

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, 19th MARCH, 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); A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. D. Corcoran); A/Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Districts (Ms. K. White); Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. D. Sheehy); Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. J. Galvin); A/Senior Executive Officer Community (Ms. A. Rizzo); Executive Engineer (Planning Enforcement) (Mr. S. McGrath); Technician, Development Management (Mr. E. Hannon); Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District (Ms. H. O’Neill).

At the commencement of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach and Elected Members welcomed Mr Darragh Corcoran to his new role as Acting Senior Executive Engineer in the Municipal District.

The Members referred to the recent St Patrick’s Day parades and events held across the Municipal District. The Members agreed that they were very successful and well supported and they commended all the local groups involved for the fantastic community effort and work put in to the staging of the parades.

The Cathaoirleach and Elected Members also expressed their condolences to the families and friends of the following, who had passed away recently:

- Kevin Kiely, Belfield Gardens, Ennis Road, Limerick-former Mayor of Limerick and long-serving councillor with Limerick Corporation;
- Ruth Staunton (nee Tiernan), Raheen & Ballyclough, Limerick;
- Daniel Ahern, Charleville & Kilmallock;
- Jack Boddy, Grange, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.
- Bridie Dillon, Effin, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

1. MINUTES

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 17th February, 2026.

Proposed by: Councillor Stokes

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. PLANNING & RYDER CUP DIRECTORATE

Taking in charge of Sruth an Óir Estate, Elton, Co Limerick.

The Members welcomed the fact that this estate was being taken in charge, and they thanked the Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing for his work on this estate as part of the taking in charge process.

Proposed by: Cllr Teefy
Seconded by: Cllr E. Ryan

That Sruth an Óir Estate, Elton, Co. Limerick be taken in charge in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

4. REGENERATION, COMMUNITY, SPORT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

Presentation on the Community Response Centre project.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms Anne Rizzo, A/Senior Executive Officer, Community to the Meeting.

She proceeded to outline details of the proposed Community Response Centre project, which was being rolled out across all local authorities, including Limerick City & County. This Community Response Centre project was in response to severe weather events that had occurred in Ireland in recent years. The Community Response Centre project was an entirely new concept where basic essential services (power, water, broadband, hot food, showers) could be provided to communities following a severe weather event or other such major issue.

The proposal was that sports halls and community centre's would be availed of as familiar places in the community, where locals could meet up and ask for help or offer to assist others. Each centre would be supported by the various agencies including Local Authorities, Civil Defence, Red Cross, HSE, An Garda Síochána, etc.

She outlined how it was proposed that Community Response Centres would be embedded in the frameworks for Emergency Management; would be volunteer led; and would be generally for communities without services for a period approaching 72 hours. They would be supported by Local Authorities and other agencies and would be “beacons” in a community when normal day-to-day life is disrupted by an absence of key services or communication tools.

She confirmed that the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht had supplied significant capital funding to Local Authorities to procure transportable generators suitable to maintain an uninterrupted power source to a designated Community Support Centre.

Each LA will procure, store and maintain four transportable generators, 3no. 100KvA & 1no. 30KvA. These generators are identical and interchangeable, so there will be a national fleet of 124 generators available. In response to an emergency, a local authority will decide which Community Support Centres to activate. If they have no power, the local authority can deploy one of its generators to allow the centre to operate. She confirmed that procurement was currently underway, and it was anticipated that these generators would be in place in the first half of 2026. Assistance would also be provided to approved centres to ensure that such centres could connect up to portable generators if needed.

She explained that online Expressions of Interest were being sought from volunteer groups at present. An online app was being developed for volunteer groups to submit the details of their Community Support Centre and there will be an online questionnaire that provides the required information to each individual LA. The information will then be stored in a GIS application that each LA can access and, when required, the interactive GIS Map can be shared with the public, giving the details of each activated Community Support Centre and when the centre is due to be operational. She asked that the Elected Members would raise awareness of this new initiative in their local communities.

The Cathaoirleach and Elected Members thanked Ms Rizzo for the update and welcomed the fact that these measures were being put in place for severe weather events. They also welcomed the fact that portable generators would be provided to each local authority so as to assist when such weather events occur. They agreed to circulate details of the application process for the Community Response Centres to their wider community contacts, so that those interested could register their interest.

5. TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY DIRECTORATE

Schedule of Municipal District Works 2026

The Acting Senior Executive Engineer outlined the various aspects of the draft Schedule for the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock for the Members, and he confirmed the details of the proposed works for 2026.

Proposed by: Councillor Teefy;
Seconded by: Councillor E. Ryan;

And Resolved,

That the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2026 be adopted.

QUESTIONS**6. Question submitted by Councillor O'Sullivan**

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that following recent damage to Ballaghaderg Bridge (Mitchelstown Golf Club) has Limerick City and County Council engaged with Cork County Council to access any structural damage to the underside of the Bridge.

Reply:

As part of the next stage of the assessment process, engagement will be initiated with the Bridge Section of Cork County Council to arrange a site meeting within the forthcoming two-week period. The purpose of this meeting will be to determine the appropriate actions required and to establish which Local Authority will assume the lead role in progressing the matter. Following this engagement, a detailed maintenance timeline and programme will be prepared and finalised.

7. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on my previous motion regarding the proposed footpath linking Fairyfield to Kilmallock Town and if this will be considered for future Active Travel funding.

Reply:

The Municipal District Office has included this scheme as part of a number of schemes submitted to Active Travel Team in respect to Active Travel Scheme works in Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal Roads Area.

However, it should be noted that this proposed scheme would be at early design stage and would involve land acquisition and discussions would need to be advanced to determine if the relevant landowners would be open to facilitating proposed scheme works.

8. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District if funding is being sought by Limerick City & County Council for tree removing and re-surfacing works at the council-owned Kilmallock Business Park.

Reply:

The Municipal District Office has submitted an application for funding for proposed resurfacing and tree removal works at Kilmallock Business Park under the Mayoral Funding Programme, and through Development Levies Funding 2026, and is awaiting response on same.

9. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the installation and completion of the electric vehicle charging points planned for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District, with reference to my previous enquiries on this issue, including the number installed to date and the timeline for completion of same.

Reply:

The installation contractor for the project has encountered unforeseen delays in the delivery of charger equipment from overseas and it is therefore currently anticipated that the installation of charging units in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District, will commence in Q2/Q3 2026.

NOTICE OF MOTION**10. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr O'Sullivan**

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council would carry out a pedestrian safety survey on Lower Main Street, Kilfinane, as parking on both sides of the street reduce the option of using the footpaths and diverts pedestrians to use the road to access the town.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Cllr O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr Conway, and agreed.

Reply:

The Kilmallock Municipal District Office can look at undertaking this process, in conjunction with An Garda Síochána, to consider the installation of double yellow lines on one side of Lower Main Street, in order to prevent parking on one side of the public road and thereby facilitating clear footpath access for pedestrians.

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Carey

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that that the proposed lease for a site at Kiltelly Graveyard be finalised by Limerick City and County Council.

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

Reply:

The Council are in the process of finalising the amount of land that will be leased to the community for a future burial ground. The entire area of land adjacent to the existing burial ground will cater for a combination of housing and an ashes burial ground. The area of land available for the burial ground versus housing is currently being finalised. Once the area of land for burial ground is agreed, the Council will proceed with the leasing of the land to the community. It is expected that the lease should be in place for May 2026.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Conway

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal that that Limerick City & County progress with the installation of extra public lighting and new and continued footpaths in the village of Knockainy Village, Co. Limerick.

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

Reply:

The Kilmallock Municipal District Office has included these proposed works as a scheme for Active Travel Funding in 2026, as part of the proposed Schedule of Municipal District Works 2026 for approval by the Elected Members.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____