

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 21st APRIL,
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. Brian Tyrrell, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer and Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 18th April, 2017, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings:

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 10th March, 2017 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter Cleere
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner
And Resolved

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

Matters Arising

Litter:

In response to queries raised by Members regarding litter problems in various black spots around the City, i.e. New Building Lane and along the Ring Road, Mr. Tim Butler referred to the Environment Report circulated at the last Municipal District Meeting which set out the steps being taken and advised that a representative from the Environment Section will attend the May Monthly Meeting to update Members.

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 Music Festival.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade in Kilkenny City.
- Callan Rose Event.
- Student Enterprise Awards and congratulated the winners.
- Official Opening of Kilkenny's Medieval Mile Museum.
- Kilkenny Roots Festival.
- Kilkenny City Harriers 5K Run Event.
- Launch of Ballykeeffe Amphitheatre Programme.
- Pat Nolan Coastal Charity Cycle.
- Chamber of Commerce AGM.

The Mayor and Members expressed their best wishes to Brian Tyrrell in taking up his new role in Tourism and Marketing and thanked Mr. Tyrrell for his support to the Elected Members over the last number of years.

Votes of Sympathy

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

Steven Brett, 23, Upper Patrick Street, Kilkenny.
Eamon Ryan, 9, Woodlawn, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny.
Thomas Rhatigan, St. Fiacre's Place, Kilkenny.
Jerry Minogue, Newtown Terrace, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.
Paul Lanigan, Loughboy Park, Kilkenny.

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

3. Planning Report on Housing Developments.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh circulated report to the Members giving an update on progress to date regarding the taking in charge of housing developments within the Municipal District. Ms. Walsh responded to queries raised by Members.

4. Callan Road Realignment Scheme (N76) – Update.

Mr. Tim Butler referred to Report circulated to Members setting out an overview of the scheme, works to date and landscaping proposals. Mr. Butler responded to the following queries raised by Members regarding:

- Liaising with residents and businesses in the area.
- Possibility of installing temporary speed bumps.
- Landscaping proposals.
- Speed signage.
- Archaeology.

5. Review of Parking Bye-Laws.

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh outlined the issues in his report requiring the need to review the Kilkenny Borough Council Parking Control Bye Laws 2012 and Kilkenny Borough Council Carpark Bye Laws 2010. Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. T. Butler responded to questions raised by Members relating to:

- People working at night and parking in Market Yard.
- Plans to look at queuing lane into St. Mary's Carpark.
- Upgrading of parking payment system.
- Carers' Permit.
- Disability carparking spaces.
- Bus Routes, match day traffic, electric vehicles.
- Bus parking at Diageo Site.

6. Proposed Monument – James Hoban – Callan.

Mr. Tim Butler referred to report circulated to Members regard the proposed erection of an information heritage marker by The James Hoban Memorial Society at Callan, Co. Kilkenny. Mr. Butler advised that a location has been agreed and the monument will be put in place in the coming weeks.

Members welcomed the Report.

7. Kilkenny Tourism Strategy – Establishment of Sub-County Hubs.

Mr. Brian Tyrrell referred to report circulated and explained that following the adoption of a five year Tourism Strategy by Council in March 2017, it is proposed to move forward with the setting up of Sub-County Hubs contained in the Strategy.

In order to do this Mr. Tyrrell stated that he would welcome the Members suggestions in relation to:

1. Agreeing of locations for the Hubs.
2. Setting up of destination sub-groups to include 10 no. people from the community to represent their areas.

The following suggestions were made by Members:

- Bennettsbridge – a lot to offer in tourist attractions.
- Propose Kells as a potential meeting point. Create golden triangle.
- Possibility of student summer scheme for Kells.

- Brian to communicate with Thomastown Community Network.
- Rural Transport – connecting Urban and Rural Areas.
- Engage with bus operators.

Mr. Tyrrell suggested using Kells and Inistioge as locations for meeting with communities by way of holding workshops to ascertain what assets are available in their areas with the view of turning them into tourist experiences. He advised that the first meeting will be held on 17th May, 2017, in Mullinavat at 6.00 p.m.

8. Roads

Traffic Management Plan for CCAS Bridge

In response to queries raised, Mr. Tim Butler gave an update on the scheme advising that the road will be opened in the 2nd or 3rd week of May and the Traffic Management Plan will be put on public display.

9. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Andrew McGuinness received 24th March, 2017.

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
 Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick McKee
 And resolved

“That this Municipal District would work with the Residents Association of Riverside Drive to help deal with the ongoing issue of indiscriminate parking in the housing scheme associated with people parking their cars in the residential area while they are going to work/shopping in the city or using the Linear Park. As a result residents have often had their driveways blocked and the road in front of their homes has become dangerous with cars randomly parked on both sides.”

10. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Patrick McKee received 2nd April, 2017

Proposed by: Cllr. Patrick McKee
 Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
 And resolved

“Kilkenny City Municipal District Council will undertake a survey of cycling lanes across Kilkenny City & Environs to ensure surface quality is of a high standard and cyclist do not face unnecessary impediments whilst cycling. Where issues are identified, the necessary works will be undertaken to remedy the situation.”

11. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Andrew McGuinness received 24th March, 2017.

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
 Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick McKee
 And resolved

“That this Municipal District will work with the Gardaí to deal with the ongoing issue of sulky racing at the Linear Park and horses gaining access to the river. Measures have been taken in the past but have not worked. Residents suggest installing turn stile gates and bollards where appropriate along with signage. Use of a mobile CCTV unit to catch vandals and those using sulkies on the walkway has also been suggested. Local residents are happy to meet Council staff to discuss.”

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

MAYOR

Date:
