

Minutes of Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District
held on Wednesday, 10th November, 2021 at 3.15pm
Meeting held in Council Chamber, Áras Chontae an Chláir

In attendance: Cllr. Pat Hayes (accessed remotely)
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
Ms. Niamh Madden, Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. Pauline Costelloe, Staff Officer

Members of the media attended

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Joe Cooney, chaired the meeting.

Item 1 Minutes of Killaloe MD Meeting, held on 15th September, 2021.

The minutes of Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 15th September, 2021 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. P. Burke.

Item 2 Matters Arising.

Referring to Item 14, Cllr. P. Burke advised the failure of some landowners to fulfil their obligations under Section 70 of the Roads Act 1993 was discussed at a recent Council meeting. He acknowledged the role of the council in notifying landowners of their obligations, however, due to non-compliance by a number of landowners overgrown hedges and overhanging trees remain a problem on some roads in the municipal district. Cllr. J. Cooney concurred and asked if any further action can be taken by the Council. Cllr. P. Hayes commented on the merit of identifying sections of road and putting a programme in place, he asked if GMA monies could be used to fund works? N. Madden replied that the Killaloe MD office have been pro-active in this area and have sent out a significant number of letters, but buy in from the landowners is

essential, she also advised a meeting has been scheduled with Coillte to discuss Section 70 obligations in relation to their lands.

Referring to Item 11, Cllr. P. Hayes complimented the Killaloe MD office on the recent completion of the drainage works at Drewsboro.

Referring to Matter Arising, Cllr. P. Hayes requested update on Cranagher Junction, N. Madden advised funding will be sought under the Low Cost Safety Scheme in 2022.

Item 3 Set date for next Killaloe MD meeting

It was agreed the next Killaloe MD meeting be provisionally arranged for Wednesday, 26th January, 2022, to be take place in Killaloe MD offices subject to public health guidance.

Item 4 Declaration of Public Roads – School Lane, Mountshannon

Report, dated 26th October, 2021 prepared by Kieran O’Donnell, Administrative Officer, Planning Department, was circulated with the Agenda. The report sates it is proposed to declare the roads in School Lane, Mountshannon to be public roads. The Statutory Notice to this effect was published on 10th September, 2021. The relevant maps were available for public inspection until 8th October, 2021 and the closing date for submissions was 22nd October, 2021. 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:-

- School Lane, Mountshannon

Subject to the conditions set out in the notice and map served on the members dated 26th October, 2021.

Item 5 Disposal of property at Ballyoughtra, Tulla, Co. Clare pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

Report, dated 3rd November, 2021 from Anne Haugh, Director of Service, Social Development Department was circulated with the agenda. The report states that it is proposed to dispose of property at Ballyoughtra, Tulla, Co. Clare as comprised in Folio 24356F to the Beneficiaries of the Estate of the late Jane Nicholson, Ballyoughtra, Tulla, Co. Clare, namely Oisin Nicholson and Tara Nicholson. The members noted the report, as presented, and the disposal was proposed by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan, seconded by Cllr. P. Hayes and agreed.

Item 6 Endorsement of the Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement and Mobility Plan.

Cllr. T. O’Brien welcomed the plan, complimented the team involved and the high level of engagement with residents, business and local representatives throughout the process and emphasised its importance as an economic driver for the area. Cllr. P. Hayes concurred and requested the plan be forwarded to the full Council for endorsement and sufficient resources be made available for the implementation of the plan. The endorsement of the Killaloe Ballina Town Enhancement & Mobility Plan (November, 2021) was proposed by Cllr. Tony O’Brien, seconded by Cllr. Pat Burke and agreed.

Item 7 Notices of Motion from Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

“This council would carry out safety works at Smiths Cross Quin/Clooney near Clooney hurling field in the interest of safety.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Reply from Niamh Madden, Senior Executive Engineer, Killaloe Municipal District:

“The Killaloe Municipal District has assessed this junction and is in the process of providing measures such as road lining and signage to improve safety at this location.”

Item 8 Notices of Motion from Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

“Ask this council that works be carried out on the R352 Ennis side of Henchy’s Cross where a bad dip has developed especially noticed by lorries, HGVs and tractors.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Reply from Niamh Madden, Senior Executive Engineer, Killaloe Municipal District:

“Works to the R352 on the Ennis side of Henchy's Cross is not on this year's programme of works. The Killaloe Municipal District will assess the area in question with a view to potentially considering it for a future roadworks programme.”

Item 9 Notices of Motion from Cllr. J. Cooney

“That Clare County Council give an update on CIS and LIS schemes carried out in the Killaloe MD in 2021.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Burke

Reply from Niamh Madden, Senior Executive Engineer, Killaloe Municipal District:

“In 2021, the Killaloe Municipal District completed two roads that were applied for under the Community Involvement Scheme, or CIS. These roads were located in Oatfield near Sixmilebridge and in Carrownakilly near Killaloe. There were four roads completed this year under the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) grant. These were located in Cappabane in Scarriff, Bauroe in Feakle, Ballyminogue in Scarriff and Cappanapeasta”.

Cllr. J. Cooney and Cllr. P. Burke requested that additional funding be sought in 2022 and Cllr. J. Cooney queried if the LIS list could be re-opened for Killaloe MD? N. Madden added that one additional road was completed under LIS this year.

Item 10 Notice of Motion from Cllr. J. Cooney

“I am calling on Clare County Council to carry out footpaths, road and flooding improvement works in Doonaille housing estate, O’Callaghan’s Mills.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Reply from Niamh Madden, Senior Executive Engineer, Killaloe Municipal District:

“The Killaloe Municipal District does not have a budget presently to carry out works in this development. However, we will assess this location and determine what remedial measures may need to be undertaken. Thereafter, the municipal district will examine what funding options may

be available to us and identify the most appropriate method of potentially funding any future works.”

Item 11 Notices of Motion from Cllr. P. Burke

“Calling on Clare County Council’s Housing Dept. to provide an update on when the two vacant properties in Lakyle Park, Whitegate will be made available for letting.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Reply from Tony Neville, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Department:

“At the September Killaloe MD meeting an approximate completion date towards the end of October was suggested. Both these properties have since been added to our Energy Retrofit Scheme which includes the provision of an Air to Water Heating System. Both properties will reach, at a minimum, a B2 BER energy level. Completion dates are now moved to the end of November for both properties and they will be allocated shortly after.”

In reply to Cllr. P. Burke’s query regarding the refurbishment of the Councils vacant houses A. Haugh advised that this is a priority in the 2022 housing budget.

Item 12 Notices of Motion from Cllr. P. Burke

“Calling on Clare County Council to consider providing some park benches/seating at Carrowmore cemetery, Scariff.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Reply from Siobhan O’Reilly, Administrative Officer, Rural Development:

“It has not been our practice heretofore to provide seating in our Burial Grounds, given the number of burial grounds within our area of responsibility and the additional costs associated with same within limited resources. However, the Burial Grounds unit will give consideration to this request with a view to determining if such can be delivered.”

Cllr. J. Cooney referred to the role of the Memorial Committee in instances where a member of the public may wish to fund the installation of a bench.

Item 13 Notice of Motion from Cllr. T. O'Brien

“That Clare County Council would install special bins in Killaloe where dog owners could dispose of dog excrement.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O'Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O'Callaghan

Reply from Niamh Madden, Senior Executive Engineer, Killaloe Municipal District :

“The majority of people walking dogs in public spaces are conscientious about picking up dog litter, but there are unfortunately still some dog owners who do not take proper responsibility in relation to dog fouling. Providing dispensers and dog litter bags has benefits and encourages dog owners to be aware of their responsibilities.

However, it has been identified, that even with dispensers in place at various locations throughout the county, the problem of dog fouling still exists. It is important to state that free "Scoop the Poop" bags for dog-owners are available at Clare County Council offices throughout the county. The Environment section of Clare County Council is working with the Killaloe Municipal District and local community groups to address the issue of dog fouling across the area. In April and May of this year, Clare County Council ran a 'Bag It, Bin It' campaign in an attempt to encourage dog owners to pick up after their pets. The council is also currently running a hard-hitting campaign to advise dog-owners of their responsibilities in relation to dog fouling. The notice, which is advertised in local newspapers at the moment, requests dog owners to clean up after their dog in order to prevent 'mess, smell and disease'. Additionally, footpaths in the Killaloe Municipal District have been stencilled with a message to remind dog owners to prevent dog litter on the paths. The council can also, upon request, provide leaflets on responsible dog ownership to local community groups or resident groups for distribution in the area. It is hoped that through the council's education and awareness campaigns, all dog-owners will take responsibility for their own dogs, which will result in a reduction in the amount of dog waste throughout County Clare.

Dog owners can currently bag dog excrement and dispose of it in the existing bins within the municipal district. However, the Killaloe Municipal District will examine the possibility of

providing dog litter bag dispensers in the town of Killaloe to assist dog owners in keeping the streets free of dog fouling.”

14. Notice of Motion from Cllr. T. O’Brien

“That Clare County Council would install a pedestrian crossing at the boys’ national school in Killaloe.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Reply from Niamh Madden, Senior Executive Engineer, Killaloe Municipal District:

“The draft Killaloe Ballina Mobility Plan includes for the provision of a new pedestrian crossing at this location. Once this plan is adopted, it is anticipated that necessary future works projects can be progressed. The provision of this pedestrian crossing will be the subject of one of these future works projects.”

Item 15 Notice of Motion from Cllr. P. Hayes

“I am asking for an update regarding the proposed works at Henchys junction on the R352 road, and details of the substantial works to improve this section of road and junction.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Reply from John Gannon, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Design:

“This project is an interim measure to improve visibility at the junction between the R532/L4104/L8166. The project will also provide advance warning of hazards ahead such as road narrowing, hidden dip while encouraging motorists to reduce speed on the R352 on the approaches to the junction.” The detail proposal is as follows:

Warning Signs

- 1 no. Road Narrows on both sides (W: 071) with Oncoming Traffic in Middle Of Road

supplementary plate (P 060).

- 1 no. Junction Ahead (W 170) with Hidden Dip supplementary plate (P 069)
- 1 no. Junction Ahead (W 001) with 1 no. Road Narrows on both sides 1 no. on same pole
- 1 no. No Overtaking (RUS 014) on a grey backing board.

Road Markings

Stop Lines (RRM 017) and accompanied Continuous Center Lines (RRM 001) to be repositioned on minor road approaches to junction.

- “SLOW” road markings (M106) to be installed as indicated on drawing.
- Centre Line (RRM 001) of R352 to be renewed for entire length of scheme. Existing Edge Lining (RRM 025) to the east of the junction to be renewed and new Edge Lining to be installed to the west of the junction to the beginning of the scheme.
- Yellow hatch road markings to be installed on the L8166 approach to the junction.

Buff Coloured High Friction surfacing

- Buff Coloured High Friction surfacing (anti-skid) shall be provided for 30m on both sides of the junction as shown. The binder shall be methyl methacrylate, methacolle BBA or similar in accordance with Clause 7.3 of Series 900 TII Specification for Roadworks. The Aggregates shall be buff calcinated bauxite.

Build Out

- A low (25mm) kerbed build out with bituminous surfacing to be installed on the western side of the junction between L4104 and R352.

Boundary Treatment

- Stone wall on the western side of junction L4104/R352 to be lowered to height of 1 meter as indicated on drawing.
- Stone piers on the western side of junction L8166/R352 to be set back as indicated on drawing.

- All vegetation growing on existing stone walls to be removed and vegetation growing on earthen mounts to be cut down as much as possible.

Tree Removal

- All vegetation indicated on drawing to be removed.

Cllr P. Hayes welcomed the report and commented that short term measures will not solve the issue and that a case needs to be made at management and national level for the delivery of the main project. Cllr. J. Cooney concurred and asked for timelines on delivery of measures set out in report. M. Lahiffe informed the members that the Council will continue to pursue their application for funding in the region of €2million to the Department. Low cost works will be carried out in Spring 2022 within the constraints of land available. Cllr. P. Hayes replied that this project merits the full support of the council and requested that it is made a priority.

Item 16 Notice of Motion from Cllr. P. Hayes

“I am asking that Clare Co Council in conjunction with Coillte put in place a programme to remove dangerous over hanging trees on the Gort Tulla road. Sections of this are very dangerous at present as heavy goods vehicles have to remain in the centre of the road to avoid these trees.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

Reply from Niamh Madden, Senior Executive Engineer, Killaloe Municipal District:

“The Killaloe Municipal District has already been liaising with Coillte in relation to this matter. A meeting with Coillte representatives and the Killaloe Municipal District has been scheduled so as to ensure that any trees that may pose a safety hazard along this section of road are removed.”

Item 17 Any other business.

Cllr. J. Cooney complimented works completed at Clooney and thanked the council, contractor and local community. Cllr. J. Cooney and Cllr. P. Burke queried if the path could be extended to the Crusheen turnoff. N. Madden replied that Killaloe MD will look at this early next year. Cllr. P. Hayes asked if a temporary measure could be put in place for now. N. Madden replied

the municipal district wish to maintain the current standard of footpath and from a resources point of view works will take place in 2022.

Cllr. T. O'Brien sought update on the Killaloe Ballina Bridge Crossing, M. Lahiffe replied the tender assessment will commence in mid November 2021.

In reply to Cllr. T. O'Brien's query on the continuation of the footpath from St. Anne's School to Clarisford, N. Madden advised path will come out to the junction and the design is to be finalised imminently, works will be carried out in early 2022.

The meeting then concluded.

Morgan Lahiffe

A/ Senior Executive Officer

17th November, 2021