

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 15 MÁRTA 2019. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 15TH MARCH 2019.

Mayor, Councillor, Peter Cleere, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

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

Apologies:

Also Present:

Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Emir Slattery, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Declan Murphy, Executive Engineer, Mr. Michael Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Denis Malone, Senior Planner, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 8th March, 2019, 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 15th February 2019, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

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

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

2. Cúrsaí thabhairt ar aghaidh ordú ón Méara
Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.

The Mayor began by expressing his shock and sadness following the atrocity at two Mosques in Christchurch New Zealand. He conveyed his condolences to the victims, their families and their loved one. All the Members concurred and also wanted to pass on their

condolences to the family of Michael Ryan the UN aid worker who died in the Ethiopian Airline disaster. A minute silence was held for all the victims.

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

- Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce Presidential lunch.
- Rotary Awards.
- Blue Light Ball.
- Carlow/ Kilkenny Garda Youth Awards.
- Reception for Kilkenny Water Safety.
- Newpark Close & Fr. McGrath Centre healthy celebrations.
- 10th Anniversary of Gaárdín Na Ghorta in Newmarket.
- Mr. Personality launch.
- Irish Wheelchair Association fund raising event.
- Kilkenny Music Festival.
- Congratulations to Kilkenny Crystal in Callan on making the crystal bowl, which was presented to President Donald Trump by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar for St. Patrick's Day.
- Congratulations to the committee and all involved in St Patrick's Day celebrations and Tradfest.
- Best wishes passed on to Ballyhale Shamrocks in the All Ireland Club Final.
- Best wishes to Lucy Dollard who is representing Ireland in the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi.

It was Proposed by Cllr. Joe Malone
Seconded by Cllr. Breda Gardner

And agreed;

“That a reception in City Chambers be held in her honour”

It was Proposed by: Cllr. Sean Tyrrell
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner

And agreed;

“That the standing order citing the sequence of items to be dealt with in the meeting be suspended to allow the Motion of Motions to be heard first”. At the previous MD meeting time ran out and some of the Motion of Motions were not heard.

**6. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Joe Malone dar dáta 18th January, 2019.
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Joe Malone received 18th January, 2019.**

“Calling on this MDM Council to agree to have a voluntary poster free election in Kilkenny City & Environs in next local election on 24th May 2019”.

Cllr Joe Malone explained that other Councils had taken the decision to hold a poster free election campaign and he was asking the Members here to support his motion. He

confirmed that he would be donating his poster fund to local charity Teac Tom instead. He apologised to the Mayor for his remarks at the February MD meeting

Mr. Tim Butler clarified that the Municipal District did not have any statutory powers to stop anyone putting up posters and any such arrangement would have to be on a voluntary basis.

A discussion took place with some Members agreeing that they would not be using posters. Other Member stated that they would be using poster or a restricted number of posters, citing their use in the democratic process and the fairness to newcomers . By-laws could be looked at in the future but for the upcoming local elections it is too late to make any changes. Members agreed that the effect on the environment should be taken into consideration and at the very least no coriboard should be used, the poster should be removed after the elections along with all the cable ties.

7. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. David Fitzgerald dáta 23rd February, 2019. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 23rd February, 2019.

It was Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Seconded by: Cllr Malcolm Noonan
And agreed;

"That Kilkenny MDC significantly increase the number of electric vehicle charging points across Kilkenny City to meet the predicted increase in electric vehicles on the roads"

Cllr. Fitzgerald explained that he wanted to see a significant increase in the charging points for electric vehicles in the City and that the Council take a proactive approach and not wait for people to buy these cars before providing the charging points.

Cllr Noonan spoke about the students protesting outside City Hall over climate change and the need for the MD to make a bold statement.

Mr. Tim Butler confirmed that the 3 Counties Energy Agency (3 CEA) had made an application for funding for charging points, which was unsuccessful. The ESB had approximately 17 million for similar projects nationwide but the majority of this money will more than likely be spent in Dublin. A policy should be developed for the City and County but as significant funding would be required the policy should be through the SPC.

8. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Patrick O'Neill dáta 8th March, 2019. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Patrick O'Neill received 8th March, 2019.

It was Proposed by: Cllr. Patrick O'Neill
Seconded by: Cllr Breda Gardner
And agreed;

"That Kilkenny County Council install mobile cameras at river access points in the City similar to those at our bottle banks in order to tackle the rising issue of illegal dumping in the River Nore"

Cllr. O'Neill explained that he was bringing this notion forward as the people of Bennettsbridge and Thomastown felt that there was more illegal dumping going into the River Nore than ever before. If cameras were placed in areas where cars could pull in, it could prevent the dumping similar to what was achieved at bottle/bring banks. Cllr. Gardner suggested that this proposal should be brought to the Environmental SPC. Cllr. McGuinness understood that the Environmental staff were already providing this service. If they are contacted regarding litter black spots they install mobile camera to address the issue.

Mr. Tim Butler confirmed that he would bring this item to the attention of the Environment Section. CCTV is used widely around the County to catch offenders and had been very successful with 65 prosecutions this year so far.

3. Corcaigh an Iarthair - nuashonrú LIHAF.

Western Environs – LIHAF update

Mr. Michael Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer and LIHAF Project Manager provided an update on Western Environs infrastructure scheme in Kilkenny City. He explained that the scheme had been in the Development Plans since 1986. In 2004 a LAP was developed for the Western Environs, Part 8 was secured and CPO's approved but the downturn in the economy of 2007/2008 halted the plans. In 2016 the Council made a successful application for funding under LIHAF, the fund that was put in place to provide the infrastructure to encourage private housing developments.

He confirmed that in the area there is existing permission for 49 housing units, new permission for 54 units, application on appeal for 56 units and potential of more than 3000 units once services are in place (15 years). The plan also includes two secondary schools, a new primary school, a linear park and a neighbourhood centre.

Mayor Peter Cleere vacated the chair and was replaced for a short period by the Deputy Mayor Joe Malone.

The scheme extends from the Callan Road to the Kilmanagh Road and will be designed to alleviate any historical flooding issues. The proposed road will be a single carriageway with footpaths, cycleways and public lighting on both sides. Included in the road construction will be the necessary services required for the future development of the area, water, sewerage etc. Mr. Murphy concluded with details on the estimated costs of the scheme.

Mayor Peter Cleere returned to the chair.

Members thanked Mr. Murphy and raised the following queries/questions/observations in relation to the scheme:

- Funding for CPO's/ acquisition of lands for housing by Kilkenny County Council.
- Preservation of features such as culverts and stonework on the River Breagagh.
- Possibilities of traffic problems.

- How the shared surface will work for cyclist and footpath users particularly around the junctions and roundabouts.
- The need for sporting facilities.
- Assurance that College Park would not be used as an entrance/exit for construction traffic accessing the site.
- Control of horses and dogs for lands that don't come under the scheme.
- The provision of site for the ETB schools.
- The location and logistics of a Community Centre.
- Importance of bus shelters and bus stops along the route.
- The need for clarification on what LIAHF is and what it will deliver.

Mr Tim Butler and Mr Michael Murphy responded to the Members. Mr. Murphy provided reassurance in relation to the culverts, bridges and stonework along the river. He described the foreseen impact on traffic as a result of the works and the plans for the crossways for both cyclist and pedestrians. He made it clear that the scheme would include bus stops for schools etc that will link in with the rest of the bus routes around the City. He referred to the map of the scheme to explain the location and phasing of recreational areas and community centre. He clarified the routing of construction traffic around College Park, Burrell's Walk and Callan Road. Mr Butler made it clear that the LIHAF was a grant to provide infrastructure for the area and not a grant to build houses. The provision of infrastructure will allow private development in the future. The Housing Department has its own housing strategy for the delivery of social housing in the City and County. He confirmed that he was aware of the residences concerns around the control of horses and dogs in the area and he will be ensuring that a plan will be put in place.

The Mayor thanked both Mr. Murphy and Mr. Malone for all their work on the scheme

4. Clár Oibreacha Bóthair - Dúiche Bardasach Chill Chainnigh.
Road Works Programme - Kilkenny Municipal District.

It was Proposed by Cllr. Joe Malone
Seconded by Cllr. Breda Gardner

And agreed;

“That the Road Works Programme as presented be adopted”

5. Nuashonrú ar thionscadail bóithre agus ar bhóithre
a) Update on Road Projects
b) Roads

Printed details were provided to the Members on both the above and no questions were raised.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____