**CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH**

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 16th FEBRUARY, 2015 AT 2.30 P.M.**

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

**Present:**

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

Apologies: David Fitzgerald, Kathleen Funchion.

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

**Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 6th February, 2015 convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. **Confirmation of Minutes of Adjourned January Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Kilkenny City held on 23rd January, 2015, having been previously circulated were tabled for confirmation, it was**

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy

And Resolved:

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

1. **Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.**

Freedom of the City

The Mayor advised the Members that the Freedom of City honour has been offered to and accepted by Mr. Kieran Crotty. The official conferring ceremony will take place in Kilkenny Castle on Friday, 10th April, 2015.

The Mayor further stated that it is intended to hold the following civic receptions in the near future:

* Reception for the Defence Forces at James Stephens Barracks, Kilkenny.
* Reception for St. Patrick’s Brass and Reed Band to acknowledge their contribution to civic life in Kilkenny over the last 130 years.

The Mayor congratulated and extended best wishes to the following:

* Organisers and all involved with Kilkenny Rythm and Roots Festival on their recent award for best small festival in Leinster.

* Organisers and all involved in the St. Patrick’s Day/TradFest Festival 2015.

The Mayor and Cllr. Malcolm Noonan asked Members to encourage community groups to get involved and take part in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Cllr. Noonan also expressed his appreciation to the Mayor, Members and Local Authority Staff for their continued support for the festival.

Presentations to Municipal District Council

It was agreed to facilitate presentations at a monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Kilkenny City from the following groups:

* Stoneyford Tidy Towns Committee
* Town of Food, Thomastown
* Mary Butler, Arts Officer, Kilkenny County Council – Arts Programme.

Update on Proposals to Reduce Speed Limits in Housing Estates

In response to Mayor and Members requests for an update on this issue and following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Simon Walton advised that since the adoption of a motion in September 2014 by the Members to introduce 30KPH speed limits in estates, the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government issued guidelines and recommendations to Local Authorities regarding this issue. He informed the meeting that Members will have an opportunity to adopt a Road Works Scheme over the next few months which can include the putting in place of funding to introduce traffic calming measures to achieve 30 KPH speed limits.

Specifically in relation to Lintown Hall, Mr. Walton stated that this estate has not been taken in charge and the Council is currently carrying out the procedure to take the estate in charge with a view to having the taking in charge process completed by July 2015.

Installation of CCTV Cameras

Mr. Kieran Fitzgerald, in response to query regarding the possibility of installing CCTV cameras linked to An Garda Siochána’s system to monitor activity around the bridges in Kilkenny, agreed to discuss the matter with the Gardaí to see what would be involved in extending their system.

Pedestrian Crossing Points

Mr. Kieran Fitzgerald clarified for the Members that the recent crossing points installed by the Council in the City offer no priority to pedestrians. The coloured surface is to aid people with visibility impairments.

Railings at Butterslip

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that as outlined in the recent report circulated to Members in relation to this issue the measures currently in place are on a temporary basis and are in response to a large number of accidents occurring on the lower section of the Butterslip. It is proposed that a permanent solution will be included for funding in the capital works programme.

1. **Casual Trading Licences – The Parade, Kilkenny.**

Mr. Brian Tyrrell advised Members that the annual casual trading licences are up for renewal and 32 no. applications have been received during the application period. It is proposed to provide an additional 4 no. trading bays and in accordance with the Bye Laws the Members approval for same is required. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick McKee

And Agreed

“that the number of casual trading bays located in the designated casual trading area on the Parade, Kilkenny, be increased to 24.”

1. **Schedule of Municipal District Works.**

Mr. Simon Walton advised the Members that following on from discussions at the last meetings the following 2 no. programmes need to be agreed and adopted by Members:

* Road Works Scheme to be presented to the full council at the March Monthly Meeting.
* Municipal District to adopt a Schedule of Works.

Mr. Walton suggested that Members agree on dates to meet in committee to set out proposals for the Road Works Scheme with a view to adopting a Schedule of Works at the March Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District.

It was agreed to hold an in-committee meeting on Thursday, 19th February, 2015, at 6.00 p.m. in Council Chamber, City Hall, and it was further agreed to defer the March Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District to Friday, 27th March, 2015, at 2.30 p.m. in Council Chamber, City Hall.

1. **Progress Report on Hurling Monument**

Mr. Brian Tyrrell gave a brief presentation to the meeting to update Members on the progress of the Hurling Monument project. Following the presentation Mr. Tyrrell responded to queries raised.

***This concluded the business of the meeting***

**Signed:**

**MAYOR**

**Date:**