

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR
CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 14th FEABHRA 2020. MINUTES OF
PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 14TH FEBRUARY 2020.**

Mayor, Councillor, Martin Brett, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, 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, Mr. Brian Tyrrell, Senior Executive Officer, Ms Dearbhala Ledwidge, Heritage Officer, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 7th February, 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 10th January 2020, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

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

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

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

The Mayor congratulated Deputy Malcolm Noonan on his elections to the 33rd Dáil, and all who were elected in the Carlow/ Kilkenny Constituency. He offered his commiserations to Mr. Bobby Aylward. He congratulated the count staff, the media and all who turned out to vote.

Mr. Malcolm Noonan TD address the meeting at this stage.

The Mayor acknowledged the following Projects/Events which he attended and will attend:

- Leadership in Sport – Fund raising event for St Kieran’s College.
- Launch of Trad Festival 2020.
- Congratulations to Adrian Fogarty for being chosen as Grand Marshal for the St. Patrick day Parade and to all involved in the Festival.
- Congratulations to all involved in the new City Bus Service on surpassing targets.

Mr. Tim Butler confirmed that the St. Patricks Day Parade will take the same route as last year but John Street will be a big part of the celebrations with plenty of stalls and a carnival atmosphere. Representations have been made to Cllr Fitzgerald to see if any form of hospitality could be provided to participants at the end of the parade. The Committee welcomes suggestions for the Festival.

Cllr. Joe Malone raised the proposed meeting for Taxi Drivers. Cllr. Eugene McGuinness explained that a letter was being drafted to go to all Taxi Drivers asking them to appoint a representative. Once a representative is appointed the meeting will be called. Mr. Tim Butler confirmed that this matter will be mentioned at the Task Force meeting to be held on Tuesday 18th February.

Votes of Sympathy

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

Maura Jordan, 1 Fr. Albert Place, Kilkenny.
Nicky Power, 4 Hazel Grove Kilkenny.
Liam O’Sullivan, 40 Newpark Close, Kilkenny.
Statia O’Hara Leggettsrath, Kilkenny.
John Fitzgerald, Assumption Place, Kilkenny.

3. Staidéar Treoshuímh Chill Chainnigh Kilkenny Orientation Study

Mr Tim Butler explained that a report had been commissioned by Fáilte Ireland and Kilkenny County Council to examine the behaviour of visitors to Kilkenny with the aim of increasing the time they spend in the City. The report looked at the physical access and awareness of what is on offer in the City and the ease of movement into and around the City. The key findings of the report found that visitors to the City were unaware what was on offer beyond The Parade and that the inconsistency of signage and maps was confusing. The key recommendations included a review of signage, redesign of the mapping, improve crossings, emphasising the centre of gravity for the city, defined visitors’ carparks and continue improvement to the public realm. Funding to carry out the recommendations will come from Destination Town Funding, URDF, Kilkenny County Council own funding and the Road Works Programme.

Members welcomed the strategy and looked for further updates as it develops.

4. Nuashonrú ar thionscadail bóithre. Update on Road Projects

Mr Ian Gardner, City Engineer, provided a report for Members detailing road work updates for February. The report included information on footpath works and miscellaneous works scheduled to commence in February. The report also gave details on the Evans Home site, the City Bus Service, election posters. He confirmed from results of a traffic survey that speeding is not an issue on Nuncio Road.

The members thanked Mr. Gardner for the report and raised the following queries/comments in relation to roads:

- Plan to address the dangers of mature trees in older housing estates.
- Sign for Cootes Lane.

Mr. Ian Gardner and Mr. Butler responded to the Members queries. Mr. Gardner asked members if they wished to wait until the review of the signage for the city was completed before erecting the sign on Cootes Lane. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Malone
Seconded by: Cllr. John Coonan
And Resolved

“That the sign for Cootes Lane be erected now.”

5. Clár Truailleáin Chomhairle Contae Chill Chainnigh. Kilkenny County Council Pollinator Programme.

Ms. Dearbhala Ledwidge, Heritage Officer, gave a presentation to Members on Kilkenny County Council’s Pollinator Programme. She explained the importance of pollination and reminded Members that Kilkenny County Council was the 1st Local Authority to sign up to the Pollinator Framework Agreement. The Framework lists 30 Actions under 7 Actions Area’s and includes, protecting, mowing, planting, nesting, pesticides, awareness and tracking progress. She asked that Members continue to support policies and plans for biodiversity, encourage public buy-in, promote the programme, use the bee logo and allocate resources where possible.

The Members congratulated Ms. Ledwidge on the presentation and asked a few questions. Ms. Ledwidge responded to Members.

6. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Martin Brett dar data 13th January 2020 Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr Martin Brett received 13th January 2020

“That Kilkenny County Council investigate every avenue to come up with a workable solution to alleviate the ongoing parking problem that is occurring on a daily basis in Maidenhill Housing Estate just off the Kells Road “ It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Martin Brett
Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone
And Resolved

