

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 22nd APRIL,
2016 AT 2.30 P.M.**

Mayor, Councillor Joe Malone, Presiding.

Present:-

Councillors: Matt Doran, Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Malcolm Noonan, David Fitzgerald, Patrick McKee, Breda Gardner, Andrew McGuinness, Patrick O’Neill.

Apologies: Michael Doyle, David Kennedy, 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, Mr. Declan Murphy, A/Executive Engineer, Ms. Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer, Mr. Martin Mullally, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer and Mr. Ronan Ryan, Administrative Officer.

Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 18th April, 2016, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings:

- (i) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 18th March, 2016 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere
Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
And Resolved

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

- (ii) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 24th March, 2016, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

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

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

2. **Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.**

The Mayor congratulated all those involved in the success of the following recent events and upcoming events:

- Dunnamaggin 1916 Commoration Event held on Easter Monday.
- 1916 Commemoration Event held in County Hall on Easter Monday.
- 1916 Commemoration Event held in Callan on 3rd April, 2016.
- Congratulations to all recipients of St. Patrick's Day Parade Awards which were presented at an Awards event held recently in City Hall.
- Presentation Choir on their success in the "Britain's Got Talent" Competition.
- Congratulations to jockey David Mullins from Goresbridge, the winning jockey in Grand National 2016.

Hurling Sculpture

The Mayor advised the meeting that following the March Municipal District Meeting, he met with the Executive to discuss issues around the location and unveiling of the new Hurling Sculpture which is in the very final stages of completion by sculptor, Barry Wrafter. It is expected the unveiling of the sculpture will take place in the week beginning 23rd May, 2016 at Canal Square and arrangements are being finalised and invitations etc. will issue in due course.

Votes of Sympathy

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

Frances Molloy (nee Cavanagh), Coolnashinnach, The Commons, Ballingarry, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, (sister of Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council, Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh).

Ellen Costello, Wallslough, Kilkenny.

William (Billy) Sice, Manchester, England and formerly of Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo, (father to Gretta Murphy, Massford, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.

Bridget Geoghegan, 5, Fr. Delahunty Terrace, Old Callan Road, Kilkenny.

Vera Walsh, Golf View Terrace, Granges Road, Kilkenny.

Liam Clancy, St. Fiacres's Place, Kilkenny.

John (Jackie) Byrne, 45, Larchfield, Kilkenny.

Jim Doyle, 29, Melville Heights, Kilkenny.

Martin Coyne, Fr. Albert Place and late of Haltigan Terrace, Kilkenny.

Mary Drennan, 12, Nuncio Road, Kilkenny

Bridget Kenny, 2, Stephen's Street, Kilkenny

Pat Donnelly, Ballinabarna, The Rower, Co. Kilkenny

Kathleen Lawlor, 30, Glendine Heights, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny

Michael Leahy, 75, Larchfield, Kilkenny.

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

Newpark Close Family Resource Centre

The Mayor acknowledged the presence of Ms. Sheila Donnelly, Manager of the Newpark Close Family Resource Centre and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to hold the April Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Kilkenny City in the centre. He thanked Ms. Donnelly for the tour of the facility prior to the meeting.

Ms. Donnelly gave a presentation to the Meeting on the services provided at the Centre such as:

- Family support
- Childcare Services
- After School Services
- Rapid Community Garden Project
- Older Persons Services
- Youth Services
- IT Room Facilities.

Following the presentation, Members all thanked Ms. Donnelly and the staff of the centre for their hospitality, congratulated them on the excellent facilities provided and ensure them of their continued support in the future.

3. Housing Quarterly Report.

Mr. Martin Mullally gave a progress report to the Members on the following housing issues:

- Traveller Accommodation Programme.
- Horse Project.
- Homelessness.

Following this Mr. Mullally responded to queries raised by the Members in relation to:

- Difficulties with the current Tenant Purchase Scheme.
- Overcrowding at St. Catherine's Halting Site.
- Modular Housing.
- Proposed development at Butts Green, Kilkenny.

4. Planning Report on Housing Developments

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh circulated a progress report to the Members on the taking in charge of housing developments across the Municipal District. Ms. Walsh responded to questions raised in relation to the following issues:

- Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere: Development at Friars Hill, Harristown and Cois Na Bearu, Harristown.
Taking in charge of public lighting in short term while the taking in charge process completes.
- Cllr. Patrick McKee: Development at Springfield, Waterford Road, Kilkenny.
Update on CCTV.
Development at Rath Ullord, New Orchard, Kilkenny.
Development at Talbots Gate, Kilkenny.
- Cllr. Matt Doran: Development at Chapel View Stoneyford, Bolton Manor, Callan and Mill View, Kells, Co. Kilkenny.
- Cllr. Andrew McGuinness: Development at Lintown Mews, Kilkenny.
- Cllr. David Fitzgerald: Development at Lakeside Estate, Kilkenny.
- Cllr. Breda Gardner: Development at The Greens, Thomastown, Berkley Lawns, Cloghabrody, Dunan, Cloghabrody and Mallfield, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

5. Presentation on Community eNewsletter.

Mr. Ronan Ryan made a presentation on the recently launched Community and Estate Management eNewsletter by Kilkenny County Council. He explained that the eNewsletter can be viewed by phone, ipad, android or computer and includes links and video to relevant community information such as grants, activities, advice, community structure/plans, good news stories, etc. Mr. Ryan explained that it is proposed to issue two comprehensive E newsletters to the County Council website per annum, one in Spring and the second in the Autumn.

Following the presentation, Members congratulated all involved in the initiative

6. Twinning Proposals.

Mr. Brian Tyrrell circulated a report to the meeting on current and proposed Twinning arrangements in place including the legislative background and number of existing twinings. He suggested to the meeting that the Council need to devise a policy, on a countywide basis, to deal with twinning requests. This policy should be prepared by the Twinning Committee set up by the Municipal District of Kilkenny City and ratified by the Corporate Policy Group.

Mr. Tyrrell further advised that currently there is E.U. funding available for twinning arrangements provided that it is community driven.

In addition, Mr. Tyrrell stated that the Members need to approve funding for the visit of 2 no. Councillors to Formigine, Italy, from 5th to 8th May, 2016, on invitation from

the Mayor of Formigine and for a visit to Malbork, Poland from 16th to 18th June, 2016. Following a discussion

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
And Resolved

“that €500.00 be made available from the General Municipal Allocation for flight costs for 2 no. Members to travel to Formigine, Italy, from 5th to 8th May, 2016, pending clarification on Members being allowed to use their annual Training Allowance for such events.”

7. Review of Kilkenny County Council’s Programme of Speed Limits.

Mr. Declan Murphy circulated a report to the Meeting on the proposed Speed Limit Review. Mr. Murphy replied to a number of queries raised and requested Members to consider the report with a view to the item being listed on the Agenda for the May Monthly Meeting for approval on submissions received. It was further agreed that a member of the Garda Traffic Corp would be invited to attend the May Monthly Meeting.

8. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 4th April, 2016.

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
And Resolved

“that Kilkenny MDC includes an appropriate commemoration on 10th August, 2017 to remember the election, while a prisoner in Frongach, Wales following his role in the 1916 rising, of WT Cosgrave as MP representing Sinn Fein in the Kilkenny City bye election to become Kilkenny’s first TD in the first Dáil, as part of Kilkenny’s decade of commemorations.”

9. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere received 4th April, 2016.

In the absence of Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere it was agreed to defer this item to the May Monthly Meeting.

10. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 8th April, 2016.

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick O’Neill
And Resolved

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council would carry out a feasibility study including costings for two pedestrian/cycle overpass bridges to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists at the Dublin Road and the Bohernatounish Road Roundabout in order to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.”

Mr. Simon Walton informed the meeting that he has received representations from all Elected Members in relation to Dublin Road and the Bohernatounish Road Roundabout. He advised that other options are being explored and he will report back to the Members in due course.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

MAYOR

Date:
