

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 17th
FEBRUARY, 2017 AT 2.30 P.M.**

Mayor, Councillor Patrick O'Neill, Presiding.

Present:-

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

Apologies: Cllr. Patrick McKee and Cllr. Michael Doyle.

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Brian Tyrrell, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer, Mr. Shane Aylward, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer, Mr. Martin Mullally, Senior Executive Officer and Margaret Newport, Senior Social Worker.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 14th February, 2017, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings:

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13th January, 2017 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
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 acknowledged the following recent achievements and all those involved in the following Projects/Events which he attended:

- IFA Dinner in Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny.

- All involved in preparations for 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Kilkenny and Tradfest Festival.
- Kilkenny GAA Supporters Club in London Annual Dinner Dance.
- Mayor's Reception held for Marble City Hawks Basketball Team after club final defeat.
- Cartoon Saloon – announcement of jobs.
- Greeted President of Irish Congress of Southern California who visited Kilkenny recently.
- Launch of Coffee Mornings initiative at Teac Tom, Kilkenny.
- Launch of Callan Rose Festival.
- Valentine's Night Ball held in aid of Enable Ireland.
- Whiskey Guild Launch in St. Mary's Medieval Mile Museum.

Waterford Boundary

The Mayor stated his full support and the support of the Municipal District of Kilkenny City behind the opposition to the recommendation of the Waterford Boundary Commission Report and expressed his appreciation to the Cathaoirleach and the Executive for their work to date in relation to the issue.

Votes of Sympathy

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

Ann Bourke, Mill Road, Durrow, Co. Laois. (Sister of former Cllr. Betty Manning).
Kathleen Quigley, 40, Dean Cavanagh Place, Kilkenny. (Wife of former Cllr. Liam Quigley).

James Morton, 23, Stephen Street, Kilkenny.

Maura A. Dore, Freshford Road, Kilkenny.

Walter Walsh, Grennan House, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

Michael Drennan, Dunbell, Kilkenny.

Michael Doyle, Ennisnag, Danesfort, Co. Kilkenny.

John Butler, The Minauns, Callan, Co. Kilkenny.

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

3. Housing Report.

Mr. Martin Mullally went through the Housing Report as circulated to the Members with the Agenda which contained details in relation to:

- Housing Policy.
- Capital Programme.
- Housing Demand and Supply.
- Private Housing
- Traveller Accommodation and Homeless Services.

- Community and Estate Management.

Members thanked Mr. Mullally for his presentation and commended the work of the staff of the Housing Department. Mr. Mullally responded to queries raised by Councillors in relation to the following items:

- Disability Strategy.
- Turnkey Developments in Rural Areas.
- Update on Housing Estates in Thomastown.
- Tenant Purchase Scheme – inclusion of Part 5 houses. Request that item be placed on the Agenda of next Housing SPC Meeting.
- Mortgage to Rent Scheme.
- Adaption Grants.
- Housing List: Number of people presenting on basis that existing home is being repossessed.
- Repair and Leasing Scheme.
- Capital Programme: Derelict Sites, Living about Shops, use of CPO, Residentially zoned lands at the Butts Green area in Kilkenny, future development at Sweeney's Orchard side of Brewery Site.
- Rental Accommodation Scheme – Inspections re standard of accommodation..
- HAP Scheme – Inspections re standard of accommodation.
- Housing Loan Limits.

4. Review of Traveller Accommodation Programme 2014-2018.

Margaret Newport, Senior Social Worker, referred to documentation circulated to the Members with the Agenda and advised of the Council's statutory obligation to review the Traveller Accommodation Programme which required an assessment of needs to be carried out in 2013 to inform the Programme. The Programme circulated contains details under the following headlines:

- Annual Count of Travellers and their Accommodation Position.
- Challenges.
- Strategy.
- Local Traveller Accommodation Programme.
- Transient Sites.

Members thanked Ms. Newport for her presentation and raised queries in relation to:

- Clarification on Council's Policy in relation to unauthorised parking of caravans on public property and at the back of houses.
- Wetlands Development.
- Horse Projects.
- Allocation of houses to Travellers.
- Sulkies.
- Issues in relation to Mansfield House.

Margaret Newport and Martin Mullally responded to all queries raised.

5. General Municipal Allocation - Agree Funding Allocation.

It was agreed to defer this item to the March Monthly Meeting and also agreed to reschedule the March Meeting to Friday, 10th March, 2017.

6. Fix Date for Meeting of Woodstock Committee.

It was agreed to hold a Meeting of the Woodstock Committee on Thursday, 9th March, 2017, at 3.30 p.m. in Woodstock Gardens.

7. Approval to the signing of Formal Twinning Agreement with Malbork, Poland.

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone
And resolved

“that the Municipal District of Kilkenny City approve the signing of a Formal Twinning Agreement with Malbork, Poland. This signing will take place over the 2017 St. Patrick’s Weekend.”

8. Roads

Stoneyford Village Renewal Scheme

Cllr. Matt Doran requested an update on plan of works going forward for the Stoneyford Village Renewal Scheme. In response, Mr. Tim Butler advised that if there is no funding available nationally to carry out any further works, the Council will have to provide funding from the Road Works Scheme.

Health and Safety Issues at Road into Hebron Industrial Estate

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness highlighted a safety issue in relation to parking on the side of the road at the entrance to Aldi and asked if the Council could make contact with Aldi to find a solution to this issue.

Structure for the submission of items for the recurring Roads Agenda Item.

Following a discussion as to how the matters to be discussed under the recurring Roads item on the Agenda going forward, it was agreed that Members would submit their requests in advance of the Meeting to A/Senior Engineer, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh and A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Shane Alyward in order to allow for an adequate response to issues raised.

9. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Kennedy received 30th January, 2017:

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

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council, while welcoming and congratulating those involved in the provision of the planned bus service for Kilkenny, undertakes to ensure that this service is made totally accessible for all wheelchair users, thereby making certain that none of our citizens and/or tourist are excluded from using it.”

Mr. Tim Butler advised that the National Transport Authority have confirmed that the measures outlined in the Motion will take place.

10. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Gardner received 2nd February, 2017:

Proposed by: Cllr. Breda Gardner
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy

On behalf of Thomastown Network Trust: "That Kilkenny County Council will enforce the Parking Bye Laws in Thomastown to help promote more business in the town and less traffic congestion ."

Following a discussion and in the absence of Bye Laws the following amendment to Motion was:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Kennedy
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner
And resolved

“that Kilkenny County Council, in conjunction with An Garda Síochána, will examine the enforcement of the Road Traffic Acts in Thomastown to help promote more business in the town and less traffic congestion.”

11. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Andrew McGuinness received 3rd February, 2017.

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone
And resolved

"That this Municipal District investigate the possibility of installing CCTV at St. Kieran's Cemetery in a bid to combat illegal dumping, vandalism, theft and anti social behaviour".

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh agreed to get a cost on the provision of CCTV as requested in the Motion and in the short term agreed to carry out the following:

- Put remote cameras in place over the next few weeks.
- Additional signage will be erected.
- Litter Warden to examine bags of refuse.
- Leaflet drop to be carried out in the area.

12. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 10th February, 2017.

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

"That Kilkenny Municipal District Council establishes a sub-committee to plan events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the "1917 Kilkenny bye election" with a programme of events on the 5th August 201. As this event, which forms part of the decade of commemorations, whereby the anniversary recalls the historic events that led to the election of the Sinn Fein candidate and Ireland's first Taoiseach, WT Cosgrave as Kilkenny's first TD, the Municipal District would invite former Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave to attend on the day".

The Committee, when established, will agree a plan of events.

13. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 10th February, 2017.

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner

And resolved

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council would engage the Environment Officer of Kilkenny County Council to assess the scale of illegal fly tipping of waste in Kilkenny City by (a) carrying out a door to door survey of all City Centre dwellings to establish proof that the household is disposing of waste and recyclables with an authorized contractor, availing of the city domestic scavenging service or disposing of waste and recyclables in an authorized facility (b) erecting surveillance cameras at key points in the City where illegal dumping is a problem (c) producing an information leaflet on responsibilities in relation to the Waste Management and Litter Act in a number of languages and (d) engaging the Environment and Planning Strategic Policy Committees to start a process of reviewing the planning requirements for storage and presentation of waste and recyclables in urban areas. The objective of these measures is to take a proactive approach to the changes in waste management policies and planning requirements for apartments and urban centre living.”

It was agreed to invite a representative from the Environment Department of Kilkenny Council to make a presentation at the March Meeting in relation to the points raised in the Notice of Motion.

- 14. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Gardner received 2nd February, 2017.**

Cllr. Breda Gardner agreed to defer this motion pending the agreement of the Road Works Programme.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

MAYOR

Date:
