

Minutes of Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District held on Wednesday, 24th January, 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. Kieran O'Donnell, Administrative Officer

Item 1 Minutes of Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 6th December, 2017.

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 6th December, 2017 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. T. O'Brien.

Item 2 Date for next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on the 21st March, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Item 3 Update on Lough Derg Blueway.

Ms. Deirdre O'Shea, Administrative Officer, Rural Directorate gave an update on this Project. She informed the members that 6 public consultation workshops were held around the Lough Derg Region during 2017. 4 themed maps have been identified and 5,000 copies of each map have been printed. A number of different types of Zone Guides have been developed. The purpose of these Zone Guides is to feature the outdoor recreation proposition in an itinerary format and to help readers to visualise the Blueway experience. A photobank of images has been created and a short promotional video has been commissioned. She advised that the formal

launch of the Lough Derg Blueway is scheduled for the 6th March, 2018 with an Open Day on the 4th April which will involve a synchronised series of events.

The members welcomed the progress made and the fact that so many service providers engaged in the process. They spoke about the benefits to the entire Lough Derg region of businesses working together to maximise the significant potential of the region.

Item 4 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O'Brien.

“That a footpath be constructed from St. Ann's Community College to the amenity park at Clarisford Park, Killaloe.”

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“It is agreed that there is merit such a proposal. Provided funding is made available this scheme can be considered for advancement.”

Item 5 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O'Brien.

“That the street lights on Main Street, Killaloe be upgraded as currently they are ineffective.”

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“I will arrange for a survey to be carried out on this section of to determine any improvements if any necessary. Following this survey a costing will need to be prepared for any upgrading deemed necessary. A source of funding will then need to be identified in order for any works to proceed.”

Item 6 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O'Brien.

“That a site for car parking spaces be sourced in and around the old town centre of Killaloe.”

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“An additional 23 off-street public car parking spaces are to be provided as part of the new ALDI development recently granted planning permission at Abbey Street\Convent Hill. Furthermore, we are finalizing a Traffic Management Plan for Killaloe. Consideration will be given to increasing the available parking in the old town centre as part of this traffic management plan through more efficient use of the streetscape as well as consideration of traffic priorities and routing and\or provisional of additional off street car parking.”

Cllr. T. O’Brien requested that the Council engage in public consultation as part of the process and H. McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer agreed to this request.

Item 7 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.

“I am asking that improvement works be carried out near the junction of Kiltannon Cross to Milltown road as there seems to be a continuous problem with water and potholes in this area and a long term resolution is needed.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“The L-8152 is a local secondary road to the west of Tulla which connects Kiltannon Cross with Milltown. It is accepted that there are drainage issues on this road including the issue near Kiltannon Cross. Provided we can get the co-operation of Landowners\Occupiers in this area to fulfill their obligations\responsibilities under Sections 70 and 76 of the roads act we are satisfied that a resolution can be found and that sustainable improvements can then be carried out on the road in the near future.”

Item 8 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.

“I am asking that remedial works be put in place to protect the causeway leading to Aughinish Island, New Quay and in particular the section on the island side. Recent storms have caused more damage to this area and now requires long term works.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Clare County Council carried out emergency repairs to a breach in the embankment in this area in 2017. Following the most recent storms some damage occurred to the Galway section of the causeway and this has also since been repaired. The Aughinish Island side of the Causeway experienced some further damage. Significant capital funding will be required to upgrade the current sea defences in this locality. I am advised that an application for such funding is to be made to the Office of Public Works (O.P.W.) in the coming year.”

Item 9 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.

“I am asking that immediate works be carried out on the link road from Cragroe to the Feakle - Tulla road as it is in a very poor condition for a long time with continuous problems with drainage.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Burke

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“The L-40561 at Garruragh connects the L-4056 Feakle-Tulla road with the L-8144 Annaghneal Road. It is accepted that this road has been adversely impacted by drainage issues which are affecting the integrity of this road. We have carried out significant drainage improvements on this road in recent weeks. In the long term, in order to invest in surface upgrades there a number of properties that needs to address water exiting their properties in breach of Section 76 of the Roads Act 1993. Once such issues are addressed I would be hopeful of carrying out long term improvements on this road in the near future provided funding can be approved in upcoming programmes.”

H. McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that invoices have been sent out to land/property owners for the cost of works, where the Council had proceeded to carry out works that had not been completed by land owners, despite the issuing of Section 76 notices. To date, they had not proceeded to seek prosecutions due to the legal costs involved.

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

“Calling on Clare County Council to install CCTV cameras at the bottle banks at Mountshannon Harbour.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

William Freeney, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Clare County Council Environment Department is responsible for over 50 bring bank sites in the county and at times utilises CCTV cameras where there have been incidents of illegal waste activity. There can be issues with the installation of CCTV cameras at particular sites i.e. availability of power supplies and infrastructure etc. for mounting cameras. If the Councillors are aware of illegal dumping at Bring Banks, I would ask they contact the Environment Section and we will endeavour to assist in installing CCTV camera’s where possible. The request for the Mountshannon site will be examined by the Environment Section and installed for a trial period, if it is deemed a suitable site.”

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

"Calling on Clare County Council to make safe for pedestrians, the footpath at corner in the square in Scarriff known locally as 'JJ Buglers corner'."

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“There is merit in this proposal. Provided the necessary funding is available we will address this issue at the earliest opportunity.”

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

"Calling on Clare County Council to raise a section of the road in Whitegate between the Ash tree Cross and Dereeny which is continuously under water."

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“The L-8096 is a section of local secondary road connecting Kilkittaun with Derrainy. Unfortunately, due to recent and recurring adverse weather many public roads are being severely impacted by such drainage issues. The cost of raising this road would be significant as the flood typically covers a large area when impacting the road. Given the resources available such a proposal is difficult to deliver or justify at present.”

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 and what are their plans for 2018.”

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Funding under the 2017 Town & Village Renewal was fully expended in accordance with the wishes of the local community. Following consultation with the Scarriff Community Council, it was decided that the grant would be used to:-

- Install underground ducting
- Transfer of overhead power lines into the new ducts
- Decommission & remove the existing street lights and poles, and
- Install new LED street lights and associated cabling\ducting.

In 2018 we are hopeful of securing funding for the repair and upgrade of the footways.”

The members requested Anne Haugh Director of Services to consider all funding opportunities to complete the works required.

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

“What plans have Clare County Council for upgrading the section of road between Broadford and Bridgetown which has subsided and when do they hope to carry out these works.”

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“The R466 at Cloonyconry will require substantial remediation as a result of the structural undermining of the road foundation over a stretch of bog rampart embankment on this road. We are endeavouring to secure special funding for these improvements as such would be outside the scope of the normal grant schemes available. In the interim temporary traffic management is in place and motorists are advised to drive with caution on this section of road as there is a lane closure in place.”

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

“That Clare County Council consider introducing bye-laws to deal with the significant environmental challenges posed by over-night parking of camper vans on the open green area adjacent to the road at The Flaggy Shore, New Quay.”

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“While we have had a complaint regarding this issue on the Flaggy Shore, it is not my view that a serious problem exists at this location in respect of overnight parking. In general visitors to this area are respectful to the environment and part of the attraction of the location is the natural environment. Excessive and unnecessary signage would not be merited based on current use.”

Item 16 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. A. O'Callaghan

“I request that the bridge on the road below Kilkishen National School be addressed with a matter of urgency.”

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“It is accepted that maintenance is required on the L-7008 bridge at Teeronea. Such repairs can be considered at the next available opportunity.”

Item 17 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. A. O'Callaghan.

“I request that the section of road that was raised considerably in the past at Poulataggle near Boston, Tubber be made secure.”

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“In the event that any sections of the L-5010 road at Poulataggle require further attention we will address such matters where necessary and cost effective.”

Item 18 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. A. O'Callaghan.

“I request that Road L7028 be addressed for works as it is in a poor state.”

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“The L-7028 is a local secondary road in Castlecrine, Sixmilebridge that connects the R471 Clonlara Road with the L-3016 Broadford Road. As a result of the recent inclement weather many roads such as this may be in need of some attention. Due to the limited resources available we have to prioritize the most strategic and heavily trafficked roads first. As a result there can be a significant period before we can get to the non-primary local (minor) roads such as this.”

Item 19 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. M. Begley.

“That the L-3058 – Clonlara sports centre to Municipal District boundary west of Mountcathrine Bridge – be included in the 2018 road works programme.”

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Begley

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Consideration will be given to this request in preparation of the draft schedule of Municipal District works 2018 to be submitted for approval.”

Cllr. M. Begley requested H. McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer to contact Eugene O’Shea, Senior Executive Engineer, Shannon Municipal District to consider additional works on the Mountcatherine to Parteen Road.

Item 20 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. M. Begley.

“That the damaged/missing kerbing at Clonlara cross be replaced.”

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Begley

Seconded by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“This can be addressed at next available opportunity.”

Item 21 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. M. Begley.

“That drainage be carried out on the R471 between Clancy’s house and junction at Truagh Church.”

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Begley

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“As a result of the recent inclement weather many roads such as this may be in need of some attention. Due to the limited resources available we have to prioritize the most strategic and heavily trafficked roads first.”

Item 22 Any Other Business.

- A detailed discussion took place about the deteriorating condition of the local and minor road network, due to the inclement weather. The members expressed their concern about the current state of these roads and sought additional funding in the short term to divert water off the roads and to carry out emergency maintenance works, where required.
- It was confirmed that the Council were progressing with the Taking in Charge of Ballyvanny Estate.
- Cllr. A. O’Callaghan raised the ongoing issue of burst pipes on a watermain in Kilmurry that was servicing a large number of houses. Anne Haugh, Director of Service agreed to raise this issue with Irish Water.

The meeting then concluded.

Kieran O’Donnell
Meetings Administrator

26th January, 2018.