

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 26th JULY,
2016 AT 2.00 P.M.**

Mayor, Councillor Patrick O'Neill, Presiding.

Present:-

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

Apologies: Seán Tyrrell.

Also Present: Mr. Kevin Hanley, A/Director of Services, Mr. Brian Tyrrell, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer, Mr. Shane Aylward, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 19th July, 2016, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings:

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 27th June, 2016 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter 'Chap' Cleere
Seconded by: Cllr. Matt Doran
And Resolved

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

2. Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.

Three Sisters 2020

The Mayor expressed his appreciation and thanks to all those involved in the Three Sisters bid to win the title of European Capital of Culture for Ireland in 2020. Although the bid was not successful he acknowledged the hard work put in by everyone involved.

The Mayor acknowledged the following recent achievements and all those involved in the following Projects/Events which he attended:

- Mark Power on winning the All Ireland Boys Golf Championship.
- Chernobyl Kilkenny Outreach Group hosted a visit by 31 chernobyl children and the Mayor attended the party organised by Supermacs in their honour.
- Leinster Fleadh Cheoil held in Kilkenny City from 4th to 10th July, 2016.
- Kilkenny Youthreach Awards.
- Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team on winning the Leinster Championship.
- Relay for Life Kilkenny Event held 16th and 17th July, 2016, at The Watershed.
- Bengali New Year Event held at The Hub, Cilín Hill, on 12th July, 2016.
- Launch of “The Big Squeeze” Accordion Festival taking place from 12th to 14th August, 2016 with events in Freshford and Kilkenny City.
- Launch of Kilkenny Arts Festival.

Votes of Sympathy

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

George Sherwood, High Street, Kilkenny.
Ciara Lawlor, Richview, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny.
Catherine Walshe, Newtown, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.

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

3. General Municipal Allocation

Mr. Brian Tyrrell circulated a report outlining the details of amount allocated to date from the General Municipal Allocation Fund. He explained that €85,000 has been allocated by the Members to various projects leaving a balance of €15,000 to be allocated.

Following a lengthy discussion during which Members made suggestions for the allocation of the remaining balance of General Municipal Allocation, it was:

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

“that the remaining non allocated balance of €15,000 from the General Municipal Allocation be allocated to projects based in Kilkenny City West Electoral Area.”

4. Review of Road Works Scheme

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh gave a detailed update on the works carried out to date in the Kilkenny City and Environs Area and Mr. Shane Aylward gave an update on the Road Works Scheme for the rural area of the Municipal District.

Members thanked Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. Aylward on the works carried out to date in the Municipal District and raised queries and commented in relation to the following:

- Any small amounts of monies saved should be allocated to the Fairview railings project in Graiguenamanagh.
- Public Lighting at Lovers Lane.
- Works at Fair Green Callan.
- 30 kph signage.
- Cycle Lanes.
- Park and Stride.
- Seamus Nugent from Transport Infrastructure Ireland to be invited to next meeting.
- Underground cabling at Patrick Street.
- Update on the installing of St. Canice’s Head at St. Canice’s Steps.

On request from the Members, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh agreed to report back to the Members on an update on the CIR Scheme.

It was also agreed that Seamus Nugent, Kilkenny Sports and Receptions Partnership, would be invited to give a presentation at a meeting of the Municipal District.

5. Improvement Works to Burial Grounds.

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh explained to the Members that the report circulated was for information purposes advising on the proposed works to be carried out to burial grounds in the rural area of the Municipal District.

6. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 4th July, 2016:

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

“that Kilkenny Municipal District Council prepare a plan for the representation of Evans Lane, Tilbury Place and The Sconce in Kilkenny City Centre, to include historical information signage, resurfacing and new road markings highlighting the route of the City Walls.”

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh agreed to do an assessment and prepare a plan to address the items raised in the Notice of Motion.

7. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Andrew McGuinness received 12th July, 2016:

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

“that this Municipal District would survey the footpaths in Old Newpark, Kilkenny, with a view to carrying out repair and replacement works where necessary and possibly a complete upgrade.”

Mr. Seamus Kavanagh agreed to include upgrade in the 2017 Road Works Scheme.

8. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Andrew McGuinness received 12th July, 2016:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner
And resolved

“That this Municipal District would carry out minor upgrading works where possible around the Train Station in Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, in order to make the area more presentable and user friendly that would include the installation of a bicycle rack, Tourist Information Board, appropriate signage and flower features. I understand that inside the station is not the responsibility of Kilkenny County Council, however, everything possible should be done to improve the appearance of the outside and immediate area. We should also write to Irish Rail requesting improvement works to be carried out inside the station.”

Mr. Brian Tyrrell explained that he has been in contact with the Area Supervisor for Iarnód Eireann in relation to works at MacDonagh Junction and will make contact with him also in relation to Thomastown Station.

9. Any Other Business

It was agreed that a meeting of the Twinning Committee would take place on Tuesday, 9th August, 2016, at 11.00 a.m. in City Hall.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____