

**Minutes of Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District held on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 at 3.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Áras Chontae an Chláir.**

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

**Officials:** Ms. Anne Haugh, Director of Service  
Mr Morgan Lahiffe, A/Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer  
Mr. Kieran O’Donnell, Administrative Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr. Tony O’Brien

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Pat Burke chaired the meeting.

**Item 1 Resolution under Section 50 of the Standing Orders.**

The following resolution was adopted having been proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan.

“We, the members of Killaloe Municipal District agree to hold today’s meeting of Killaloe MD in committee, as provided for under Section 50 of the Standing Orders. This decision is being made, having regard to the current advice from the HSE on the spread of coronavirus, in relation to the gathering of people and in the interests of maximising physical distancing.”

**Item 2 Minutes of Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.**

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes.

**Item 3 Matters Arising:**

No issues were raised.

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

It was agreed to set a provisional date for the next meeting of Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 at 3 p.m.

**Item 5            Disposal of land to Killaloe Ballina Tennis Club pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended).**

Report, dated 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 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 0.5059 hectares, by means of a 25 year lease, at Knockyclovaun, Killaloe, Co. Clare. This lease will replace an existing 21 year lease which was entered into in 2017.

The members noted the report, as presented, and the disposal was proposed by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan, seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney and agreed.

**Item 6            Schedule of Municipal District Works**

John Leahy, Senior Engineer, and John Corry, Administrative Officer attended to present the main elements of the Schedule of Municipal District works for 2020. John Leahy advised that the total fund available is €30,642,904. This is a reduction on funding available from 2019, however, the funding available for the existing road network in Clare in 2020 is similar to 2019.

The sources of this funding are:-

- € 2,932,040 from the TII in respect of national roads
- €24,472,864 from the DTTaS in respect of Non-National routes
- € 3,238,000 from the Council’s Own Resources

The Schedule provides for the following roads funding in the Killaloe Municipal District for 2019:-

- Restoration Improvement Grant € 2,678,835
- Restoration Maintenance Grant € 736,018
- Discretionary Grant € 240,000
- Drainage Works € 204,300
- Regional Road Maintenance € 209,000
- Local Road Maintenance € 505,000
- Bridge Rehabilitation Works € 54,600
- Safety Improvement Works € 150,000

John Corry provided an update on funding available for the LIS and CIS schemes. No allocation has been received for the Local Improvement Scheme for 2020. There are currently 238 applications on hand and it will take a number of years for this to reduce significantly based on expected allocation levels. An allocation of €142,000 has been received to fund projects under the Community Involvement Scheme in 2020. This is a substantial reduction from the 2019 figure as the Council completed a large number of schemes in 2019, identified in the three year programme 2019-2021. The Council has a number of applications on hand and John advised that it was not envisaged that the scheme would be open to new applications in 2020.

The members welcomed the funding available under the works programme. They highlighted the need to increase funding in local roads and requested that applications for funding under the CIS Scheme should be invited from interested groups, as roads had deteriorated significantly after the wet winter.

Cllr P. Hayes expressed concern about some of the quality of the work being undertaken and noted that surface dressing applied on roads appeared not to be lasting. He also sought clarification on funding for drainage works to the Graney River.

John Leahy confirmed that a review was taking place and that any substandard works completed during 2019 would be rectified by the Contractor.

The Schedule of Municipal District Works was proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan and agreed by the members.

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

“That extra resources be allocated to repair our roads in both our rural and urban areas of our MD. Many of our towns and villages are badly affected by the adverse weather we have experienced.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan (on behalf of Cllr T. O’Brien)  
Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

**Morgan Lahiffe, A/Senior Executive Officer replied as follows:**

“The inclement weather has certainly posed a challenge to the Municipal District in relation to maintenance. Municipal District Engineers are continually assessing damage in our road networks along with Senior General Services Supervisors.

A programme of maintenance is now in place in relation to the road network consisting of pothole repair and drainage. It is not envisaged that any extra resources will be available at this time.”

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

“That the road at Lower Ardnataggle (L3072-0) be repaired as a matter of urgency.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O'Callaghan (on behalf of Cllr T. O'Brien)  
Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

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

“The L-3072 was repaired on Monday the 23rd March 2020. This road will be monitored and repaired as necessary. Clare County Council will be proposing that this road is included in future road works programmes.”

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

“That staffing be put in place to ensure that the amenity park at Ballycuggeran is fully operational for the Easter holidays and all necessary works are carried out to ensure same.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O'Callaghan (on behalf of Cllr T. O'Brien)  
Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

**Morgan Lahiffe, A/Senior Executive Officer, replied as follows:**

“The Covid 19 crisis is leading the decisions that the Council makes in relation to public facilities. In normal circumstances, Clare County Council would look to make Ballycuggeran Operational for the Easter Holidays and increase the level of service for the Summer months.

We will undertake a Risk Assessment in relation to the Public facilities closer to the Easter Holidays taking into account the Public Health situation at that stage.

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

“Calling on Clare County Council to carry out drainage and repairs to the L8192 at Carrowena, Ogonnelloe.”

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

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

“The L-8192 Carrowena, Ogonnelloe does not form part the 2020 proposed road works programme. The road and drainage network will need to be surveyed and investigated further to resolve this issue along with meeting relevant land owners, this will be carried out in 2020 and proposed for works in 2021.

In the interim water tables/inlets will be opened up to alleviate surface water to prevent any further deterioration of the road. Road repairs will also be carried out on the 24th March 2020”

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

“Calling on Clare County Council to carry out drainage works outside the entrance to the GAA Grounds in Whitegate”

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

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

“Drainage works on the R-352 adjacent to the GAA grounds in Whitegate is scheduled in the third quarter of 2020. Ongoing maintenance will be carried out at this location until these works are scheduled.”

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

“Calling on Clare County Council to carry out repairs to the Bridge and deal with the adjacent open drain on the Ballynevin road in Bridgetown.”

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

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

“Clare County Council has inspected the open drain along the L-7104, following recent storms and flood events, no apparent subsidence or recent damage has occurred. We have noted that the adjacent property has responsibility of piping and fencing off this drain as part of the recent planning of the development.

The bridge was inspected by the road design team, the bridge structurally is in good condition with minor pointing and maintenance required. The bridge will be put on a list of bridges that need minor repair works.”

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

“I call on Clare County Council to carry out drainage and upgrading works on the L8192 in Ogonnelloe as it is almost impassable.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

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

“The L-8192 Carrowena, Ogonnelloe does not form part of the 2020 proposed road works programme.

The road and drainage network will need to be surveyed and investigated further to resolve this issue along with meeting relevant land owners, this will be carried out in 2020 and proposed for works in 2021.

In the interim water tables/inlets will be opened up to alleviate surface water to prevent any further deterioration of the road. Road repairs will also be carried out on the 24th March 2020,”

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

“That Clare County Council carry out upgrading and resurfacing works on the L4126 Knockatloe, O’Callaghan’s Mills as the road is in a very bad condition.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

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

“The L-7012 Knockatloe to Cappalaheen road in O’Callaghan’s Mills will be proposed for restoration improvement works in the 2020 Road works programme. Anticipated commencement of this road will be in June 2020.”

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

“That Clare County Council carries out road works on the first section of the Belvoir to Oatfield road which accesses the 12 O’ Clock Hill walking trail as it is in a dangerous condition.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

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

“Clare County Council has carried out repairs on this road over the past number of days. The road requires restoration improvement works.

This road will be considered for future road works programmes or alternatively be part of a submission for a potential Community involvement scheme in 2020 if the relevant land owners or residents are willing to contribute to same.”

**Item 16      Any other business.**

The members congratulated Tom Mellett and his wife, on the birth of their daughter Tara. They also welcomed the appointment of Morgan Lahiffe as A/Senior Executive Officer for Killaloe MD and they looked forward to working with him in the future.

Cllr. J. Cooney congratulated all those involved with St. Flannan’s College, Ennis on their recent Harty Cup success.

The meeting then concluded.

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**Kieran O’Donnell**  
**Meetings Administrator**

**26<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.**