

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR
CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 18 Eanáir 2019. MINUTES OF
PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 18TH JANUARY 2019.**

Mayor, Councillor, Peter Cleere, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

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

Apologies:

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Emir Slattery, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Nicolaas Louw, Senior Executive Planner, Ms. Amy Granville Assistant Planner, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 11th January, 2019, 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 14th December 2018, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Kennedy
Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
And Resolved

**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:

- Mayors Christmas Concert.
- Mayors Coal Fund.

- Rotary Mass Christmas Eve.
- Reception for Skeoughvosteen Choir
- Graiguenamanagh/ Skeoughvosteen Christmas Dinner

Votes of Sympathy

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

Hugh Smith, Kells, Co. Kilkenny
 Willie Hibbits, Baunta, Callan, Co. Kilkenny
 Teresa O'Hara, Farmely, Castlegrange, Co. Kilkenny
 John Fogarty, Coolmeen, Ballyhale, Co. Kilkenny.
 James Ryan, Ballyhale, Co. Kilkenny

3. Nuashonrú ó Choiste Stiúrtha Balla na Cathrach.

Update from City Wall Steering Committee.

Mr. Simon Walton provided an update from the City Wall Steering Committee. He explained the background to the Committee and the terms of reference mainly:

- i) The advancement of additional conservation, restoration and /or interpretation of the City Wall.
- ii) To established a special designation for Irishtown as Baile na Gale.
- iii) Consideration of a conservation plan and interpretation of 64 Tudor homes in Kilkenny city.

Since its establishment, assessment of a section of the City Wall through Abbey Street Car Park and the section along River Breagagh have been advanced and completed. Mr. Walton provided Members with detailed reports on both and explained that although applications for Ministerial consent to enable repair/conservation had been submitted to the Monuments Service in early January there is no identified source of funding at present to carry out these works. It is proposed to make an application for short-term works to the Irish Walled Towns Network in Spring 2019. They have already provided funding for the assessment reports.

Mr. Walton concluded his presentation by reaffirming the sentiment of the Committee to protect, manage, and maintain the City Walls for this and future generations.

All the Members thanked Mr. Walton for his presentations and made the follow observations and comments:

- Welcomed the inclusion of the Tudor Houses.
- Traditional building course for Kilkenny.
- The possibility of extending the remit to include other walled areas in the City.
- Partition walls and shared boundaries.
- Safety issues around walls.

Mr. Walton responded to the Members. He explained the scope and limitations of the City Wall Steering Committee and the positioning of the wall. He also clarified the responsibility of home owners in relation to boundary walls.

An urgent matter was brought forward by the Mayor

It was Proposed by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
And Seconded by Cllr. David Kennedy

That the meeting would be adjourned to allow members to go into Committee to discuss an urgent issue brought forward by the Mayor. The meeting resumed after 15 minutes.

4. Plean Ceantair Áitiúil Callan agus Thomastown Callan and Thomastown LAP

Mr. Nicolaas Louw outlined to Members that this was the third time that this item is on the agenda of the Municipal District. He described how the draft plans had been on display for the 6 week public consultation period – 8th November 2018 to 20th December 2018 and the submissions received (16 Callan, 18 Thomastown). The Chief Executive has completed her report on the submissions to material alterations to the draft LAP and Members have been circulated with copies. The CE will recommend that the material alterations outlined in the report are accepted by the Council and will be published for a period of further public consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Planning & Development Act 2000 to 2018.

He reminded Member of how the plans have to comply with the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy Roadmap and the National Planning Framework. Kilkenny is one of the first Local Authorities to draw up LAP's under the new regime and the Department is monitoring the process closely.

The Members thanked Mr. Louw for his update and raised the following queries/ observations:

- The definition of low density sites
- Lack of ambition for the plans.
- Zoning of Lands and current planning permissions.
- Ministerial comments on the implementation of the NPF.
- Delivery of housing units under the plans, including social housing.
- The question of flexibility within the plans.
- The consequences if the CE recommendations are not accepted.
- Opportunity for midterm review and variation to the plans.
- Green areas and Agricultural lands.
- The renovation of Town Centre houses and the Urban Housing Regeneration Programme.
- Vacant Site Register and the Vacant Land Tax
- Flood Risk Assessment of zoned land in the plans

Mr. Nicolaas Louw and Ms Amy Granville responded to all queries and observations. They explained that the LAP's for Thomastown and Callan were the best possible plans

that could be delivered under the NPF. The draft plans will be subject to discussion at the Council's monthly meeting. Members will make a decision at that meeting.

5. Bóithre Roads

Members raised queries in relation to:

- Notion of Motion relating to road issues.
- Parking issues in Graiguenamangh/Thomastown and floating traffic warden.
- Visibility on approach to Thomastown/ BallyHale Road.
- Update on speeding solutions to Fairgreen Lane, Callan.
- Provision of a new footpath from Chapel Lane to Aldi, Callan.
- Overgrown hedges on Windgap Road, Coolagh Road.
- Request for driver feedback signage on Haggard Road, Kells
- Update on road safety works in The Rower.
- Speed limits and footpath upgrade at Friarshill, Thomastown.
- Car parking issues in Thomastown, update on by- laws and budget for feasibility study.
- Provision of a footpath all the way to United Park, Thomastown.
- Speeding at Green's housing estate, Thomastown.
- Update on the Culvert, Market St, Thomastown.
- Knocktopher to Ballyhale footpath update.
- Damaged footpath in Knocktopher on Newmarket Road.
- Flooding issues in Mooneenrue, Knocktopher.
- Works on Patrick Street, Kilkenny.
- Seating on Upper Patrick Street, Kilkenny.
- Possibility of a 5 year strategic plan for Footpaths for the County/ Municipals Districts.
- Northern Ring Road extension, Kilkenny.
- Update on footpaths in Hillcrest and Vicar Street, Kilkenny.
- Communications with the Public when Road works are commencing.
- Flooding in Cuffesgrange.
- Footpath on the Gaol Road, Kilkenny.
- Clarification on Community Schemes.
- Update on LIHAF scheme requested.
- Lousybush on Freshford Road, Kilkenny update.

Ms. Emir Slattery responded to some of the queries and reassured Members that she would contact them regarding any outstanding issues. Mayor Cleere reminded Members that the Staff are available to them to answer questions. He suggested that using the emailing system is an effective method of communicating with the Staff. Mr. Tim Butler explained that at present there was no budget available to employ a floating traffic warden. He provided an update on the situation regarding the Northern Ring Road Extension and the LIHAF start date. Mr Simon Walton provided the background to the current works on Patrick Street and agreed to look at the planned seating in Upper Patrick Street. He gave details on how the public are notified when works are going to commencing. He also provided information on the Gaol Road, Vicar Street and the N76 and explained that it would be spring before the offers are made on the CIR schemes.

It was proposed by Cllr. Patrick McKee
and seconded by Cllr. Patrick O'Neill

And Resolved

“that the Members would move on to the next item on the agenda”.

Suspension of Standing Orders:

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Patrick McKee
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy
And Resolved

“that the finishing time of the meeting be extended to deal with the next items on the agenda”.

**6. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. David Fitzgerald dar dáta 14th December, 2018.
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 14th December, 2018.**

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Seconded by: Cllr. Peter Cleere

And agreed by all Members

“That Kilkenny MDC agree to prioritise the completion of the footpath from Brooklawn to the existing footpath at the Ballyfoyle Ring road bridge as the next section of road works to be undertaken as part of the scheme previously approved by Kilkenny MDC”.

Cllr Fitzgerald explained that the above had been approved under the roads programme but it was not scheduled to commence until phase 3 of the works (phase 1 is nearly complete). He described how this part of the road was highly popular with pedestrians, cyclists etc but was very dangerous in parts and its swift completion would be in the interest of safety for all.

Mr. Simon Walton explained to members that from an Engineering and Road Safety prospective the current phasing of the works was based on the Landowner consent, the consultation process, way leaves, surface water etc.

Mayor Peter Cleere vacated the chair and was replaced for a short period by the Deputy Mayor Joe Malone.

**7. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Andrew McGuinness dar dáta 11th January 2019.
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Andrew McGuinness received 11th January, 2019.**

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andre McGuinness

Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick McKee

“ That this Municipal District reinstate 'Residents Only Parking' for the 11 houses at the end of Johns Quay in order to eliminate indiscriminate parking, the blocking of residents homes and to allow residents the ability to park close to their houses.”

Cllr. McGuinness explained that this was a small unique residential area consisting mostly of elderly folks and the reintroduction of residential only parking would prevent vehicles from parking in the area allowing residents access to their homes and also allowing access for emergency services.

Mr. Tim Butler reassured all present that the Emergency Services have confirmed that they do not have any issue with access on Johns Quay. Mr. Simon Walton reminded the Members that the paid parking on Johns Quay was introduced under adopted by-laws and can only be changed by new by-laws. He explained that the above can be looked as part of the overall parking review. Mr. Simon Walton confirmed that it is a Reserved Function of Members in the Municipal District to both adopt parking by-laws and to set parking charges.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____