

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 17th
OCTOBER, 2016 AT 1.00 P.M.**

Mayor, Councillor Patrick O'Neill, Presiding.

Present:-

Councillors: Matt Doran, Malcolm Noonan, David Fitzgerald, Patrick McKee, Breda Gardner, Andrew McGuinness, Joe Malone, Michael Doyle, David Kennedy and Seán Tyrrell.

Apologies: Peter 'Chap' Cleere.

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Martin Mullally, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Eimear Cody, A/Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 11th October, 2016, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings:

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 16th September, 2016 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Matt Doran
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner
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 gave a brief report to the meeting on the recent trip of a delegation from Kilkenny to Kilkenny, Minnesota, outlining the itinerary and details of various business meetings and visits to schools and communities that took place during the trip.

The Mayor acknowledged the following recent achievements and all those involved in the following Projects/Events which he attended:

- Reception for Castlecomer Male Voice Choir.
- Keep Kilkenny Beautiful and Council Staff on results in Tidy Town Competition.
- Recent reception in City Hall for Management of Connollys Red Mills and a group of their international VIP Customers.
- Organisers of Kilkenny Park Run.
- Launch of Rockfall Festival.
- An Garda Síochána's Operation Storm Initiative.
- Mental Health Week in Kilkenny.
- O.N.E. Anniversary Mass.

The Mayor informed Members of the following upcoming events for their diaries:

1. The Mayor's Christmas Concert being held on 14th December, 2016, in The Watergate Theatre.
2. Visit by Polish Delegation over the October Bank Holiday Weekend to progress Twinning Arrangements with Kilkenny City.

Votes of Sympathy

Members joined with the Mayor in offering a Vote of Sympathy to the family of Mr. Anthony Foley, Killaloe, Co. Clare, Head Coach of Munster Rugby Team and former member and Captain of Irish Rugby Team, who passed away suddenly on 16th October, 2016.

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

3. Update on Traffic Management Plan.

Mr. Tim Butler gave an update on the Traffic Management Plan for the City outlining what was agreed by Members at the meeting of the Municipal District held on 16th October, 2015 and the progress to date on the measures agreed. Mr. Butler also advised that the Central Access Scheme project is scheduled to open towards the middle of February, 2017.

Members raised queries in relation to:

- Health and Safety issues re the works currently taking place at Wolfe Tone Street/Michael Street.
- Liaising with residents regarding these works.
- H.G.V. Signage.
- Access for Emergency Vehicles.
- Restoration of Greensbridge.
- Timing of Traffic Lights at the Parade.

- Turning Lanes on the Callan Bye Pass.
- Stretch of roadway at Cuffesgrange.
- Weighbridge at Gaol Road.
- Driver Feedback Signs on M9 Slip Road at Knocktopher.
- Footpath on road leading into Bennettsbridge.
- Parking in cycle lane near new roundabout at Bohernatounish Road.

Mr. Butler responded to all queries raised and agreed to contact the T.I.I. in relation to the Callan Bye Pass and to report back to the Members on the Driver Feedback signs on M9 Slip Road at Knocktopher.

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh agreed to look at the issue raised in relation to parking in cycle lane at Bohernatounish Road and to make contact with the T.I.I. regarding the stretch of roadway at Cuffesgrange.

4. Update on Capital Housing Programme.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh circulated a report to the Members on the current status on the taking in charge of housing developments in the Municipal District of Kilkenny City. Ms. Walsh outlined the contents of the report and responded to a number of questions raised.

Mr. Martin Mullally and Ms. Eimear Cody gave an overview on the current housing capital programme. Following this Mr. Mullally and Ms. Cody responded to queries regarding:

- Voluntary Housing in Thomastown.
- Living City Initiative.
- Proposed housing development at St. Joseph's Road.
- HSE Housing Stock.
- Friary Walk Housing Scheme in Callan.

5. Tidy Towns Report 2016.

It was agreed to defer this item to the November Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District

6. New Refuse Collection Arrangements.

It was agreed to defer this item to the November Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District.

7. Part 8 Development at Fairgreen, Callan.

Proposed by: Cllr. Matt Doran
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy
And Resolved

“that the public consultation phase commence in relation to the proposed Part 8 development at Fairgreen, Callan, in accordance with the Layout Map as circulated.”

8. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 7th October, 2016:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone
And resolved

“That Kilkenny MDC immediately seeks the reduction of the speed limit at Danesfort Cross from 100 kph to 60 kph as the first step in a program of works to reduce speeds and calm traffic at this dangerous junction following a number of incidents at this location.”

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh advised Members that he has issued correspondence to the T.I.I. in relation to this matter and is awaiting a response.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

MAYOR

Date:
