

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 16 MÍ NA SAMHAIN 2018. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 16TH NOVEMBER 2018.

Mayor, Councillor, Peter Cleere, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllr.Matt Doran, Cllr .Joe Malone, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Seán Tyrrell, Cllr. Patrick O’Neill, Cllr Breda Gardner, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr David Fitzgerald.

Apologies:

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, and Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 9th November, 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 12th October 2018, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Sean Tyrrell
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner
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:

- Park Run 4th Anniversary.
- Thomastown Senior Citizens 40th Anniversary.
- Coderdojo Festival

- Kilkenny Archaeological Society weeklong festival
- Mayor's Reception held for the Kilkenny Eastern Environs Community
- Savour Kilkenny Food Festival
- Launch of Lions Club Duck Race
- Congratulations to County Champions Ballyhale Shamrocks, Graig Ballycallan and Dunnamaggin and wishing them luck in the club championships.
- Best wishes to Thomastown and Young Ireland camogie teams.
- Mayor's Reception for Ballyouskill.
- Civic Reception for Cartoon Saloon.
- People of the Year Awards. Congratulations to Vicky Phelen on the overall award.
- Thomastown United 50th Anniversary.
- Mayor's Reception for St. Fiacre's Camogie Club.
- Tidy Towns Regional Awards.
- WW1 Remembrance Mass in St. Canices
- Baha'i Community Festival
- Mayor's Reception for Graiguenamanagh Scouts.
- Run in the Dark, Mark Pollack Trust.
- Yulefest launch.

The Mayor advised members on his upcoming Concert on 21st December 2018 in the Watergate Theatre. Proceeds from the concert will go to Amber Refuge.

Launch of Mayor's Coal Fund. The Mayor confirmed that the fund was opened to all in the Kilkenny City East and West areas and that likewise it is hoped that businesses from these areas will contribute to the fund. Cllr. Doran reminded people of the great help that St Vincent De Paul provide.

The Mayor explained that the Patterson family has approached himself and Mr. Simon Walton regarding the artefacts that are on display in Seamus's home. The family were wondering if the Council would consider taking some of the memorabilia and making it available to the Public. The Mayor was seeking support from Members to progress this process.

It was Proposed by Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
And Seconded by Cllr Sean Tyrrell

“And Resolved that the Executive will come back to the Members with a proposal around public display of the artefacts of the late Seamus Patterson”.

Cllr. Malcolm Noonan wanted it noted the great progress that has been made in relation to Bridge House and thanked Francis Cody and all involved in progressing the restoration of the building. He also wanted to thank Mr. Simon Walton for the work taking place in Newpark Fen. He congratulated Council staff on the great clean up after Savour Kilkenny.

Votes of Sympathy

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

Tommy Coyne, 50 Larchfield, Kilkenny

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

3. Cur i láthair ar pháirceáil Presentation on Parking.

Mr. Simon Walton explained that there had been 2 recent notion of motions in relation to car parking in the City. The 1st motion is to introduce a one hour free period for car parking in the Market Yard has not yet been agreed by members. The 2nd motion is to prepare a report to review city centre parking charges was agreed by Members and Mr. Walton circulated this report to the Members. The report provided details on the number of car park spaces in the City, the type of car park, on street parking, the charges, the occupancy, the turnover on spaces, total revenue and hourly revenue. Mr. Walton clarified that this report was the start of the process to look at paid car parking in the City centre.

The Members congratulated Mr Walton on his presentation and raised the following queries/observations:

- Private car parks in the City
- Other car parks in the area e.g. HSE
- Employees occupying car park spaces all day
- Bike scheme
- Bus service
- €2 per day car parks
- Park and Ride Scheme
- Breakdown on cost of running the car parks
- Early Bird rate
- Friary Street car park
- Income from Council car parks and role of MD members in its distribution

Mr. Tim Butler and Mr. Simon Walton addressed all the queries and provided clarification in certain areas. Mr. Walton recognised the bravery of the Borough Council in originally introducing car parking charges and the careful reinvestment of the money collected in improving the City for all. He outlined that a park and ride system is not viable and also the city cycle scheme that he recently examined in Sligo. He clarified the Reserved Functions that members have in the Municipal District in relation to the setting of by-laws and the power that Members have in increasing/decreasing parking charges. Mr. Butler spoke about the private car parks in the City and explained how the Council stood in relation to the release of information regarding same. He confirmed that the cost of running the car parks was detailed in the budget. He also spoke about the allocation of money as there is now only one Council and no county charge. Cllr Fitzgerald asked that

the legal advice received from Harts Solicitors in relation to the allocation of money collected in the MD area of Kilkenny be circulated to members.

It was Proposed by Cllr. Peter Cleere
And Seconded by Cllr. Sean Tyrrell

“And Resolved that the Council will actively engage with the Chamber of Commerce and the City Centre Traders to have an informed discussion on how to view the overall approach to car parking charges in the City”.

4. **Nuashonrú ar phlean bainistíochta HGV
HGV Management Plan update**

Mr. Walton explained that he was asked to revisit the HGV Management Plan drafted in 2014. He provided an updated report on the plan to members and gave a brief presentation. He made it clear that the cost of its implementation is significant. Taking HGV's off one street/road means that an alternative route needs to be identified/used.

He recommended;

- a) that the Council commence detailed design of statutory signage to give effect to an articulated vehicle ban on Newpark Drive and other roads as set out in the draft HCV Plan.
- b) the preparation of a detailed traffic impact assessment report to the MDC in February 2019 regarding the implications of:
 1. a one way inbound for articulated vehicles on Kennyswell road and
 2. a one way west to east for articulated vehicles along Banim Terrace, Bishops Hill, Troysgate, Green's Bridge and New Road.

The Members thanked Mr Walton for his presentation and raised the following queries/observations:

- Central Access System update
- Outer Ring Road
- St Francis Bridge and Green's Bridge
- Emergency Vehicles turning on to Vicar Street

Mr Tim Butler and Mr. Simon Walton addressed all queries and clarified the up to date position in relation to the ring road extension and the High Court. Mr. Walton explained the current situation with Green's Bridge and Mr. Butler clarified the situation regarding emergency vehicles using Vicar Street.

It was Proposed by Cllr. David Fitzgerald
And Seconded by Cllr. Peter Cleere

“And Resolved that the partial plan recommendations put forward by Mr. Walton be implemented and a detailed traffic impact assessment report be produced for the February MD meeting”.

5. **Bóithre
Roads**

Mr. Tim Butler explained that the CPG had discussed arranging a 3rd meeting with the TII regarding roads around the County and is seeking a nomination of one member from each MD to attend these future meetings.

It was Proposed by Cllr. Matt Doran
And Seconded by Cllr. Sean Tyrrell

“And Resolved that Cllr. Joe Malone attend”

It was Proposed by Cllr. Sean Tyrrell
And Seconded by Cllr. Breda Gardner

“And Resolved that Cllr. David Kennedy attend”

Members raised queries in relation to:

- Footpath in Newmarket.
- Footpaths in Knocktopher.
- Hedge cutting and overhanging trees.
- LIS scheme where people are unable to contribute.
- Felling Trees at Woodstock.
- Traffic Plan for Friar’s Hill, Mill Street and Waterford Road in Thomastown.
- Ramps on Old Callan Road.
- Footpath Gaol Road.
- Field at the back of Friar’s Hill.
- Thomastown Road in Bennettsbridge.
- Cross roads in Callan.
- Traffic Calming on Fair Green Lane and Mill Street Callan.
- Patrick Street, Kilkenny.

Mr. Tim Butler, Mr. Simon Walton and Ms. Emir Slattery responded to all queries.

Suspension of Standing Orders:

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Patrick O’Neill
Seconded by: Cllr. Matt Doran
And Resolved

“that the finishing time of the meeting be extended to deal with the next items on the agenda”.

**6. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. David Fitzgerald dar dáta 13th September, 2018
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. David Fitzgerald received 13th September, 2018.**

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner

"That Kilkenny MDC introduce special designated dog friendly walking routes through Kilkenny City with dog fouling waste bins and bags dispensers along with appropriate signage, road markings and online information to highlight the routes in order to encourage responsible dog owners to clean up and maintain our footpaths to a high standard".

Cllr Fitzgerald explained that he was bringing this motion to encourage more responsible dog ownership and to make Kilkenny a dog friendly city.

Mr. Tim Butler confirmed that the Environment Section were starting a new campaign today called "Poo off our Pavement". There will be a press release and audio poles telling people to clean up after their dog. It is a matter of educating people. He advised that the Environment Section would be asked to consider designated routes.

Mayor Peter Cleere vacated the chair and was replace for a short period by the Deputy Mayor Joe Malone.

**7. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Breda Gardner dar dáta 31st October, 2018.
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Breda Gardner received 31st October, 2018.**

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. Breda Gardner
Seconded by: Cllr David Kennedy

"That Kilkenny Co Co will implement a floating traffic warden between the towns of Callan Thomastown and Graiguenamanagh to ensure existing by - laws are maintained and businesses can benefit with better management of Parking ".

Cllr. Gardner explained that the Thomastown Community Network are to trying to encourage more people to come into the Town. One way to do this is to ensure that the short-term car parking spaces are policed and that people parking all day would be persuaded to use the large car park available in the Town. Cllr Kennedy commented that this was not a money making opportunity but a chance to make people think twice about parking and have a turnover of spaces in the main business area.

Cllr. Noonan supported the motion and asked for an update on all the motions that were submitted from 2014 and the progress on these motions.

Mr. Tim Butler stated that a floating Traffic Warden in conjunction with by-laws could be

introduced subject to funding being available. Cllr. Cleere affirmed that the Council consider the introduction of a floating Traffic Warden.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____