

**Minutes of Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District held on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the offices of the Municipal District at Mountshannon Road, Scariff.**

**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. Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer.  
Mr. Declan Flanagan, Executive Engineer.  
Ms. Pauline Costello, Staff Officer.  
Mr. Kieran O'Donnell, Administrative Officer.

At the outset, on behalf of all the members, the Chairperson, Cllr. P. Burke welcomed Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer and Declan Flanagan, Executive Engineer to the Killaloe Municipal District area and looked forward to the members working together with the Engineers to progress important issues in the area. The members also complimented Hugh McGrath and Pat Henchy on the contributions they had made and wished Pat well in his retirement and Hugh well in his new role with Limerick City and County Council.

**Item 1 Minutes of Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.**

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. A. O'Callaghan.

**Matters Arising.**

- The meetings administrator was asked to follow up on the issue raised of "boy racers" and to see if any progress was being made.
- There was a general discussion on the Broadford Sewerage Scheme and it was noted that an application under the URDF Scheme was being prepared for submission. There was agreement from the members that if a shortfall in funding was identified, that Clare County Council should consider drawing down a loan to fund the deficit.

- Cllr. T. O'Brien advised that he had discussions with Irish Water in relation to issues relevant to the take-over of Ballyvalley Estate. Tom Mellett agreed to review and revert at next meeting.
- Tom Mellett advised that a Section 38 notice had been published in order to advance the traffic calming measures proposed for Kilkishen. Cllr. J. Cooney welcomed progress made.

**Item 2            Date for next meeting.**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

**Item 3            Set date for budget meeting.**

It was agreed that the budget meeting will take place on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Ennis.

**Item 4            Declaration of Public roads regarding Moyglass, Crusheen.**

Report dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 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 Moyglass, Crusheen to be public roads. The Statutory Notice to this effect was published on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The relevant maps were available for public inspection until 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 and the closing date for submissions was the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 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 Act 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:

- Moyglass, Crusheen, Co. Clare

subject to the conditions set out in the notice and map served on the members dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.”

**Item 5            Nomination of town or village for Paint Scheme 2018.**

Report dated 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 from Leonard Cleary, Director of Rural Development was

circulated with the agenda. The report refers to notice of motion and reply relating to the nomination each year of a specific town in each Municipal District for a paint scheme. It is proposed to adopt the model suggested. The report states that this initiative can be funded under the Community Support Scheme 2018. The Municipal District members are requested to consider this model and if agreed, to nominate one town or village for 2018.

The members outlined their dis-satisfaction that this initiative was being rolled out so late in the year. It was agreed that the meetings administrator would clarify the issue again with Rural Development and a further meeting could be arranged with the members if an immediate nomination was required.

**Item 6 Commencement of process for abandonment of right of way at Level Crossing XE042 at Ballycar, Newmarket on Fergus.**

Correspondence received from CIE seeking an Abandonment of a Public Right of Way at Level Crossing XE042 at Ballycar, Newmarket on Fergus was circulated at the meeting. This Abandonment of a Public Right of Way is being proposed in the interest of safety.

This was proposed by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan, seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney and agreed by the members present.

**Item 7 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O’Brien.**

“That a disabled parking space be put in to facilitate the girls national school Killaloe.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“There are currently no designated parking spaces on the L-3098 (John’s St.) Killaloe, which serve the school. While provision of a disabled space is desirable, there are physical constraints along this narrow road which makes provision difficult.

Killaloe Municipal District Office will discuss the requirement for a disabled space and consider a potential location for same with the school.”

**Item 8 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O’Brien.**

“That a footpath be put in place from Killaloe Community College to Clarisford Park.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“Killaloe Municipal District Office currently has plans to extend a footpath along the L-7091, Clarisford Road. This will run along the boundary with the Community College. The final details of the footpath are currently being considered and the project will proceed during December 2018.”

**Item 9 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O’Brien.**

“That repair work be carried out at Royal Parade, Killaloe to raise manholes and other utilities covers to road level.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“The Royal Parade is in need of maintenance. The Killaloe Municipal District Office is currently assessing roads for the next 3 year roadworks programme. The Royal Parade is under consideration for this programme.”

**It was agreed that Items No. 10, 13 and 18 would be taken together.**

**Item 10 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Burke.**

"Calling on Clare County Council to provide an update on the reinstatement of the footpaths on Main Street, Scarriff."

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke

Seconded by: Cllr. M. Begley

**Item 13 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney.**

“That Clare County Council give an update on the works in the town of Scarriff as there is a lot of concern as regards same.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

**Item 18 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.**

“I am asking for a progress report into the reinstatement of the footpaths and gateway project in Scarriff.”

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

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“This scheme is being funded through the Town and Village Renewal programme with supplementary funding coming from I.P.B grants. The drawings have been agreed between Clare County Council and the Consultants appointed to manage this scheme.

The tender for these works will be published on e-tenders this week.

Once a Contractor is appointed they will be required to submit a schedule, it is anticipated that this will be received by the end of October 2018.”

The members advised that they had received correspondence from the local Community Council and they had expressed their concern at the delay in carrying out these works and also that they had concerns about aspects of the Council’s proposals.

It was proposed that Tom Mellett should meet the Community Council and he agreed to this request. It was also agreed that the procurement process should continue as planned and that amendments could be made at a later stage, if required.

**Item 11 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Burke.**

"Calling on Clare County Council to repair/rebuild the wall on the bridge 'known locally as Sheedys Bridge' on the L4018 at Middleline, Mountshannon."

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke  
Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“This bridge has been inspected and repairs will commence once resources allow.”

**Item 12 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Burke.**

"Calling on Clare County Council to cut back all hedges and overhanging trees on the R352 from Cregg X to the county boundary at Whitegate in the interest of road safety."

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

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“Where vegetation originates on private property, maintenance of same remains the responsibility of the relevant land owner or occupier. The Killaloe Municipal District Office will write to the responsible person to inform them of their responsibilities under the 1993 Roads Act.”

All the members agreed that further action would be required in certain circumstances to ensure that landowners carried out their responsibilities in this area.

**Item 14 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney.**

“When does Clare County Council hope to commence works on the proposed road widen, and the construction of new footpaths on the Clonlea Road, Kilkishen leading to the National School.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“The Clonlea Road Traffic Calming project is currently being advertised for submissions under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994. Closing date for submissions is 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

Following this a report will be prepared by Killaloe Municipal District Office and presented to the members for consideration. Subject to approval the timeframe for completion is December 2018.”

**Item 15 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney.**

“That Clare County Council outline what plans they have for upgrading the section of road as you come from Bodyke village to Broadford which is in very bad condition.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“The Killaloe Municipal District began work on this section of work week beginning 24/09/18 and works are scheduled to continue until week ending 05/10/2018.”

Cllr. J. Cooney welcomed that the commencement of the works and he along with the other members outlined their concern at the subsidence to many roads caused by the high temperatures

during the summer. He advised that he would be raising this matter again in the full Council as additional national funding was required.

**Item 16 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.**

“I am asking for an update in relation to the Tulla Water supply restrictions and any plans to upgrade this supply.”

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

**Duane O’Brien, Water Above Ground Lead – Asset Operations (Southern Region) replied as follows:**

“The current supply restrictions have been caused by the prolonged summer drought which significantly compromised the Broadford borehole supply which services Tulla. The borehole groundwater aquifer has not recharged to previous levels and therefore we cannot at this time supply water on a 24 hour basis to Tulla.

Irish Water in conjunction with Clare County Council are constantly reviewing these restrictions and last week were able to ease the limit of the outage by 2 hours from 10:00 p.m. back to 12 midnight to 7:00 a.m. We are also looking at alternative supplies and have drilled a number of test wells in the area but they have not yielded a sufficient supply to warrant bringing them into production. Notwithstanding we continue to review all supply options to Tulla and Broadford , including existing boreholes and possible supply from the Castlelake Water Treatment Plant network in order to restore a 24 hour supply as soon as possible.”

Cllr. P. Hayes requested that this item be kept on the agenda noting there was a 40% leakage in the line from Broadford to Tulla. This could be resolved by the provision of a new borehole in Tulla. Cllr. A. O’Callaghan also noted that other areas were being restricted to try and ensure that service was available in Tulla.

**Item 17 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.**

“I am asking for a report into the proposed changes in the water and sewerage services in East Clare and what implications this has for the future of the depot in Bodyke.”

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

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

“Clare County Council are currently in discussion with all stakeholders in relation to a re-organisation of water and wastewater services across the entire county. The purpose of the re-organisation is to ensure a more effective, efficient and economical approach is implemented to meet the current and future business needs of the organisation in the delivery of the service.

There will be no reduction in the number of staff currently employed in water services, including in East Clare, but instead a more focused approach will be implemented with staff divided into 2 main work streams i.e. water and wastewater.

There are no implications for the Bodyke Depot and it will continue to be used by staff, both water and roads, when working in the area and for the storage of materials.”

The members expressed their concern about the impact of the changes to the provision of services in the area. Anne Haugh, Director of Service advised that the Council were mirroring the set up at Irish Water with a view to providing a more focused and specialised service.

Cllr. P. Hayes took over the chair of the meeting at this point as Cllr. P. Burke had to leave the meeting.

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

“I ask the Council to repair an entrance at a gate on the L81364 (Ballyblood, Tulla) where the Council put in a pipe to take storm water off the road and also clean area in the vicinity of the pipe.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“Killaloe Municipal District will investigate this and include in the Winter Maintenance programme if required.”

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

“I ask this Council to replace signage and poles on the R470 at the junction which meets the L7188. These signs are now dangerous.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“Killaloe Municipal District will investigate this and carry out works once resources allow.”

Declan Flanagan, Executive Engineer acknowledged that sight lines needed to be improved at this location.

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

“I ask this Council to improve traffic calming measures at Ballycar school in the interest of safety.”

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

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“There is currently no provision for these works in the 2018 budget. This scheme will be assessed as part of the 2019 budget preparation.”

Cllr. A. O’Callaghan agreed to work with David Bennett, Rural Development Officer and Ballycar National School to see if alternative funding opportunities were available.

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

“That Clare County Council carry out inspection of roadside trees which are listed for preservation in CDP at Errina, Clonlara.”

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

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“Killaloe Municipal District will investigate and appoint a tree surgeon if warranted.”

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

“That a report on condition of the "wooden" Bridge at Mountcatherine/Springfield, Clonlara be made and include a plan for repair.”

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

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“This bridge has been referred to the Road Design Team for assessment, depending on this assessment; it will be scheduled for works.”

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

“That the Area Engineer give a progress report on the 2018 G.M.A. projects.”

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

**Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:**

“The following payments have been made from the G.M.A. codes for this year;

Tourism East Clare	€6,000
Kilmurry Tidy Towns	€2,000
Kilmurry School Building Fund	€10,000
Kilkishen Tidy Towns	€1,000

The following projects have been completed with part funding from the G.M.A. projects code.

Caher Lakeside Amenity Carpark	€1,500
Killanena G.A.A. Parking	€2,967
Tulla Footpath	€5,000

Tom Mellett agreed to meet with each member individually to update them on the other projects approved under the G.M.A. fund for 2018.

**Item 25 Any Other Business.**

There were no other issues raised.

The meeting then concluded.

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

**27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.**