

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

**held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 at 3.30pm**

***Meeting held in Killaloe Municipal District Office, Scarriff***

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

**Officials:** Mr. Morgan Lahiffe, Acting Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Derek Troy, Acting Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Pauline Costelloe, Staff Officer

**Apologies:** Ms. Anne Haugh, Director of Service

Members of the media attended

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

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Cllr. J. Cooney opened the meeting by welcoming all to the first meeting in the Scarriff offices in over two years, he welcomed Derek Troy to the Killaloe MD and wished him well in his new role of A/Senior Executive Engineer.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the family of William McLysaght, Tuamgraney, the members acknowledging the contribution he and his family have made to Raheen Community hospital and his involvement in many community projects over the years, may he rest in peace.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Clare County Council staff member Donal Healy and his family, Bodyke on the passing of his brother Seamus Healy, may he rest in peace.

### **Item 1 Minutes of Killaloe MD Meeting, held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.**

The minutes of Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. P. Burke and seconded by Cllr. T. O’Brien.

### **Item 2 Matters arising**

Referring to Item 16, Cllr. P. Hayes sought an update on the installation of EV charging points in the Killaloe MD. M. Lahiffe advised he has been in contact with Anne O’Sullivan, SEE regarding the identification of possible locations for a pilot project in Killaloe town.

Referring to Item 10, Cllr. T. O'Brien referred to the green pedestrian bridge in Killaloe and asked when works are expected to commence, D. Troy replied he would look into the matter over the coming weeks.

**Item 3           Set date for next Killaloe MD meeting**

It was agreed the Killaloe Municipal District AGM take place at 2.00pm prior to the Council AGM Meeting on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 and the next Killaloe MD meeting be provisionally arranged for Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in the Killaloe MD offices, Scarriff.

**Item 4           Disposal of lands at Cuinne an Bhroic, Doonaun, 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 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 from Adrian Headd, Senior Executive Engineer, Housing Department was circulated with the agenda. The report states that it is proposed to dispose of a portion of land, part of the property comprised in Folio CE59344F as outlined on map to the Electricity Supply Board. Contained in the land to be transferred is an ESB sub-station that services Cuinne an Bhroic. The members noted the report, as presented, and the disposal was proposed by Cllr. P. Hayes, seconded by Cllr. J. Cooney and agreed.

**Item 5           Notices of Motion from Cllr. A. O'Callaghan**

“Ask this council that roads works would be carried out the Ralahine South road as it's in poor repair.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O'Callaghan

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

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

“This road (L3168) is not on the 2022 Schedule of Municipal District Works, however it will be assessed and considered for inclusion for works in the 2023 Schedule, based on priority and available funding. In the meantime, the Killaloe Municipal District undertakes to carry out essential maintenance as required on this road in 2022.”

**Item 6            Notices of Motion from Cllr. A. O’Callaghan**

“Ask this council to reinstate line markings on the R470 Ballycar where the road was resurfaced in recent times.”

Proposed by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

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

“Surface dressing and subsequent line markings were completed at this location, R470 at Ballycar, as part of the 2019 Schedule of Municipal District Works. Due to the limited road width available, it was not possible to provide centre-line marking, however road-edge markings were provided.”

**Item 7            Notices of Motion from Cllr. T. O’Brien**

“That the bridge crossing from the Killaloe road into O’Briens Bridge be resurfaced.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

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

“The bridge crossing (R466) is not on the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2022, however it will be assessed and considered for inclusion for works in the 2023 Schedule, based on priority and available funding. Killaloe Municipal District is aware of the deterioration of the wearing surface and undertakes to carry out essential maintenance as required on this bridge crossing in 2022.”

Cllr. T. O'Brien complimented the recent works carried out at O'Briensbridge/Bridgetown junction. He asked if the ESB has a responsibility with regard to the resurfacing of the bridge. ESB to be contacted to clarify position.

**Item 8 Notice of Motion from Cllr. T. O'Brien**

” That an effort be made to clean the entrance roads/footpaths into Killaloe of weeds and preventative measures be put out to ensure they remain weed free.”

Proposed by: Cllr. T. O'Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

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

“The removal of weeds from road edges and from footpaths is challenging in the current environment. Spraying of weeds using pesticides is no longer an option, in accordance with Guidance for Local Authorities to ensure compliance with the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive 2009/128/EC by reducing the risks and impacts of pesticide use on human health and the environment. Regarding the maintenance to the entrance roads and footpaths to Killaloe, an existing Killaloe Municipal District operative is assigned to this task in conjunction with street cleaning. It is also expected that an additional seasonal operative, assigned to Killaloe Municipal District, beginning in May 2022, will be tasked with providing assistance in maintenance of this type where required, throughout the Municipal District.”

**Item 9 Notices of Motion from Cllr. J. Cooney**

“That Clare County Council install 3no new village sign and replace the 3 existing ones as they are in poor condition and the six approach roads into Broadford in order to improve road safety and the esthetics of the entrance into the village.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

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

“Killaloe Municipal District will undertake an assessment of the existing signage including investigation of potential locations for 3 additional signs at Broadford. Provision of new signage on the local entrance roads to Broadford village, will depend on safety assessments in relation to visibility and also securing appropriate funding.”

Cllr. J. Cooney welcomed the response and asked if Derek Troy, ASEE could meet with the new Tidy Towns committee in Broadford. Cllr. P. Hayes commented that many of the older recycled signs are now fading and asked if the council could consider retrofit of such signs.

**Item 10 Notices of Motion from Cllr. J. Cooney**

“That Clare County Council include the bad section of the Oatfield to Truagh cemetery road in the Municipal District works in the interest of road safety.”

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Cooney

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

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

“This section of the road (L70662) is currently proposed for the 2023 Schedule of Municipal District Works, subject to prioritization and funding availability. Killaloe Municipal District undertakes to carry out essential maintenance if required on this road in 2022.”

**Item 11 Notice of Motion from Cllr. P. Burke**

“Calling on Clare County Council to improve safety for motorists at a dangerous junction known locally as ‘The three chimney house’ where the L4036 meets the R352. Extra warning signage is needed on the L4036 and visibility needs to be improved.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke

Seconded by: Cllr. P. Hayes

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

“Works at this junction are not on the 2022 Schedule of Municipal District Works, however Killaloe Municipal District will undertake an assessment, in order to generate a submission for Low Cost Safety funding. Warning signage was placed at this junction approximately 4 years

ago. Killaloe Municipal District undertakes to carry out any essential maintenance as required on sightlines and existing signage in 2022.”

Cllr. P. Burke asked that the junction be examined further especially coming out onto the regional road, he asked if the council could contact the landowner with a view to improving the sightlines.

**Item 12 Notice of Motion from Cllr. P. Burke**

“Calling on Clare County Council to give an update on the LIS in the Killaloe MD.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Burke

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O’Callaghan

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

“The Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) remains significantly oversubscribed in Clare. There are 200 applications on file awaiting funding, 20 of which are in the Killaloe MD. An initial funding allocation of €582,690 has been received from the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) for 2022. It is anticipated that this will facilitate works on 14 roads throughout the County, 2 of which are located in the Killaloe MD. This is subject to final approval from the DRCD.”

Cllr. P. Burke expressed regarding the small percentage of overall applications in Killaloe MD and asked that the existing list for Killaloe MD be examined to identify roads no longer requiring funding and possibly opened up to new applications in the Killaloe MD. Cllr. J. Cooney concurred.

**Item 13 Notice of Motion from Cllr. P. Hayes**

“I propose that following on from numerous accidents and continuous repair works to a bridge at Fossabeg on the Flagmount to Scariff road that new traffic signage and measures to slow traffic be put in place at this location.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. J. Cooney

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

“New advance warning signs, chevron signs, and delineator posts have been installed at this location at Annagooladory Bridge, Fossabeg approximately 2 months ago. No other works are proposed currently as it is expected the measures implemented will significantly improve the situation. Killaloe Municipal District will also consider the addition of warning road markings in 2022.”

Cllr. P. Hayes acknowledged works completed to date and commented due to the risk of speed coming into junction more work/signage is required at this site.

**Item 14 Notice of Motion from Cllr. P. Hayes**

“I propose that a meeting be arranged with Clare Walks based in Tulla to explore the possibilities of expanding the East Care Way and seeking supports to upgrade existing routes and sourcing funding opportunities with particular emphasis on the promotion of the Tourism product of East Clare.”

Proposed by: Cllr. P. Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. T. O’Brien

***Reply from Morgan Lahiffe, Acting Senior Executive Officer:***

“Clare County Council have active working relationships with Community groups and stakeholders around the county. Through the Killaloe Municipal District office and the Rural Development Directorate, (in the form of the Tourism unit and the Rural Development Officer), Clare County Council works to capacity build and ensure that groups are availing of particular funding schemes that are present. In that respect, most recently, Clare County Council have collaborated with Clare Walks in 2021 in relation to two successful submissions for upgrades to walks in the East Clare region. Cahermurphy looped walk was awarded €20,000 whilst €56,500 was successfully secured for Ballinruan Walk. Successful funding outcomes are as a result of clear communication and collaboration between Clare County Council and this council will engage with Clare Walks in relation to opportunities that may present themselves in relation to the East Clare Way, both in terms of physical upgrade but also in relation to marketing of the product.”

## **15. AOB**

Cllr. A. O’Callaghan acknowledged Irish Water investment in the Castle Lake treatment plant and also welcomed funding allocated to Maighdara Housing Estate in Quin.

Cllr. A. O’Callaghan asked if a temporary contractor could be appointed to cut the grass in Tulla Graveyard while waiting for appointment of new caretaker. D. Troy to forward update on grass cutting to members following meeting.

Cllr. P. Burke referring to weeding and grass cutting asked if verge trimming at junctions leading onto regional roads would commence shortly? D. Troy replied appointment of contractors is currently under way and works will commence in the next few months.

In reply to Cllr. P. Hayes, D. Troy advised footpath works in the area of Tulla Athletics grounds will commence in the next few weeks.

Following a request from Cllr. P. Hayes and Cllr. J. Cooney, M. Lahiffe, provided an overview of the Scarriff RRDF. He advised current funding allocation is for the development phase of the project and covers planning, design and land acquisition. It is hoped a multi-million application approx. €3 - €4 million will be ready for submission in Spring 2023.

The members thanked Cllr. J. Cooney for his commitment and work during his term as Cathaoirleach.

**The meeting then concluded.**

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**Morgan Lahiffe**

**A/ Senior Executive Officer**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022**