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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 21st JULY, 2014 AT 7.30 PM**

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

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Peter “Chap” Cleere, Michael Doyle, Matt Doran, David Fitzgerald, Kathleen Funchion, Breda Gardner, David Kennedy, Joe Malone, Andrew McGuinness, Patrick McKee, Malcolm Noonan, Patrick O’Neill.

**Also Present:** Mr. Simon Walton, A/Director of Services, Mr. Brian Tyrrell Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Tony Lauhoff, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Seamus Foley, Senior Executive Engineer, and Ms. Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer.

**Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 14th July, 2014 convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. **Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of:**

**Minutes of First Annual Meeting of Municipal District of Kilkenny City held on 16th June, 2014, having been previously circulated were tabled for confirmation, it was**

Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy

And Resolved:

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

1. **Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.**

Speed Limits in Housing Estates

The Mayor acknowledged the presence in the Chamber of Roseann Brennan, mother of Jake Brennan, and read a letter to the meeting which he received from Roseann Brennan regarding the commencement of a campaign for the installation of speed limits in housing estates.

Following this the Mayor and Members expressed their sympathy to the Brennan Family on their tragic loss.

On behalf of the staff of Kilkenny County Council, Mr. Simon Walton expressed his condolences to the Brennan Family. Mr. Walton explained the procedure involved in the adoption of Speed Limits which is a reserved function of the Council and involves a public consultation process. Mr. Walton also advised that Kilkenny County Council’s Road Safety Plan is currently being reviewed and will be brought before the Council in the coming months.

Mr. Walton responded to queries raised from Members in relation to the situation regarding housing estates which are not yet taken in charge by the County Council. He agreed to provide more information on the adoption of Speed Limits to the Members by issuing correspondence outlining the process and confirmed that Lintown Grove has not yet been taken in charge by Kilkenny County Council.

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone

And resolved

“that the Municipal District of Kilkenny City commence the public consultation process in relation to the preparation of Speed Limit Bye Laws.”

Votes of Sympathy

Members joined with the Mayor in offering a Vote of Sympathy to the families of the following people who have died recently.

Michelle Heffernan, 19, Willow Close, Ardnore, Kilkenny.

Tom Fitzgerald, Listowel, Co. Kerry, brother of Kieran Fitzgerald, Senior Engineer.

Jean Conroy, Bailey’s Acre, Castletobin, Callan, Kilkenny.

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

National Day of Commemoration

The Mayor thanked the Members for their attendance at the recent National Day of Commemeration Regional Ceremony in Kilkenny Castle.

1. **Fix a Schedule of Meetings of the Municipal District of Kilkenny City.**

Following a discussion during which a number of option were put forward it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Kathleen Funchion

Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy

And Resolved

“that the monthly meetings of the Municipal District of Kilkenny City will take place on the Friday preceding a monthly meeting of Kilkenny County Council, with the schedule of meetings, tentatively, from September 2014 to December, to May 2015 as follows (subject to scheduling of County Council meetings):

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| **Monthly Meeting** | **Date to be Held** | **Time** |
| September, 2014 | 12th September, 2014 | 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. |
| October, 2014 | 17th October, 2014 | 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. |
| November, 2014 | 14th November, 2014 | 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. |
| December, 2014 | 12th December, 2014 | 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. |
| January, 2015 | 16th January, 2015 | 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. |
| February, 2015 | 13th February, 2015 | 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. |
| March, 2015 | 13th March, 2015 | 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. |
| April, 2015 | 17th April, 2015 | 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. |
| May, 2015 | 15th May, 2015 | 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. |

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1. **Consideration and Adoption of Standing Orders for the Municipal District of Kilkenny City.**

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Matt Doran

Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

And resolved

“that, having considered the Draft Standing Orders for the Municipal District of Kilkenny City, as circulated, the Draft Standing Orders are hereby adopted”.

Mr. Brian Tyrrell, as meetings administrator, outlined to Members the procedure for the preparation and submission of Notices of Motion and asked members to inform themselves by reading the standing orders so that their motions were received on time and in compliance with their adopted standing orders.

1. **Municipal Advisory Committee – Formation.**

Mr. Brian Tyrrell referred to the position paper circulated to the Members and stated that it was agreed, at the June Meeting, to set up a Municipal Advisory Committee which will, inter alia, take over the role of the previous St. Mary’s Restoration and Conservation Committee and the City Walls Steering Committee. Mr. Tyrrell suggested nominating four Members to this Committee, these Members will be appointed on an annual basis and the Mayor of the day will also be the Chair of the Municipal Advisory Committee.

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Matt Doran

And Resolved

“to defer this item to the September Monthly Meeting.”

Mr. Tyrrell also requested that Party Whips would be selected for the purposes of pre meeting consultation regarding the Agenda for meetings. It was acknowledged that this procedure worked effectively in the previous structure.

1. **Review of Roadworks Schemes pertaining to the Municipal District of Kilkenny City.**

Mr. Simon Walton presented the details of the roadworks schemes for the Municipal District following which Mr. Walton responded to queries in relation to the following:

* Improvements to footpaths at Main Street, Graiguenamanagh.
* Flood Relief at Graiguenamanagh.
* Safety Measures at Baurscoob Crossroads near Dunnamaggin, R699/697.
* Footpaths at Newmarket, Hugginstown.
* Provision of footpath between Keatingstown Lane and The Rock Bar on the Freshford Road.

1. **H.G.V. Management Plan.**

A report together with maps was circulated to the Members. Mr. Simon Walton went through the report in detail outlining the proposals contained in the Management Plan.

Mr. Walton responded to issues raised by the Members in relation to:

* Draft Plan to be put on display for public consultation.
* Consideration be given to PRL and Grasslands.
* Relocation of the Weighbridge at Gaol Road.

Members unanimously agreed to publish the proposals in accordance with legal requirements, and members were requested to inform themselves fully of the proposals, in order to assist and advise members of the public, to encourage public engagement, and to fully participate in the public consultation process.

**8&9 Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Michael Doyle received 25th June, 2014.**

Proposed by: Cllr. Michael Doyle

Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy

And resolved

“that the Municipal District of Kilkenny City install a second speed ramp at Marshes Street, Thomastown.”

**Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Gardner received 26th June, 2014.**

Proposed by: Cllr. Breda Gardner

Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy

And resolved

“that the Municipal District of Kilkenny City provides adequate traffic safety measures at Marshes Street, Thomastown.”.

Cllr. Michael Doyle and Cllr. Breda Gardner spoke in relation to the Motions and in response Mr. Tony Lauhoff explained that there is no provision in the current Road Works Scheme for the provision of such a ramp. However, he agreed that it may be possible to fund this work out of end of year balances.

**10. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 4th July, 2014.**

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Kathleen Funchion

And resolved

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council would compile an inventory of all derelict and uninhabited housing stock within the core city area of Kilkenny with view to working with the owners of properties to provide opportunities and incentives to restore houses to a high level of thermal comfort and using ecological principles adopted in the LINKS Local Action Plan\* or agree purchase of houses for renovation and development of housing schemes for local authority housing or voluntary housing schemes”.

Mr. Brian Tyrrell advised that the Council have been identifying a number of premises informally which may be included in the inventory.

**11. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 4th July, 2014.**

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Kathleen Funchion

And resolved

“that Kilkenny Municipal District Council would work collaboratively with the local community in Callan to develop a traffic management and urban renewal plan for Bridge Street in Callan recognising the unique architectural and social history within the street and the challenges.”

**12. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Gardner received 11th July, 2014.**

Proposed by: Cllr. Breda Gardner

Seconded by: Cllr. Peter “Chap” Cleere

And resolved

“that the Municipal District of Kilkenny City requests the Minister for Transport to review the safety of the existing school bus stop at Closgregg, Thomastown and consider relocating the bus stop.”

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

**Signed:**

**MAYOR**

**Date:**