

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 8<sup>th</sup> Eanáir 2021 A BHEIDH AR MS TEAMS. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021 VIA MS TEAMS.**

**Deputy Mayor, Councillor, David Fitzgerald, Presiding.**

**Present Via Teams / I Láthair via Teams:-**

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

**Apologies:** Mayor Cllr. John Coonan

**Also Present Via Teams :** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Una Kealy, Administrative Officer, Mr. Alan Hyland, Executive Engineer, Mr. Michael Murphy, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

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**Mayor's Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 31st December, 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 11<sup>th</sup> December 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”.

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

The Deputy Mayor:

- Congratulated Bishop Dermot Farrell on his appointment as Archbishop of Dublin and thanked him for his significant contribution to the Diocese of Ossory over the last number of years.

- Acknowledged all contributors to the Mayor's Christmas Fund.
- Urged people in the community to consider their neighbours during the current cold spell.
- Requested the public to continue to be Covid level 5 compliant and adhere to the restrictions and stay at home.

### **Votes of Sympathy**

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

Mrs Margaret (Peg) Staunton, Greenhills, Kilkenny

### **3. Nuashonrú ar Fhorbairtí Eastáit Tithíochta.**

Update on Housing Developments.

Ms. Una Kealy, Administration Officer and Mr. Alan Hyland, Executive Engineer provided an update to the Members on applications on hand to have estates taken in charge. There are 12 taking in charge applications for Kilkenny MD and Members were provided with estimated targets dates for taking in charge. The Members thanked Ms. Kealy and Mr. Hyland and raised queries in relation to:

- Works and footpaths in Parc Na Gowan.
- Outstanding works in Rath Ullord and the dumping of large amounts of rubble.
- Caretaker position in Lakeside when estate is taken in charge.
- Status of works in Newpark Crescent.
- The 8 estates which have no time lime for taking in charge.

Mr. Hyland responded to Members. He advised that schedule of works had been agreed for the estates mentioned and it was expected to achieve target dates for taking in charge. Rubble dumping is a matter for the Environment Section to investigate. He could not give a timeframe for the 8 other estates listed but he hoped they would be on the work schedule for 2022.

### **4. Tuarascáil tráchta do Shráid Phádraig Uachtarach**

Traffic Report for Upper Patrick Street.

Mr. Ian Gardner presented a traffic report on Upper Patrick Street and in particular the areas around St. John of God National School and St. Patricks De Le Salle Boys National School. He gave details on the rationale for the report including the congestion caused at school drop off/pick up times, indiscriminate parking and changes made by owners of the private car park at the Village Inn. He explained that following discussions with the schools and other parties involved it was agreed to appoint consultants to identify solutions to alleviate these problems.

Roadplan Consulting were appointed and they produced a report on their findings and recommendations. The report recommendations included schools developing mobility management plans, increase set down areas and improved permeability & connectivity. It also recommended public road changes including asking School Wardens to reduce interruptions to traffic, a queue detection system, prevent illegal parking and improvements to the junction near the schools. Another recommendation is to consider new Parking Bye-Laws for some of the near-by roads. Mr. Gardner advised on the measures that could be introduce in the short and medium term. The Members thanked Mr. Gardner and raised the following points/issues/questions:

- Status of Cootes Lane and Village Inn Carpark.
- Use of Wheelchair Association grounds.
- Pedestrian access through St. John of God Convent.
- Bridge across the Breagagh River and new pedestrian routes.
- School agreements with Lidl and Aldi.
- Emphasising cycling/walking to school similar to Gaelscoil.
- Residences on Cootes Lane.
- Filter lane at Junction on New Street/Jacob Street.
- Long term Car Park on outskirts of City serviced by Bus.

Mr. Gardner responded to Members. He confirmed that Cootes Lane is a public road in both directions. The Convent is in private ownership with a social housing proposal on the lands. The Lidl/ Aldi plan is still in place and consideration can be given to the proposals from the Members including a bridge over the Breagagh River and pedestrian routes. The Park and Ride suggestion can be considered under the wider Mobility Plan for the City.

The Members agreed that the Kilkenny Area Office should proceed with the recommendation in the report and commence discussions with the owner of the Village Inn Car Park and all interested parties.

#### Lighting up the City

Mr. Ian Gardner provided members with a visual presentation on lighting up buildings/structures along the Medieval Mile. Feature lighting, he explained can highlight specific characteristics of historical structures and make them more interesting. Mr. Gardner furnished the Members with details on the different type of feature lighting that could be used. He explained that URDF funding has been approved for the project but the Council has to part fund up to 25% of the cost. He is still awaiting final confirmation regarding the cost but it is hoped that some of the feature lighting will be in place by St. Patrick's Day.

All the Members agreed that lighting up the Medieval Mile was a great project and would like to see more buildings/structures around the City lit up.

It was Proposed by: Cllr Eugene McGuinness  
 Seconded by: Cllr Andrew McGuinness  
 And agreed

“ that the Christmas lights remain on the Parade until the end of the January”

Members asked about the possibility of getting permanent old-style lamps for the area. Mr. Gardner confirmed that the Christmas lights will remain up for the month and he will investigate and report back to Members on the costs of lamps for the Parade. Green's Bridge was raised but Mr. Gardner explained that this bridge did not form part of the Medieval Mile. Mr. Butler confirmed that the Council was in discussions with the NTA around supporting walking and cycling in the City and Greens Bridge is central to these plans. It was agreed that Green's Bridge would be put on the Agenda for MD meeting later in the year.

**5. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. David Fitzgerald data 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
 Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr David Fitzgerald received 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

“I propose that the Mayor and Members of Kilkenny Municipal District commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Friary Street ambush on 21st February 2021 with an appropriate ceremony at the plaque in remembrance of the two members of the first Kilkenny Brigade who lost their lives on that fateful day”.

Cllr. Fitzgerald introduced his motion stating that it was important to mark the 100-year anniversary of this significant event within the restrictions of Covid and asked the Members for their support.

An amendment to the proposal was put forward “that in line with government policy that all commemorations focus on respectful commemoration of all those who lost their lives during the period, that we include Thomas Dollard in our commemoration service”

It was: Proposed by: Cllr. Eugene McGuinness  
Seconded by: Cllr. Martin Brett  
And agreed by all

“that the motion with the amendment be passed”.

Mr. Butler agreed to discuss the motion with the Heritage Section and will report back to Members on what might be appropriate. There are other parties including Larry Scanlan and Kilkenny War Memorial Group who will want to be involved and are interested in carrying out enactments of specific events.

## **6. Aon Ghnó Eile**

### Any Other Business

Mr. Butler advised Members that it is proposed to go to Part 8 Planning for the improvement extension of the Freshford Road to Dunningstown Road to facilitated the new CBS development in February 2021. He and apologised to the Members for not circulating the document before the meeting.

Mr Michael Murphy, Executive Engineer provided the Members will the details of the Part 8 Planning application and explained that it will go on public display in early February. Decision on the application will be made by the full council. Members expressed concerns around the change to Dunningstown Road but Mr. Murphy assured all that everyone could have their say under the public consultation process.

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh reminded members that the Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws are on display until the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and submissions can be made up to that date.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness raised a question regarding ponds on the Circular Road and speeding in Roberts Hill. Mr. Murphy confirmed that the ponds are for holding surface and are part of the development in the area and are fenced off. He would look at putting some more signage around them. Mr. Gardner agreed to look at traffic monitoring in Roberts Hill and report back to next meeting.

Cllr Fitzgerald concluded the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

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

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

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