

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A  
TIONÓLADH AN 14 IÚIL, 2023.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING  
HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2023 AT 2.30 PM

**Mayor, Councillor Joe Malone Presiding.**

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí:** Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr David Fitzgerald, Cllr. Eugene McGuinness, Cllr Andrew McGuinness, Cllr Martin Brett.

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

**Apologies :** Cllr Maria Dollard.

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**MAYOR'S SUMMONS OF MEETING:**

Notice dated 7<sup>th</sup> July, 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 9<sup>th</sup> June and the Annual General Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June having been previously circulated were 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 advised that he had spoken to the Kilkenny Active Travel Department and that an update on the introduction of an E Bike Scheme will be available for the Sept/October Meeting.

He wished the Kilkenny Senior Hurling team all the best in the All Ireland Final and looked forward to attending the Home Coming Celebrations on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.

**3 *Boithre - Roads***

Mr Ian Gardner provided an update on the following:

- Pavement and Street Improvement Works.
- Rath Ullard Traffic Calming.
- Surface Dressing at Bonnettsrath & Thornback Rd.
- Street Name Signage.
- St Kieran's Cemetery Infrastructure Works.
- Canal Walk Well repair.
- Kilkenny City Flooding.

The Members welcomed the Improvement Works. Submissions from Cllrs Martin Brett, John Coonan, David Fitzgerald, Andrew McGuinness & Eugene McGuinness were as follows:

- Broken seating on Lacken Walk leading to anti-social behaviour.
- Derelict site on Fr Hayden Road.
- Provision of a Bus Shelter at MacDonagh Junction
- Extension of Heritage Signage to other streets.
- Survey needed to establish number of Charging Points in the City and County for Electric Vehicles.
- Regulation needed for the erection of monuments at St Kieran's Cemetery.
- Procedures to be put in place to ensure the extent of flooding on Patrick St did not reoccur in the future.

Mr Ian Gardner responded that all these issues were being considered. With regard to St Kieran's Cemetery Byelaws will be prepared for the erection of monuments later this year.

In relation to the flooding of Patrick St., Mr Tim Butler spoke of the record levels of rain that fell in just one hour on June 19<sup>th</sup>. He praised the Emergency Services for their swift response. He added that the Flood Relief Scheme had remedied the problem of flooding on John St.

Mr Ian Gardner advised that businesses will need to put their own infrastructure in place such as flood gates and submersible pumps in order to safe guard themselves in the future.

#### **4      *Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion***

**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."*

Notice of Motion deferred to the next meeting.

**17(23) *Proposed by Cllr David Fitzgerald , Seconded by Joe Malone and agreed that:***

*"Kilkenny Municipal District inspect Radestown lane (off the Ballyfoyle road) and provide funds to resurface this public road in the forthcoming roads budget"*

Cllr Fitzgerald spoke on the motion. Mr Ian Gardner responded that this was included in the Roads Works Scheme for next year.

**18(23) *Proposed by Cllr John Coonan seconded by Cllr Andrew McGuinness.***

*"That Kilkenny Municipal District review the use of cobbled paving along High Street due to its deteriorating condition leading to hazardous conditions for pedestrians and all users along this public thoroughfare."*

Cllr Coonan spoke on the motion and noted that while aesthetically pleasing, the cobbles can be hazardous for anyone with mobility issues and the visually impaired.

Ian Gardner responded that the Roads Department are aware of the hazards and are looking at other options. He informed the Members that they will be updated on any future potential solutions .

#### **5      *Ionad Cruinnithe - Venue for September Meeting***

Cllr Joe Malone requested approval to hold the next meeting on 5th September at 2.30pm in the Newpark Close Family Resource Centre. Ms Sheila Donnelly,

Manager of the Centre for the past 20 years will be retiring in September and it will be an opportunity to acknowledge her work. Cllr Malone would like all Members to cycle to the meeting and pay tribute to her.

It was proposed by Cllr Andrew McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Martin Brett and agreed to have the September monthly meeting on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September at 2023 in the Newpark Family Resource Centre.

**6 Aon Ghnó Eile – Any Other Business.**

Cllr Martin Brett asked for an update on St Canice's Campus.  
Mr Tim Butler responded that the Council is still awaiting on a response from the H.S.E. on the matter

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**MAYOR**

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