

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 8th SAMHAIN 2019. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 8TH NOVEMBER 2019.

Mayor, Councillor, Martin Brett, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. John Coonan.

Apologies:

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

This meeting did not commence at the assigned time of 2.30pm as:

It Was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcom Noonan
Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

And agreed by all that the Monthly Meeting be adjourned until the Budget Meeting is concluded.

Item No. 2 on the Agenda, Presentation on CCTV by the Gardai

It was:

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

And agreed by all that this item would be heard in Committee after the Monthly Meeting concluded.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 1st November, 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 11th October 2019, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Joe Malone
Seconded by: Cllr. John Coonan
And Resolved

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

The visit to the City Wall will not take place before the December Municipal District meeting as the meeting is being held in St. Canice’s Cathedral.

A meeting with representatives from Taxi drivers will be arranged during the review of the parking bye-laws and once a representative has been appointed.

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

The Mayor acknowledged the following Projects/Events which he attended and will attend:

- Savour Kilkenny Festival.
- Gowran AC event in Castle Park
- Congratulations and commiseration for the hurling county final participants.
- Launch of Yulefest
- Mayor’s concert on 11th December in Watergate
- Order of Malta - 80 years anniversary
- CBS fundraising banquet
- Garda Youth Awards
- Launch of the Mayor’s Christmas fund.

Members congratulated Cllr. Malcolm Noonan on his new EU appointment and Edwina Grace on the birth of her baby. Traffic plans for festivals in Kilkenny will be addressed as part of the overall Traffic Management Plan.

3. Nuashonrú ar fhodhlíthe busála. Update on busking bye-laws.

Mr. Tim Butler circulated a summary to Members of busking bye-laws for Dublin and Galway and summary of proposed inclusions for bye-laws for Kilkenny. Members raised a number of queries/questions which were addressed by Mr. Butler.

Mr. Butler explained that what was presented to Members today was an outline of the proposals. It is proposed to revert to the Members in January with draft bye-laws following receipt of legal advice. Once the Members are satisfied with the draft bye-laws they will go on display for public consultation. Submissions will then be considered and the statutory process for adopting bye-laws will be followed.

4. Nuashonrú ar thionscadail bóithre.

Update on Road Projects

Mr Ian Gardner, City Engineer, provided a report for Members detailing road work updates for November. The report included information on the restoration improvement works, footpath works, road opening licences, big belly bins and miscellaneous works happening in or scheduled to commence in November. He also updated Members on the Kilkenny City bus service. Members thanked Mr. Gardner for the detailed report and raised the following queries/comments in relation to roads:

- Old trees lifting footpaths in Assumption Place.
- Big belly bins for the Old Loughlin Road.
- Time line for works on the Ballyfoyle Road.
- Timetable for city bus service and any special service for Christmas.
- Further delays to the commencement of the city bus service.
- Cycle lanes coming to an abrupt halt at bus stops and crossings.
- Possibility of parking at Abbey Street restricted to residents only.
- Visual impaired road markings on surfaces in places like Lacken Drive.
- Recycling bins in the City.
- Footpaths on Nuncio Road and St Fiacra's Place.
- Foliage covering lamps in College Park.
- Footpaths leading up to bus stop on the Bohernatownish Road.
- Possibility of more yellow lines on Dean Street to increase sight lines.
- Cutting back bushes on Cedar Drive and Stephen Street.
- Dissatisfaction with Irish Water works in Fatima Place.

Mr. Ian Gardner and Mr. Butler responded to all the Members queries. Mr. Gardner confirmed that he has set up a new Reprs. system where Members can email directly and the email will be forwarded to the appropriate person. Mr. Butler explained that Irish Water are the responsibility Authority for water services and are required to reinstate any roads/footpaths to their former state after carrying out works.

- (a) Mr. Gardner provided Members with details on extinguishing a right-of-way at Newpark Close. He concluded that the combination of low traffic volumes and traffic speeds does not warrant the significant works/costs that would be required to extinguish the right-of-way.
- (b) Mr. Gardner handed out a comprehensive road traffic assessment for the Granges and Freshford Roads. Members asked that they are given time to assimilate the report and requested that it would be a stand-alone item on the agenda for the next meeting.

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
 Seconded by: Cllr. John Coonan
that a similar report be prepared for the Outrath Road.

- (c) Mr. Gardner confirmed that a draft plan is being considered for Cootes Lane which will involve engaging with the Schools and the landowner. Cllr. Malone asked that a street name sign be erected on Cootes Lane.

5. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. David Fitzgerald dar dáta 7th October 2019
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 7th October 2019

“ That Kilkenny MDC fund, design and install a footpath from the Sion road along the outer side of the Ring road to connect to the Lacken walk /Ossory Bridge / Canal walk . This low cost solution will provide pedestrian access without the necessity to cross the Ring Road (N.10) into the City centre for residents in the Dublin road and Sion road area.”

Following discussion by Elected Members

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
 Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone
 And Agreed:

“That the cost of providing the footpath be prepared for consideration by the Members. ”

6. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. John Coonan 31st October 2019
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. John Coonan 31st October 2019

“ That Kilkenny municipal district make representations to the OPW to seek a universal public toilet and changing facility at the castle park”.

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. John Coonan
 Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
 And Agreed:

“That a robust letter be sent to the OPW requesting the above ”

7. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. David Fitzgerald 25th October 2019
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr David Fitzgerald 25th October 2019

“That Kilkenny Municipal District resolve that all income raised through car parking charges in the Kilkenny Municipal District be retained and exclusively spent in the Kilkenny Municipal District”

This motion was discussed at the Municipal District Annual Budget Meeting and deferred for further consideration.

8. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. John Coonan 31st October 2019
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. John Coonan 31st October 2019

“That Kilkenny municipal district take all necessary steps to ensure that the historic jail cells at Kilkenny court house complex parliament street are enabled to become an integral part of our visitors tourist attraction at the heart of the medieval mile”.

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. John Coonan
 Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
 And Agreed:

“ that the Municipal District will engage with the OPW to encourage the development of the historical jail cells at Kilkenny Court Complex”.

Mr. Butler confirmed that the development of the jail cells was listed in the tourist plan for 2012-2018 as a potential tourist attraction. The site is not in the ownership of the Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____