

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

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup>  
DECEMBER, 2014 AT 2.30 P.M.**

**Mayor, Councillor Andrew McGuinness, Presiding.**

**Present:**

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

**Also Present:** Mr. Simon Walton, A/Director of Services, Mr. Brian Tyrell, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Kieran Fitzgerald, Senior Engineer, Mr. Tony Lauhoff, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Seamus Foley, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer.

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**Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes of October Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Kilkenny City held on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, having been previously circulated were tabled for confirmation, it was**

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

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 congratulated and extended best wishes to the following:

- Mr. Jim Kavanagh on receiving national award “Charity Hero of the Year.”
- All involved in the organising of the switching on of the Christmas Lights Ceremony in Kilkenny.
- Mr. Frank Kavanagh on his recent retirement from his role in Kilkenny Castle.

The Mayor advised the members of the invitation received for them to attend the annually Christmas Service in St. Canice’s Cathedral on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 and robes are required to be worn.

### Votes of Sympathy

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

Kathleen Whitehead, Goresbridge, Co. Kilkenny.  
Katty Duggan, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny.  
Ellen Costello, Kells, Co. Kilkenny.  
Paddy Crowley, Castlemorris, Hugginstown, Co. Kilkenny.

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

### **3. Review of Roadworks Scheme for Municipal District**

Mr. Kieran Fitzgerald circulated a report to the Members on the Roadworks Scheme for for Kilkenny City and Environs and gave a brief presentation in relation to same. The Members thanked Mr. Fitzgerald and raised queries in relation to the following:

- Signage at Dunningstown Lane/Road.
- Provision of additional bus shelters in 2015.
- Works at Kennyswell Road and Fr. Walshe Close.
- Medieval Mile – next phase.
- Safety measures at Greensbridge.

Mr. Fitzgerald responded to all queries raised.

Mr. Seamus Foley circulated a report to the Members on the Roadworks Scheme for the Callan Area. Members thanked Mr. Foley and his team for the works carried out during the year. Mr. Foley responded to a number of queries raised by Members in relation to the Scheme.

Mr. Tony Lauhoff circulated a report to the Members on the Roadworks Scheme for the Thomastown Area. Members again complimented Mr. Lauhoff and his team on the works carried out during the year and Mr. Lauhoff responded to queries raised in relation to:

- Low cost Accident Scheme.
- Works at Graiguenamanagh and Gowran.
- Maintenance of school warning signs.
- Lighting of bridge in Bennettsbridge.
- Playground at Thomastown.
- Provision of speed ramps.

During a discussion on the roadworks schemes for the Municipal District it was proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran and seconded by Cllr. Peter Cleere that the Members and Executive would consider holding a meeting every second month with the Area Staff to discuss matters specific to the areas of Kilkenny East and Kilkenny West.

During a discussion it was agreed by Members that a meeting in committee would take place in January 2015 to discuss the matter and come up with suggestions.

Mr. Simon Walton agreed to report back to the Members at the January meeting with proposals on the issue.

**4. Proposed traffic management arrangements for Ormonde Street, Kilkenny – (authorisation to commence public process).**

Mr. Kieran Fitzgerald made a presentation to the meeting on the proposed traffic management arrangements to be carried out at Ormonde Street, Kilkenny, under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 and requested the Members approval to enter in the public consultation process in relation to these proposals. Following a discussion it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter Cleere  
Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan  
And Agreed

“that the public consultation process commence in relation to the provision of proposed traffic management arrangements at Ormonde Street, Kilkenny, under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994.”

**5. Proposed traffic management arrangement at Bohernatounish Road/Outrath Road, Kilkenny.**

Mr. Kieran Fitzgerald made a presentation to the meeting on the proposed traffic management arrangements to be carried out at Bohernatounish Road/Outrath Road, Kilkenny, under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 and requested the Members approval to enter in the public consultation process in relation to these proposals. Following a discussion it was:

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

“that the public consultation process commence in relation to the provision of proposed traffic management arrangements at Bohernatounish Road/Outrath Road, Kilkenny, under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994.”

**6. Callan Road Realignment.**

Mr. Simon Walton outlined to the Members the proposals in relation to the N77 Callan Road Realignment Scheme and the steps to be taken in 2015 in order to progress the Scheme.

**7. Presentation on Medieval Mile – Marketing and Branding/Identity.**

Mr. Brian Tyrrell gave a presentation to the meeting on the promotion of the Medieval Mile Brand in Kilkenny and the benefits that the promotion of the brand can provide to the business community in Kilkenny. Following the presentation the Members thanked Mr. Tyrrell for his presentation and Mr. Tyrrell responded to a number of queries raised.

**8. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.**

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan  
Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick McKee  
And Agreed

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council would develop

1. a five year workplan for the conservation and restoration of the funerary monuments and
2. a landscape/biodiversity enhancement plan in St Mary’s Church and Graveyard.

Such work plans would include exploring possible sources of co funding to complete works, an annual schedule of works, archaeological investigation and recording, community participation and conservation skills training in line with recommendations made in the 2005 Heritage Council Conservation Plan for St Mary’s Church and Graveyard.

The 2005 Heritage Council Conservation Plan for St Mary’s Church and Graveyard was developed by the Heritage Council with the support of a stakeholder forum. While the plan deals with issues of conservation of the Church Hall, it places significant focus on the International significance of the funerary monuments. Extensive reports and on site investigation since the plan was written can adequately inform a draft work plan”.

*This concluded the business of the meeting*

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

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