

**Minutes of Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District**  
**held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 at 12.00 noon**  
*Meeting held in the Boardroom, Áras Contae an Chláir*

**In attendance:** Cllr. Tony O’Brien, Cathaoirleach, Killaloe MD  
Cllr. Pat Hayes  
Cllr. Pat Burke

**Officials:** Pat Dowling, Chief Executive  
Noeleen Fitzgerald, Director of Finance and Support Services  
Anne Haugh, Director of Service  
Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner & Meetings Administrator  
Declan Flanagan, Acting Senior Executive Engineer  
Pauline Costelloe, Staff Officer

**Apologies:** Cllr. Joe Cooney  
Cllr. Alan O’Callaghan

Members of the media attended

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The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Tony O’Brien opened the meeting and welcomed all.

Cllr. T. O’Brien referred to the *Elected Members of Killaloe Municipal District Strategy and Work Plan* adopted by the Members earlier this year and provided an overview of the many projects being progressed in Killaloe MD. He made reference to improvements to services in Killaloe MD offices, the introduction of a new Mayoral Chain for the Killaloe MD, meeting and submission made to Irish Rail regarding the reopening of Crusheen Railway station, progress on the *Killaloe Ballina Town Enhancement and Mobility Strategy* and proposals being progressed for Carrigs Lane, Tobermuragh and the Court house in Killaloe. Cllr. T. O’Brien also highlighted the progress on the RRDF application for Scarriff and the recent accessibility works completed at Ballycuggeran. He made reference to the larger capital projects progressing in the MD such as the Bridge crossing and Bypass in Killaloe and the Inis Cealtra Tourism project and the positive contribution they will make to the development of the Killaloe MD in years to come. Cllr. T. O’Brien thanked A. Haugh, B. McCarthy, D. Flanagan and all

the Killaloe MD staff for all the positive work being carried out in Killaloe MD and concluded he was satisfied significant value for money was occurring in Killaloe MD and was confident proposed GMA monies for 2024 would be well spent. Pat Dowling acknowledged the wide range of works carried out and significant projects advanced by the Killaloe MD team and Members over the past year.

Cllr. P. Hayes stated he would welcome the opportunity to discuss general budgets within the Killaloe MD with a focus on achieving the objectives set out in the Municipal District Strategic Plan and would welcome additional funding being made available to the MD such as Active Travel. Pat Dowling informed members Clare County Council is in discussions with the Department regarding Active Travel funding in the more rural MD areas.

Cllr. P. Burke welcomed the increase in GMA funding for 2024 and acknowledged the excellent value achieved in the delivery of GMA funded projects.

Noeleen Fitzgerald acknowledged Cllr. P. Hayes comments and indicated this is a statutory meeting and that staff and Members are working through a parallel process with the Draft Budget meeting set for 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. Noeleen Fitzgerald added the proposed allocation of €245,000 is an increase on the 2023 allocation for Killaloe MD.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Hayes, seconded by Cllr. P. Burke and unanimously agreed that GMA amount of €245,000 be approved subject to the final budget being adopted by Clare County Council.

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**Brian McCarthy,**

**Senior Planner and Killaloe MD Meetings Administrator**

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