

CEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR CHILL CHAINNIGH
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILKENNY CITY

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHATHAIR
CHILL CHAINNIGH A THIONÓLADH AR AN 16 FEABHRA, 2018**
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON, 16TH
FEBRUARY, 2018.**

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, Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, Ms. Emir Slattery, Senior Executive Engineer, Ms. Anne Maria Walsh, Senior Executive Officer, Mr. Frank Stafford, Senior Executive Engineer and Ms. Catherine Cooney, A/Administrative Officer.

Vote of Sympathy

The Mayor remembered the passing of the late Mr. Seamus Pattison and acknowledged his service to the people of Kilkenny and three times Mayor of Kilkenny City and as a mark of respect it was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Michael Doyle
Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Malone
And Resolved

“that the meeting be adjourned for 15 minutes.”

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

Geoff Doyle, Gortlug, Ballyfoyle, Co. Kilkenny
Agnes Stafford, Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny

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

Mayor’s Summons of Meeting:

Notice dated 12th February, 2018, 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 12th January, 2018, having been previously circulated was tabled for confirmation. It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Andrew McGuinness
Seconded by: Cllr. Patrick O'Neill
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 Mayor.**

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

- Annual IFA Dinner held in the Newpark Hotel. Best wishes to the outgoing Chairman, John Bambrick and the new Chairman, James Murphy from Inistioge.
- Fundraising event held recently in the Burlington Hotel by St. Kieran's College and Kilkenny GAA for development of a centre of excellence.
- Lions Club 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner and acknowledge the work of the Lions Club in donating over €2 million to date to charities and communities across Kilkenny.
- The Eastern Environs Community Group fundraiser held in Newpark Family Resource Centre for the purchase of a community defibrillator.
- Launch of Taste Kilkenny in Butler House.
- Launch of St. Patrick's Weekend Festivities 2018 in Medieval Mile Museum.
- Launch of Tradfest in Paris Texas and well done to the Committee.

**3. Seirbhís Bhus Cathrach Chill Chainnigh – Nuashonrú ar Thograí.
Kilkenny City Bus Service – Update on Proposals**

Mr. Simon Walton, Senior Engineer, gave a presentation outlining the following:

- Background and introduction of the service.
- Description of routes (Red and Green).
- Key Provisions.
- Timelines to Introduction of Service.

All members supported the initiative and Mr. Walton responded to queries raised in relation to:

1. Start and end points for the Routes.
2. Park and Ride Facility – rural links.
3. Increase in parking in the outskirts of the City.

4. Request that a copy of the presentation be circulated to the Members.
5. Consideration for part of the service be provided by electric buses.
6. Frequency of service.
7. Parking issue around schools.
8. Consultation with businesses in the outskirts of the City.
9. Fares, bus shelters, advertising and promotion.

**4. Túr Talbot – Ullmhú/Críochnú na nOibreacha
Talbot’s Tower – Recommencement/Completion of Works**

Mr. Simon Walton gave a presentation on the background to the Talbot Tower Project, review of works to date, Japanese Knotweed issue and proposed works for 2018.

The Members requested that a date be organised for them to visit the site and Mr. Walton agreed to arrange a date with the Members.

Members also acknowledged the work of the Members of the Borough Council and in particular Betty Manning,

Mr. Walton responded to queries raised by Members in respect of:

- Japanese Knotweed.
- Hold an Official Re-Opening Event for Talbot Tower.
- Re-establish the City Walls Steering Committee.
- Copy of report on Japanese Knotweed be circulated to the Members.

**5. Gloine Thomastown
Thomastown Culvert**

Mr. Frank Stafford, Senior Executive Engineer, gave a presentation to the meeting on the current situation regarding the Thomastown Culvert, outlining the following:

- Background – location and components.
- Problems: Survey inspection and report.
- Culvert defects.
- Remedial Intervention Options.
- Funding and Delivery.

Members thanked Mr. Stafford for the presentation and his work in securing funding and raised queries in relation to traffic disruption, communication with local businesses and people and waste pipes going into the culvert.

Suspension of Standing Orders:

It was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Patrick McKee
Seconded by: Cllr. Breda Gardner
And Resolved

“that the finishing time of the meeting be extended to deal with the next item on the Agenda”.

6. Bóithre
Roads

Queries were raised by Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Patrick O’Neill, the Mayor, Cllr. Michael Doyle, Cllr. Patrick O’Neill, Cllr. Breda Gardner, Cllr. Malcolm Noonan, Cllr. Matt Doran, Cllr. David Kennedy, Cllr. Joe Malone and Cllr. Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere in relation to the below issues.

As the time was approaching 4.35 p.m. it was proposed by Cllr. Patrick McKee, seconded by Cllr. Breda Gardner and resolved “that Standing Orders be suspended to deal this item on the Agenda”.

- Callan Road Re-alignment.
- Ballyogan Road, Graiguenamanagh – skidding upgrade/potholes.
- Cost of footpath from Knocktopher to Ballyhale.
- Permanent sign at Nicholas Mullins Bridge.
- Knocktopher Creamery – pothole update.
- Public Lighting in Bennettsbridge.
- Upgrade of lights on Freshford Road.
- Informing Councillors of schedule for pothole machine is in the area.
- Repair works and Parking in Coote’s Lane.
- Irish Water works in Inistioge

Mr. Simon Walton and Ms. Emir Slattery responded to all queries raised.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: _____
MAYOR

Date: _____