

**Minutes of Meeting of Kilmallock Area Committee held in the Courthouse,
Kilmallock on Wednesday 6th July 2005.**

Members Present

Councillors Creighton, Houlihan and McAuliffe.

Apologies

Cllr. Gallahue

Officers Present

James O'Callaghan S.E.E., William Ryan, S.S.O., Donal Brennan, Senior Engineer, Water Services, James Guinane, A.O. Bruff – Castleconnell, Michael Hayes, S.E.E. Roads, Paul Foley, A.O. Planning and Development.

At the outset the Chair was relinquished by Cllr. Houlihan, who thanked his fellow members and the staff in Kilmallock office for their help and co-operation during his tenure. He was complimented by all on his efficiency and competence over the past 12 months. The Chair was then assumed by Cllr. McAuliffe.

Confirm Minutes of Committee Meeting of the 4th May, 2005.

Circulated copy of draft minutes of meeting of committee held on the 4th May, 2005.

Proposed: Cllr Creighton Seconded: Cllr. Houlihan.

“ that the draft minutes as circulated be taken as read and adopted and signed”

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Consider Draft ByeLaws for the Regulation and Control of the Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Public Places. (Draft ByeLaws already circulated.)

J. Guinane introduced this item.

It was agreed that Intoxicating Liquor Byelaws be introduced in the Bruff- Castleconnell Electoral Areas in December 2003, and Draft Byelaws were considered by the Council. It was proposed that some changes be made, especially with the introduction of the smoking ban.

Both the Gardai and University of Limerick have expressed a wish that these Byelaws be introduced as soon as possible.

The changes now proposed are:

- (a) Eliminate foreshore or coastal waters etc. listed as (v) in the definition of “Public Place”.
- (b) Insert ‘or any area within 50 metres of such premises’ after ‘any premises in (ii) for areas not included.

The members were in agreement that the Byelaws should be also introduced in Kilmallock Electoral Area.

They agreed with the proposed changes, but agreed that the distance from the Licensed Premises should be reduced to 30 metres.

Their observations were noted by Mr. Guinane, and the byelaws will now be redrafted for public display.

Brief Members on Part 8 Procedure for upgrading of Wastewater Treatment Plant at Kilmallock

Mr Donal Brennan informed the Meeting of the proposal to upgrade the existing Sewerage Plant in Kilmallock. He stressed that this will be a temporary upgrade, to facilitate large proposed developments. The developers will bear the cost.

The members agreed that this would be necessary so that developments will not be held up until the new Sewerage Scheme is in place. It was also suggested that developers could be brought together to share the burden, and so that no new development would be excluded from the facility.

In answer to enquiries as to progress on Kilmallock Sewerage Scheme, Mr. Brennan informed the meeting that the Brief has been approved by the D.O.E.L.G., and the County Council can now advertise for Consultants.

Consider the Provision of a Burial Ground for Kilmallock.

The members expressed concern that no new graves are now available in the Parish of Kilmallock.

Mr. Brennan stated that he had visited a site owned by the Parish adjacent to the Church, which the Parish Priest, Canon Willie Fitzmaurice proposed as a suitable site for a burial ground on a temporary basis. Mr. Brennan stressed that if this is suitable it will have capacity for no more than 2 or 3 years. The County Council will, however proceed with investigations into this site.

Update on a Local Area Plan for Kilfinane.

This item was deferred pending the arrival of Paul Foley.

Note funding for projects being funded by the Development Fund.

D. Brennan outlined the Water Services proposals for the Development Fund. A total of €6.7m will be spent over a 3-year period,

This will encompass:

- Small Towns and Villages Initiative (Developer co-funded)
- Upgrade of various Sewage Treatment Plants.
- Provide increased security of Water Supply; Control and Monitoring Equipment at Water Treatment Plants; Mobile Water Treatment Plants – Purchase.
- To use matching funding to leverage additional funding from DEHLG for Small Schemes and Mains Rehabilitation.

Under the Small Towns and Villages Initiative Kilfinane is already at construction stage, and 4 more schemes in Kilmallock area are at Planning stage.

M. Hayes then briefed the members on proposals for the Transportation Development Fund for 2005.

€1m is being allocated towards Supplementary Funds for EU Specific Improvement Grant schemes, and NRA funded schemes.

A further €1.5m will go towards funding of Key Infrastructural projects to promote and supplement development.

Four schemes proposed for Kilmallock are: footpaths at Lord Edward St. Kilmallock, Knocklong and Ballylanders, and drainage works at Granagh.

€300,000 will be spent on Taking in Charge of Estates.

It was noted that the construction of a footpath at the south end of Lord Edward St. Kilmallock might help to slow traffic at that location.

Update on a Local Area Plan for Kilfinane.

Paul Foley outlined to the meeting the schedule of Local Area Plans.

Plans for Bruff and Hospital will be completed in 2005, followed by a review of the Adare plan. It is hoped that the Kilfinane Plan will be drafted early in 2006.

A public meeting is due to be held shortly in Hospital, and Consultants will be engaged for the Hospital and Bruff plans. Discussions will take place with developers in establishing the Settlement Boundaries of the towns.

Consider the provision of a one-way traffic system for Millmount, Kilmallock.

It was agreed that this item be deferred, and placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Committee.

Consider options for a Footbridge at The Bridge in Hospital on the R513.

Cllr. Creighton explained that pedestrian traffic at this location has increased greatly, and with further large developments planned at the North end of Hospital, a safe pedestrian access at the bridge is a necessity. He suggested that a footbridge inside the bridge parapet could be considered.

There was general agreement with this proposal, and financial contributions from the relevant proposed developments could also help finance the project.

Brief members on Part 8 Procedure in relation to the Proposed Machinery Yard at Gotoon, Kilmallock.

J. O’Callaghan informed the meeting that the public display period for the Part 8 procedure for this development has now expired, and the proposals will be discussed at the full Council meeting on 25th July.

A Disposal Notice will also issue for this meeting. This is in respect of a small strip of land adjacent to the Paul and Vincent site at Gotoon , Kilmallock, which is being disposed of to Paul and Vincent Ltd. in exchange for a narrow piece of land at the entrance to the Machinery Yard site. This is necessary to widen the entrance to the Machinery Yard.

It was agreed to proceed on this basis.

Any Other Business.

The members welcomed the provision of finance by the Department of Education towards improved safety measures at Ardpatrick National School.

Concern was expressed that weeds at O’Rourke’s Cross, Bruree are obstructing the view of motorists.

The meeting then concluded.

Next meeting fixed for Wednesday 7th September 2005.

Signed _____
Cathaoirleach

