

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR
CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 15 MÍ NA NOLLAIG, 2017**
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 15TH
DECEMBER, 2017**

Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Patrick O'Neill and Mayor, Councillor Michael Doyle, Presiding.

Present/ I Láthair:-

Councillors/Comhairleoirí: Andrew McGuinness, Matt Doran, Peter 'Chap' Cleere, David Fitzgerald, Patrick O'Neill, Seán Tyrrell, Patrick McKee, Breda Gardner, Joe Malone, Malcolm Noonan, David Kennedy.

Also Present: Mr. Tim Butler, Director of Services, Ms. Mary Mulholland, Director of Services, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, and Ms. Catherine Cooney, Staff Officer.

Apologies/Leath Scéal: Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, Ms. Emir Slattery, Senior Executive Engineer,

Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Patrick O'Neill, chaired the meeting on the request of the Mayor.

Mayor's Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 11th December, 2017, convening a Monthly Meeting for this date was read.

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

- (a) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 10th November, 2017 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan,
Seconded by: Cllr. David Kennedy
And Resolved

“That the minutes as presented to this meeting be and are hereby adopted.”

- (b) Minutes of Draft Budget Plan Meeting held on 10th November, 2017 having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. Seán Tyrrell
And Resolved

“That the minutes as presented to this meeting be and are hereby adopted.”

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

The Deputy Mayor acknowledged the following recent achievements and all those involved in the following Projects/Events which he attended/will attend:

- Charity Soccer Match held by the Defence Forces in aid of the Mayor's Coal Fund.
- Ballyraggett GAA Club on reaching the Leinster Final.
- Conference of Irish Association of Consulting Physiotherapists held in The Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny.
- Suicide Awareness Gathering will take place at St John's Church, Kilkenny from 7:30pm on January 3, 2018.
- Mayor's Concert being held on 20th December, 2017.
- Carol Service in St. Canice's Cathedral.

Sword and Mace

During a discussion on the availability of the sword and mace for civic occasions, it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald
And Agreed

“that contact should be made with the Civic Trust with a view to an agreement being drawn up to ensure that the sword and mace is made available for civic occasions.”

Mr. T. Butler agreed to prepare a schedule of events at which the sword and mace would be required and discuss same with the Civic Trust.

Following a further discussion regarding the abolition of the former Borough Council, it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan
Seconded by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
And Agreed

“that Minister John Paul Phelan be invited to meet with the Elected Members of Municipal District of Kilkenny City to discuss the proposed plans to reinstate the Borough Council.”

The Mayor, Cllr. Michael Doyle, resumed the chair and thanked the Deputy Mayor for presiding the meeting in his absence.

Matters brought forward by direction of the Mayor.

The Mayor acknowledged the following recent achievements and all those involved in the following Projects/Events which he attended/will attend:

- Society of Chartered Surveyors of Ireland Regional Annual Dinner.
- Kilkenny Special Olympics reception for athletes who had qualified for the Leinster Team to take part in the All Ireland Games in June, 2018.

- Kilkenny Chamber Awards held in Lyrath Hotel.
- Yulefest Committee – Turning on of Christmas Lights in Kilkenny City.
- Lions Club Annual Wine Fair in The Newpark Hotel and Schools Fundraising Concert in St. Canice’s Cathedral.
- Opening of T.J. Reid Gym.
- Planting of oak tree in the grounds of Kilkenny Castle to mark the birth of Baha’u’llah and the Baha’i Community in Kilkenny.

The Mayor reminded Members of the following upcoming events:

- Christmas Gala Concert in Thomastown on 22nd December, 2017.
- Teach Tom to Zambia Project.
- Castlecomer Wellie Race on New Year’s Day.

Votes of Sympathy

Members joined with the Mayor in offering a Vote of Sympathy to the families of the following recently deceased:

William Meehan, Rioch Terrace, Kilkenny.
Peter Scanlon, Larchfield, Kilkenny.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and respectfully passed in silence, all present standing.

3. Leithdháilte Ghinearálta Municipal 2018 General Municipal Allocation – Funding Allocation.

Members agreed to defer this item for listing on the Agenda for the monthly meeting in January, 2018.

4. Clár Comórtha Náisiúnta 2018 go 2023. National Commemorative Programme 2018 to 2023.

Ms. Mary Mulholland advised that the Government have launched a national public consultation process to determine how the State will recall significant historical events that took place between 1918 and 1923 which will run up to 31st January, 2018. The objective of the commemorative programme is to promote a deeper understanding of differing perspectives on this sensitive period in our shared history.

In response to suggestion made Ms. Mulholland agreed to include the following in the submission:

- Involvement of Libraries and PPN.
- Make available venues in the City and County for road show or touring format.
- Support of research projects such as Kilkenny Archive, Hurling Museum, James Stephens Barracks and Iverk Show.

- Favour a multi-annual funding mechanism, regionally available expertise in research and archival requirements and a dedicated resource to co-ordinate events and projects through assessment, development and delivery.
- Clear point of contact in each local authority or shared between local authorities is desirable.

**5. Tuarascáil maidir le Comharthaíocht I gCathair Chill Chainnigh.
Report on Signage in Kilkenny City.**

Mr. Denis Malone gave a brief presentation to the meeting on Kilkenny City's signage policy and actions taken by the Planning Department to date. Members thanked Mr. Malone for his presentation and raised queries/made comments in relation to:

- Hand painted signage.
- Strengthening of wording in Development Plan in relation to Franchise and Corporate companies.
- Heritage Aspects of buildings to be recognised.
- Issue of press release regarding actions being taken by the Council.
- Signage must be in keeping with the Medieval Mile.

Mr. Malone responded to queries raised.

**6. Cothabháil Túr Clog Halla na Cathrach
Upkeep of City Hall Clock Tower**

Members agreed to defer this item for listing on the Agenda for the monthly meeting in January, 2018.

**7. Bóithre
Roads**

Queries were raised by Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. Patrick McKee, O'Neill, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. Michael Doyle in relation to the following issues:

- Footpaths at Ossory Park, Kilkenny
- Public Lighting at Foulkstown, Waterford Road, Kilkenny.
- Condition of Ormonde Street along Ormonde Hotel.

Mr. Tim Butler responded to all queries raised.

**8. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Andrew McGuinness, dar dáta 16 Mí na Samhain, 2017.
Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Andrew McGuinness received 16th November, 2017:**

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. Peter 'Chap' Cleere
And Agreed

"That the 30kph speed limit on the Dublin Road be extended slightly to include St Johns Terrace and that, following consultation with residents, a small rail be placed in front of the last four houses where there is no on street parking and only a footpath between residents front doors and the busy Dublin Road. Residents feel that they are in a dangerous situation as traffic has increased in the area and this proposal would help resolve the issues."

Ms. Anne Maria Walsh advised that the motion will be taken into consideration as part of the speed limit bye laws review process.

9. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Malcolm Noonan, dar dáta 7 Mí na Nollaig, 2017.

Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, received 7th December, 2017:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. David Fitzgerald

And Agreed

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council calls on Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to reconsider its plans to roll out expanded bus services to regional towns (including Kilkenny) that require a conventional diesel fleet in the tender process. This request comes in light of the National Climate Change Advisory Council recommendation that there should be a move from investment in conventional diesel vehicles for public transport. This motion recognises Kilkenny’s commitment to meeting targets locally under the Covenant of Mayors Sustainable Energy Action Plan and that this Council has a desire that Kilkenny would have the first full electric or biogas bus fleet in Ireland.”

Following a discussion, it was agreed to forward the motion to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for consideration.

10. Fógra Foriarratais in ainm an Comh. Malcolm Noonan, dar dáta 7 Mí na Nollaig, 2017.

Notice of Motion in the name of Cllr. Malcolm Noonan received 7th December, 2017:

Proposed by: Cllr. Malcolm Noonan

Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council would install a public drinking water font on the Parade for public use as a waste reduction measure and to provide free quality drinking water as an alternative to bottled water.”

Following a discussion, Members agreed to amend the original motion as follows:

“That Kilkenny Municipal District Council would investigate the feasibility of installing a public drinking water font on the Parade for public use as a waste reduction measure and to provide free quality drinking water as an alternative to bottled water.”

**11. Aon Ghnó Eile
Any Other Business**

Proposal to confer Freedom of the City

The Mayor requested the Members approval to offer the Freedom of Kilkenny City to Mr. Eddie Keher, Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny. The Members unanimously agreed to this request and to commence arrangements to hold a conferring ceremony early in 2018. Mr. Keher confirmed that he would be delighted to accept this great honour.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

MAYOR

Date:
