

**Minutes of Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District**

**held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at 9.30am**

***Meeting held in Meeting Room, Killaloe Municipal District***

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

**Officials:** Ms. Anne Haugh, Director of Service  
Mr. Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner & Meetings Administrator  
Mr. Derek Troy, Acting Senior Executive Engineer

Members of the media attended

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Alan O’Callaghan chaired the meeting.

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**Item 1 Minutes of Killaloe MD Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022**

The Minutes of Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. Joe Cooney and seconded by Cllr. Tony O’ Brien.

**Item 2 Minutes of Killaloe MD Budget Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held of the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr P Hayes and seconded by Cllr Joe Cooney.

**Item 3 Matters Arising**

Cllr P Hayes indicated to the meeting that Bye-laws and issues in relation to jet skis on Lough Derg need to be considered as the issue is not resolved. Cllr. P Burke agreed with Cllr. Hayes and said that the issue cannot be ignored. Anne Haugh indicated a meeting would be arranged with Cyril Feeney SEE Water Services and Environment Section and Councilors from the Municipal District regarding their concerns.

Cllr P Hayes highlighted the recent works completed at Henchys Junction. Cllr Hayes said more funding was required and a concerted attempt to find a longer-term sustainable solution to resolve traffic safety issues at the cross needs to be undertaken and that the issue was a priority for all. Cllr Hayes said the the recently completed works did not resolve the issue and a concerted effort was required to alleviate the road safety situation. Cllr J Cooney welcomed the works however indicated the works completed were in themselves insufficient. Cllr Cooney highlighted how dangerous the junction was and said proper funding was required to rectify the situation. Cllr A O' Callaghan concurred that more work was required and said that the Minister needed to acknowledge the urgent need for funding for the dangerous junction. Derek Troy indicated the works were undertaken to a high standard in strict accordance with the requirements and plans from Roads Design Section and the issues raised by the Members require a wider solution.

Cllr T O'Brien requested an update on the electric charging points in the Killaloe Municipal District area, he indicated how vital they were to tourism in the area. Brian McCarthy replied saying there would be an update from Ann O' Sullivan in advance of the next meeting.

**Item 4            Set date for next meeting**

It was agreed the next Killaloe MD meeting be arranged for 9:30am Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in the Killaloe MD Offices, Scarriff.

**Item 5            Section 38 – traffic Calming measures on the R462 Regional Road at Church Road and Ennis Road, Tulla, Co Clare**

This was proposed by Cllr Joe Cooney and seconded by Cllr Pat Hayes.

Cllr Hayes indicated this would enhance connectivity in the village and at the school.

**Item 6            Section 38 – Low Cost Safety Scheme on the R462, L3016 & L7245 at Kilkishen Village, Co. Clare**

This was proposed by Cllr Alan O' Callaghan and seconded by Cllr . Joe Cooney.

Cllr O' Callaghan told the meeting that the public consultation was greatly appreciated on this issue. Cllr Cooney added that the raised table would definitely slow traffic which was the main aim of the project,

#### **Item 7            Briefing on successful RRDF funding award for repurposing of Old Rectory as Inis Cealtra Visitor Facility**

Cllr. Alan O' Callaghan welcomed Joan Tarmey, Tourism Officer, Rural Development and thanked her and her team for obtaining the award of RRDF funding announced recently. Cllr O' Callaghan said it was a credit to all involved to be awarded such funding.

Ms Joan Tarmey thanked the Elected Members for the invite to update the Killaloe Municipal District and make the presentation on the project. She acknowledged the work and support of the Elected Members of Killaloe MD, the community groups in Mountshannon and all along L. Derg, the wider stakeholders and Brian McCarthy and all her colleagues and the team in planning and supporting this project. Joan indicated the building would be repurposed and an extension to the rear was planned with exhibition rooms, wastewater treatment and the ultimate plan was to enhance the public realm. Joan said the development would attract tourists and visitors to the area and it would be a great opportunity for local businesses and for new business to emerge in Mountshannon. The tender for works would be advertised in the second quarter of 2023 with doors opening in quarter 3 of 2024.

Cllr. Pat Burke thanked Joan for her presentation and complemented all involved in acquiring the funding. Cllr Burke acknowledged Brian McCarthys involvement right from the beginning of this project in the preparation of the *Holy Island Visitor Management Plan* in 2017. Cllr Burke also acknowledged the huge amount of behind the scenes work in getting to this point of the project. Cllr Burke mention past staff members Ger Dollard and Gordan Daly. Cllr Burke also acknowledged the support of Deputes Carey and Dooley and the Ministers. Cllr Burke appealed that the promotion of this facility is completed in a thoughtful way as the potential for the facility is huge. Cllr Burke also added that the need for work on the local hotel was a huge issue. Cllr Burke said he had been on a visit to Clonmacnoise recently who had 160,000 visitors annually and the corresponding potential for Inis Cealtra was evident. Cllr Burke invited all visitors who come to Clare to visit the area when the project is completed and gave his full support to the project. Cllr Pat Hayes said that this was East Clare's time to shine. Cllr Hayes added that with the Killaloe Bypass and the R352 improvements the benefits were great. Cllr Hayes also added praise for past staff members involved in the project from early

days. He also thanked all public representatives at local and national level and highlighted how good it is for the local area to have such a new tourism product. Cllr Hayes finished by saying that the project was very positive for East Clare and that the timescale was hugely positive also. Cllr Joe Cooney thanked Joan for her presentation and for all staff involved through the years to get to this stage of the project, for their time, commitment, and bravery. Cllr Cooney thanked the landowner for allowing this project to begin. Cllr Cooney indicated that with the Killaloe Bypass and the Rectory projects the future was exciting for East Clare. Cllr Tony O' Brien concurred with all the points made and congratulated the Tourism Team. Cllr O' Brien said the project was hugely welcome in East Clare and it was a very positive step forward. Cllr Alan O'Callaghan thanked Joan for her presentation and said the project was indeed very welcome in East Clare.

**Item 8 Notice of Motion from Cllr. J Cooney:-**

“That Clare County Council look at reducing the speed limit and put traffic calming in place on R463 Tuamgraney to Killaloe from the Steiner School to Raheen Hospital in the interest of road safety.”

Proposed by Cllr. J Cooney

Seconded by Cllr. P Hayes

***Reply from Derek Troy, Acting Senior Executive Engineer:***

*“The existing speed limit at the section of road from Steiner School to Raheen Hospital on the R463 Tuamgraney to Killaloe is 80km/h.*

*Speed limit reviews are initiated by the TII, usually every 5 years (not by individual local authorities). The last speed limit review in Clare was completed in 2018 and came into force in 2019. No date has been fixed for the next speed limit review.*

*Clare County Council's Speed Limit Appeals Procedure is a process whereby a member of the public can object to and appeal an existing speed limit contained within the Local Authority's current Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws. The initial appeal is made to Clare County Council Appeals Panel. If the applicant is not satisfied with the decision of the Local Authority panel, the Local Authority will then forward the application to the Regional Panel. In the event that speed limits are to be amended, as a result of appeals, they will go before a Council meeting once a year for consideration.*

*Further to this Notice of Motion, Killaloe Municipal District will refer this request, in accordance with Clare County Council Speed Limits Appeals Procedure.”*

Councillor Joe Cooney appreciated the reply but would have preferred to see of a proposal for a speed limit reduction. Cllr Cooney indicated the requirement for a reduction in speed on this stretch of road was urgent. Cllr Cooney highlighted that 150 children and 50 staff attend the local school. Cllr Cooney said a pedestrian crossing was required. Cllr Cooney also indicated that the Raheen Wood Centre and Industrial Estate were on this stretch of road along with the Community Centre and 12 private homes. Cllr Cooney said this was a regional road which now required traffic calming measures and flashing lights to control the speed of motorists on this stretch of road. Councillor Pat Hayes, on seconding the motion, agreed and indicated there had been a previous Motion on the same matter and the issue is still not addressed and is extremely urgent.

Derek Troy replied that there were a number of elements involved in applying for Low Cost Safety funding. He indicated that the speed limit could be appealed through the appeals process. Derek told the meeting that a redevelopment of the school entrance was a possibility. Derek urged the Councillors to ensure the schools involved were registered on the Safe Routes to School Programme to boost future funding applications.

**Item 9 Notice of Motion from Cllr. J Cooney:**

“That Clare County Council give update on footpaths works been carried out in Tulla.”

Proposed by Cllr. A O’ Callaghan

Seconded by Cllr. P Hayes

**Note: Item 10 Notice of Motion from Cllr. A O’ Callaghan taken with Item 9**

***Reply from Derek Troy, Acting Senior Executive Engineer:***

*“In 2021, Killaloe MD received Active Travel funding from the National Travel Authority (NTA), to improve strategic pedestrian routes, access to schools, and permeability links throughout Tulla. To date, footpath work has been completed on the Gort Road to link with*

*the new Local Authority housing development, and on the Courthouse Road including the newly extended footpath and public lighting to the Athletics Club.*

*It is expected that, in December 2022, works will begin on the remaining sections of footpath improvement works on Tulla Main Street and Chapel Street and - subject to the approval of a Section 38 on the measures - the two proposed pedestrian crossings adjacent to the National School. The works proposed at the junction of Chapel Street and Main Street requires significant design and planning, in order to meet the NTA requirements, but it is expected that these works will begin in March 2023. All the above elements are being funded through the Active Travel Programme and undertaken by the Municipal District.*

*Separately, the replacement and upgrade of the footpaths with Lower O'Reilly Park will also begin in the coming weeks, with funding for these works from General Municipal Allocation contribution, and from IPB Public Liability Works funding."*

Cllr Joe Cooney thanked Derek for his reply and welcomed the current works involving upgrading of footpaths. Cllr Cooney highlighted that a small section had remained incomplete. Cllr Cooney added he hoped there would be a new design in place soon. Cllr Alan O' Callaghan reiterated what Cllr Cooney had said and indicated that the IPB involvement could only be positive. Cllr Pat Hayes said that this issue had been long discussed and was very glad of the progress. Cllr Hayes praised the involvement of the Tulla Tidy Town group.

**Item 11          Notice of Motion from Cllr. Alan O' Callaghan**

“To request this council to taking in charge the sewage treatment plant for Ballymulcashel housing estate in Kilmurry”

Proposed By: Cllr A O' Callaghan

Seconded By: Cllr Joe Cooney

***Reply from Cyril Feeney Senior Engineer Water Services and Environment:***

*“The roads, footpaths, street lights and green area of the Ballymulcashel estate were taken in charge by resolution of the Killaloe MD on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017. However there are*

*still outstanding land ownership matters to be resolved with third parties before any decision can be made regarding the taking in charge of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Clare County Council continues to positively engage with all parties in that regard”.*

Cllr A O’ Callaghan thanked SE Cyril Feeney for the reply. Cllr O’ Callaghan said it would be beneficial to all if there could be a meeting arranged to see what can be done regarding ownership of the estate. Cllr O’ Callaghan indicated lands in Kilmurry had now been dezoned due to no treatment plant in the village. Cllr Joe Cooney reiterated all Cllr A O’ Callaghan said, indicating that a modern village had very little development due to no treatment plant in the village.

It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged for the Elected Members for a an update on the matter from Cyril Feeney, SE Water Services and Environment.

**Item 12        Notices of Motion from Cllr. Tony O’Brien:-**

“That Clare County Council install a footpath incorporating a cycle lane from Bridgetown village linking it to O Briens Bridge and upper Ardnataggle on the R463. This necessary piece of infrastructure would enable the community to access their local amenities such as Church, School, Public houses, and community playing pitch. In the case of the primary school alone it would cut down on a huge amount of private cars using the area on a daily basis as students cannot walk or cycle to school because of road safety concerns.”

Proposed by Cllr T O’ Brien

Seconded by Cllr J Cooney

***Reply from Derek Troy, Acting Senior Executive Engineer:***

*“The National Transport Authority was established in 2009 and is responsible for developing and implementing strategies to provide high quality, accessible, sustainable transport across Ireland. ([www.nationaltransport.ie](http://www.nationaltransport.ie))*

*The Active Travel Grants Programme funds important projects supporting strategic pedestrian and cyclist routes, access to schools, permeability links, urban greenways and*

*some minor public transport improvement projects. In 2022 the NTA allocated funds to Ireland's local authorities with a view to spending €289 million on over 1200 walking and cycling infrastructure projects nationally.*

*It should be noted that to date, projects that have received Active Travel funding have generally been located within existing speed limit zones, i.e. 50km/h or 60km/h.*

*Killaloe Municipal District will refer this request to Road Design Section of Clare County Council for submission to the NTA for consideration under the Active Travel funding.*

*The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme was developed in partnership with the NTA and An Taisce Green-Schools in 2020 as a response to the need to support schools to increase walking and cycling to school. The aims of the SRTS Programme are to improve safety at the school gate by providing 'front of school' treatments to alleviate congestion and improve access, to improve access routes to school by improving walking and cycling infrastructure and increase the number of students who cycle to school by expanding the amount of cycle parking.*

*It is recommended that Bridgetown National School ensure that they are registered with An Taisce for inclusion in the Safe Routes to School Programme. ([www.greenschoolsireland.org](http://www.greenschoolsireland.org))”*

Cllr O' Brien thanked A/SEE Derek Troy for the reply, saying the works were very necessary as the area was highly populated with a school also on the road and that the situation was very unsafe due to the large numbers of road users. Cllr O' Brien also highlighted that there was high congestion in the area due to the playground in O' Briens Bridge and the playing pitch in Bridgetown.. Cllr Cooney considered the response was hugely positive and encouraging and the works were very necessary in linking the town highly population villages.

Derek Troy A/SEE reiterated that the school in question should ensure they are registered with the Safe Routes to School Programme to assist in acquiring future funding.

### **Item 13          Notice of Motion from Cllr. Tony O' Brien**

“That an update on the works on the footpaths on Thomas Street and Crossroads in Killaloe be given.”



Proposed by Cllr T O' Brien

Seconded by: Cllr P Hayes

***Reply from Derek Troy, Acting Senior Executive Engineer:***

*“Footpath replacement construction works at both Thomas Street and at Crossroads, Killaloe, are due to begin in early December 2022. Funding for these works has been allocated partially from IPB Public Liability Works funding and from General Municipal Allocation contribution. The main contractor has been procured and contract awarded. It is expected that the works will be completed by mid-January 2023.”*

Cllr T O' Brien said he was delighted with the reply for the A/SEE.

**Item 14      Notices of Motion from Cllr. Pat Hayes**

“Following on from a recent motion in regard to a transport policy for our County which was debated at Council level and a very successful conference held by West on Track in relation to public transport, I propose that a strong business case be made for the reopening of the Crusheen stop on the very successful Limerick Galway line. Over the last number of years there have been a number of housing developments in Crusheen and adjoining areas and a large growth in population in this area without any upgrade of services and a strong push to use public transport and I believe that it is imperative that we make the case to get this station reopened again.”

Proposed by: Cllr Pat Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr Tony O' Brien

***Reply from Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner.***

*The Clare County Development Plan 2017 – 2023 supports and facilitates the re-opening of the Crusheen train station by safeguarding lands along the route of the railway to provide for the necessary infrastructure to facilitate a train stop in Crusheen.*

*In addition, The Draft Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 states that “the Council fully supports and encourages the re-opening of the station” and indicates that Clare County Council will work with relevant stakeholders to advocate for its re-opening.*

*Members will recall from a previous response from the Transportation section to a similar Notice of Motion that it was envisaged at that time that a Clare Transportation Strategy would be undertaken by Clare County Council’s Transportation Section. This strategy which will determine transportation policy and priorities over the coming years in County Clare, would be undertaken in conjunction with the NTA, Iarnród Éireann and all relevant stakeholders and which would examine any gaps in the public transport network and how these can be addressed. It will also inform future decisions in relation to capital investment in transportation in Clare including the possibility of the reopening of the Crusheen Railway station.*

*At present, whilst the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Plan Transport Strategy (LSMATS) is near conclusion, and governs Shannon and the south east of the County (including its rail transport) a significant element of the overall transportation strategy for the remainder of the County requires to be undertaken. As part of any transport strategy for the remainder of the County, Clare County Council Transportation Department will liaise with the NTA and Iarnrod Eireaan with a view to advocating the Crusheen railway station should be reopened.*

*Notwithstanding the above, in the meantime in response to this Notice of Motion, Clare County Council will engage with the NTA to review the potential of reopening the Crusheen Railway Station.”*

Cllr P Hayes indicated that this had been a previous motion at Council level and the response was that a Countywide Travel and Transport Plan was to be undertaken by Road Department. Cllr Hayes said the station reopening was needed in the area as it served a very large population. Cllr Hayes also highlighted the environmental advantage to having the station. Cllr Hayes said that while he appreciated the reply, he was not happy with it as he would have like a commitment from Roads Department to undertake a Transport Plan for Clare and to advocate the Crusheen Station to be reopened. Cllr J Cooney said he supported the motion and that it was a necessary part of the community. Cllr P Burke said that it would be in line with ongoing

environmental issues to reopen the station as soon as possible. Cllr T O' Brien supported the reopening of the station. Cllr O' Brien opted for a direct approach and suggested an invite be offered to meet Irish Rail from Killaloe Municipal District and encourage them to look at reopening the station. Cllr A O' Callaghan concurred with Cllr O' Brien in relation to arranging a meeting and suggested perhaps a Special Council Meeting be called to discuss the matter. Cllr Hayes added that the issue was a very live issue given the level of commuting to colleges etc which will be ongoing given the current accommodation crisis.

Director of Services Anne Haugh asked for clarification regarding the Irish Rail meeting as to whether it was requested to be with Killaloe MD or the full Council. It was decided that a request for a meeting with Irish Rail would issue from Killaloe MD.

**Item 15      Notice of Motion from Cllr. Pat Hayes**

“I am asking for a full Arterial drainage programme to be put in place for the Killaloe District with particular emphasis on the Graney Catchment areas and its tributaries, and also the Rhine river. Over this recent short period, we have seen road flooding in differing locations across our district and the only long term resolution to this is drainage and clearing of obstacles on these rivers. Working with all agencies this can be achieved.”

Proposed by: Cllr P Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr Pat Burke

***Reply from Derek Troy, Acting Senior Executive Engineer:***

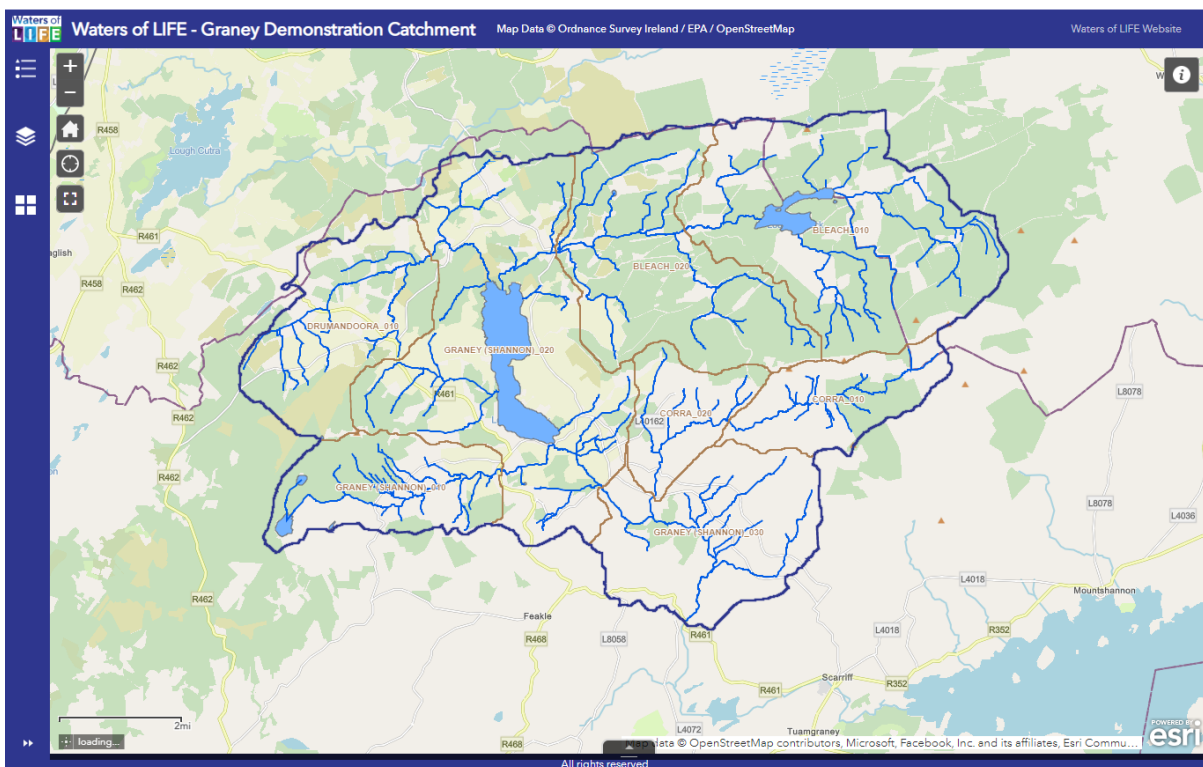
*“In 2022 Killaloe MD was allocated €204,300 for drainage works as detailed in the Schedule of Municipal District Works, out of an overall countywide budget of €879,864. This funding grant has remained unchanged for several years. The primary focus of this funding is to deal with remediation and improvement of defective drainage systems, to help increase the longevity of road surface integrity. This funding can also be used to deal with off-road drainage issues such as catchments that are not functioning as efficiently as they should. The funding allocated to Killaloe MD was expended as follows;*

2022 Drainage Works - Killaloe Municipal District

<b>Location</b>	<b>Nature of works</b>	<b>Estimate Costs</b>
R-352, Cloonolia	New Surface water network to prevent surface water damaging the road, 190m of Pipework and road reinstatement	28,000
R-352, Cloonamirren	Replace collapsed section of Surface water network off the road verge, New 300mm Surface water line over 50m	5,000
L-4134, Ballyvannon	150m of a new 300mm pipeline along the road edge to capture surface water and tie into existing network	15,300
River Graney	AA Survey and clearing of vegetation along a section the River Greaney	25,000
R-466, O'Callaghan's Mills	240m of a New 225mm surface water network required to prevent damage to the road surface	24,000
Powerscourt, Tulla	CCTV Survey and repair works to flooding issues in the Housing estate	4,000
Cragroe Cross	70m of new 225mm pipe with gullies at Cragroe cross	7,000
Maghera	100m of 450mm pipeline along road verge required	11,000
Ayle, Feakle	180m of 300mm pipeline along the road verge	15,000
R-461 Drumandoora	Replacement of existing road crossing, 24m of 450mm pipework and reinstatement	10,000
R-462, Derra	Road crossing to prevent flooding to adjacent property	4,000
L-3016 Ballyvorgal	Road crossing to prevent flooding the road, 15m of 600mm pipework required.	10,000
Springmount, Kilmore	French drains and soak pit required to prevent flooding of the road surface	4,000
R-471 Coolycasey (600m from the cross)	Two road crossings 100m from each other in Coolcasey, 600mm road crossings' required	12,000
Upper Cloonfadda	Water channel required along the road verge.	6,000
Killaderry, Doon Lake	Extent existing pipeline where road is being undermined	4,000
Carrownakilly	Replace blocked surface water line with 600mm road crossing	8,000
Carmody's Cross	Existing road crossing needs to be replace, 600mm pipes required. Road closure	12,000

*Under the 2022 allocation, it was intended to undertake an Appropriate Assessment (AA) Survey and clearing of vegetation along a section the River Graney, however due to the complexities of the process it could not be completed in a timely manner. In the interests of utilising the funding within the time period, the funding was then used across the remainder of the projects listed above. Subject to funding, it is intended to complete the AA on the River Graney in 2023, in order that any future funding can be utilised with immediate effect.*

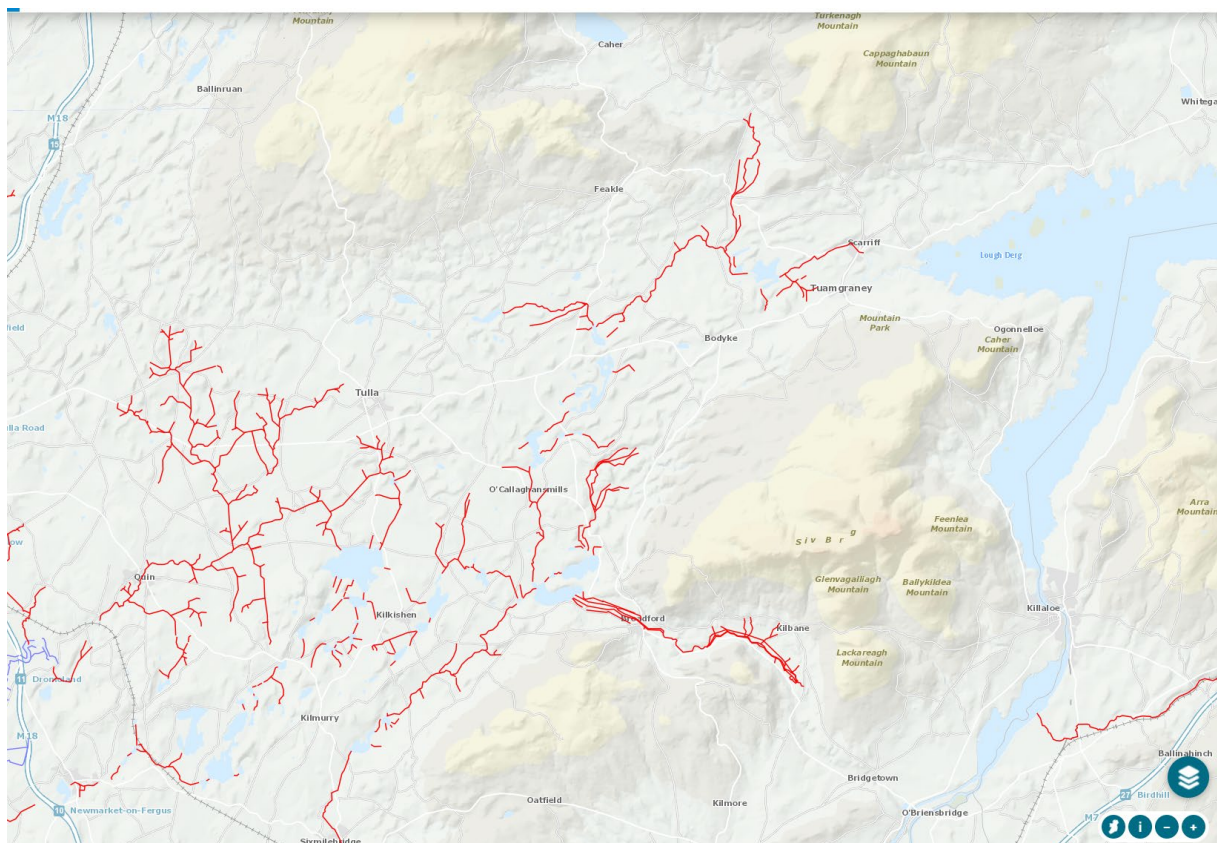
*In order to represent the scale of the drainage network within Killaloe MD, for example, please find below map showing the extents of the Graney catchment. This map is taken from the Water of Life website ([www.watersoflife.ie](http://www.watersoflife.ie)) The Waters of LIFE is an EU LIFE Integrated Project (IP) which aims to help reverse the deterioration of Ireland's most pristine waters.*



*In terms of responsibility, please see below map taken from [www.floodinfo.ie](http://www.floodinfo.ie) which details the OPW's Arterial Drainage Scheme areas (in blue) and Local Authorities Drainage Districts (in red). Note that is effectively no OPW drainage responsibility within Killaloe MD. Arterial Drainage Schemes are carried out by the OPW under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945 to improve land for agriculture and to mitigate flooding.*

*Local authorities are charged with responsibility to maintain Drainage Districts, which were carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works under a number of drainage and navigation acts from 1842 to the 1930s to improve land for agriculture and to mitigate flooding. The purpose of the schemes was to improve land for agriculture, by lowering water levels during the growing season to reduce waterlogging on the land beside watercourses known as callows. Drainage Districts cover approximately 10% of the country, typically the flattest areas.*

*Killaloe MD will request that funding be allocated for a Drainage District assessment to be undertaken which will inform future drainage programmes, under the Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2023. Assessments will be prioritized based on recorded floodings and on the numbers of domestic and commercial properties affected by flooding.”*



Cllr P Hayes thanked A/SEE for his reply. Cllr Hayes indicated he had concerns regarding reactive works in relation to drainage issues. Cllr Hayes said there was a requirement to deal with all groups concerned with the ongoing issue and reiterated the necessity for a plan to be

put in place and a commitment made to the said plan. Cllr Hayes said that raising roads was not a solution to flooding issues. Cllr Hayes said the recent works in Broadford helped greatly. Cllr Hayes asked for a reemphasis at the beginning of the year 2023 regarding drainage as money had been allocated this year and works were not completed. Cllr Hayes asked for this matter to be reintroduced to the agenda. Cllr Pat Burke welcomed the list provided. Cllr Burke said there was an urgent requirement to keep water off all local and minor roads but agreed this was difficult. Cllr Burke outlined how the Office of Public Works appeared to have responsibility for drainage in Galway but not in Clare. Cllr Burke highlighted the recent need for repairs on bog roads and that this was a major issue.

A/SEE Derek Troy replied saying assessment was required at an early stage. He said works were to be undertaken in September. He said the issue was now road maintenance as opposed to drainage works.

#### **Item 16      Notice of Motion from Cllr. Pat Burke**

“Calling on Clare County Council to repair sections of footpath in Mountshannon as you approach the Hotel from the Harbour”

Proposed by Cllr. P Burke

Seconded by Cllr. A O’ Callaghan

#### ***Reply from Derek Troy, Acting Senior Executive Engineer:***

*“All available funding for footpath repair works throughout Killaloe MD has been allocated. Footpath repairs will be considered under the 2023 Schedule of Municipal District Works, on the existing public footpaths on the L4034 from Mountshannon to the Main Street R352. Clarification of responsibility will be sought on the sections of footpath which were constructed as part of private developments, not taken in charge, which adjoin the public road.”*

Cllr P Burke thanks Derek Troy for the reply and considered the response was accurate and was satisfied the issue could be looked at again.

**Item 17****Notice of Motion from Cllr. Pat Burke**

Calling on Clare County Council to review all speed limit signs on local and minor roads and remove the 80KM per hour signs as they are causing confusion”

Proposed by: Cllr P Burke

Seconded by: Cllr J Cooney

***Reply from John Gannon, Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation:***

*“The speed limits and their signage for regional and local roads will be reviewed at the next speed limit review and in that regard, this Notice of Motion and comments contained within will be considered as part of that process.”*

Cllr P Burke replied saying the difference in speed limits leaving national and local roads was an issue. Cllr Burke requested new signage be place when leaving regional roads onto local tertiary roads also. Cllr J Cooney concurred with Cllr Burke and said the situation was simply ridiculous and that work should commence on the review process. Cllr P Hayes said he supported the motion also. Cllr A O’ Callaghan concurred with the meeting and said it was a national issue.

A/SEE Derek Troy replied saying there was a process to review speed limits and this is proposed to taken place in 2024. In response to a query about the appeals process, Derek Troy said there were no changes to date.

**Any Other Business:**

Cllr P Hayes brought to the attention of the meeting the raising number of deer in the East Clare area. He said it was a major issue and there had been several accidents involving deer in recent times. Cllr Hayes asked to know what can be done to alleviate the situation, he said it was a serious road safety issue in the MD and perhaps it was a time to engage with National Parks



and Wildlife to find a resolution to the issue. Senior Planner and Meeting administration, Brian McCarthy responded that he would look into the necessary agencies involved and discuss same.

Cllr Joe Cooney requested an update on the housing development in Scariff Town. Director of Services Anne Haugh replied saying letter of intent were issuing this week, the successful tender would be notified and she hoped the contractor would be onsite before Christmas.

Cllr Alan O' Callaghan complemented all Tidy Town groups in the MD on recent Tidy Town Reports issued. Cllr O' Callghan said there was an increase in points scored in many area and this was a credit to the groups involved.

Cllr Alan O' Callaghan raised the issue of bye laws relating to the issue of flooding on the railway at Ballycar. Cllr O' Callaghan said the line would be closed again imminently with the amount of rainfall and wanted this to be kept on the agenda.

Cllr Pat Burke brought the recent aggravated burglaries to the attention of the meeting, Cllr Burke highlighted the necessity for all suspicious activity to be reported to An Garda Siochana.

Cllr Pat Burke offered a vote of sympathy for the Hickey and Henchy families on the recent passing of Billy Hickey in a traffic accident.

Cllr Tony O' Brien offered a vote of sympathy to the Atkinson family on the recent passing of Philip Atkinson in a sperate traffic accident.

Cllr Pat Hayes welcomed Brian McCarthy to Killaloe MD and wished him all the best in his new role. All present wished Brian the best and welcomed him to Killaloe MD.

Director of Service Anne Haugh indicated that the standing orders dictated that MD meeting be held at 3pm. Cllr Tony O' Brien proposed this standing order be suspended for the next meeting and Cllr Joe Cooney seconded this proposal and suggested a review of the standing orders going forward.

The meeting concluded at 11.30am

**Brian McCarthy,**

**Senior Planner and Killaloe MD Meetings Administrator**

**17<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**