

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 19th MAY,
2017 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, Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Patrick McKee, Seán Tyrrell.

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Catherine Millea, Senior Staff Officer and Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 15th May, 2017, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings:

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 21st April, 2017 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter Cleere
Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
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:

- Launch of Taste Kilkenny.
- Wine Centre – celebrating 5 years as Off-Licence of the Year in Leinster.
- Dr. Therese White – conferred as member of the Chevalier de Palme Academique by the French Ambassador to Ireland, His Excellency, Jean-pierre Thébault.
- 30th birthday of Kilkenny School Project.

- No Name Club – Host and Hostess of the Year event at Lyrath.
- Rehab – Presentations on day to day life in the community.
- Callan Active Retirement Group.
- All involved in the organising of the recent Royal Visit.
- Paul Smithwick on receiving an OBE.
- Special Olympics event in the Watershed.
- Evergreen Soccer Club on reaching the FAI Junior Cup Final.
- MacDonagh Junction Famine Experience initiative to be launched later in the year.
- Matt the Millars – Tourism and Hospitality Night.
- International Police Association gathering in Lyrath.

The Mayor reminded Members of the following upcoming events for their diaries:

- Open Day on the Diageo Site.
- Official Opening of St. Francis Bridge.

Votes of Sympathy

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

Philomena Heffernan, Kilmore, Dean Street, Kilkenny.

Patrick Cummins, 17, Fatima Place, Kilkenny

Kathleen Delaney, 39, Fr. Murphy Square, Kilkenny.

Mary O'Brien, Catstown, Hugginstown, Co. Kilkenny.

Thomas Byrne, Dean Cavanagh Place, Kilkenny.

Patricia O'Donoghue, 4, Noremount, Kilkenny.

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

3. Fix Date for Annual Meeting.

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter 'Chap' Cleere

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone

And resolved

“that the Annual Meeting of Municipal District of Kilkenny City be held on Monday, 26th June, 2017, at 5.30 p.m.”

4. Presentation by Environment Department, Kilkenny County Council.

Ms. Catherine Millea circulated a leaflet in relation to Kilkenny County Council's strategy on ending illegal dumping in Kilkenny City and gave an update on various initiatives currently being rolled out by the Environment Department. Members

welcomed the Multi-Lingual leaflet circulated, thanked Ms. Millea for the information provided and raised queries in relation to the following:

- Statistics on Prosecutions.
- County Council Civic Amenity Centre.
- Provision of litter bins on the Ring Road.
- Possibility of setting up sub-committee on Animal Welfare.
- Rubbish collection times in Ossory Park.
- Replacement of rubbish bins in Callan.
- Monitoring of CCTV cameras.
- Policing of bottle banks in rural areas.

Ms. Millea and Mr. Seamus Kavanagh responded to queries raised.

5. Roads.

Members raised queries in relation to the following issues:

- Back up of traffic on Vicar Street.
- Traffic Lights at Irishtown.
- Standard of Cycle Lanes.
- Management of traffic around Kilkenny City.
- Traffic Lights in Thomastown.
- Extended speed limits for Haggard Road in Kells.
- Footpath improvements at West Street and Mullans Park in Callan.
- Speed survey for West Street, Callan.
- Investigate the possibility of remedial works for road surfaces outside St. Patrick's Church, St. Kieran's College, Stephen Street and Old Callan Road.
- Parking outside Secondary School in Graiguenamanagh.

All queries were responded to by Mr. Tim Butler, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh and Mr. Shane Aylward.

6. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 1st May, 2017.

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Seán Tyrrell

And resolved

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council requests the removal by the relevant authority of the barrier at the base of the Kilkenny Room and at the boundary of the Shee Family Chapel at St. Mary's Graveyard to continue full and free public access to the entire graveyard independent of the Museum. This Council recognises that the graveyard is still in Local Authority stewardship and that restricting free access to the public is limiting the value of the graveyard as a public amenity and pocket park in the City.”

Mr. Tim Butler advised that he has been informed by the Civic Trust that until Health and Safety issues have been resolved, members of the public can access the park through the Museum.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald agreed to raise the issue at the next Board Meeting of the Civic Trust.

7. Any Other Business

As a result of the many recent changes and movement of staff it was agreed that an updated list of staff and the areas assigned to them be circulated to the Members.

Commercial Rates

In response to queries regarding the revaluation of properties by the Valuation Office, Mr. Tim Butler advised that a dedicated Finance Team has been set up to deal with public queries and this will include information Clinics being held on Monday and Tuesday, 22nd and 23rd, May 2017 and he would urge members of the public to attend.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____