

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

**held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2025 at 09:30 a.m.**

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

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

**Officials:** Mr. Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner & Killaloe MD Meetings Administrator  
Ms. Ann Reynolds, Director of Services  
Mr. Declan Flanagan, Senior Executive Engineer  
Ms. Olive Mulconroy, Staff Officer

Members of the media attended.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Pat Burke chaired the meeting.

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Cllr. P. Burke Cathaoirleach welcomed all.

**Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes of Killaloe MD Meeting held**

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2025 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. A. O’Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. Conor Ryan

**Item 2 Confirmation of Minutes of Killaloe MD AGM meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

The minutes of the Killaloe Municipal District AGM Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 were adopted having been proposed by Cllr. P Hayes and seconded by Cllr. Conor Ryan

### **Item 3 Matters Arising**

Cllr. Tony O'Brien referred to high volume of illegally parked cars at Ballycuggeran which he raised at the previous meeting under A.O.B.. He reiterated the very serious situation people found themselves in the previous Saturday, *sitting in their cars for over two hours*. Cllr. O'Brien requested that a shared responsibility approach to be taken, between Killaloe and An Garda Síochána as this situation cannot be allowed to continue at our facilities. Cllr. Pat Burke supported this request, as the current situation is unacceptable. Cllr. Pat Hayes added that response needs to be quick and provide the necessary temporary signage / bollards to address the issue. Brian McCarthy – Senior Planner / Killaloe MD Co-ordinator agreed that a meeting with An Garda Síochána will be arranged on this. Mr. McCarthy added that there is a longer-term Masterplan required for the development Ballycuggeran facilities.

Referring to Item 14 (Killaloe MD Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2025) The Elected Members were advised following correspondence received, Senior Management from Watways Ireland were no longer available to update the members on the Limerick to Scarriff Greenway project due to unexpected leave. The members expressed their disappointment at the lack of information, leaving landowners in limbo and requested a report to be submitted for September.

Referring to Item 11 (Killaloe MD Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2025), The Elected Members were given a copy of correspondence received from Uisce Éireann dated the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2025. The members requested that representatives from Uisce Éireann attend the next MD meeting in September 2025.

### **Item 4 Approval of Allocation by Killaloe MD Members to Community Groups for the Promotion of the interests of Local Communities**

<b>Community Group</b>	<b>Amount</b>
St. Anne's School	€2,500
Feile Brian Boru Festival	€3,000
Kilmurry Tidy Towns	€1,000
Tulla Tidy Towns	€1,500
O'Callaghan's Mills GAA	€15,000
Whitegate Community Council	€1,000
Quin Heritage Group	€1,000
Inchicronan Development Group	€3,000

The Allocation by Killaloe MD Members to Community Groups for the promotion of the interests of Local Communities was proposed by Cllr. A. O'Callaghan and seconded by Cllr T. O'Brien and approved by all the members.

**Item 5** Consideration of a report (copy attached) dated 7<sup>th</sup> of July, 2025 regarding disposal of lands at Droichead Nua Ballyminogue, Scarriff, Co. Clare under section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and section 211 of the Planning & Development Act., 2000.

Report dated 7<sup>th</sup> of July, 2025 from Adrian Headd, Senior Engineer Housing Department was circulated, with accompanying maps with the agenda to the members. The Members noted the report, as presented, and the disposal was proposed by Cllr. P. Hayes and seconded by Cllr C. Ryan

**Item 6** Consideration of a report (copy attached) dated 17<sup>th</sup> of June, 2025 regarding disposal of property at Ballybrohan, Killaloe, Co. Clare under section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and section 211 of the Planning & Development Act., 2000

Report dated 17<sup>th</sup> of June, 2025 from Carmel Greene, Senior Executive Officer, Property Management Unit was circulated, with accompanying maps with the agenda to the members. The report states that it is proposed to dispose of an area of lands measuring .3335 acres at Ballybrohan, Ogonnelloe, Killaloe, Co. Clare. The Members noted the report, as presented, and the disposal was proposed by Cllr. T O'Brien and seconded by Cllr A. O'Callaghan

**Item 7** Scarriff RRDF – Community and Enterprise Hub and Market Square Revitalisation Development: Presentation on the findings of the Ennistymon Hub Analysis, by Urban McMahon – Head of Information Systems, Broadband and Digital Department.

Urban McMahon provided a comprehensive presentation on the new Community and Enterprise Hub currently under construction in Scarriff. The Community and Enterprise Hub which is funded through the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) will provide office space, hot desks and meeting rooms in addition to space for community services and activities. As part to this presentation, Mr. McMahon gave a summary of the key findings from the Ennistymon Hub Community and Economic Impact Assessment. From a Social and

Community perspective, primary drivers for Hub users was not the access to fast reliable broadband but improved work-life balance, opportunity for social interaction and improved mental health and well-being. The key economic findings of direct and knock-on benefits of the Ennistymon Hub established in 2019, at a cost of €2M, estimated employment of 76 FTE's, current annual total value of output generated is estimated at €5.7m, current annual total gross value added is €3.8m with current annual total exchequer revenue of €0.6m. In conclusion, the Ennistymon Hub revitalised the local and surrounding communities, reduce commuting / carbon footprint and promotes social cohesion and inclusion, while aligning with Local and National policy. Jackie Dermody, IS Analyst Developer with Digiclare presented the elected members with a list of Hub Training and community events which potentially could be held in the new community space of the Scariff DigiHub, from Kids Coding project run in conjunction with Trinity College to TUS courses for students, professionals and Lifelong learners.

Cllr. Pat Burke thanked both Urban McMahon and Jackie Dermody for the presentation and sought other elected members comments. Cllr. Tony O'Brien suggested that this presentation be rolled out to the public, while Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan questioned the number of staff employed directly to manage the hub and Cllr. Conor Ryan sought clarification on the rates charged. In response, Mr. McMahon advised that there is engagement with the town team and a plan to run open evenings. The hub model is self-sufficient with an online booking system; therefore, no full-time staff is employed directly and there are various rates ranges from hourly to lease agreement. Cllr. Pat Hayes commented that it was a real opportunity for small enterprises to grow in a new way and engage with the community.

Cllr. Burke added that this was very exciting time, given the Ennistymon Hub analysis, it will be a boost for the town.

## **Notices of Motion from Cllr. Pat Burke;**

5 “Calling on Clare County Council to provide a ramp and / or handrail for people entering the water at the swimming area adjacent to Mountshannon Harbour”.

Proposed by: Cllr. Pat Burke

Seconded by: Cllr. Pat Hayes

### ***Response from Declan Flanagan, Senior Executive Engineer:***

Arising from this Notice of Motion, Killaloe MD will commit to installing some handrails to access the beach at two locations as a short-term measure. Killaloe MD, together with our colleagues in Environment Section will assess the option of placing additional sand along the beach shoreline which will reduce the drop off the edge of the existing paths to the shoreline. The bathing water location at Mountshannon is located within a Natural Heritage Area and adjacent to a Special Protection Area, which may have implications, however we will provide an update on approval of same.

From a brief review of the existing piers, the piers and slipways also require some work, a funding source will need to be sought for this particular body of works.

Cllr. Burke welcomed the reply and the commitment that handrails will be installed.

6 “Calling on Clare County Council to provide an update on the road that remains closed between the Ash Tree cross and Deraney in Whitegate “

Proposed by: Cllr. Pat Burke

Seconded by: Cllr. Pat Hayes

### ***Response from Declan Flanagan, Senior Executive Engineer:***

We can confirm an allocation of €45,000 has been secured through our Climate Adaptation and resilience works for the Killaloe Municipal District to review a potential solution for the road currently closed between Ash Tree cross and Deraney in Whitegate.

Following an extensive procurement period, we have a consultant appointed and is working with us to resolve the long-term issues with road that's subsiding adjacent to Lough Alewnaghta. To progress the design stage, the existing ESB overhead lines will require to be switched out during the site investigation stage for drilling purposes to carry out a site investigation. We have been engaging with the ESB, and they require a 3 week notice period.

It is expected a number of bore holes will be carried out in late August or early September 2025, the site investigation will be a critical part of the solution and the design element of the works to resolve. An update will be provided when we receive the design back from our consultant.

While Cllr. Burke welcomed the 45K funding allocation, he expressed disappointment that there was no clear end date, as the road closure is a cause of great inconvenience to a farmer who needs regular access to fields on this road. In supporting the motion, Cllr. Hayes questioned the long duration of the process. In response, Declan Flanagan – Senior Executive Engineer, explained that the extensive tendering process to procure consultants, coupled with site investigations required to resolve the subsidence.

**Notices of Motion from Cllr. Conor Ryan;**

- 7 “ That Clare County Council assess the footpath and install appropriate pedestrian safety measures along the footpath of the Drewsborough section of the R352 linking Scarriff and Tuamgraney, in the interest of pedestrian safety”

Proposed by: Cllr. Conor Ryan

Seconded by: Cllr. Pat Hayes

***Response from Declan Flanagan, Senior Executive Engineer:***

The existing footpath along the R-352 at Drewsborough linking Scarriff and Tuamgreaney is well served by a path a 2m in width for the majority of this length of path of which is adequate for safe passage of pedestrians. There is also a raised table traffic calming measure at the Forge adjacent to the Finsa and Riverview entrances which is working well. In late 2024 Killaloe MD office submitted a funding request for additional traffic calming measures at Drewsborough, however this requested wasn't funded by the Department of Transport.

Arising from a previous Notice of Motion and in preparation for the enhancement of Market Square Scarriff as part of the RRDF Funded project, draft schematic plans have been completed at the junction of the R352 with Main Street, Scarriff. The draft schemes respond to a need to enhance pedestrian crossing at this junction and further reduce traffic speeds. These plans will be shortly brought to detailed design stage and engagement will commence with key

stakeholders pending the final design, preparation of a Part VIII to deliver a defined Gateway to Scarriff bringing about a sense of arrival whilst also providing safer crossing for pedestrians.

In thanking Declan Flanagan for his response, Cllr. C Ryan questioned if more could be done given the volume of pedestrians traffic on the route but welcomed that a design for the junctions was forthcoming. Cllr. P Hayes concurred, stating that there needs to be a sustainable plan put in place to reduce the speed, but Active Travel funding is allocated to Ennis when it should be given to the Municipal Districts for different projects.

Declan Flanagan reiterated that the junctions are designed and a workshop will be held to discuss the proposals with the Elected members.

8. “That Clare County Council conduct maintenance on the Callahy footpath by Bodyke GAA Club and extend the footpath to link the remaining houses on that section of road ”

Proposed by: Cllr. Conor Ryan

Seconded by: Cllr. Tony O’Brien

***Response from Declan Flanagan, Senior Executive Engineer:***

In 2018 through General Municipal Allocation (GMA) funding and funds from the Killaloe M.D. a minor trail was constructed off the edge of the R-352 to create a link from Bodyke GAA to Callaghy for the community in providing a walkway through green spaces adjacent to the public road. This has delivered for the community however it does need maintenance works to restore its width of circa. 1.5 to 1.8m.

The surface was completed in a limestone finish as funding was minimal at the time. Over the subsequent years, funding has been sought to improve the surface to Tarmacadam however funding for this project was unsuccessful. We currently have no plans to extend this scheme further as significant land take is involved, however we will commit to carrying out maintenance works on this trail.

Cllr. C Ryan, welcomed the commitment that maintenance works will be carried out.

**Notices of Motion from Cllr. Tony O'Brien:-**

9. "That an alternative emergency traffic management plan be outlined to the members in the event that the pedestrianisation of the old Killaloe/Ballina bridge causes congestion and major delays in Killaloe"

Proposed by: Cllr. Tony O'Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. Pat Hayes

***Response from Brian McCarthy, Senior Planner & Killaloe Md Co-ordinator:***

The trial pedestrianisation of the old Killaloe-Ballina Bridge follows significant public engagement in Killaloe and Ballina in recent months. The trial, provided for under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, will run from Monday, 28 July to Friday, 17 October 2025 and aims to pilot a more pedestrian, cyclist and family friendly route and space on the existing bridge between Killaloe and Ballina. The trial will also enable further detail and evidence of traffic flows and pedestrian movements between the towns to be gathered, and for the social, economic and tourism benefits to be measured.

A key enabler of the trial pedestrianisation is the successful completion and opening of the Killaloe Bypass and new Shannon River Crossing – the Brian Boru Bridge – representing a significant and major State infrastructural investment in Killaloe. This new crossing now serves as the primary vehicular route across the river, significantly reducing reliance on the old bridge and alleviating long-standing congestion in both Killaloe and Ballina town centres.

Early indications confirm that the new Brian Boru bridge is performing well, with reduced journey times, improved traffic flow, and enhanced safety for all road users. It provides the necessary capacity and resilience to support the reimagining of the old bridge as a pedestrian-priority zone — a central element of town centre regeneration, public realm improvement, and sustainable mobility - in accordance with the proposals included in the *Killaloe-Ballina Town Enhancement and Mobility Plan* (2022).

As part of the trial pedestrianisation of the historic bridge linking Killaloe and Ballina, a series of family-friendly events will take place on Sundays throughout August and into September. Activities will include children's entertainment on the bridge itself, water-based showcases and participative events, as well as live music and cultural activities. A number of events will also align with National Heritage Week, offering families a chance to engage with

local history and culture and the opportunities of a pedestrian and tourism friendly experience on this rich Heritage site on the crossing of the River Shannon.

While no significant congestion is currently anticipated as a result of the trial pedestrianisation, it is recognised that flexibility and responsiveness are essential in managing any complex traffic environment. Should unforeseen issues or delays arise, both Clare and Tipperary County Council's, in collaboration with An Garda Síochána and the emergency services, will be in a strong position to respond quickly and effectively.

The existing road network, supported by the enhanced infrastructure of the new Brian Boru Bridge and Killaloe Bypass, offers multiple options for real-time traffic management, and there are well-established protocols in place for emergency coordination and public communication where required.

We remain confident that, with the infrastructure now in place and ongoing inter-agency cooperation, any emerging issues can be promptly addressed to ensure the continued accessibility, safety, and smooth functioning of Killaloe and its surroundings.

Cllr. T O'Brian thanked Brian McCarthy for the reply, reiterating his concern that emergency services will be able respond in the event of an incident during the trial period but if problems arise in September we will need to respond. Cllr. P Hayes concurred. Cllr. P Burke highlighted a recent email received in relation to a number of events being held on the bridge which Cllr. T O'Brien acknowledged the effort put in by Tourist to attract people to the bridge.

10. "That traffic calming be put in place on the R466 at Bridgetown within the 50k speed limit zone"

Proposed by: Cllr. Tony O'Brien

Seconded by: Cllr. Conor Ryan

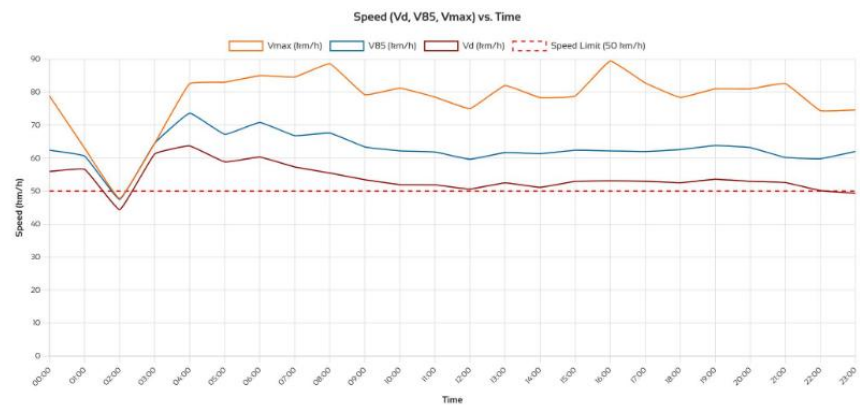
***Response from Declan Flanagan, Senior Executive Engineer:***

Arising from this notice of motion and in view of addressing wider traffic speeds across the Municipal District and County, Clare County Council committed to undertaking a brief speed survey on the R-466 at Bridgetown within the default speed limit of 50km/hr. The results from

the survey from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July yielded an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 61km/hr and 66km/hr which is on average 27% above the default speed limit.

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Bridgetown  
Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 11:51 AM until Monday, July 14, 2025 at 02:33 PM



Avg. Gap: 13 sec  
ADT: 1868  
Platoon Traffic: 16.3%  
Speeding Violations: 61.2%  
Heavy Traffic Share: 12.1%

Category	Passages	%	Passages	%	Total	% Total	V85	Vd	V85	Vmax	V85	Vd	V85	Vmax
Kat. 1 (Motorcycle)	101	2.2%	232	4.7%	333	3.5%	46	53.8	64	80	39	48.2	59	73
Kat. 2 (Car)	4093	87.9%	3968	81.1%	8061	84.4%	45	55.5	67	100	44	52.3	61	100
Kat. 3 (Truck)	422	9.1%	580	11.9%	1002	10.5%	38	48.8	59	81	40	49.4	59	77
Kat. 4 (Tractor-Trailer)	39	0.8%	113	2.3%	152	1.6%	36	44.8	52	74	28	40.6	50	64
Total	4655	48.8%	4893	51.2%	9548	100.0%	44	54.8	66	100	43	51.5	61	100



We will also conduct surveys within the village of Bridgetown adjacent to the National School, Church and nearby residential estates to gather collective data when the school is reopened. It is noteworthy that Bridgetown village, by reason of its layout, has the majority of residential homes, business's, Church and National School off the main R-466 with access onto the local road network. This results and benefits from reduced traffic volumes in comparison to our other towns and villages in the Municipal District.

Killaloe MD will report back on our further findings in September when the school reopens, at present we have committed to undertaking detailed review of gateways to four settlements in the Municipal District as agreed with elected members in the forthcoming months. Bridgetown may be added for review of gateways treatments when we have completed works to the agreed towns and villages.

We will be highlighting the issue of speeding to our liaison officer in Clare County Council with An Garda Síochána roads policing unit.

Cllr. Tony O'Brien, thanked Declan Flanagan for his response and highlighted the issues for residents commuting to work, school, mass on a fast, busy regional road.

Cllr. Conor Ryan fully supported the motion.

**Notices of Motion from Cllr. Pat Hayes:-**

11. "I am asking for a coordinated approach by the Killaloe Municipal District to prioritize the removal of overhanging trees and dangerous limbs along our regional and local roads. These pose a serious risk to the safety of road users, particularly heavy goods vehicles and agricultural contractors. A managed programme of removal is urgently needed to ensure safety on our public roads, Both hauliers and farm contractors incur severe costs on a daily basis because of the lack of maintenance"

Proposed by: Cllr. Pat Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. Conor Ryan

***Response from Declan Flanagan, Senior Executive Engineer:***

The Killaloe Municipal District comprises of over 1100km of Regional and Local road network of which benefits from the tree lined landscape that is part of the beauty and life of East Clare. It's of great importance to protect our trees and in particular our native species, their presence makes our countryside, towns and villages more attractive, pleasant places in which we live.

It's important to note that under section 70 of the Roads Act 1994, all adjacent overhanging trees and dangerous limbs are the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. At this current time any works to trees is limited due to the nesting season in place from the 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> August. The Wildlife Acts in Ireland prohibits the cutting, burning or destruction of vegetation during the nesting season.

As it's a duty and responsibility of the landowner, all landowners shall take reasonable steps to ensure a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard to persons using a public road and it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the

maintenance of a public road. In October 2021 the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine in conjunction with the tree Council of Ireland produced “A Guide for Landowners to Managing Roadside Trees” this brief document is very informative to landowners to inform them of their obligations, this document has also been referenced in the Farmers Journal and by Teagasc, link below to this document:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-agriculture-food-and-the-marine/press-releases/minister-hackett-launches-roadside-trees-guide/>

Clare County Council has provided a coordinated approach on relevant sections of roads where a complaint or observation has been made and in cases, a Section 70 notice to the relevant landowner has been administered. In 2025 to date, we have received a minor number of complaints regarding overhanging trees. Complaints are reviewed on a case-by-case basis with appropriate action take to resolve including having trees reviewed by an Arborist. Killaloe MD's Senior General Services Supervisors monitor our Regional road network and take a proactive approach to remove any dangerous overhanging limbs to protect our road users in the interest of road safety.

Killaloe MD collaborate with Coillte and have worked on a number of issues on our Regional and Local road network following storm Éowyn and within recent weeks where dangerous trees were present and dangerously overhanging the R-352 in Whitegate.

Cllr. Hayes, stated how HGV and agricultural machinery are driving in the middle of the road to avoid the overhanging trees damaging their vehicles, which in turn is a danger to other road users. This is particularly problematic on the Scariff to Whitegate and Feakle to Killanena. We need a co-ordinated approach that is sustainable to tackle this issue, ash dieback and overgrown hedgerows, more funding is needed.

In supporting the motion, Cllr. Ryan advised the meeting of the high number of complaints to damaged wing mirrors he received from farmers and heavy goods drivers on this issue. He complimented the document that was issued in the Farmers Journal which promotes their responsibility.

Cllr. O'Callaghan, fully supports the motion and points out that mirrors can add almost two feet to the width of a truck. He also calls for collaboration between the council and landowners to confront this issue and added that by doing so will help improve the condition of the road by letting the light in. Cllr. Burke referred to the last paragraph of Declan Flangan's response

which is a recent example, whereby he alerted D Flanagan to a dangerous overhanging tree near Whitegate, which was removed by the council within 48 hours and in turn the council got Coilte to clear out the other trees within the week, which was a very positive result. He also reiterated that there needs to be a culture change, as there are some landowners still not complying with their obligations and this needs to be dealt with.

Declan Flanagan reiterated Killaloe MD four SGSS's proactive approach to remove any dangerous overhanging trees in the interest of road safety.

12 "I am asking for an update into proposed upgrade of footpaths in Tulla Town, with particular reference to the junction from Church Street leading onto Main Street and the proposals for traffic calming on the Gort road"

Proposed by: Cllr. P Hayes

Seconded by: Cllr. A. O'Callaghan

***Response from Declan Flanagan, Senior Executive Engineer:***

We can confirm that we have been working on the upgrading of footpaths in Tulla in the past 12 months with sections of footpath improvement works at Chapel Street Tulla and on the Miltown road in Tulla. Works has also been carried out recently this year on the replacement of 4no. Solar School flashing lights signage and the upgrading of 3no. Zebra crossings to ESB powered supply on approach roads to St Joseph's Secondary School

Through the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) a draft plan is in place for St.Mochulla's NS which is on Round 2 of funding drawdown through the National Transport Authority which will be of huge benefit to Tulla to encourage as many pupils and students as possible in primary and post-primary schools to walk, cycle and wheel. This will be of great significance to Tulla given the volume of new developments under construction.

With reference to Church Street to main street and traffic calming on the Gort road, both sections of routes to Tulla will be encapsulated in the Tulla Town Team Plan and the SRTS which has identified a number of raised tables and crossings as part of draft plans.

Members will be aware that the Town Centre First Officer and team are currently working with the Tulla Town Team to enable the preparation of a Town Centre First Plan for Tulla. The Tulla Town Team and the Town Centre First Department are currently undergoing a review of

the walkabout audit on movements in Tulla which will overall contribute towards the next phase of development of Tulla and ultimately form part of the Tulla Town Team Plan.

In addition to the Economic Directorate's Town Centre First initiative, the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 sets out the Planning Authority's objective that "*Within the life of the plan it is an objective to prepare a Local Transport Plan for Tulla*". The Development Plan sets out a number of placemaking opportunities and connectivity enhancements that such a plan could address.

In that regard, there is obvious merit in the issues raised in the Notice of Motion being addressed by the Planning Department and Town Centre First Team in their preparation of any such Local Transport Plan or Town Centre First plan for Tulla. Killaloe MD will provide all necessary assistance and arising from this Notice of Motion will highlight these issues to assist the preparation of any such plan(s).

Cllr. Hayes thanked Declan Flanagan for his response, there is a lot of good work done but we are at a blockage, we need to be allocated more Active Travel funding and he directs Ann Reynolds, Director of Services to seeking funding. In supporting the motion, Cllr. O'Callaghan a lot done but more to do.

**Notices of Motion from Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan:**

13 "Ask this Md would carry out works in the village of Broadford. Gullys cleans/holes filled and repair to Bridge".

Proposed by: Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan

Seconded by: Cllr. Conor Ryan

***Response from Declan Flanagan, Senior Executive Engineer:***

Clare County Council will commit to provide the necessary maintenance works to the village of Broadford. Our roads crew has carried out patching works to the centre of the village where 100m of the road network is in decline more so for the long-awaited sewerage scheme to come to fruition.

We have highlighted the bridge parapet to our road design team, this bridge parapet repair has been added to the 2025 Bridge Rehabilitation works as part of Schedule of Municipal District Works. This bridge package for the Killaloe M.D. has been tendered and has been recently awarded, the current timeframe for repairs is 3 to 4 weeks as the contractor will be on leave for a 2-week period.

Cllr. O’Callaghan highlighted this before, drainage need to be addressed and the bridge made safe. Cllr. Ryan concurred, reiterating the requirement for maintenance of the gullies. Cllr. O’Brien fully supported motion.

14 “Now that R470 is resurfaced that white lining would be carried out in the interest of safety.”

Proposed by: Cllr. Alan O’Callaghan

Seconded by: Cllr. Conor Ryan

***Response from Declan Flanagan, Senior Executive Engineer:***

Our Line marking contractors were with us on week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 carry out Junction works with STOP text and centre line markings on a number of roads, with increased road temperatures in excess of 50 degrees it was too hot for line marking some of our surface dressing roads due to melting bitumen.

We have scheduled the line marking works on the R-470 for week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 to complete 1.4km of the R-470 from Newmarket on Fergus to Sixmilebridge road

Cllr O’Callaghan accepted the reply and highlighted the importance for the white line to road users safety. In supporting the motion, Cllr. Ryan sought clarification on the technical requirements for line marking, requested the widening of the road. In response Declan Flanagan advised that there was no funding available for widening of the road and the white lines keep traffic in.

**Item 18 :** Date of next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> of September

**Votes of sympathy**

A vote of sympathy was extended to the O’Meara family on the death of Harry O’Meara RIP and to the Tuohy Family on the death of Brian Tuohy, RIP.

## **A.O.B**

Cllr. Tony O'Brien addressed Brian McCarthy & Ann Reynolds to request additional funding around the bypass R463 on the limerick side and out to O'Brien bridge. Ms. Reynolds to follow up with the TII.

Cllr. Pat Hayes highlighted the need for marking on the ramp crossing at the playground in Tulla, in addition to requesting allocation of funding for connectivity between the junction and Tulla GAA.

Cllr. Alan O'Callaghan requested an update on Quin Abbey Carpark. Brian McCarthy, confirmed that there is further engagement with the OPW and this will also be addressed as part of the 4 villages the pilot scheme.

Cllr. Conor Ryan requested an update on his January Motion (item 8 Killaloe MD Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2025) in relation to green bollards.

Cllr. Burke added as Chairperson of the MD, he wanted to extend his congratulations and best wishes to Brian McCarthy on his new appointment and take the opportunity to thank him for his service to the MD and East Clare. He is a great public servant, a talented individual to have obtained RRDF funding for Scarriff and two more RRDF funding applications submitted. Cllr O'Brien extended his appreciation of Brian McCarthy's commitment to the MD and engagement with the Councillors. Cllr. Hayes expressed that it was a bittersweet moment, huge loss to the MD and East Clare, Brian McCarthy had a unique inside, experience and skill and expressed best wishes to him and his family. Cllr. O'Callaghan reflected on the number of achievements and firsts, including the Strategy Plan for the MD, Socio-economic profile of Killaloe MD and Socio-Economic Appraisal of Crusheen Railway Station. Cllr. Ryan concurred, adding that over the last six months, he observed B McCarthy's vision, energy and commitment to the East Clare MD.

Brian McCarthy advised that this was his last MD meeting and take the opportunity to thank everyone, acknowledging the work done by community groups, and individuals his engage with throughout his time in Killaloe MD. He extended his gratitude to the Elected Members for their engagement with him and their commitment to the MD.