

# CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A  
TIONÓLADH AN 8 IÚIL 2022

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022 AT 2.30 P.M.

Mayor, Councillor David Fitzgerald, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr Andrew McGuinness.

**Also Present:** Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services,  
Ms. Catherine Cooney, Administrative Officer,  
Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer,  
Mr. Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer.

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### MAYOR'S SUMMONS OF MEETING:

Notice dated 1<sup>st</sup> July, 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 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2022, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation.

It was:

**Proposed By:** Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

**Seconded By:** Cllr. Martin Brett

**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 Mayor**

**The Mayor:**

- thanked all those who attended the recent Mayoral Election and expressed his thanks to everyone for the good wishes extended to him for his year as Mayor.
- thanked the Elected Members for their attendance at the National Commemoration Day Regional Ceremony held in Kilkenny Castle and all those involved in the organising of same.
- Encouraged everyone to come out and support the Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team at the Civic Reception for the Homecoming in Nowlan Park.

- Acknowledged the success of holding the All Ireland Minor Hurling Final in Nowlan Park as this was the first time Kilkenny hosted such an event.
- Congratulated all involved in the organising of Kilkenny Arts Festival which was launched recently particularly Emer Foley and Olga Barry and asked people to support the events organised.
- Advised that the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Michael Collins will have passed before the next meeting of the Municipal District. The Mayor asked that a small event be held in honour of Michael Collins around the time of anniversary.

Following a discussion on the recent Special Meeting regarding the one way traffic system, it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. John Coonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Martin Brett

And agreed

“that a workshop be held in late August/early September in relation to the implementation of the proposed changes agreed at the Special Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.”

### **3. Nuashonrú ar Bhóithre - Roads Update**

#### **(i) Northern Ring Road Extension (Presentation).**

The Mayor welcomed Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer and Dermot Donovan, Road Plan Consulting to the meeting. Mr. Tim Butler outlined the background to the Northern Ring Road Project and the steps taken to date advising that in October 2021 the Council went to tender and appointed Road Plan Consulting to carry out the first step in a seven step process in order to get the project back onto the National Development Plan being a Strategic Assessment Report. The SAR Report had to take into a consideration a number of changes that have taken place in the recent passed such as new spending code, climate action measures, smarter travel initiatives, Town Centre First and Healthy Ireland initiatives.

Dermot Donovan gave a presentation to the meeting on the Strategic Assessment Report under the following headings:

- Location and Layout of the previous Scheme.
- Bridge Elevation.
- Traffic Reduction in the City.
- Objectives and Benefits of the Scheme.
- Challenges.
- List of Potential Options.
- Public Spending Code.

Following the presentation, the Elected Members thanked Mr. Donovan for his presentation and raised issues and queries in relation to:

- Expected Cost Range.
- Timeline of the Project.
- Inform the public of the process.
- Acquisition of land included in Business Plan.
- Schools and Western Environs included in Business Plan.
- Timeline is too long for the completion of Ring Road.
- Result in extra traffic on the Freshford Road.
- This is welcome extension of the Ring Road not a completion.

- Measures included to prevent HGVs going through the City.
- Copy of presentation to be circulated.

In response to the queries/issues raised, Tim Butler and Dermot Donovan advised that while this is an extension of the Ring Road, it is not a linear process. Different sections can commence and run separately. The traffic increase on the Freshford Road will be quite marginal.

Seamus Kavanagh, Senior Engineer informed the meeting that the Council are looking at options in relation to making an application for 100% funding in relation to the connection to the Callan Road. This project is not a national objective at the moment and the purpose of the SAR Report is to get the project on National list so that it will be provided with funding.

Mayor, Cllr. David Fitzgerald asked what are the next steps to be taken in order to move the project forward.

Tim Butler responded by saying that the SAR document will be submitted to the Department and once approved it will allow for the appointment of Consultants to bring the project to the preliminary business case stage.

Dermot Donovan outlined to the meeting the steps for the rest of the process.

Tim Butler stated that the presentation will be given to the full Council at the next meeting to get approval to submit SAR document to the Department.

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

Seconded by: Cllr. Maria Dollard

And Agreed

“that the Council progress the Scheme.”

(i) **Roads Report**

Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer, gave a presentation on his monthly Roads Report detailing works undertaken throughout the City & Environs.

The Report included a list of works as follows:

- Pavement Improvement Works.
- Footpath Improvement Works.
- Ormonde Street Improvement Works.
- New Street/College Road/Ormonde Road Junction Improvement Works.
- Planting Works.
- Ancillary Cycling Facilities.
- Miscellaneous Works.
- Other Information.

The Members thanked Mr. Ian Gardner for his detailed Report.

Contributions were received from Cllrs. Andrew McGuinness, Eugene McGuinness, Martin Brett, John Coonan, David Fitzgerald and Maria Dollard.

Issues raised by Members as follows:

- St. Francis Terrace Drainage Works.
- Irish Water Works at Michael Street.
- Update on the issue at Michael Street on storm drainage connection to the sewerage.
- Wall knocked down at Bleach Road.

- Works at Dean Cavanagh Place/Garringreen.
- Improvement works to Greensbridge.
- Works at St. Patrick's Church
- Bicycle Ranks at Newpark and The Parade.
- Timeframe for resurfacing of William Street area.
- Marking of City Wall in pavement.
- Planting at Roundabouts.
- Sign at entrance to Archers Crescent.

Tim Butler and Mr. Ian Gardner responded to the issues raised.

**4. Fógraí Rúin - *Notices of Motion***  
None.

**5. Aon Ghnó Eile - *Any Other Business***  
None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The Mayor thanked all for attending.

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

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