

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 15 I MBLINA, 2018. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 15TH JUNE, 2018.

Mayor, Councillor Michael Doyle, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Seán Tyrrell, Cllr. Patrick McKee, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Patrick O'Neill, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. Peter Cleere.

Apologies: None

Also Present:

Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, Ms. Emir Slattery, Executive Engineer, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Annette Fitzpatrick Administrative Officer and Ms. Teresa Mahon, A/Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 8th June, 2018, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 18th May, 2018, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy
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/will attend:

- St Canice's National School Music Programme "May time Melodies" in the Watergate. Congratulations to Ruth Morrissey (Music Teacher) Students, Parents and teaching staff for a great musical programme.
- Presentation in City Hall of award to Fr. McGrath Centre English Language Classes. A great initiative which really encourages social inclusion.
- Reception for the Heritage Council of Ireland in City held jointly with the Cathaoirleach David Fitzgerald. The Heritage Council enjoyed the sites of our beautiful city. Thanks to Dearbhala Ledwidge for her work.
- The Special Olympic Torch visited Kilkenny and got a great reception from the Staff and Students in the Mother of Fair Love School. Best wishes to all participating in the games this weekend.
- Opening of the Car Park in Inistioge. This Car Park is a great facility for the Community, Schools and Tourism in Inistioge. Big thanks to Mr. Tim Butler, Ms. Emir Slattery and Mr. Frank Stafford.
- Best wishes to Margaret Lanigan on her new role. Thanks for all her work in the Newpark Family Resource Centre and recognise that she left her mark.
- 24 hour cycle for the Thomas Hayes Trust at the Town Hall. Well done to all the Volunteers and Angela Hayes who provides Kilkenny with a valuable service.
- Last appointment as Mayor was to attend St Canice's 6th Class farewell musical. Music was performed by those leaving the school and moving on to secondary level. Great talent present and congratulations to all the students and best wishes at secondary school.

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

Michael Power, 102 Newpark Close, Kilkenny
 Maurice Wall, 4 Meadow Way, Kilkenny
 Frank McSweeney, Marble Court, Kilkenny
 Elise Cooney, Solas, Waterford Road, Kilkenny
 Shane McKeever, Rahielty, Rathmoyle, Kilkenny
 Brendan Conway, Glendine Road, Kilkenny
 Michael Shortall, Clonmorán, Kilkenny
 Denis Brennan, 36 Lacken Drive, Kilkenny
 Kathleen Mulcahy, James Green, Kilkenny
 Don Brown, Elinor, Highbank Orchard, Kilkenny
 Bridget Drennan, 7 Jacob Street, Kilkenny
 Elis Dowling, Parliament Street, Kilkenny
 James Hindle, 54 Westfield Est., Kilkenny
 Kathleen Hayden, Ayrfield, Lord Edward Street, Kilkenny
 Marie Murphy, The Sycamores, Kilkenny.

3. Nuashonrú ar Fhorbairtí tithíochta ó phleanáil Update on housing Developments from Planning

Ms. Annette Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Planning Department, circulated a report on the status of taking in charge of housing estates in the District and went through the contents of the Report.

Members thanked Ms. Fitzpatrick for her presentation and commended the work of the staff of the Planning Department. Mr. Fitzpatrick responded to queries raised by Councillors in relation to the following estates:

- Whitecastle, Knocktopher
- The Greens, Thomastown
- Cois Na Bearu, Graiguenamangh
- Friars Hill, Thomastown
- Estate in Ballyhale

**4. Bóithre
Roads**

Queries were raised by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Patrick O'Neill, Cllr. Peter Cleere, Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Joe Malone in relation to the following:

- Callan By Pass
- Roundabout at Boys School in Callan
- Works at Brooklawns.
- HGV traffic on Paulstown to Goresbridge road.
- Thomastown works (Including Chapel Lane)
- Community Involvement Scheme and Local Improvement Scheme.
- Road from Gowran to Mount Loftus
- Graveyard in Thomastown (thanks to John Rafter & Michael Ryan for their work)
- Hedgerows
- Road down to GAA ground in Thomastown
- Ballyhale to Knocktopher footpath
- Traffic Calming around Duiske College
- Inistioge, Irish Water and Airtricity
- Pothole in Ballyduffe.

Mr. Simon Walton, Mr. Tim Butler and Emir Slattery responded to all queries. Information was provided on the funding being applied for the various works, Section 50 agreements and the communications with TII.

5. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Gardner received 28th March, 2018:

Proposed by: Cllr. Breda Gardner
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy
And resolved

“That Kilkenny County Council will work with Irish Water to allow the Residents of Friars Hill, Thomastown to be included in their Sewage System”.

It was agreed that Irish Water will be asked if the above can be included in their schedule of works. Mr. Tim Butler realistically stated that it would be unlikely that IW would do so as there are 100's of houses in Kilkenny in similar circumstances. People bought their houses knowing the facts about their sewage systems.

6. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 18th May 2018:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle

And resolved

" That Kilkenny MDC immediately organise and implement a cleanup of waste and dumping on the roads and general environs of the St Catherine's Halting site, Wetlands, Kilkenny to include the collection of unlicensed dogs and unchipped unregistered horses."

This motion was fully supported by all Councillors present but the difficulty of achieving results were also recognised. Mr Tim Butler has spoken to Environment, Roads and Housing sections in relating to the issues and all are on board to try and address the problems. A pilot scheme is been set up around the regular visiting of the Halting sites and dog and horse pick up's.

7. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Patrick McKee received 23rd May, 2018:

Proposed by: Cllr. Patrick McKee

Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy

"In light of the difficult circumstances being faced by local traders in Kilkenny's main commercial district, that Kilkenny County Council introduced a one hour free period for car parking at the Market Yard Car Park in Kilkenny City"

A vote was required and the motion was lost by 5 votes to 3 votes.

The impact on the already overstretched budget along with other solutions to help to help local retailers were discussed.

8. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Gardner received 28th March, 2018:

Proposed by: Cllr. Breda Gardner

Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy

And resolved

"That Kilkenny County Council on behalf of Thomastown Community Network finish the rejuvenation of Low Street and Logan Street so that the town is complete in its beautiful heritage appearance and encourages more business and tourists to this amazing medieval town".

The above works already form part of the road work scheme for this year. Any further works required e.g. footpaths will have to be applied for through Thomastown community Network (separate funding stream). Proposal 2019 should be put forward now.

Cllr Michael Doyle thanks all the Councillors and County Council Staff for all their Support over the last year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

MAYOR

Date:
