

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 10<sup>th</sup> IÚIL 2020. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, KILKENNY**

**Mayor, Councillor, John Coonan, Presiding.**

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí:** Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. David Fitzgerald.

**Apologies:**

**Also Present:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer, Mr. Kieran Kelly, Residence Engineer, Ms. Fiona Deegan, Head of Enterprise, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

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**Mayor's Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

**1. A dhaingniú Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe.**  
**Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting:**

Minutes of Annual meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Martin Brett  
Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
And Resolved

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

Minutes of monthly meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
Seconded by: Cllr. Eugene McGuinness  
And Resolved

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

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness raised a query on the minutes of the Special meeting in May 2020. Mr. Tim Butler confirmed that the Minutes of the Special meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May were a true and accurate account of the meeting and were approved by Members at the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

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

The Mayor:

- Congratulated Deputy Malcolm Noonan on his appointment as Minister of State.
- Congratulated Mr. Colin Ahern new chairperson of Chambers of Commerce, Mr. Pat O’ Hanlon new president of Lions Club, Mr. Ian Coulter new president of the Rotary Club and Mr. Brian Tyrell, chair of Kilkenny Tourism.
- Wished Dominic Hayes the best on his retirement.
- Acknowledge Catriona Corr’s appointment as Kilkenny County Council’s cycling officer.
- Express gratitude to Dr. Tony Holohan.
- Welcomed home the 115<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.

## **Votes of Sympathy**

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

Ignatius Cantwell, Upper Waterbaracks, Kilkenny.  
Des Canning, Cootes Lane, Kilkenny.  
Benji Lawlor, Pudding Lane, Kilkenny.  
Retired Detective Garda Patrick Mulcahy, Wexford.  
Henry Drea, Blackwell, Bennettsbridge, Kilkenny.

## **3. Naushonrú LIHAF. LIHAF update**

Mr. Kieran Kelly, Resident Engineer, gave an update to the Members on the Kilkenny Western Environs Phase 1 Infrastructure Scheme (LIHAF). He gave a brief background on the scheme, the current situation, the estimated cost, the timeline and the impact from Covid-19. The Members thanked Mr. Kelly and asked about future interruptions and funding for the scheme.

Mr. Butler and Mr. Kelly responded to the Members.

## **4. Suirbhé - Fillfimid ar Ghnó go Sábháilte. Survey - Let’s Get Back to Business Safely.**

Ms. Fiona Deegan, Head of Enterprise presented to the Members the results of a survey carried out in Kilkenny City on the reopening of businesses. She provided details on the launch of the Kilkenny Welcome Team and the shop local, shop safely campaign. The Members thanked Ms.

Deegan for the presentation. They also thanked Mr. Gardner, Mr. Butler and Kilkenny County Council for making the City a safe and welcoming environment for tourists, locals, and businesses.

## **5. Nuashonrú ar thionscadail bóithre.**

### Update on Road Projects

Mr. Ian Gardner provided a report for Members detailing road work updates for July. The report included information on pavement works, surface dressing, road openings, landscaping/planting, stockpile materials and maintenance works. He also provided the Members with details of works carried out or in progress for the re-opening of the City. Members thanked Mr. Gardner for the detailed report. They also thanked the staff of the Council. The Members raised the following queries/comments in relation to roads:

- Anti-social behaviour, animal cruelty, CCTV cameras on the Hebron Road and the possibility of using mobile CCTV unit.
- Long term car parking facilities/strategy & signage for people working in the City.
- Grass cutting, shore blasting and clarifying which housing estates that grass is cut in.
- Illegal dumping behind houses in Assumption Place and in Newpark Fen.
- Landscaping on Gaol Road.
- Tree pruning and removal.
- Works at St. Francis Terrace.

Mr. Butler and Mr. Gardner responded to all the Members queries. Mr. Butler confirmed that the Council will repair the 3 CCTV cameras on the Hebron Road. The Parking Bye-Laws will be reviewed later in the year and the Local Transport Plan will be looking at all aspects of parking and traffic management in the City. Mr. Gardner agreed to look at illegal dumping in Assumption Place and Newpark Fen. He will provide a list of Council maintained housing estates but most small estates are maintained by Residences Associations. The landscaping on Gaol Road will commence shortly and the tree pruning and removal will take place under the low-cost safety work scheme. He confirmed that works in St. Francis Terrace will start next week.

## **6. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. John Coonan dar data 23rd June 2020 Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr John Coonan received 23rd June 2020**

"That Kilkenny City Municipal District endeavour to take all necessary steps possible to resolve the upsurge in anti-social behaviour in the Linear Park. As reported to me and the Gardaí from the resident's association of Riverside Drive & Sycamore / Aylesbury Estates".

Cllr. John Coonan explained that the Residents Association from the Linear Park area had contacted the Members regarding anti-social behaviour:

It was:        Proposed by:    Cllr. John Coonan  
                  Seconded by:    Cllr. Andrew McGuinness  
                  And agreed by all

“ that necessary steps be taken to resolve the upsurge in anti-social behaviour in the Linear Park”.

Mr. Butler explained that significant works had been carried out by the Council in the area to prevent anti-social behaviour including new public lighting and barrier gates. These measures however, cannot prevent people congregating, drinking and making a nuisance which are matters

for the Gardai. It is unclear what more the Council can do but Mr. Butler confirmed that he would be willing to speak again with Gardai and the Residences.

**7. Aon Ghnó Eile**  
**Any Other Business**

Mr. Tim Butler thanked local businesses and the Elected Members for working with the Council on all the recent proposals and measures being implemented in the City including the social distancing, the new traffic system, the extended farmers market, welcome ambassadors, shop local campaign and others.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness and Cllr. Andrew McGuinness highlighted the increase in animal cruelty in recent months and the need for enforcement measures to be taken. They acknowledged the difficulty of the situation but called for a zero-tolerance approach. Mr. Butler reassured Members that the Council are doing the upmost to eliminate animal cruelty including the seizing of dogs and horses but the recent restrictions had affected efforts. The new animal welfare committee will consist of 6 Councillors and 5 nominations from animal organisations. Members will be appointed to the committee at the next Council meeting. Cllr. Andrew McGuinness wanted to publicly thank the Council Executive for all their work in the area of animal cruelty and the other Members agreed. However, they called for more money, resources and personnel to be allocated to this area.

The Mayor requested that Ms. Catriona Corr, the new cycling officer for Kilkenny, attend the next Municipal District and give a presentation on cycling in Kilkenny.

The next meeting of Municipal District will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAYOR**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_