

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR
CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 16th DEIREADH FÓMHAIR 2020.
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 16TH OCTOBER
2020 VIA MS TEAMS.**

Mayor, Councillor, John Coonan, Presiding.

Present on MS Teams/ I Láthair MS Teams:-

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

Apologies:

Also Present on MS Teams: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 9th October, 2020, 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 11th September 2020, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. Maria Dollard
And Resolved

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

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

The Mayor:

- Shared his concerns over the recent increase in Covid cases and the need for both personal and community responsibility in dealing with the pandemic.
- Congratulated all involved in Kilkenny achieving the IBAL award for the cleanest City for the second year in a row.
- Praised the success of the 1st Kilkenny Day held on the 11th October and hoped that it will be a yearly event.
- Spoke about the launch of the Mayor's Annual Christmas Fund.

- Acknowledged the great work of the Samaritans as they mark 25 years in Kilkenny.

Votes of Sympathy

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

Josephine Mullally, Danesfort, Kilkenny.
Anne O' Ruairc, Maiden Hill, Kilkenny.
Eugene O'Reilly, Collaire Court, Callan, Kilkenny.
Seamus Foskin, Kilcoly, The Rower, Kilkenny.
Annie Cleere, Skeoghvosteen, Kilkenny.

3. Nuashonrú ar an gcóras faid shóisialta/bealach amháin I gCathair Chill Chainnigh.

Update on social distancing/one- way system in Kilkenny City.

Mr. Butler reminded Members that an update on the one-way system including the results of surveys from businesses and the public had been presented to them at the September Municipal District meeting. It was agreed at that meeting that a review of the one-way system would be deferred to the October meeting to allow the Members time to review the update and to consider the results of the surveys. The temporary one-way system he explained is to provide greater space for pedestrians to social distance and as concerns around the increase in Covid 19 cases grow so does the rationality of keeping the system in place for a further period. The recommendation from the Executive is to retain the one-way system. The new Development Plan could provide detail plans for future proper traffic management in Kilkenny City.

Mr. Gardner advise that updating of the travel model for Kilkenny is been undertaken at present and a new traffic model should be in place by the middle of next year.

The Members raised issues in relation to Rose Inn Street, John Street, disability parking and unnecessary traffic going through the City. All were in agreement that the one-way system should remain in place.

It was	Recommended by:	Cllr. John Coonan
	Seconded by:	Cllr. Joe Malone
	And agreed by all	

“to retain the one-way system”.

Mr. Butler clarified that under present legislation the Members can only make recommendations on Team meetings and the adoption of any proposals will have to take place at the next physical meeting.

Mr. Gardner confirmed that he will have a report on traffic counts and traffic movement for the next meeting.

4. Dáta agus am a leathnú le haghaidh Fodhlíthe Trádála Ócáideacha

Extend date & time for Casual Trading Bye-Laws

Mr. Butler advised that at the June Municipal District meeting Members had agreed to permit local artists to display and sell their work and markets to operate on weekends until the 4th October. The numbers trading has reduced and will more than likely cease at the end of October. A recommendation is now being sought to extend the date of trading for artists and traders on Saturday until the end of October.

It was Recommended by: Cllr. Joe Malone
 Seconded by: Cllr. Maria Dollard
 And agreed by all

“to extend trading at weekends until the end of October 2020”.

The Members raised queries on the possibility of extending the number of trading days on the Parade and concerns over Traders not wearing mask.

Mr. Butler explained that any changes to trading on the Parade will have to be considered when adopting the revised Casual Trading Bye-Laws in the coming months. He will ask the HSE for guidelines on face mask for outdoor Traders and will advise stall holders accordingly.

5. Nuashonrú ar Thionscadail Bóithre.

Update on Road Projects

Mr. Gardner will give an update on Road Projects at the next monthly meeting.

6. Dáta socraithe do chruinniú Budget dúiche barasach Chathair Chill Chainnigh.

Fix date for Municipal District of Kilkenny City Budget meeting

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh proposed that the MD of Kilkenny City Budget meeting take place on the 13th November at 1.30pm prior to the November Monthly Meeting. The Members agreed and Ms. Walsh confirmed that this date will have to be brought to the full Council October meeting for ratification.

7. Aon Ghnó Eile

Any Other Business

Mr. Butler referred to the report on Monuments and Memorials which had been circulated to Members earlier in the week. A request had come from the Piltown MD for the Council to take Sinnott’s Cross in charge and the report set out the background to Sinnott’s Monument and gave details on other Monuments throughout the County. There are in excess of 300 such Monuments in County Kilkenny and at present the Council only maintain Monuments that have been commissioned and funded by the Council. The Members discussed the details of the report and the consensus from the MD was that the Council could not sustain such a commitment for this and similar Monuments in the County. Amending the criteria for Amenity Grants would be a more appropriate way to assist in providing funding to maintain and insure Monuments around the

County. This consensus from the Kilkenny MD Members will be taken to the Corporate Policy Group.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness requested that an Engineer attend the next MD meeting to confirm that the works being carried out by Irish Water in Fatima Place are up to standard. He also asked for reassurance that the Residence's water will not be cut off. Mr. Butler confirmed that no one's water will be disconnected and that Water Service Department will provide feedback on the works being carried out.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness highlighted to Members a current planning application for dealing with knotweed in a rural location.

Members asked about the future plans for the community building at Hazel Grove Loughboy.

**8. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. John Coonan dar data 2nd September 2020
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr John Coonan received 2nd September 2020**

"That Kilkenny County Council, in the review of the Parking By-laws engage with the disability access groups during the consultation process to ensure their requirements are fully considered. Additionally, that once disability spaces have been agreed, that specific identification be placed at the locations and an alert system put in place to further enable swift response to illegal use of disability spaces".

Cllr. John Coonan spoke on the motion and stressed the importance of disability parking spaces and the policing of same. The Members agreed with the motion but understood that it can't be adopted until a physical MD meeting takes place.

Mr. Gardner advised Members of people's rights to appeal car parking fines if they feel they are unjust or incorrect.

**9. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Joe Malone data 29th September 2020
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr Joe Malone 29th September 2020**

"Handball has made an enormous contribution to the lives of the people of Kilkenny both by individual players, teams and clubs. I propose that Kilkenny County Council examine the provision of a suitable monument and location to recognise the positive contribution this sport has made to the lives of the people of Kilkenny City and County".

Cllr. Malone spoke about the importance of Handball to Kilkenny and all the Members were in agreement with his motion and the need to get the GAA involved.

Mr. Butler confirmed that once the motion was adopted the proposal will be examined.

**10. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. John Coonan dar data 2nd September 2020
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr John Coonan received 2nd September 2020**

"That Kilkenny County Council take all steps necessary to undertake a planned program of vital refurbishment/ restoration works at St. Kenny's Well as a matter of priority".

Cllr. Coonan provided the Members with a brief history of St. Kenny's Well and the surrounding area. He thanks the generations of the Hacket Family who have cared for the Well over the years. The Members all agreed that the Council should apply for funding from the Government with the assistance of Deputy Malcolm Noonan to carry out necessary works on the Well.

Mr. Gardner agreed to look at the traffic situation on the Kenny's Well Road.

11. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Joe Malone data 29th September 2020
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr Joe Malone 29th September 2020

“That Kilkenny County Council carry out a feasibility study for the extension of the footpath and lighting from the roundabout on the N77 Castlecomer Road/ Ring Road as far as Dunmore Village Carpark”.

Cllr. Malone explained that he had a number of meetings with Residences in Dunmore who want the footpath and lighting extended to Dunmore Village. All the Members were in agreement that a feasibility study should be carried out and this motion should be adopted at the next MD meeting.

The Members were also seeking the feasibility of a north Kilkenny Greenway and extension to the Linear walk.

Mr. Butler agreed to look at the motion once it has been adopted. Highlighted to the Members that as the Road is a National Secondary Road, TII have the responsibility and will be the decision makers on any improvement/additions on this National Road.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

MAYOR

Date:
