

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup>  
NOVEMBER, 2015 AT 2.30 P.M.**

**Mayor, Councillor Joe Malone, Presiding.**

**Present:-**

**Councillors:** Matt Doran, Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Michael Doyle, David Fitzgerald, Kathleen Funchion, David Kennedy, Andrew McGuinness, Patrick McKee, Malcolm Noonan, Patrick O’Neill, Breda Gardner.

**Also Present:** Mr. Simon Walton, A/Director of Services, Mr. Seamus Foley, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Brian Tyrrell, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Seán McKeown, Head of LEO, Kilkenny County Council, Mr. Stephen O’Connor, Administrative Officer, Ms. Aisling Hayes, Administrative Officer, Ms. Lindsey Butler, Administrative Officer and Ms. Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer.

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**Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings:**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
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.**

- (i) The Mayor congratulated all those involved in the organising of the following recent events:
- Management and staff of Larchfield Area Resource Centre for facilitating the holding of the October Meeting of the Municipal District at their premises in Clongowan.

- Clara G.A.A. Club on winning the County Championship and Bennettsbridge G.A.A. and Dicksboro G.A.A. on their recent successes.
  - All the winners at the recent Kilkenny People of Year Awards and Keep Kilkenny Beautiful Awards.
- (ii) The Mayor launched the Mayor's Christmas Fund and asked people to be generous in their support for the Fund.
- (iii) The Mayor mentioned a number of events which he attended since the last meeting of the Municipal District and congratulated all involved.
- (iv) The Mayor requested that the list of previous Mayors currently on display in the Council Chamber be updated.
- (v) The Mayor reminded the meeting that Comhairle na nÓg will make a presentation to the Members on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, at 7.00 p.m. in Council Chamber, City Hall.

#### Votes of Sympathy

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

Andy Phelan, Newtown, Bonnettstown, Co. Kilkenny.  
 Mary Elizabeth Woodgate, 30, Circular Road, Kilkenny.  
 Seamus Lawlor, Danesfort Road, Bennettsbridge, Co. Kilkenny.  
 Former Councillor Dixie Doyle, Carrickmourne, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.  
 Michael Killeen, Kilkenny Street, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny.  
 Tommy Purcell, 7, St. John's Court, Kilkenny.  
 Lt. Col. Jack Griffin, Mayfield, Clongour, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.  
 Tom Brennan, 10, Michael Street, Kilkenny.  
 Helena Butler (nee Ayres), Chapel View, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny.

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

### **3. Land Use Proposal for Fairgreen, Callan.**

Mr. Simon Walton circulated a map to the Members and explained the proposals for the use of the land at Fairgreen, Callan, as outlined in the map. All Members welcomed the proposals and supported the setting aside of funds to carry out the work involved.

Mr. Walton agreed to come back to the Members at the January, 2016 meeting with a final draft plan with a view to commencing the public consultation process. In the meantime, he requested the Members to submit comments and suggestions to him before the January meeting in order that they can be included in the draft plan.

#### **4. Local Economic and Community Plan.**

An updated version of the draft plan was circulated to those present at the meeting. Mr. Seán McKeown advised the Members on the current situation regarding the Plan stating that the consultation phase will finish on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. He advised that the SPC will sign off on the draft plan at their meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, and the Council will adopt the LECP at their meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2015.

Mr. McKeown and his colleagues, Stephen O'Connor and Lindsey Butler went through some of the actions contained in the Plan and responded to queries raised by the Members.

Members acknowledged the work put into preparing the Plan and thanked Mr. McKeown and his staff for their presentation.

#### **5. Presentation from Townapps Ltd.**

Representatives from Townapps Ltd gave a brief presentation on their product taking the Members through the features of the App, cost of funding, special features and the updating of information.

Following the presentation Members raised a number of queries in relation to:

- Funding.
- Ownership of the App.
- Ongoing maintenance.

Members thanked the representatives of Townapps Ltd for their presentation and following a discussion agreed that contact would be made with Kilkenny Tourism requesting their input.

#### **6. Naming of River Nore Bridge in Thomastown and Community Road in Stoneyford.**

##### River Nore Bridge in Thomastown

Cllr. Peter Cleere informed the meeting that a number of groups had made contact with him and felt that they have not had their say even though there was a public consultation process. In response all Members agreed that the public consultation period has expired during which members of the public had their opportunity to make submissions and therefore, it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Kennedy  
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle  
And Agreed

“that the River Nore Bridge in Thomastown be officially named the “Nicholas Mullins Bridge”.”

Community Road, Stoneyford

Proposed by: Cllr. Matt Doran  
Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald  
And Agreed

“that Community Road, Stoneyford, be officially named “Merino Drive”.”

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

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

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