

# CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A  
TIONÓLADH AN 11<sup>th</sup> SAMHAIN 2022

*MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING  
HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022 AT 1.30 P.M.*

Mayor, Councillor David Fitzgerald, Presiding.

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

*Councillors/Comhairleoirí:* Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr. Maria Dollard,  
Cllr. Eugene McGuinness., Cllr Andrew McGuinness.

*Apologies:*

*Also Present:* Mr. Tim Butler Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Martin Prendiville Financial Director, Ms. Noelle Brett, Accountant, Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer, Teresa Mahon, Staff Officer.

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**Mayor's Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 3rd November, 2022 convening a Draft Budget Plan Meeting for this date was read.

**1. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting:**

**(a)** Adoption of Draft Budget Plan.

Mr. Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance, outlined the statutory process under the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which prescribes the requirement to adopt a budget for the Municipal District. The draft budget of €98.7 million for 2023 is due to be considered by the Plenary Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. This is an increase of €4.8 on 2022 which is partly supported by grant funding. There are significant challenges facing Kilkenny County Council in 2023 including inflation running at a level not seen in 40 years, increased energy costs and the national pay agreement. The Government will provide 100% compensation for the pay increases and 77% towards the increase in energy cost. However the Council still faces funding challenges including the shortfall of funding for social housing voids, RAS recoupment, increase costs of providing services, matching grant funding, the Mayfair Library, significant additions to the Parks Department and the new Greenway. All adding to the cost base. Keeping within budget levels under the current inflation rates will result in less being achieved for the same allocation. The LPT is unchanged for 2023 but a net increase of €750,000 is

expected in commercial rates. In 2022 the allocation was €50,000 to each Municipal District and for 2023 the proposed allocation is also €50,000 provided that provision is made in the adopted Budget for 2023.

Contributions were raised by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Martin Brett, and Cllr Eugene McGuinness.

Mr. Prendiville and Mr. Butler responded to the contributions raised by the Members.

**Discretionary Roads Budget €499,000 (Estimate)**

This Discretionary Roads Budget is subject to works being identified that are consistent with Appendix 1 of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports' Memorandum on Grants for Regional and Local Roads – Revised 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012. A detailed programme of work will be agreed with the City Engineer at the start of 2023, for inclusion in the 2023 Roads Works Scheme.

**Discretionary General Budget €50,000**

It was:

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

“That the Municipal District of Kilkenny City hereby adopt the following draft Budget, subject to this provision being included in the adopted Budget for 2023 by the Plenary Council”.

Discretionary Roads Budget	€ 499,000
Discretionary General Budget	€ 50,000

All present agreed.

The business of the meeting then concluded.

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

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