

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 11<sup>th</sup> FEABHRA 2022. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 11<sup>TH</sup> FEABHRA 2022 VIA TEAMS.**

**Mayor, Councillor, Andrew McGuinness, Presiding.**

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. David Fitzgerald.

**Also Present:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer, Mr. Andrew Wall, A/Staff Officer.

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**Mayor's Summons of Meeting:**

Notice dated 14<sup>th</sup> January 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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Maria Dollard  
Seconded by: Cllr. Martin Brett  
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 Mayor:

- Congratulated and welcomed the Very Reverend Stephen Farrell on his appointment as Dean of Ossory of St Canice's Cathedral.
- Acknowledged James Stephens Barracks - 3rd Infantry Battalion, commemoration of the centenary of the handover of the Military Barracks from British Forces on 7th Feb 1922 which took place on Sunday 06 February, 2022.

- Antisocial behaviours at St. Kieran's Cemetery was discussed with the members, Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services advised that Kilkenny County Council have been in contact with An Garda Siochana.

**3. Ag Cúram (TIC) Nuashonrú  
Taking in Charge (TIC) Update**

Item postponed to next month's Municipal District of Kilkenny City's meeting.

**4. Nuashonrú ar Wells sa Chathair  
Update on Wells in City**

Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer provided a PowerPoint report for the members detailing the repair works required along with the estimated costs of conserving and returning the Wells to their original state on the following:

- Kenny's Well
- Canal Walk Well
- Lacken Well

The Members thanked Mr. Ian Gardner and raised the following:

- Requested funding to prevent further degeneration of the Wells.
- Security and protection of these wells is an issue.
- Public access to the wells.
- Well water needs to be safe for consumption.

Mr. Ian Gardner responded to the points raised by the members.

**5. Boithre – Nuashonrú  
Roads Update**

Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer provided a report for the Members detailing works undertaken throughout the City. The report included a list of works undertaken in the Municipal District of Kilkenny:

- Pavement maintenance works
- Road surface dressings
- Street preparation works
- Street resurfacing works
- Minor pavement improvements
- Road footpath construction
- Safety works
- Public lighting
- Housing estate signage

- Flower planting
- Draining maintenance
- Road markings

### **Additional Funding**

Mr. Gardner advised of additional funding (€171,000) received from the Outdoor Infrastructure Fund for an Active Travel route from North – Western City Environs to the City Centre via Dean Street cul-de-sac and Friars Bridge. The funding also provided for works to facilitate outdoor dining in Kilkenny’s City Centre.

Mr. Gardner confirmed that additional funding had been provided for Climate Adaption and Resilience Works (€117,500) for the following projects:

- Dunningstown Drainage Works
- Ballyfoyle Road Drainage Works
- Kells Road Drainage Works
- O’Loughlin Road Drainage Works
- Waterford Road Drainage Works
- College Road Roundabout Drainage Works
- Beech Park Drainage Works
- Waterford/Bohernatounish Road
- Freshford Road Drainage Works at Talbotsinch. He also explained about and provided an overview of the Kilkenny Active Travel Allocation for 2022 (€2 million).

The Members thanked Mr. Gardner and praised him for the level of detail he provided in his report. They also commended the staff on the quality of works undertaken around the City.

Queries were raised as follows:

- Delays in the provision of public lighting.
- The upgrading/widening of Lacken Walk.
- Access to the Hebron Road for Bishop Birch residents and businesses – provision of a roundabout.
- Pedestrian safety on the Ring Road, crossing from the Bohernatounish Rd to Loughboy Park. Construction of a pedestrian flyover.
- Cabling retro works taking place at John’s Bridge.
- River Management Plan for the upkeep/maintenance of our River banks.
- Provision of additional bus shelters and increased bus routes throughout the City.
- Request that public lighting be sought for the newly renovated steps at the pedestrian access point to the Ballfoyle Road just off the Ring Road.
- Provision of a pedestrian crossing on Bateman Quay adjacent to John’s bridge and a further crossing on Vicar Street to benefit school children/pedestrians.
- The approval of light fitting type/design throughout the City.
- The environmental effect of cutting down mature trees and the species selected for replacement.

- Time line for the Green Bridge Scheme.
- High number of H.G.V's travelling along Dean Street, using Kenny Well Road R695 to gain access to the Callan Ring Road roundabout.
- Preservation and maintenance of Lousybush lane.

Mr. Ian Gardner responded to all question raised by the members.

**6. Cruinniú Bliantúil TII**  
Annual TII Meeting

Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services requested 2 nominations from the members to attend the Transport Infrastructure Ireland Annual Meeting.

Nominees:

Mayor Andrew McGuinness

proposed by: Cllr. John Coonan

seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone

Cllr. Martin Brett

proposed by: Mayor Andrew McGuinness

seconded by: Cllr. Eugene McGuinness

**7. Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion**

**(1)22 Cllr Eugene McGuinness**

“Now that the Government have removed all Covid restrictions, which also removes the need for Social Distancing I would ask Kilkenny County Council to reinstate the pre-covid, two way traffic system.”

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness proposed the motion and spoke on the motion.

There was no second to the notice of motion.

Therefore, the motion was not carried.

**(2) 22 Cllr. John Coonan**

It was proposed by Cllr. John Coonan, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett “That conscious of the focus on active travel and revitalising town centres and also aware of the difficulties that can arise with management of public toilets. I would ask for consideration of additional public toilets in future City Centre proposals to cater for locals and visitors”

Cllr. John Coonan spoke on his motion.

The motion was carried, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett.

**(3) 22 Cllr. Maria Dollard**

It was proposed by Cllr. Maria Dollard, seconded by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness “That this Council progress the development of The Closh as an amenity area to include the KKB led project to commemorate the Irish struggle for freedom and independence, this 'Garden of Remembrance and Reconciliation' has the potential to be a defining feature of the area and compliment any objective that will emerge for the masterplan area defined in our county development plan ‘by Parnell St, Kickham St, Dominic St and the Gaol Rd’ (Kilkenny County Council, 2021, p. 20)and provide much needed and wanted amenity for the people already living in this area. I am asking all the members to support this project, the start of which will be the engagement between the KKB, their landscape architect and Kilkenny County Council Executive.”

Cllr. Maria Dollard spoke on the motion.

**8. Aon Ghnó Eile/Any Other Business**

Cllr. John Coonan expressed his disgust at the vile attacks that have taken place on older persons across the Country. He’s conscious of the extent of measures put in place to provide safe and secure communities for our elderly. As Councillors we need to support and provide re-assurances to the elderly in our community and to reassure them that we are here for them when our support is needed.

Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services informed the Members that Kilkenny City’s St. Patricks Days Parade and festival activities will be held this year. Mr. Butler advised that this year’s festival will be the largest St. Patricks Day Festival that has ever been held in the Kilkenny City and asked that the Members and media publicise the event .

The Mayor thanked all for attending.

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

**Signed:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **MAYOR**

**Date:**

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