

Minutes of Meeting of Killaloe Municipal District held on Wednesday, 1st May, 2019 at 3.00 p.m. in the offices of the Municipal District Office, 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. Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Pauline Costelloe, Staff Officer.

Apologies: Mr. Kieran O'Donnell, Administrative Officer

Item 1 Minutes of Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 6th March, 2019.

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 6th March 2019 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. A. O'Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney.

Item 2 Matters Arising:

Cllr. M. Begley requested update on repairs to bridge in Castleconnell, Tom Mellett advised that Waterways Ireland have indicated that the maintenance for this bridge is not in their remit. Tom Mellett will follow up and discuss with Limerick City & County Council.

Cllr. P. Hayes enquired if a meeting had been arranged with Coillte and private forestry owners. Tom Mellett advised provisional date for meeting fell through and Coillte are to notify Council of new date.

Cllr. T. O'Brien requested update on assessment of O'Briensbridge/Bridgetown junction. Tom Mellett replied it is included in their programme of works, but a date for the assessment has not yet been scheduled.

Cllr. A. O’Callaghan enquired when signage would be erected on R470 between Oatfield and Truagh. Tom Mellett confirmed that the signs had been ordered.

Item 3 Date for next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 17th July, 2019 at 3p.m.

Item 4 Declaration of Public roads regarding Naps Court, Teeronea, Kilkishen.

Report, dated 18th April, 2019 from Kieran O’Donnell, Administrative Officer, Planning Department was circulated with the agenda. The report states that it is proposed to declare the roads in Naps Court, Teeronea, Kilkishen to be public roads. The Statutory Notice to this effect was published on 1st February, 2019. The relevant maps were available for public inspection until 1st March, 2019 and the closing date for submissions was 19th March, 2019. No submissions were received from the public during this period.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney, seconded by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan 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:

- Naps Court, Teeronea, Kilkishen

Subject to the conditions set out in the notice and map served on the members dated 18th April, 2019.

Item 5 Declaration of Public roads regarding Cluain na Laoi, Kilkishen.

Report, dated 25th April, 2019 from Kieran O’Donnell, Administrative Officer, Planning Department was circulated with the agenda. The report states that it is proposed to declare the roads in Cluain na Laoi, Kilkishen to be public roads. The Statutory Notice to this effect was published on 1st February, 2019. The relevant maps were available for public inspection until 1st March, 2019 and the closing date for submissions was 19th March, 2019. No submissions were received from the public during this period.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney, seconded by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan 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:

- Cluain na Laoi, Kilkishen

Subject to the conditions set out in the notice and map served on the members dated 25th April, 2019.

Item 6 Declaration of Public roads regarding Inchicronan Estate, Crusheen.

Report, dated 18th April, 2019 from Kieran O'Donnell, Administrative Officer, Planning Department was circulated with the agenda. The report states that it is proposed to declare the roads in Inchicronan Estate, Crusheen to be public roads. The Statutory Notice to this effect was published on 1st February, 2019. The relevant maps were available for public inspection until 1st March, 2019 and the closing date for submissions was 19th March, 2019. 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:

- Inchicronan, Crusheen

Subject to the conditions set out in the notice and map served on the members dated 18th April, 2019.

Item 7 Declaration of Public roads regarding Tir an Fhia - Teeronea, Kilkishen.

Report, dated 18th April, 2019 from Kieran O'Donnell, Administrative Officer, Planning Department was circulated with the agenda. The report states that it is proposed to declare the roads in Cluain na Laoi, Kilkishen to be public roads. The Statutory Notice to this effect was published on 1st February, 2019. The relevant maps were available for public inspection until 1st March, 2019 and the closing date for submissions was 19th March, 2019. A submission was received from the residents association, who expressed concerns in relation to works required within the estate.

It was proposed by: Cllr. A. O'Callaghan, 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:

- Tir an Fhia – Teeronea, Kilkishen

Subject to the conditions set out in the notice and map served on the members dated 18th April, 2019.

Item 8 GMA Funding – Programme of Works

The following programme of works for funding under the 2019 General Municipal Allocation was proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. Alan O’Callaghan and agreed by the members:-

GMA Programme of Works 2019

PROJECT	AMOUNT
Tourism East Clare	5,000
Clare Walks Ltd	2,606
Telesis Dot Machine	1,200
Derryvinna Estate Landscaping	4,800
Speed Display Sign Clonlara Village	5,000
Doonass Graveyard - Seal Parking Area	3,000
Clonlara Community Access Road Upgrade	13,199
Community Centre Clonlara - Minor Works	3,000
Kilmurry Harvest Festival	5,000
Kilmurry Tidy towns	1,000
Kilmurry Footpath	22,999
Killaloe Footpath Upgrade	16,299
Killaloe Sports Hall	12,700
Scarriff Main St	15,000
Mountshannon Main St.	23,999
Tulla Graveyard Road Maint.	8,000
12 O'Clock Hills	400
Bodyke Drainage	10,199
Broadford Footpath	5,000
Coolraine	400
Ballinruan Church Carpark overlay	2,667
Killanena Church Carpark	2,666
Crusheen Bus Shelters	8,000
L-8124 Rd Maintenance	2,666
Peppers Cross Junction	4,000
Crusheen Community Park	4,000
TOTAL	182,800

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

"Calling on Clare County Council to provide an update on the proposed works for Main Street, Scariff."

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

"A letter of acceptance was issued to Cotter Plant Hire on Thursday 25th April. A meeting has taken place with the contractor and a start date of May 20th has been established with an estimated completion date of 30th August 2019."

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

"Calling on Clare County Council to provide an update on the proposed works for Main Street, Mountshannon."

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

"Main St, Mountshannon is included for overlay works in the 2019 SMDW. To coincide with the pavement overlay the KMD Office intends to upgrade the footpaths on each side of the street. The project is currently at design stage and it is anticipated to be rolled out in Q3 2019. The final design will be subject to budget constraints."

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

"I am asking that Clare County Council relocate the 'Disabled parking space' from across the street at the Bank of Ireland, Scariff and provide it directly outside the Bank."

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

"Due to the area required to provide a disabled space it was not possible to move the location of the current disabled space at the lower end of Main St. However, two new spaces have been incorporated into the new street layout at the upper end of the street."

Item 12 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O'Brien.

“That speed ramps be put in place on the road between the Old Cross Roads and the New Cross Roads estate in Killaloe.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O'Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“An assessment of traffic speeds and the existing layout between these locations will be carried out to determine what the most appropriate traffic calming measures would be.”

Item 13 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O'Brien.

“That emergency remedial resurfacing works be carried out on The Green in Killaloe outside the church because of the dangerous state of the roadway.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O'Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Convent Hill and Royal Parade have been included in the SMDW for 2019. The Green Area will be included for upgrade as part of the above works.”

Item 14 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O'Brien.

“That signage and safety warning notices be erected warning motorists of walkers on the Hill Road, Creevroe Road, and Guarronboy Road out of Killaloe in an effort to enhance the safety of residents and walkers in these areas.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O'Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O'Callaghan

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“An assessment of the road use and where necessary the appropriate locations for pedestrian signs will be carried out.”

Item 15 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. M. Begley.

“That “Slow Children Playing” signs be erected in Churchfields Estate in Clonlara.”

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Begley

Seconded by: Cllr. T. O'Brien

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“These signs will be ordered and erected.”

Item 16 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. M. Begley.

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

“That storm water from R471 be stopped from entering 3 private properties – Cunninghams, Nashs & Kavanaghs.”

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“An assessment of drainage at this location will be carried out to determine what measures may be required.”

Item 17 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. M. Begley.

“That the traffic control measures at Mountcatherine, Clonlara, be reviewed.”

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“A review of the existing control measures covering this junction will be carried out to determine what measures may be necessary.”

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

“I am asking for an update on the proposed improvement to the water supply for Tulla Town and the surrounding areas. With proposed new housing in Tulla, it is imperative that the water situation be resolved before any developments take place.”

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Irish Water has been contacted for a response.”

Cllr. P. Hayes expressed disappointment that no reply had been received from Irish Water. Anne Haugh confirmed the housing scheme has received Stage 1 approval from Department. Clare County Council will request a formal reply from Irish Water regarding the development and plans for water supply in Tulla Town and the surrounding areas over the next five years.

Item 19 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.

“I am asking for an update on the proposed wind farm near Moylussa and what role will Clare County Council have on this project.”

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Any application will proceed under planning regulations and legislation. KMD office have met with contractors in relation to this project to discuss route selection.”

Members expressed concern at the lack of information available on the proposed scheme and requested details regarding the planning process. They requested a meeting be arranged with Anne Haugh, Tom Mellett and the Planning Department.

Item 20 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.

“I am asking that immediate works take place on the link road between Derrnaheila to Feakle, known locally as “The Branch”. The lower section of this road is extremely dangerous and needs urgent attention.”

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“3100m of the L-4066 was upgraded 2014. There were no scheduled works on this road for 2019, however, following an inspection of the road KMD Office will carry out maintenance on approx 300m of the lower section.”

Item 21 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney.

That Clare County Council carry out works on the bad section of footpaths at Riverview housing estate, Tuamgraney and outline the results of the traffic survey regarding speeding at same.”

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Speed survey commenced 29/04/2019, results will be available 07/05/2019. Footpath condition survey will be carried out Q3 2019, depending on the outcome of the survey a works schedule will be prepared.”

Item 22 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney

“That Clare County Council put traffic lights on the R352 between Tuamgraney and Scarriff near the Finsa factory 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:

“As part of the recent Tuamgraney & Scarriff Town and Village renewal scheme a table top is to be located at the forge Tuamgraney on the Tuamgraney side of the HSE Health Centre. This work is substantially complete. It would be premature to install additional traffic control measures in this area until such time as these works have been completed.”

Item 23 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney.

“That Clare County Council make an application for funding to carry out improvement works on R466 Broadford to Parteen road in conjunction with the Limerick Northern Distributor Road if same is going ahead.”

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“The R466 in Clonyconry is scheduled for overlay in 2019.”

Item 24 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan.

“Ask this Council to carry out works on the Fenloe Road (by Fenloe Graveyard) as this road is in a bad and dangerous state arising from weather conditions last summer.”

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Works have commenced on this section of road, we have 1km of works scheduled at this location for 2019.”

Item 25 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

“Ask this Council for an update on Kilmurry Sewage System as on occasions a bad odour is coming from it which forces local residents to move in-doors.”

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Irish Water has been contacted for a response.”

Item 26 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan.

“That works would be carried out on a road crossing in Kilkishen Village on the R462 across from Plunkett Drive, where the crossing looks to have subsided.”

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Following an inspection of this location KMD office will remediate the area of subsidence.”

Item 27 Any other business.

Cllr. M. Begley enquired how the new electoral boundaries would impact on the roadworks programme. In reply, Tom Mellett stated each Municipal District will carry through their assigned 2019 SMDW programme.

Cllr. M Begley enquired if the Killaloe MD and Shannon MD could jointly examine improvements to the road between Burlington and midway to Larkin’s Cross. Tom Mellett advised Killaloe MD is continuously in liaison with adjoining Municipal Districts, however, this road is not included in the 2019 programme.

Cllr. A. O’Callaghan advised the data display sign in Kilmurry is not working and asked if this could be rectified.

Cllr. J. Cooney enquired when traffic lights in Tuamgraney will be turned on, Tom Mellett advised that the delay was due to an ESB connection which has now been sorted and lights will be operational shortly.

Cllr. P. Hayes enquired if the change in electoral boundaries would result in staffing changes. Tom Mellett replied there have been no discussions to date, staffing structures will be examined after the election.

Cllr. P. Hayes expressed concern regarding rural bus services. He sought an update on the proposed bus shelter in Crusheen, Tom Mellett advised that the design for shelter is completed, a contractor is in place and discussions with NTA regarding provision of a shelter have commenced.

Members thanked staff and fellow councillors for their work, co-operation and support, highlighting achievements over the past five years. They passed on their good luck wishes to fellow councillors in the upcoming local election and wished Cllr. M. Belgey well as he seeks re-election in the new area of Shannon MD. Anne Haugh thanked councillors for all their work and wished them all the best in the upcoming election.

The meeting then concluded.

Pauline Costelloe
Staff Officer