

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, 9th JULY, 2026 AT 2PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. O'Sullivan, Cathaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Carey, Conway, E. Ryan, M. Ryan, Stokes, Teefy.

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); Co-Op Student, Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District (Ms. A. Sordillo).

Apologies: Director of Services (Ms. P. Liddy)

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1. MINUTES

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 18th June, 2026.

Proposed by: Councillor Carey Seconded by: Councillor Stokes

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

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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. PROPERTY SERVICES

Disposal of lands comprising 0.02545 Acres (0.0103 Hectares) situate at Ballyvodane, Brickfield, Effin, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick;

Disposal of lands comprising 0.0588 Acres (0.0238 Hectares) by way of 30-Year Lease and granting of right of way at Circus Field, Abbeyfarm, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick to Ben O'Sullivan, Bernadette Hurley, and Helen O'Donnell on trust for Kilmallock Tidy Towns Association;

Disposal of lands comprising 1.24 Acres (0.50 Hectares) at Kilmallock Business Park, Kilmallock, Co Limerick to O'Brien Facilities Ltd;

The proposed disposals were noted by the Members.

Some Members welcomed the disposal of land in the Kilmallock Business Park and looked forward to new businesses opening up in the park in months ahead. Some Members expressed disappointment that a National Fire & Safety Training Centre, which had been earmarked for the Business Park several years ago, did not go ahead, as it would have brought additional business to the locality.

Reference was also made to additional land adjoining the Business Park that was currently for sale, but some Members noted that the proper zoning was not in place for this land. The A/Senior Engineer, Ryder Cup agreed that Property Services would be made aware of this land for sale, having regard to the fact that there were no other sites now available in the Business Park.

QUESTIONS

4. 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 February 2024 regarding the procurement of landscaping inside St Andrews Medieval Church, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick.

Reply:

Unfortunately, despite previous targets, there has been no progress to date on the project, due to other work commitments such as capital works at Galbally and Ballynoe. The remaining works at Kilfinane are, however, scheduled for completion in Autumn 2026. These works will include vegetation control, the installation of interpretive signage and seating, subject to the approval of the National Monuments Service.

5. 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 November 2023 regarding footpath repair and public lighting on the Charleville Road, Kilmallock and if this proposed project has been included on the list for future Active Travel funding.

Reply:

The proposal to upgrade the footpath and public lighting on the R515 Charleville Road has been identified as a potential scheme within the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for delivery under the Active Travel Programme.

However, the delivery of Active Travel projects is dependent on the level of funding allocated annually, and the availability of funding within the Municipal District remains limited. Notwithstanding these constraints, the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District has successfully delivered a considerable number of Active Travel projects in recent years, enhancing infrastructure for walking and cycling and promoting more sustainable modes of transport throughout the area.

The Municipal District will continue to maximise the benefits of allocated Active Travel funding and to advance projects that support sustainable and active travel objectives. While sufficient funding has not yet been secured to deliver the R515 Charleville Road scheme, the project remains a priority for the Municipal District and will be progressed should funding become available in the future.

6. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an expected completion date for the Cluid Housing development in Turagh Crescent, Cappamore, Co. Limerick.

Reply:

The expected completion date for the Cluid Housing development in Turagh Crescent, Cappamore, Co. Limerick is 31st July 2026.

7. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for the anticipated timeline for the switching on of lighting for the completed Active Travel works at Doon, Cappamore and Pallasgreen.

Reply:

Regarding the Cappamore & Doon projects, the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District have completed the application process for the relevant ESB connections. Limerick City and County Council are liaising with the ESB to complete the connection process to activate the public lighting infrastructure for the final completion of these schemes. Limerick City and County Council anticipate that the public lighting should be activated before year end. Regarding the Pallasgreen scheme, Limerick City and County Council's public lighting contractor is scheduled to investigate and resolve the issue.

NOTICE OF MOTION

8. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Carey

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that additional car park spaces be identified, and design and costings be completed for same at Radharc na Cille Estate, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

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

The Members noted that this was a common issue in a lot of housing estates where several family members in each household had cars. The A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing referred to the requirement that a minimum of 15% of green area be retained in estates, and that emergency vehicles could access estates. It was also agreed that improved public transport options were also important in addressing the issue.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council have reviewed the parking arrangements in Radharc na Coille estate. Following assessment, there is no suitable space available on the existing hard surface area that can safely accommodate any additional spaces.

Any proposal to consider removing green recreational space in the estate for the purpose of car parking would impact negatively on the amenity value of the estate by reducing the open space available for children and adults for play, recreation, and exercise.

In addition, the provision of any new parking facilities would require a specific funding allocation through either the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) or the Development Fund. The other funding streams included within the Schedule of Municipal District Works do not provide for works of this nature.

9. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr M. Ryan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that further additional works be carried out on the Cross of Five roads junction in Murroe in order to ensure a safe junction for all users, pedestrian, active travel, and vehicle users at this location.

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

The Members agreed that this junction was dangerous and needed continuous improvement to ensure it was as safe as possible. They welcomed the recent works carried out by Limerick City & County Council at this location and they agreed that further work should be done if possible. The A/Senior Engineer, Ryder Cup confirmed that discussions had taken place with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in relation to a possible funding stream at this location.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council undertook significant safety improvement works at the above location in 2025 under the Safety Improvement Works Grant. The approved funding allocation for the project was €60,000 and facilitated the delivery of a range of measures, including the installation of high-friction surfacing, advance warning signage, road markings, and tree pruning works.

Limerick City and County Council is currently investigating additional measures on the approaches to this location, including further visibility enhancements. An application for funding to support these works is being developed. However, the progression and delivery of any such additional measures will be subject to funding approval.

10. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Stokes

I will move at the next meeting Cappamore-Killmallock Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council write to be Minister of State for Older People and Housing, serving across the Department of Health and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to increase the budget allocated by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to ensure that grant schemes can meet the demand and reflect the increase in construction costs.

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

The Members acknowledged the amount of grants being processed and approved in the Municipal District in recent years. However, they agreed that, with the increase in construction costs in recent years, that these cost increases were devaluing the grants approved to people, as it meant that people had to contribute more of their own funds in addition to grant aid, in order to get necessary work carried out.

Reply:

The number of private house grants in relation to Housing Adaptation Grants for Disabled People; Mobility Aids Grants; and Housing Aid for Older People grants approved and paid by Limerick City & County Council in 2025 are as follows:

- 776 grant applications were approved in 2025;
- 980 grant approvals had works fully completed and grant payments made to approved applicants in 2025;
- A total amount of €6,531,165.73 was paid in relation to private house grants in 2025.

Funding for the private house grants scheme comprises 85% funding from the Exchequer with a 15% contribution by the local authority.

The Municipal District of Cappamore-Killmallock will write to the Minister of State for Older People and Housing, serving across the Department of Health and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to seek an increase in the budget allocated by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to Limerick City & County Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Limerick Minor Hurling Team The Members congratulated the Limerick Minor Hurling team on their recent win in the All-Ireland Final. They also wished the best of luck to the players

and management of the Limerick Senior Hurling team in their upcoming All Ireland Final against Galway in Croke Park on Sunday 19th July 2026.

Fr Chris O'Donnell

The Members noted that Fr Chris was leaving Kilmallock to go to another parish and they wished him well and thanked him for his huge contribution in Kilmallock. They also praised the efforts of other priests in the District who would also be moving to new parishes in the coming months, and they acknowledged the contribution that all of them had made in their respective parishes.

National Ambulance Service

The Members noted that a Workshop was taking place for the Full Council on Friday 10th July in relation to the possibility of a proposed ambulance station for Kilmallock. They agreed that this would be especially important for the Municipal District as the ambulance coverage currently was poor in the District.

Road Works Programme 2026

The A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing gave an update to the Members on progress to date with the Road Works for 2026 which was welcomed by the Members who thanked all the staff involved for their efforts to date.

Date of Next Meeting

The date and time for the next Monthly Meeting was agreed for Thursday 17th September, 2026 at 2pm. It was also agreed to invite Superintendent Michael Fleming, Limerick County Community Engagement Functional Area to attend a Briefing before the Monthly Meeting to discuss policing matters in the District.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____

Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____