

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 12 DEIREADH FÓMHAIR, 2018. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 12TH OCTOBER 2018.

Mayor, Councillor, Peter Cleere, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Seán Tyrrell, Cllr. Patrick McKee, Cllr. Patrick O'Neill, Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr. Breda Gardner,

Apologies: Cllr. David Kennedy

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Nicolaas Louw, Senior Executive Planner, Ms. Emir Slattery, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Declan Murphy, Executive Engineer, Mr. Seamus Loughlin, Executive Engineer, Ms. Amy Granville Assistant Planner and Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 5th October, 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 14th September 2018, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. Matt Doran
And Resolved

“That the minutes as presented to the meeting be and are hereby adopted with only one change relating to Cllr Gardner stating she had sent apologies for the meeting”.

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:

- Medieval Mile Marathon.
- JJ Reddy Annual Run in Danesfort.
- Kilkenny Water Safety Swim Awards Presentation Night in Graiguenamanagh.
- Kilkenny City Library - Culture night launch.
- Teach Tom 5k walk and celebration night.
- 40th Anniversary of No Name Club Awards in Newpark.
- 12 Marathons in 12 days charity finishing line.
- National Tidy Towns Awards, Congratulations to all Kilkenny participants and winners.
- Entente Floral Awards.
- Mayor's Reception for Graiguenamanagh Brass Band.
- Arís Choir Album launch.
- Trip to Formigine.
- Lions Appeal Christmas launch.
- Mayors Reception for Mens Sheds Groups in Kilkenny.
- Tom Walsh Photography launch in Graiguenamanagh library.
- Eastern Environs Group, defibrillator and first responder night.
- Mayor's Reception for Craobh Osrai, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann.
- Launch of Bookville in the Arts Office.

The Mayor congratulated Thomastown, Inistioge and Ballyhale on their successful applications under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and to Callan on been chosen under the Town and Village pilot Residential Occupancy scheme.

Tributes were paid to Bishop Laurence Forristal retired Bishop of Ossary and uncle to a former major of Kilkenny Paul Cuddihy. Tributes were also paid to Emma Mhic Mhathúna and all the Woman affected by the cervical cancer controversy. Members joined with the Mayor in offering a vote of sympathy to the families and a minute silence was held.

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
 Seconded by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
 and agreed:

“ that a Housing workshop would take place after this meeting is concluded.”

The Mayor complimented the staff of Kilkenny County Council and the Fire Services for their response to the fire in Bridge House on John Street. He acknowledged that it was the right decision to close John Street for health and safety reasons.

Members also commended Kilkenny County Council Staff, the Fire Services, the Gardai and the John Street Traders. They raised queries in relation to:

- The work around the stabilisation of the structure and reopening of John Street
- The necessary care needed for the removal of the materials.
- A protection order and the reconstruction/restoration of the building.
- The Role of the Civic Trust and the National Monuments Service.

Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, responded to all queries. He explained the actions that had already been taken and what is to come. The fact that it is privately owned

building and is a protected structure and that relevant notices will be served on the owners is protecting the building. He clarified that the National Monuments Services had visited the site and expressed their satisfaction in what the Council is doing.

3. Athbhreithniú ar Phlean Ceantair Áitiúil Thomastown agus Callan - Cuspóirí beartaithe, lena n-áirítear Criosú.

Review of Thomastown and Callan Local Area Plan - Proposed objectives, including Zoning.

Mr. Nicolaas Louw, Senior Executive Planner, referred to the last MD meeting where an overview was provided on both Local Area Plans. The proposed objectives including the zoning of the lands will be going on display shortly. He explained that the plans must be compliant with the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy Roadmap under the National Planning Framework (NPF). Kilkenny County Council is the first Local Authority to draft Local Area Plans under the Roadmap. The Ministerial guidance on objectives including zoning must be taken into consideration for all LAP's. These objectives including zoning should contribute to the National Strategic Outcomes, be restricted in accordance with transitional population projections and be an evidentially assessment of need, infrastructure and physical site suitability.

Thomastown Local Area Plan:

Ms. Amy Granville, Assistant Planner, explained that since the overview given at the last MD meeting a consultation evening was held in Thomastown. There were 3 main items that emerged from the meeting around the wish list and vision for the Town. They are Job Creation, Heritage and Tourism.

Under the NPF Roadmap Thomastown has a projected population growth of 270 persons equivalent to 100 housing units. To facilitate this growth the proposed LAP will look to zone 6.7 hectares of lands as New Residential. There will also be opportunity across the LAP for infill developments of small residential or mixed use schemes on existing residentially zoned lands. The new LAP however will see a reduction in zoned land for Thomastown from the previous LAP.

Ms. Granville provided details on the objectives of the LAP, including the plans for economic development, housing, community, tourism, recreation, amenities, movement and transport.

The draft of the plan will go on display early in November for a 6 week public consultation period. An information evening will be held in Thomastown following a social media awareness campaign. During this period submission/ observation will be invited.

Callan Local Area Plan:

Ms. Aislinn O'Brien from SLR Consulting followed on her previous presentation by describing the vision of Callan as a vibrant low carbon district town of approximately 3 thousand people with employment centred on retail, creative industries, arts, tourism and community service sectors. She detailed the development strategy taking note of the

NPF roadmap. She confirmed that 4.91 ha of residential zoned land is required to meet the population growth predictions. There will, similar to Thomastown, be opportunities across the LAP for infill developments of small residential or mixed use schemes on existing residentially zoned lands. There will be a reduction of zoned lands to the previous LAP.

Ms. O'Brien outlined the objective of what the LAP will deliver under economic development and employment, housing, transport, community, infrastructure and energy.

The draft of the plan will go on display early in November

The Members thanked Aislinn and Amy for their presentation and raised the following queries/observations:

- An unambitious housing provision in the plans for Thomastown.
- Lands that are prone to flooding and the IPC report.
- Restrictions of one off housing under NDP 2040 and serviced site provision.
- Refurbishment of heritage buildings.
- Plans for keeping town centre alive.
- Plans for links to the train station in Thomastown

Ms. Aislinn O'Brien, Mr Nicolaas Louw and Mr. Tim Butler addressed all the queries. Mr. Louw said that in terms of ambition, the Council is tied by a number of factors including the NPF and existing infrastructure. The Mayor added that the process had to conform to what is set out in the NPF and if anything was lacking ambition it was the NPR. Mr Louw confirmed that there is no guidance as yet on serviced sites.

4. **Statutory Budget Meeting**

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

“ that the Statutory Budget Meeting for the Municipal District of Kilkenny will take place on Monday, 12th November, 2018, at 6.00 p.m. in Council Chamber, City Hall, High Street, Kilkenny”.

5. **Clár Ibhliantúil Trí Bhliana**

Three Year Road Multi Annual Programme

Members were provided with a list of the Regional and Local Road schemes to be funded from 2019 -2021 under restoration improvements grants. They were also supplied with the list of the non National Road schemes to be funded for the same period under the same scheme.

The Members raised the following queries/observations:

- Garryricken Road in Callan
- Roads in Thomastown where one part of the road is in more need than another part.

- Newline Road in Callan
- Resurfacing of Low Street to Logan Street
- Thomastown to Gowran road.
- Ladywells Street.
- Alternatives to the programme.

Ms Emir Slattery, Senior Executive Engineer responded to all queries. She explained that it would not be cost effective to only restore/ resurface part roads. She agreed to do an exercise on some of the problem roads that were raised, taking into account the road rating, condition and usage.

It was Proposed by: Cllr. Patrick O'Neill
 Seconded by: Cllr. Michael Doyle
 And agreed

“ that Three Year Road Multi Annual Programme be approved”

6. **Bóithre** Roads

Members raised queries in relation to:

- Hebron Rd – Junction with O'Loughlin Gaels.
- Bohernatownish Road- problem with traffic particularly at school times.
- Callan Road – cars exiting from Car Boot Sale
- Age Friendly Car Parking Spaces in Thomastown.

Mr. Tim Butler, Mr. Simon Walton and Ms. Emir Slattery responded to all queries. Mr. Walton explained that the cars exiting from the Car Boot Sale on the Callan road are linked to an event and it is up to the event organisers to ensure the exit is safe. Although there appears to be good visibility on this road Mr. Butler agreed to refer it to the TII for their consideration. Ms. Slattery addressed the issue of the Age Friendly parking but did agree that Thomastown as a whole needs a mobility traffic plan.

7. **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.**

"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".

Item deferred in the absence of Cllr David Fitzgerald.

8. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Malcolm Noonan dar dáta 12th October, 2018
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 12th October, 2018.

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner

“That Kilkenny Municipal District would work with Newpark Close FRC, NPWS, Kilkenny LEADER Partnership and the wider community to develop a conservation and access plan for Newpark Fen, recognising the invaluable community and ecological resource of the fen as a public park for the people of Kilkenny. Such a plan would address changes to the hydrology and quality of the habitat, illegal dumping, lighting, maintenance and disability access around it’s perimeter and to explore it’s possible use as an educational resource for schools in the City”.

Cllr. Noonan spoke about the area around Newpark Fen, the community park and the walking track which is falling in to disrepair and suffering from a lot of waste dumping. He asked that the MD work with other bodies to develop a conservation plan for the area.

Mr. Walton confirmed that some works had already been done in this area with KBB and National Parks & Wildlife Service(NPWS) around developing outdoor classrooms on the site and confirmed that the Council are/ will look at further measures in the park.

9. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Malcolm Noonan dar dáta 12th October, 2018.
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 12th October, 2018.

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner

“ That Kilkenny Municipal District would apply to become a member of the Civitas EU Network for Clean and Better Transport for Cities, joining over 800 other European Cities who are committed to seeking cleaner transport solutions for urban areas, improving quality of life, sharing best practice, leveraging funding opportunities and moving towards a low carbon economy, smart, sustainable cities and local self reliance”.

Cllr. Noonan spoke in favour of the motion to become a member of Civitas. Mr Butler stated that there are a number of EU initiatives to improve transport systems. This proposal should be brought to the SPC to see which of the EU initiatives would be best suited to our city. Cllr Noonan agreed with Mr. Butler.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____