

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 16th
DECEMBER, 2016 AT 2.30 P.M.**

Mayor, Councillor Patrick O'Neill, Presiding.

Present:-

Councillors: Peter 'Chap' Cleere, Michael Doyle, Matt Doran, David Fitzgerald, Breda Gardner, David Kennedy, Joe Malone, Andrew McGuinness, Patrick McKee, Malcolm Noonan, Seán Tyrrell.

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Brian Tyrrell, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer and Mr. Shane Aylward, A/Senior Executive Engineer and Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 12th December, 2016, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings:

- (a) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 11th November, 2016 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Matt Doran
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy
And Resolved

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

- (b) Minutes of Draft Budget Meeting held on 11th November, 2016 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle
And Resolved

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

- (c) Minutes of Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 18th November, 2016 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner
And Resolved

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

2. **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:

- Kilkenny Business of the Year Awards.
- Lions Club Wine Fair and Concert.
- Switching on of Christmas Lights in Kilkenny City.
- Ambers Women’s Day.
- Defence Forces Emergency Response Plan – James Stephens Barracks.
- Kilkenny Great War Memorial Event.
- Launch of Toy Appeal.
- Appreciation to Defence Forces for fund raising for Mayor’s Coal Fund.
- Launch of Age Friendly Action Plan.
- Presentation of 1916 Medals in James Stephens Army Barracks.
- Presentation of Camogie Awards.
- Attendance at Newpark Residents Dinner.
- Attendance at Irish Wheelchair Association Christmas Dinner.
- Attendance at Christmas Dinner in James Stephens Army Barracks.
- Newpark Remembrance Ceremony.
- Carol Service at St. Canice’s Cathedral.
- Attendance at Suicide Awareness Gathering.
- Yulefest in Kilkenny.

Votes of Sympathy

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

Mr. Seán O’Sullivan, Station Road, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.
Pádraigín Ní Dhubhluachra, Sráid na Feise, Cill Chainnigh.
Seamus Bolger (Gaol Road, Kilkenny and late of Kilmog, Danesfort, Co. Kilkenny).
Catherine King, Marble Crest, Ardnore, Kilkenny.
Cllr. Claire Cullinane, Rushbrooke, Cobh, Co. Cork.
Breda Nolan, Station Road, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.
All those who have lost their lives during the conflict in Aleppo, Syria.

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

3. Nomination to Committee on Naming Structures.

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter Cleere
Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone
And resolved

“that Cllr. Andrew McGuinness be nominated to the Committee on Naming Structures.”

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Michael Doyle
Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick O’Neill
And resolved

“that Cllr. David Fitzgerald be nominated to the Committee on Naming Structures.”

4. Intoxicating Liquor Bye-Laws – Proposed Amendment.

Mr. Tim Butler referred to correspondence circulated to the Members regarding the need, for legal reasons, to amend the current Kilkenny County Council Intoxicating Liquor Bye-Laws to include the area previously administered by Kilkenny Borough Council and advised that it is proposed to commence the public consultation process for the amendment of the Bye-Laws.

Mr. Butler responded to queries raised by Members regarding the process and clarified the situation in relation to Savour Kilkenny Festival, following which Members agreed to the proposal.

5. Rural Economic Development Zone – 2016 Funding.

Mr. Brian Tyrrell gave the background to the application for funding submitted under the Rural Economic Development Zone Scheme whereby by Members agreed to apply for funding for the development of Inistioge/Woodstock Gardens and €200,000 has been granted for same. Mr. Tyrrell outlined details of the proposed works to be carried out.

Members welcomed the proposal and thanked all involved in the project and Mr. Tyrrell replied to comments and questions raised in relation to:

- How the project fits into the broader Failte Ireland proposals for Ireland’s Ancient East.
- Arrangements for the future maintenance and upkeep of the gardens.
- Flood relief proposals for Inistioge.
- Provision of public facilities.

6. Town and Village Renewal Scheme – 2016 Funding.

Mr. Tim Butler advised that funding in the sum of €112,500 has been secured for each 4 no. projects around the County, (€450,000 in total, €380,000 of which will come from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government) one of which is located in the Municipal District of Kilkenny City, being the village of Kells. Mr. Butler gave details of the proposed improvements to be carried out to Kells as part of the scheme.

Members welcomed the funding and commented in relation to the following issues:

- Establish a sub-committee tasked with the role of selecting towns/villages should funding be made available for future schemes.
- Council needs to prioritise parking for schools.
- Signage off motorway for Ballyhale.
- Streetscape Paint Scheme.
- Provision of Bus Shelters.

Mr. Butler responded to all comments put forward.

7. General Municipal Allocation – Funding Allocation

Mr. Brian Tyrrell requested the Members to consider the allocation of funding provided under the General Municipal Allocation and come back to the January 2017 Meeting with a set of spending proposals.

Members asked that Mr. Tyrrell comply a list of previous works submitted taking into account works passed by way of Notices of Motion which do not fall under the Roads Works Scheme budget.

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh agreed to review the works passed by way of Notices of Motion for consideration in the Road Works Scheme 2017.

8. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 17th November, 2016:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

“The Kilkenny Municipal District Council prepares and adopts a detailed retail and business signage policy for Kilkenny City Centre that reflects the design standard established through the Medieval Mile brand design criteria which is sympathetic to the historic character of the City and ensures that all signage design and materials used are appropriate to the building and location of the premises. The design standards should include the prohibition of low grade printed signage, plastic laminated signage boards and lettering.”

Following a discussion, an amendment to the proposed Notice of Motion was agreed and it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
And resolved

“The Kilkenny Municipal District Council prepares and adopts a detailed retail and business signage policy for Kilkenny City Centre that reflects the design standard established through the Medieval Mile brand design criteria which is sympathetic to the historic character of the City and ensures that all signage design and materials used are appropriate to the building and location of the premises. The design standards should include the prohibition of low grade printed signage, plastic laminated signage boards and lettering. Furthermore Kilkenny Municipal District Council requests that Kilkenny County Council would prepare a draft variation to both the City and Environs Development Plan 2014-19 and to the County Development Plan to reflect this and previous motions on this issue and to make for a more robust signage and shopfront policy in both plans.”

9. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 9th December, 2016.

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council requests that Kilkenny County Council would introduce a draft policy for the appropriate use of the Parade, Mayor’s Walk and Canal Square. Such a policy would outline a range of options for members to consider; relating to appropriate use of these important civic spaces, use during festivals and consideration of a sliding scale fee for the use of the spaces by commercial/for profit organisations or companies. The Council should in drafting such proposals seek the views of members of the public and local business and refer the draft policy to the Public Participation Network (PPN) to seek views prior to it being considered for adoption by elected members.”

Members expressed concerns in relation to the Motion put forward. Mr. Tim Butler explained that there is currently an application process for the use of the Parade in place and the criteria set down must be complied with and the requirement for a fee for the use of the Parade was never intended.

Mr. Tyrrell agreed to circulate a copy of the current application process for consideration by the Members.

10. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere received 12th December, 2016.

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle
And resolved

“That this Municipal District would look at implementing traffic calming measures directly outside of Duiske College in Graiguenamanagh to ensure the health and safety of all students, teachers, parents and passers-by.”

Mr. Tim Butler advised that it is proposed to review the School Safety Programme in 2017 and this Motion will be considered as part of this review.

11. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 9th December, 2016.

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council would introduce a new road design scheme for pedestrian and cyclist safety at the junctions of Nuncio Road, Fr. Hayden Road and their intersections with the Bennettsbridge Road and Castle Road respectively, in order to improve safety at these busy junctions in particular at the lower entrance into Kilkenny Castle. Such a scheme may consider signage, pedestrian crossings and if deemed appropriate speed bumps in certain areas.”

Cllr. Matt Doran expressed concerns in relation to the passing of Notices of Motion which gives the expectation to the public that specific works will be carried out.

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh confirmed that it is proposed to address the parking issues outlined in the Motion in 2017. Following this Cllr. Noonan agreed to withdraw the motion.

12. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere received 12th December, 2016.

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere
Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
And resolved

“That this Municipal District would conduct a feasibility study in conjunction with Carlow County Council around the options available to make it safer for pedestrians to cross over the bridge between Graiguenamanagh and Tinnahinch which is very dangerous at present and possesses a significant health and safety risk.”

Cllr. Matt Doran again expressed concerns in relation to the passing of Notices of Motion which gives the expectation to the public that specific works will be carried out. As an alternative, Cllr. Doran suggested that “Roads” be placed on the Agenda as a recurring item.

Mr. Tim Butler requested that time is set aside to meet with the Area Engineers to discuss items in advance of the monthly meetings.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____