

**Minutes of Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at 3.00 p.m. in the offices of Killaloe Municipal District, Mountshannon Road, Scarriff.**

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

**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

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Pat Burke chaired the meeting.

**Item 1 Minutes of Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.**

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan.

**Item 2 Minutes of GMA Meeting, held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.**

The minutes of the GMA Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan.

**Item 3 Matters Arising:**

Cllr. P. Hayes sought update on Part 8 process in relation to houses at Tulla. A. Haugh replied Clare County Council awaiting response from an Bord Pleanala following recent submission of requested information and Part 8 is still on-going.

Cllr. A. O’Callaghan, referring to Item 9, requested update on works at “Maigh Dara”, Quin. T. Mellett advised costings have been completed and possible sources of funding are being examined.

Cllr. J. Cooney sought update on 2020 Roadworks Programme and emphasised the importance of including local and minor roads. T. Mellet replied review currently underway and will forward details to members prior to finalising programme.

Cllr. T. O'Brien, referring to Item 6, stressed the need for traffic calming at the O'Briensbridge/Bridgetown junction due to high traffic volumes, T. Mellett replied the works did not qualify for Low cost safety funding in 2020, but would be resubmitted for 2021 scheme.

**Item 4 Set date for next meeting.**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 at 3 p.m.

**Item 5 Disposal of land at Fortane, Tulla pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended).**

Report, dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 from Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development Department was circulated with the agenda. The report states that it is proposed to dispose of an area of land measuring 0.24 hectares at Fortane, Tulla, Co. Clare.

The members noted the report, as presented, and the disposal was proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney, seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes and agreed.

**Item 6 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney**

“That Clare County Council give an update on a car park for the town of Scarriff.”

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

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

“Following representations, Killaloe Municipal District Office had arranged with the Scarriff Hotel that their carpark be made available to the businesses and their staff in Scarriff, while the works on Main St were ongoing. Upon substantial completion of the works in November 2019 and with a view to creating additional parking space during the Christmas period this office approached the hotel agent and requested an extension, which was agreed. This arrangement will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> January.

A long term solution to parking in Scarriff is separately being explored and in this regard housing lands purchased by Clare County Council in 2018 which run to the rear of Main Street are being examined as an option.”

Cllr. J. Cooney & Cllr. P. Hayes requested an alternative temporary parking site in the town be identified in the short-term, A. Haugh to examine.

**It was agreed to take Item No. 7 & Item No. 20 together**

**Item 7            Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney**

“That Clare County Council put a plan in place to carry out traffic calming and extend the public lights in the village of Ogonnelloe in the interest of road safety.”

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

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

“Ogonnelloe village stretches approx 3.3km between the speed limit signs. Currently lighting is only present in the vicinity of the Church and Community Hall (approx 100m). There are gateway signs on each approach along the R463 which provide an element of traffic calming. The nature and extent of the works which would be required are substantial and if combined with a wider approach to addressing the village needs, would meet the criteria for submission to the Town & Village Renewal Grant Scheme operated by the Department of Community and Rural Affairs. Clare County Council is willing to work with local community groups towards this end.”

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

“I am asking that new safety measures be put in place at Ogonnelloe National school as the area around this school is particularly dangerous and a number of incidents have been reported recently.”

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

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

“Ogonnelloe N.S. is situated in a 60kph zone. Parking is provided adjacent to the school with a drop-off/pick-up point and set-down only area provided by the school off the R463. Issues’ appear to revolve around the use of the set-down area.

There are Gateway style signs on the approach to the school from Killaloe, highlighting the speed limit and indicating the start of the village. There are also vehicle actuated speed warning signs on each approach to the school.

Killaloe Municipal District currently have no plans for further traffic calming at this location. However, we are willing to discuss issues with the school management and there is the potential to work with the wider community to resolve issues arising.”

Cllr. J. Cooney commented on the time required to prepare and submit a TVR application and requested if public lighting around the hall and church could be improved in the short-term, T. Mellett agreed to assess public lighting improvements on existing poles.

The members discussed the problem with regard to speeding through the village, it was agreed that a short-term solution may be found in examining signage, and that the issue of enforcement could be discussed with Sgt. Deirdre O'Doherty, Killaloe Garda Station who is to be invited to attend the next Killaloe MD meeting.

**Item 8 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney**

“That Clare County Council carry out improvements works on the subsided sections and replace the side wall of the bridge at Kilcornan on the L7010 in Kilkishen.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O'Callaghan

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

“The road surface along this section is intact, however, following recent drought period in 2018 the road has subsided. It is not currently on the 2020 roads works programme, depending on the budget allocation this road will be considered for works. The bridge parapet has been referred to Clare County Councils bridge maintenance team.”

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

“Calling on Clare County Council to provide an update on the reopening of the LIS for new applications for the Killaloe Municipal District.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

**John Corry, Administrative Officer, Transportation Department replied as follows:**

“At present Clare County Council have a total of 238 LIS applications awaiting funding from the Department of Rural & Community Development, 39 of which relate to the Killaloe MD area. Clare County Council are not in a position to invite any further LIS applications presently, pending further grant funding being allocated, to facilitate a significant reduction in the list of applications awaiting grant approval.”

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

“Calling on Clare County Council to include the L80971 at Dromaan, Whitegate in this year's roadwork's programme.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

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

“The L-80971 will be nominated for inclusion in the 2020 roadwork's programme. Killaloe Municipal District office has identified approx. 200m of substandard road pavement.”

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

“Calling on Clare County Council to construct a section of footpath directly opposite the Childcare centre in Mountshannon.”

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

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

“There is a short section of footpath which has not been completed at this location. Unfortunately, Killaloe Municipal District does not currently have funding to carry out these works and will seek to identify funding to allow works proceed.”

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

“That Carrig’s Lane, Killaloe be resurfaced and street lighting be upgraded.”

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

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

“A design is currently being prepared by the Killaloe Municipal District Office. Once this is completed the project will be costed and funds sought to complete the works.”

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

“That two new street lights be placed on existing poles in Bridgetown.”

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

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

“This location has been surveyed and it was determined that the existing lighting does not meet the current standard. These lights have been added to the Councils 2020 maintenance schedule.”

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

“That a pelican crossing be installed at Convent Hill, Killaloe.”

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

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

“Provision for a pedestrian crossing had been made during recent upgrades. The intention is to complete works before the end of Q1.”

**Item 15 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan**

“In light of huge volumes of illegal dumping throughout East Clare and especially in the area of 12 O Clock Hills, I am asking that more resources would be put in place to stamp out this bad behaviour, as this is an ongoing concern to all.”

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

**Brendan Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Department replied as follows:**

“The Councils Environment Section is investing time and resources currently on monitoring and investigating illegal dumping throughout the county.

In relation to the 12 O’Clock Hills area specifically, our Enforcement team have recently discovered 4 areas of significant illegal dumping and have issued 4 fines based on evidence found. The Environment Section will work, as always, with the Municipal District in relation to a timely clean up of the area.”

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

“I ask this Council to get the data display sign entering Kilmurry village from the Sixmilebridge side fixed as soon as possible, as it has been not working for a few months.”

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

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

“This was referred to the contractor responsible for variable sign maintenance. The contractor’s maintenance team was onsite 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and repair was completed.”

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

“I ask this Council to repair the bad dips on the Doon to Ballinruan road approximately a half mile from Doon Graveyard in the interest of road safety.”

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

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

“L-8002-0 is not on the current roads programme. Killaloe Municipal District will carry out maintenance works as resources allow.”

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

“I am asking that Clare County Council, in conjunction with Galway County Council, erect new directional signposts for Killanena and East Clare at Loughcutra as the present ones have been vandalised and new ones are required.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Burke

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

“Killaloe Municipal District Office has notified Galway County Council of this issue.”

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

“I am asking that Clare County Council put in place new signage on the junctions on the R352 leading to Tulla with emphasis particularly on advance signage.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

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

“Killaloe Municipal District has identified issues with the current signs leading to Tulla on the R352. Replacement signs will be ordered for any defective signs.”

**Item 21 Any other business.**

None.

The meeting then concluded.

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**Pauline Costelloe**  
**Staff Officer**

**21 January, 2020.**