

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR
CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 18 BEALTAINÉ, 2018.**
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 18TH MAY, 2018.

Mayor, Councillor Michael Doyle, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Seán Tyrrell, Cllr. Patrick McKee, Cllr. David Fitzgerald,

Apologies: Cllr. Patrick O'Neill, Cllr. Breda Gardner,

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, Nicolaas Louw, Senior Executive Planner, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Amy Granville Assistant Planner and Ms. Teresa Mahon, A/Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 14th May, 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 13th April, 2018, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Matt Doran
Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick McKee
And Resolved

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

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:

- Welcomed Prison Officers to the 71st Annual Conference in the Lyrath Hotel.

- “Rollin to Nowlan”. Charity cycle event for the staff in Croke Park. The who’s who of Kilkenny stars welcomed the cyclists. Thanks extended to all involved.
- Launch of report on the provision of Higher Education in Kilkenny, “Putting our best foot forward and open for business.”
- Official opening of Talbot Tower, the only complete defence tower left in Kilkenny. Recognition given to all past and present Members for all their hard work in getting the Tower opened. Special thanks to Simon Walton.
- Started the Family Carer’s mini marathon at the Aspect Hotel. Congratulations to all involved.
- Official signing of twinning agreement with Formigine in Italy last weekend. Thanks to Mayor Maria Costi and all the Formigine Councillors for their fantastic hospitality. Looking forward to future events including Rugby exchange, KCAT in Callan and the sharing of information around Tidy Towns, School web links, Library swops and Text alerts.
- Launch of the Fairytale Festival in Woodstock. Thanks extended to Beat 102 for their support and Kilkenny County Council for agreeing to hosting the event in Woodstock.
- Kilkenny CBS transition year awards night. A fantastic group of students who have dealt admirably with the sadness of Colm Dunne’s passing. He is sadly missed.
- Attended Gala performance of Fossetts Circus who were celebrating 130 years of continuous performances. Special mention to Marian and Herta Fossett who at 87 continue to be heavily involved in the show.
- Members agreed to holding a reception for Cartoon Saloon in the near future:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
 Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone

Vote of Sympathy

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

Eileen Kirwan, Walkin St, Kilkenny
 Cecilia Fahy, Fatima Place, Kilkenny
 Mary Walsh, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny
 Kitty Igoe, Parliament Street, Kilkenny
 Minnie Tyrrell, Wolfe Tone Street, Kilkenny
 Mary Hehir, The Sycamores, Kilkenny
 Denis Doherty, Friary Street, Kilkenny
 Agnes Swift, St Fiaccres Place, Kilkenny
 Mary Phelan, Cuffesgrange, Kilkenny

- 3. Leithdháileadh cistí le haghaidh Deontais/ Féilte**
 Allocation of funds for Festivals/Events grants
 It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Matt Doran
Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone
And Agreed

“that the Kilkenny Municipal District West would provide €1,500 toward Festival/Events in Kilkenny for 2018”

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Matt Doran
Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone
And Agreed

“that the Kilkenny Municipal District East would provide €1,500 toward Festival/Events in Kilkenny for 2018”

4. Plean limistéir áitiúil Callainn

Callan Local Area Plan - Nicolaas Louw - Senior Executive Planner

Nicolaas Louw - Senior Executive Planner informed Members of the recent appointment of SLR Consultants to work on the Callan Local Area Plan for the Council. Kilkenny County Council will be consulting with the Callan Town Team in the near future..

He introduced Amy Granville, the new planner, and announced that with the extra capacity the Council shall shortly be commencing the review of the Thomastown Local Area Plan.

All the members welcomed Amy Granville and raised the following queries re the Callan Area:

- Abandoned housing site in Lower Bridge Street
- Derelict site at old Health Centre

Nicolaas Louw and Anne Maria Walsh provided Members with an update on the above queries.

5. Nuashonrú ar Dheisiúchán Clog Halla na Cathrach

Update on Repairs to City Hall Clock - Simon Walton – Senior Engineer

Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, made a presentation to members on the repairs to the City Hall Clock Tower. Photos were show to demonstrate the works to date and details on timelines and the remaining work were outlined. The lighting of the clock and other historical sights in the City including St Mary’s Cathedral were discussed.

Mr Simon Walton explained about the opening time on Talbot Tower and agreed that access to St Mary’s in Callan would be investigated.

6. Bóithre
Roads

Queries were raised by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Patrick McKee, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Joe Malone in relation to the following:

- Irish Water Works in Inistioge.
- HGV traffic on Paulstown to Goresbridge road.
- Eir Lighting in City - Wooden Poles being replaced by Metal Poles
- City Traffic/HGV Management plan.
- Poor Lighting in New Orchard Estate.

Mr. Simon Walton and Mr. Tim Butler responded to all queries. Mr. Tim Butler agreed to write to Irish Water about the reinstating of roads and the surrounding area after works are completed. He will also report on the protocol regarding the cutting of trees. Seamus Kavanagh will provide an update on the HGV traffic in Paulstown at the June or July meeting. Mr Simon Walton will provide a report re the City Traffic/HGV Management Plan shortly.

7. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. David Fitzgerald, dar dáta 23 Márta, 2018. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 23rd March, 2018:

It was:

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

“That Kilkenny MDC install motor cycle and scooter parking facilities at various locations throughout Kilkenny City”.

8. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Patrick McKee, dar dáta 26 Márta, 2018. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Patrick McKee received 26th March, 2018:

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Patrick McKee
Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
And agreed

"That Kilkenny Municipal Council establishes a traffic management plan for the Village area of Kilkenny City. A particular focus will be given to tackling the ongoing challenges being faced by the local community with school traffic which is giving rise to public safety concerns".

Mr Simon Walton, Senior Engineer confirmed that the Council would be awaiting the assessment of the traffic questionnaire from parents of children attending school in the area before any new plan would be put in place.

**9. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Breda Gardner, dar dáta 28 Márta, 2018.
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Gardner received 28th March, 2018:**

“That Kilkenny County Council will work with Irish Water to allow the Residents of Friars Hill, Thomastown to be included in their Sewage System”.

Item deferred in the absence of Cllr Breda Gardner.

**10. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Malcolm Noonan dáta 11 Bealtine, 2018.
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 11th May, 2018:**

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick McKee

And agreed:

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council notes with regret the merging of the City and Environs Development Plan into a single County Development Plan for the 2020-2025 plan period and calls on the Department of Local Government and Kilkenny County Council to facilitate the development of standalone City and Environs Development plans for former Borough Council Urban Areas”.

A discussion took place in relation to the motion. Mr. Nicolaas Louw explained in detail about the County Development Plan and Local Area Plans in current legislation. Members wanted it noted that the former Borough Council Urban Area was too important to the County to be just another Local Area Plan. Mr. Tim Butler explained that under legislation the process of drawing up the new development plan must be commenced now. The City plan would be a chapter within the plan and it would have a stronger bearing than an ordinary Local Area Plan. Members re-iterated the importance of having a specific City Plan.

**11. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Patrick McKee, dar dáta 26 Márta, 2018.
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Patrick McKee received 26th March, 2018:**

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Patrick McKee

Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

And agreed:

"That Kilkenny Municipal Council immediately undertake a full investigation of the causes of the flooding on the Circular Road, Kilkenny City and implement the necessary remedial works to address the cause(s) and protect residents in the area from the obvious consequences of any future flooding event"

Mr. Simon Walton explained that the new road infrastructure will address the problem and provide the barrier and protection from future flooding in the area. He also

confirmed that the Breagagh Valley Park would be development at the same time as the road.

12. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Breda Gardner, dar dáta 28 Márta, 2018. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Gardner received 28th March, 2018:

“That Kilkenny County Council on behalf of Thomastown Community Network finish the rejuvenation of Low Street and Logan Street so that the town is complete in its beautiful heritage appearance and encourages more business and tourists to this amazing medieval town”.

Item deferred in the absence of Cllr. Breda Gardner.

13. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. David Fitzgerald, dar dáta 27 Aibreán, 2018. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 27th April 2018, 2018:

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone

“ That Kilkenny MDC redesigns the junction of Upper Patrick Street and Kells road to incorporate a mini roundabout to alleviate traffic congestion at this busy intersection”.

The motion was deemed to be a bit premature and it was agreed that a design proposal for the junction should be considered before any decision is made.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

_____ **MAYOR**

Date:
