

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 11th DEIREADH FÓMHAIR 2019.
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 11TH OCTOBER 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, Mr. Paul Murphy, Assistant Engineer, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 4th October, 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 13th September 2019, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. John Coonan
Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
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 acknowledged the following Projects/Events which he attended and will attend:

- Retirement of Michael Delahunty from Kilkenny County Council.

- Savour Kilkenny Festival.
- Launch of the City Bus Service.

Members raised the matter of recent changes to the traffic movement at Cootes Lane and the issues of accessing St Patrick's De La Salle and St. John of God Schools. Mr. Ian Gardner, City Engineer, confirmed that Kilkenny County Council were in discussion with the landowner, the schools and residences to see if a resolution can be reached. Mr. Gardner agreed to keep the Members updated.

Votes of Sympathy

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

Eugene Aylward, Ballyhale Village, Kilkenny.
 Baby Ella Rose Phelan, Newpark Close, Kilkenny.
 Pat Moore, Green Street, Kilkenny.

3. Truailliú Ttorainn Noise Pollution.

Mr. Paul Murphy, Assistant Engineer in Environment provided Members with information on noise pollution. He explained the role and powers of the EPA, Local Authority, Gardai and the District Court have in regards to complaints about different types or sources of noise. He included details on noise from commercial premises, domestic noise, alarms and dog barking.

Members thanked Mr. Murphy and raised the following:

- Amplifiers used by street buskers and bye-laws introduced by Dublin and Galway City Councils.
- Noise monitoring equipment.
- Planning conditions and the Development Plan.
- Prosecutions and enforcement.

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Butler responded to members. Members were provided with procedures for individuals to address noise complaints and the relevant roles and responsibilities of the different agencies. Following discussion, it was agreed that details of existing bye-laws in Galway and Dublin will be circulated and discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Murphy confirmed that there no noise complaints in relation to businesses made to the Environment Section in the last 12 months.

4. Nuashonrú ar thionscadail bóithre. Update on Road Projects

Mr Ian Gardner, City Engineer, provided a report for Members detailing road work updates for October. The report included information on the restoration improvement works, footpath works, traffic calming, road markings and miscellaneous works happening in or scheduled to commence

in October. He also advised Members about the Kilkenny City Bus Service. Members raised the following queries in relation to roads:

- Speed ramps at Bishop Birch Place, Garringreen and a speed ramps review for the city.
- Update on Nowlan Park traffic issues.
- Free bus service for the first month after its launch.
- Bus stop near Hebron Park.
- Parking bye-laws.
- Organising a visit for members to the City Wall.
- Footpaths in Loughboy and older estates in the City.
- Park and ride schemes for festivals
- Parking at St. Fiacra's Place.
- Updating road markings.
- Update on Granges Road survey.
- Timeline for works in Irishtown.
- Car parks in Irishtown and Dean Street.
- Mobile cinema.- Subtitle

Mr. Ian Gardner and Mr. Butler responded to all the Members queries. Mr. Gardner confirmed that he will commence working on the review of parking bye-laws early next year. He also confirmed that he will bring the draft traffic assessment on the Granges Road to the November MD meeting.

Mr. Butler spoke about the challenges in relation to the car parking in Irishtown and confirmed that the Council is examining options including revisiting temporary car parking in the Abbey Quarter.

In relation to the nomination from Kilkenny MD to attend the TII meeting:

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
 Seconded by: Cllr. John Coonan
 And Agreed:
 " That Cllr. Martin Brett be the representative from Kilkenny MD "

Cllr. Brett requested that a footpath assessment be undertaken in the City and a footpath programme put in place. Mr. Gardner agreed.

AOB:

- 1) An invitation was received from St Canice's Cathedral for Members to hold the December MD meeting in the Cathedral:

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

" That December Kilkenny MD meeting be held in St. Canice's Cathedral " .

2) Mr. Butler noted the recent success in the Tidy Town's competition which saw Kilkenny increasing its points from 2018 and retain its Gold Medal status. He acknowledged Council Staff and Keep Kilkenny Beautiful for their good work. There were however a number of items raised in the lengthy report that was received from the Judges including:

- Kilkenny's climate change and biodiversity plan, the mobility plan encouraging cycling and walking in the City.
- Public realm areas including the plans for Carnegie Library in front of Evan's Home.
- Laneways in the City and lack of illumination at night.

Members congratulated all involved in the Tidy Towns and requested the report be circulated before the next MD meeting. It was agreed to review aspects of this report over the coming months.

In relation to traffic management and taxi ranks it was noted these would be examined during the review of the parking bye-laws.

**4. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Malcolm Noonan dar dáta 1st September 2019
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 1st September 2019**

“ That Kilkenny Municipal District Council request that the roads section of Kilkenny County Council would introduce 80kph speed limits on the entire network of the Kilkenny Ring Road with 60kph reduced speed limits on approaches to each roundabout.

This motion recognises that due to exponential traffic growth on the ring road and the dangers posed to Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs); pedestrians and cyclists in particular, that the ring road network has become increasingly dangerous and that speed limits of 100kph are in fact excessive and posing a risk to all users of the network. Reducing speed limits can also contribute positively to addressing climate change at a local level by reducing vehicle emissions and particulate matter. This is a key responsibility of Kilkenny County Council having declared a climate and biodiversity emergency.”

Following discussion by Elected Members

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. Malcom Noonan
 Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
 And Agreed:

“That a review of the speed limits and safety measures be undertaken in Kilkenny City ”

Mr. Butler explained that a review of speed limits in the County and City will commence in 2020 in consultation with the TII, the Gardai and also will go out to public consultation.

**6. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Martin Brett dar data 3rd October 2019
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr Martin Brett received 3rd October 2019**

“That Kilkenny County Council put in place a bridge or underground passage way to allow the workers who wish to leave Loughboy Ind Estate to walk in safety ,and to provide another exit for cars from same industrial estate out to the Waterford rd.”

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. Martin Brett
 Seconded by: Cllr. John Coonan
 And Agreed:

“That the Council investigate the possibility of providing a new exit from Loughboy Industrial Estate”

**5. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Martin Brett dar data 5th September 2019
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr Martin Brett received 5th September 2019**

“That Kilkenny county council by virtue of section 73 of the road traffic act 1993, resolve to commence public consultation to extinguish vehicular access from Newpark drive/close, to the front of Newpark to the road serving the 8 houses to the front of Newpark ,such provision recognises the wishes of the local residents and will enhance local amenities and further recognises that there are immediate and more convenient alternatives for motorists”

It was agreed to provide Members with the details on the statutory process in extinguishing right of way for the next MD meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____