

**Minutes of Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District held on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018  
at 3:00 p.m. in the offices of the Municipal District at Mountshannon Road, Scarriff.**

**In attendance:** Cllr. Joe Cooney  
Cllr. Pat Hayes  
Cllr. Michael Begley  
Cllr. Pat Burke  
Cllr. Tony O'Brien  
Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan

**Officials:** Ms. Anne Haugh, Director of Service  
Mr. Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Pat Henchy, Executive Engineer  
Mr. Kieran O'Donnell, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Pauline Costelloe, Staff Officer

**Item 1 Minutes of Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018.**

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. T. O'Brien.

**Matters arising.**

J. Cooney handed up correspondence from residents and landowners on the Derrygarney Road, Ballyminogue, Scarriff outlining that they were in favour of Clare County Council taking in charge this road.

**Item 2 Date for next meeting.**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

**Item 3 Fix date for 2018 A.G.M.**

It was agreed that the 2018 A.G.M. will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, Aras Chontae an Chlair.

**Item 4 Programme of works for funding under G.M.A. Allocation.**

Proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney, seconded by Cllr. M. Begley and agreed.

<b>Project</b>		<b>Allocation</b>
East Clare Tourism		€ 6,000
Clonlara Junction Landscaping		€ 20,000
Doonass car parking/drainage		€ 21,967
Main Street Whitegate renewal		€ 35,000
3 Chimney Cross Signage		€ 6,967
12 O'Clock Hills Walk Improvements		€ 1,000
R352 Pedestrian Crossing Tuamgraney		€ 25,000
O'Callaghans Mills Paths		€ 15,967
Flagmount Paths		€ 15,000
Ballinruan Signage		€ 2,500
Crusheen Bus Shelter		€ 20,000
Caher Lakeside Amenity Car Park		€ 1,500
Killanena GAA Parking - reseal		€ 2,967
Clarisford Road Amenity Path		€ 15,000
Bridgetown Tidy Towns (Trees & Signage)		€ 2,000
Amenity Paths - East Clare		€ 24,967
Kilkishen Tidy Towns		€ 1,000
Kilmurry Tidy Towns		€ 2,000
Clonlea Road Bridge Repair		€ 7,500
Kilmurry All Weather Pitch		€ 10,000
Tulla Footpath		€ 5,000
Tree Limbing		€ 16,267
<b>Total Assigned</b>		<b>€ 257,602</b>
<b>Allocation</b>		<b>€ 257,800</b>

**Item 5            Proposal to abandon a public road at Kylecreeen, Boston, Co. Clare.**

Report dated 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 from John Corry, Administrative Officer, Transportation was circulated with the agenda. The report states that it is proposed to abandon public road No. L10121 at Kylecreeen, Boston, Co. Clare in accordance with Section 12, Sub-section (2) (a) of the Roads Act 1993.

The road proposed for consideration for abandonment is located in Kylecreeen, Boston, Co. Clare. The road extends for 273m from its junction with road number L1012.

A public notice advertising the intention to abandon this stretch of road appeared in the Clare Champion dated 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 and submissions were invited up to 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018. No submissions were received.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Begley seconded by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan and agreed by the members present

“That pursuant to Section 12, sub-section (2)(a) of the Roads Act 1993, Clare County Council abandon public road No. L10121 at Kylecreeen, Boston, Co. Clare.”

**Item 6            Declaration of Public Roads in relation to Cuirt na bhFiach, Tulla, Co. Clare.**

Report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018 from Siobhan O’Reilly, Administrative Officer, Planning Department was circulated with the agenda. The report states that it is proposed to declare the roads in Cuirt na bhFiach, Tulla to be public roads. The Statutory Notice to this effect was published on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The relevant maps were available for public inspection until 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 and the closing date for submissions was the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018. No submissions were received from the public during this period.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Hayes seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney and agreed by the members present

“Notice having been served pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads At 1993 (as amended), Clare County Council approves, pursuant to the powers vested on it under Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended by Section 59 of the Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2010, the declaration of the roads in the following estate to be public roads:

- Cuirt na bhFiach, Tulla, Co. Clare

Subject to the conditions set out in the notice and map served on the members dated 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2018.”

**Item 7            Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Burke.**

"Calling on Clare County Council to give an update on the proposed works on the L8050 at Poulagower, Scarriff."

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke  
Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

"Funding for upgrade of the L-8050 at Poulagower has been provided for in the 2018 Schedule of Municipal District Works as approved by the Municipal District.

Elements of the upgrade are dependent on Landowners fulfilling their responsibilities under the Roads Act 1993 under Sections 70 and 76 of this act."

**Item 8 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Burke.**

"Calling on Clare County Council to carry out improvements to the L8184, Gurrane to Coolagoree Road as sections of this road are in poor condition."

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke  
Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

"In recent weeks we have carried out drainage maintenance\improvements on the L-8184 & L-80381 between Gurraun and Coolagoree. It is accepted that this road would benefit from restorative improvement. In this regard an application has been submitted to the Department for funding under the Community Involvement Scheme (C.I.S.) Grant programme for 2018."

**Item 9 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Burke.**

"Calling on Clare County Council to carry out improvements to the L8088 at Ballinagough, Whitegate as a section of this road is in constant need of patching."

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke  
Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“It is accepted that improvement works are needed on sections of this road, subject to funding being available.”

**Item 10 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney.**

“That Clare County Council give an update on the progress of works in the town of Scarriff and when it is hoped to have the work completed.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“Clare County Council Rural Development Section is engaged in a process to appoint a Project Architect to be assigned to this scheme and a number of other similar projects in the County. Once an appointment is confirmed it is proposed that a meeting will be arranged with the local representatives to agree and prioritise future phases of works on these projects. Any completion targets can then be guided by prioritisation\phasing of any works as agreed with the community having regard to the likely funding available.”

**Item 11 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney.**

“That Clare County Council give an update on the sewerage scheme for Broadford village and check out the sewerage problem in Hurlestown Meadows which occurs in heavy rain.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

**Cyril Feeney, Senior Engineer, Water Services and Environment replied as follows:**

“We have been advised by Irish Water that funding allocation for this type of project is not available under the current (2017 – 2021) Programme. However Irish Water has agreed a growth fund for rural towns and villages with the Dept for which Broadford Village Sewerage Scheme can be considered. Further details are to be available later this year. In regard to Hurdlestown Meadow as part of the taking in charge process Clare County Council has identified improvement works which are necessary to bring the estate to an acceptable standard for taking in charge. Some of these works have already commenced on site. The persistent problem of sewerage surcharging from a manhole in private property during heavy rainfall has identified the need to undertake further works which are currently being undertaken by water services operational staff. These works consist of replacing pumps and upgrading the controls at the wastewater treatment plant itself along with the cleaning of primary settlement tanks.”

All the members spoke of the importance of a new sewerage scheme for Broadford village. Reference was made to the pilot planning study being completed in Broadford and members also highlighted the opening of the new school, earlier that day. Cllr. J. Cooney spoke of the need to provide infrastructure in our villages and towns. It was agreed that it would be a priority for the members to advance this scheme for Broadford.

**Item 12 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney.**

“That Clare County Council pipe the drain at the end of the Fahy South Road, Bridgetown in the interest of road safety.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney  
Seconded by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“It is accepted that there are drainage issues on this road (L-7126) and in particular on a 0.5km section near the village of Bridgetown. A significant aspect of this problem relates to landowners not fulfilling their responsibilities under Section 76 of the Roads Act 1993 in regard to preventing water from flowing onto the public road.

However, provided such issues are reasonably addressed to the satisfaction of Clare County Council consideration can be given to addressing any other measures still deemed necessary. Funding for such works can then be sought in any future Drainage Improvement Grant applications to be submitted to the Department.”

**Item 13 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.**

“I am asking for an update on the proposed traffic management plan for the Burren and when this might be implemented. Traffic problems in these areas are causing difficulties for local residents and farmers.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes  
Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

**Leonard Cleary, Director of Rural Development replied as follows:**

“Clare County Council’s Rural Development Directorate will convene an initial meeting in June 2018 of key state agencies delivering services in the Burren with a view to developing a vision on which to begin a process to prepare a Visitor Management Plan in the Burren. Once such a vision and pathway forward is agreed with statutory partners, consultation with wider community and tourism stakeholders will be considered. It is important that such a Burren

Visitor Management Plan process is in dialogue with the imminent preparation of the new Clare Tourism Strategy and the Cliffs of Moher strategy. There is a very strong case for an approach that roots all three plans in a sustainable tourism model for the Burren. The broad framework for dialogue between the three strategies /plans is aligned to that envisaged by the Clare Rural Development Forum’s Strategy.”

Cllr. P. Hayes expressed disappointment with the recent presentation from the National Parks and Wildlife Services to Clare County Council as they had no budget provided for any improvement works and they hadn’t dealt with many of the Environmental issues.

**Item 14 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.**

“I am asking that a long term plan be put in place to upgrade our local and tertiary roads. The lack of investment in these roads was clearly evident in the recent road works programme showing very little funds allocated to these roads.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Burke

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“It is accepted that significant additional funding is required to address necessary improvements to the Local Secondary and Tertiary road network in particular.

In the 2018 Schedule of Municipal District Works as approved by the Municipal District Councillors the following gives a breakdown of where spending is allocated on Non-National roads for 2018.”

Killaloe Municipal District 2018	Restorative Improvement (Strengthening)	Restorative Maintenance (Resurfacing)	Total
<b>Regional</b> (73 km)	€16,725	€176,400	€193,125
<b>Local Primary</b> (331 km)	€428,000	€252,120	€680,120
<b>Local Secondary</b> (444 km )	€39,000	€266,415	€1,105,415
<b>Local Tertiary</b> (340 km)	€75,000	€7,200	€82,200
<b>Local Roads CIS</b>	Awaiting approval		

<b>Private Roads LIS</b>	€100,767		€100,767
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- \* €40,703 is provided for all Local Road Maintenance.  
€07,040 is provided for Regional Road Maintenance

The members expressed the need for Clare County Council to provide a greater budget to maintain the local and tertiary roads. They also requested that patching works be carried out as soon as issues arose in order that the roads are not given an opportunity to deteriorate further.

**Item 15 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.**

“I am asking that agreed protocols be put in place with Coillte and the private forestry companies for the removal of their wood from their forests. Certain roads in our municipal district have been damaged recently with the removal of this wood. It is now important that we resolve these issues as a matter of urgency.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes  
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Begley

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“We have had a number of meetings with Coillte’s area management to specifically address these and some other concerns. Subsequent to these meetings we have agreed a renewed protocol to address issues. It is our intention to review the progress of this protocol at regular intervals throughout the year along with Coillte. We would also envisage that a similar approach will need to be developed with private forestry in due course.”

The members felt that consideration should be given to a “bond” type system that would enable the Council to draw down funds when forestry operators failed to return roads to a satisfactory condition. It was acknowledged that this would be difficult to implement as planning permission was not required.

**Item 16 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O’Brien.**

“That Councillors get an update on the taking in charge of Ballyvally Estate, Killaloe.”

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the July meeting.

**Item 17 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O’Brien.**



“That repair work be carried out immediately on the bridge at Killaloe.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O’Brien  
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Begley

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“It is hoped to carry out this repair in the coming weeks.”

**Item 18 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O’Brien.**

“That extra General Operative staff be deployed to work in Killaloe and Ballycuggeran park for the summer months.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O’Brien  
Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“It is anticipated that additional staff are to be assigned to the Killaloe Municipal District over the coming months. As with previous years General Operatives will be assigned to Ballycuggeran and the town of Killaloe with increased staffing hours to be allocated to reflect the greater use of these areas during the summer months. However, given our current resources, any additional staff will be deployed where the need is greatest at their time of assignment.”

Cllr. T. O’Brien noted that household refuse was being left in certain areas of the town. He requested that signs be erected and it was agreed to raise this issue with environment.

**Item 19 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan.**

“Ask this Council for an update on the pedestrian crossings in Kilkishen and when will they be finished. One has been fitted but is not working and works have not started on the second one.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan  
Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“The newly constructed Pedestrian crossing at the church is ready for operation and we expect these lights to be operational by Friday, now that the regulatory line marking is in place.

Works on the other Pedestrian crossing proposed for directly opposite the Service Station is currently suspended due to local concerns regarding potential impacts on a local business. In the event that this issue can be resolved works can be recommenced on the original proposal or an amended proposal.”

It was noted that another proposal was under consideration and it was hoped that this amended proposal would get the approval of all parties.

**Item 20 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan.**

“Ask this Council to compile a detailed list of signage in the Killaloe Municipal District where the signage needs to be provided, repaired or replaced e.g. road numbers where the signs are missing and request that the Council completes these works.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Seconded by: Cllr. M. Begley

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“While there is merit in this request, given our current level of available resources, this is not a project that is likely to be addressed in the short term.”

**Item 21 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan.**

“Ask the Council for an update on the number of L.I.S. and C.I.S. applications received in Killaloe Municipal District, and what level of funding is required to complete these works.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“We received 47 No. applications in the Killaloe Municipal District for Local Improvement Scheme (L.I.S.) grants in 2018 at a total estimated cost of over €900,000. An initial approval of 3 No. schemes has been confirmed involving works of a total value of €100,767. These have been approved for completion by the end of July 2018.

We received 12 No. applications in the Killaloe Municipal District for Community Involvement Scheme (C.I.S.) grants at a total cost of over €390,000. We are awaiting approval from the department on these applications.”

Members noted that only 3 schemes had been approved under the L.I.S. Scheme and hoped that additional schemes would be approved later in the year.

**Item 22 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. M. Begley.**

“That traffic calming measures be installed on access road to and within Glor na Shruithe County Council Estate in Clonlara.”

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Begley  
Seconded by: Cllr. A. O'Callaghan

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“Consideration was given to addressing traffic calming at the time this estate was constructed by Clare County Council. The layout of the estate is designed to current best practice and minimise potential for speed. Where motorists are not driving in a safe manner this should be addressed through the residents association and An Garda Siochana.”

**Item 23 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. M. Begley.**

“That the blocked culvert on the L-3046 (near Randles house) be replaced.”

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Begley  
Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“There are issues in regard to maintenance of this culvert that require addressing. Provided the landowners on each side of the culvert ensure the drain access is kept clear Clare County Council are happy to address any maintenance issues with the culvert if and as required.”

**Item 24 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. M. Begley.**

“That the parapet of Gillogue (over river Blackwater) be repaired as stones are continuously being removed.”

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Begley  
Seconded by: Cllr. A. O'Callaghan

**Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“We will address this issue at the next available opportunity.”

**Item 25 Any Other Business.**

- Cllr. P. Hayes proposed a vote of sympathy to the families of Pat O'Connor, Feakle and Ann Moloney (nee Smith), Glendree, Feakle who died in recent weeks.
- Cllr. P. Hayes congratulated Cllr. A. O'Callaghan and his wife on the recent birth of their son.
- Cllr. J. Cooney complimented the Council on works carried out on roads in the Municipal District in recent months. He highlighted the works to the Feakle-Scarriff Road and enquired if the macadam surface used could be used for all regional roads. H. McGrath advised that this finish was only suitable on certain bases and was also more expensive.
- Concern was expressed that the Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan being prepared may have implications for the development of the proposed Strategic Development Zone at the Clare side of University of Limerick. Ann Haugh, Director of Services agreed to arrange a meeting for the members, with the Chief Executive and the Director of Economic Development for an update on the Council's proposal.
- Cllr. M. Begley raised concerns about a proposal to plant forestry in up to 30 acres in the flood zone in Clonlara. He was concerned that this proposal may affect the timeframe for the delivery of flood defenses in the area.
- K. O'Donnell informed the members that the Council had agreed to enter into a licence agreement with Bodyke Tidy Towns for a small piece of ground in Bodyke village and the members were in favour of this approach.
- Cllr. M. Begley requested an update on the proposed Speed Limit changes and A. Haugh advised that final proposals had not yet been agreed.
- Cllr. P. Hayes reminded the members that an open evening will take place at the Feakle Digital Hub, on Friday, 1st June, 2018.

The meeting then concluded.

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**Kieran O'Donnell**  
**Meetings Administrator**

**25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.**