

Minutes of Meeting of the Killaloe Municipal District held on Wednesday, 16th November, 2016 at 3.00 p.m. in the offices of the Municipal District at Mountshannon Road, Scariff.

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

Officials: Ms. Anne Haugh, Director of Services
Mr. Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. Kieran O'Donnell, Meetings Administrator

Cllr. T. O'Brien chaired the meeting.

Item 1 Minutes of Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 21st September, 2016.

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 21st September, 2016 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. A. O'Callaghan.

The members noted that Pdraig McElwee, Enterprise Officer would attend a future meeting and it was requested that Leonard Cleary, A/Director of Services, Rural Development would also be requested to attend this meeting to allow for a broad discussion on rural and economic development in the region.

Item 2 Minutes of Budget meeting held on 24th October, 2016.

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Budget Meeting held on 24th October, 2016 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. J. Cooney and seconded by Cllr. P. Burke.

Item 3 Date for next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on the 25th January, 2016 at 3.00 p.m.

Item 4 Schedule of works for 2016 to be funded from GMA allocation.

Correspondence dated 14th November, 2016 from Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer in relation to the Schedule of Works for 2016 to be funded from GMA allocation was circulated to the members. The report states that the allocation received by Killaloe Municipal District from the GMA fund in 2016 was €37,800. An additional sum of €120,000 was made available during the year, leaving a total fund of €157,800.

Projects had been prioritised that would not normally receive funding under the annual roads programme. The report had regard to projects identified by the members through notice of motions. The approval of the members for the following programme of works was sought:-

Carrols Hill Trees	€2,500
Clonlea Road, Kilkishen	€5,000
Clonlara School path to Headrace	€7,133
Cregg View Housing Estate	€13,333
Feakle Graveyard	€15,410
Feakle Main Street paths	€2,224
Kilkishen Pedestrian Facilities	€19,633
Kilkishen paths	€10,000
Adv. Killaloe TMP Project	€12,133
L3020-Drainage	€2,134
OBB Car Park	€15,000
Regional Road Limbing	€40,000
Tulla CCC housing paths	€2,000
Truagh Graveyard Drainage	€5,000
Whitegate Fencing	€6,300
Total	€157,800

The report was noted by the members present having been proposed by Cllr. P. Hayes and seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney.

Item 5 Proposed application for Part VIII for the development of Tobermurragh and Bane’s Field and Streetscape improvements.

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

Item 6 Correspondence

- Correspondence dated 10th October, 2016 from Rosemary Joyce, District Administrator, Nenagh Municipal District in relation to Joint Municipal District Forum Killaloe/Nenagh was circulated with the agenda.

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Hayes, seconded by Cllr, J. Cooney and agreed by the members that Cllr. T. O’Brien would represent the Municipal District at the planned Ballina/Killaloe twinning visit to Basse Goulaine to be held in December.

- Correspondence from O’Briens Bridge Community Group. The members welcomed the request from the O’Briens Bridge Community Group to hold a meeting in their village but agreed that all meetings should continue to be held in the Scariff headquarters unless in exceptional circumstances.

Item 7 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Burke.

“Calling on Clare County Council to provide road signs at the entrance to the Fossabeg Road in Scariff. These signs to indicate that the road is a cul-de-sac.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“This can be arranged at the next opportunity.”

Item 8 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Burke.

“Calling on Clare County Council to consider overlaying the newly constructed footpath in Ogonnelloe.”

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Development of the roadside amenity path on the R463 between Killaloe and Tuamgraney is a project that has been progressed significantly in the past year due to the tremendous input from Ogonnolloe Exchange in conjunction with some much needed but limited funding. Provided additional funding becomes available, this will be prioritised accordingly.”

Item 9 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O’Brien.

“That footpath repairs be carried out in Killaloe at New Street and Cross Roads.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O’Brien
Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Footpath repairs are prioritised annually having regard to the condition, use and location of all footpaths in the Municipal District. Consideration of such repairs as outlined will be addressed in the coming years programme having regard to such criteria.”

Item 10 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O’Brien.

“That traffic calming measures be put in place to slow traffic exiting Killaloe driving along the Scariff Road approaching the shrine.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O’Brien
Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“It is accepted that improvements could be made at this location as proposed. It is anticipated that such measures will be considered in the overall development strategy for this area including the Bane Field and Tobbermurragh.”

Item 11 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. T. O’Brien.

“That signage be erected at the entrance to Clonboy estate in Bridgetown warning motorists that children are present.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. M. Begley

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“While this request can be considered, management and control of excessive speed in estates should be addressed in the first instance with the residents and/or committee, and then with An Garda Siochana.”

Item 12 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllrs. M. Begley and P. Burke.

“Asking the Council to progress the completion of the Clonlara Sewage Scheme, specifically the section serving Coolisteige/Lisduff, which was designed as part of the original scheme”

Proposed by: Cllrs. M. Begley and P. Burke

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Cyril Feeney, A/ Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Clare County Council currently has no plans to progress any further phases of the Clonlara Sewage Scheme specifically serving Coolisteige and Lisduff. As Clare County Council are no longer the Water Services Authority such schemes as described in the notice of motion now come under the remit of Irish Water. However there may be potential to progress a Group Sewerage Scheme and Clare County Council, through the devolved Group Scheme Programme, are committed to assisting communities to develop such schemes.”

Cllr. M. Begley advised the members that a Group Scheme was not a viable option as the 55 houses in this area would be required to contribute €500,000 towards the cost of the scheme. Anne Haugh, Director of Services, added that the focus of Irish Water was to look at improving existing infrastructure rather than looking at adding to existing networks or to fund new schemes.

Item 13 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. M. Begley.

“That Clare County Council instruct Eircom to reinstate the wall and parapet of the bridge over the Errina/Plassey canal at Gillogue which was seriously damaged and is now in danger of collapse, by a series of failed drilling attempts for the purposes of erecting a new pole.”

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Begley
Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“This issue has been addressed directly with Eircom & the matter is resolved.”

Item 14 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. M. Begley.

“That road drainage works be carried out adjacent to Powells house and Conways house on the R465.”

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Begley
Seconded by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Ponding is occurring at both these locations on the R465 due to matters in the control and responsibility of the Landowners\Occupiers under Section 76 of the Roads Act 1993. Under this legislation (in addition to the normal conditions of planning) there is an obligation for any landowner or development applicant to ensure appropriate measures are taken to ensure no water discharges from a site or equally water is not prevented from draining from the public road due to development of the site or lands.”

Item 15 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney.

“That Clare County Council put a right hand lane on the R352 Scarriff to Ennis Road at Byrnes cross for traffic enter onto the R462.”

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“While there is merit in consideration of this proposal, the proposal would need to be reviewed by Road Design and ultimately an assessment would be required to determine that the scheme could be justified on safety, and cost grounds.”

Item 16 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney.

“That Clare County Council put a continuous white line at Roo East on the Broadford/Limerick Road in the interest of road safety.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney
Seconded by: Cllr. M. Begley

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Installation of roadmarking must have regard for the Traffic Signs Manual 2010 as published by the Department of Transport. Depending on the road width available continuous white centrelines cannot always be considered.”

A general discussion on the merits of the guidelines in the Traffic Signs Manual 2010 was held with the view that a continuous white line would improve safety on roads in certain situations even when the required road width was not available.

Item 17 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. J. Cooney.

“That Clare County Council carry out repair works to the footpath in Broadford village outside the old post office as it is in very bad condition.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney
Seconded by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Footpath repairs are prioritized annually having regard to the condition, use and location of all footpaths in the Municipal District. Consideration of such repairs as outlined will be addressed in the coming years programme having regard to such criteria. This area is under such consideration.”

Item 18 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan.

“Ask Clare County Council is there any update on the railway bridge at Ballycar, Newmarket on Fergus.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan
Seconded by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Roadmarkings are to be installed at the next opportunity. No update on the bridge restrictions.”

Hugh Mc Grath agreed to follow up this matter with Iarnród Éireann before deciding whether to put a permanent weight restriction on the bridge.

Item 19 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan.

“Ask Clare County Council to address the cross where the L7026 meets the R462 as there is no road marking and cars are not stopping coming onto the regional road.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Renewal of the road markings at this junction will be addressed at the next opportunity.”

Item 20 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan.

“Request Clare County Council for an additional light on the footpath outside the Culture Centre in Kilkishen as a section of the footpath is in darkness.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“This can be progressed at the next opportunity.”

Item 21 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.

“I propose that Clare County Council put in place a programme of works for improvement of the Crusheen to Ruan road in particular the need of passing bays and work on acute bends. This is a very heavily trafficked route and in particular the volume of people using Dromore wood.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Burke

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Where landowners are prepared to dedicate such lands as are required consideration will be given to carrying out such works.”

Item 22 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.

“I propose that traffic calming measures be put in place in the Clondrina Estate, Crusheen in particular for the safety of the children on this estate.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes
Seconded by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Where the road layouts of Housing Estates are constructed in accordance with best practice it is not normally necessary to carry out additional traffic calming measures. Where issues relating to speeding are experienced this should be addressed through the residents committee in the first instance to address with any offending residents or visitors to residents and ultimately with An Garda Síochána.”

Following discussion, Hugh McGrath recommended that the Council should pilot “vertical deflection” as an option to control speed in housing estates as signage did not appear to have the desired effect. Cllr. J. Cooney agreed to raise this matter at SPC level.

Item 23 Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. P. Hayes.

“I am asking for an update into the proposed works on the Feakle Killanena Road. A lot of work has been completed by local landowners into the removal of overhanging trees over the past year and I hope now that improvements can be carried out on some of the very dangerous bends on this route.”

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

Hugh McGrath, Senior Executive Engineer replied as follows:

“Works are currently underway on the R461 between Feakle and Drumandoora under the 2016 Low Cost Safety Scheme as approved in the Schedule of Municipal District Works. These works include improvements to signage, road studs, and roadmarkings as well as highlighting hazards. Significant improvements have been carried out by Landowners and occupiers on this road, and other roads in this locality and in particular a lot of works have been carried out in recent weeks. Where landowners are proactive in addressing their responsibilities in areas such as this it provides a basis for the Roads Authority to expend investment on improved road conditions including signage and markings.”

Item 24 Any Other Business

- On behalf of the members, Cllr. Tony O'Brien offered his deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the late Anthony Foley. He acknowledged the outstanding contribution that Anthony had made during his life and the enormous legacy that he had left behind him. He thanked the management of Clare County Council for opening Books of Condolences and allowing people the opportunity to sympathise with his family in this way.
- Cllr. Ml. Begley warned of the dangers of having manhole covers above the height of the footpath or roadway as this could allow a claims culture to develop further.
- As this was the final meeting of the year, Cllr. T. O'Brien thanked the management and staff of the Municipal District for their assistance during the year. He wished everybody a Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2017.

The meeting then concluded.

Kieran O'Donnell
Meetings Administrator

17th November, 2016.