

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF DRAFT BUDGET PLAN 2020 MEETING HELD
ON 13th NOVEMBER, 2020 AT 3.00 P.M VIA MS TEAMS.**

Mayor, Councillor John Coonan, Presiding.

Present Via MS Teams:

Councillors: Joe Malone, Andrew McGuinness, Maria Dollard, David Fitzgerald, Martin Brett, Eugene McGuinness.

Apologies:

Also Present: Via Teams:

Mr. Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance, Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Brendan Sheehan Executive Engineer and Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 6th November, 2020 convening a Draft Budget Plan Meeting for this date was read.

- 1. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting:**
 - (a) Adoption of Draft Budget Plan.**

Mr. Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance, outlined the statutory process under the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which prescribes the requirement to adopt a budget for the Municipal District. The draft budget of €90 million for 2021 is due to be considered by the whole Council next week but there is still uncertainty around the financial shortfall of 2020 and the future effects of the pandemic. In 2019, Mr. Prendiville reminded Members that there was no discretionary general allocation. In 2020 €62,500 was allocated to each Municipal District and for 2021 the proposed allocation is €50,000.

Discretionary Roads Budget €500,000 (Estimate)

This Discretionary Roads Budget is subject to works being identified that are consistent with Appendix 1 of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports' Memorandum on Grants for Regional and Local Roads – Revised 2nd April 2012 (circulated). A detailed programme of work will be agreed with the City Engineer at the start of 2021, for inclusion in the 2021 Roads Works Scheme.

Discretionary General Budget €50,000

This Discretionary General Budget can be used in any area, the detail of which is to be discussed and agreed at the budget meeting. Members must take into account any existing discretionary (recurring or once off) items when allocating this General Budget figure of €50,000.

Members asked about the allocation process between the Municipal Districts requesting that allocation should be based on number of Councillors in each district. Mr. Butler reminded Members that this issue had been raised with the full Council last year where it was decided that allocation should be split evenly across the 4 MD's.

It was:

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

“That the Municipal District of Kilkenny City hereby adopt the following draft Budget”,

Discretionary Roads Budget	€ 500,000
Discretionary General Budget	€ 50,000

All present agreed.

The business of the meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____