

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 27th JUNE,
2016 AT 2.30 P.M.**

Mayor, Councillor Patrick O'Neill, Presiding.

Present:-

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

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

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 21st June, 2016, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings:

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13th May, 2016 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter 'Chap' Cleere
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy
And Resolved

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

2. Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.

Town Twinning Visit to Malbork, Poland

The Mayor reported to the Members on the recent visit of a delegation from Kilkenny to Malbork, Poland, as part of a Town Twinning process with a view to signing a formal Town Twinning Agreement in the future. He outlined the full itinerary that was organised for the delegation.

Cllr. Joe Malone expressed concerns regarding the unavailability of an Official to travel with the delegation. Mr. Walton, in reply, noted the preparatory work carried out by officials prior to the visit and noted the concerns.

Following a discussion on the issues it was:

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

“that a meeting of the Town Twinning Committee would take place within the next couple of weeks to discuss the Malbork trip and other Twinning Arrangements”.

Cllr. David Fitzgerald acknowledged the presentation made in Malbork by Cllr. Malone and Cllr. O'Neill and the hospitality of the people of Malbork towards the delegation. He also wished it noted that the host town are aware that they are not formally twinned with Kilkenny and are further investigating the tangible benefits of twinning before finalising an arrangement. Cllr. Fitzgerald stated that a number of actions need to take place if the Council are to take twinning arrangements seriously such as:

- Actively pursuing European Funding,
- look at Kilkenny's existing twinning relationships and measure their value
- the responsibility of the role of twinning needs to be allocated to a Director of Services to oversee.

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness requested that the Agenda for the next meeting of the Twinning Committee should contain one item only, being the drafting of a Twinning Policy Document.

The Mayor acknowledged all those involved in the following Projects/Events which he attended:

- Kilkenny Age Friendly Alliance organising a Petition for City Bus Service.
- Left Bank/Rive Gauche on their award as best Leinster gastro pub.
- Presentation School Choir Breakfast.
- New Tourist Shop at Rose Inn Street, Kilkenny.
- Special Olympics Leinster on their event held 25th June, 2016.
- Lunch with children from Chernobyl visiting Kilkenny.
- Meeting held with Kieran Street Traders re Anti-Social Behaviour issues.

Members commented in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour issues at Kieran Street and agreed that the solution seems to be a collaborative approach between Traders, Local Authority, An Garda Síochána and Dunnes Stores.

Members also expressed their concerns in relation to a City Bus Service and Mr. Walton acknowledged the concerns raised and explained that discussions have been taking place with National Transport Authority in relation to this matter.

3. Presentation by Fairview Residents Association, Graiguenamanagh.

Margaret Whelan, Chairperson, Fairview Residents Association, made a brief presentation to the meeting assisted by two members of the Residents Association. The concerns raised were in relation a wall and railings at the Fairview Estate in Graiguenamanagh. Ms. Whelan acknowledged the allocation of €10,000 funding from the Council

Members thanked the representatives from Fairview Residents Association for their presentation and all agreed that this matter should be resolved as soon as possible. Mr. Simon Walton clarified that there is no immediate danger in relation to the wall, but there is an issue in relation to the railings. He advised that the overall cost of the works to be carried out would be in the region of €100,000. It was:

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

“that the Council would correspond with the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, to seek funding and pending a negative response that funding be provided in the budget for 2017 for this project.”

In response, Mr. Walton advised that it is within the remit of the Members to provide funding in 2017 for this project from the discretionary Road Grant Scheme.

Following on from this discussion, the following was agreed:

- to circulate Members a breakdown on the current funding available from General Municipal Allocation 2016 and the discretionary Road Grants Scheme 2016
- to circulate Members a copy of the Engineer’s Report prepared in 2013 in regarding the railings and wall at Fairview Estate, Graiguenamanagh.

Pilot Community Flood Response Project

Mr. Simon Walton circulated a copy of a leaflet that will be circulated to residents in Thomastown and Graiguenamanagh on a Pilot Project on Community Flood Resilience at Thomastown and Graiguenamanagh being carried out by Kilkenny County Council in conjunction with the Office of Public Works. Mr. Walton stated that consent will be required from property owners for the carrying out of a threshold survey and detailed building survey of properties at risk of flooding in Thomastown and Graiguenamanagh. This survey will is scheduled to commence on 29th June, 2016 and continue for approximately 15 days.

Following queries raised, Mr. Walton confirmed that the survey will identify a suite of works to be carried out to various properties but these works will not be completed until early 2017. However, it is proposed to have a Flood Warning System in place for the Winter of 2016.

4. War Memorial

Mr. Simon Walton circulated a site location map and design drawing of the proposed WW1 War Memorial and confirmed that this location has been agreed with the Kilkenny War Memorial Committee. All Members welcomed the proposal and it was:

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

“that the proposal, as circulated, be hereby adopted”.

Mr. Walton advised that the cost of the project will fall below the threshold of requiring a Part 8 process. Following a discussion, Members agreed the following:

- that the Kilkenny World War 1 Memorial Committee would be requested to hold a public meeting/briefing, with Council Officials present, on the details of the project.
- A visit to the site would be organised for Elected Members.

Woodstock Gardens Steering Committee

Cllr. David Kennedy requested an update on the current status of the recently set up Woodstock Gardens Steering Committee and was advised by Mr. Brian Tyrrell that it is at the stage where a meeting of the Committee can be called.

5. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere received 15th April, 2016:

It was agreed that this Notice of Motion was dealt with at the May Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District under the Item No. 4: Review of Kilkenny County Council’s Programme of Speed Limits.

6. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Michael Doyle received 27th April, 2016:

It was agreed that this Notice of Motion was dealt with at the May Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District under the Item No. 4: Review of Kilkenny County Council’s Programme of Speed Limits.

7. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 3rd May, 2016:

It was agreed that this Notice of Motion was dealt with at the May Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District under the Item No. 4: Review of Kilkenny County Council's Programme of Speed Limits.

8. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 13th May, 2016:

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

“That Kilkenny Municipal District prepare a plan for the refurbishment of “The Village” area of Kilkenny City to include Upper Patrick Street, New Street and Jacob Street to create a citizen friendly zone which includes a Traffic Management Plan and the renewal of the paved surfaces, landscaping and public seating.”

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Municipal District of Kilkenny City will be held on Friday 15th July, 2016, at 2.30 p.m. in Council Chamber, City Hall, Kilkenny.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____