

Minutes of Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District
held on Wednesday, 11th November, 2020 at 11.00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber, Áras Chontae an Chláir.

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

Officials: Ms. Anne Haugh, Director of Service
Mr. Morgan Lahiffe, A/Senior Executive Officer
Mr. Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Pat Hayes chaired the meeting.

Item 1 Minutes of Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 16th September July 2020.

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 16th September, 2020 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. P. Burke and seconded by Cllr. A. O'Callaghan.

Item 2 Matters Arising:

Cllr. T. O'Brien requested update on traffic lights at Bridgetown, T. Mellett replied Airtricity would carry out works in the coming weeks.

Cllr. J. Cooney complimented works carried out on the walkway from Killaloe to Tuamgraney and asked if funding available for section from Bealkelly to Tuamgraney and when works would be carried out? T. Mellett advised funding in place and path would be completed in coming weeks.

Cllr. P. Hayes asked for update on Henchy's Cross, T. Mellett replied it is a large project and will be progressed under the Special Improvement Scheme.

Cllr. A. O'Callaghan complimented recent works carried out on the Tulla Walkways.

Item 3 Set date for next meeting

It was agreed the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 13th January, 2020 in the Council Chamber, confirmation of time to follow.

Item 4 Correspondence from Rural Directorate regarding Burial Ground Review.

A report prepared by Siobhán O'Reilly, Administrative Officer, dated 2nd November, 2020 was circulated with the Agenda.

The report referred to the commencement of the "Review of the Burial Ground Model- services needs and resources" on behalf of the Rural Development Directorate. Nominations of 2No. elected members from each of the Municipal Districts to participate in the process and bring forward ideas and concerns on behalf of their MD are sought. Cllr. P. Burke and Cllr. A. O'Callaghan were nominated to represent the Killaloe Municipal District.

Item 5 Declaration of Public Roads - An Garran Estate, Mountshannon

Report, dated 2nd November, 2020 prepared by Kieran O'Donnell, Administrative Officer, Planning Department, was circulated with the Agenda. The report states it is proposed to declare the roads in "An Garran", Mountshannon to be public roads. The Statutory Notice to this effect was published on 31st July, 2020. The relevant maps were available for public inspection until 31st August, 2020 and the closing date for submissions was 14th September, 2020. No submissions were received from the public during this period.

It was proposed by Cllr. Pat Burke and 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, the declaration of the roads in the following estate to be public roads:-

- An Garran, Mountshannon

Subject to the conditions set out in the notice and map served on the members, dated 2nd November, 2020

Item 6 Lease Agreement Ballina/Killaloe Tennis Club.

A report prepared by Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Development, dated 9 November, 2020 was circulated with the Agenda. The report states that Clare County Council approved a 25 year lease agreement with the Killaloe Ballina Tennis Club on lands owned by Clare County Council at Bane's Field, Killaloe in April, 2020. It is now proposed to increase the area from 0.5ha to 0.65 ha to allow for emergency access to the club grounds.

It was proposed by Cllr. T. O'Brien and seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney and agreed by the members present:-

To dispose of property (by lease agreement) pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Item 7 Notices of Motion from Cllr. T. O'Brien

"That the footpath in St John's Lane, Killaloe from the Convent Hill side be repaired and extended to the girls national school in the interest of road safety."

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O'Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

"Clare County Council have reviewed this location. We currently have no funding available to carry out immediate repairs to the existing footpaths. There is also a constraint in the road width leading to the Girls National School which will need to be investigated further for pedestrian and vehicular movements. The current Killaloe/Ballina Mobility Plan being drawn up on behalf of Clare and Tipperary Local Authorities will also be assessing any deficiencies' in public infrastructure and making recommendations in relation to same."

Item 8 Notices of Motion from Cllr. P Hayes

"I am asking that a comprehensive safety plan be put in place for the village of Dromindoora, which will also help to link the village together. This plan should include traffic calming measures, a new footpath, adequate lighting and the removal of dangerous obstacles. This is a very busy regional road and extremely dangerous for both pedestrians, children of the school and users of the G.A.A pitch. I am asking that once the plan is completed that funding will be sought for."

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Burke

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

"Clare County Council do not currently have a plan in place for a safety project in the village in Drumindoora. Resources of the MD are currently working on completing the 2020 Schedule of Municipal District Works following the restrictions of COVID-19. We will however add this potential plan to our current list of projects for future development."

Item 9 Notice of Motion from Cllr. A. O'Callaghan:-

"In the interests of safety for the village of Kilkishen, I ask that the Council address the speeding approaching both ends of the Village"

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O'Callaghan

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Clare County Council currently has no funding available to carry out potential traffic calming or speeding measures for the village of Kilkishen. The MD Office has carried out speed surveys at three locations around the village and on the basis of these will be considering potential works for the village. A survey and plan will be developed when resources are available.”

Item 10 Notice of Motion from Cllr. J. Cooney:-

“I call on Clare County Council to put road safety measures outside Bodyke National School immediately. As a growing school population coupled with the speed and volume of traffic on the Bodyke-Limerick regional road, it is becoming increasingly dangerous for children, teacher and parents and to prioritise funding to carry out major improvement works in 2021 in the interest of road safety.”

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Killaloe Municipal District staff have met with members of the Bodyke Community Council to discuss this issue. It had been proposed by the office that in order to improve safety for road users, within the existing environment, the preferred option would be to introduce a pedestrian crossing closer to the school combined with measures at the R352 junction aimed at reducing the potential for speed coming from the village side and additional signage on the Broadford side approach. The Municipal District is willing to reengage with the local community should they wish to do so.”

Item 11 Notice of Motion from Cllr. P. Burke:-

“Calling on Clare County Council to deal with a drainage/flooding issue on the R352 at Cappaduff, Mountshannon”

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

Tom Mellett, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Clare County Council will review this drainage issue over the coming months. A potential drainage system and cleaning of the existing land drains may be required to resolve this issue. The location will be closely monitored in the interim.”

12. Any other business.

None

The meeting then concluded.

Morgan Lahiffe
A/ Senior Executive Officer

20th November, 2020.