

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A  
TIONÓLADH AN 5<sup>U</sup> MEÁN FÓMHAIR Í IONAD ACMAINNÍ TEAGHLAIGH  
GAR DON PHAIRC NUA.**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING  
HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023 AT 2.30 PM AT NEWPARK CLOSE FAMILY  
RESOURCE CENTRE**

**Mayor, Councillor Joe Malone Presiding.**

**Present/ I Láthair:-**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí:** Cllr. Martin Brett, Cllr David Fitzgerald, Cllr.  
Eugene McGuinness, Cllr Andrew McGuinness, Cllr  
Maria Dollard.

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

**Apologies :** Cllr John Coonan

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**MAYOR'S SUMMONS OF MEETING:**

Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> August, 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 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 Meeting having been previously  
circulated were tabled for confirmation.

It was:

**Proposed By:** Cllr Andrew McGuinness

**Seconded By:** Cllr. Martin Brett

**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 paid tribute to Sheila Donnelly on her upcoming retirement. He thanked all those who took part in the cycle to the Newpark Close Family Resource Centre for the Meeting. He praised the Army and the Gardai who ensured a safe cycle trip. He praised the staff and pupils of St John's Senior and Junior Schools for participating in the event.

He emphasised the importance of cycling as a sustainable and environmentally friendly transport method.

All the Members paid special tributes to Sheila and spoke of her dedication and commitment to the Centre.

**3. Taisteal Gníomhach - *Active Travel***

Caitriona Corr gave a presentation on the Culture of Cycling in Kilkenny. She advised that in 1880s cycling was a vibrant part of the social and cultural life. St. James's Park in Kilkenny was a cycling track. However, after the decline of the railways in post war years cars became the most common form of transport.

The report outlined that transport emissions have doubled since 1990 and how road transport accounts for 94. 7% of all transport emissions. She emphasised the need to promote cycling as an alternative method of transport in order to meet our targets and reduce emissions. She referred to the Dutch system which has the best cycling infrastructure in Europe and how we can learn from them. Safety is a major factor that needs to be addressed and cyclists and pedestrians should to be prioritised in order to overcome this. In 2016 -2021, 65 cyclists were fatally injured and 1,636 cyclists were seriously injured.

She concluded that a phased implementation plan with timelines and collaboration with women, children and vulnerable road users is in progress.

She noted that Rás na mBán, Ireland's International cycle race for women, with teams from all over Europe and the USA will be staged in Kilkenny City and County from Wednesday 6th to Sunday 10th September, 2023 and will put Kilkenny on the World Stage.

The Members welcomed the Presentation.

Cllr David Fitzgerald spoke on the General Mobility Plan. Tim Butler advised that a workshop to discuss the Plan and matters pertaining to it will be held prior to the October Kilkenny Municipal Meeting.

#### **4. Ionad Achaminní Teaghlaigh gar don Phairc Nua- Newpark Resource Centre – Presentation**

Ms Eileen Dillon gave an overview of the services provided by the Centre as follows:

- Family Support.
- Counselling and Child Therapy.
- Childcare & Afterschool Facilities.
- Support to victims of Male Victims of Domestic Violence.
- Community Programmes .
- Education & Training.

The centre also collaborates with several state agencies such as Tusla , LCDC, Gardai and Department of Justice in their line of work.

All the Members welcomed the Presentation and thanked the Newpark Resource Centre for hosting their Monthly Meeting.

#### **5. *Boithre – Roads – Monthly update***

Ian Gardner updated the Members on works undertaken since the July Meeting as follows:

- Surfacing Works – St Fiacre’s Place, Dominic St., Radestown Lane & St Kieran’s Cemetery.
- Ballyfoyle Road Drainage.
- Outrath Road – Ramped Zebra Crossing.
- Improvement Works Completed - Ormonde Street & Drakelands.
- Footpath Improvement Works – Talbot’s Grove, Westfield, Marble Crest, Cedarwood Ave & Castle Road.
- Street Signage – new typeface
- Big Belly Bins –new wrapping advertising tourist attractions.
- Driver Feedback Signage – Tullaroan Road & Bennettsbridge Road.

The Members thanked Ian Gardner for his Presentation.  
Issues raised :

- Timeframe on completion of Ormonde Street works
- Timeline on resurfacing works for St Fiachre’s place
- Possibility of marking out of carparking spaces at St Kieran’s Cemetery

- Reinstatement of Accessible Parking Bay in Ormonde Street.
- Provision of extra Belly Bins
- Increase number of Driver Feedback Signage.
- Issue with roots of trees dislodging recent resurfacing of footpaths.
- Indiscriminative parking at schools.
- Ramp at Deloughry Place.
- Danger at Pedestrian crossing at Greensbridge .

Mr Gardner responded to all issues raised. He advised the Members on the timelines for completion of resurfacing works . He confirmed that the Accessible Parking Bay in Ormonde Street would be reinstated. With regard to the indiscriminate parking at schools he advised that the Active Travel Department are liaising with the schools in the promotion of safe cycling routes with the aim of reducing numbers of cars.

He reassured Members that all measures were being taken to alleviate danger in the areas of concern, such as De Loughry Place and Greensbridge. With regard to the problem of trees uprooting footpaths he is liaising with the Planning Department to take this issue into consideration at the initial planning stage of the estates.

He informed the Members that there are no plans in place for marked out car parking spaces at St Kieran's Cemetery. He confirmed that there are plans to lease more Belly Bins and also install more Driver Feedback Signage.

#### **6. *Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion***

It was agreed by the Members that all Notices of Motion be deferred to next meeting.

#### **7. *Aon Ghnó Eile - Any Other Business.***

Cllr Maria Dollard proposed that Kilkenny participate in World Car Free on 22nd September, 2023 this was seconded by Cllr. Joe Malone.

Mr Gardner responded that Active Travel will have a media campaign advising people to leave their cars at home.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

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

**MAYOR**

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