

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK HELD IN ÁRAS MAINCHÍN SEOIGHE, KILMALLOCK, CO. LIMERICK AND ONLINE ON THURSDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER, 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); Director of Services (Ms. P. Liddy); A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. D. Corcoran); A/Senior Executive Officer, Municipal Districts (Ms. K. White); Senior Engineer, Housing (Mr. B. Kidney); Administrative Officer, Housing (Mr. D. O'Grady); Senior Executive Scientist, Environment (Mr. C. Brodie); Clerical Officer, Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District (Ms. L. Moloney); Co-Op Student, Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District (Mr. P. Kennedy).

The Cathaoirleach welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1. MINUTES

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock held on 9th July, 2026.

Proposed by: Councillor M. Ryan Seconded by: Councillor Stokes

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.

Cllr Stokes advised that she was a club member of Pallas Utd Soccer Club and that a proposed disposal, by way of lease, was an Agenda item for that Meeting. This was acknowledged by the Cathaoirleach. The Meetings Administrator confirmed that the Item was for noting at the Meeting, and that formal approval of the proposed lease disposal would take place at a meeting of the Full Council in November.

3. PROPERTY SERVICES

Disposal of lands comprising 4.3018 Acres (1.7409 Hectares) situate at Garrane Beg, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick, by way of 35 year lease to trustees of Pallas United Football Club.

The proposed disposal was noted by the Members.

4. ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & FIRE DIRECTORATE

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Senior Executive Scientist to the Meeting. He proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation to the Members on issues related to treating invasive alien species in Co. Limerick. He explained that an Invasive Alien Species (IAS) is defined as a terrestrial or aquatic plant, animal, insect, or microorganism that has colonised and invaded a new country or environment and causes substantial environmental and economic damage.

He confirmed that landowners and occupiers under Irish legislation are responsible for dealing with and preventing the spread of invasive species on their own properties, whilst Limerick City & County Council is responsible for the lands it owns or manages.

The effective control methods for treating same included:

- **Foliar Spraying:** Spray a 5% to 8% [glyphosate-based weedkiller](#) onto fully developed leaves in early summer, followed by a second application in the Autumn;
- **Stem Injection:** Inject undiluted glyphosate directly into the hollow chambers of mature stems using an industrial syringe during late summer;
- **Professional Excavation:** Dig out the entire root and rhizome system completely for construction sites, though this requires licensed disposal.

He also confirmed that it was important that landowners do not cut or trim invasive species plants as trimming the stems causes tiny root fragments to resprout and worsen the infestation. It was also important that material was not composted as plant waste remains viable and can spread if added to home compost heaps.

The Members thanked the Senior Executive Scientist for his presentation. They agreed that the issue of invasive species was a major problem for not only local authority lands, but also for individual landowners who were trying to deal with it on their own land, as it was very costly and required to be treated for a period of 5 years before being fully eradicated from land.

They noted that incidences of invasive species could be logged and mapped by the Council and they agreed that the public should be made more aware of the issue as it was important for the public to continue to report it so that the issue could be tracked and managed as best as possible.

5. HOUSING DIRECTORATE

Housing Delivery Progress Update.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Brendan Kidney, Senior Engineer, Housing and David 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 225 units are likely to be delivered;
- Acquisitions-27 units approved and a further 6 being considered;
- Leases-7 units approved and 3 being assessed;
- Currently 14 Void properties undergoing refurbishment works in the Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District;
- A further 14 properties are in the process of being inspected to determine the level of refurbishment works required;
- €4.8 million in funding available for second hand acquisitions, which includes the Tenant in Situ scheme.;
- Currently 59 LCCC led Affordable Sale properties are planned for the Municipal District;
- Approximately 850 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 to the demand for housing that existed in the District.

They noted that there were a high number of single people on the Social Housing Waiting List and that it was very important that the local authority build more one bedroomed units to cater for this category of housing need.

It was also noted that lack of water and sewerage services in certain parts of the Municipal District was impacting on the construction of housing and the Elected Members agreed that Uisce Eireann needed to do more to address this issue.

QUESTIONS

6. Question submitted by Councillor Conway

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for the number of applicants on the Social Housing Waiting List who have indicated Kilmallock as their first choice and the total need for the Kilmallock area of choice by bedroom size.

Reply:

The table below provides the numbers of applicants on the Council's Housing Waiting List who have chosen Kilmallock as an area of choice by bedroom size.

Bedroom Size	Number of Applicants
1 Bedroom	75

2 Bedroom	34
3 Bedroom	25
4 Bedroom	6
Total Applicants	140

7. Question submitted by Councillor Conway

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District what proposals do Limerick City & County Council have to provide proper managed parking at Ardykeohane Housing Estate, Bruff along with improved sight lines at this location.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council have reviewed the parking situation in Ardykeohane estate and plan to implement an improved junction layout to positively assist with sightline improvements within the estate

8. Question submitted by Councillor Carey

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the two preliminary surveys suggested regarding my Motion from January 2026 on proposed walkway lighting in Kilmallock.

Reply:

In response to the Motion adopted in January 2026 regarding the provision of public lighting along walkways in Kilmallock, preliminary ecological assessments have now been completed, including both daytime and nighttime site surveys undertaken on 9th September 2026. The surveys were carried out to evaluate the potential impact of additional lighting on local wildlife and habitats.

Four walkways were assessed: the Priory Walk; Memorial Walk; Loobagh Walkway and West Wall Walkway. The findings confirmed significant bat activity along the Priory Walk, Memorial Walk and Loobagh Walkway, with four bat species recorded in total. The surveys also identified the presence of Grey Heron along the Priory Walk. Given the ecological importance of the River Loobagh as a wildlife corridor and the potential for additional lighting to adversely affect nocturnal wildlife, it has been concluded that these three routes are not suitable for the provision of public lighting.

The West Wall Walkway was identified as the most suitable location for lighting due to the limited amount of bat activity recorded and the existing level of surrounding illumination. The assessment recommends that any lighting proposed for this route should be in the form of low-level, wildlife-friendly bollard lighting designed to minimise light spill and avoid impacts on local biodiversity.

9. Question submitted by Councillor M. Ryan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District if Cappamore Development Association would be allowed to light up Cappamore Library for Christmas 2026.

Reply:

Cappamore Library and Artists Studio play a central role in developing community participation and cohesion in Cappamore. The Library would be delighted in facilitating Cappamore Development Association with the lighting up of Cappamore Library for Christmas.

It is worth noting that the Library is required under Health & Safety legislation to ensure that all temporary electrical installations are carried out by a qualified electrician, currently qualified with Safe Electric. The electrician will be required to provide documentary certification to Cappamore Library that the temporary work has been carried out to the required current safety standards and technical rules.

The Library would be happy to provide the electrician selected by Cappamore Development Association with a sample copy of the certification required in advance of the works.

10. Question submitted by Councillor Teefy

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District for an update on the EV Charging points in the Municipal District. Can the Council confirm when the charging points will be fully operational and available for public use.

Reply:

Two EV charging points have been installed at the library carpark in Kilmallock, they are fully operational and available for public use. We are currently finalising any minor outstanding works with our civils contractor at the other three EV Pilot Project charging sites within the MD and will schedule the installation and commissioning of the charging units at these sites with our Charge Point Operator (Weev Ltd.) once completed, subject to closing out certification & supply connections with ESNB.

NOTICE OF MOTION

11. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Stokes

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that, due the recent expansion of the village of Killeely with new houses, that Limerick City and County Council consider the development of a playground in Killeely as it would be a valuable resource for the local community.

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

The Members noted that additional housing had gone up in the Killeely area and the successful efforts made by the community in recent years in developing the village, and it was agreed that a playground would be a great asset to the village.

Reply:

The Council can consider a playground for the village of Killeely, subject to identification of a funding stream. The Council would advise that consideration should be given to a community playground where the community could apply for Leader funding and a playground delivered in a more timely fashion. The Council can provide assistance to the community in assessing a site for its suitability, once a site has been identified.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Conway

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that an upgrade and completion of the footpaths and street lighting from Castlefarm to Castlefarm Cross be considered to make safer for all users, pedestrian, active travel, and vehicle users at this location.

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

Members agreed that this was an important road safety issue for all users and that it would be a great project for the locality if funding could be sourced for same.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council have prepared a funding application under the related Active Travel grant for this project. Whilst no funding for this project has been received to date, Limerick City & County Council will continue to seek sufficient funding to deliver this proposed scheme.

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Teefy

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore – Kilmallock Municipal District that consideration be given to funding and progressing the provision of a footpath from Hospital Primary School to Castlefarm Cross on the R513 as per my Question previously submitted in 2021.

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

Members agreed that this was an important road safety issue for all users and that it would be a great project for the locality if funding could be sourced for same.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council have prepared a funding application under the related Active Travel grant for this project. Whilst no funding for this project has been received to date, Limerick City & County Council will continue to seek sufficient funding to deliver this proposed scheme.

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr Carey

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that a design for pedestrian crossings and footpath for the crossing at Deebert, Kilmallock, be designed, costed and an application be made for future Active Travel funding.

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

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council have noted and will consider this project for inclusion in the next available Active Travel funding stream subject to the availability and approval of the necessary funding.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr M. Ryan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council investigate the possibility of investing in land available for purchase in Cappamore in order to develop a National Centre of Excellence for fire training and safety.

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

The Members agreed that this would be an excellent development for the Municipal District and the County as a whole. They noted that land was available at the location to facilitate the development and that it would complement the new Fire Station that was about to commence construction in Cappamore.

Reply:

Limerick City & County Council will investigate the possibility of developing a National Centre of Excellence for fire training and safety.

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr O'Sullivan

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that, where there is a proposed purchase of lands or houses by an outside public body or local authority, other than Limerick City and County Council, and which involves public funding, that the local authority or public body should be requested to formally consult with this local authority for noting and approval of the proposed purchase. If this Motion is approved, the request to be communicated to the Chief Executives of adjoining local authorities.

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr E. Ryan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City and County Council write to James Browne, TD, Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage to ask that a house near Anglesborough, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick which was

recently purchased by Cork County Council, be taken into the ownership of Limerick City and County Council and be allocated to a family from Limerick City & County Councils Social Housing Waiting List.

On the proposal of Cllr O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr E. Ryan, it was agreed to defer Motions Numbers 16 and 17 pending further clarification on the issue.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Christmas Lunch The Cathaoirleach and Elected Members agreed that it would be nice to have Christmas Lunch in December with both the indoor and outdoor staff if this was possible to organise. The Director of Services confirmed that this would be something that could be considered to see if this could be facilitated.

Limerick Hurling

The Members noted the great success and achievements of both the Limerick Senior Hurling Team and the Minor Hurling Team in 2026, and they wished them continued success going forward.

State Commemoration-Dromcollogher Fire

The Members referred to the Commemoration Ceremony held on the 5th September in Dromcollogher to mark the 100th anniversary of the Dromcollogher Cinema Fire, where 48 people tragically lost their lives following a fire in a makeshift cinema. They praised all those involved in the organisation of the Commemoration.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
Cathaoirleach

Dated: _____