

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR  
CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 16 MÁRTA, 2018**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH,  
2018.**

**Mayor, Councillor Michael Doyle, Presiding.**

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí:** Andrew McGuinness, Matt Doran, David Fitzgerald, Breda Gardner, Joe Malone, Malcolm Noonan, David Kennedy.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Cllr. Patrick O’Neill, Cllr. Seán Tyrrell, Cllr. Patrick McKee,

**Also Present:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, Ms. Emir Slattery, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer and Ms. Catherine Cooney, A/Administrative Officer.

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**Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

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

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, 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. 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:

- Thankful to the Emergency Services for their work during the recent weather crisis, Storm Emma.

- Launch of Callan Rose Festival.
- “Care to Run” mini-marathon in aid of Family Carers Ireland.
- Best wishes to Bishop Dermot Pius Farrell in his new role as Bishop of Ossory.

The Mayor informed the Members that Mr. Eddie Keher wishes to convey his appreciation to the Members for conferring the honour of Freedom of the City on him and for the wonderful occasion in Kilkenny Castle.

### **Vote of Sympathy**

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

Joseph Delaney, 2, Larchfield, Kilkenny.

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

- 3. Clár na nOibreacha Bóithre**  
Road Works Programme - Kilkenny Municipal District.
- and**
- 5. Bóithre**  
Roads

The Draft Road Works Programme was circulated and queries were raised by Mayor Michael Doyle, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan and Cllr. David Fitzgerald in relation to the below issues:

- Flooding at Inistioge, Graiguenamanagh, Thomastown, Callan and Kells.
- Possibility of emergency funding to help with flood damage at the Community Centre in Thomastown.
- Council’s powers in relation to compelling landowners to clear drains.
- Change in process for fire services call outs.
- In-River works in Callan.
- Flooding on roadway at Moanmore, Callan.

The Members thanked the staff of Kilkenny County Council and the Emergency Services for their work during the recent weather crisis and during the discussion it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Michael Doyle  
 Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
 And Agreed

“that Kilkenny Municipal District will write to the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government making a case for funding to resolve the ongoing situation of flooding in the Inistioge/Graiguenamanagh/Thomastown area.”

Tim Butler, Simon Walton and Emir Slattery responded to all queries raised.  
It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Michael Doyle  
Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
And Agreed

“that the Road Works Programme for the Municipal District of Kilkenny City be hereby adopted, as presented.”

In light of the adoption of the Road Works Programme, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness agreed to remove Notices of Motion at Item Nos. 6 and 11 from the Agenda as they have been dealt with under the Roads Works Programme.

**4. Leithdháilte Ghinearálta Municipal 2018**  
General Municipal Allocation – Agree Funding Allocation

The proposed General Municipal Allocation was circulated and Members discussed the proposed allocation and it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. David Kennedy  
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner  
And agreed

“that the funding allocation of the General Municipal Allocation be adopted, as presented.”

**7. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. David Fitzgerald, dar dáta 29 Eanáir, 2018.**  
**Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.**

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald  
Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan  
And resolved

"Kilkenny MDC establish a special designation for Irishtown as "Baile na Gael" to include bilingual shopfronts, street signage and special destination to encourage regeneration of this unique historic and cultural area of Kilkenny City."

Mr. Tim Butler advised that the contents of the Motion will be considered in conjunction with the review of the Development Plan in the near future.

It was also agreed that the City Walls Steering Committee will be re-established.

**8. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Patrick McKee, dar dáta 30 Eanáir, 2018.**  
**Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Patrick McKee received 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.**

This item was deferred to the next Municipal District Meeting in the absence of Cllr. Patrick McKee.

**9. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Malcolm Noonan, dar dáta 30 Eanáir, 2018.  
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.**

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan  
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy  
And resolved

- “(a) Seek appropriate funding to develop a lighting scheme for Loughboy Park in Kilkenny City. Recognising that this is a widely used shared amenity in one of the most populated areas of the City and that the service ducting and cables for a lighting scheme are already in place, we request that the engineering section would advance such a project as a matter of priority given the challenges posed by inadequate lighting in the park.
- (b) Engage in a collaborative process with all residents in the area to determine how the park is currently used, who uses it and how it could be improved as a community amenity for all ages to enjoy.”

**10. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. David Kennedy, dar dáta 27 Feabhra, 2018.  
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Kennedy received 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018:**

Proposed by: Cllr. David Kennedy  
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner  
And resolved

“That the Municipal District of Kilkenny City East look into the possibility of putting a cycling lane from Thomastown town centre to Jerpoint Abbey.”

It was agreed that funding would be set aside in the future to consider the contents of this Motion.

**12. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Malcolm Noonan, dar dáta 31 Eanáir, 2018.  
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018:**

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan  
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner  
And resolved

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council would collaborate with other relevant local and National agencies to develop an appropriate scale bike share scheme for Kilkenny City. This motion recognises that small scale bike schemes have worked successfully in municipalities under 30,000 population and can have wide environmental and health benefits as well as complimenting other ‘modal shift’ projects such as public transport in small urban centres.”

Cllr. Noonan informed the meeting that from work currently being undertaken by Kilkenny Leader Partnership he believes that a small scale bike share scheme would be

possible in Kilkenny City which would require a small financial support from the Council.

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

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

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