

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

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ AR IMEACHTAÍ AN CHRUINNITHE MHÍOSÚIL A
TIONÓLADH AR AN 09Ú BEALTAINÉ 2025 AG 2.30PM**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING
HELD ON 09TH MAY, 2025 AT 2.30 P.M.**

Mayor, Councillor Andrew McGuinness Presiding

Present/ I Láthair:-

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

Apologies: Cllr Joe Malone

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Margo Hayes, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Stan Cullen, A/Senior Engineer, Ms. Bernadette Moloney Biodiversity Officer, Ms. Caitriona Corr, Active Travel and Ms. Joanna Pierce, Assistant Staff Officer.

MAYOR'S SUMMONS OF MEETING:

Notice dated 2nd May 2025 convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

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

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 11th April 2025, having been previously circulated, were tabled for confirmation were tabled for confirmation.

It was:

Proposed By: Cllr. Seán O'hArgáin

Seconded By: Cllr. John Coonan

And Agreed:

“That the Minutes as presented to the meeting be amended and hereby adopted”.

2. Cúrsaí thabhairt ar aghaidh ordú ón Méara - Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor:

Mayor Andrew McGuinness congratulated Festival Director Gary Kehoe, the Smithwick’s Kilkenny Roots Festival Committee, and all involved in organizing the festival for a very well-executed event.

The mayor also congratulated Peter Lynch, who broke the Irish marathon record in Düsseldorf and became the Irish 10-mile record holder. Peter has been selected to represent Ireland in the World Athletics Championships, which will be held in September in Tokyo.

3. Plean Gníomhaíochta Bithéagsúlachta - Update on Kilkenny’s Biodiversity Action Plan

Ms. Bernadette Moloney presented Elected Members with a Kilkenny’ Biodiversity Action Plan including details of:

- Biodiversity duty reporting,
- Legislation context,
- Details of the development process of the action plan,
- Consultation process,
- Establishment of the Biodiversity Working Group,
- The support required for Kilkenny’s Vision for Biodiversity,
- Local Biodiversity Action Fund for 2025,
- External Funding System,
- The events organised and objectives set out by the Kilkenny Biodiversity Group.

The Members welcomed the updates and thanked Ms. Moloney for the presentation.

4. Boithre - Roads Monthly Update.

(i) Roads Update

Mr. Stan Cullen presented an update on works completed at a number of locations across the city:

- Restoration improvements on Stephens Street, Melville Heights, St. Canice’s Place and O’Loughlin Road,
- Repairs on Kennyswell Road and Larchfield,
- Seasonal maintenance including street sweeping, litter picking, street furniture repairs and gully maintenance,
- War Memorial cleaning,

- Power washing at various locations around the City, including Castlecomer Road, Coots Lane, Ring Road roundabout, Parade and Mayor's Walk,
- Bollard repairs, Green's Bridge railing repairs and Parliament Street edging.

Mr. Cullen also provided update on:

- Freshford Road construction traffic management
- Watergate Urban Park progression,
- Tholsel works,
- St. Mary's Lane Enhancement Scheme,
- THRIVE application submission for Carneige Library
- HCV Management Plan on display until 23rd May and submission deadline 4th June.

The Members welcomed the updates and thanked Mr. Cullen for the presentation and raised the following queries:

- Update on a parking issue on Kenny's Well Road?
- Are there plans for Kenny's Well Road footpath repairs?
- No direct access to Mayfair bike rack.
- Incorrect road name between the bridge of O'Loughlin Road and Dublin Road. Can a name plate be added?
- Repairs required on Greens Bridge.
- Mayor's Walk - can the surface be changed?
- Can Commemoration plaque for 1917 Bye-election be installed at the Courthouse?
- Can Ring Road and other city roundabouts be planted? Are there restrictions regarding planting those spaces?
- Lack of public awareness on the works on Tholsel.

Mr. Cullen responded to all queries raised.

- There will be designated parking spaces along the footpath at Kenny's Well Road.
- Access to the Mayfair bike rack will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Kilkenny Area Office will review maps to address the incorrect road name.
- Greens Bridge is being reviewed under the current HCV plan.
- The Mayor's Walk proposal for replacing the surface is currently under review.
- Courthouse plaque – Area Office to investigate the location of the plaque.
- City roundabouts – Mr. Cullen to provide a future review.

(ii) Extinguishment of a Public Right of Way on Jacob Street

Action deferred to the next Municipal District meeting to allow Elected Members more time for detailed assessment and familiarisation with the project.

It was:

Proposed By: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

Seconded By: Cllr. John Coonan

And Agreed:

“That the item will be deferred to the next Municipal District meeting”.

(iii) Report on the Public Consultation Process under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act for the Waterford Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Facilities Improvements

Ms. Caitriona Corr presented Elected Members with a Waterford Road pedestrian and cyclist improvement scheme including details of:

- Overall scheme progress to date and current project phase,
- Preliminary design drawings,
- Future schemes,
- Submissions and responses,
- Details of the next steps of the project progression.

Ms. Corr also updated Members on the progress of the Bike Week activities. Members congratulated the Active Travel team for the great execution of Bike Week and welcomed the scheme's popularity.

The Members welcomed the updates and thanked Mr. Cullen for the presentation and raised the following queries:

- Parking on the road outside Presentation School and Gaelscoil is causing significant traffic.
- Agreement with Lidl and Aldi to allow parents to park during drop-off and collection times to minimize traffic – signage required to encourage parking in the dedicated area.
- Is the bus on Waterford Road going to be on both sides of the road?
- Will the zebra crossing be raised as it is on Castlecomer Road?
- Very low numbers in school children travelling by bike to school.
- Will bus capacity be increased for school-goers?
- When will the report on the Ring Road crossing be available?

Ms. Corr responded to all queries raised.

- Working with School to help to resolve the issue, Active Travel around the location is allowing for safety of movement for pedestrians.
- Signed outside the schools to direct traffic will be taken into

consideration.

- Bus stop on Waterford Road will only be a drop off only
- Zebra crossing are raised with pedestrian priority.
- Numbers of children cycling to school starting to rise as the safe schemes are being rolled out.
- Active Travel is already in works with the bus providers regarding the bus capacity in peak times.
- Mr. Cullen advised on the status of the Ring Road crossing. KKC will have options for review by TII towards the end of this year.

5. Sceideal Cruinnithe - Schedule a date for Annual General Meeting of Kilkenny Municipal District and agree schedule of Monthly Meetings to June 2026.

The Mayor proposed that the Annual General Meeting of Kilkenny Municipal District be held on 20th June 2025 at 11 am.

The Schedule of the meetings for the forthcoming year was presented and agreed.

Proposed By: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness

Seconded By: Cllr. John Coonan

and agreed by all.

6. Fógraí Rúin - Notices of Motion.

12(25): Proposed by Cllr. David Fitzgerald

Seconded by Cllr. Eugene McGuinness

“That Kilkenny MDC recommend the zoning of lands for multi-use sporting facilities including cross country, athletics, minority sports and community use as part of the review of the Kilkenny City and County development plan in order to facilitate the development of facilities currently not provided for in Scanlon Park/ The Watershed/ other sport organisations to include funding to purchase suitable land as part of the Council capital programme”

Cllr. David Fitzgerald spoke on this motion. He also asked to bring this motion before the Plenary Meetings of Kilkenny County Council.

7. Aon Ghnó Eile - Any Other Business

That concluded the business of the Meeting.

Signed:

MAYOR

Date: _____