

# CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

## MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A TIONÓLADH AN 9<sup>th</sup> NOLLAIG 2022

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2022 AT 2.30 P.M.

Mayor, Councillor David FitzGerald, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

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

*Apologies:*

*Also Present:* Mr. Tim Butler Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Ian Gardner Senior Engineer, Alison McGrath, Acting Staff Officer.

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#### MAYOR'S SUMMONS OF MEETING:

Notice dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2022, 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> November, 2022, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation.

It was:

**Proposed By:** Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

**Seconded By:** Cllr. John Coonan

**And Agreed**

*"That the Minutes as presented to the meeting be and are hereby adopted"*

- 1.1 Minutes of Budget Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation.

It was:

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Eugene McGuinness

**Seconded by:** Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

**And Agreed**

*"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***

**Votes of Sympathy**

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

Ms. Vicky Phelan, Annacotty, Limerick and formerly Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny.  
Recent fatality on our roads in Kilkenny.

**The Mayor:**

- Complimented and congratulated all involved in Yulefest
- Welcomed displaced Ukrainian people to Kilkenny.
- Extended Christmas wishes to those present.
- Congratulated Cllr. Maria Dollard on her appointment as Chairperson of Keep Kilkenny Beautiful.

**3. *Togra Chuid 8 - Tithíocht ag Láithreán and Stáisiúin Aimsire ar Bhóthar Bhaile Uí Dhonnagáin* - Part 8 Proposal – Housing at Weather Station Site on the Dunningstown Road.**

It was proposed by Cllr. D. FitzGerald, seconded by Cllr. A. McGuinness that this item be taken in a workshop.

**4. *Boithre* - Roads**

**- Monthly Update**

Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer provided a report for the Members detailing works undertaken throughout the City and Environs. The report included details on pavement improvement works in Dean Street, laneway at Willow Close, footpath repairs at Fr. Albert Place, provision of seating on Patrick Street, Newpark roundabout landscaping, Public lighting improvements and pavement repairs at Talbots Court. Other works undertaken included traffic calming measures comprising of a number of new speed reduction ramps and driver feedback signage. General maintenance works undertaken included drainage, road sweeping, road markings and traffic signals and pedestrian crossings. Yulefest Christmas lighting including trees, lanterns at the Parade and coloured feature lighting. Noted the Medieval Mile Run took place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

The Members thanked Mr. Gardner for the presentation. Contributions were received from Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr Andrew McGuinness, Cllr Maria Dollard, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr Eugene McGuinness, Cllr Joe Malone and Cllr. David FitzGerald.

Issues raised by Members as follows:

- Reducing speed limits on Castlecomer Road
- Loose cobbles section at lower High Street
- Set down and pick up outside Doctor's surgery on Patrick Street.
- Re-instatement of accessible parking space outside the Ormonde Hotel.
- Removing front gardens and replacing with car parking.
- Lights not working at St. John's Church and High Street.
- Pedestrian and cyclist safety on the Ring Road
- Update regarding St. Fiacre's Place.
- Additional driver feedback signs to be erected.

Mr. Gardner responded to Members and agreed to examine issues raised. Castlecomer Road and the Ring Road will be considered under the Active Travel Update. Remedial works on lower High Street to be considered as part of 2023 works plan. The Doctor's surgery has access to a set down space and a disabled parking space. Planning permission is required to allow the replacement of front gardens with car parking. The accessible car space outside the Ormonde Hotel is to be reinstated with a specific time limit for users. Tim Butler noted that the Public Lights contractor has been contacted in relation to lights requiring repairs. Additional driver feedback signage will be dependent on future funding allocation. St. Fiacre's Place works will be considered in the Works Scheme for 2023 when Irish Water works are complete.

#### **- Cootes Lane Part 8**

Ian Gardner outlined the background to the Scheme:

- Proposal is to link Cootes Land to footpath and cycle lane on Ring Road.
- New bridge is required to cross the River Breagagh.
- Public lighting will be provided to facilitate safe use.
- Approval to proceed to Part 8 was granted previously.
- Additional reporting recommended by Planning has delayed process.
- Reports are nearly completion so it is proposed to proceed to Part 8 in early January 2023.

The Members thanked Mr. Gardner for the presentation. Contributions were received from Cllr. Joe Malone and Cllr. Maria Dollard.

Issues raised by Members as follows:

- Timeline of project.
- Relocation of the boardwalk was welcomed.

Ian Gardner will update at a future meeting.

#### **- Active Travel Update**

Ian Gardner presented Major Schemes under the Active Travel programme.

- Radial Route Improvement Schemes:
  - o North Eastern Environs
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  - o Southern Environs
- Ring Road Improvement Scheme
- Inner Orbital Route
- Lacken Walk Improvement
- Cootes Lane to Ring Road
- Greensbridge Improvement
- Eastern Environs Connectivity Scheme
- Laneway Network to West of City Centre Feasibility Study

The Members thanked Mr. Gardner. Contributions were received from Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Maria Dollard, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. Joe Malone and Cllr. David FitzGerald.

Issues raised by Members as follows:

- Ring Road proposals.
- Car parks on outer orbit of the City.
- E-bikes secure drop off locations.
- Boardway at Lacken
- Use of Banim Terrace as school drop off location.

Mr. Gardner responded to Members and agreed to look into issues raised. He noted that the review of the Ring Road is planned as part of a wider evaluation of radial routes and inner-city orbital routes in Kilkenny. Mr. Gardner will revert with further information in due course.

## 5. *Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion*

### **(11) 22 Cllr. Eugene McGuinness**

“To ask Kilkenny County Council to remove the wall at Assumption Place /O’Loughlin Road Railway Bridge which causes a visual obstruction as you enter the bridge from the Dublin/Carlow road direction. This bridge/junction has become even more dangerous since our new bus system was introduced”.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness spoke on this item.

Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and Cllr. Maria Dollard also contributed to the motion.

The motion was discussed by the Members and they agreed that the Senior Engineer would provide an update at a future meeting. Cllr. E. McGuinness agreed to defer motion pending receipt of update.

**6. Aon Ghnó Eile - *Any Other Business***

Cllr. Maria Dollard raised the traffic management of the 'Christmas tractor run'. Cllr. David FitzGerald noted the issue should be raised at the Joint Policing Committee.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness queried the guidelines regarding the restrictions/guidelines for monuments in cemeteries. Ian Gardner to revert in due course.

The Mayor thanked his fellow councillors and officials for their work over the last twelve months.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

The Mayor thanked all for attending.

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

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