

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR
CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 12 ÉANAIR, 2018**
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 12TH JANUARY,
2018.**

Mayor, Councillor Michael Doyle, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Andrew McGuinness, Matt Doran, Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, David Fitzgerald, Patrick O’Neill, Seán Tyrrell, Patrick McKee, Breda Gardner, Joe Malone, Malcolm Noonan, David Kennedy.

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, Ms. Emir Slattery, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Catherine Cooney, A/Administrative Officer and Ms. Bernadette Maloney.

Apologies/Leath Scéal: Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer.

Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 8th January, 2018, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. A dhaingniú Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe.
Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting:

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 15th December, 2017 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald.
And Resolved

“That the minutes as presented to this meeting be and are hereby adopted.”

Matters Arising:

Meeting with Minister John Paul Phelan.

Members were advised that following contact with Minister Phelan’s Office, details of dates of future meetings of the Municipal District were provided to the Minister’s Office. The Minister’s Secretary will discuss the matter with the Minister and revert back.

Sword and Mace

Members were advised that contact was made with Kilkenny Civic Trust and it was confirmed that there is no difficulty with accessing the sword and mace from the Medieval Mile Museum for civic functions once prior notice is given.

2. Cúrsaí thabhairt ar aghaidh ordú ón Méara Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.

The Mayor acknowledged the following recent achievements and all those involved in the following Projects/Events which he attended/will attend:

- Opening of Bernard Brogan's new pub in John Street.
- Mayor's Concert held in Watergate Theatre. Thanks to all who supported the concert, those who took part and the staff of the Theatre.
- Carol Service at St. Canice's Cathedral. Thanks to Members who attended.
- All involved in the organising of Yulefest.
- All who contributed to the Mayor's Coal Fund at Christmas.
- Passing Out Parade of the 147 Recruit Platoon at James Stephens Army Barracks.

Votes of Sympathy

Members joined with the Mayor in offering a Vote of Sympathy to the families of the following recently deceased:

Trevor Minogue, Newtown Terrace, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.
Jacqui Doyle, Carrickmourne House, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and respectfully passed in silence, all present standing.

The Mayor reminded Members of the Conferring Ceremony of the Freedom of the City being held on 23rd February, 2018, in Kilkenny Castle at 6.30 p.m.

3. An Dréachtphlean Bainistíochta Bruscair. Draft Litter Management Plan.

Ms. Bernadette Maloney gave a presentation to the meeting advising that the Council are required to review the Litter Management Plan and the draft plan is currently being prepared. The Members thanked Ms. Moloney for the presentation and acknowledged the work of the Environment Section. Ms. Moloney responded to queries raised in relation to the following:

- Replacement of Litter Bins.
- Dog Fouling.
- Illegal Dumping,
- Bottle Banks.
- Chewing Gum on the streets in Kilkenny City.

Following a discussion it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Malone

“that the Municipal District of Kilkenny City write to Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government requesting that a 25c tax be placed on the sale of chewing gum and income received from this tax to be ring fenced for Local Authorities to finance the cost of removing chewing gum from public streets/areas.”

The motion was put to a vote by a show of hands and was passed by 9 votes for the motion and 2 votes against:

For the Motion: Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Patrick McKee, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Cllr. Patrick O’Neill, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan.

Against the Motion: Cllr. David Kennedy and Cllr. Seán Tyrrell.

A second motion was proposed by Cllr. Seán Tyrrell as follows:

“that the Municipal District of Kilkenny City write to all businesses in the City asking them to cease the sale of chewing gum”.

The motion was put to a vote by a show of hands and was defeated by 9 votes against the motion and 2 votes for the motion:

For the Motion: Cllr. David Kennedy and Cllr. Seán Tyrrell.

Against the Motion: Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Patrick McKee, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Cllr. Patrick O’Neill, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan.

4. Cothabháil Túr Clog Halla na Cathrach. Upkeep of Town Hall Clock Tower.

Mr. Simon Walton gave a presentation outlining the deterioration that has occurred in the condition of the Town Hall clock tower and the improvements required to be carried out to restore the clock faces, numbers, dials and replacement of equipment.

All members supported the project and raised questions in relation to:

- Illumination of the clock tower.
- Tours of Town Hall.

Members agreed that funding for this project should be allocated from the main Council Budget and not from the discretionary funding of the Municipal District.

The Mayor welcomed the Moroccan Ambassador, His Excellency Mr. Lahcen Mahraoui and Deputy Head of Mission, Rachid Seghrouchni to the meeting.

5. Bóithre Roads

Queries were raised by the Mayor, Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr. Patrick O'Neill, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Joe Malone and Cllr. Peter 'Chap' Cleere in relation to the following issues:

- Dog Fouling Dispensers and Public Lighting at Inistioge.
- Berkley Lawns drainage system and footpaths at the Greens, Thomastown.
- Granges Road Pedestrian Crossing.
- Footpath link between Ennisnag and Stoneyford.
- Improvement works at Cuffesgrange and Callan Bye Pass.
- Footpaths in Knocktopher/Ballyhale and road markings around the school in Ballyhale.
- Works at the Butterslip, Kilkenny.
- Use of Disabled Parking Space at school in Coote's Lane, Kilkenny.
- Costing for footpath from church to school in Skeoghvosteen.

Mr. Simon Walton and Ms. Emir Slattery responded to all queries raised.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

MAYOR

Date:
