

**CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A TIONÓLADH
AN 10Ú SAMHAIN, 2023**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING
HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER, 2023 AT 2.30 P.M.**

Mayor, Councillor Joe Malone Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí:	Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr John Coonan, Cllr. Maria Dollard, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness and Cllr Eugene McGuinness.
Apologies:	Cllr David Fitzgerald.
Also Present:	Mr. Tim Butler Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh Senior Executive Officer, Mr Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer, Mr Brendan Sheahan, Executive Engineer, Ms Margaret Whelan, Environmental Awareness Officer, Mr Eamonn Morrissey, Executive Chemist and Martina Walsh, Staff Officer.

MAYOR'S SUMMONS OF MEETING:

Notice dated 3rd November, 2023, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

1. A dhaingniú Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe - Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting:

- (i) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 13th October, 2023 having been previously circulated were tabled for confirmation.

It was:

Proposed By: Cllr. John Coonan

Seconded By: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

And Agreed:

"That the Minutes as presented to the meeting be and are hereby adopted".

- (ii) Minutes of Budget Meeting on 29th October, 2023 were tabled for confirmation.

It was:

Proposed By: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

Seconded By: Cllr. Eugene McGuinness

And Agreed:

"That the Minutes as presented to the meeting be and are hereby adopted".

(j) **Cúrsaí thabhairt ar aghaidh ordú ón Méara - *Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor:***#

2. The Mayor brought forward the following:

- Tribute to Troops recently stationed in Lebanon.
- Motor Neuron Event IN City Hall on 11th November.
- Netwatch Family Carer of the year awards 30th November -Kilkenny finalist
- launch of Yulefest on 25th November 2023.
- Cois Nore Fundraising Campaign for new centre on the Waterford Rd.
- Mayoral Reception for Keep Kilkenny Beautiful Volunteers on 18th November.
- Siege of Jadoville talk by Commandant Leo Quinlan in City Hall.

3. Plan Bainistíocha Bruscar – Draft Litter Management Plan 2024-2026

Margaret Whelan, Environmental Awareness Officer presented the Draft Litter Management Plan to the Members.

The objectives are as follows:

- Prevention and control of litter.
- Raise public awareness including educational and information measures aimed at young people in eliminating litter pollution.
- Measures to be taken by Kilkenny County Council in achieving the objectives of the Plan including Enforcement measures.

Ms Whelan advised that there will be discussions with key Stakeholder groups such as Tidy Towns, Community and Business Groups and Elected Members. The Draft Plan will be brought before the Strategic Policy Committee. When approved will go on Public Display for a period of 4 weeks.

The Members thanked Ms Whelan for the Presentation.

Issues raised:

- Streamline complaints procedure.
- Issue of litter in playgrounds, public parks and St Kieran's Cemetery.
- Possible use of Drones and CCTV in identifying litter offenders.
- Introduction of Conscious Cup Campaign.
- Provision of more bins.

Mr Eamonn Morrissey advised that under the current legislation drones cannot be used but a new code of practice is being drafted nationally which will allow Councils to use CCTV footage and drones to clamp down on illegal dumping.

Ms Whelan responded that there is a dedicated email address and phone number for complaints and all complaints with regard to litter are directed to the relevant section and are responded to within 21 days.

She advised that while more bins are desirable, this can sometimes facilitate people dumping their household rubbish in these bins.

4. Bóithre – Roads

(I) Section 38 – Freshford Rd/Granges Rd.

Mr Brendan Sheahan, Executive, Engineer gave a Presentation on the Proposed Improvement Works, the works are the Safe Route to Schools Programme and aims to improve infrastructure outside and on the routes to school with the aim of increasing the number of children who walk or cycle to school.

The School Zone encompasses both Loreto Secondary School and St Canice's Co. Ed School. The proposed interventions are based on survey findings, audits and consultation with both schools. Student safety will be enhanced through Pedestrian priority at junctions and segregated cycling facilities.

Mr Sheahan advised that submissions and observations can be made online until 15th November and a Contractor will be engaged to undertake the works in Quarter I of 2024.

The Members welcomed the Presentation. Issues raised by Cllr Dollard & Cllr Coonan as follows:

- One metre Cycle track was not wide enough.
- If cycle lane was same level as the road.

Mr Sheahan responded to the issues raised.

(II) City Centre Traffic & One Way System.

Mr Ian Gardner gave a presentation to the Members on the review of the Temporary One-Way system which was implemented in June 2020.

Consultants were appointed to develop a Local Area Model for Kilkenny (KLAM) to facilitate traffic Modelling using a tool called SATURN.

The recommendations from the report were as follows:

- Retain existing temporary One -Way System pending the outcome of the SUMP process
- Amend the general layout of the existing One-Way System to facilitate contra-flow cycling including the removal of temporary bollards along High Street and one side of Rose Inn Street.

Following discussions on the recommendation, it was proposed by Cllr Joe Malone and seconded by Cllr John Coonan and agreed to have a roll call on the current One-Way System. Result of the vote was as follows:

In favour of retaining the One- Way System.

Cllr Martin Brett, Cllr John Coonan, Cllr Maria Dollard & Cllr Joe Malone & Cllr Andrew Mc Guinness.

Against : Cllr Eugene McGuinness.

The proposal was carried by 5 votes to 1.

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(III) Monthly Roads Update.

Mr Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer gave a presentation to the Members on Road works undertaken since the October Meeting:

- **Improvement Works** – Drakelands, Dunninstown Drainage
- Works, Newpark Drive Traffic Calming, Pococke Cycleway
- Lighting. Waterbarrack & Butt's Green Mobility Improvement
- Works.
- **Maintenance Works** – including Rioch Court Footpath , Tree Maintenance and works on Ballyfoyle Rd following Storm Ciaran

The Members commended Mr Gardner on his presentation.

Issues raised by Cllrs Joe Malone, Andrew McGuinness, Eugene McGuinness, Maria Dollard & John Coonan.

- Lack of lighting in Newpark Drive.
- Temporary Taxi Ranks being used by private cars during the Savour Kilkenny Food Festival.
- Flooding problem on the Ballyfoyle Road.
- Replacement of trees in the interest of Biodiversity
- Bad condition of Greensbridge footpath.
- Lack of Public Lighting on Greensbridge.
- Public Lighting in the City to be replaced by LED bulbs.
- Mr Gardiner responded that all these issues will be taken on board.

Cllr Joe Malone asked that the use of the Cobblelock paving in the city be reviewed.

Cllr John Coonan requested engagement with the O.P.W. on the use of the Castle Grounds during the Savour Kilkenny Festival. Mr Tim Butler advised that this is a matter for the Committee of Savour Kilkenny.

(IV) Speed Limit Review.

The Mayor advised that the Speed Limit Review be added to the Agenda and the Members agreed.

Mr Ian Gardiner presented a power point presentation. Last Speed Limit Review was in 2017. Local Authorities are mandated to review speed limits every 5 years.

After a Public Consultation Process the following are the recommendations:

- 30 km Zones to be introduced on the Freshford Rd., Coote's Lane Callan Rd, White Bridge and the Circular Rd.
- Entire Leggettrath Rd to be 50km Zone.

Cllr Joe Malone & Andrew McGuinness raised the following issues:

- If the speed limit on the Dublin Rd near the residential area could be reduced to 30km
- The provision of a Pedestrian Crossing on the Callan Rd.

Mr Tim Butler responded that under the National Review a Task Force has been set up to set at 30km limit in all Residential Areas and Dublin Rd could be included in this.

Mr Gardiner responded that the Pedestrian Crossing would be considered.

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5. *Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion:*

21(23); Proposed by Cllr Eugene McGuinness.

“To ask Kilkenny County Council to put moneys aside from their own funds to do the necessary repair works to the Well on the Kennyswell Road.”

This motion withdrawn as issue had been considered at the October Meeting.

Signed: _____

MAYOR

Date: _____