

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A TIONÓLADH AN 13th EANÁIR 2023

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 13th January, 2023 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.

MAYOR'S SUMMONS OF MEETING:

Mayor Cllr. David FitzGerald opened the meeting and advised that the meeting would be adjourned for a period of 15 minutes in order to conclude a workshop which commenced prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett that the meeting stand adjourned and reconvene at 3.15pm.

Notice dated 6th January, 2023, 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 9th December, 2022, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation.

It was:

Proposed By: Cllr. Martin Brett
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:

Mr. Brian O'Callaghan, former President, Kilkenny Lion's Club.
Recent fatality on our roads in Kilkenny.

The Mayor:

- Requested a presentation on Housing in the City at a future meeting.
- Review of the bye laws pertaining to anti-social behaviour management in St. Kieran's Cemetery.

3. *Pleanáil/ Planning:* ***- Taking in Charge- Residential Development***

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh provided a report for the Members. The taking in charge process is governed by Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993. A request for taking in charge can be made by the person carrying out the development or the majority of home owners. The Planning Authority has 30 current applications for taking in charge and 12 of these estates are in the Kilkenny MD (report circulated at meeting). Details of the current status of the 12 applications were presented.

The Members thanked Ms. Walsh 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 were as follows:

- Decision making on priority works before estate is taken in charge.
- Costs associated with taking in charge to be borne by Kilkenny County Council.

Ms. Walsh advised that the Local Authority makes the decision on the priority of works, however safety, water and sewage are the first priorities considered. The Local Authority seeks 100% of the bonds from the financial institution if required to complete outstanding works.

4. *Boithre - Roads* ***- O'Loughlin Road Railway Bridge Update***

Mr. Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer provided an update for the Members regarding O'Loughlin Road Railway Bridge. The report included details on a structural assessment which is required to determine feasibility of removing wall, an alternative retaining structure is very likely to be required and any proposals would require the approval of Irish Rail. Three options that may be considered include provision of:

- Improved signage and road markings.
- Installation of traffic signals to control flow of traffic along narrow section of O'Loughlin Road to one way at a time.
- Remove existing wall obstructing the view of traffic. This will require the appointment of a structural engineering consultant to design an alternative retaining structure arrangement and liaise with Irish Rail.

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 were as follows:

- Meeting with Irish Rail to be considered.
- Heritage survey of the wall.
- Consideration to be given to the removal of the wall as the preferred option.

Mr. Gardner responded to Members and agreed to examine issues raised. There are no heritage reasons identified against the removal of the wall. Meetings with Irish Rail will be considered at a future date. A more detailed proposal to be presented at a future meeting.

- Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion-update

Mr. Ian Gardner presented an update on the proposal to make Assumption Place one-way to accommodate parking on both sides following the notice of motion 11 (22). He noted Assumption Place roadway is 520m in length. O'Loughlin Road between Assumption Place access points is 170m in length. Making the road one-way with parking on both sides will inconvenience cyclists as they will also have to use it one-way. There are significant car roads in the vicinity of Assumption Place. One-way section would be defined by build outs at both ends. Road markings would be used to define parking areas with residential access points clearly defined. It may be possible to part fund scheme from Active Travel but local funding would also be required.

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:

- Public consultation to be considered
- Meeting with the residents to discuss proposal to be considered.

Ian Gardner will update at a future meeting.

5. *Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion*

It was proposed by Cllr. Maria Dollard and seconded by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and agreed:

1 (23) Cllr. Maria Dollard:

“Kilkenny Local Authority renovates the courts at County Hall and facilitate their accessibility by all - 7 days a week.”

Cllr. Maria Dollard, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr. Joe Malone and Cllr. David FitzGerald spoke on the matter.

Issues raised by Members as follows:

- Report on the development of St. Canice’s Hospital Masterplan
- Report on the development of Waters sports Hub

Mr. Tim Butler advised the Members that preliminary public consultation on the Water Sports Hub which will include consideration of upgrade to amenities and the use of the grounds in County Hall will be held in February, 2023. Mr. Butler advised that these updates will be available for a future meeting.

2 (23) Cllr. Eugene McGuinness

“It was proposed by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Martin Brett that Kilkenny County Council send out a full planning pack to anyone who purchases a burial plot or seeks permission to use an existing plot in St. Kieran Cemetery or any other cemetery which is in Kilkenny County Councils control. This pack should include information regarding permissions and requirements when erecting a headstone and the possible penalties imposed on those who don’t abide by these regulations. Kilkenny County Council should also explain in simpler terms, what it means when it states, in its own guidelines, that such a headstone or kerbing in its general appearance should not appear offensive or contradictory to good practice principles.”

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness spoke on this notion of motion.

Contributions were also received from Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr Andrew McGuinness, Cllr Maria Dollard, Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr Joe Malone and Cllr. David FitzGerald.

Issues raised by the Members as follows:

- Anti-social behaviour enforcement by Gardai
- Guidance documentation on grave yard monuments.

Mr. Butler advised that he would circulate the current Rules and Regulations in relation to St. Kieran's Cemetery.

Cllr. Eugene McGuinness agreed to defer to a future meeting to allow for members to consider issues in the future.

3 (23) Cllr. John Coonan

"With new developments adjacent to the Ring Road leading to an increase in the volume of pedestrians and cyclists crossing the Ring Road can the Council look at measures to greater facilitate pedestrians and cyclists crossing the Ring Road safely".

It was agreed to defer the motion to the next meeting to be held on Friday 10th February at 2.30pm.

6. Aon Ghnó Eile - *Any Other Business*

That concluded the business of the meeting.

The Mayor thanked all for attending.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____