

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A TIONÓLADH
8Ú SAMHAIN 2024 AG 2.00 P.M

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF BUDGET MEETING HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER, 2024 AT 2.00 P.M.

Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Cllr John Coonan, Cllr Eugene McGuinness, Cllr Seán O'hArgáin, Cllr David Fitzgerald & Cllr Maria Dollard, Cllr Joe Malone

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler Director of Services, Mr. Martin Prendiville Financial Director, Mr. Michael Leahy, Senior Executive Officer, Ms. Joanna Pierce A/Staff Officer

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 1st November, 2024 convening a Draft Budget Plan Meeting for this date was read.

1. Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting:

(a) Adoption of Draft Budget Plan.

Mr. Martin Prendiville, Head of Finance, outlined the statutory process under the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which prescribes the requirement to adopt a budget for the Municipal District. The Draft Budget of €116.2 million for 2025, is due to be considered by the Plenary Council on the 6th December 2024. There are significant challenges facing Kilkenny County Council in 2025 including no support from Central Government for inflation costs in 2025, new initiatives under Climate Change, additional Fire Services costs. The LPT is increased in 2025 by €1.18 million. No increase in commercial rates for 2025. In 2024 the general Municipal allocation was €50,000 to each Municipal District and for 2025 the proposed allocation is also €50,000 provided that provision is made in the adopted Budget for 2024.

Contributions were raised by Cllr. Joe Malone, Cllr. David Fitzgerald, Cllr. John Coonan, Cllr Eugene McGuinness, Cllr Seán O'hArgáin, and Cllr Maria Dollard.

Mr. Prendiville and Mr. Butler responded to the contributions raised by the Members.

Discretionary Roads Budget - €496,000 (Estimate)

This Discretionary Roads Budget is subject to works being identified that are consistent with Appendix 1 of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports' Memorandum on Grants for Regional and Local Roads – Revised 2nd April 2012. A detailed Programme of Work will be agreed with the City Engineer at the start of 2025, for inclusion in the 2025 Roads Works Scheme.

Discretionary General Budget - €50,000

Note 1: Subject to funding being available in the overall Council Budget

Note 2: This Discretionary General Budget can be used in any service area, the detail of which to be agreed by the Elected Members of the Municipal District. Members must take into account any existing discretionary (recurring or once off) items when allocating this General Budget figure of €50,000 (unless amended when the final budget is adopted by the Plenary Council).

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone

“That the Kilkenny Municipal District hereby adopt the following draft Budget, subject to this provision being included in the adopted Budget for 2024 by the Plenary Council”.

Discretionary Roads Budget	€ 496,000
Discretionary General Budget	€ 50,000

All present agreed.

The business of the meeting then concluded.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____