available.

5. Question submitted by Councillor Conway

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on my previous motion for traffic calming on Sarsfield St. Kilmallock including a pedestrian crossing and replacement of bollards on the corner of the street near Dansko Ltd.

Reply:

The replacement of some bollards at this location can be looked at by the District Office.

Any consideration for a new pedestrian crossing at this location will also require the identification of a funding source for any proposed works, as funding is not currently available for same.

6. Question submitted by Councillor Stokes

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District:

1. What housing estates in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District are yet to be taken in charge by Limerick City & County Council (how many and where?);
2. What is the update on the progress being made in relation to each of the remaining estates still due to be taken in charge?

Reply:

For estates to be taken in charge a formal request must be received from the developer or a plebiscite received from the residents. There are five requests for taking in charge in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District.

The following three estates in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District will be progressed in 2026: 1. Sruth an Oir, Elton, Co. Limerick-to be agreed at the March Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District Meeting; 2. Castle Laurel, Oola, Co. Limerick

Currently dealing with Uisce Eireann with additional lands around wastewater pump station.
3. Glenstal Gate, Murroe, Co. Limerick-In progress.

The taking in charge process is also ongoing in respect of Ceol na hAbhainn Phase 2 and Toormore, Bruree, Co. Limerick.

7. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on my motion from December'2023 regarding extending the existing footpath from Bellview on the Glenfield Road and if this is included for Active Travel funding.

Reply:

These proposed works will be included under the Active Travel funding stream and will be included in the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2026 to be considered for approval by the Elected Members.

8. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on my motion from March 2021 regarding the pedestrian crossing on Sheares Street, Kilmallock and the amendment by Cllr Donegan regarding the National School pedestrian crossing.

Reply:

Since this original motion in 2021, Limerick City and County Councils Traffic Calming Policy Document adopted by the Elected Members in 2024, identifies that a tabletop ramp should only be used as a last resort and that all other traffic calming measures should be considered first.

It also identifies that speed ramps are not permitted on National, Regional or Strategic Roads. If a recommendation from the Roads Engineer is for the installation of a tabletop speed ramp, this decision must be detailed in an assessment report and a final decision is then made by the Senior Engineer for Roads, Traffic and Cleansing or their delegate.

Please note that the Municipal District Office has recently arranged for the two overhead lights on this crossing to be upgraded to improve visibility, while the crossing point itself was also fully upgraded in terms of tactile paving, new signals, road markings and signage in 2022.

9. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update and timescale on the proposed traffic calming measures to be carried out at Boskill, Main road, Caherconlish.

Reply:

The proposed traffic calming measures to be carried out at Boskill, main road, Caherconlish form part of a bigger scheme on the L5094 which includes for the installation of a small section of pedestrian bridge over the River Groody near the Millenium Centre in Caherconlish.

The installation of this structure requires the completion of an EIS to progress the full scheme works here and Cappamore Kilmallock District Office is proposing to allocate funding via Active Travel Scheme funding in 2026 to the District to complete this report to progress this scheme to site construction phase.

10. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District if there any plans/guidelines for Columbarium Walls or Ashes Plots in the Municipal District in view of the increasing numbers of cremations.

Reply:

The Council are aware of the need to provide for the interment of ashes in several of its cemeteries due to an analysis undertaken as part of the Burial Ground Interment Strategy.

As a result, the Council is providing Columbarium Walls or Ashes plots in some cemeteries. The decision on whether to provide a Columbarium Wall or Ashes plots or a combination of both is largely dependent on demand in a particular location based on population density and associated costs.

In the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District, the Council has already identified an area for a small number of ashes plots in Ballingaddy and Abington cemeteries with other opportunities being investigated. The Council will be making provision for Columbarium Walls and ashes plots as part of any new cemetery in the Municipal District.

11. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District what is progress for lighting of the council car park in Clare Glens and the roadway leading to the entrance of the walkway.

Reply:

The Parks Unit has provided a stoned walkway and area for car parking as part of an Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funded initiative at the top car park for Clare Glens. This pathway and car parking is contained within the amenity and the purpose of providing same is to facilitate walkers and kayakers accessing the Clare Glens amenity from the top car park.

In relation to the bottom car park, the Parks Unit are not aware of a request for lighting of the bottom car park or a footpath on the road leading to the entrance of Clare Glens. The Parks Unit provides a maintenance service for Clare Glens and does not have an identified funding source for such capital works.

12. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District what is the current status of a water inlet opening programme for the Regional and Local roads in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District.

Reply:

This is ongoing at present in the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal Roads District and will continue in conjunction with the preparation of Local and Regional Roads for the 2026 Road Scheme Works.

NOTICE OF MOTION**13. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Conway**

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that an inspection be carried out at the 3 x entrance roads to Kilmallock town in relation to traffic calming, R518 – Bruree, R512 – Bruff and the R515 – Elton.

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

Reply:

The installation of traffic calming measures at these locations can only be done within a speed limit zone, and as per LCCC's Traffic Calming Policy Document.

If following the completion of a traffic survey, an issue of excessive speeding is identified, the Municipal District Office would submit a case to the Roads Senior Engineer for the introduction of Traffic Calming Measures at these locations.

However, any such improvement measures will also require a funding source to be identified for same to be delivered. In the short-term GATEWAY signage with speed limit information are due to be installed shortly on these three entrance locations to Kilmallock.

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Carey

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that this local authority revisit plans to design and provide costings for a pedestrian footbridge at Gotoon Bridge, Kilmallock.

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

Reply:

This forms part of a larger scheme in relation to public realm design for Kilmallock. The Active Travel Department have advised that they will arrange for a full detailed survey to be undertaken on the bridge here to determine if alternative local design solutions can be arrived at in respect to this.

A preliminary costing report has been compiled for the installation of a pedestrian bridge at this location. A Workshop can also be arranged with representatives of the Active Travel Department to further review what is proposed.

The Members noted the reply and agreed to schedule a Workshop to discuss this issue in more detail before the March Monthly Meeting.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr M. Ryan

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal that Limerick City and County Council progress the installation of lights for pedestrians along the new footpath in Pallasgreen on the N24 between the village and past St Anthony's to Mount Catherine Road. If Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) will not allow full street lighting, that pedestrian illumination posts would be considered.

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

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council will discuss what alternative pedestrian lighting options may be suitable to install along the footpath between the village and Mount Catherine road Pallasgreen at the next scheduled meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

If TII agree on an alternative solution, Limerick City and County Council will cost same and seek a funding stream for the installation of lighting.

Any Other Business

The Elected Members referred to the recent retirement presentation for Anthony O’Riordan, Roads Supervisor, Kilmallock and wished him well in his retirement. The Elected Members also congratulated Paudie Moloney on his ongoing successful participation in the Dancing With The Stars television programme.

Finally, the Members welcomed the recent announcement that the first Stage of the Ras Tailteann cycle race would finish in Kilmallock on Wednesday the 20th May 2026 and that it was a great honour for the town and the Municipal District. They noted that a festival was also being planned in Kilmallock for that weekend to mark the occasion.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____