

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A TIONÓLADH AN 12 BEALTAINÉ, 2023

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 12th May, 2023 AT 2.30 P.M.

Mayor, Councillor David Fitzgerald, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

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

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Alan Hyland, Executive Engineer, Martina Walsh, Staff Officer.

MAYOR'S SUMMONS OF MEETING:

Notice dated 5th May, 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 14th April, 2023 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation.

It was:

Proposed By: Cllr. Eugene McGuinness

Seconded By: Cllr. J Coonan

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**

The Mayor brought forward the following:

1. 70th Anniversary celebrations of Kilkenny City Harriers in City Hall.
2. Consideration of Kilkenny to become Ireland's first Carbon Neutral City.
3. Commended the schools on Students Arts Competition -recycling initiative.

4. Redevelopment of St Canices Hall.
5. Meeting on 22nd May to discuss an Arts & Culture centre in Abbey Quarter.
6. Reception held in City Hall in recognition of the Kilkenny athletes competing in the World Special Olympic Games in July.
7. Votes of sympathy were extended to the following:
 - Anne Dunne, Ballycloven, Callan Co Kilkenny
 - Simon Walton, Cashel Downs, Kilkenny.

3. *Fodhlíthe um rialú páirceála -Parking Proposals .*

Mr Tim Butler outlined that the increase in rates were necessary to achieve an efficient and equitable parking system. Low parking charges in some carparks were leading to on-street queuing.

The new parking rates will come into effect on 1st July which include the following:

- City Centre car parks (Bateman Quay, The Parade, Patrick St lwr., John St, Friary St. & James St,) will increase to €2 per hour in 15 mins segments. (50c per 15 mins) for a maximum stay of on hour.
- Parking charges of €1 per hour (charged in 30 mins segments
- for a maximum of 2 hrs) will be charged on the Castle Road, Irishtown, Dean Street & Johns Green.
- Park Magic Spaces will increase from €1 to €2 per day.
- Barriered car parks such as Market Yard, Friary Street, & St Mary's car park will be €2 per hour with the first 15 mins free.
- Barriered car park at Fair Green will be €5 per day with the first 30 mins free.
- Short stay non-barriered carpark at Horse barrack Lane will be €1 per hour with a maximum stay of 2 hours.
- The medium stay carparks at Dean St., Wolfe Tone St., Abbey Square and Carnegie Library will increase to €5 .
- St Canice's and Fair Green daily charge will be €3 per day.

Contributions were received from Cllr David Fitzgerald, Cllr Maria Dollard, Cllr Eugene McGuinness, Cllr Andrew McGuinness, Cllr Joe Malone, Cllr Martin Brett & Cllr John Coonan.

Issues raised:

- Lack of "Sunflower Bays" for businesses.
- No Park and Ride facility
- Timing of the increased charges during a cost of living crisis.

Mr. Tim Butler responded and advised that the last time the parking bylaws were reviewed was 2010. He outlined that the increase in rates were necessary to achieve an efficient and equitable parking system. Low parking charges in some carparks were leading to on-street queuing.

It was proposed by Cllr Maria Dollard and seconded by Cllr John Coonan that the parking charges be adopted. A Roll Call vote was taken :

6 in favour - Cllr Maria Dollard, Cllr John Coonan, Cllr Eugene McGuinness, Cllr Andrew McGuinness, Cllr Joe Malone & Cllr Martin Brett.

1 opposed - Cllr David Fitzgerald .

4. Monthly Roads update

This item was deferred to the June Meeting.

5. Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion:

(5)23 It was proposed by Cllr Martin Brett ,seconded by Cllr John Coonan and agreed:

“That Kilkenny County Council undertake a survey with a view to undertaking and supplying paths ways on the Dunningtown Rd.”

Cllr John Coonan spoke of the importance of this in preparation for the future development plans in the area.

10(23) It was proposed by Eugene McGuinness and seconded by Maria Dollard and agreed:

“To ask Kilkenny County Council to set aside moneys in next year’s budget for the installation of permanent measures to prevent illegal parking on the roads and green areas surrounding Nowlan Park.”

Cllr Maria Dollard suggested the provision of a green area to deter indiscriminate parking in the area. Cllr John Coonan, Cllr Martin Brett & Cllr Joe Malone also spoke of the need for enforcement of penalties.

Mr Tim Butler responded that meetings between the residents, GAA and all concerned parties are ongoing to address the problem.

11(23) It was proposed and seconded by Cllr Eugene McGuinness and seconded by Cllr Maria Dollard and agreed:

“Kilkenny County Council to provide additional car parking spaces at the rear entrance within the grounds of St. Kieran's Cemetery to facilitate mourners and also to provide some bench seating for those people wishing to visit the cemetery.”

Cllr David Fitzgerald & Cllr Andrew McGuinness voiced their concerns at the possibility of anti-social behaviour a result of increased seating areas.

12(23) It was proposed by Cllr John Coonan and seconded by Martin Brett and agreed that:

"That Kilkenny City Municipal District undertake an analysis of the benefit to put safety measures at the exit junction from Glendine Heights to the Ballyfoyle Road."

Cllr Maria Dollard spoke on the motion and asked that consideration be given to flora & fauna if the embankment was to be removed.

Mr. Tim Butler outlined that this issue is being addressed .

6. Aon Ghnó Eile – Any Other Business.

Cllr David Fitzgerald enquired if any progress on the development plans for the junction at the C.B.S. school.

Mr Tim Butler responded that this has been included for funding in the Roads programme for 2024 and tenders have issued for same.

Cllr Martin Brett requested an update on the master plan for St Canices Campus. Cllr David Fitzgerald raised the consideration of the site being used for a university campus.

Mr Tim Butler responded that he is in discussions with the South Eastern Health Board on the development.

That concluded the business of the meeting. The Mayor thanked all for attending.

Signed: _____

MAYOR

Date: _____