

Minutes of Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District
held on Wednesday 22nd November, 2023 at 12.00 noon
Meeting held in the Boardroom, Áras Contae an Chláir

In attendance: Cllr. Tony O’Brien, Cathaoirleach Killaloe MD (attended remotely)
Cllr. Pat Hayes
Cllr. Joe Cooney
Cllr. Pat Burke
Cllr. Alan O’Callaghan

Officials: Anne Haugh, Director of Service
Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner & Meetings Administrator
Pauline Costelloe, Staff Officer

Members of the media attended

The Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Pat Hayes opened the meeting.

Cllr. P. Hayes informed the Members the purpose of the Special Meeting is to consider deferred Item No. 3 from Killaloe MD meeting which took place on Wednesday, 15th November 2023. The Item refers to “Section 38 – Proposed traffic calming measures to Market Square, Scarriff and L4024 roadway in the townland of Ballyminogue, Co. Clare.”

Cllr. P. Hayes gave an overview of previously circulated report, dated 14th November, 2023 prepared by Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner and Killaloe MD District Co-ordinator. Cllr Hayes referred to the technical challenges involved in this project and the extensive consultation process and engagement with the stakeholders resulting in some changes to the original design. He added that a number of objections were received but the objective is to improve the town of Scarriff which bring challenges but is also a significant opportunity for the town. Cllr. P. Hayes noted that in response to the submissions from members of the public during the consultation process, the original design of July 2023 was amended and conditions attached to the design and proposed delivery of the project. Cllr Hayes stated the works would be of significant benefit to the town and highlighted the condition in the Section 38 requiring the public car park be put in place in advance of the works.

Cllr. J. Cooney concurred and referred to the importance of the project to Scarriff if funding can be sourced. He emphasised the need for Clare County Council to work together with businesses and various stakeholders in Scarriff in progressing the project. Cllr. J. Cooney concurred that the car park be in place prior to commencement of other works.

Cllr. P. Burke welcomed the progress that has been made in bringing the project to this stage and the funding that has been made available by the government to date. He also referred to the importance of having the car park in place prior to commencement of the other works.

Cllr. A. O’Callaghan complimented the Community Council and Town Team for their input and also acknowledged the work of Clare County Council staff in the project.

Cllr. T. O’Brien thanked Clare County Council staff for progressing the funding proposal and highlighted the importance of delivering on the project which forms part of the Elected Members of Killaloe MD Strategy and Workplan.

In addition to endorsing the recommendation with conditions set out in the Section 38 Report of 14th November, the Members proposed 2no.amendments as set out below:

Cllr. P. Hayes read out the resolution.

“Following consideration by the Elected Members of:

- a) The proposed plans and details set out in the proposed Section 38, of July 2023
- b) The associated Habitats Directive Screening
- c) The submissions from members of the public to the Section 38 Process
- d) The Section 38 Report to Elected Members, dated 14th November, 2023 including the proposed conditions and amended Section 38 Plan dated 14th November, 2023
- e) Any relevant, policies, objectives of Guidelines for the time being of the Government or Ministers for Government;
- f) Our determination that the proposed Section 38 is not likely to have any significant adverse effects on the integrity of any European site within, or adjacent to, the project area,

therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the 1994 Road Traffic Act, the Elected Members of Killaloe Municipal District hereby resolve to make the Section 38, in accordance with the Report, Conditions and Amended Plan of 14th November, 2023 and subject to the following amendments:

1. A construction strategy and timeline for the sequence of operation of the works, and any amendments to the design to facilitate updated environmental, green construction and engineering methods, finishes and materials shall be agreed with Killaloe MD, following community consultation, prior to commencement of development.
2. Amend Condition No. 3 of the report, dated 14th November, 2023 from Bus Locations to the singular of Bus Location.

It was proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney, seconded by Cllr. P. Burke and unanimously agreed that Section 38 – Proposed traffic calming measures to Market Square, Scarriff and L4024 roadway in the townland of Ballyminogue, Co. Clare be approved, subject to the amended design and the conditions set out in the Section 38 report dated 14th November, 2023 and the above 2no.amendments.

Brian McCarthy,
Senior Planner and Killaloe MD Meetings Administrator
22nd November, 2023