

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 11<sup>th</sup> MÁRTA 2022. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022.**

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

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí:** Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr. Maria Dollard, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Eugene McGuinness.

**Apologies:**

**Also Present:** Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer, Ms. Una Kealy, Administrative Officer, Mr. Ken Boland, A/Senior Engineer, Mr. Alan Hyland, A/Executive Engineer, Mr. Andrew Wall, A/Staff Officer.

**Apologies:** Tim Butler, Director of Services.

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**Mayor's Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, 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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Malone  
Seconded by: Cllr. Martin Brett  
And Resolved

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

Minutes of monthly Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. John Coonan  
Seconded by: Cllr. Eugene McGuinness  
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:

- No matters were brought by the Mayor at this stage.

**3. Ag Cúram (TIC) Nuashonrú  
Taking in Charge (TIC) Update**

Ms. Una Kealy, Administrative Officer provided a report for the members detailing 10 Estates in the Kilkenny Municipal District that are currently in the process of being taking in charge by the Local Authority. The report detailed the following applications:

- Seville Rise, Margaretfield, Callan Road
- Kilkenny Retail Park (road network)
- College Park, Callan Road
- Rioch Court
- Parc Na Gowen, Kilkenny
- Ayrfield
- Ardilea
- College View, Walkin Street
- Breagagh Court, Kilkenny
- Patrick's Gate, Kilkenny

The Members thanked Ms. Una Kealy and contributions were raised by Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. David Fitzgerald & Cllr. Andrew McGuinness.

Ms. Una Kealy and Ms. Anne Maria Walsh responded to the contributions raised by the members.

**4. Uasghrádú ar Shoilsiú Poiblí sa Chathair  
Upgrade of Public Lighting in City**

Mr. Ken Boland, A/Senior Engineer provided a report for the members detailing the works undertaken by Kilkenny County Council, Public Lighting Energy Enhancement Project nation wide and Public Lighting Energy Enhancement Project Eastern Region. The Local Authority Lighting Energy project was discussed under the following headings:

- Kilkenny County Council Energy Enhancement Works to date
- Kilkenny County Council Public Lighting Retrofit Programme
- Carlow Road Before and After
- Rationale for the Project
- Benefits of the project

- Eastern Region
- Finance Eastern Region
- Maintenance Contract
- City Lighting

The Members thanked Mr. Ken Boland and contributions were raised by Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr, Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness & Cllr. Maria Dollard.

Mr. Ken Boland and Mr. Ian Gardner responded to the points raised by the members.

## 5. **Boithre – Nuashonrú**

Roads Update

Draft Roadworks Programme 2022

Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer provided a report for the Members detailing works undertaken throughout the City. The report included a list of works undertaken in the Municipal District of Kilkenny:

- Ormonde Street Improvement Works
- Provision of Bus Shelters
- Pedestrian Crossing Improvement
- Public Lighting Improvement Works
- Provision of benches at Butler Gallery
- Feature Lighting Projects

The Members thanked Mr. Gardner and praised him for the level of detail he provided in his report. Contributions were raised by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. Maria Dollard, Cllr Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr David Fitzgerald

Mr. Ian Gardner responded to all question raised by the members.

### **Draft Roadworks Programme 2022:**

Mr. Gardner provided a financial breakdown of the Draft Roadworks Programme 2022 which included the scheme description and budget.

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
 Seconded by: Cllr. Martin Brett  
 And Agreed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

“That the Draft Roadworks Programme 2022 as presented to the meeting be and are hereby approved”

Cllr Eugene McGuinness advised the members that a number of footpaths along Newpark Drive are in need of essential remediation works and that financial consideration for the works should be included in the Roadworks Programme 2022 budget.

Proposed by: Cllr. Eugene McGuinness  
Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
And Agreed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

“That provision be included in the Roadworks Programme 2022 for Newpark Drive footpath remediation works are hereby agreed for consideration”

## **6. Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion**

No Notices brought to the attention of the members.

## **7. Aon Ghnó Eile/Any Other Business**

Cllr. Joe Malone thanked all parties involved for organising this year’s St. Patricks Day Parade – Councillors, Council staff, Marian Flannery and the media for publicising the event.

Cllr. Malone informed the members of a charity walk to raise awareness around Motor Neuron Disease - Charley Bird and DJ Carey will be in attendance. Cllr. Malone invited all members to attend. The walk will commence at the Canal Square at 11am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness spoke on the horrendous situation in the Ukraine and commended all local groups involved in fundraising, Cllr. McGuinness praised both Mary Pierce and Jim Kavanagh for their involvement. Cllr. McGuinness asked all members to support a walk of solidarity taking place at the Canal Square at 11am on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. All money raised will go to the Red Cross Ukraine and UNICEF Ukraine.

Cllr. John Coonan asked all members of the Municipal District of Kilkenny City to consider to donate €100.00 each to the Red Cross Ukraine and UNICEF Ukraine.

Proposed by: Cllr. John Coonan  
Seconded by: Cllr. Martin Brett

Cllr. Joe Malone wished the best of luck to all soldiers travelling to the Syria on peace keeping duties. Cllr. Malone also expressed a warm welcome to all Ukrainian refugees travelling to Ireland.

Cllr. Maria Dollard spoke to the members about International Women’s Day and spoke on gender equality in the workplace. Cllr. Dollard as a Green Party Representative also put forward her views on the importance of Ireland maintaining its neutrality.

Cllr David Fitzgerald spoke to the members about the positive reaction he received from the public and Ukrainians regarding the Flag made by his daughter that is draped across the front of his business premises in Patrick's Street.

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness thanked Cllr, David Fitzgerald and his daughter for the wonderful gesture of solidarity.

The Mayor thanked all for attending.

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

**Signed:**

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**MAYOR**

**Date:**

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