

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, 21st MAY, 2026 AT 2PM.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Apologies: Cllr E. Ryan.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Meetings Administrator (Mr. M. Leahy); A/Senior Engineer, Ryder Cup (Mr T. McKechnie); A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. D. Corcoran); A/Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Districts (Ms. K. White); Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District (Ms. H. O’Neill).

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Meeting. On behalf of the Elected Members he expressed condolences to Cllr Eddie Ryan on the recent passing of his sister Margaret Angela O’Sullivan, Aherlow View, Galbally and formerly of Tooting, London. The A/Senior Engineer, Ryder Cup offered his condolences on behalf of management and staff.

As a mark of respect, the Monthly Meeting was adjourned for 15 minutes.

On the resumption of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr T. McKechnie to the meeting and he and the Elected Members expressed their best wishes and a speedy recovery to Mrs. P. Liddy, Director of Services, following her recent accidental fall.

The Cathaoirleach and Elected Members noted the great success of the RAS Tailteann event which had taken place the previous day, with the finishing stage in Kilmallock. They thanked all those involved who worked so hard in the planning and preparation for the event including Paul Gammell; the Kilmallock Town First Scheme; Kilmallock Tidy Towns Committee; Kilmallock Tourism; Limerick City & County Council, An Garda Síochána, and everyone else involved.

The Cathaoirleach and Elected Members noted that this was the last Municipal District Meeting that Helen O’Neill would be involved with, as she is retiring in June 2026. They referred to her 47 years service with Limerick County Council, and latterly Limerick City & County Council, most of which was spent in the Kilmallock Office. They thanked her for all her work, especially in relation to the organisation and preparation for the Monthly Municipal District Meetings, and they wished her well in her retirement.

1. MINUTES

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 16th April, 2026.

Councillor Carey referred to the Minutes and he asked that the following amendment be included in relation to the item regarding the list of groups approved under the Community Initiative Scheme 2026:

“Kilfinane Coshlea Historical Society-Allocation of €1,000”.

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 amendments 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. HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANTS FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND DISABLED PEOPLE

The Meetings Administrator gave a brief update to the Elected Members on the progress to date in 2026 of the various grants schemes.

He confirmed that the funding allocation had been received in early May 2026 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for 2026. The allocation for Limerick City & County Council was €6,719,386 in total, and the amount of €757,522.81 had been allocated to the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for 2026.

So far in 2026, he confirmed that 54 new grant applications had been received whilst 69 grant applications had been approved so far in 2026, and that these approvals would have included applications received in 2025. Grant payments for 26 approved grant applications, totalling €152,858.50, had also been paid out so far in 2026 for grants work completed.

He also confirmed that work was underway to transfer the processing of remaining grant applications for the Municipal District from City Hall to the Kilmallock MD Office and that this process would be completed in the coming months.

The Elected Members welcomed the progress update and they agreed that the grants schemes were a vital support to enable elderly and disabled people to continue living in their own homes as a result of home improvements funded under the grant scheme.

They also welcomed the fact that all grant applications for the Municipal District would soon be processed by the Municipal District Office in Kilmallock.

4. ANNUAL MEETING 2026

Proposed by: Councillor Conway;

Seconded by: Councillor Stokes;

And Resolved:

“That the Annual Meeting be held at 2pm on Thursday 18th June 2026, followed by the Monthly Meeting on the same day at 3pm”.

QUESTIONS

5. Question submitted by Councillor Stokes

I will ask at the next meeting of Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that, having regard to EV charging points currently being introduced in the Municipal District at: Municipal District Offices, Kilmallock/Sycamore Drive, Bruff/The Square, Caherconlish/Monastery Road, Doon; are there plans to roll out EV Charging Points to more towns and villages across the Municipal District? If so, what is the timeline for the provision of same?”

Reply:

The installation of EV charging points at Kilmallock/Sycamore Drive, Bruff/The Square, Caherconlish/Monastery Road, Doon are currently progressing. These installations will be monitored and reviewed to establish usage data when the chargers are operational. A programme for further installations is being developed and will include data available from the existing network locations. Further locations for the next installations will be discussed with ZEVI and will be progressed subject to approval and available funding.

6. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for a timeline and costings to re-build a fallen section of a wall at the back of Dromin Graveyard.

Reply:

In early February 2026, a section of Dromin Graveyard boundary wall collapsed. This section has been made safe, until such time as appropriate restoration work can be commenced. It

is envisaged the restoration works will commence in the first quarter of 2027. Based on similar projects, we currently estimate the cost of the works will be in the region of €10,000 to €15,000.

7. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District if funding has been approved, and a contractor appointed, for the collapsed wall at Ballingaddy Graveyard.

Reply:

Funding has been set aside for the restoration of Ballingaddy (Old) Graveyard Boundary Wall Restoration. In accordance with the criteria as set by the National Monuments Service, we are in the process of appointing Consulting Engineers, who will design, tender for, and appoint contractor to carry out the works.

NOTICE OF MOTION

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Conway

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City & County Council provide a safer entrance to the Industrial area known as Millmount, Kilmallock across from GVM Marts, also to provide extra parking and yellow boxes for commercial vehicles to load and off-load their vehicles in a safer manner, to implement traffic restrictions in the form of ramps and new signage.

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

Reply:

The Municipal District Office will engage with the business owners and operators in this industrial area to gather information on the issues currently being experienced, with the view to developing a proposal that provides a safer environment, while ensuring that the operational needs of the businesses are also accommodated.

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Carey

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that whatever safety measures deemed necessary at the crossing between the Knockainy GAA grounds and Knockainy soccer pitches be designed and funding streams identified.

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

Reply:

Knockainy GAA Club are currently carrying out works as part of an approved Planning Application at this location. Part of these works include for the installation of raised kerbs and road markings for the purposes of parking and traffic calming at this location, adjacent to both the GAA grounds and soccer pitches in Knockainy.

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Teefy

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that additional traffic calming measures be considered for Boher village on the N24 due to the high volume of passing traffic and ongoing road safety concerns for residents, pedestrians, and road users.

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

Reply:

A Traffic Calming scheme was completed on the N24 at Boher in the early 2000's. The scheme included the construction and installation of a number of traffic calming measures over a 500m section of roadway. These included central islands, ghost islands, public lighting, road narrowing, gateway signage, lane separation, and delineation signage.

However, the Municipal District Office will carry out a revised traffic survey to assess current traffic volumes and speed at this location.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS**Grass cutting**

The A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing confirmed that grass cutting on the National Roads in the Municipal District would commence in the coming weeks and that hedge cutting would also take place in advance of road works schemes. The Elected Members highlighted the importance of grass cutting at junctions and other areas so as to improve visibility and safety at junctions for all road users. It was also noted that individual landowners had a responsibility with regard to cutting back hedging along the boundaries of their properties also.

R513

The A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing referred to the discussions at the previous Monthly Meeting in relation to the speed limit on a section of the R513 outside Ballylanders. He outlined how an assessment of vehicle speeds along this stretch of road was carried out at two separate locations in December 2023. The results of the surveys are as follows:

Location 1: The Mean (average) speed was 69 km/h, the 85th percentile speed was 78 km/h and the posted speed limit was 80 km/h;

Location 2: The Mean (average) speed was 67 km/h, the 85th percentile speed was 76 km/h and the posted speed limit was 80 km/h.

He confirmed that the surveys resulted in a V85 (the speed at which 85% of the traffic is travelling at or below) of 78km/hr and 76km/hr, and that these results therefore confirmed that the existing posted speed limit was correct for the section of road in question.

Also, he outlined how the sparse nature of development along this road would not warrant a 60km/hr speed limit as per Chapter 7 of the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland.

The Members noted the comments of the A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing and also the data referred to in the reply. They stated that the 85th percentile speed stated of 78km/h and 76km/h referred to in the analysis report is too high and therefore warranted a review of speed limits at this location. They believed that this was also in the context of the number of serious road accidents and fatalities at this location and the frequency of same.

The A/Senior Engineer, Ryder Cup noted the comments of the Elected Members and explained that any road speed limit was a maximum speed limit, and that road users also had to take responsibility for their speed having regard to road conditions, etc. The A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing also confirmed that a further assessment of vehicle speeds along this stretch of road would be carried out in the coming weeks to obtain updated data.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____