

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A TIONÓLADH
AN 8 Ú NOLLAIG 2023**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING
HELD ON 8th DECEMBER 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 Breda Maher, Senior Staff Officer, Executive and Martina Walsh, Staff Officer.

MAYOR'S SUMMONS OF MEETING:

Notice dated 30th 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 10th November, 2023 having been previously circulated were tabled for confirmation.

It was:

Proposed By: Cllr Eugene McGuinness

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:

The Mayor brought forward the following:

- Condolences extended to Bishop Coll on the death of his father William.
- Sympathy extended to family of Shane McGowan.
- Complimented David Mulcahy Electrical contractors for their work on the Festive lighting.
- Wished O' Loughlin Gaels success in the All Ireland Club Semi- Final on 17th December.
- Launch of Mayor's Christmas appeal in the Army Barracks on Friday November 17th.
- Wished all the soldiers stationed in Lebanon a peaceful Christmas.
- Proposed Mayor's Reception for the Dicksboro Senior Camogie Team.
- First Goal Mile held in the grounds of Kilkenny Castle on 8th December.

- Launch of Cois Nore Fundraiser in the Medieval Mile Museum in November. Proposed a civic reception be held for Fran Grincell for all his fundraising endeavours for this worthy cause
- 40th Anniversary of Kilkenny Employment for Youth (KEY)
- Urged support for the Lions Club Christmas Spirit appeal.
- Launch of Good Shepherd Centre 12 Days of Christmas Campaign.
- Thanked all present for their support during the year and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

3 *Gníomh Aeráide -Climate Action- Kilkenny City Decarbonising Zone - Presentation*

Ms Breda Maher, Community Climate Action Officer, gave a Power Point Presentation on the role of Kilkenny City in the Decarbonising Zone. This included the following:

- Delivery of energy emissions reductions by 51% by 2030.
- Develop a Register of Opportunities and Actions.
- Support and influence stakeholders and the community to achieve the targets set out.

She advised that Kilkenny had been identified as a City with the most potential as a Decarbonising Zone (DZ). KPMG were appointed as Consultants and a Working Group was set up comprising of a range of stakeholders including business, community and public sector groups.

Concern raised by Cllr Dollard if the Climate Action Plan would need to be incorporated into the County Development Plan. Ms Maher replied that the Climate Action Plan is a separate statutory Plan.

4. Bóithre - Roads

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

Mr Brendan Sheahan, Executive Engineer gave an update on the proposed works for the Safe Route to Schools Programme.

Further to Public Consultation, 33 Submissions were received. Issues raised as follows:

- Concerns regarding tightening junction on Dunningstown Rd/Granges Rd.
- Visibility of Crossings.
- 3m width not adequate to cater for H.G.V.
- Extension of cycle network & maintenance of cycle lanes was welcomed.

Mr Sheahan advised that all issues raised and the submissions have been addressed and works are likely to commence early in New Year.

The Members welcomed the Presentation.

(II) Monthly Roads Update.

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

Improvement Works –

- Surfacing works at St Patrick’s Gate.
- Cootes Lane Bridge works
- Pococke Cycleway connecting links.
- Provision of Bus Shelter at Larchfield & Pennyfeather Way.
- Erection of Pedestrian Crossings at Nuncio Road.
- Reinforcement of wall at Butler Gallery.

The Members thanked Mr Gardner for his presentation.

(III) Festive Lighting Upgrade 2023

Mr Ian Gardner, Senior Engineer gave a Power Point presentation to the Members on the new Christmas Lighting. He advised that the existing lights were decades old and it was more cost effective to replace same rather than repair them.

The contract was awarded to MK Illuminations based on quality & sustainability. LED lights which uses 50% less energy and low Carbon aluminium was used. Total cost of the project is €200,000 of which €37,500 was funded by Kilkenny Leader Partnership and a further €37,500 from Sponsorship & Business contributions.

Mr Gardner estimated that the Festive Lighting will pay for itself by 2028.

The Members commended Mr Gardner on this project.

5. *Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion:*

All Notices of Motion were deferred to the January Meeting.

That concluded the business of the meeting and the Mayor wished all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Signed: _____

MAYOR

Date: _____