

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 13 IÚIL, 2018. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 13TH JULY, 2018.

Mayor, Councillor, Peter Cleere, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Seán Tyrrell, Cllr. Patrick McKee, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Patrick O'Neill, Cllr. Michael Doyle.

Apologies: Cllr. Breda Gardner

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, and Ms. Teresa Mahon, A/Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 6th July, 2018, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. A dhaingniú Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe.
Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting:

- (i) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 15th June 2018, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Pat McKee
Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone
And Resolved

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

- that the cross road/ roundabout in Callan was raised as a query under roads
- Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. McKee was seconded by Cllr Breda Gardner.

- (ii) Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 15th June 2018, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Michael Doyle

Seconded by: Cllr. Matt Doran
And Resolved

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

**2. Cúrsaí thabhairt ar aghaidh ordú ón Méara
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/will attend:

- Congratulations to Thomastown United on their victory
- Arts Festival opening.
- Traveller Network.
- Law Centre Opening
- Relay for Life – wishing everyone the best the luck.
- Congratulations to Kilkenny in the recent Leinster Final both Senior and Minors and best of luck in the replay.
- Congratulations to the Committee in Ballyhale for the improvements to the Village.

The Mayor of Moret Sur Loing in France has extended an invitation to the Mayor of Kilkenny to visit the twined town. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Malone
Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
And Resolved

“ that the Mayor accepts the invitation to visit Moret Sur Loing in September 2018”.

The Mayor of Formigine in Italy has also extended an invitation to the Mayor of Kilkenny to visit the twined town. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Malone
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle
And Resolved

“ that the Mayor accepts the invitation to visit Formigine for the Kilkenny Festival in September 2018”.

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

Richard (Coly) Dunne 9 Kells Road, Kilkenny
Michael Byrne, 12 Newpark, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny
Margaret (Peggy) Dollard, Vianone, Greenshill, Kilkenny
Sean Shaughnessy, 35 Upper Patrick Street, Kilkenny
Frank Fitzpatrick, 1 Tommy Martin Place, Kilkenny
Michael Geoghegan, 21 Lacken Drive, Kilkenny
Mick Howe, Shellumsrath, Callan Road, Kilkenny
Gertie Dixon, Lower Patrick St., Kilkenny

Deborah Phelan, 60 Old Callan Road, Kilkenny
Susan O'Neill, Smithlands Court, Kilkenny
Anne Shehan, 18 Newtown Terrace, Thomastown, Kilkenny
Teresa Hickey, 8 Cedarwood Park, Loughboy, Kilkenny
Lizzie Hennessy, 117 Newpark Close, Kilkenny
Kathleen Duffy, Pearse St., Kilkenny
Brigid Marrinan, St Fiacres Gardens, Loughboy, Kilkenny
Murt Flanagan, Burwood, Waterford Rd., Kilkenny
William O'Sullivan, 40 Larchfield, Kilkenny
Anne Smyth, Newpark Close, Kilkenny
Keith Fleming, 18 Newpark Close, Kilkenny
Maura Naddy, Kilmacshane, Inistioge, Kilkenny

3. Ras Na mBan

Presentation will not proceed at this meeting.

4. Seachtain na NEalaíon – Dúnadh ar Bhóithre Sealadach

Arts Week – Temporary Road Closures

Mr Simon Walton presented the details of the proposed pedestrianation of High Street for the weekend periods of the Kilkenny Arts Festival:

1st Weekend -11.am to 4pm Saturday 11th & 11am to 4pm Sunday 12th August

2nd Weekend – 11am to 4pm Friday 17th & 11am to 4pm Saturday 18th August

The closures are to facilitate Kilkenny Arts Festival related events to take place on High Street.

The proposed temporary closure notice was advertised in the Kilkenny People on 15th June with a closing date for submissions as Friday 13th July 2018. This has now been extended to Friday 20th July 2018. Mr. Walton said that, to date, four submissions had been received from the general public. Among the concerns raised were disruption to vehicular access for residents along William Street, Colliers Lane and Chapel Lane.

The Mayor Cllr. Peter Cleere along with Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Sean Tyrrell and Cllr. Patrick McKee congratulated the initiative and agreed that it could help to enhance Arts Week for all. They did however raise some queries. All of which were addressed by Mr. Walton.

Mr. Walton went on to explain that if any future temporary, event-based pedestrianisation proposals for High Street did proceed the temporary closures would be a useful learning experience. If the temporary closures proved beneficial for both the Kilkenny Arts Festival and for local traders etc similar measures could be considered for future events. Mr. Tim Butler explained that the Council had engaged with the Chamber of Commerce and they agreed that any plan to encourage more people to High Street would only benefit the City.

5. Sráid Phádraig - Nuashonrú ar Oibreacha

Patrick Street - Update on Works

Mr. Simon Walton advised that he had recently attended a meeting with Irish Water in relation to the works on Patrick Street. He confirmed that the works by the contractor had exceeded the initial completion date but the works will be deferred for the tourist season and they will recommence in October. A temporary surface will be put in place from the 23rd July after consultation with business/residents on the street.

The members expressed their disappointment with Irish Water and the way these and other works were carried out. Mayor Cllr. Cleere, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Patrick McKee, Cllr. Sean Tyrrell, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr. David Kennedy made the following contributions:

- that in terms of project management the works on Patrick Street have not been carried out in accordance with the original plan, they went on too long and the impact too great.
- the lack of communication with business and residences was totally unacceptable.
- the stress caused to business and individuals.

The following queries were raised by the member:

- if there will be any reimbursement of financial loss to business on the street?
- can cost benefit analysis be requested from Irish Water before works begin?
- can road opening licences contain conditions around the timing of works, the quality of the work and communication with businesses and residence?

Mr. Tim Butler and Mr. Simon Walton responded to the members and gave details on the relationship between Irish Water, their contractors and the Council. They also provided information regarding road opening licences and provision of bonds.

6. Bóithre

Roads

Queries were raised by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Patrick O'Neill, Cllr. Peter Cleere, Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Sean Tyrrell, and Cllr. Joe Malone in relation to the following:

- Confirmation if a road in Ballyhale falls under LIS
- Nicholas Mullins bridge in Thomastown
- Local cost safety measures in the Rower
- Road in Cappagh, Inistioge
- Northern bridge on Ring Road and the Northern Ring Road extension
- Review of HGV management plan
- Audit of cycle lanes in City
- Roundabout in Callan
- HGV coming off main road into Callan

- Department funding for upgrading works after severe weather
- Community involvement in road schemes

Mr. Tim Butler and Mr. Simon Walton responded to all queries. Information on the status of the Northern Ring Road extension and the appeal to the European Court of Justice was provided. A review of the HGV management plan will be brought to Members in September. Application for funding has been made to the Department for severe weather repairs but no response received as yet.

7. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Patrick McKee received 31st May, 2018:

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

“That Kilkenny Municipal Council remove the loading bay outside properties No.7 & No.6, Parliament Street, Kilkenny City and relocate that loading bay to a more suitable location. This current loading bay is inappropriate given its proximity to a major junction in the city centre and also detracts from the public amenity in the area. The loading bay should be replaced with public seating similar to that which has been installed outside the Bank of Ireland, Parliament Street”

It was agreed that the above could be looked at as part of the review that Mr. Simon Walton is undertaking on cycle lanes, loading bays etc in the City. This will be presented at the September meeting. Cllr Malcolm Noonan suggested that a workshop should be held where members could come together and discuss street parking issues.

8. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 18th June, 2018:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone

“That Kilkenny MDC prepare a report to review City centre parking charges to allow Members to introduce reduced parking charges at off peak times and improved set down / collection points in High Street and the City Centre to support shoppers, retailers, small businesses and employment while maintaining overall parking income to fund MDC services.”

The members agreed that a review of City Centre parking charges should take place. Notwithstanding the terms of the motion it was agreed that the review should focus on ensuring a progressive system of parking charges throughout the City to support local business, discourage medium and long stay parkers and acknowledge the availability of free parking shopping centres et al in the environs of the City. Simon Walton will come forward with the terms of the review, which should take into account local business opinions and costings for any proposed changes. The review should be informative and scientifically based.

9. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 3rd July, 2018:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone

“ That Kilkenny Municipal District Council would engage with An Post to explore the possibilities of a community arts use for the old sorting depot on Kieran St in Kilkenny. The depot has been unoccupied for many years and could be put to use for the common good, recognising that it is a public asset and in the historic core of Kilkenny City.

All Members present agreed that the Council should engage with An Post in relation to this building.

10. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 3rd July, 2018:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick O’Neill

“ That Kilkenny Municipal District Council would remove the hoarding from the derelict site at Kieran St and engage with relevant authorities or agents regarding a temporary use for the site for public and/ or restaurant seating, planters and cycle parking. In doing so Kilkenny Municipal District Council might consider purchasing the site back into public ownership for the construction of social housing or the realisation of the Margaret Tynan proposal to create access to St Mary’s Church.”

All Members present agreed that the above should be looked into by the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____