

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 14 MÍ NA NOLLAIG 2018. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 14TH DECEMBER 2018.

Mayor, Councillor, Peter Cleere, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllr .Joe Malone, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Patrick O'Neill, Cllr Breda Gardner, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr David Fitzgerald. Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr Andrew McGuinness.

Apologies: Cllr. Seán Tyrrell, Cllr. Matt Doran,

Also Present:

Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Emir Slattery, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Tony Lauhoff, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Brian Tyrrell Senior Executive Officer and Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 7th December, 2018, 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 16th November 2018, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy
And Resolved

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

Minutes of Budget Meeting held on 12th November 2018, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Patrick O'Neill
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle
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 recent achievements and all those involved in the following Projects/Events which he attended/will attend:

- Mayors Reception for Margaret Leahy.
- Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Ceremony.
- Pride of Place Awards
- Stook 10 Mile & 5 K Dash
- Visit to James Stephens Barracks
- Group of musicians and fans from Texas
- Irish Water Safety Awards – Congratulation to Kilkenny winners and a special mention to Kilkenny County Council’s Joan McLoughlin.
- Congratulations to County Champions Ballyhale Shamrocks, Graig/Ballycallan and Dunnamaggin on their success in Leinster.
- National Enterprise Towns Awards.
- Aldi official opening in Graiguenamanagh.
- Yule Fest launch.
- Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland.
- Christmas lights turned on in Kilkenny.
- Bridget Langton appeal fund raiser for trip to Tanzania.
- School Concert in St Canices Cathedral.
- Launch of coal fund, Mayors Concert Friday 21st December in the Watergate.
- Reception for Amber board members
- Medieval Mile Marathon, 1250 participants.
- Rotary lunch, celebrating 40 years in May.
- Defence Forces carol singing.

Votes of Sympathy

All the Members present wanted to pass on their condolences to the Family of Aaron Molloy. They spoke about safe talk training, taxi watch, the Samaritans ,Teach Tom and suicide awareness events.

Mr. Tim Butler advised that County Hall and City Hall will be lit up in green in support of the Samaritans on the 21st December 2018. He also advised that a successful coffee afternoon was held in County Hall to raise funds for the organisation. He also confirmed that the Executive will look at organising safe talk training for members in the New Year.

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

Billy Sullivan, Castlecomer Rd, Kilkenny
Frances Prendergast, Kiljames, Thomatown, Co. Kilkenny
Michael Flood, Coolhill, The Rower, Co. Kilkenny

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

**3. Cur i láthair an Halla Baile.
Town Hall Presentation.**

Mr. Tony Lauhoff, Senior Executive Engineer gave a presentation to Members on the Town Hall Project. He spoke about;

- The historical background to the building.
- The background to the Tholsel project including the building requirement to meet building regulations under the Disabilities Act and to meet Fire Safety Standards.
- The tender process for the design team.
- The key design considerations.
- The work undertaken to date.

He outlined the proposed works for the building.

Mr. Brian Tyrrell, Senior Executive Officer, followed with a presentation on Tourism in Kilkenny and how the proposed Town Hall project would become part of the Medieval Mile: He explained;

- How the project would link in with the Tourism Strategy for Kilkenny (2013).
- What is involved in the Tourism exhibition design.
- How the project would allow the building to tell the history of Kilkenny through the Sovereigns and Mayors of Kilkenny.

He went on to explain the tourist plan for each floor, including having a linkage on the ground floor to the Medieval Mile Museum, the atmospheric plans for the basement, the theme of the second floor and public access to the Cupola. The purpose of the project is to bring the Visitors into the Town Hall while still maintaining its civic function in Local Government.

All the Members thanked Mr. Tony Lauhoff and Mr. Brian Tyrrell on their presentations and made the follow observations and comments:

- Welcomed the relocation of the Tourist Office to another building.
- The importance of the project and the obvious need for an upgrade of the building.
- The question of toilets, cafe and gift shop in the building.
- Afterhours access for events.
- The consultation process that will be followed.
- If the building is a listed building?
- The cost of the project.
- The time frame from consultation to completion.
- Use of the office on the top floor
- Recognitions of the late historian John Bradley and the links the building has to Women rights (suffragette movement and the elections of 1918)
- What the plans for the Shee Alms building is when Failte Ireland vacates

Mr. Tony Lauhoff, Mr. Brian Tyrrell and Mr. Tim Butler responded to the Members.

It was confirmed that there would not be a cafe or gift shop in the building as Failte Ireland would not allow competition with other businesses in the Town. Mr Tim Butler confirmed that as part of the public consultation process it was proposed to have two public events in the Town Hall in January where the public will be invited to view the

plans and make observations. He confirmed that the Mayor will still have access to the building. The cost of the project has been estimated at €3.4 million, grant funding will come from Failte Ireland. Mr Lauhoff confirmed that there will be a meeting room available on the top floor. He explained that the building is a listed building and any works been carried out must be done following consultation with the National Monument Office. Mr Tyrrell stated that the interpretation of the material to be displayed in the building would be examined in detail. Failte Ireland will be returning the Shee Alms House to the Council once it moves to its new premises.

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

And agreed by all present that the project should go to Part 8 public consultation.

4. Táillí Páirceála Páirce.

Car Parking Charges.

Mr. Tim Butler provided members with a list of car parking charges in Kilkenny City. The area for discussion today was the County Hall car park. He explained that at present there is a daily charge of €2 per day and the purpose of the revised charge is to ensure adequate parking spaces are available for customers, Members and staff. He proposed the following;

First 45 minutes free of charge
€1.30 per hour Monday to Friday
€2.00 per day Saturday & Sunday.

There will be free parking for events and flexibility where necessary.

Members raised queries about charging in other car parks but were reminded that the only car park charge up for discussion today was the County Hall car park.

It was Proposed by Cllr. Michael Doyle
And Seconded by Cllr. David Fitzgerald

And agreed by all present that the charges detailed for the car park at County Hall, Kilkenny would come into force on the 1st February 2019.

Mr. Simon Walton reminded all the Members present that it is a Reserved Function of Members in the Municipal District to both adopt parking by-laws and to set parking charges. It was agreed that other changes to bye-laws will be commenced as part of an overall review on car parking in the New Year.

5. Bóithre Roads

Members raised queries in relation to:

- Road crossing for visually impaired students outside Scoil Aireagail in Ballyhale.
- Mill Street in Thomastown and temporary lights.

- Resurfacing of the slipway in Inistioge .

Ms. Emir Slattery responded to all queries. She explained that there was no funding available at present for the crossing in Ballyhale but the Council will look at it in conjunction with works in Ballyhale/Knocktopher. She stated that the response to the works in Mill Street was positive but it was Irish Water who had erected the temporary lights. They have now been removed. In relation to the slipway in Inistioge Ms. Slattery explained that she had met with Irish Water and it will be March 2019 before resurfacing takes place. In the meantime they are putting up bollards.

6. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. David Fitzgerald dar dáta 16th November, 2018. Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 16th November, 2018.

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle

“That Kilkenny MDC commence the detailed design and construction of the Lousybush link road from the Freshford road to the Waterbarracks to serve the new CBS secondary school and housing in order to relieve the traffic congestion on the Freshford road / Granges road and to ensure that the Dunningstown road does not become a "Rat run" when the new CBS is constructed “.

Cllr Fitzgerald explained that he was bringing this motion as a result of a Community alert residents meeting he attended. He stated that the community is in favour of the development in the area above but have concerns, especially older people of what additional traffic the development will generate.

Mr. Tim Butler confirmed that a design team will shortly be appointed to carry out the environmental assessments to assist with the design of the Roads. There has been no announcement of funding from the Department of Education yet. However, it is acknowledged that the Roads need to be completed before the new School is operational.

Mr. Butler confirmed that the decision on the Northern Ring Road would be before the High Court early in the New Year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____