

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 10<sup>th</sup> EANÁIR 2020. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020.**

**Mayor, Councillor, Martin Brett, Presiding.**

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí:** Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. John Coonan.

**Apologies:**

**Also Present:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

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**Mayor's Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020, 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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
Seconded by: Cllr. John Coonan  
And Resolved

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

Cllr. Joe Malone raised the proposed meeting for Taxi Drivers.

**2. Cúrsaí thabhairt ar aghaidh ordú ón Méara**  
**Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.**

The Mayor wished everyone a happy New Year and acknowledged the following Projects/Events which he attended and will attend:

- Success of Kilkenny at the IBAL awards. Thanked Cllr. Coonan for attending on his behalf, the Staff of Kilkenny County Council and the people of Kilkenny.
- Congratulations to Kilkenny on winning most enterprising town at the Bank of Ireland National Enterprise Town Awards.
- Reception held for Margo O'Donnell celebrating 55 years in the music industry.

- Congratulations to Rotary Club on their Memorial Tree.
- Congratulations to and best wishes in their respective All Ireland Club Finals to Ballyhale Shamrocks, Tullaroan and Conahy Shamrocks.
- Official opening of wheelchair swing in Kilkenny Castle playground and announcement the installation of a lift in the Castle.

### **Votes of Sympathy**

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

Mollie Boyle, (Wife of late County Secretary Tom Boyle) Freshford Rd, Kilkenny.  
 Joseph Stephenson, ( Father of Director of Services Mary Mulholland) The Rower, Kilkenny.  
 Larry Gogan, Radio Presenter, Dublin.  
 Marian Finucane, Broadcaster RTE, Naas, Co. Kildare.  
 Gertie Deacon, The Sconce, Stephen Street, Kilkenny.  
 Patrick McQuinn, Drakelands, Kilkenny.  
 Denis Maher, Dukes Meadows.

### **3. Nuashonrú ar thionscadail bóithre. Update on Road Projects**

Mr Ian Gardner, City Engineer, provided a report for Members detailing road work updates for January. The report included information on footpath works and miscellaneous scheduled to commence in January. He also updated Members on the Kilkenny City Bus Service and Cootes Lane. He provided Members with the An Taisce IBAL report for Kilkenny along with a BT young Scientist project on driver behaviour in Housing Estates. Members thanked Mr. Gardner for the detailed report and praised Mr. Gardner, Council Staff and the people of Kilkenny for the recent success at the IBAL awards. They raised the following queries/comments in relation to roads:

- Pot holes around the City.
- Possibility of relocating some Bus Stops on busy streets and including more stops in Housing Estates.
- Real time App for the Bus Service.
- Bicycles on the Buses.
- Marketing strategy for the new Bus Service.
- Contact details for TFI to enable the public to get in touch with any issues they might have.
- Effectiveness of speed ramps and signage in Housing Estates.
- No entry signs for James Street/ possibility of making the Street pedestrian only.
- Tree planting in Loughboy.
- Mature trees in Estates causing harm to sewerage systems, public lighting etc.
- Broken guttering on Business premises.
- Number of litter fines issued around the Hebron Road Area.
- Clean up cost in certain Estates.
- Animal welfare issues.

Mr. Ian Gardner and Mr. Butler responded to all the Members queries. The 20<sup>th</sup> January is the official launch of the Kilkenny City Bus Service and the NTA will open a Bus Service information

centre in the old Muebles office for a month to deal with all Bus related queries. Mr. Butler confirmed that information regarding litter fines and clean-up of Estate costs would be provided by the Environment Section for the next meeting.

Members had a discussion in relation to animal welfare and it was confirmed that a meeting has been arranged for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the ongoing concerns in relation to horses. The meeting is to be held in committee. Cllr Joe Malone wanted it on the record that he did not agree with the meeting being held in committee. Mr. Butler explained that the meeting will be dealing with operational processes and should be held in Committee. He agreed that it can appear as an agenda item in the future. Cllr. Noonan requested that Leader be asked to attend the meeting as he has a lot of experience in this area.

#### **4. Tuairisc ar athruithe ar Bhaile Mhic Andáin \Limistéar Challainn. Report on changes to Thomastown\Callan area.**

Mr Ian Gardner provided Member with detailed maps showing the re-alignment of the Engineering areas for 2020 onwards following the amendments to the Local Electoral Areas in 2019. He explained that the budget allocation for roads will be effected by the changes due to reduced road length to be maintained.

#### **5. Aon Ghnó Eile Any Other Business**

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh updated Members on the legal advice received from Harte's Solicitors in relation to the drafting of the busking bye-laws. In particular, the Solicitors advised on amendments - persons under 18 years old been accompanied by an Adult, the naming of the protected street scape and amplification. A discussion took place in which the Members debated the complexity and the necessity of the bye-laws.

It was:           Proposed by:       Cllr. John Coonan  
                      Seconded by:      Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
                      And Agreed:

“That the proposed busking bye-laws with the suggested changes go on public display ”.

Cllr. John Coonan compliment the recent success of Careers Kilkenny and Yulefest. Cllr Noonan requested an update on drinking fonts for the City, Vicar Street and the City Centre Task Force. Cllr. Eugene McGuinness asked that all members be informed of any Mayoral receptions that take place in the City Hall.

Mr. Butler confirmed that the next meeting for of the City Centre Task force will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February and Vicar Street will be advanced to Part 8 Planning within the next few weeks.

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

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAYOR**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_