

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A
TIONÓLADH AN 9 MEITHEAMH 2023.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING
HELD ON 9TH JUNE, 2023 AT 10.30 AM

Mayor, Councillor David Fitzgerald, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr Andrew McGuinness, Cllr Joe Malone.

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler Director of Services, Ms Mary Mulholland, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Alan Hyland, Executive Engineer, Mr Brendan Sheehan, Executive Engineer, Ms Arlene O'Connor, Senior Executive Planner, Martina Walsh, Staff Officer.

Apologies : Cllr Maria Dollard, Cllr Martin Brett.

MAYOR'S SUMMONS OF MEETING:

Notice dated 2nd June, 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 12th May having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation.

It was:

Proposed By: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

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***

Sympathy was extended to the Rafter family on their recent bereavement.

3. ***Pleanáil/ Planning:***

Ms Arlene O Connor updated the members on the draft Loughmacask Local Area Plan and the area subject to a Special Regeneration Plan. This plan was on public display from 21st April to 26th May 2023 and all submissions received were considered.

Issues raised:

- No new housing be considered upon completion of Ring Road.
- Traffic measures.

All Councillors present were in agreement that this Local Area Plan should be adopted in full.

4. ***Athghiniúint Speisialta _ Special Regeneration Area Plan***

Ms Mary Mulholland delivered a presentation outlining the proposed Butts Regeneration Plan. The Plan will look at the physical, social & economic issues in the area.

The plan was welcomed by all the Councillors.

Contributions were received from:

Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Joe Malone & Cllr. Andrew McGuinness in relation to the following:

- That information workshops be held throughout the process.
- That St Canice's Football club be given consideration in the plan to improve facilities
- Upgrade of facilities at Dicksboro Club.
- Possible site relocation for the O'Neill Centre.

Mr Tim Butler informed the members that he would meet with representatives from St Canice's Football Club and include them in the process.

Mary Mulholland acknowledged the importance of inclusion of all cultural activities and informed the Members that a submission has gone to the Department for funding over a 3 year period and that a Task Force will be formed if Regeneration is to progress.

5. *Boithre – Roads*

Mr Brendan Sheehan gave an overview of the improvement & resurfacing works in the City including Dean Street, Ormonde Road, Lord Edward Street, Blackmill Street and Freshford Road.

There was also an upgrade to the Pococke Cycling Facility. The removal of the hedgegrow on the cycle path was particularly welcomed in alleviating anti-social behaviour in the area.

The Councillors thanked the Roads Department for all the improvement works to date.

6. *Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion*

13 (23) It was proposed by Cllr John Coonan and seconded by Cllr Andrew McGuinness and agreed:

“That Kilkenny Municipal District review and undertake the necessary steps possible to ensure the provision of a safer set down and parking area adjacent to GALA store in Ardnore”.

Cllr John Coonan spoke on the motion.

14(23) It was proposed by Cllr John Coonan, seconded by Cllr Andrew McGuinness and agreed:

“That Kilkenny Municipal District take the necessary steps to provide parking on Kennyswell Road that continues to cause obstruction for road users and safe passage for pedestrians in this area”.

Cllr John Coonan spoke on the motion.

Mr Tim Butler responded that these issues are being addressed and that a one-way system for HGV vehicles will be implemented on the Kennyswell road later this year.

15(23) It was proposed by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. Joe Malone and agreed;

" That Kilkenny County Council includes wheelchair ebikes and other accessible cycles when awarding any bike rental contracts/schemes in Kilkenny to ensure that our new cycle strategy is fully accessible and inclusive”.

Cllr Eugene McGuinness spoke on the motion.

Mr Tim Butler responded that the current bike scheme is on a trial basis and will be reviewed accordingly.

16(23): Proposed by Cllr Maria Dollard .

“That the Municipal District prepare and present a report to update the members on how the Municipal District is managing public areas for grass cutting. The report should be based on their obligations as the first Council in Ireland to officially partner with the All Ireland Pollinator Plan.”

This motion was deferred to the July meeting.

7. Aon Ghnó Eile – Any Other Business.

Safety works at Lacken

Cllr Andrew McGuinness informed the meeting that he had met with representatives of Irish Rail and that safety measures are underway including the reinforcement of the wall at the railway line.

Cllr David Fitzgerald expressed his thanks to his fellow Councillors and the staff in this his final meeting as Mayor.
He noted the possibility of a directly elected Mayor in the future and voiced his approval of same.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____

MAYOR

Date: _____