

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON
18th NOVEMBER, 2016 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, Andrew McGuinness, Patrick McKee, Malcolm Noonan, Seán Tyrrell.

Apologies: Joe Malone.

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Brian Tyrrell, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer and Mr. Shane Aylward, A/Senior Executive Engineer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 14th November, 2016, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings:

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 17th October, 2016 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Matt Doran
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy
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:

- Bizfest.
- Comhairle na nÓg.

- Food Quality and Consumer Protection.
- Organisers of Savour Kilkenny Festival.
- People of the Year Awards.
- Bernadette Maloney – Puppet Show.
- Taxback – Saudi Business Men.
- Missing Persons Remembrance Day.
- Good Shepherd Centre.
- Twinning Delegation from Malbork, Poland.

The Mayor launched the Mayor's Christmas Fund and asked people to be generous in their support for the Fund.

Votes of Sympathy

Members joined with the Mayor in offering a Vote of Sympathy to the family of Mr. Kevin Kennedy, father of Cllr. David Kennedy.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and respectfully passed in silence, all present standing. Cllr. David Kennedy, in response, thanked members and officials for their expression of sympathy and support

3. New Refuse Collection Arrangements.

Members agreed that this item had already been dealt with by the Strategy Policy Committee.

4. CFRAMS Flood Risk Management Plans.

Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, reminded members that the CFRAMS Flood Risk Management Plans public consultation period expires on 21st November and that members had been presented with a report on the issues at County Council level.

Mr. Butler advised that Simon Walton, A/Director of Services, will be responding to proposals on behalf of Kilkenny County Council, which will include the concerns expressed by members regarding the visual and amenity impact.

Members particularly referenced the proposals for Thomastown, Inistioge and Graiguenamanagh, and expressed concerns in relation to the potential adverse effects on the local communities.

5. Proposed Declaration of Road at Well Lane, Graiguenamanagh, as Public Road.

Mr. Tim Butler explained to the Members that the Council proposed to take in charge a section of road at Well Lane, Graiguenamanagh, as outlined on the map circulated with the Agenda and the statutory process will commence shortly. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle
And resolved

“that the statutory process commence for the taking in charge of section of Road known as Well Lane, Graiguenamanagh, as outlined on the circulated location layout drawing.”

6. Smarter Travel Update.

Mr. Seamus Nugent, Active Travel Officer, gave a presentation to the meeting on the various initiatives currently being undertaken.

Members thanked Mr. Nugent for his presentation and commented on a number of issues in relation to Car Free Day, Pedestrianisation of High Street, Parking on bicycle lanes, Greenways, Diageo Site, Ring Road and Central Access Scheme.

7. Tidy Towns Report 2016.

Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer, provide a comprehensive report on the outcome of Kilkenny’s Tidy Towns results for 2016. Mr. Kavanagh highlighted Kilkenny’s retention of our Gold Medal status, and referred to the upwards improvement of the overall marks achieved in 2016, and was happy to report good progress in the various adjudication categories. Mr Kavanagh had a special word of praise for Council staff and was highly complimentary of the continued involvement of the Keep Kilkenny Beautiful committee.

Members welcome the report and echoed Mr Kavanagh’s praise for staff and Keep Kilkenny Beautiful. Members raised some concerns about the presentation of bottlebanks and Mr. Kavanagh undertook to investigate how improvements could be brought about.

8. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 7th October, 2016:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council makes provision of funding in the 2017 budget to resurface Grove Lane, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny, in conjunction with the residents and landowners.”

Following a lengthy discussion, where members expressed concerns regarding the prioritisation of other such similar lanes throughout the Municipal District it was decided to put an amended motion to a vote:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council considers the provision of funding the reintroduction of a Local Improvements Scheme in the 2017 budget, and considers Grove Lane, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny, in conjunction with the residents and landowners.”

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle

The amended motion was defeated by four votes to seven, with members voting as follows:

For the Motion: Cllrs. Michael Doyle, David Fitzgerald, Breda Gardner and Patrick O’Neill.(4)

Against the Motion: Cllrs. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Matt Doran, Seán Tyrrell, David Kennedy, Andrew McGuinness, Patrick McKee and Malcolm Noonan(7)

9. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Gardner received 2nd November, 2016.

“That the Council supports the implementation of a floating Traffic Warden in Thomastown to help manage car parking spaces. This in turn will support Businesses with ample car parking spaces for local shopping and encourage people to park correctly.”

This motion was withdrawn to allow consideration of the position regarding Traffic and Parking Bye Laws.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____