

**Minutes of Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 3.00 p.m. in the offices of Killaloe Municipal District, Mountshannon Road, Scarriff.**

**In attendance:** Cllr. Joe Cooney  
Cllr. Pat Hayes  
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. Kieran O'Donnell, Administrative Officer

**Item 1 Minutes of Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019.**

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. A. O'Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney.

**Item 2 Minutes of Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. A. O'Callaghan.

**Item 3 Matters Arising:**

Cllr. P. Hayes requested an update on the water supply in Tulla and asked if it had been determined if the supply was adequate for the proposed new scheme of Council housing in Tulla. Anne Haugh, Director of Services confirmed that Irish water were replacing a significant length of defective piping in the Miltown Road, Tulla and that they had confirmed that there is capacity in the system to deal with this new development. Cllr P. Hayes expressed his disappointment with this response as existing properties have ongoing issues with supply. Cllr J. Cooney added that this was a view that was shared by all the members and requested the members to raise it with Irish Water officials during their clinics.

**Item 4 Date for next meeting.**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at 3 p.m.

**Item 5 Nomination of Towns/Villages for funding under the 2018/2019 Town and Village Paint Scheme.**

It was proposed by Cllr. T. O'Brien, seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney and agreed by the members that the towns and villages of Killaloe, Kilkishen and Scarriff should receive funding of €5,000 each under the 2018/2019 Town and Village Paint Scheme.

**Item 6 Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement and Mobility Plan.**

Anne Haugh advised the members that Clare and Tipperary County Councils were proposing to carry out a non-statutory Killaloe-Ballina Enhancement and Mobility Plan which will assist in the co-ordinated enhancement of the twin towns and particularly the public realm of Killaloe and Ballina. This plan would be prepared in the context of the anticipated delivery of the new bridge crossing and associated road improvement works and in particular the resultant changes in traffic volumes, flows and direction within both towns. In order to prepare the plan, Clare and Tipperary County Councils will recruit a multi-disciplinary Design Consultancy Team with expertise in the areas of Urban Design, Transport Modelling and Planning, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Architectural Conservation, Ecology and Tourism Development.

Cllr. T. O'Brien welcomed the joint initiative and the progress achieved to date. He looked forward to the consultation which would take place as part of the plan and enquired if a joint meeting with Nenagh Municipal District was planned. Anne Haugh confirmed that this may be considered when the consultants are on board.

The members were in full support of the proposal.

**Item 7 Finalisation of Standing Orders**

The Draft Standing Orders as circulated with the Agenda were proposed by Cllr. P. Hayes, seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney and agreed by the members.

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

"That repair works be carried out on the footpaths in Main Street, Church Street, & Royal Parade Killaloe immediately."

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O'Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney.

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

"Repair works to the footpaths along Royal Parade will be carried out in conjunction with a road upgrade in autumn 2019. Repairs along Main St. will be carried out as resources allow. Defects have been identified along Church St. and have been scheduled for repair this week".

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

"That repair work be carried out on the footpath from Killaloe to Ballycuggeran at

Ballyvally, where trucks exiting the forestry have left it in a treacherous state.”

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

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

“Repairs will be carried out as resources allow. Where damage can be shown to have been caused by third parties, we will attempt to recoup our costs”.

**Item 10 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O’Brien**

"That Clare County Council engages in a survey to obtain land in order to build social and affordable housing in Killaloe."

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O’Brien  
Seconded by: Cllr. A.O’Callaghan.

**Siobhan McNulty, Senior Executive Engineer, replied as follows:**

“Clare County Council is active in pursuing development opportunities in Killaloe to meet the social housing demand in the area. The team regularly review sales platforms and work with local agents with regard to purchase opportunities. We recently sought ‘expressions of interest’ from landowners/developers for land/turnkey developments and are following up an opportunity site for development in Killaloe. That said there is an issue with regard to capacity of the WWTP serving Killaloe and it is our understanding that the upgrade of this plant is not in Irish Water’s current Capital Investment Programme. Future development is contingent on capacity at the WWTP”.

Cllr. T. O’Brien welcomed the update but expressed his concern about the Water Services infrastructure in Killaloe. A general discussion took place on Water Services Capital issues throughout the Municipal District including the water supply in Tulla and waste water in Broadford and it was agreed that Irish Water should be invited to attend the next meeting.

**Item 11 Notice of Motion from Cllr. P. Burke**

“Calling on Clare County Council to provide an update on how plans are progressing with “Holy Island”, following the allocation of funding from the Rural Regeneration Fund.”

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

**Joan Tarmey, Tourism Officer, replied as follows:**

“The Inis Cealtra (Holy Island) Visitor Experience was granted funding in March 2019 under Category 2 of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. A series of enabling works is required to advance the project to design stage and in turn this will enable capital funding to be secured. A Project Delivery Team has been established and includes representatives drawn from a wide range of organisations including Clare County Council, National Monuments Service, Office of Public Works, Waterways Ireland, National Parks & Wildlife Service and Failte Ireland. Two meetings of the Project Delivery Team have taken place on 2 May and 27 June, respectively. A site visit to Inis Cealtra took place on 2 May following the initial meeting which was very useful for the team.

This is a very complex project with many different elements. Clare County Council has made contact with the Underwater Archaeology Unit of the National Monument Service and a subsequent letter has issued requesting their assistance in undertaking survey work and a response is awaited. Waterways Ireland has kindly allocated their Senior Designer to assist in the engineering works for the concept design of a new or upgraded landing point on Inis Cealtra and this work is advancing. Survey work by Clare County Council is also underway in Mountshannon and Inis Cealtra Island.

A series of information gathering is taking place with the various representatives bodies to gain the required information to progress the project. A design team brief will issue shortly inviting relevant disciplines to tender for the work, and this is expected to be early Autumn. A verification documentation has been returned to the Department Rural & Community Development and preliminary approval has been sanctioned based on this verification information”.

It was agreed that the Rural Directorate should be requested to attend the next meeting to outline a more definitive timetable with specific deadlines.

**Item 12      Notice of Motion from Cllr. P. Burke**

“Calling on Clare County Council to carry out road repairs including drainage works at “Morgans Lane”, Mountshannon which is an important link road that connects the L4018 with the L4032.”

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

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

“The L-40323 is not currently on our Road Works Programme. Drainage has been identified as an issue along this road and repairs will be carried out as resources allow”.

**Item 13      Notice of Motion from Cllr. P. Burke.**

“Calling on Clare County Council to carry out repairs to the L40363 at Ballinagough, Whitegate as a section of this road has subsided.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

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

“The L40363 is not currently on our Road Works Programme. Repairs will be carried out as resources allow”.

**Item 14 Notice of Motion from Cllr. J Cooney.**

“That Clare County Council reduces the speed limit on the R462 at Derra, Kilkishen in the interest of road safety.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. A.O’Callaghan

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

“Speed limit reviews are carried out nationally on a five year programme. The most recent review commenced August 2015 and byelaws were adopted by the members in October 2018, becoming law on the 1<sup>st</sup> June this year. Once the next 5 year cycle starts, each Municipal District will be asked to nominate candidate sections of road and the R462 at Derra can be considered at that point”.

Following a request from Cllr. J. Cooney, Tom Mellett agreed to further assess it from a road safety aspect and see what options would be open to the Council.

**Item 15 Notice of Motion from Cllr. J Cooney.**

“That Clare County Council gives an update on the works in the town of Scariff.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

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

“The Contractor has completed 190m of kerbing along the eastern side of the road, along with ducting, drainage, installing 3 no. tree pits and other necessary works. On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, the paving commenced on that side of the road. The contractor intends to complete the eastern section of the footpaths before switching to the western side of the road”.

Tom Mellett confirmed that works to one side of the street were scheduled to be completed prior to the upcoming festival with works to commence on the other side once the festival was over.

**Item 16      Notice of Motion from Cllr. J Cooney.**

“That Clare County Council carries out road works on the L7016 Kilkishen as a section of the road is in very bad condition.”

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

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

“The L-7016 is not currently on or roadwork’s programme. Repairs will be scheduled as resources allow”.

**Item 17      Notices of Motion from Cllr. P. Hayes.**

“I am asking that funding be sought to improve the section of road and junctions on the R352 in the vicinity of Henchy’s Cross, Clooney.”

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

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

“This location has poor visibility as you emerge from the minor junctions and also poor forward visibility along the R352. Killaloe Municipal District Office will nominate this location for the 2020 Low Cost Safety Programme”.

**Item 18      Notices of Motion from Cllr. P. Hayes.**

“I am asking that speed controls be put in place on the regional road at Raheen Woods School.”

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

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

“There are currently two no. school ahead variable signs on each approach to this school, which is located in an 80kph zone. There are a limited number of options for controls in this situation.

Killaloe Municipal District Office will assess this location with a view to highlighting the school to oncoming traffic. Works will be subject to budgetary constraints”.

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

“I am asking for an update into the taking in charge of the Hurdlestown Estate in Broadford.”

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

**Kieran O’Donnell, Administrative Officer, Planning Department, replied as follows:**

“An application under Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, requesting Clare County Council to take in charge the development was received from the owners of the properties in Hurdlestown Meadows on 20th May 2019. Clare County Council has carried out emergency works to the waste water infrastructure in this development over the past two years at a cost of €30,000. However the treatment plant itself still requires significant investment while there are also remedial works required to general infrastructural items within the development. Clare County Council has taken over the maintenance of the treatment plant and has also taken over the cost and maintenance of the public lighting. The remaining bond monies will not be sufficient to fund the cost of these works so additional funding sources will need to be found.

Clare County Council is currently establishing the extent of the works required to bring the development up to Taking in Charge standard and this will determine how quickly the Council can proceed”.

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

“Ask this Council to carry out safety measures at Dangan Cross (1.5km north of Craggaunowen Castle) in the interest of safety.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A.O’Callaghan  
Seconded by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

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

“The hedges had become overgrown at this junction. Killaloe Municipal District Office have cut back the hedges to improve sightlines as you emerged from the minor roads”.

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

“Asking for an update on the proposed laying of the new water main on the R462 from Sorrenny to Derra including a start date and a copy of the traffic management for the project. I also request that hedge cutting on these routes and diverted roads be carried out in the interest of roads users.”

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

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

“A Road Opening License has been granted for this project. As part of that process a Traffic Management Plan has been submitted. We are waiting on a start date to be confirmed by Irish Water’s contractor, duration of 60 working days was stated in the license application. The applicant has the option to apply for an extension of the road opening license should this be necessary. In relation to hedge cutting no diversion routes have been indicated on the Traffic Management Plan”.

The members welcomed the proposed installation of the new watermain.

**Item 22 Notice of Motion from Cllr. A. O'Callaghan**

“With 100 to 150 people attending banquets every night at Knappogue, I ask this Council to carry out safety measures on the R469 to include the cutting of hedges and over hanging branches on this stretch of road.”

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

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

“Nesting Season runs from 1 March to 31 August, it is an offence to cut during this period with certain exceptions. Killaloe Municipal District will re-assess this area for cutting back in September”.

**Item 23 Any other business.**

There were no other issues raised.

The meeting then concluded.

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

**19<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.**