

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR  
CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 1 IÚIL, 2017**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> JULY,  
2017 AT 2.30 P.M.**

**Mayor, Councillor Michael Doyle, Presiding.**

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí:** Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere, Patrick O’Neill, Matt Doran, David Fitzgerald, Breda Gardner, Andrew McGuinness, Joe Malone, Malcolm Noonan, Patrick McKee, Seán Tyrrell, David Kennedy.

**Apologies/Leath Scéal:** Cllr. Malcolm Noonan and Cllr. Breda Gardner.

**Also Present:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, A/Senior Engineer, Mr. Shane Aylward, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Denis Malone, Senior Planner, and Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer.

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**Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

**1. A dhaingniú Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe.**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting:**

- (i) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere

Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick O’Neill

And Resolved

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

- (i) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick O’Neill

And Resolved

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

### Matters Arising

Cllr. Matt Doran requested the following amendment to the minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017:

Item No. 5: Amend Callan Friary Trust to St. Mary’s Church.

This was agreed.

The Mayor, Cllr. Michael Doyle, extended a Vote of Sympathy to Cllr. David Kennedy on the death of his mother, Bridget. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Michael Doyle

Seconded by: Cllr. Seán Tyrrell

And resolved

“that the meeting be adjourned for a period of 10 minutes as a mark of respect”.

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

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

- Kilkenny Intermediate Hurling Team, Kilkenny U21 Hurling Team and Kilkenny Minor Hurling Team on their Leinster titles.
- Commiserations to Brian Cody and Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team.
- George Brown 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Commemoration in Inistioge.
- Annual Chernobyl Childrens’ Party in Supermacs, High Street, Kilkenny, and Patricia Dowling, Supermacs Store Manager for being a fantastic host.
- Shane Finn on running 24 marathons in 24 days raising funds for Spina Bifida.
- Organisers of the Inistioge Horseshow.
- Recent Meeting with the Owing/Templeorum/Hugginstown/Fiddown Twinning Committee in Council Chamber, City Hall, who were joined by a group of 16 from Melloc, Brittany in France which they are twinned with for 30 years.
- Official Opening of Kilkenny Arts Festival box office in John Street.
- Official Opening of new playground at Enable Ireland’s O’Neill Centre.

### Mural at Peace Park

Cllr. Patrick O’Neill advised that the Greensbridge 250 Committee propose to paint a Mural in the Peace Park and on the Old Swimming Pool. Details of the proposed artwork was circulated for Members’ information.

Cllrs. Sean Tyrrell, Andrew McGuinness and David Fitzgerald supported this community initiative and welcomed urban art within the City. Mr. Seamus Kavanagh advised that he has met with the Group and the background colour of the Mural will be grey and the artwork will be refreshed every few years.

#### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Election of W.T. Cosgrave

Cllr. David Fitzgerald advised the Members of the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the election of W.T.Cosgrave. A day of celebration will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 and there is a programme of events organised. The launch of the programme will take place on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at 8.00 p.m. in City Hall.

He requested clarification on the budget available for the expenses involved. Mr. Tim Butler advised that an amount of €1,500 was remaining in the General Municipal Allocation and recommended that it be allocated to the Event. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Patrick O’Neill  
Seconded by: Cllr. Seán Tyrrell  
And resolved

“that the sum €1,500 remaining to be allocated in the General Municipal Allocation be allocated to the cost of the programme of events organised to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the election of W.T. Cosgrave.”

#### Votes of Sympathy

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

Jean Marc Heriocher, late husband of Catherine Heriocher, Moret Sur Loing, France.  
Elinor Mountain Mabelson, Clonmoran, Shellumsrath, Kilkenny.  
Jim Butler, Dominic Street, Kilkenny, father to Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services.  
Bridget Kennedy, Ballyhale, Co. Kilkenny.

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

### **3. Athruithe Beartaithe ar Phlean Forbartha Cathair Chill Chainnigh agus a Phurláin. Proposed Variation No. 3 – Kilkenny City and Environs Development Plan (LIHAF Application).**

Mr. Denis Malone, Senior Planner, gave a powerpoint presentation on the Proposed Variation to the Kilkenny City and Environs development Plan. Mr. Malone outlined the rationale behind the proposed variation, the LIHAF application re proposed development of infrastructure, housing and 2 schools. He advised Members that:

- Chief Executive Report has already issued with the Council's Monthly Agenda.
- In the proposed variation, there will be additional residential lands zoned for Phase 1 development.
- The variation has been screened for Strategic Environmental Assessment and appropriate Assessment. It has been on public display in June 2017 and 11 no. submissions have been received.

Contributions were received from Cllr. Patrick O'Neill, Seán Tyrrell, Peter 'Chap' Cleere, Patrick McKee, Andrew McGuinness, David Kennedy and David Fitzgerald in relation to the following:

- Commitment from developers to commence building houses.
- Traffic on the Circular Road.
- Provision of social units, Part V, Voluntary Houses, Council to purchase land.
- New Housing Task Force.

Mr. Tim Butler and Mr. Denis Malone responded to the queries raised by Members.

#### **4. Clár na nOibreacha Bóithre**

Road Works Programme - Kilkenny Municipal District (Update).

- (i) Mr. Seamus Kavanagh circulated an up to date Report on the Road Works Scheme for Kilkenny City and Environs. He outlined in his Report the works completed to date and proposed timeframe for outstanding works.

Cllrs. David Kennedy, Joe Malone, Seán Tyrrell, Patrick O'Neill, Matt Doran and Patrick McKee raised queries in relation to the following issues:

- Chess table on The Parade/Canal Walk.
- Works required at Cootes Lane.
- Wheelchair accessibility at Patrick Street.
- Footpath to Foulkstown Church and Cemetery.
- Parking on the Castle Road.
- Footpaths on Sion Road.
- Works at Danesfort School.
- Temporary parking at Brewery Site.

Mr. Kavanagh responded to all queries raised.

- (ii) Mr. Shane Aylward circulated an up to date Report on Road Works Scheme in the Thomastown and Graiguenamanagh areas.

He outlined in his Report the works completed to date and proposed timeframe for the outstanding works.

Cllrs. Michael Doyle, Matt Doran, David Kennedy, Peter 'Chap' Cleere and Patrick O'Neill raised queries in relation to the following:

- Completed works at Dangan, Columbkille.
- Road at Knockanore.
- Pedestrian crossing in Inistioge
- Town and Village Renewal at Kells – change in criteria of scheme.
- Speed survey at Haggard Road, Kells.
- Speeding on the Callan Bye Pass.
- Update on works at Cois na Bearna and provision of playground.
- Barriers outside pub in Bennettsbridge – need to be replaced.
- Bridge works at Thomastown
- Dangerous Junction at West Street, Callan.

Mr. Tim Butler and Mr. Shane Aylward responded to all queries raised by Members.

**5. Síniú an Chomhaontaithe Nasctha Foirmiúil.**

Request to Signing of Twinning Charter with Formigine, Italy

Mr. Tim Butler advised the meeting that a formal request to proceed with the Twinning Agreement has been received from the Mayor of Formigine, Italy. A Friendship Agreement has been signed and exchanges have taken place with Ossory Youth Service. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Patrick O’Neill

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone

And resolved

“that the signing of a formal Twinning Agreement between Kilkenny City and Formigine, Italy, take place in 2018.”

Cllr. Patrick O’Neill and Cllr. Joe Malone spoke about the merits of twinning and Members asked that a budget be considered for Twinning.

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

**Signed:**

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**MAYOR**

**Date:**

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