

**CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR  
CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 22 MEAN FOMHAIR, 2017**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Mayor, Councillor Michael Doyle, Presiding.**

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

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

**Apologies/Leath Scéal:** Andrew McGuinness, Sean Tyrrell, Patrick McKee.

**Also Present:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer and Mr. Shane Aylward, A/Senior Executive Engineer,

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**Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

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

- (i) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald,  
Seconded by: Cllr. Peter “Chap” Cleere,  
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:

- Mass on the green area for residents and former residents at Fatima Place and Emmet Street.
- British Irish Parliamentary Assembly were welcomed at the Town Hall.
- Launch of Kilkenny Fringe Festival.
- Unveiling of portrait of James Woodchesford Butler at the Butler Society. James Woodchesford Butler was major of Kilkenny City in 1808 and 1814.
- Annual Conference of the Bahia community held in Kilkenny College.
- Opening of the Kilkenny Arts Festival in Butler House.
- Newpark Family Resource Centre celebrated 40 years of community and childcare facilities.
- Officially opened Kilkenny Motor Club rally in St. James Park.
- Lifeline seminar at Butler House as part of world suicide prevention day.
- Civic Reception for the Homecoming of Kilkenny Senior Camogie Team.on Monday 11st September 2017.
- Official opening at Gaelscoil Osrai of new all-weather playing pitches by President at the GAA Aogan O Fearghall.
- Re-launching of Vita Charity shop on Parliament Street.

Cllr. Cleere advised the meeting that the application for funds under Music Generation has been successful. Kilkenny has been awarded €200,000 and this will enable music to be delivered to children up to the age of 18 years over the next 3 years.

He thanked all those involved in preparing the application for funds.

Cllr. M. Doran, Cllr. M. Noonan and Cllr. David Fitzgerald thanked Seamus Kavanagh and staff and Gardai in organising traffic management for the Ros Na Ban, Cannonball Run and J.G. Reddy Race.

### **3. Dáta don Chruinniú Buiséid Aontaigh**

Agree Date for Budget Meeting.

Mr. Tim Butler recommended that Members meet on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

Contributions were received from Cllr. J. Malone, Cllr. D. Kennedy, Cllr. M. Doran, Cllr. D. Fitzgerald, Cllr. M. Noonan, Cllr P Cleere, Cllr. P O'Neill and Cllr. B. Gardiner in relation to the role of members in deciding a budget for the Municipal District.

Mr. T. Butler advised that a budget meeting is a statutory requirement for each Municipal District. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Patrick O'Neill  
 Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald  
 And Agreed

“that the budget meeting be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at 2.30p.m.”

It was further agreed by all Members that the Municipal District meeting for November to be held immediately after the budget meeting.

#### **4. Nuashonrú ar Phlean Bainistíochta Soghluaisteachta.**

##### Update on Mobility Management Plan

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh advised the Members that a brief is being prepared to appoint consultants to draft a new Mobility Management Plan for the period 2018 – 2023. The draft plan will include strategy for car/coach parking, bus service, pedestrianisation of High Street, One Way System and smarter travel to enable full accessibility for everyone.

A workshop will be held for Members. There will be full public consultation and it is expected that the final plan will be available in mid 2018.

Contributions were received from all Cllr. M. Doyle, Cllr. D. Kennedy, Cllr. M. Noonan, Cllr. B. Gardner, Cllr. P O'Neill, Cllr. M. Doran, Cllr. J. Malone, Cllr. D. Fitzgerald, and Cllr. P. Cleere.

Issues raised by Members related to

- Pedestrianisation – number of options should be explored.
- One way system – Rose Inn Street, width and carriageway.
- Need to consult widely.
- Provision of Bus Service/ Park & Ride
- Operating a more friendly city for pedestrians and needs of older persons.
- Parking on footpaths.
- Need to consider parking on the Abbey Quarter Site.
- Multi Storey Car Park in Market Yard
- Access to Vicar Street – for emergency vehicles etc.
- Bye Laws for schedule towns.

Mr. S. Kavanagh responded to all the issues raised by the members and advised that all concerned will be consulted on the draft mobility Management Plan. Members will be briefed on proposals for parking in the Abbey Quarter in a workshop for Elected Members only.

Mr. T. Butler advised that it is illegal to park on any footpath and he will take the matter up with the Gardaí. In relation to Vicar Street there has been 3 Safety Audits carried out and traffic flows on Vicar Street passed all audits. There is no issue on movement of traffic from the new bridge onto Vicar Street.

#### **5. Bóithre**

##### Roads

Mr. S. Kavanagh advised members that works are planned on the Freshford Road which will include a roundabout at the hospital and a Pedestrian Crossing. Accommodation works will be completed between now and the end of the year. A mini roundabout will be constructed at St. Luke's Hospital.

Contributions were received from Cllr. J. Malone, Cllr. P. Cleere, Cllr. D. Fitzgerald and Cllr. M. Noonan in relation to speeding on the Freshford Road, entrance to the Sycamores, safety crossing for the schools and Northern Ring Road.

Mr. Butler advised that an appeal on the Northern Ring Road has been referred to the European Court. Kilkenny County Council is seeking legal advice in relation to this issue as Kilkenny County Council is not party to the appeal case.

Queries were raised by Cllr. P. Cleere, Cllr. P. O Neill, Cllr B. Gardner, Cllr. D.Kennedy, Cllr. M. Doran, Cllr, D. Fitzgerald and Cllr. M. Doyle in relation to the following issues:

- LIS – proposed works in 2018
- Works at Cois na Bearu, Graignamanagh
- Footpath at Bennettsbridge
- Flashing lights at schools
- New Road at the Green’s, Thomastown
- Entrance to Hillview, Thomastown
- Bus Shelter at Ballyhale
- Survey of traffic management at all schools.
- Footpath between Enisnag and Stoneyford
- Callan Bye-Pass – Safety of Road
- Cross in Callan Town – works urgently required.
- Completion of works in Patrick Street
- Traffic count results for Danesfort
- Pothole at St. Patricks Church
- Footpath at Friars Hill, Thomastown
- Ossory Park.

Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. Aylward responded to all questions raised.

Mr. T. Butler advised that Kilkenny County Council has been notified of an allocation of €315,000 for Local Improvement Scheme. The money will be divided between the Municipal Districts and it is hoped that 10 to 12 projects will be completed in the county.

**6. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Malcolm Noonan, dar dáta 4 Meán Fómhair, 2017.**

**Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017:**

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner

And agreed

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council would initiate the development of a conservation and enhancement plan for the lane ways of Kilkenny City. Such a plan would require the use of participative planning methodologies with residents, retailers and the general public to devise a set of actions around the enhancement, interpretation and use of the lanes into the future. This motion in particular recognises the historic

significance of the market slip, butterslip, St Mary's lane, Abbey Street, St Canice's Cathedral precinct and New Building lane and seeks to introduce best conservation practices in conserving heritage features and the remaining tudor houses in the city.”

Mr. Tim Butler advised that the laneways in Kilkenny are designated conservation areas in City & Environs Development Plan. The Local Authority will endeavour to improve the public realm in the laneways depending on availability of funds.

**7. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Malcolm Noonan, dar dáta 4 Meán Fómhair, 2017.**

**Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017:**

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. M. Doyle

And agreed:

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council would investigate the feasibility of the possible pedestrianisation or part pedestrianisation of Abbey Street to protect the Black Freren Gate, recognising that it is one of the most important upstanding remains of town defences and the last remaining Norman gate into the old town of Kilkenny.”

Mr. S. Kavanagh advised that 19 car spaces are available at Abbey Street for residents. Re-location of these parking spaces would have to be considered in any plans for pedestrianisation of Abbey Street.”

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

**Signed:**

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**MAYOR**

**Date:**

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